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The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for the Boys' School held their regular meeting, as usual, on Saturday last, and our readers will be able to judge of the character of a part at all events of the proceedings when we state that the Chairman summarily closed the Committee, as the brethren, after a brief experience of the remarks of the mover of one of the obnoxious resolutions, declined to hear him further, while the second resolution was declared on competent authority to be libellous. Thus the attempt to molest certain officers of the Institution in whom the Governors have the most implicit confidence has been stopped for the present. Unfortunately, however, there is nothing in the shape of a guarantee against its being again and again repeated. Hardly a meeting has been held during the present year at which something objectionable has not occurred, and people are beginning to ask themselves, and very naturally, How much longer will the members permit their patience to be thus sorely tried? Or, as we are justified in submitting the question more plainly and directly, How much longer are they prepared to allow these attacks on their officers to be continued, and the interests of the Institution to be thereby imperilled? We suggested last week that steps should be taken to deprive those brethren of the privilege of attending the meetings of the General Courts and Committees and taking part in their proceedings, who appear to have no other object in attending them than to obstruct the business or insult some of the members or officers. We leave it to those who possess the requisite knowledge to decide whether such deprivation would be legally just and proper, but taking a common-sense view of the question, it strikes us that the power which confers a privilege can also, in the event of such privilege being abused, retract it; or, if that be not at present possible, that the power which by law enacts that certain rights and privileges shall be bestowed on those who contribute certain amounts towards the support of the Institution, possesses also the inherent right to alter or modify by subsequent enactments the character and extent of the rights and privileges so conferred. While the law remains as it is, there may be nothing to prevent a brother who does not consider himself amenable to the ordinary courtesies of civilised life from attending successive meetings, and so conducting himself at each of them as to make his presence intolerable. But we see no reason why a law should not be passed giving the Court and Committee power to expel a member—by which, we mean, deprive him of the privilege of attending its meetings—who is guilty of flagrant misconduct during the transaction of business. We fully recognise that the mere suggestion that some such law has become necessary involves a certain sense of degradation; the business of our various Institutions having been almost invariably conducted in that seemly and orderly fashion which is characteristic of Masonic meetings. Unfortunately, there is, in our judgment, no alternative between adopting some such course as this, and permitting the repetition to infinity of the discreditable scenes which have occurred at the later meetings of the Boys' School General Committee, and we know these scenes, if not checked, must entail the most serious consequences to the welfare of the School.

It is surprising how the list of Stewards for this great event goes on increasing. Last week we reported the number as being over 1200, now it is within a dozen of 1300, and will probably have exceeded that limit before the week is ended. But what is, perhaps, the most gratifying feature of all is that the Stewards are so generally representative of the whole body of English Masons. Quite two-thirds of the lodges in the London district have sent up Stewards, while every one of the 42 Provinces into which the country is mapped out, together with the Province of the Isle of Man, the District of Malta, and many Australasian and East Indian lodges, are well and, in the majority of cases, very numerous represented. There is indeed little doubt the Girls' School Centenary will be a magnificent triumph for all who have had any part in organising its arrangements. But in order to make this result still more certain, we must impress upon Stewards the importance of applying at the earliest possible opportunity for the tickets they may require to admit ladies and non-Stewards to witness the celebration on the 7th June, and the distribution of prizes on the 4th June. If they do

this, it will materially lessen the labours of the Executive Committee of the Board, who will issue the tickets in the order in which they are applied for. Consequently, those who defer their application till the very last must not be surprised, if the Committee, having exhausted their store of tickets, are unable to satisfy their requirements.

THE annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of West Yorkshire The Prov. G. Lodge of West Yorkshire in the Town Hall, Wakefield, in the course of last month, was a very great success. There was a large muster of between 300 and 400 brethren present, to all of whom the members of the three Wakefield Lodges extended a hearty welcome, while Bro. Alderman HENRY LEE, Mayor of the town, also afforded the visitors an excellent idea of Wakefield municipal hospitality. The business that was transacted, including the report for the past year of Bro. W. F. SMITHSON, Chairman of the Provincial Charity Committee, was highly gratifying, the chief feature of Bro. SMITHSON'S report being the notification of the purchase by the Province for the sum of £2100 of the right of two Perpetual Presentations to the Widows' Fund of the Benevolent Institution in commemoration of the QUEEN'S Jubilee. Equally satisfactory in its way was the announcement that the brethren of Wakefield had determined upon establishing a Masonic Library and Museum, and the members of the three lodges must have been pleased when, on the motion of Bro. the Rev. Dr. SMYTH, P.G. Chap. of England, Provincial Grand Lodge voted the sum of £50 towards the purchase of books, furniture, and fittings for the library. But the chief interest of the day was centred in the able address delivered by Bro. TEW, Prov. G.M., who eloquently sketched out the fortunes of the three local lodges, the senior of which—Unanimity, No. 154—has done some admirable service and is entitled to sundry well-won distinctions. It is also noticeable that the brethren fully recognised the cordiality of their reception by unanimously electing Bro. OXLEY, P.M. Wakefield Lodge, No. 495, to be the Prov. Grand Treasurer. In short, everything passed off splendidly. The visitors were delighted and the efforts of the Wakefield Lodges were appreciated, while the cordiality which has always marked the relations between Bro. TEW and the lodges and brethren he presides over so well, was—if that be possible, at least—even more pronounced than ever. May the same kindly feelings exist always to the furtherance of Masonic interests everywhere, but especially in West Yorkshire!

WE congratulate this distinguished lodge on the success with Peace and Harmony Lodge, which the celebration on the 3rd inst. of the 150th Anniversary No. 60. of its Constitution passed off. There was, as will be seen from our report, a full attendance of members, and quite a strong muster of visitors. The "peace and harmony" that prevailed on all sides showed that the influence of this early lodge had been exercised in the right direction and in strict accordance with the designation it has borne since 1789. There are not many lodges on the roll of United Grand Lodge which can point to so long and honourable a career, and it is to be regretted that its records should have gone the way of so many other Masonic archives of almost priceless value. However, the original warrant is still preserved, and it is something for the lodge to be in possession of a document, which, apart from its age, is, we understand, unique in its character. We sincerely wish the lodge a long continuance of the prosperity it has heretofore enjoyed, and that the name it bears may always be as richly deserved as it is at the present time.

CURIOS CERTIFICATES.

Bro. Captain Reed, R.N., (P.M. 75, Falmouth) has kindly sent us a batch of 7 parchment Certificates for examination and report. They are all Irish, and belonged to a Bro. John Toulson, who took the several Degrees at the dates mentioned. For convenience of reference we have arranged them in their presumed order of conferment, and numbered them accordingly.

1. Grand Lodge Certificate, issued on April 8th, 1823, but at foot it is noted "Registered 12th day of March, 1821." The document is from a plate "Brother I. R. Holbrooke, Delt. et Sculpt., 15, Angelsea-street, Dublin," and is signed by "William Hort, G. Sec., Willm. J. Graham, D.G. Sec." At the left is an Ionic Column, in the centre (farther back) is one of the Corinthian order, and at the right a Doric Column, these having at the pedestals, Figures representing Faith, Hope, and Charity. Around are various tools, &c., in Masonic style. Above these columns are, the Seal on the left, the Compasses (with the Brother's name signed in a place duly prepared) on the right, and the sacred word enclosed within an irradiated triangle, surmounted by the title "Grand Lodge of Ireland." The Arms of the Seal are those popularly known as the "Ancients," the legend around being "Grand Lodge of Ireland." I cannot make out the motto, but anticipate it is the usual one with the Harp in centre; thus agreeing substantially with an earlier one given by Bro. Sadler in his "Masonic Facts and Fictions." This seal was the work of W. S. Mossop, whose name is familiar to those who delight in the study of Masonic Medals. On the Ionic column is John Toulson's autograph, and outside to the left are the words "Lodge No. 87, Ballycastle." The Certificate proper is in English on the left, and in Latin on the right, as usual with those of that Grand Lodge, and begins "We Chiefs of the Enlightened Men of the most Ancient and Right Worshipful Lodge of St. John, do hereby Certify," &c.

2. In MS.; Seal, in three places, in ink, the legend being "Royal Arch Lodge, 80th Regt.," the circle enclosing a number of emblems appropriate to the degree, and "No. 176" being prominently depicted. The document recites that Brother John Toulson "hath gone thro' the several Degrees of a Master Mason and Past the Chair judiciously and Performed all his works with Affection, Integrity and Diligence Among us." In consequence of such exemplary conduct the brother was then admitted into the "Sublime Degrees of Excellent, Super Excellent R.A. Masonry." After a "severe examination" he was found worthy "to merit the Highest rank in Masonry," and as such was recommended accordingly "to all the Sublime Lodges and Brethren who understand the Angles and Squares of III. by III." The date is "12th day of March, in the year of Masonry 5825, and of Royal Arch 2268 and of Grace 1825," and there are seven names signed, being the officers of the Royal Arch Chapter No. 176, Dublin. The official seal (same design) is attached to a broad rose pink ribbon, inserted between cuts in the parchment.

3. In MS. The certificate is dated 24th April, 1825, &c., and indicates that (the now) Sir John Toulson has been "admitted, initiated, and confirmed in all the Rights, Titles, Ceremonies, and Mysteries of the Most Noble and Christian Order of High Knights Templars and Knights of Malta in our Encampment," No. 176, Dublin. The seal (size of a double florin) is impressed in ink, the legend reads—Knights Templars, 88th Regt. within the circle being the motto, "In hoc signo vinces," around a triangle, which encloses an eight-pointed star and the emblems of mortality, and at the foot of the figure is No. 176. The seal, of wax, is attached to a long black ribbon, arranged, as on the former certificate, and is of the same design as the other noted.

4. The seals are the same as the former, only the official one is attached to a ribbon of black and royal blue stripes. It is headed—"We the Arch Bishop, &c., &c., &c., of the Royal Congregation of Phillipi Knights of Death and the Grave, under the sanction of Lodge No. 176," and describes "Sir John Toulson," K.T.K.M., &c., as having "renounced the world and all its pomps," &c., had been "Installed Emperor of the Royal Order of Phillipi, Death and the Grave," on the 24th August, A.D. 1832, and of Phillipians, Knights of Death and the Grave, 1432." The signatures describe the officers as "Arch Bishop, Arch Deacon, Bishop, Sub Deacon, Clerl. Tonair, Lectr. and Reader, Door Keeper, and Grand Scribe." Under John Toulson's signature are the words—"We stop at Death and the Grave." The Degrees are stated to have been conferred "at Corfu in the Royal Cathedral," the meeting is styled "our Royal Congregation."

5. The seals are again as those of the Knights Templar, only the ribbon is of the rose pink colour, with a narrow strip of white down the centre. The certificate is addressed "To all the Elect, Select and Sublime Knights of the White Cross and Knights of the Roads" [not Rhodes], and the Degrees were conferred on the same Bro. "Sir" John Toulson, K.T.K.M., &c., at Corfu, under "sanction of Lodge No. 176, on the Grand Register of Ireland," held in the 88th Regt., the chief officers being "High Priest, R.A. Captain and Pursuivant," with, of course, the "Grand Scribe," the date being 24th day of August, 1832, as No. 4, of the series.

6. No lack of Degrees are enumerated on this document, and the three seals impressed in ink on the parchment vary, viz. (a) Royal Arch Lodge, No. 176, as No. 2 (b), Knights Templar No. 176, as No. 3, and (c) circular, as the others. Title within the first circle "Red Cross Council, No. 176, 88th Regt.," enclosing a cross, with three points to each of the four arms, surmounted by a crown, around being the motto *veritas et libertas*. The long wide ribbon to which a seal of wax, from the same die, is attached, is composed of three colours, one over the other, narrower as required to show all as if of one piece only, viz., rose, pink, green, and yellow. The curious document certifies that "our Cousin, Sir Knight Councillor, Sir John Toulson, Crossed the Bridge of the Selected faithful, and was Dubbed Knight of the Red Cross, passed the Holy Mountain and Received the Golden Craft, and was by us Installed Prince of the magnanimous and invincible Orders of Masonry, and also Received the Ark, Mark, and Link, Mark'd Mason and Persian Blue!" According to the testimony of the officers who signed the diploma, styled "Kings" and "Lords," the candidate must have been a truly wonderful man, "superfluous and unrighteous thoughts have never defiled his heart." The conclusion runs "given under our hands and seals of our Royal Prince Mason's general Council, held at Corfu, the 24th day of August, in the year of our Lord 1832; and of Ark, Mark, and Link Masonry 3837, and of the Red Cross, Golden Craft and Prince 2367, and of Masonry, 5832."

7. The last of the series, and oh! so grand! The document is headed "Union Band of Corcyra," and bears eight seals, six in ink and two of wax, the ribbon of the two latter being of scarlet, purple (?) and white, the three bars (made by incisions in the parchment and putting the ribbons at the back) having the words thereon in each case, on either side, "Infinite, Eternal, Unchangeable." The wax seals are as (d) in following list. The seals are (a) twice impressed (b) (c) as of No. 6, but (d) is special, same size as the others and likewise circular, having emblems appropriate to the Degree (triangle with lights, 12), surmounted by a cross, ladder on left side and star on the right, with emblems of mortality below, the title being "Union Band Corcyra, 176." There are the seven pillars depicted of "Wisdom, Strength, Beauty, Truth, Power, Glory, and Light," numbered one to seven, having thereon the signatures of the officers. Single pillars are also on either side, with these names inscribed thereon, having the letters at foot "E. H. E. J. E. H.," and a verse of scripture written on the pedestals. On the left and right also are the names of the 12 tribes and the 12 Apostles (Mathias instead of Judas). The certificates issued by authority of the "Grand Pillars of the Corcyra Band of Royal Arch Knights Templars High Priests after the most noble, Ancient, and Christian Order of Melchisedeck," the candidate being duly admitted to the privileges of a Priest in the Tabernacle as aforesaid, the date being "20th day of September, 1832, and of Masonry 5832." The members present are styled "Most Reverend" in the endorsement, giving an account of the "general assembly," at which the Degree was communicated and duly attested by two seals.

The wax seals of certificates, two to seven, are protected by leaden covers at the back, by which means they have remained uninjured to this day. In each case George Faulkner, the presiding officer, and several of the officers else were at all the meetings, and signed the certificates accordingly, save No. 1, which was issued by authority of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

According to Bro. Gould's History, vol. 3, the "Royal Arch Lodge" (not named by him) was constituted in 1821, and ceased in 1840, having been held under the wing of the 88th Regiment.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

On Thursday afternoon, the 3rd inst., a Quarterly Communication of the above Grand Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Bro. Sir Archibald C. Campbell, of Blythswood, Bart., M.P., Grand Master, presiding. Bro. Villiers, of Closeburn, acted as Grand Master Depute, Bro. T. S. Elliot, of Wolfelee, as S.G.W., and Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Campbell, as J.G.W. Amongst others present were:—

Bros. D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; David Kinnear, G. Cashier; Rev. Thos. Somerville, G. Chap.; James Webster, acting S.G.D.; James Drummond, acting J.G.D.; H. Y. D. Copland, acting G.D. of C.; David Reid, G. Bible Bearer; Jas. Crichton, G. Swd. Br.; Colin Galletly, G.I.G.; James Fleming, jun., Proxy Prov. G.M. of South-East Africa; David Hume and Thomas Halket, Past G. Bible Bearers; Wm. Edwards, President, and Jas. Melville, Vice-President of the Board of Grand Stewards, and others.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Bros. the Earl of Haddington, Grand Master Depute; the Earl of Kintore, Substitute Grand Master; Lord Saltoun, J.G.W.; and others.

Bro. VILLIERS, who was in the chair at the commencement of the proceedings, intimated that the reason why he occupied that position was that the Grand Lodge might have the honour and gratification of being present at the installation of the Grand Master Mason of Scotland. The Grand Master being in attendance, the proper officers were sent to wait on him and conduct him to Grand Lodge. The Grand Master-Depute congratulated him on his election for the third time, and said that Grand Lodge felt that it reaped a benefit and gratification of the intensest degree from his acceptance of the office. He also congratulated the Grand Master on his return after a long absence from amongst them, and expressed the most sincere hope of Grand Lodge that his sojourn in foreign parts has restored him to, and will enable him to continue in perfect health and happiness. The Grand Master then took the oath de fideli, and thereafter thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him on his re-election, and for their many kindnesses to him during the past six months; and he expressed the hope that during his period of office he might be able to do his duty for the benefit of the Craft, and to the members of Grand Lodge.

The Committee of the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence reported that during the past three months they had voted £160 as grants to necessitous Masons and Widows of Masons. The Finance Committee reported that the income of the Grand Lodge for the first five months of this year amounted to £2295, and for the corresponding period of last year to £2375, or an excess for last year amounting to £80. On 21st April there was £1149 at credit with the bank.

GRAND SECRETARY reported that, as authorised by Grand Committee, he had lent to the International Exhibition at Glasgow, for the Archaeological and Historical Section, the following articles, viz.: The St. Clair Charters, 1600 and 1628; the minute-book of the Roman Lodge of Freemasons existing at Rome in 1735-37, of which the Earl of Winton was "Grand Master" at the date of its suppression by Pope Clement the Twelfth; the minute-book of the St. Andrew Lodge, Dumfries, of which Burns was an office-bearer, bearing the poet's signature to by-laws, and containing the minute of his affiliation in December, 1788; also the Master's mallet and apron used in the lodge in Burns' time.

The Grand Committee reported that upon a petition by the Master of Lodge Peebles Kilwinning, No. 24, as to the alleged appropriation of heritable property of the lodge by a benefit society in connection therewith, they had now acquired a thorough understanding of the case from a clear, personal examination of the records of the lodge between 1771 and 1878. The Committee for the visitation of the Metropolitan lodges had conferences with both parties, and at their request the Chairman had agreed to act as arbiter, and, after a full discussion by a large meeting of the members of the lodge and the society, his decision was accepted by a large majority—to the effect that the lodge pay the society £80, on condition that the society relinquishes all claim to the heritable and other property of the lodge, and restores to it all its books, papers, and records. The minority had acquiesced. This was approved of by Grand Lodge.

The Grand Committee submitted a report from a sub-committee appointed to formulate a scheme in detail for the working of the Extended or Annuity Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence, and they moved Grand Lodge to adopt and sanction regulations to the following effect:—1. The present Fund of Masonic Benevolence and the Extended or Annuity Fund shall be kept separate and distinct. 2. A Board, consisting of the Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Grand Master Depute, Substitute Grand Master, and 36 elected members, shall have the management of both funds—seven to be a quorum. All qualified members of Grand Lodge eligible for election. Twelve elective members shall annually go out of office, but shall be eligible for re-appointment. The manner of nomination and election shall be the same as that observed in the appointment of Grand Committee. 3. The Annuity Fund, formed by subscriptions from lodges and individual brethren, shall be immediately taken charge of by the Board and invested. The amount subscribed shall be capitalised, and the half of the free income of Grand Lodge, which, by resolution of Grand Lodge, is to be devoted to the purposes of the fund, shall be divided—one-half being annually added to capital, and the other half, less necessary expenses, together with the interest on the accumulated capital, shall be distributed in annuities—thereby providing for an annual increase in the number of pensioners. 4. The annuities shall be of the value of £10 each, but the Board shall have power to grant ten annuities of £15 and five of £20 each in cases deserving special treatment. 5. Applications for the benefit of the fund must be by petition sent to the Board through Provincial Grand Lodge by the lodge from which the applicant derives right. 6. Every Master Mason registered in Grand Lodge books, and their widows or their children, are qualified to be placed on the roll of annuitants. 7. Special notices of the number of vacancies in the list of annuitants to be sent to each lodge and member of the Board, and to Provincial Grand Lodges. 8. The Grand Secretary shall be Secretary, and the Grand Cashier Treasurer to the Annuity Fund, at such remuneration as the Board shall fix. 9. The Finance Committee of Grand Lodge shall have the direct supervision and management of the capital and income of both funds.

Bro. CALDWELL of Craigielea said he thought the action as to this scheme was somewhat hasty, pointed out several alterations which he suggested would be beneficial, and proposed that the scheme should be sent down to the Presbyteries and to Provincial Grand Lodges for their consideration. The Convener of the Sub-Committee, Bro. James Crichton, said that the Committee had intended to include most of the points referred to, and acquiesced in the delay of the consideration of the regulations. Ultimately it was resolved to send down to the daughter lodges and Provincial Grand

Lodges a copy of the regulations with notices of motion, and a report of the present discussion, and to consider the whole subject at the November communication of Grand Lodge.

GRAND SECRETARY reported that of subscriptions to the amount of £2380 intimated, £1716 had been paid to this scheme, and Grand Committee had resolved to call for immediate payment of all promised subscriptions.

On petition recommended by the Prov. G.M., Bro. Peter M'Lagan, M.P., it was resolved to transfer the Zetland Lodge, No. 391, Grangemouth, from the Province of Linlithgowshire, to that of Stirlingshire.

On petition from the local lodges, Grand Lodge appointed Bro. Robert Knaggs, M.D., P.M., to be Prov. G.M. of Trinidad.

A charter was ordered for the Argyle Goulbourn Lodge, New South Wales. It was remitted to the Committee on Visitation of Lodges to report upon an application by St. Kentigern Lodge, Penicuik, and Roslin Lodge, No. 429, for authority to meet occasionally in West Linton.

The GRAND MASTER made a touching reference to the services of late Bro. A. Hay, and, on the motion of the DEPUTE GRAND MASTER, it was resolved that the substance of these graceful remarks should be minuted as part of the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CORNWALL.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Cornwall was held at the Masonic Hall, Redruth, on Thursday, 26th ult., when there was a large attendance. The officers present were—

- Bros. Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., R.W.P.G.M.; E. Milford Cock, 73, P.P.S.G.W., acting D.P.G.M.; T. Hicks, 206, P.P.S.G.W., acting P.S.G.W.; J. W. Higman, 275, P.J.G.W.; W. K. Baker, 87, P.G.M.O.; N. Gray, 94, P.G.S.O.; J. G. Henwood, 351, P.J.G.O.; Rev. M. J. Sutton, 94, acting P.G. Chap.; W. J. Johns, 78, P.G. Sec.; T. C. Mack, 78, P.S.G.D.; J. M. Richards, 175, P.J.G.D.; W. J. Trythall, 73, P.G.I. of W.; J. Tonkin, 78, P.G.D.C.; T. A. Kistler, 73, P.A.G.D.C.; W. Blackwell, 175, P.G.S.B.; R. Rodda, 73, P.G.O.; W. H. Roberts, 206, P.G.S. Stwd.; and J. Langdon, 78, P.G.T. The Past Provincial Grand Officers were Bros. F. Crouch, 379, P.G.D. Eng.; W. F. Newman, 94, P.P.S.G.W.; C. Truscott, 275, P.P.S.G.W.; R. Parson, 275, P.P.G. Stwd.; T. H. Lukes, 275, P.P.A.G.D.C.; F. W. Thomas, 87, P.P.G. Inspector of Works; G. B. Pearce, 87, P.P.G.M.O.; C. Kent, 101, P.P.G.M.O.; W. Guy, 275, P.P.J.G.W.; W. B. Morriss, 78, P.P.S.G.D.; H. Trembath, 175, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Ellis, 175, P.P.G.I. of W.; E. A. Davies, 96, P.P.S.G.D.; J. A. Collins, 315, P.P.G.S.O.; J. de C. Treffry, 275, P.P.G.S.B.; G. H. B. Reed, 94, P.P.J.G.W.; and R. H. Heath, 73, P.P.G.O. The other brethren present were: Bros. W. E. Lukies, S.W. 78; James Greenway, S.O. 78; J. Sarah, W.M. 73; H. P. Vivian, S.W. 73; E. T. Pearce, J.W. 73; W. R. Erskine, S.O. 73; W. L. Chegwidan, J.O. 73; T. B. Carlyon, I.G. 73; J. C. Burrow, W.M. 87; George Williams, S.W. 87; Richard Rowe, M.O. 87; James Wearne, P.M. 87; Robert Williams, 87; Jas. Pool, P.M. 87; William Vine, S.D. 87; T. A. Taylor, 87; Jas. Lovell, jun., 97; J. W. Jackson, 87; John Adams, 87; Wm. Huthnance, 87; J. M. Carve, W.M. 94; J. Martin, J.D. 94; W. M. Harrison, D.C. 94; R. Mason-Pooley, I.G. 94; J. N. Frances, Tyler 94; Harry Tucker, 94; Geo. Timmins, 94; John O. Eva, J.W. 175; P. L. Morgan, S.O. 175; T. B. James, Sec. 175; H. Stephens, 175; R. Ralph, 175; Edward Forbes Whitley, W.M. 206; J. R. Evans, J.W. 206; W. Nettle, W.M. 379; E. Venning, S.W. 379; S. Trehane, J.W. 379; and John Polkinghorne, Tyler 73.

Lodge having been opened, apologies were received from Bros. T. Chirgwin, D.P.G.M.; N. J. West, P.G. Treas.; W. J. Hughan, Past G.W., and others.

The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Newquay, were read and confirmed, after a short discussion on the increased fees then decided upon.

Upon the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Liskeard, at the consecration of a new lodge there, the R.W.P.G.M. expressed his regret that illness prevented him attending, and his thanks to Bro. T. Chirgwin for taking his place.

The report of the P.G. Treasurer showed that there is now a balance of £12 7s. 9d. in favour of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The P.G. SECRETARY reported that he had received returns from all the lodges in the province—11 in number—showing an increase of one lodge. The members number 328—an increase of 40 in the year.

Bro. C. TRUSCOTT, acting Steward for the three Masonic Charities for the province, said the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge had two votes in the Benevolent Institution, but none for the Boys' or Girls' Schools, and he asked if the Grand Lodge could support the Girls' School.

Bro. TRYTHALL moved—"That 10 guineas be placed upon Bro. Truscott's list for the Girls' School."

Bro. CROUCH urged that the Mark Benevolent Fund had the prior claim, especially as he had been promised two years ago that the Provincial Grand Lodge would support him.

Bro. E. MILFORD COCK seconded Bro. Trythall's resolution. Bro. CROUCH moved as an amendment—"That five guineas be voted to the Girls' School, and five guineas to the Mark Benevolent Fund."

Bro. C. KENT seconded the amendment, which was supported by Bro. BAKER.

Bro. COLLINS moved that ten guineas be voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund. This was seconded by Bro. T. C. MACK.

On being put to the vote, the amendment of Bro. Crouch was carried, the numbers being for Bro. Crouch's motion, 33; for Bro. Trythall's, 24; and for Bro. Collins' 11. It was explained that the five guineas voted to the Girls' School would not carry a vote, and it was thereupon resolved, on the motion of Bro. BAKER, that a further sum of five guineas be voted to the Girls' School, making ten guineas to the Girls, and five guineas to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

Bro. N. J. West having resigned the position of P.G. Treas., Bro. E. Milford Cock was elected, on the motion of Bro. G. H. B. REED, seconded by Bro. NEWMAN.

The following officers were then invested—

- Bro. T. Chirgwin, 78 Dep. Prov. G.M.
- " F. Crouch, 379 Prov. S.G.W.
- " T. A. Kistler, 73 Prov. J.G.W.
- " J. Lovell, 87 Prov. G.M.O.
- " R. Parson, 275 Prov. S.G.O.
- " E. F. Whitley, 206 Prov. J.G.O.
- " Rev. M. J. Sutton, 94 Prov. G. Chap.
- " E. M. Cock, 73 Prov. G. Treas.
- " W. J. Johns, 78 Prov. G. Sec.
- " J. M. Carne, 94 Prov. S.G.D.
- " W. J. Trythall, 73 Prov. J.G.D.

- Bro. J. R. Evans, 206 Prov. G.I. of W.
- " R. H. Shapcott, 351 Prov. G.D.C.
- " P. L. Morgan, 175 Prov. A.G.D.C.
- " T. R. Grylls, 94 Prov. G.S.B.
- " W. E. Lukies, 78 Prov. G. Org.
- " A. P. Davis, 325 Prov. G.I.G.
- " J. Sarah, 73 Prov. G. Stwd.
- " W. Nettle, 379 Prov. G. Stwd.
- " J. Langdon, 78 Prov. G. Tyler.

An invitation was offered on behalf of St. Ann's Lodge, 351, for the next P.G. Lodge to be held there.

The brethren afterwards sat down to dinner at Tabb's Hotel, when the usual Masonic toast list was gone through.

GRAND LODGE SEALS OF THE "ANCIENTS."

By BRO. H. SADLER.

The first mention of a seal in the records of the "Ancients" appears in the minutes of a "Grand Committee on Emergency, 14th September, 1752. Resolved Nem. Con., that Dispensations and Warrants for preserving and augmenting the Ancient Craft shall be issued under the Grand Seal and sign'd by the Grand Secretary. Which warrants nevertheless must be confirmed by the next Grand Master according to a regulation inserted in front of the Grand Registry. The whole being a case of Necessity." This "Grand Committee on Emergency" was evidently held for the sole purpose of passing this resolution, for no other business was recorded at that meeting.

It would appear, then, that almost from the commencement of their organization the "Ancients" used an official seal of some kind even before they had elected their first Grand Master, who was not chosen till 15 months subsequent to the passing of the foregoing resolution, probably emanating from which is to be found under the head of "Table of the Grand Secretary's Fees A.D. 1751," at the end of the first minute book, a further reference to the Grand Seal,

"Dispensation for forming a new Lodge and making Masons under the Grand Seal, 2/6."

This "Table" was apparently written some years after the transaction of 14th September, 1752. I have, therefore, given it second place, although in order of date it should have precedence. The first really definite information on the subject is to be found at the end of the minutes of June 3rd, 1761, "To the Grand Secretary Dermott for a new Seal which he got engraved in the year 1760, £1 11s. 6d." The word "new" seems to me to imply that a seal of a different kind had previously been used, for, whatever might have been the character of the former seal it is hardly feasible to suppose it had become worn out after only about eight years of service, and bearing in mind that up to 1760 the "Ancients" had issued warrants for something like 80 lodges, we may fairly conclude that a seal of some kind had been used. It is quite clear that the seal, of 1760 is the one here given under B, and that it served all purposes until it was superseded in 1775, but with regard to its predecessor we are at present almost in the dark and have but very slender materials on which to base even our opinions. It was chiefly the hope of bringing about an elucidation of this important question which prompted me to enter upon a discussion of this subject at the present time, although I must confess that I shall be very much surprised if ever we arrive at a satisfactory and definite conclusion.



1760-1775.

The following item in the minutes of the "Ancients" of the 1st March, 1775, quite satisfies me that the seal made by Kirk was the first of its kind used by that body:

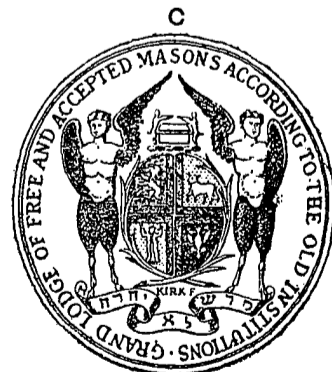
"The Grand Secretary produced a Drawing of the Arms of the Fraternity, and urged many weighty reasons for having them Engraved immediately, to be used in future as the Seal of the Grand Lodge, and also remarked that Mr. Kirk, a person of eminence in that branch, informed him that the expence would be about Fifteen Guineas. After many Debates, the Grand Lodge order'd that the Arms should be engraved for a Seal in a Masterly manner under the Inspection of Bros. Lau, Dermott, Wm. Tindall, Thos. Carter, Wm. Dickey, and John Ryland, and not to exceed the Sum of Fifteen Pounds, fifteen Shillings."

There can be no doubt that the seal here depicted under letter C is the one ordered to be engraved "immediately," for I have seen an impression

of it on a warrant dated 2nd November, 1775, and many others issued subsequently, as well as on a M.M. certificate of 27th March, 1779, and six others of more recent periods. It is, I think, extremely probable that it was used for warrants, certificates, and all other documents until the increasing popularity and consequent extension of Royal Arch Masonry rendered a division of labour in the executive department of the Grand Lodge necessary, when, in order to obviate the inconvenience likely to result from two people living in different parts of London having only one seal between them, a new one was ordered in 1792. This view is in a manner substantiated by the printed instructions at the end of the quarterly report for 5th March, 1793, "Upon all Business respecting Masonry, please to apply or write to the Grand Secretary, No. 28, Tokenhouse-yard, and for Royal Arch Certificates, &c., to Brother Harper, Jeweller, Temple-Bar."

Thomas Harper was appointed Deputy Grand Secretary on the 27th December, 1791; but the new seal and the new plates for Royal Arch and Craft certificates were not completed before the latter end of 1792; and in March, 1793, the foregoing direction appeared, and was repeated in the Grand Lodge circulars with little variation down to the Union in 1813.

There being no material difference between the last mentioned seal and that of 1775, I have not thought it necessary to present a drawing of it; those who may be curious on the subject will have no difficulty in making a comparison, should they desire to do so, for doubtless many of both impressions are to be found on existing warrants and certificates.



1775-1813.

I think it highly probable that the words "in London" were added to the legend on the new seal merely to distinguish the Grand Lodge in London from other Grand Lodges which had emanated from it, and, of course, claimed to be "according to the old institutions," although they were not held in London, but abroad. I attach no importance whatever to the omission of the final "S" in what was probably intended for "INSTITUTIONS," as on the older seal, the new one being a little smaller; the letter was probably crowded out by the addition of the two words before mentioned, and I think it very likely that the engraver, not being "a person of eminence in that branch," as was his predecessor, Kirk, had not allowed himself sufficient space to finish the word. However that may be, it is quite clear that the "Ancients" themselves attached no significance to the omission, for they continued to print the word in the plural on their circulars for 10 years after the seal was made, when they substituted "Constitutions," in conformity with the heading of their warrants and certificates.

The seal engraved for the Grand Chapter in 1813, which is similar to Kirk's in its outlines, but with the legend "Holy Royal Arch Grand Chapter of Ancient Free Masons, London," and apparently a slight difference in the Hebrew motto, makes the fourth seal which has come under my notice appertaining to the "Ancients." I hope shortly to offer a few observations on the subject of the "missing link," i.e., the very important but mysterious seal used by that body prior to 1760.

MASONIC OFFENCES AND MASONIC PUNISHMENTS.

(By "LEX SCRIPTA.")

(Continued from page 265).

It will be observed that, whilst providing carefully who are to deal with complaints against lodges or brethren and for appeals by parties aggrieved to the higher authorities in due order (Rules 214 to 217), the cases provided for are almost entirely such as affect the external fabric of the Craft, and do not touch the far more serious class affecting the vital parts of the system, viz., the conduct and character of its members. An opinion has recently been expressed by one whose words necessarily and justly carry very great weight, (and which has been endorsed by Grand Lodge), going far to establish a course of action which, if carried out in its entirety, would practically revolutionise the whole theory of the object of the Institution, and would leave us nothing but a mere shell—an organised conglomerate of social clubs banded together for certain social and charitable purposes, with rights of common intercourse, but with no higher aims beyond social intercourse, &c., aforesaid, and without even the power, reserved by all other social clubs, of refusing to keep as an intimate associate one who had become a scandal and disgrace to the Society. This can never have been intended either by the speaker or his hearers, but there are those who consider it to legitimately result from the Grand Registrar's dictum, and this, it is submitted, is a sufficient justification for an effort to show that it is not the correct interpretation of the Book of Constitutions, nor of the spirit of Masonry; hence if the Constitutions do not provide sufficient safeguards it is time they were amended accordingly.

The theory submitted then as the true one is this. Every society, for whatever purpose established, has an inherent right, and, for its own protection is bound, to reserve to itself full jurisdiction over its members, with ample powers to warn, correct, and punish them for acts affecting the welfare of the society, including, as a last resource, the power to purge itself of dangerous and incorrigible members by the severe punishment of death—whether that death be, according to the nature and design of the society, physical, spiritual, social, or otherwise; for in a society of more limited objects, banishment, excommunication, or expulsion, are, as far as the society is concerned, theoretically and practically, the same thing as death; by whatever name the effect be called. A civil community that reserved power to punish only *mala prohibita*, but not *mala in se*—a religion that reserved power to punish breaches of discipline but not offences against its moral or doctrinal teachings—or a social club that reserved or assumed power to punish for trivial solecisms in breeding but not for dishonest or other disgraceful conduct—would be an anomalous, puerile, and worthless institution.

So with Freemasonry. It is incredible, that whilst it has penalties amounting practically to suspension for such an offence as rudely interrupting a speech, it has no power to deal with matters rendering a man unfit to mix with those of his fellows who have any regard for their own character with the outside world, or vitally affecting the very fundamental tenets of the Craft! Is not the true reading of the Constitutions this?—that the compilers recognised as a fact, that whilst, for offences against the regulations of the Craft, some statutory enactments defining those offences, and the scale of punishments might be necessary and proper, yet, that for the more important offences, matters affecting the real welfare of the Craft in its very essence, in its primary object, as a system of morality, matters affecting its good standing with the outside world—for these offences there was no need to draw up a written code; that offenders might as a rule be safely left to be dealt with by that particular branch of the organisation to which they belonged, and which would be probably the one which would suffer first and most severely from the offence? Does not the Craft by its Constitutions say in effect—It is true that we expressly reserve to the Grand Lodge the right to inflict the supreme penalty of the law—i.e., expulsion from the Craft—because there may be circumstances which would make this too severe a penalty to be inflicted by any subordinate power; but we admit that each lodge has an inherent right to deal with all offences of its own brethren, and even to purge itself at any time of an unworthy brother, subject to his right to appeal from its decision; we only require you to act "for sufficient cause," with due deliberation and proper formality; nay, more, we will do all we can to support you in such a proper course; we will not allow (Rules 212 and 213) any other lodge to receive that brother as a member till it has been informed why you thought such a step necessary; and we require you to report the case to the higher authorities, that we may, if we think proper, go on and inflict that higher penalty which we now restrain you from inflicting (Rule 210), for the brother may already be a member of other lodges, and then Rules 212 and 213 are not sufficient protection to the Craft, and your reason for declining to associate any longer with him maybe, though it is not necessarily so, a good reason why he should no longer be admitted to any of our assemblies, though other lodges may not know of his conduct, or may not take the same right-minded view that you have done.

If this be not the correct construction of R. 210, it is difficult to see the reason of compelling the lodge to report the exclusion. It cannot be to secure justice to the excluded brother, as he has his remedy of appeal if he is dissatisfied with the sentence.

Some foreign authorities recognise this theory so fully as to permit a lodge to expel a brother, merely notifying the sentence to the higher authority, who must confirm it before it becomes final; "and this confirmation" (says Mackey) "is generally given by a silent reception of the report of the lodge, though it is always competent for a Grand Lodge, with or without an appeal from the punished party to review the transaction, and wholly or in part reverse the sentence."

But besides the lodge's power, it seems pretty clear that the next authority, whether Provincial or District Grand, Master or Lodge, may similarly initiate proceedings, as well as entertain appeals, and may proceed, with due formalities, to punish, according to its legislative power; and similarly the Grand Lodge above

has the like initial and appellate jurisdiction. But it is submitted that in the exercise of the appellate power, the higher authority is to some extent bound by the proceedings of the subordinate body, and should only take action upon certain rules. If the Court of Appeal is satisfied that the evidence was insufficient, that due notice had not been given to the accused, or that the trial was otherwise unfair or improper, or the sentence awarded was heavier than the Court below had power to inflict, or if fresh and stronger evidence be adduced on behalf of the defendant—then it is apprehended that the Court of Appeal may properly reverse or reduce the sentence, or may send the case back to the Court below for fresh trial.

If, on the other hand, the Court appealed to be of opinion that the evidence was sufficient, the trial and sentence, in every way regular, then it is submitted that the higher authority should confirm the sentence, and uphold as far as possible a proper and legitimate weight of sentence, and ought to interfere as little as possible with the sentence of the subordinate body, who must be assumed to have acted with due deliberation, and with a more accurate estimate of local considerations than the Court of Appeal can possess; and this is more especially the case with the decisions of distant District authorities.

But then comes the question. What is "sufficient cause"? Can it be seriously contended for a moment that conduct outside the four walls of the lodge may not be "sufficient"? Here comes in the true test. What is the real object of the Craft? It is "a system of morality." It professes at least to be so, and its profession is widely known, and its behaviour is closely watched by the outside world; it being often thrown in our teeth that our profession may be good, but the practice of our members belies it; and if we admit that we have absolutely no power to take cognizance of offences against the moral law, however gross, how can we refute the taunt? A vast number of lodges are situated in small towns where everyone knows pretty well everybody and every thing, and probably knows pretty well who are members of the lodge. If, in such a place, a brother lives outside the lodge in such a grossly immoral way as to become a man shunned by all respectable persons who have any regard for their own character—a man totally unfit for the society of men who prize honour and virtue—if friendly advice and admonition prove useless—is it not probable, or at any rate possible, that he may become by his life a standing reproach and scandal to the lodge, and thereby to the Craft at large? Will he not cause desirable neophytes to refrain from joining, and the best members of the lodge to refuse to attend? In such a case is not Dr. Mackey right when he says "a Mason who habitually transgresses the moral code, or lives in constant violation of the fundamental teachings of the Order, is to the Society what a gangrenous limb is to the body." "The incurable wound, says the Roman poet, must be cut out with a knife, least the healthy part of the body be involved in the disease." Mackey, *Mas. Jurisprudence*, p. 536. The punishment, rightly viewed, is not really an infliction on the brother merely, but a protection to the Craft.

Whilst quite admitting that we are not "general censors morum," and that the power should be very rarely and reluctantly resorted to, and then only after advice and warning have failed, yet I submit unhesitatingly that the power to take notice of, and punish Masonically for, matters "outside Masonry," if offences against the moral law can be properly called matters outside Masonry—on which point I join issue—does distinctly exist; but if it do not exist then it should do so.

Rules 183, 191 prescribe great care in the enquiry as to the character and qualifications of persons to be admitted as members or received as candidates; and a lodge admitting a member or candidate of notoriously bad character would no doubt be severely punished upon due representation to the higher authorities; and it can hardly be that, however unworthy a man may become after admission, the brethren are bound to ignore, and condone his subsequent conduct, simply because it is subsequent to his admission, whilst had it been antecedent and brought to their notice they would have been bound not to admit him.

And Rule 151 distinctly concedes to every Master power to refuse admission into his lodge to any visitor of "known bad character." May not a lodge then exercise, after due trial, as to its own brethren, a power which any other lodge may exercise without trial? It cannot be!

And it is submitted that Rule 210, must be read in conjunction with the "Old Charges," otherwise why does Grand Lodge issue these old Regulations with its Constitutions? Clearly the one regulates the principles or forms the basis, the other some of the details or the superstructure of the system.

The charges commence "A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law;" the first of the Master's "Ancient Charges" is "You agree to be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law."

And in the 10th point of the Halliwell MS. we find that if "the Mason lyve amyss, and yn hys werk be false he schal thenne be chastid after the laws." *Gould's History of Freemasonry*, Vol. I., p. 249.

But what view do the writers on Masonic Jurisprudence take. True, they are mostly foreign writers, and of these it may perhaps be said that their views are therefore not entitled to weight; but it is submitted that on matters of this kind, not mere technical matters such as the jurisdiction of Grand Lodges, a consensus of opinion and practice is—if Masonry be, and be wished to continue, universal—of very great weight, especially if they agree, as it is submitted they do, with our own theory. Technicalities of procedure are of little importance provided the main principle be the same.

Dr. Oliver, after quoting the Ancient Charges as to irreligion and speaking of our freedom of opinion as to a particular form of religion, and of our obligation to obey the moral law, thus concludes that passage. "Thus atheism and irreligion are repudiated by the Craft, as offences against Masonry. A preliminary test secures us against the admission of an Atheist; and if, subsequently to his initiation, he should become a convert to such principles, a public avowal of them would render him subject to exclusion." *Oliver, Masonic Jurisprudence*, p. 226; thus clearly expressing an opinion that subsequent conduct such as, if antecedent, would prevent admission, may be taken notice of and punished.

And, later, in discussing the subject of expulsion, he supposes a case, first as to misconduct which may be regarded as inside the lodge, and continues "that he has been further guilty of such glaring offences against the laws of his country as have made it necessary for him to flee from justice and take refuge in a foreign land;" and then he goes on to show how the lodge should proceed by exclusion and reporting to Grand Lodge for expulsion. This seems clearly a case as much "outside Masonry" as immorality. Dr. Oliver plainly considers such a case within the jurisdiction of the lodge.—*Masonic Jurisprudence*, p. 240.

Bro. Kelly, writing mainly from an Irish standpoint, treating of Masonic offences, divides them into three heads—"(1) Transgressions of the Laws and Constitutions and By-laws (2) Masonic misconduct—i.e., offences which come within the jurisdiction of the Craft authorities, as having been committed against lodges or brethren (3) Offences practically non-Masonic, but virtually so. Such, for instance, as those in which breaches of the law of the land may bring a member into such social degradation as will render him unfit to any longer associate with men 'who prize honour and virtue above the external advantages of rank and fortune.'" And then he goes on to discuss Rules 209 and 210, which he says are particularly explicit, stating that the expression "for sufficient cause" may be said to be vague and indefinite; "however, it may be presumed that the lodges can decide for themselves judicially as to the nature of the offence committed, and the punishment which ought in certain cases to be meted out." *Freemasons' Pocket Companion*, pp. 100, 101. And in another place (*Ibid.*, p. 106) he says: "Any brother who has been guilty of immoral or un-Masonic conduct . . . may be arraigned before a competent Masonic tribunal, and be made amenable to the Masonic community for any breach of the duties incumbent upon every good and true Freemason."

Bro. Chalmers J. Paton, from the Scotch standpoint, treating of expulsion,

says: "It ought to be inflicted only for the most heinous offences; offences which, in their nature, affect the character, the well-being, and the safety of the whole Society, and hence some Grand Lodges have very wisely ordered that it shall only follow a gross violation of the moral law, or the fundamental principles of Masonry, or attempts against any part of the framework of its government." The penalty is not inflicted so much for the punishment of the guilty person as for the security of the Order. The object is not to reform an evil, but to prevent its influence on the Fraternity."—*Freemasonry and its Jurisprudence*, p. 369.

The above passage almost exactly follows the words of Dr. Mackey in his treatise on *Masonic Jurisprudence*, expressing chiefly an American view, except that Dr. Mackey quotes the Grand Lodge of New York, instead of "some" Grand Lodges, and he refers to Section 47 of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Bro. Robertson, in his *Digest of Masonic Jurisprudence*, embodying the Canadian view, says: "Immoral conduct, or violation of any of the Masonic obligations, will render the offender liable to expulsion."

And in another place he thus defines Masonic offences "Every violation of his Masonic covenant or obligations, or of the established laws, usages, and customs of the Order—every violation of the moral law, and every violation of the laws of the land involving moral turpitude is a Masonic offence. . . . A violation of the laws of the land, which is *malum in se* and not merely *malum prohibitum* is a Masonic offence. Upon this principle it is that murder, larceny, assault, adultery, and such offences as are evil in themselves are recognised to be Masonic offences, whilst issuing an unstamped note, or neglecting to observe a by-law for the removal of snow, although in direct violation of the statute or municipal law, will not be noticed by Masonic authorities. Among the offences that are recognised as Masonic offences are the following:—

"All public crimes and misdemeanours involving moral turpitude.

"Adultery.

"Cruelty to wife or child.

"Atheism."

With a number of others that need not be noticed here, winding up with—

"Any violation of the Constitution, laws, edicts, rules or regulations of the G.L.

"Any violation of the By-laws of a lodge by a member thereof." Thus treating as last and of the least importance those which we are asked to consider the only ones to be noticed.

Dr. Mackey lays down as an important principle of Masonic law that "If A shall have been tried and convicted of a crime in the Courts of his country, charges may be preferred against him in his lodge for conduct unbecoming a Mason; and on the trial it will not be necessary to introduce testimony to prove the commission of the act, as was done in the temporal Court. It will be sufficient to adduce evidence of his conviction, and the fact of this conviction will be alone a good reason to render him obnoxious to a Masonic penalty. He has, by the conviction, brought 'shame upon the Craft,' and for this he shall be punished." And this seems the true test of what constitutes a Masonic offence "outside Masonry." Does it bring "shame upon the Craft?" And of this the local authority ought to be the best judge.

It has long been the custom of the Grand Lodge of England to recognise and act upon the principle above laid down by Mackey, by removing from the Craft, without further trial, a brother who has been convicted of felony. And to prove this I quote my last authority—the official reports of our Grand Lodge proceedings.

On 4th December, 1872, the *Marquess of Ripon, G.M., in the Chair*—the *Grand Master*, in alluding to Bro. Stebbing's opening remarks respecting the difficulty of excluding a brother who has been convicted of felony, &c., said "I should be very sorry if it should accidentally go forth out of this Grand Lodge that there is any difficulty in that respect. It would not be for the credit of the Craft that it should be supposed there was any difficulty in that matter. I hold that it is perfectly open to any lodge to remove a brother under those circumstances, and if a brother so excluded were to appeal to Grand Lodge, and the facts of the case were clear, this Grand Lodge would uphold any private lodge that took that step."

And so recently as the 1st of June, 1887, Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, moved that the Special "Report of the P.G.M." of Devonshire—under Art. 93, Book of Constitutions—transmitting and recommending a Memorial from a lodge for the expulsion from the Order of a brother recently convicted of felony—"be received and approved by this Grand Lodge," and the motion was carried, though G.L. was asked to refrain from exercising its power.

Surely this was a case as much "outside Masonry" as that decided by the Canterbury D.G.L.? The gist of the *Masonic* offence in each case is surely the "shame brought upon the Craft."

To sum up then—it is submitted that all the authorities quoted practically take the same view; that though some of them are foreign, and we may grant that they have taken a wider and more ample view of the Masonic jurisdiction over moral offences than we in England are inclined to, yet that if they have done so they are quite justified in their view by the Antient Charges; that even under the English Constitutions there does still exist, however seldom exercised, and however inadvisable as a rule to exercise it, in the proper authority, due power to take Masonic cognizance of, and Masonically punish, all offences bringing discredit on the Fraternity, whether those offences are against the *system* of Freemasonry, or against its framework; that under Rule 210 a lodge has power to punish, if necessary by exclusion, for gross immorality if it bring shame upon the Craft, and that on its report, or *ex mero motu suo*, a *District Grand Lodge*, or *Grand Lodge*, has power to expel the offender from the Craft.

And lastly, with all due respect, that, therefore, in reversing the decision of the Canterbury District Grand Lodge upon the ground that the offences alleged, viz., desertion of wife and family and adultery, were "outside Masonry," Grand Lodge acted upon an erroneous and insufficient view of its own power, authority, and responsibility.

THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS

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

(Continued from page 249.)

CHAPTER VII.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, M.W.G.M., AS PRESIDENT, 1875-88.

It is not necessary we should dilate upon the amazing impulse which was given to Freemasonry in all its branches by the acceptance of the office of Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and his installation in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, in the presence of upwards of 8000 brethren, on the 25th April, 1875. It is sufficient for our

purpose that the Girls' School, of which the Prince at once became, *ex-officio*, President, received its full share of the enthusiastic support which was immediately forthcoming in behalf of all the systems and Institutions which are associated with, or have been established by, the Freemasons of this country. The lodges and brethren vied with each other in doing it service as Stewards, its Festivals waxed more productive, and, as a consequence, it became possessed of sufficient means to enable its ruling authorities to enlarge its premises, augment the number of its pupils, and extend and make still more nearly perfect its system of education. In fact, during the 13 years his Royal Highness has been President of the Institution, the work of extension and augmentation has been proceeding regularly, by slow but certain steps, till now it stands in the front rank of English middle-class educational establishments, and its pupils, by the moral and mental training they receive, are fitted on leaving to undertake any of the positions and duties which are open to young women who depend on their own exertions for their means of livelihood. A brief sketch of the events which have occurred during this period will make this sufficiently clear.

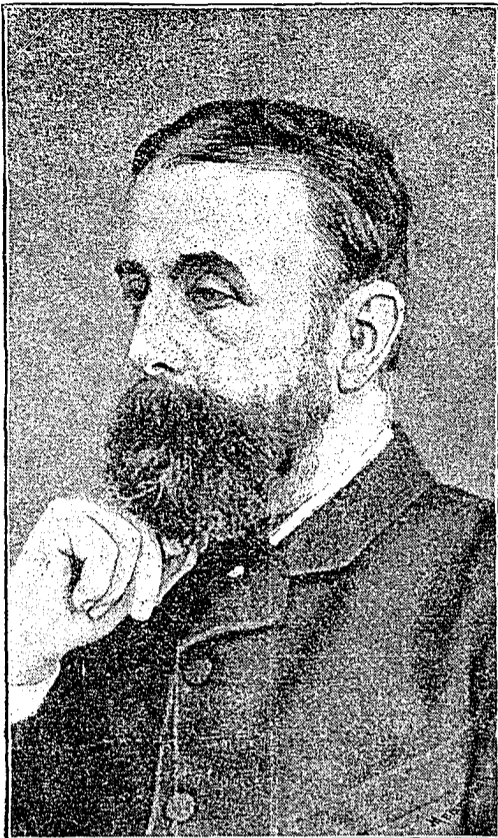
The first Festival after the Prince's installation having been held under the auspices of Bro. Lord Mayor Stone, J.G. Warden of England, and the resignation for private reasons of Miss Davis withdrawn, and that lady re-installed in her position as Head Governess, Sir F. Burdett and Colonel Creaton having been appointed Trustees of the Sustentation Fund, and the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale—now the Earl of Lathom—Trustees of the General Fund, it became evident to the Committee that, notwithstanding what had been done during the years immediately preceding, a further and more costly enlargement of the premises had become imperative, and the question how this could be done was at once taken into consideration. Various plans were suggested, and a Special Committee appointed to consider them; and at length, at the Quarterly Court in April, 1876, it was resolved that a modified scheme prepared by Col. Creaton for the erection of a large Hall or School Room with dormitories over it for the accommodation of 56 children at an estimated cost of £9400 should be adopted, and Bro. Massa was invited to prepare the necessary plans, while a Building Committee, with Col. Creaton as its permanent Chairman, was appointed to superintend the carrying out of the work. In June the tender of W. Smale for erecting the new wing at a cost of £7017 was accepted, and in September the first stone was laid by Col. Creaton, while about the same time it was determined to utilise the existing Laundry for general purposes and build a new one at a cost not to exceed £2800. Bro. Massa having prepared the plans and the tender of C. Fish for £2500 having been accepted, operations were rapidly pushed forward, and so much progress was made that it became evident the new buildings would soon be ready for occupation, and steps were accordingly taken to have them opened with appropriate ceremonial. In the meantime, however, the opportunity for obtaining some additional land to the rear of the existing premises for the sum of £2500 was taken advantage of, and a Special General Court having been summoned for the 9th August, 1877, it was unanimously agreed to complete the purchase on the terms proposed, the ground thus acquired being especially valuable as it would to a great extent neutralise the loss of open space caused by the erection of the new wing and new Laundry. The expenditure incurred in carrying out these various plans was necessarily heavy, and for current purposes it became necessary to draw upon the Bankers of the Institution to the extent of some £2000, but the benefits to the Institution were so manifest, that the Governors willingly took upon themselves the responsibility of passing the various resolutions submitted to them, and by the end of the year 1877, the buildings were ready, and the Committee took steps to invite the Princess of Wales to inaugurate the new premises, and began making the necessary arrangements for the ceremony. At an early date, her Royal Highness vouchsafed a favourable reply to the Committee, to whom it was officially notified that the Prince and Princess would be present for the purpose on such day in the spring as would be most convenient to their Royal Highnesses, and at the same time it was requested that the preparations for the ceremony should be on a modest scale. Unfortunately, the whooping-cough broke out in the School just when the arrangements were in progress, and the formal ceremony of opening by the Princess became impossible. But Her Royal Highness was graciously pleased to give her sanction to the new wing being named after her the "Royal Alexandra Wing," and accepted also the gold key which would have been handed to her had the ceremony, as originally proposed, been carried out. However, the new building became available for use in the spring of 1878, and the object of the Governors in erecting it was gratified, the number of children, which had been 148—irrespective of those admitted by purchase—the year previous to the accession of the Prince of Wales to the Presidency, having been gradually increased during the progress of the work until at the Quarterly Court in April, 1878, it reached exactly 200.

(To be continued.)

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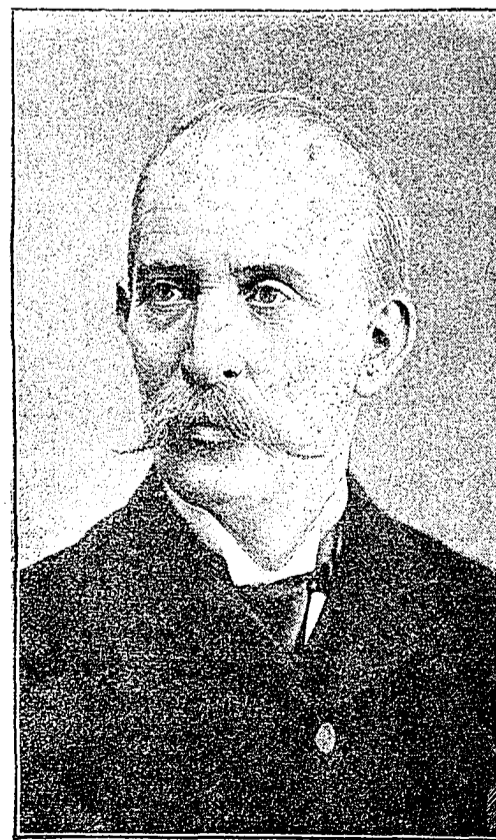
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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last. Bro. Berridge, J.G.D., presided, and there were present Bros. G. Plucknett, P.G.D., Treasurer of the Institution; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; G. P. Britten, Andrew T. Motion, James Motion, Stephen Richardson, G. Corble, R. J. Tucker, W. A. Scurrah, J. S. Cumberland, T. A. Motion, C. H. Webb, Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., W. A. Glass, T. Griffith, G. P. Gillaud, T. Hastings Miller, W. A. Stewart, P.G.D.; A. Williams, H. Home-Raynham, W. Spaul, George Mickle, E. Valeriani, A. E. Wood, A. C. Spaul, G. Blizard Abbott, W. M. Bywater, Gladwell, F. R. Stevens, F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B.; C. P.G.S.B.; J. G. Dale, C. Dearing, H. Venn, James Moon, A. Belton, J. L. Dale, P.G.D.; Joyce Murray, T. Howard Thompson, F. W. Ramsay, W. Paas, W. Maple, J. Payne, B. Carter, Frederick Graves, J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; H. S. Goodall, B. Page, G. Cooper, P.G.D.; W. H. Saunders, James Stevens, G. Motion, A. H. Scurrah, H. W. Hunt, and Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the Quarterly Court on the 16th April and the House Committee read for information, the report of the Finance and Audit Committee for the past quarter was read, approved, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

A petition was accepted, and the name ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for the October election, and three applications for grants towards outfit having been favourably entertained, the SECRETARY announced the receipt of a cheque for £1000 from Grand Lodge, and its payment to the account of the Sustentation of Building Fund.

Bro. ANDREW MOTION then rose to move the resolution of which he had given notice; but after a time the Chairman declined to hear him further; and the motion of which Bro. James Motion had given notice having been declared libellous as regards one of the gentlemen referred to in it, the meeting was declared closed.

THE COMING BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday, when Bro. Col. C. M. De Carteret, Prov. G. Master of Jersey, was unanimously elected President of the Board, and the following Honorary Presidents and Acting Presidents, namely: Bros. Asher Barfield, G. Treasurer; the Baron De Ferriers, P.G.D.; Horace Brooks Marshall, Past G. Treasurer; Robert Grey, P.G.D., President Board of Benevolence; and Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., Honorary Presidents; and Bros. A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.D.; J. A. Fairfield, P.A.G.D.C.; Major George Lambert, P.G.S.B.; and John L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., Acting Presidents. Bro. Robert Berridge, J.G.D., was chosen Treasurer; and Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S.B., and Secretary of the Institution, Hon. Sec. of the Board.

It was further resolved that the Festival should be held at Freemasons' Tavern, ladies and brethren dining together, as in recent years, at the same tables, and that the Steward's fee, as usual, should be two guineas (£2 2s.)

Bros. Charles Belton, L. W. Harvey, and H. Langridge having been appointed with the officers of the Board to be a Sub-Committee for considering the musical arrangements, the meeting adjourned till Tuesday, the 29th instant.

MASONIC PRESENTATION AT ROCHDALE.

On Wednesday evening, the 25th ult., the members of the St. Chad's Lodge, No. 1129, which meets at the Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale, presented to Bro. Jas. Hadfield, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., a very handsome gold Treasurer's jewel, in recognition of his services to the lodge as Treasurer. On the jewel was inscribed: "Presented by the members of St. Chad's Lodge, No. 1129, to Bro. James Hadfield, for 20 years' services as Treasurer."

The duty of introducing the matter to the lodge had been deputed to Bro. PETER LEE, P.M., who in a suitable speech took a retrospective view of the lodge's history, and pointed out the good which had been done through the wise disposition of its funds. In all about £500 had been utilised for charitable purposes. This sum, the larger part of which has been divided among the various Masonic Charities, and the remainder being at the disposal of the lodge at its discretion for the like purpose, Bro. Lee said, was due in a great measure to the prudence and forethought of Bro. Hadfield. Seeing that Father Time cut down the green blade as well as the ripened ear of corn, the members of the lodge deemed it their duty at once to show in a practical way their high estimation of Bro. Hadfield's services. Bro. Lee then handed to the acting W.M., Bro. T. H. Williams, the jewel and case for presentation to Bro. Hadfield in the name of the members of St. Chad's Lodge.

Up to that time Bro. Hadfield was in entire ignorance of what had been going on, and when Bro. WILLIAMS had suitably addressed Bro. Hadfield and decorated him with the jewel it was plainly seen that he was deeply sensible of such a manifestation of good will from his brethren. He then thanked them briefly, and a most enjoyable evening was afterwards spent, several visitors being present.

Mark Masonry.

CHEL TENHAM.—Cheltenham and Keystone Lodge (No. 10).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. J. Shaw Carleton, W.M.; Rev. Dr. Kynaston, S.W.; Rev. P. Hattersley-Smith, J.W.; W. R. Porcher, Chap.; W. C. Ferris, M.O.; S. Moss, J.O.; E. J. Gregory, Treas.; J. Balcomb, P.M., Sec.; W. Heath, S.D.; T. A. Huband, J.D.; W. R. Felton, P.M., D.C.; W. Powell, acting I.G.; H. Phillips, Tyler; R.W. Bro. John Walker, M.A., P.M., Prov. G.M. Gloucestershire; Bros. W. Firth, P.M., D.P.G.M. Gloucestershire; H. Jeffs, P.M., G.I.G.; R. V. Vassar-Smith, P.M., P.P. S.G.W.; and E. L. Rowe. Visitor: C. Roberts.

The lodge was opened, and Bros. W. Renwick and

Edmund L. Rowe were advanced to the honourable Degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed by the W.M.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting-room, and spent a pleasant evening.

HERTFORD.—Hertford Lodge (No. 366).

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. Amongst those present were Bros. R. B. Croft, P.M., P.S.G.O.; C. E. Keyser, W.M. 241, P.G. Treas.; T. S. Carter, P.A.G.D. of C., S.W.; J. R. Cocks, J.W.; J. Hunt, M.O.; W. P. Wilson, P.G. Stwd., Sec.; J. Shilcock, P.M. 4, Reg. of Mks.; W. J. Thady, S.D.; and J. S. Webb, D.C. Bro. Carter, S.W., was ably installed as W.M. by Bro. Keyser, assisted by Bro. Shilcock. Bro. Carter appointed as his officers for the year ensuing Bros. Cocks, S.W.; Hunt, J.W.; Rev. C. W. Harvey, M.O.; Andrews, S.O.; Thady, J.O.; Craft, Treas.; Willson, Sec.; Shilcock, Reg. of Mks.; Catts, S.D.; Webb, J.D.; Camping, D. of C.; Smith Ward, I.G.; and Wright, Tyler. The joining members and the candidate for advancement were balloted for and elected.

Knights Templar.

HULL.—Antient York Conclave of Redemption (B).

—The annual meeting of this preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall, Dagger-lane, on Tuesday, the 1st inst. In the absence of the E.P., Sir Knight Thomas Thompson, the throne was occupied by Sir Knight Thomas Oates, P.E.P. There were also present Sir Knights W. C. Whiteside, Constable; W. H. Roberts, Marshal; Ed. Kipps, P.E.P., as Prelate; Walter Reynolds, P.E.P., P.G. Aide-de-Camp, Treas. and Reg.; F. Blackburn, Sub-Marshal; J. T. Towler, Captain of Guard; Captain C. H. Johnson, P.E.P.; Lieut. Colonel H. F. Pudsey, Captain J. Campbell Thompson, and others. Sir Knight Major J. W. Woodall, the V.E. Prov. Prior designate, was present as a visitor, and received with the usual honours.

Comp. J. R. Forman, Humber Chapter, was installed a Knight of the Temple. Sir Knight Thomas Oates then presented the E.P. elect, Sir Knight Major W. H. Wellsted, who was installed by Sir Knight Walter Reynolds, in his usual impressive and eminently satisfactory manner. The following officers were appointed: Sir Knights Thomas Thompson, P.E.P.; W. H. Roberts, Constable; F. Blackburn, Marshal; W. C. Whiteside, Prelate; Walter Reynolds, 32°, P.E.C., Treas. and Reg.; Lieut.-Col. H. F. Pudsey, 1st Herald; Lars Brekke, 2nd Herald; Thos. Oates, P.E.P., Org.; J. W. Burton, Captain of Guard; and Frater W. Clayton, Equerry.

The meetings of this encampment in future will be held on the third Tuesdays in January, March, September, and November, and the first Tuesday in May.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

The Supreme Council held their half-yearly meeting, in the 30th and higher Degrees, on Tuesday, the 8th instant, at their Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, when the following brethren were advanced: To the 32°—Ill. Bro. Major Metcalfe E. Studholme Brownrigg, 67; To the 31°—Ill. Bro. Sir Richard N. Howard, 4; and Louis George Letford, 1; To the 30°—Bros. Clifford Edward Bloomer, and John Collingwood Onions, of 5; Benjamin Hick Watts, 6; Henry Blake, Thomas Philips Dorman, Henry Charles Heard, Thos. Graham Robinson, and William Woodford, of 10; Robert William Bourne, 19; William Sanders Dods, 22; Thomas Bowman Whythead, 23; Frederick Ernest Remfree, 30; Robert Arthur Beithon Preston, 45; Capt. Edmund Halbert Elliot, R.A., 67; Charles George Miles, 81; Chas. William Radway, and Richard Bryant Later, of 95; Col. Chas. Edward Bignold, George Gregory, and Andrew McDowell, of 97.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies the brethren dined together at the Café Royal, under the presidency of Bro. Capt. N. Philips, Lieut.-Grand Commander of the Order.

The Craft Abroad.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA (E.C.)

The quarterly communication and annual festival of the District Grand Lodge of Victoria, under the English Constitution, was held on Monday, the 19th of March, in the Freemasons' Hall, Collins-street, Melbourne. There was a large attendance of members and officers, notwithstanding that the meeting was summoned for four o'clock. Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., R.W. District Grand Master, presided, and his principal officers present were Bros. J. James, P.D.S.G.W., as D.D.G.M., in the unavoidable absence of R.W. Bro. Dr. St. John Clarke, P.G.W. Eng.; W. J. Runting, D.S.G.W.; J. Dowding, D.J.G.W.; Rev. E. Rodda, D.G. Chap.; W. T. C. Kelly, P.D.S.G.W., District Grand President Board of General Purposes; W. H. Purves, D.G.R.; T. H. Lempriere, P.G. Swd. Br. England, D.G.S.; and many other Present and Past Officers, together with Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of private lodges. On the dais were also Bros. Dr. Wilmott, P.G.D. of England; Darasha Ratanjee Chichgur, R.W. Substitute Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, who is on a visit to Australia; and G. Baker, R.W.D.P.G.M. (I.C.) The District Grand Lodge having been opened, the roll of the 90 odd lodges in the district were called. The balance-sheet for the past year was adopted, there being a surplus of £1087 10s. 10d. to the credit of the Fund of Benevolence, and a debit of £54 4s. 4d. to the District General Fund. The sum of £557 10s. 6d. was stated as having been expended in relief to distressed Masons and their widows during the year. Notices of motion were then taken in order. Bro. W. F. Lamonby, W.M. 2112, moved "That the sum of ten guineas be voted from the District Benevolent Fund to the Centenary Fund of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." The mover detailed at some length the history, objects, and present position of

the Institution, adding that it was proposed to raise a special fund of £20,000 in this, the Centennial year, for the extension of the school's operations. He also mentioned that at the present time there were 11 girls in the School, daughters of deceased Masons hailing from India and the Colonies. He (Bro. Lamonby) was acting as Steward for the coming Festival, and amongst the subscriptions already received were two of 10 guineas each from Melbourne lodges, and several of five guineas each from charitable brethren. He thought that as two lodges had given 10 guineas each he might be allowed to amend his motion to 20 guineas, seeing also that they had over £1000 to credit of their Benevolent Fund. The motion was received with determined opposition from a strong section, principally on the grounds that it was highly undesirable to send their money out of the Colony; indeed, they sent far too much already. On the other hand the motion was warmly supported by several Past District Officers, in the form of friendly amendments, that the sum voted be severally 25 guineas, 50 guineas, and 100 guineas, one speaker urging that the Board of Benevolence in London never turned a deaf ear to cases of distress from the Colonies, instances of which were continually brought under their observation. These friendly amendments were rejected one after the other, and finally, on the motion being put, it was thrown out by a large majority. The sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Melbourne Benevolent Asylum. Bro. H. W. Lowry was unanimously re-elected District Grand Treasurer for the year. The 24 brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes were declared duly elected. The R.W. District Grand Master then appointed and invested his officers for the year as follow: Bros. W. F. Lamonby, W.M. 2112, D.S.G.W.; W. C. Vahland, P.M. 641, D.J.G.W.; Rev. W. W. Mantell, Chap. 2124, D.G. Chap.; Rev. W. G. Hindley, Chap. 2177, D.G. Chap.; H. W. Lowry, P.M. 939, D.G. Treas.; W. T. C. Kelley, P.M. 2112, D.G. Reg.; C. H. Bayley, W.M. 2211, D.P.B.G.P.; T. H. Lempriere, P.M. 729, D.G. Sec.; P. Gosling, P.M. 1968, D.S.G.D.; W. Burroughs, P.M. 1968, D.S.G.D.; H. Newman, P.M. 2009, D.J.G.D.; T. H. Brain, P.M. 1800, D.J.G.D.; W. H. Cleverdon, P.M. 2009, D.G.S. of Wks.; T. W. Fowler, P.M. 2123, D.G.D.C.; J. W. Wright, P.M. 2044, D.G.D.D.C.; T. M. Thompson, P.M. 915, D.A.G.D.C.; J. Page, W.M. 2124, D.G. Swd. Br.; E. Kedge, W.M. 2143, D.G. Std. Br.; M. R. Beveridge, P.M. 846, D.G. Std. Br.; David Lee, 2209, D.G. Org.; W. H. Parkyn, P.M. 1080, D.G.P.; J. E. Blinkhorn, P.M. 539, D.A.G.P.; R. Kilpatrick, J.W. 714; H. Eville, Albert Lodge; G. Pickles, Shakespeare Lodge; A. S. Abraham, Sec. 474, and J. W. Hardy, 2211, D.G. Stwds.; and J. A. Clark, P.M. 539, D.G. Tyler. Bro. W. F. Lamonby, D.S.G.W., gave notice of motion as follows: "That the sum of 100 guineas be voted from the District Benevolent Fund in aid of the Masonic Almshouses at South Yarra." The District Grand Lodge was then closed. The District Grand Festival was subsequently held, and was largely attended, considering that it was the first affair of the kind. R.W. Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, District G.M., presided, faced by his two Wardens, Bros. W. F. Lamonby and W. C. Vahland. After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. John James, P.D.S.G.W., in replying to "The Health of the District Grand Officers, Present and Past," referred to his landing in Victoria as far back as 1857, when Bro. Sir Andrew Clarke, then Captain Clarke, of the Royal Engineers, was the first District Grand Master of Victoria under the English Constitution. Of the District Officers at that period he believed only two survived, one being Bro. Sir Andrew Clarke, now in England, and the other, Bro. H. W. Lowry, who had been that day re-elected to his old post of District Grand Treasurer. He also mentioned that in 1858 the District Grand Lodge sent a resolution of congratulations to Bro. the Crown Prince of Prussia and the Princess Royal of England on their marriage, they now being Emperor and Empress of Germany. Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.S.G.W., in response to the toast, remarked that when, some 13 years ago, the Earl of Bective, the Grand Master of his Mother Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, honoured him with the purple collar of Grand Registrar, he was tully convinced and satisfied that the summit of his Masonic ambition had been reached. That sentiment had actuated him during the six years in which he had been in Australia, and it needed no important honour of the kind that had been conferred upon him that evening to still further increase or retain his humble efforts and energies for the good and welfare of the Craft in that part of the world. They might imagine therefore his surprise—not to omit gratitude, certainly—when Sir William Clarke, some months previously, personally informed him that it was his intention to confer the high rank of District Grand Senior Warden on the humble individual that now stood before them. He (Bro. Lamonby) considered there was some significance attached to the distinction that had been conferred upon him, for it must be borne in mind that this was an exceptional year in Victoria, a year when many distinguished brethren would be visiting their shores in connection with the Melbourne Centennial Exhibition. He only trusted he would be found fully equal to the demands of so important an office, during so important a year. It was his intention—the authority of the R.W. the District Master and obtained, of course—to pay official visits to as many lodges in the district as possible during the ensuing year. Bro. Vahland also replied. "The Health of the Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Darasha Ratanjee Chichgur, who, in admirable English, testified to the immense good Freemasonry had done in India in welding together the British and native nationalities. The enjoyment of the evening was considerably enhanced by the excellent music contributed by Bros. Madden, Gladstone-Wright, Ford, Robinson, Wood, and T. B. Browning, under the direction of Bro. W. J. Turner, Past District G. Org.

The Italian Exhibition opens to-morrow (Saturday) under the most favourable conditions and under excellent auspices. We venture to predict that the English people, who have certainly had the longest experience in Exhibitions, will be both astonished and delighted at what the classic land of Italy has provided for their delectation. A hurried glance through the building, which is fast being filled with reproductions of ancient, and specimens of modern art, justifies us in stating that no more interesting display has been seen in London since the era of Exhibitions has set in.

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The following communications were either received too late for publication or stand over for want of space:—

CRAFT—Lodge of Affability, No. 317.

Interesting Masonic Ceremony at Hull.

Bi-Centenary of the Leith and Canongate Lodge, C. and L., No. 5, Scotland.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Masonic Chronicle," "Masonic World," "Australasian Key-stone," "Die Bauhutte," "Keystone," "Victorian Freemason," "The Freemason" (Sydney), "Freemasons' Journal" (New York), "Freimaurer-Zeitung," "New Zealand Freemason," "South African Freemason," "Revista Masonica," "Boletin Oficial," and "Voice of Masonry."



SATURDAY, MAY 12, 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.]

ODD OR SPARE SUMMONSES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am very much obliged to those brethren who, in answer to my advertisement, have kindly sent to me (c/o your office) copies of summonses issued by their lodges. No. 174, Lodge of Sincerity, is a very pretty and artistic design, whilst No. 1068, Bulwer Lodge of Cairo, and Egypt Lodge of M.M.M., No. 311, show how they do things in the East. My scrap album is by no means full, if any brother has an odd copy he does not want, and will forward c/o the Editor, I will be grateful. Will any brother not answered personally kindly accept this acknowledgment with thanks?—Yours truly and fraternally,

COLLECTOR.

GREAT PRIORY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The Knight Templars May meeting comes off to-day (Friday). The Prince of Wales was elected and installed Grand Master of the Order which he holds I suppose ad vitam, before he was elected Grand Master of the Craft. This year he celebrates his silver wedding. Are the Templars going to do anything or nothing to show their loyalty and affectionate regard to their Grand Master and his beloved Princess. Why should we not present him with the Star and Grand Cross of the Order set in diamonds, to be worn with his other orders at Levees, &c., and a miniature star in diamonds for the Princess. If nothing is done to show our loyalty I for one shall say the Order is "moribund."—Yours fraternally,

May 7th.

VECTIS.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Haddington and the Ladies Baillie-Hamilton have arrived at 97, Eaton-square, and Bro. Sir Frederick and Lady Fitzwygram at 28, Belgrave-square for the season.

Bro. Baron H. De Worms, M.P., and the delegates to the Conference on the Sugar Bounties question were entertained at dinner by the Worshipful Company of Grocers, at their hall in the City on Monday evening.

The annual banquet by the Royal Academy in connection with its Exhibition was held at Burlington House on Saturday evening last, the chair being occupied by Bro. Sir F. Leighton, P.R.A., while among the guests were the Prince of Wales, Prince Albert Victor of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Christian, Duke Paul of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, the Duke of Teck, the Marquis of Salisbury, Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Charles Belford, M.P., Major-General Sir R. Buller, Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Baron Fred. de Rothschild, and Lord Mayor De Keyser.



FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF ESSEX, 1888.

This handsome little work is now in its fourth year of publication, and the present issue is, beyond question, the best of the series. It is authorised by the Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, and in the preface the editor tells us that "several brethren have given their names as guarantors, in case of any loss upon the publication." There ought not to be any deficit, surely, in a province of 26 lodges and 1177 members. Copies of this most useful Directory are sold at one shilling each, and may be had from the painstaking editor (Bro. Thomas J. Ralling, Winnock Lodge, Colchester), whose interest in the province, especially as Prov. G. Sec., is widely known and warmly appreciated. The "Masonic Notes," in reference to the Book of Constitutions, are invaluable, and as they draw special attention to the revised Rules, they should be carefully consulted by the Masters and Secretaries of lodges, who, by becoming familiar with their duties, would save their Prov. G. Sec. a deal of trouble. We speak from experience, well-knowing of what advantage it is to a province to have Masters and Secretaries conversant with the requirements of the Book of Constitutions. The fees payable to the Prov. G. Lodge of Essex are duly noted, but one of these appears to us in excess of the Law. The note reads "every joining brother, being already registered on the Books of P.G.L., *Half-a-crown*." Rule 104 of the G.L. provides a charge of "One shilling for every other member who has joined any lodge since the last payment." What do you say to this point Bro. Prov. G. Sec? The lodges range in dates of constitution from 1735 to 1886, and the 6 R.A. chapters from 1822 to 1887. According to Bro. HUGHAN'S "Origin of the English Rite," the Patriotic Chapter, Colchester, was formed in 1809, as No. 141, on the roll of the then Grand Chapter. It strikes us that the present warrant of 1822 held by that chapter should be looked at in the light of one of confirmation, on formation of the "United Grand Chapter," No. 51 (now), really dating from 1807. The Mark Degree seems to be increasing in popularity in Essex, there being 4 lodges now, with 114 members, the county being united with Suffolk, Norfolk, and Cambridge, under the title of East Anglia, the Prov. G. Master being the M.W. Bro. Lord Henniker, the D. Prov. G.M. being the Rev. C. J. Martyn. The D. Prov. G.M. of the Craft Province, is Prov. S.G.W. of the Mark Province for this year (V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., *Grand Registrar*). Neither the Mark nor the Royal Arch are patronised as in some provinces, for of the latter there are not more than 144 members, in a province numbering considerably over 1000 Craftsmen. The subscribers' list for the Masonic Charities is well compiled, and ably arranged, the latter being on an improved plan to previous issues. The figures come out very creditably, there being 1021 Boys, 700 Girls, 702 Men's, and 644 Widows', making a total of 3067 votes, exclusive of those officially held by the lodges and chapters. These being added raise the grand total to 3149. This comprehensive list is the joint production of the Prov. Grand Sec. and Bro. R. H. Ives, P.M., 51, &c., and exhibits an increase of nearly 1000 votes, as compared with that of 1887, which is an enormous and most gratifying advance in so short a period.

CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE, 1888.

We have been favoured by a friend with a copy of this publication, and confess to a feeling of disappointment on noticing its meagre character. West Yorkshire, with its 69 lodges and 3290 members, 38 Royal Arch Chapters and 1173 members, 9 Mark lodges and 313 members, 8 Knights Templar Preceptories and 162 members, and 3 Rose Croix Chapters, should surely be able to maintain a Directory of the class so largely patronised by much smaller provinces. The *Calendar* for this large Masonic province is decidedly well compiled; for all the days of meeting for the whole of 1888 are given in tabular form, with the several places where the meetings are held, not only of the lodges, but of all the other organisations. The labour was not trifling to work all these dates out. At the best, however, it is but a slip for the pocket, and as it does not even give all the officers of the Prov. G. Lodge, it is manifestly much inferior to the numerous Directories issued, several of which we have lately reviewed. The largest three provinces are practically in the same condition, for the one published for Yorkshire has long been edited and presented to the brethren, at the expense of Bro. T. B. Whythead, of York. Kent, the fourth in size, has one of the most comprehensive and valuable Masonic Manuals circulated in England, so also has Devon, Hants, &c., and even such small provinces comparatively as Wilts, Oxford, and Cambridge are well represented through the services of their respective editors, Bros. Naylor, Bowden, and Spalding. What is wanted for each province is a Directory which gives the names of the W.M., Wardens, and P.M.'s of each lodge, with their provincial rank (if any), so that the authorities may be able to see at a glance what members have fair claims for advancement and distinction as Provincial Officers. The local and general Charities should also be duly attended to that such useful publications may be the means of circulating much interesting information respecting the character and progress of the Craft not attainable elsewhere.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

774] "ATHOLL" GRAND LODGE SEALS.

I am very pleased to see in No. 773 "Notes and Queries" one response, at least, to my enquiry respecting seals on warrants and certificates issued by the "Atholl" Grand Lodge, or "Ancients." Bro. Royle mentions that the warrant granted to the "Salopian Lodge of Charity," No. 117, Shrewsbury, bears two seals—one of the Grand Lodge, the legend of which ends with the word "Institutions," and is by Kirk, and the other—a smaller one—on

red wax, "apparently a coat of arms." The latter represents the arms of the fourth Duke of Athole, who was then Grand Master (*i.e.*, March 22nd, date of the charter), and the two seals are precisely as those on the warrant of No. 246, Cheltenham, of A.D. 1813, of which the history is now being written by Bro. George Norman, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg., and for which I have promised to write the Introduction. If Bro. Royle would like to communicate with me direct, he can send me a line to Torquay, Devonshire, as I may be able to send him information relative to his lodge.

W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No. 1585).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. There were present Bros. Collings, P.M., D.C., in the chair; Williams, S.W.; Wing, J.W.; Watkins, Treas.; Robinson, P.M., Sec.; Harding, S.D.; Sandalls, J.D.; Oliver, I.G.; Coombes, Stwd.; Stacey, P.M., Org.; Walkley, Tyler; Pardoe, P.M.; Bohr, P.M.; and Mansell, P.M.; with about 36 other brethren members of the lodge. The visitors numbered 17, among whom were Bros. Cause, P.P.G.D. Middx.; Canon Floyd, P.G. Chap. Ireland; the Masters of several neighbouring lodges, and other distinguished brethren.

After lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. G. A. Knight was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., in Bro. Collings' best and most impressive manner. The Secretary read the dispensation of Grand Lodge empowering Bro. Williams to be installed W.M. of the lodge, although his term of office as W.M. of the Dalhousie Lodge had not expired, and Bro. Williams was installed in the chair of K.S. with all due formality and solemnity, by Bro. Collings, P.M. The W.M. having been duly proclaimed and saluted in the usual manner, and the ancient charges been given to Master, Wardens, &c., the W.M. was pleased to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. Wing, S.W.; Harding, J.W.; Watkins, Treas.; Robinson, Sec.; Collings, D.C.; Sandalls, S.D.; Oliver, J.D.; Coombe, I.G.; Page, Stwd.; Stacey, Org.; Gordon, Asst. Org.; and Walkley, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee having been read by Bro. Grundy, and assented to by Bros. Gordon and Stern, and some other routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

At the banquet which ensued, about 58 sat down, and after doing excellent execution of the good things provided by the worthy host, Bro. Page, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received with enthusiasm, and accorded musical honours.

Bro. Robinson, P.M., proposed "The W.M.," congratulating the lodge on having such a good man and Mason as its Master.

The W.M. responded in a brief but pithy speech, and apologising for having to be short on account of the lateness of the hour, proceeded straightway to propose "The Visitors."

Bros. Cause, Canon Floyd, Morrow, and others, responded, all of them speaking in most flattering terms of the reception they had met with, and the excellent working of the lodge.

The next toast was the "Installing Master," proposed by the W.M., and Bro. Collins responded.

Next came the toast of "The Past Masters, responded to by Bro. Bohr, P.M.; "The Health of Treasurer and Secretary" was next proposed, and responded to by Bro. Watkins (his 13th year of office); "The Officers" followed, responded to by the S.W.; and the Tyler's toast concluded a most successful and interesting meeting.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. W. T. Gordon, Asst. Org. Bros. Bohr, Higham, Morrow, Heath, Gordon, and Page, contributed to the harmony of the evening.

ALLIANCE LODGE (No. 1827).—This lodge met on the 2nd inst., Bro. Hy. Squire, C.C., W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. J. Perkins, C.C., I.P.M.; Lieut.-Col. Sewell, P.M.; Capt. Henry Wright, P.M.; Henry Clarke, C.C., S.W.; Lieut.-Col. Perry Godfrey, J.W.; G. J. Scott, Chap.; J. E. Turner, Sec.; W. S. Jackson, J.D.; J. H. Smith, F. Whiddington, V. Dunfee, and J. C. Bowley.

The only business on the summons was to elect the Lord Mayor, W.M. 21, and Major Sheriff Davies, C.C., as members, both these brethren having expressed a wish to become joining members in their speeches at the recent banquet given by the Alliance Lodge to the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, Aldermen, and Officers of Grand Lodge. It is needless to say they were duly elected, having been proposed by the W.M., and seconded by the I.P.M.

The brethren adjourned to banquet at the Guildhall Tavern, under the Chairmanship of Bro. Henry Wright, P.M., Bros. Squire and Perkins having Corporate duties to attend to. The usual toasts were given and a pleasant evening spent.

RICHMOND LODGE (No. 2032).—This lodge—which has made rapid progress since its consecration four years ago—held its installation meeting on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors, the former including Bros. J. P. Houghton, W.M.; W. R. Phillips, I.P.M.; E. Dare, S.W.; H. Sapworth, J.W.; W. F. Reynolds, Treas.; G. C. Rowland, Sec.; J. M. Marjason, S.D.; F. A. Crew, J.D.; A. Aldin, I.G.; W. Rainbow, Org.; T. Covell and J. Aldridge, Stwds.; B. E. Blashy, P.M.; C. T. Digby, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; H. Crullenden, P.M. 503; P.P.G.S.B.; G. F. Baker, S.W. 503; W. H. Rydon, 820; H. de Grey, 13; J. Nelson, P.M. 1294; J. E. Shand, P.M. 2030; W. T. Peet, Sec.

1656; J. H. Jarvis, W.M. 1627, P.P.G.S.; A. W. Duret, P.M. 1223, P.S.G.D. Kent; J. Clarke, 1512; W. R. Williams, P.M. 975; A. N. Newens, 780; N. Courlander, J.W. 975; B. Kenyon, 2012; H. Garrod, P.G.P.; S. Hunt, 1196; W. Worrell, P.M., Sec. 766; J. M. Cattrell, J.W. 15; T. W. Tempany, 1460; W. F. Harling, 975; C. N. Syder, W.M. 79; F. Eckstein, 1196; G. H. Taylor, 511; J. E. Radford, P.M. 470; J. Whitehead, W.M. 1425; F. H. Dipsdale, 858; W. E. Scantlebury, S.D. 975; J. A. Allison, P.M. 788; E. S. Lardner, P.M. and Sec. 101; R. H. Pearson, P.M. 1196; H. C. Lansdown, 1541; T. Butler, 55; A. E. Adams, 1767; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; Egbert Roberts, S.W. 917; R. Sturgis, 90; F. Roberts, 901; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was formally opened, after which the minutes were confirmed, and the audit report received and adopted, Bro. S. West and Tulloch were then raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons. Bro. Blashy, P.M., assumed the chair, and impressively initiated Messrs. C. H. Snowball and G. H. Breadmore. Bro. E. Dare, S.W., was presented as W.M. elect, and installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. Houghton. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. H. Sapsworth, S.W.; J. M. Marjason, J.W.; W. F. Reynolds, Treas.; G. C. Rowland, Sec.; F. A. Crew, S.D.; A. Aldin, J.D.; T. Covell, I.G.; R. Messum, D.C.; W. Rainbow, Org.; J. Aldridge and J. H. Ford, Stewards; and F. G. Mitchell, Tyler. The customary addresses were then effectively rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. Houghton, I.P.M. Messrs. W. B. Pentelow and W. H. Wicks were then initiated into the Order by the W.M. in an able manner. Letters of regret were read from Bros. Sir Whittaker Ellis, Sir F. Burdett, T. Fenn, F. Richardson, R. Grey, and J. Terry. Propositions having been received, and other business transacted, the lodge was closed.

An adjournment was then made to the banquet room, where an excellent repast was served by the host, Bro. Moullet. After the removal of the cloth the usual toast list was honoured with the customary heartiness.

Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S.B., in response to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said that those who had the opportunity of being present at the Grand Festival on the preceding Wednesday must have hailed with intense gratification the re-appointment of the Earl of Carnarvon as Pro G.M., and the Earl of Lathom as Dep. G.M., and he had no doubt that that gratification had universally spread over the Order. He was sure that the experience they had had of the distinguished and valuable services of those two noblemen, who had done so much to assist the M.W.G.M. in the ruling and governing of the Order, must have endeared them to the veneration, respect, and love of the Craft. It should be realised that two noblemen more capable of ruling and preserving the great interests of the Order could not be found, and they had earned the best testimony that could be given them for the zeal they had displayed. With reference to the Grand Officers, to whose ranks a large addition had so recently been made, he thought that as he had been so late an intruder that evening he would simply content himself with acknowledging the compliment paid him, and leave the rest of the response in the hands of Bro. Garrod, P.G.P. It must at all times be an honour to be numbered with the Grand Officers, but he would impress upon them that the responsibilities of the members of that body were not one whit more or one whit less than any member of the Craft down to the youngest initiate, for on each was laid a charge that he would do the best he could to maintain the interests and prestige of their great Institution.

Bro. H. Garrod, P.G.P., also responded, and returned sincere thanks for the honour paid the Grand Officers. With reference to the work in the lodge that evening he could only say that during his 34 years' Masonic experience he had never seen it carried out in a better manner. He would especially single out the installation ceremony, the rendering of which he had never heard excelled. It was also a treat to see the admirable manner in which the W.M. initiated the two candidates immediately after his installation into the chair.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Houghton, I.P.M., who expressed the pleasure it afforded him to submit the toast to the brethren. The members had been intimately connected with Bro. Dare, the newly-installed W.M., since the formation of their lodge four years ago, and during that time he had given them good proofs of the zeal he had for Freemasonry at large, and the Richmond Lodge in particular. That night he had given them a good sample of the way in which he works the ritual, and was a good earnest of the way in which he would conduct the duties of the chair during the forthcoming year. Without further words he would simply ask all present to join heartily in drinking to the health of the Worshipful Master.

Bro. E. Dare, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for the many kind expressions he had used in proposing the toast, and the brethren for the splendid reception accorded it. He also had to thank them for the honour they had conferred upon him by electing and installing him as their W.M. It would be his earnest desire to promote the interest and maintain the prestige of the lodge, and he hoped that by attention to the duties of his office and by studying the comfort of the brethren he should gain their esteem and respect, and generally conduce to the prosperity of the Richmond Lodge.

The "Initiates" was next given and suitably responded to by Bros. Snowball, Breadmore, Pentelow, and Wicks.

The Worshipful Master said he had next the pleasing duty of proposing "The I.P.M. and Installing Master." It was also his good fortune to be permitted to pin upon the breast of Bro. Houghton, I.P.M., a P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the members, and which had never been presented to a more deserving brother. As the brethren were aware, the I.P.M. had discharged his duty during the past year in a most admirable manner, and the way in which he had rendered the installation ceremony that day was a credit to him. It afforded him great pleasure to make the presentation to Bro. Houghton, I.P.M., and, on behalf of the members, he wished him health and prosperity, and expressed the wish that he would be spared for many years to wear the jewel in their lodge.

Bro. J. P. Houghton, I.P.M., in reply, said he could hardly find words to express his thanks for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed and received. It was a very pleasing thing for a brother to stand up, after a year of office in the chair, and feel that he had the good

will of all the brethren. During the year there had been one or two troublesome questions, but they had been surmounted in an agreeable manner. He thanked them for the handsome jewel, which he assured them he should hold as one of the greatest ornaments he possessed. He could only re-echo the wish of the W.M., that he should be spared to wear it for many years in their midst.

In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. observed that the brethren included in the toast were not only P.M.'s but also founders of the lodge, Bro. Blasby, P.M., having been the first W. Master. Their merits and working abilities were so well known to the brethren that no words would be needed to recommend the toast.

Bro. Blasby, P.M., in response, said it was always a pleasure to reply to the toast in that lodge. They launched their lodge four years ago at the Station Hotel, and had migrated to their present meeting place, where he hoped they would be located for many years to come.

Bros. Digby, P.M., and Phillips, P.M., also replied.

"The Visitors" was next given by the W.M., who extended a cordial welcome to the visiting brethren, whom he was pleased to see present in such large numbers. As he could not call upon them all to respond, he should be delighted to afford them the opportunity of replying on a future visit.

Bros. Jarvis, W.M. 1627; Worrell, P.M., Sec. 766; Williams, P.M. 975; Crullenden, P.M. 503; and Shand, P.M. 2030, replied in suitable terms, eulogising the excellent working they had seen, and returning thanks for the profuse hospitality offered to them.

"The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers" having been given and responded to, the Tyler's toast closed a successful meeting.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Rainbow, Org., who was assisted by Madame Worrell, Mrs. W. Rainbow, Miss Jessie Hudson, L.A.M., Bros. Egbert Roberts, F. W. Stephens, and Arthur Weston.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE (No. 2076).

—A meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 4th inst. There were present Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., W.M.; W. H. Rylands, P.G. Stwd.; G. W. Speth, W. M. Bywater, P.G. Swd. B.; Professor T. Hayter Lewis, Dr. W. W. Westcott, Rev. J. C. Ball, E. Macbean, and F. H. Goldney, P.G.D.; also the following members of the Correspondence Circle, viz.: Bros. Rev. O. C. Cockrem, S. Richardson, J. W. H. Thompson, Rev. T. W. Lemon, Col. J. Read, J. Barber Glenn, C. Kupferschmidt, R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; F. A. Powell, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. B.; S. Martin, Rev. J. F. Downes, R. A. Gowan, and B. A. Smith; and as visitors Bros. G. R. Langley and J. K. R. Cama.

The following brethren were balloted for and elected members of the lodge, viz.: Bro. E. J. Castle, Q.C., late Royal Engineers, P.M. 143, author of "Origin of Parochial Relief," the "Law of Rating," and other works; Bro. Edward Macbean, of Glasgow, St. John's Lodge, No. 3 bis, author of "On Symbolism," and many lodge addresses; and Bro. Fred. Hastings Goldney, P.G.D., author of "The History of Freemasonry in Wiltshire."

The following 47 lodges, brethren, and bodies were admitted members of the Correspondence Circle, viz.: The Supreme Council of the A. and A.S.R. England; the New Zealand Pacific Instruction Lodge, Wellington, N.Z.; the Geelong Lodge of Unity and Prudence, 545, Geelong, Victoria; the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab; St. Martin's Lodge, 98, Burslem; Lodge of Otago, No. 844, Dunedin, New Zealand; Aldershot Camp Lodge, 1331, the London Library, St. James's-square; and the New Zealand Masonic Journal, Dunedin, N.Z.; and Bros. A. W. Walker, Malton; Dr. A. E. Stocker, Philadelphia; W. T. Krumbhaar, Philadelphia; W. A. Cochran, Philadelphia; W. E. Thompson, jun., Morton, Pennsylvania; Rev. C. F. G. Cass, Wimborne; J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. B. England; F. Stanley, Margate; B. A. Smith, Temple, London; Rev. R. Peek, Swelling; J. W. Wilson, York; S. T. Solomon, Kimberley, S.A.; W. A. Briggs, Kimberley; J. Perks, Kimberley; J. Hampton, Kimberley; E. A. Bowley, Kimberley; S. Martin, P.G.D. Herts; Rev. J. F. Downes, Prov. G. Chaplain Herts; T. B. Tresise, Devonport; J. T. Muggleston, Bradford; E. Earnshaw, Bradford; J. Barker, P.G.W. West Yorks; J. K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary, Connecticut; H. A. Stokes, Xenia, Ohio; Rev. J. O. Oxland, J.P., Dist. G. Chap. Natal; W. S. Paterson, New York; E. Mackay, Bradford; A. Lazarus, South Hackney; G. Norman, P.P.G. Reg. Gloucestershire; J. W. Goddard, Rathmines, C. Dublin; C. Powell, P.G. Stwd. Monmouthshire; J. W. Higman, St. Austell, Cornwall; Capt. W. B. Williamson, J.P., P.G.W. Worcestershire; G. J. Blackmore, Dunedin, N.Z.; Rev. W. Ronaldson, Dunedin; G. Gordon, Dunedin; J. G. De Renzy, Dunedin; and R. A. Gowan, London. This list brings the admissions to the Outer or Correspondence Circle to a total of 308.

The I.G., Bro. Westcott, then moved, according to notice previously given—"That no lecture on Masonic History, nor any lecture, nor discussion on Masonic Degrees, their origin and Secrets, be given or permitted in the Lodge, except when it is opened in the 3rd Degree; and that the Summons for the Lodge shall specify the delivery and discussion of Lectures in a Master Mason's Lodge." This resolution having been seconded by the S.D., Bro. Bywater, the Secretary, Bro. Speth, then moved as an amendment—"That it be left to the discretion of the W.M. to require Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts to retire from the Lodge whenever there shall appear to him, to the lecturer, or to any brother, the least chance of Masonic Secrets being improperly divulged." In a "maiden speech" of much power, the foregoing amendment, which would practically leave the procedure of the lodge as it now exists, was seconded and supported by the latest joining member, Bro. Goldney, P.G.D. An animated discussion ensued, in which various brethren took part, and notably Bros. Rylands and Eve, the latter brother, in an eloquent address that was much applauded, expatiating with much force upon the impolicy of fettering the lodge by restrictions that were uncalled for and unnecessary, and upon the sweeping character of the proposed legislation, which, by requiring all Masonic instruction to be communicated in a Master Mason's Lodge, would exclude from attendance the brethren

of the first two Degrees, even though the lecture of the evening was strictly pertaining to the ceremonial or historical development of one or the other of them. The W.M., Bro. Gould, said his views on the subject remained the same as when he delivered the address at his installation. On that occasion he expressed a hope that a series of elementary lectures might be read in the lodge, which would be comprehensible by the youngest Entered Apprentice. A second paper (or lecture), and fashioned on these lines, was about to be read by Bro. Speth, and he should personally be much pleased were there brethren present who had only taken the first step in Masonry, as he should now have been inclined to deem the lecture of the evening, successful or the reverse, very much in proportion to the degree of information attained from its delivery by the representatives of the class of brethren which it was the desire of the mover of the resolution and his supporters to exclude from participation in the special labours of the lodge. Bro. Gould, after some further remarks, concluded by suggesting that both the original resolution and the amendment should come before them for final consideration at the June meeting, which was agreed to.

The Secretary announced the presentation to the lodge library, since the last meeting, of 215 books, pamphlets, and manuscripts, as per printed slips enclosed with the summons; also of several books which Bro. J. K. R. Cama had just brought with him on behalf of his uncle, Bro. Cama, P.G. Treas. He further announced that he had discovered at Margate an hitherto unknown MS. copy of the "Old Constitutions of Freemasons," and described its peculiarities. His attention had been called to it by Bro. W. Jones Lane, of that town. Desirous of acquiring it for the lodge library he had been met by a refusal on the part of the owner to sell for money, who, however, agreed to accept a large number of male votes for the Benevolent Institution. Unable to provide them, Bro. Cama had kindly come to his assistance, and supplied him with the whole amount necessary. He exhibited the MS., and congratulated the brethren on its possession. It would in future be known as the Cama MS. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Cama. The Secretary also exhibited a photographed facsimile of the Scarborough MS., mounted in scroll form on linen, which had been kindly procured for the lodge by their Correspondence member, Bro. J. G. Mason, Grand Secretary of the G.L. of Canada.

Bro. Speth read a paper entitled "On Scottish Freemasonry before the Era of Grand Lodges." The paper was the second of the Elementary Historical Series inaugurated by Bro. Gould on the 8th November last, and was purely descriptive, controversial matter being avoided. We understand that, as printed in the transactions of the lodge, there will be no lack of statistics and references; but these were judiciously omitted by the lecturer, as tending to destroy the continuity of the narrative. Written comments on the paper, from the pens of Bros. W. J. Hughan and J. Ramsden Riley, were read by the W.M.; and Bros. Rylands, Goldney, Macbean, and Gould added valuable contributions to the consideration of the subject; after which a vote of thanks was accorded, and suitably acknowledged.

A wax impression of the membership medal, now being prepared by Bro. George Kenning, was passed round and much admired. The medal is intended to be worn either on the breast or on the watch guard by members of both the Inner and Outer Circles, and bids fair to prove a work of art. It is oval in form, about 1½ inches long, by ¾ inch broad, and presents on one side a reproduction, in high relief, of the miniature of the four martyrs from the I-abella Missal in the British Museum, with the name of the Society, date of warrant, &c., and on the other, four celestial crowns. The name of the owner will be engraved on the edge, and we are informed that the price has been fixed at 4s. and 5s. for bronze and silver respectively.

This concluded the business of the evening, which was succeeded by an equally delightful two hours' chat over a modest repast in the adjoining tavern.

MANCHESTER.—Shakspeare Lodge (No. 1009).

—The installation of Bro. Joseph Halden took place, and the St. John's Festival was celebrated on Friday, the 4th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. There were present Bros. James Rome, P.G. Swd., W.M.; G. Enticknap, I.P.M.; J. Halden, S.W.; W. Brooks, J.W.; C. S. Allott, P.M. Chap.; George Hunt, P.M., Treas.; G. Carter, P.M., Sec.; G. Everatt, S.D.; E. Evans, J.D.; J. Crossland, I.G.; G. D. Pringle and C. W. Southwell, Stwds.; W. Riddell, P.M., Tyler; Geo. W. Wilson, P.M.; S. Statham, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; J. L. Hine, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; J. Quail, C. C. Hilton, P. G. Zolas, C. R. Hazzopulo, Capreel, J. A. Bodger, R. Pauley, and G. Floyd. Visitors: Bros. Carl Götz, P.M. 645, P.P.J.G.W.; J. E. Lees, P.M. 645, P.P.G.T.; Jas. Walker, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; W. J. Cunliffe, P.M. 317, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Wildgoose, P.M. 163, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Hardcastle, P.M. 1773, P.P.G.D.C.; T. R. Peel, P.M. 1147, P.J.G.D.; P. Duxbury, P.G. Swd. Br.; R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, Prov. G. Stwd.; J. Schofield, P.M. 1287, P.P.J.G.D. West Lancs.; G. F. Smith, P.M. 1045, P.P.G. Stwd. Cheshire; J. Lowe, P.M. 325; H. B. Everett, P.M. 1140; M. Fairweather, P.M. 1147; C. D. Cheetham, jun., P.M. 993; W. Craven, P.M. 1033; A. Pemberton, P.M. 1030; J. Crowther, P.M. 645; R. W. Baker, P.M. 1126; J. Wilson, P.M. 317; W. B. Akerman, W.M. 317; W. T. Allitt, W.M. 993; P. B. Welch, S.W. 992; G. T. Bowers, S.W. 993; G. R. Armstrong, S.D. 993; H. Swindells, 1375; A. Bond, I. W. Rostron, 1140; W. H. Mortimer, 2109; J. W. Start, 1052; and H. S. Grundy, 344.

The lodge was opened, and, after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Besso, who was declared elected. Mr. Besso was thereupon initiated by the W.M., Bro. Rome. Bro. G. W. Wilson, P.M., then occupied the chair of K.S. for the purpose of installing Bro. J. Halden, W.M. for the ensuing year, who, after being presented to the Installing Master by Bro. G. Hunt, P.M., inducted into the chair. Bro. G. Hunt, P.M., then invested the following brethren officers for the year: Bros. W. Brooks, S.W.; G. Everatt, J.W.; G. Hunt, P.M., Treas. (invested by the W.M.); C. W. Southwell, Sec.; E. Evans, S.D.; J. Crossland, J.D.; G. W. Wilson, P.M., D.C.; G. F. Pringle, I.G.; R. Pawley, F. A. Bodger, F. C. Hilton, and J. Quail, Stewards; G. P. Zolas, Org.; and W. Riddell, Tyler.

The three addresses were delivered in a very impressive

manner by Bro. George Hunt, P.M., who concluded the ceremony of installation with prayer. More than a word of praise too is due to Bro. George W. Wilson for his careful rendering of the installation ceremony, every word being distinctly articulated, and plainly heard by a Board of 28 Installed Masters. There being no further business, the good old-fashioned custom of offering "Hearty good wishes" was indulged in by the numerous visitors, and the lodge was then closed.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John by partaking of a capital dinner, on the conclusion of which the toast list was proceeded with.

Bro. Halden proposed "The Health of the Queen, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which was well received, after which Bro. George Hunt, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, and the Present and Past Grand Officers."

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The R.W. Prov. G. Master of East Lancashire, Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie;" and "The V.W. Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. George Mellor, and the Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers."

Both toasts were well received and heartily drank, and in response Bros. Joseph Wildgoose, P.M. 163, P.P.J.G.D., and S. Statham, P.M., P.P.G.P., replied.

"The Immortal Memory of Shakspeare" was most ably proposed by Bro. W. Brooks, S.W., and drank in silence. Bro. Thomas Black, J.W. 1170, here recited a selection from "Julius Caesar," which was well delivered and deservedly applauded.

The I.P.M., Bro. J. Rome, P.G. Steward, proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. J. Halden," and in so doing spoke of the consistent and satisfactory manner in which he had performed the various duties allotted him since his connection with the lodge. The members of the Shakspeare Lodge, Bro. Rome went on to say, were all confident that their W.M. would maintain the prestige the lodge had hitherto enjoyed, and perform his important duties satisfactorily to them and creditably to himself. In conclusion, Bro. Rome hoped the W.M.'s path would be a prosperous and peaceful one, and called upon the brethren to rise and drink heartily to the toast.

Bro. Halden, who is exceedingly popular and much liked by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance, received quite an ovation, which was sustained during the singing of that delightful refrain "Here's to his Health in a song."

After Bro. Halden had made a very appropriate reply, Bro. Crossland, J.D., proposed "The Visitors," which was replied to by Bros. W. Hardcastle, P.M. 1773, P.P.J.G.D., and J. L. Hine, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.

Bro. G. Everatt, J.W., proposed "The Masonic Charities," which was responded to by Bro. J. L. Hine, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.

The W.M., after eulogising the manner in which Bro. Rome, I.P.M., P.G. Steward, had performed his duties as W.M., presented him, in the name of the lodge, with a P.M.'s gold jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester), as a token of esteem, and in recognition of his services.

Bro. Rome returned thanks for the jewel and the kind remarks uttered by Bro. Halden.

Other toasts, including "The Installing Masters" (Bros. G. W. Wilson and G. Hunt), "The Past Masters," "The Officers," and "The Initiates," were proposed and responded to.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, the intervals between the toasts being enlivened with songs from Bros. Mortimer, G. W. Baker, Hilton, Scofield, and Bro. Lisenden gave a selection on the English concertina.

RIVERHEAD.—Amherst Lodge (No. 1223).

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last at the Amherst Arms. Bro. J. I. Birch, the W.M. (who came up from Portsmouth in the interval of pressing official duties), opened the lodge, assisted by all his officers save one, and, after the formal business had been transacted, the W.M. expressed his regret that the pressing avocations of his calling had prevented him from attending to the duties of his office as he would have liked. It was his wish to see his successor installed in his stead, and he had come for the express purpose, but must leave them immediately after the ceremony to return whence he had come. Bro. E. Strange, I.P.M., took the chair of K.S. for the installation ceremony, with the following officers: Bros. Carnell, P.J.G.D., as S.W.; W. Drewett, W.M. 889, J.W.; E. J. Dodd, P.M., P.P.G.O., I.G.; and Duret, P.M., P.S.G.D., D.C. Bro. Sparrowhawk, who had been previously elected, was then presented and placed in the chair in the prescribed manner, the Installing Master doing his work perfectly. After the W.M. had been saluted he appointed and invested his officers, viz.: Bros. A. H. Lee, S.W.; J. Hamlin, J.W.; Dartnell, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Jewell, P.M., Sec.; F. P. Lee, S.D.; D. J. Kent, J.D.; C. Hooker, I.G.; W. H. Pascoe, Org.; H. S. Strange, D.C.; W. Burfoot, Stwd.; and W. South, Tyler. The addresses were next given by Bro. Strange, and the only remaining business was to elect a member of the Charity Committee, the choice falling without dissent on the worthy brother who had acted as Installing Master on this occasion. After "Hearty good wishes" had been given to the W.M., the lodge was closed, and the brethren re-assembled to partake of the excellent banquet prepared by Bro. Waller, wine host of the Amherst Arms Hotel. This was most welcome, for the greater part of those present had come some distance, and the oldest members of the lodge said they had had many excellent dinners, but that surpassed all. The newly appointed junior officers, whose duty it was to attend to the creature comforts of the guests, amply justified their appointments, for never were visitors better cared for. The "old hands"—viz, the "Amherstites"—did that for themselves, being "at home." A very pleasant evening was spent, the only regret being that neither the Prov. G.M., the Earl Amherst, nor his able Deputy, Bro. Smith Eastes, could attend.

As a kind of set-off the brethren welcomed with genuine heartiness one who had been absent a long time—Bro. the Hon. Smalman Smith, Resident Magistrate at Lagos, West Africa. His reappearance among the brethren, on the roll of whom he stands fifth in order, was marked by a special toast. The W.M. was very happy in the few remarks he made, and, in the most unselfish way, passed the gavel about so that the oratorical honours should be the more divided.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. C. E. Birch made a felicitous reference to the fact that it was the 49th anniversary of the birthday of Bro. Sparrowhawk.

The W.M., who was evidently much gratified with the way in which his name had been mentioned and received, told the brethren that he had attained that day the height of his ambition, to secure which object he had made it his resolve to attend the lodge meetings, in the hope of qualifying himself for any duties which might be put on him. He had missed but two meetings, and that through illness, and, as it would be his earnest endeavour to justify their choice of him as Master, he hoped at the close of his year of office to feel, and be assured, that he had given them all satisfaction.

In responding to the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. E. J. Dodd made capital out of the words "We are seven." There are eight P.M.'s of the lodge at the present time, of whom but one was absent, so that "We are seven" most aptly applied.

"The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Rix, W.M. 874.

Bro. Pascoe did good service at the pianoforte, and with Bros. Lloyd, Drewett, and others vocally also.

The time passed in the Fourth Degree was thoroughly enjoyable, and so short, but pithy, were the speeches that twelve toasts were given, and the Tyler stood at the Master's right hand at 9 p.m.

A word for the toast list, which the father of the lodge had prepared. The Shakesperian quotations were singularly happy, especially those which Bro. Jewell placed after the toast of the W.M.—

"When the wind is South-erly, I know a Hawk."
"A very honest-hearted fellow."

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The annual meeting of the above flourishing lodge took place on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Three Crowns Hotel, Bro. West's famous hostelry. Bro. J. Savage, W.M., presided, supported by the following Past Masters and others: Bros. J. Paul, I.P.M.; J. Elder, P.M.; E. West, P.M.; P.P.G.S.D. Herts; C. T. Lewis, P.M. 2184, P.G. Stwd. Essex; A. Ives, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M., Sec.; Dr. W. Vance, P.M., Treas.; J. Ives, P.M. (Hon.); C. Wood, J.W.; J. Knight, S.D.; C. Powling, J.D.; B. Curtis, I.G.; and J. Delo, Stwd. Bros. Burstow, Christopher, Bidgood, and other visitors.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bros. Stephenson, Weir, and Pryor, were passed, and Bro. Christopher raised, the work being faultlessly done by the W.M. and his officers. The Auditor's report and balance-sheet were then received and adopted. A handsome framed, and glazed, and engrossed parchment was then presented to Bro. Paul, P.M., as a recognition of the able manner in which he had installed his successor, for which he suitably returned thanks, and then the lodge was closed. A nicely served supper was partaken of, and the rest of the evening was spent in toast and harmony.

FRIZINGTON.—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., Bro. Geo. Lowden, W.M., in the chair, supported as follows: Bros. Dr. Lace, I.P.M., P.G. Stwd.; J. Routledge, S.W.; H. Hartley, J.W.; G. Dalrymple, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; J. Bryce Craig, P.M., Sec.; J. Wilkinson, S.D.; W. J. Harvey, J.D.; A. Cross, I.G.; D. Tolson, Tyler; W. Robinson, J. Wakefield, T. Lowrey, I. Maleham, and others.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and one candidate balloted for and initiated, and one passed to the Second Degree. Bro. J. Routledge, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year by a unanimous vote, and Bro. Dalrymple, Treas. With other business, and "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

BRIGHTON.—Earl of Sussex Lodge (No. 2201).—The brethren of this newly-established lodge closed their first Masonic year with a meeting, on Saturday, the 28th ult., at the Royal Pavilion. The Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Gerard Ford, P.G.D., W.M., presided. In the unavoidable absence of Bros. the Rt. Hon. W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., P.G. Stwd., and R. Clowes, P. Prov. G.W. Essex, the Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bros. C. W. Hudson, P. Prov. G.W., and Dr. H. E. Price, P.J.G.W. The remaining officers and members included Bros. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, Prov. G. Chap., Chap.; Lieut.-Gen. C. W. Randolph, P. Prov. G.W., acting as P.M.; Major Mortimer Hancock, P.G. Stwd., J.D.; A. King, P.P.G. Org.; C. Bampfyld Warre, P.S.G.D., Stwd.; H. H. Hughes, P.G. Tyler, Tyler; J. P. Slingsby Roberts, E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; C. Hawken, P.G. Stwd.; and R. Pidcock, Prov. G. Registrar. The visitors included Bros. Rowland Plumbe, P.G. Stwd.; J. Terry, P.M. 228, P. Prov. G.S.B.; A. Nicols, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. Anscombe, S.W. 1821; and G. Cole, P.M. and Org. 1636.

The principal business of the meeting was the election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. the Rt. Hon. W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., Prov. G. Stwd., was unanimously elected W.M.; while Bro. W. Hallett, P.P.G.W., was re-elected Treasurer. The first lecture on the tracing board was given in an admirable manner by the Very Rev. E. R. Currie.

The lodge having been formally closed, the brethren adjourned to the Saloon, where an excellent banquet was served by Bro. D. Mutton, and duly appreciated.

The usual loyal toasts having been proposed by the W.M., "The Officers of Grand Lodge," also given from the chair, received an acknowledgment from Bro. J. Terry.

The Very Rev. E. R. Currie next proposed, conjointly, the toasts of "The R.V. the Prov. G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the Prov. G. Officers, and the W.M. of the Lodge." The Duke of Connaught would, he hoped, be soon amongst the brethren of the province again, for he had won the golden opinions of all Masons and the esteem of all ranks of society. He trusted Bro. Ford might long be spared to occupy the high position of Deputy Prov. G. Master, which he so worthily and satisfactorily held. In speaking of the officers of the province he passed a high eulogium on the Prov. G. Secretary.

The Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Gerard Ford, in responding, said he felt grateful for the kind words which had been said about him. He would endeavour, as long as his strength lasted, to merit the approbation of the brethren. With their kind indulgence, and with increased experience, he hoped, in his arduous position, to merit their approval.

He was surrounded by excellent officers, and he wished particularly to bear testimony to the inventive mind, sources of knowledge, and nimble fingers of the Prov. G. Secretary, whose assistance to him had been invaluable.

The toast of "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bro. Rowland Plumbe, P.G. Stwd., and that of "The Officers of the Lodge" by Bro. C. W. Hudson, P. Prov. G.W., acting S.W. The Tyler's toast terminated the list.

During the evening songs and duets were contributed by Bros. J. P. Slingsby Roberts, Major Mortimer Hancock, G. Cole, and A. King, the last named ably carrying out the duties of accompanist.

INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Prior, W.M.; Penrose, S.W.; Mansfield, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Leng, S.D.; Dealer, J.D.; Dandridge, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; Penney, P.M.; Jackson, Taylor, Harris, Trinder, J. S. Miller, Millington, and Wilson.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Jackson personating the candidate. The lodge was called off, and, on resuming, the chair was vacated by Bro. Prior and occupied by Bro. J. S. Miller, W.M. 1668, who opened the lodge in the Second and Third Degrees, and rehearsed the ceremony of installation. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Penrose, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).—A meeting was held at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, on Monday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. H. Halliday, 2168, W.M.; A. T. Eyers, 704, S.W.; S. T. Hills, 1310, J.W.; J. Bartlett, 1637, S.D.; S. Lichenfeld, 1017, J.D.; S. D. Keech, 780, I.G.; E. C. Mulvey, W.M. 2246, Preceptor; C. A. Ister, 2246, Sec.; T. Casely, 1693; J. B. Smith, 813; W. Eaton, 788; P. Recknell, and G. Wood.

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. J. B. Smith acting as candidate. The lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Lichenfeld answered the questions leading from the Second to the Third Degree. The lodge opened in the Third Degree, when the W.M. worked the ceremony of raising in a most finished manner, Bro. Casely acting as candidate. The lodge closed down to the Second and First Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W. Present: Bros. R. Dillon, W.M.; S. J. Humfress, S.W.; W. Chapple, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; W. J. Stratton, S.D.; J. W. Manktelow, J.D.; E. White, I.G.; C. Stallibrass, Stwd.; L. N. Nerwich, J. H. Taylor, and A. Barradell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Nerwich, having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Nerwich candidate. The lodge was called off and on. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Humfress was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. 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 the 4th inst. at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. J. Davies, W.M.; Coppleston, S.W.; A. Williams, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, acting Sec.; Walker, S.D.; Higginson, J.D.; F. W. Wilkins, I.G.; Cochrane, P.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; Josey, P.M.; Cotton, Ford, W. C. Williams, and W. G. Coat.

Lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. R. H. Williams offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony. Lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by the brethren, under the direction of the W.M. Lodge resumed to the First Degree, and the dues were collected. On the second rising, Bro. Coppleston was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, after "Hearty good wishes," given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178).—On Thursday, the 3rd inst., this lodge of instruction took up its abode at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, having removed from the Old White Hart Inn, Borough, on which occasion the Fifteen Sections were worked by Bro. E. Talbot, 65 and 1310, assisted by Bros. J. G. Milbourn, W.M. 13, S.W.; and L. Lazarus, J.D. 879, J.W.; and also by 15 very eminent Section workers in the Southern district. It is only fair to Bro. Talbot to say that this is but the second time he has performed this very onerous duty, the other occasion being at the White Swan, High-street, Deptford, under the auspices of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, and, if anything, he surpassed on this occasion his first performance. Bro. E. Talbot is but a young member of the Craft, and it reflects very great credit on him for his desire to make himself of such great use so early in his Masonic career. We are glad to say he was well supported, over 50 brethren being present from various lodges, of whom some 16 or 17 became joining members. Among so many good workers it would be difficult to distinguish one member in particular, but we think Bro. Gaywood, S.D. 1178, deserves great praise for his masterly rendering of the 2nd Section of the Second Lecture. A very interesting feature of the evening was the visit, in a body, of the members of the Leopold Lodge of Instruction, under the guidance of their worthy Preceptor, Bro. Duffield, P.M. 1571, who very materially helped in the working of the Sections.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. Talbot, and he was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge. Bro. Talbot very suitably replied, and concluded by proposing a vote of thanks to those brethren who had worked the various Sections, to which Bro. Milbourn responded, after which the lodge was closed, bringing to an end a very successful and enjoyable evening.

We may mention that it is the intention of the Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction to meet every Thursday evening, at 7 p.m., throughout the year, at the Bridge House Hotel, and it is hoped that the Preceptor, Bro. Bellchamber, will be well supported. Bro. Henry Stockwell, P.M. 1178, the energetic Secretary, will also be glad to render any assistance he can to any aspiring brother, and when it is known that Bro. Pearce, the proprietor of the Bridge House Hotel, has promised to do all he can to make the brethren who attend there thoroughly comfortable, there is every reason to believe that the change this lodge of instruction has made will turn out to be a decidedly good one.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1288).—On Saturday last, the brethren of this favourite lodge of instruction, which has for some time past taken the lead in the North of London, assembled in the new Masonic Room, recently opened, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, in order to work the Fifteen Sections. The lodge was opened punctually at the hour appointed by Bro. H. G. Gush, P.M.

1541, W.M., supported by Bro. T. G. Hodges, S.D. 1695, as S.W. and Bro. S. Goode, the W.M. of the mother lodge, as J.W., and a goodly attendance of members and other visiting brethren resident in the locality. In the interesting work—which is only now-a-days performed at lodges of instruction—the following brethren ably and efficiently assisted the W.M.: First Lecture—1st Section, Bro. H. Jenkins, S.W. 860; 2nd, Bro. W. Sycklemore, J.D. 1288; 3rd, Bro. S. Goode, W.M. 1288; 4th, Bro. W. W. Snelling, S.W. 1541; 5th, Bro. T. G. Hodges, S.D. 1695; 6th, Bro. J. Powell, 186; and 7th, Bro. H. Jenkins, S.W. 860. Second Lecture—1st Section, Bro. A. Wolter, J.W. 1791; 2nd, Bro. W. Hancock, 1056; 3rd, Bro. A. J. Berry, P.M. 1695; 4th, Bro. H. Hill, P.M. 1305; and 5th, Bro. H. Jenkins, S.W. 860. Third Lecture—1st Section, Bro. J. Oldis, P.M. 1288; 2nd, Bro. A. Clark, S.W. 2191; and 3rd, Bro. E. Kearney, W.M. 1541.

This lodge of instruction is well situated, and having the advantage of working in the new Masonic Room, which has recently been added to the Cock Tavern for the use of the lodges meeting in the district, has a pre-eminence over all others in the neighbourhood, which should be the means of making it the most popular lodge of instruction in that part of London; and any brethren desirous of making themselves familiar with the ceremonies and the section working will find a welcome by the able Preceptor, Bro. Hill, P.M. of the Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305, and will always be well received by the members of the lodge, many of whom belong to the mother lodge.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. J. E. Sheffield, W.M.; Jenkins, S.W.; Duncan, J.W.; Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; Wolter, S.D.; Hiller, I.G.; and others.

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. Coxon candidate. Bro. Jenkins assisted the W.M. to work the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Hancock proposed, and Bro. Duncan seconded, that Bro. Jenkins be elected a member—carried unanimously. Bro. Hancock proposed, and Bro. Duncan seconded, that Bro. Jenkins be elected W.M. for the ensuing week—carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. H. G. Marsden, W.M.; G. S. Russell, S.W.; F. Kedge, J.W.; F. M. Noakes, S.D.; J. Woodward, J.D.; W. Proudfoot, I.G.; E. A. Gladwell, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; F. W. Cash, J. Laurence, H. C. Chevalier, G. F. Swan, E. A. Morrison, J. Skinner, S. C. Fort, T. C. Seary, W. Honeyball, E. Wilcox, A. W. Smith, R. J. Harnell, G. H. Reynolds, A. Clark, and C. B. Shemmonds.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. G. F. Swan worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. E. A. Morrison having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. W. Honeyball, offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. Bro. E. A. Morrison answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, and closed in the Third and then the Second Degrees. On rising for the first time, Bros. C. B. Shemmonds, 201, E. Wilcox, 1624, and A. W. Smith, were unanimously elected joining members. On rising for the second time, Bro. E. A. Gladwell proposed that Bro. G. S. Russell be elected W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. G. H. Reynolds proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the Preceptor, Stewards, Secretary, and Bro. T. C. Seary (Organist), and the brethren assisting him, for the energetic manner in which they had worked to make the meeting (when their esteemed Bro. Jas. Terry rehearsed the ceremonies of consecration and installation) and the supper such a success. Seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously. The Secretary, in returning thanks, read the number of tickets each Steward and brother had sold, and hoped for a balance sufficient to pay off the loss sustained at their last supper. He begged to thank all the brethren who had so kindly assisted to make the meeting such a success, not forgetting Bro. R. J. Harnell for his attention to the attendance book and collection of dues at the meeting. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Clare, W.M.; R. H. Williams, S.W.; Keene, J.W.; Swan, S.D.; Hubbard, J.D.; Turner, I.G.; Read, P.M.; Cochrane, W. C. Williams, Sims, Craggs, and Dresden.

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. Cochrane being candidate. Bro. W. C. Williams, having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was closed down to the First Degree. Bro. R. H. Williams was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Johnston, W.M.; Josey, P.M., S.W.; Woodard, J.W.; J. Davies, Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); Arnott, S.D.; Higginson, J.D.; Speight, P.M., I.G.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; J. Sims, P.M.; H. Purdue, P.M.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; C. R. Cross, Jennings, T. J. Head, A. Cavers, F. C. Mander, Sansom, Cotton, and E. Lucas.

The lodge was opened in due form. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jennings being the candidate. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Johnston for his able conduct in the chair for the first time. Notice of motion was given by Bro. J. Davies that on the meeting of May 17th he would propose that a Deputy Preceptor be appointed to assist him in his duties. Notice of motion was also given by Bro. Higginson that on the same evening he would propose that a night be set apart for the Preceptor, at stated intervals, when the Preceptor should appoint his officers. Bro. R. Josey, P.M., was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 7th inst. Present: Bros. S. Cochrane, P.M., W.M.; R. H. Williams, P.P.G.D. Middx., S.W.; C. Woods, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; H. Harris, P.M., Treas.; W. C. Williams, Sec.; J. Sims, P.M., J.D.; E. Daniel, 263 (visitor), I.G.; and P. Skarr.

The lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Skarr being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The explanation of the tracing board was given by Bro. J. Collings, P.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the dues were collected. Bro. E. Daniel, 263, was unanimously elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. R. H. Williams, W.M. 1767, P.M. 865, P.P.G.D. Middx., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, after "Hearty good wishes" were given and received the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Harvey, W.M.; Arnold, jun., S.W.; Robertson, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Coughlan, Sec.; Roberts, S.D.; Molony,

J.D.; Stutfield, I.G.; Brindley, P.M.; Brandon, P.M.; Mason, P.M.; Shaw, Arnold, sen., J. Furnell, Blades, and Edwards.
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. Shaw being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Brindley, a candidate to be opened in the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was raised to the Third Degree in the Third Degree, and the entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Brindley being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Carlisle, 1205, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Arnold was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. Hudson, W.M.; Steele, J.W.; Folkard, S.W.; Hill, S.D.; Grover, J.D.; Boyce, I.G.; Westley, Preceptor; Andrews, Sec.; Coates, C. Lavington, Alexander, Green, Taylor, Wood, Chapman, Poole, Cowland, Partridge, West, Newton, Stubbs, and Cole.
Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Second Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Westley, assisted by the brethren; the Third by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was worked by the W.M., with Bro. Wood as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. Alexander, Newton, Chapman, and Taylor were elected joining members, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and a cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be endorsed on the minutes to Bro. Hudson for the very creditable manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction. Bro. Steele was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Steele returned thanks, and appointed officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.
A meeting of the very successful Benevolent Association was held, and two ballots taken—one falling to the lot of Bro. Poole, and the other to Bro. Cowland.

DARTFORD.—EMULATION LODGE (No. 299).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Bull Hotel. Present: Bros. W. J. Light, P.M., Preceptor, W.M.; T. Jenkins, S.W.; Chas. Hind, Sec., J.W.; O. Powing, S.D.; E. T. Lancaster, J.D.; O. Bovey, I.G.; Carter, Tyler; P. Jones, P.M. 1837; F. Snowden, W.M. elect 299; Wm. Greig, W.M. 299, P.G.P.; C. C. Potter, P.M. 1343, P.G.S.B. Essex; F. Barton, C. D. Mears, and J. G. Turner.
Lodge opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. W. Greig presented Bro. C. C. Potter as W.M. elect. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. C. C. Potter being installed in the chair of K.S. The lodge being resumed in the Third Degree, Bro. Potter vacated the chair in favour of Bro. F. Snowden. Lodge was resumed in the Second and First and Second Degrees, and the W.M. appointed and invested his officers. The Installing Master gave the addresses in a very impressive manner. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, when it was proposed by Bro. Greig, and seconded by Bro. Potter, that the S.W. occupy the chair at the next meeting—carried. Bro. Jenkins returned thanks. The S.W. proposed, and the I.G. seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the Preceptor, for the very efficient manner in which he had rehearsed the installation ceremony—carried by acclamation. Bro. Light returned thanks. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

FIDELITY CHAPTER (No. 3).—A convocation of this ancient and distinguished chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 4th inst., when there were present, among others, Comps. A. T. Pearce, M.E.Z.; J. Heming, H.; C. Greenwood, P.G.S.E. Surrey; J. W. J. Collins, S.E.; Birch, P.S.; W. Radcliffe, 1st Asst. Soj.; C. J. Craig, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Stevens, D. of C.; F. Graves, P.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx.; H. J. Lardner, P.G. Std. Br. Surrey; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. W. Hart, 49, and, it proving to be unanimous, he was most ably exalted to the Degree by the M.E.Z., with the assistance of his officers, the work leaving but little to be desired. Several minor matters having been disposed of, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

The M.E.Z. presided most genially, and his speeches were commendably brief. Several of the members, vocally and otherwise, entertained the companions, and this, the last meeting of the season terminated most agreeably.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 1507).—The last regular meeting of the session of this prosperous chapter was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. This being election night, there was a large attendance of visitors. There were present Comps. J. C. Smith, M.E.Z.; G. W. Knight, H.; H. Dickey, J.; Fullwood, I.P.Z.; W. M. Styles, P.Z., S.E.; J. Furgerson, P.Z.; Side, P.Z.; T. C. Edmonds, S.N.; R. W. Fraser, P.S.; Dimsdale, 1st Asst. Soj.; Sylvester, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Mordey, D.C.; and Emblin and Little, Stewards. Visitors: Comps. Bryce, W. A. Scurrah, Z. 2048; A. Scurrah, S.E. 2048; Hooper, Kew, Day, Cain, and others.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the previous convocation was read and confirmed. The ballot was taken, and proved unanimous, but the brother was not present. The ballot was then taken for the election of officers for the ensuing year, which proved unanimous for the following: Comps. G. W. Knight, M.E.Z.; H. Dickey, H.; T. C. Edmonds, J.; J. Willing, jun., P.Z., Treas.; W. M. Styles, P.Z., S.E.; R. W. Fraser, S.N.; Dimsdale, P.S.; Sylvester, 1st Asst. Soj.; Mordey, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Emblin, D.C.; and Little and Kauffmann, Stwds. The M.E.Z. congratulated each companion on his election, and they respectively returned thanks.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions dined together. The usual Royal Arch toasts were given by the M.E.Z., and received with enthusiasm by the companions. A pleasant musical evening was spent, Comps. R. W. Fraser, Dimsdale, Cain, Sylvester, Emblin, and others contributing to the harmony, whilst Comp. Day (visitor) kindly presided at the piano.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT CHAPTER (No. 1745).—This Chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 30th ultimo. Among those present were Comps. James Strugnell, M.E.Z.; J. Young, H.; Dr. E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org., acting J.; T. Walls, P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx., P.Z., S.E.; T. Simpson, S.N.; Webber, P.S.; N. Prower, M.A., 1st Asst. Soj.; and H. J. Lardner, P.G. Std. Br. Surrey, P.Z., Treas.
The minutes of the previous meeting having been read

and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. C. Terry, 1745, and it proving to be unanimous, he was impressively exalted as a Royal Arch Mason. The following elections then took place: Comps. J. Young, M.E.Z.; J. Lister, H.; T. Simpson, J.; T. C. Walls, S.E.; Webber, S.N.; Herbert, P.S.; N. Prower, 1st Asst. S.; Malt-house, 2nd Asst. S.; H. J. Lardner, Treas.; and Parkinson, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel having been unanimously voted to the M.E.Z., and apologies for non-attendance read from Comps. J. Lister, Herbert, and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts received full justice.

INSTRUCTION.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly convocation of this chapter was held at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 4th inst. There were present Comps. R. J. Voisey, P.Z., M.E.Z.; T. Grumman, P.Z., H.; Briant, J.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; C. Woods, S.N.; V. T. Murché, P.S.; Hill, A.S.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Latham, H. Martin, Eckersall, and Moore. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. J. S. Latham personating candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first time, dues were collected, and, on the proposition of Comp. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor, seconded by Comp. Grumman, P.Z., H., it was unanimously resolved that Comp. Moore, H. 179, be admitted a member. Comp. Moore returned thanks, and expressed the pleasure with which he had witnessed the working. On the proposition of Comp. Hilton, seconded by Comp. Briant, it was decided to elect Comp. Grumman, H., to fill the chair of M.E.Z. on the 11th inst. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Briant—on the proposition of Comp. Hilton, seconded by Comp. Latham—for his kindness and interest in presenting the chapter with a case in which to preserve the warrant of the chapter. It was also unanimously resolved—on the proposition of Comp. Hilton, seconded by Comp. Grumman—that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Comp. George Kenning for the interest he had shown in giving a prominent position in the *Freemason* to the account of the formation of the chapter; also to Comp. Woods for taking an interest in obtaining the same. On the proposition of Comp. Murché, seconded by Comp. Stone, S.E., it was unanimously resolved to request Comp. C. Woods to regularly report the meetings, which he promised to do. Nothing further offering for the good of R.A. Masonry, the chapter was closed.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 60.

An emergency meeting of this ancient lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., when the members had the gratification of celebrating the 150th anniversary of its existence. The members were supported by a large number of visiting brethren—including many distinguished Grand Officers—who attended to participate in the unique event. The proceedings were worthy of the importance of the occasion, and each brother present had the felicity of taking away with him a souvenir of this memorable and pleasant evening. The souvenir took the form of a book containing the principal items of interest connected with the lengthy and eventful career of the lodge, and fac-similes of ancient documents relating thereto. The members present included Bros. A. S. Josling, P.G. Stwd., W.M.; Charles E. Soppet, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; A. T. Layton, P.G. Stwd., S.W.; H. Young, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Treas.; Fredk. Binckes, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Sec.; A. J. Altman, G. Stwd., S.D.; James Moon, G. Stwd., J.D.; H. T. Kent, P.M., P.G. Stwd., D. of C.; E. Rogers, I.G.; G. Anderson, P.M.; W. Masters, H. Slade, R. Walker, O. C. L. W. Polenz, W. H. Kempster, M.D.; W. H. Kempster, jun., T. Comfert, E. J. Altman, J. M. Hodder, J. T. Cotton, T. C. Walls, P.M.; G. H. Kenning, R. Clowes, and H. J. Lardner. Visitors: Bros. G. A. Hoyt, P.M. 192; F. Herold, P.M. 1056; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; G. Plunkett, P.G.D.; J. G. Plumbe, 2; H. C. Knott, 859; F. W. Imbert Terry, P.M. 214; A. Snook, 1477; W. Wellsman, P.M. 858; J. T. Pilditch, P.M. 1257; H. Comfert, F. H. Willcox, J. F. H. Woodward, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec. Middx.; T. Hastings Miller, P.M. 1964; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D.; S. B. Bolas, Sec. 2128; A. T. Pearce, P.M. 1572; J. Barnett, jun., S.D. 2193; H. Venn, P.M. 23; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; H. J. Gilby, P.P.G.S.B. Herts; S. Kenny, 66; A. Durrant, P.M. 569; G. P. Finlay, P.M. 1930; C. Robinson, J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Raymond Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Murray, P.M. 1706; A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; J. Terry, P.G.S.B.; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; W. Wilkins, P.M. 902; W. Jaques, W.M. 1744; R. Plumbe, P.G.S.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G. Org.; C. S. Brown, P.M. 1237; J. Whittleside, 1642; G. Davies, P.M. 167; Richd. Eve, G. Treas.; C. J. Matier, P.G. S.B.; R. Berridge, J.G.D.; J. Willing, P.M. 1744; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; C. Belton, P.S.G.W.; A. Cooper, P.G.D.; G. Pigache, P.M. 12; W. H. Tyrroll, 1471; J. S. Cumberland, P.M. 2128; N. B. Larner, 1745; P. Howard, Hova Ecclesia; F. Lunnies, Great City; E. Pouard, 907; Major G. Lambert, P.G.S.B.; F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; A. Lester, C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B.; N. Sorokiadis, Pythagoras Lodge, Athens; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge was formally opened, after which Bro. Chas. Robinson was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. O. C. L. W. Polenz raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Letters expressing regret at inability to attend were received from Bros. Lord Carnarvon, Lord Lathom, Sir Fras. Burdett, H. B. Marshall, J. M. Clabon, S. Pope, R. F. Gould, Sir R. Hanson, Sheriff Higgs, F. Roebuck, Col. Peters, H. W. Hurst, P.G.S.; the Lord Mayor, A. Harris, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, R. Grey, F. Richardson, and Sir J. Monckton.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Crown Room, Freemasons' Tavern, where a banquet was served, which fully maintained the reputation of the proprietors.

In giving "The Queen and the Craft" the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said it had been their privilege to live under a Sovereign whose reign, exceeding half a century, had been identified with prosperity, combined with progress and advancement. Individual experience confirmed the poet's effusion when he compared life to sunshine and shade, and so it is with a nation. The horizon of the empire had been dimmed with clouds, but the sunshine of contentment had predominated, owing to the wise rule of their Queen, who had endeared herself to her subjects.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said the next toast he had to propose was that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." As Masons they naturally rejoiced to have so excellent a personage at the head of their Body, but they appreciated it the more as they recognised in him the qualities which fit him for the high office he fills, and for the multifarious duties devolving upon him. The disposition of H.R.H. was as genial as his qualifications were great.

"The Grand Officers" was then given by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER. He said that on that occasion it was scarcely necessary for him to refer to the Earl of Carnarvon or to Earl Lathom, whose names had become as familiar to Masons as household words. He would, however, dwell upon the pleasure, the satisfaction, and the pride it afforded him on this auspicious occasion—the 150th anniversary of their lodge—to see so many Grand Officers present of high distinction. The Grand Officers were, by their experience and high intellectual attainments, the oases of originality which freshened up the stale platitudes and hackneyed and threadbare expressions characterising Masonic banquets. Many of the brethren present had listened to that marvellous flow of language in which the Grand Officers were adepts. The members were proud to have them present, and he had no doubt there were many of their number overflowing in their readiness to respond. He was quite sure the Grand Officers would not begrudge the members of that lodge the pleasure in which they rejoiced of sending up their own Grand Steward annually. The choice had this year devolved upon a brother, whose experience as a member of the Board of Common Council of the great City of London had enabled him to acquire the art of making himself socially popular. In his capacity as Grand Steward he would probably be presided over by the Lord Mayor, which made the election the more opportune, and he was convinced the prestige of the lodge would be well maintained by Bro. Altman. There was a large number included in the toast, but he thought the brethren would not find it tedious if he read the names. In conclusion he asked the brethren to cordially drink the health of the Grand Officers, associating with the toast the names of Bros. D. P. Cama, R. Eve, F. A. Philbrick, Berridge, and Altman.

Bro. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas., said that it gave him great pleasure, on behalf of himself and his illustrious colleagues, to return thanks for the honour done the Grand Officers. It was a sincere pleasure to them (G. Officers) to use their best endeavours to promote the interests of their time-honoured Society, which was so well known and admired, and which made no distinction of colour or creed. There were several Grand Officers to follow him in response, but before he finished he would thank his friend, Bro. Rogers, for inviting him, and also the W.M. and brethren for receiving a stranger from the East as their guest. It was a very graceful act on the part of Bro. Rogers to invite him, and the brethren to receive him so kindly. Such an act, in an assembly like the present, would promote good feelings between East and West, and would also cement the tie of union and friendship between the subjects of the Queen and of his beloved Sovereign the Empress of India.

Bro. R. Eve, P.G. Treas., said he felt when the toast was given that his good friend, Bro. Cama, would respond for the Grand Treasurers; but, in obedience to the order of the W.M., he had very much pleasure in replying, and expressing the extreme gratification it afforded him to be present on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the Peace and Harmony Lodge. He regarded it as an honour to be present, and it was doubtless a great satisfaction to the members to find they had existed as a lodge for so many years. Antiquity's pride they could safely say was on their side, if it was not on the side of many lodges in the City of London, and it was a great privilege to find there were so many lodges existing for so many years. It was satisfactory to find from the history of the lodge that it had not gone outside the City of London, and that, although it had visited many places, it had come at last to the home of Masonry—Freemasons' Hall. True to its name, the lodge had been productive of the best results. Whatever might be their principles, religion, or colour, the great object of their working was to produce Peace and Harmony. He was glad to have the opportunity of standing next to the P.G. Treasurer, Bro. Cama, who came from a distant clime. He should like to take up a great deal of their time, but, knowing there were many brethren to follow him, he felt he should be trespassing if he said more than to thank them for the kindness and for the genial reception extended to him. He knew it was an honour to respond for the many brethren who graced the list of the Grand Officers, and for those excellent brethren who are at the head of the Craft, and it therefore afforded him considerable pleasure to reply for the toast.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg., also responded. He said the will of the W.M. was law, and law was something which he had been taught to respect from his youth up. He would not set an example of disobedience on the present occasion, but trusted the brethren would forgive him for venturing, in obedience to the call, to express, on the part of the Grand Officers—for whom he had the honour to return thanks, and whose presence in almost unexampled numbers on that commemorative gathering was a sufficient evidence they took in the prosperity of the Craft, and the continuance, antiquity, and well-being of the lodges—their thanks for the recognition they had received at the hands of the members of that lodge. It was always a great privilege to those who were at the moment concerned in the administration of any great body, and he would ask what greater body there was at the present moment in that realm than the Free and Accepted Masons claiming allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, what more loyal body to their Sovereign, what body more true to the traditions of the Order, and what body was there was that could show, by its unexampled Charitable Institutions, that the principles they professed were carried out into action? Brethren forming part of such a body, who to some extent had been called to honour, and who represented the executive powers which emanate from the Grand Master, felt a great measure of delight at the attainment, by any of the lodges under the Grand Lodge, of an antiquity as respectable as that, which, if they were speaking of a married couple, they would say was the attainment of twice a diamond wedding. They were celebrating that evening the 150th anniversary of the lodge, which he saw, by the interesting records, was first christened the Peace and Harmony Lodge in 1789. The lodge was started in 1738, when George II. was King—the last English monarch

who went in person to battle. There always was, and he trusted always would be, that strong feeling of loyalty and attachment which was capable of standing the effects not merely of 150 years, but of 10 times that number. It was no mean tribute to the universality of Freemasonry that they had present a brother who had been called to exalted rank amongst them hailing from a distant clime, and whom in colour, and probably in religion, differed from them, but who met them as their honoured superior on the great platform of English Freemasonry. It was because of the universality of the principles of Masonry that it possessed its present power, and it was for that reason that Institutions like those were able to meet and celebrate an anniversary such as the present. During the existence of that lodge the boundaries of the map had been altered; new countries had been discovered, and new nations had come into existence; but wherever the English race had gone, there always had been found a want to which Masonry had responded, for the great principles of Freemasonry had a prominent attraction in the eyes of men. So long as that was the case, so long would they find the Institution respected, and that that might long continue was the sincere wish of the Grand Officers, for whom he had the honour to return thanks.

Bro. BERRIDGE said that after the exhaustive speech to which they had listened, he was quite sure the brethren would excuse him if he said but a few words. Bro. Philbrick had so eloquently alluded to the kind manner in which the toast was given and received, that it left but little for him to say. He would, however, beg to be allowed to congratulate the lodge on the manner in which the work and ceremonies were performed, and also to congratulate the Worshipful Master on presiding at the 150th anniversary.

Bro. ALTMAN, G. Stwd., returned sincere thanks for the compliment paid him. It was a great privilege to stand there as a Grand Officer, and more especially being a Grand Steward for that lodge. He trusted he should render the same good suit and service as the past members had done. It would always be his wish to uphold the dignity of their lodge and promote Peace and Harmony.

Bro. BINCKES, P.G.S.B., P.M. and Sec.: I rise with pleasure and gratification to propose the next toast, and it may be necessary to state that I assume this duty by the consent of the I.P.M., on my right, whose privilege it would naturally be to address you. There are reasons which have induced this arrangement, in which Bro. Soppet cheerfully concurs, and while I feel that the duties might be much more ably discharged, it is not for me to shrink from the task. I trust that on such an occasion you will listen to what I have to say with indulgent consideration, inasmuch as having no set oration in the meeting of the lodge it has been considered advisable that allusions should be made to a few salient points which have been recorded from the time of our constitution. Let me assure you, if I find any sign of weariness I shall limit my remarks, and desist from further troubling you. Before proceeding, I must acknowledge my indebtedness to Bro. Sadler, the Grand Tyler and Sub-Librarian, who has assisted me, not only with matter for my address, but also with particulars for the compilation you have before you. The lodge was constituted, as you know, in 1738, and there is nothing recorded down to 1745, when we find from the minutes of Grand Lodge, that the Worshipful Master and Wardens attended Grand Lodge and contributed pretty regularly to Charity. On the 7th March, 1748, the Masters of several lodges were ordered to be summoned to show cause why they had not attended Grand Lodge for some time past, and unfortunately our lodge, then No. 158, was one of the delinquents. On 22nd December, 1748, the W.M. of 158, with others, attended, and promised to be more regular in future. This shows a careful supervision by Grand Lodge over subordinate lodges, very necessary then when the lodges were few, though rendered less necessary now with the large number in existence, it being observed, however, that lodges in default or guilty of neglect at the present day are unpleasantly reminded of their delinquencies by being publicly posted at the various Quarterly Communications. In 1749 we find the lodge fairly represented in Grand Lodge, and in the cash column, and continuing so for many years. In 1760 there were symptoms of decline, but no complaint of non-attendance or non-payment can be found. From the first it seems to have been a Tradesmen's Lodge and to have had numerous members at the close of last century. Its roll was cosmopolitan in character, comprising members of every conceivable profession and occupation—from that comprehensive though undefined term "Gentleman," down to "Barge-man." For the latter I think, without straining a point, we have a right to substitute "Bargeowner," for I can hardly realize any advantage from the admission of a typical "Bargee." The brother so described was John Wilkinson, who joined 28th November, 1811. In 1776 there joined, in June, a brother, "Oliver Cromwell Vile," who in 1780 was Secretary of the Board of Grand Stewards, and it would thus appear that the lodge was occasionally represented by a Grand Steward during the last century. This brother was also a member of the Tuscan Lodge. Up to 1815 the M.W.G.M. claimed the right to nominate Grand Stewards, and he then selected 18 lodges for the right of such nomination, amongst them being No. 60 (then singularly bearing the same number as at present). The title of "Peace and Harmony" was first acquired, as No. 64, in 1789. With 1816 we come to the first Grand Steward chosen by the lodge, Bro. J. G. Godwin, and there is no doubt that he was a brother of prominence, who had actively participated in the work of the Craft, for we find the following entry on the minutes of Grand Lodge, under date 6th September, 1815—two years after the Union—"A motion was made by Bro. Gold-worthy, P.M. No. 3, and seconded by Bro. Godwin, of the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, No. 82, that the thanks of the United Grand Lodge be most dutifully presented to H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, M.W.G.M., for his zealous, unremitting, and fraternal care, in watching over the interest of the Craft, in maintaining its ancient landmarks, and preserving inviolate its true principles and tenets. And all the brethren testified their unanimous and unqualified concurrence by the accustomed honours." In 1816 the number of lodges on the register of United Grand Lodge was between 350 and 400, and it was no doubt regarded as an honour by a lodge to be selected as one of 18 lodges with the privilege of electing a Grand Steward—an honour conferred, one would imagine, for some merit on the part of the lodge, and it may fairly be inferred that the Peace and Harmony Lodge was held in good repute, and obtained that distinc-

tion by the generally praiseworthy manner in which its affairs were conducted, enabling it to maintain a distinguished position owing to the attention shown by its W.M. and officers to the details of the business of the Order. There is little or nothing of interest until we come to the by-laws, which are under date 3rd May, 1738, have the style of "Orders, Rules, and Ordinances," a much more serious and awe-inspiring title than our modern "By-laws." From these there is not much worth extracting, though the following may deserve a passing word of comment: "That the lodge be held every second Tuesday in the month, the brothers to meet at the hour of six in the evening from Michaelmas to Lady-Day, and seven from Lady-Day to Michaelmas, and that no brother call for wine until the Master of the lodge, or his Deputy, assume the chair; or if the Master or Wardens do not come at the hours respectively above mentioned, the brothers may call for wine, &c." The " &c." probably included "smoke" and liquors other than wine. We may gather from this that in the old, primitive days, labour and refreshment were intimately combined, as in these degenerate days is the custom in many lodges of instruction. Having provided for the "use" of these good things, we find provision made against "abuse" in the following by-law: "That no brother, whether he be a member or a visitor, do enter the lodge-room disguised in liquor, or behave indecently towards the Master, Wardens, or any of the brethren in the lodge, on pain of being admonished by the Master, for the first offence; and if, after being so admonished, he does not return to his duty and amend, the Master, for the time being, is hereby authorised and empowered to dismiss and exclude any such visiting brother or member belonging to the lodge, and entirely to deprive him or them of all advantages and privileges therein." I have not found an instance of any enforcement of the penal power of this law, though from the absence of minute books, I dare not claim a total exemption. The next by-law will prove that our brethren of this lodge, 150 years ago, were just as mindful as any of us Moderns of the qualifications essential in every candidate for admission into the Order, and that the lessons inculcated in these days were enforced by our predecessors, as they are now. "That no person be made a Free and Accepted Mason, in this Lodge, or, if a Mason, a member thereof—unless well-known, to one member or more, to be a person of virtuous principles and integrity, and not a bondsman, but such as by his own consent is desirous to become a brother, it being contrary to our established Constitution to persuade or engage any person thereto, and it is hereby recommended to every good Mason, and particularly to the brethren of this lodge, that they be careful who they recommend to be made Masons, that they may not bring any Disreputation"—there is a charmingly fine ring in these old time words—"on the Craft." We find that on the 28th January, 1819, at a meeting held at the Bay Tree Tavern, St. Swithin's Lane, London, "This Lodge doth unanimously annul and make void all By-laws and Regulations now of force therein from and after the day on which H.R.H. Prince Augustus Frederick, Duke of Sussex, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, shall have declared his sanction to certain new and amended by-laws herein afterwards set forth and specified." There is one law not only worthy of notice, but of adoption by lodges in the present day—in the face of instances to which it is not necessary to make specific allusion. "The Master and Wardens are to demand sufficient security from the Treasurer, and should any loss happen in consequence of their neglect herein, they shall be held responsible to the lodge." In these amended laws there is inculcated the exercise of the same strict caution as to candidates for membership of this lodge, and even further emphasised: "Such persons only as are of good reputation for upright and moral conduct, and who are enabled by some honest profession"—(how would this apply to the case of the "Barge-man" of 1811?)—"to support themselves and their families creditably, shall be deemed eligible to become members of this lodge, and the Masters and Wardens, for the time being, are especially required to inform themselves respecting every candidate before the ballot takes place." While we hear this caution over and over again, line upon line, and precept upon precept, laid down in Consecration ceremonies, we find that in our old lodge the necessity for the strictest exercise of discretion in the choice of members as forcibly impressed as at the present day. If those lessons have been forgotten, it is evident that blame in this respect cannot attach to the members of our old lodge. So much for the by-laws. What has the lodge done on behalf of Masonic Charity? Well, our record is not a very brilliant one, or one which we can regard altogether with complacency. It must, however, be stated, that the lodge has never been in a condition which may be called "wealthy," the balance in the hands of the Treasurer having been rarely more than moderate. We have contributed about £161 15s. to the Masonic Institutions, and we possess 29 votes; while, as a rule, we send up two Stewards at least in each year to represent the lodge. Let us hope that in this respect the future will show an improvement on the past. Now I come to the distinctions in Grand Lodge. I think the members are just as anxious as members of other lodges, for what, to use a hackneyed expression, is called "the purple," and which may be regarded as an object of legitimate ambition by every brother from the moment of his initiation. The members of this lodge who have been honoured with appointments in Grand Lodge are but few in number. They are:

1. Jos. Douglas, Grand Steward, 1826, S.G.D., 1839.
2. Geo. P. de Rhe Philipe, " " 1828, G.S.B., 1837.
3. R.T. Crucefix, M.D., " " 1833, J.G.D., 1836.
4. J. Hodgkinson, " " 1847, S.G.D., 1852.
5. J. N. Tomkins, " " 1849, J.G.D., 1855.
6. Wm. Young, " " 1857, G.S.B., 1864.
7. Fredk. Binckes, " " 1867, P.G.S.B., 1887.
8. Jas. T. Collins, " " 1870, G.S.B., 1874.

This would give a total of 8 appointments to Grand Office, but you must take it as seven-and-half, because I have been told, on high authority, that I am only half a Grand Officer. If I am only a moiety of a Grand Officer, I hope you will accept the honour done to the lodge in my person, and that the next brother thus honoured may be equal to one-and-half, which would equalise matters. Whether this brief list may be considered adequate to the deserts of so old, so meritorious, so faithful, and so distinguished a lodge must be left to the judgment of the Supreme Rulers of the

Masonic portion of the universe, and does not call for comment from me. The retrospect of 150 years is a lengthy one, and it would ill become me to dwell upon the "chances and changes" of that period. Indeed, had I been disposed to do so, our eloquent friend Bro. Philbrick has anticipated me, and so rendered unnecessary any observations on these events. I need hardly say what a source of intense satisfaction and pride it is that the Peace and Harmony Lodge, small in numbers, should be supported on such an occasion by so numerous a gathering of good and distinguished members of our Order—many of them personal friends of members of the lodge—each and all receiving a hearty welcome, on honouring us with their presence to participate in the proceedings of this memorable evening. To-night we complete a century and a half of what, I think, we may fairly claim to have been a prosperous existence, and to-morrow we enter on a new epoch. "As the days shall make the weeks, the weeks the months, the months add themselves and make the years, the years roll on into the centuries," let us indulge in the hope that the prosperity of this lodge may be increased, its usefulness extended, its benevolence developed, and its hospitality maintained. I think you are fully in possession of what little history there is, and which is supplemented by the book before you, containing a record of the principal items of interest concerning our good old lodge, and, if you will allow me, I will couple with the toast "Prosperity to the Lodge." Let me now leave the "concrete," and proceed to the "abstract," the most difficult portion of my duty, for I am going to ask—What manner of man is he who is our immediate ruler and governor? When I venture to ask this question I will be presumptuous enough to answer it. To start with, he is one of the most accomplished W.M.'s the lodge ever possessed. I ask those, not only who are visitors for the first time, and have had the opportunity of listening to the ceremonials in the lodge, there rendered by him in a manner so perfect that it is only equalled by the ability and geniality with which he presides over us at the banquet table—but those who are members of the lodge and whose experience will justify my not empty eulogy. Bro. Josing has served every office, and has given satisfaction to every W.M., ultimately arriving at the highest position the lodge can bestow upon him, and we regard him as one of the brightest ornaments of which the lodge can boast. I could say more if he were not present. I am not guilty of idle compliment in saying that to know him is to regard and esteem him, and that it would be impossible to have the subject of the W.M. of a lodge to place before a large gathering such as we see here to-night with qualifications more calculated to inspire confidence in submitting such a proposal than those I place before you in connection with the name of Bro. Josing. I ask you to join me in wishing him "God speed" in his after career. We indulge in the hope that when he retires from the chair he fills so well we shall not lose the benefit of his services, and that when he comes amongst what, without egotism, I may call the honoured rank of the Past Masters, he may still retain the proud position in their estimation which he has always held in the lodge. I have very few words to add. I want you to rectify by your heartiness the imperfections of which I may have been guilty. My duty, which has not been an easy one, is now ended, and my thanks are due to the members of the lodge, and to the large number of visitors over whom the W.M. so effectively presides, for the kindness with which they have listened to my remarks.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in reply, said that those delights were the greatest which were the most difficult to attain, and the complication of circumstances and the proud position he occupied compelled him in honesty to admit that the delight became somewhat modified, inasmuch as it necessitated an acknowledgment of compliments which were in excess of his merits. He had also to acknowledge the eloquent terms in which those compliments were conveyed. Allusion had been made to the satisfactory manner in which the work had been performed during the year he had had the honour to preside. He had always upheld, and still maintained, that he who aspired to the honour of being W.M. of a lodge was in duty bound to capacitate himself for the proper discharge of the duties devolving upon the post. Bro. Binckes had given them in a most comprehensive, lucid, and creditable manner many interesting details concerning the lodge, and he would assure them that in years to come it would give him pleasure to look back upon the year that he presided over them, and in which three such important events had been celebrated as the Jubilee of her Majesty's reign, the Silver Wedding of the M.W.G.M., and the 150th Anniversary of the Peace and Harmony Lodge.

Bro. BINCKES, in giving "The Visitors," said he approached a difficult task which assumed exceptional importance, as the visiting brethren, greatly to their gratification, outnumbered the members of the lodge. They knew that as a rule Masons were given to hospitality, and he should be sorry if the Peace and Harmony Lodge proved an exception, especially on an occasion like the present, when they had been exceedingly anxious to properly entertain their visitors, and he was gratified to find that their endeavours had been crowned with success. The members were delighted to see such a phalanx of visitors to whom they extended a hearty welcome. They knew that even in the domestic circle, however happy that circle might be, it was occasionally enlivened by the presence of a good humoured, sympathetic guest. There was no doubt that the members of that lodge with the traditions they had inherited, in spite of penal by-laws to the contrary, were well able to conduct their proceedings and social business among themselves, even if they had no visitors, and would in so doing be carrying out one of the principles of Masonry—that of being happy themselves. But they would not be happy if they did not carry out the duty of communicating happiness to others. It had been their object to gather together, and he thought they had not failed, as thoroughly a representative gathering of Masons as possible, and it was a source of pleasure to the W.M. and members, although they had been disappointed by many distinguished brethren, to see at the social board the representatives of the financial, legal, and ceremonial branches of the Order, together with representatives of the Charitable Institutions. Having particularised the visiting brethren, and having made allusions to the abilities and qualifications of the more distinguished of their number, Bro. Binckes called upon the members to testify by the warmth of their reception, the heartiness of the welcome extended to the visitors, coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Plucknett, Imbert Terry, and J. C. Parkinson, and a brother of the Pythagoras Lodge, Athens.

Bro. PLUCKNETT, on behalf of the visitors, returned thanks for the pleasure their visit had afforded them. He congratulated the lodge with sincerity on its antiquity and on the fact that it had for so many years carried out the principles of Masonry. He hoped that the hospitality extended by the lodge and the prosperity it had evinced would continue for many years to come, and that for centuries it would enjoy the high position it had attained.

Bro. IMBERT TERRY said he cordially reiterated the wish expressed that they might live to see the 200th anniversary, and if on that occasion they received the excellent entertainment and hearty welcome they had experienced that evening, it would be worth living for. He ventured to thank them on behalf of himself and the other visitors for the honour done them in inviting them on that occasion. In conclusion he wished every possible prosperity to the lodge.

Bro. J. C. PARKINSON said his first and most pleasurable duty was to congratulate the lodge on its career of the past 150 years. The W.M. who so ably presided over them had testified by the aptness of his observations and the felicity of their expression that the traditions of the lodge lost nothing at his hands and peace and harmony were as well represented that night as in the past. He was indebted to Bro. Binckes for his kindness in alluding to the circumstance that he (Bro. Parkinson) was indebted to him for performing the installation ceremony the first time he ever went into the chair of a lodge, and from which he dated so much happiness and pleasure. He was further indebted, for the pleasure of being present that evening, to the brother on his right who was a member of a lodge, not as old as the Peace and Harmony Lodge, but with a record of 120 years. Their membership extended over some 30 years and they were still standing shoulder to shoulder, he, in the chair for the third time and his friend as an active member. At that late hour of the evening the difficulty was, not what to say, but how to compress it. They had had so much presented to them in so able a manner concerning the historical points connected with the past 150 years, that it would be unnecessary for him to dwell upon the facts which welled up in his mind as to the condition of the Community when the lodge was founded. In the entire history of the civilised world, the last 150 years had made more progress than any preceding period before it. There were three especial points to which he would refer—light, the transmission of intelligence, and locomotion. When that lodge was founded, if a great dignitary wished to illuminate his palace he resorted to the same means as Belshazzar did—a multiplicity of candles. If a man wished to convey a message quickly, he saddled a horseman and despatched him on the errand. The inventions in the days when that lodge was founded were precisely the same as those mentioned in the Old Testament. Those were pregnant facts he would leave the brethren to dwell upon. He thanked the members for the reception given the visitors, who had had a welcome they would not easily forget.

"The Past Masters" was then given by the W. MASTER, and responded to by Bros. KENT and SOPPE, who thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kindness, and assured them that the P.M.'s were animated by one idea—to promote the interest and welfare of the lodge.

In submitting "The Masonic Institutions," Bro. LAYTON, S.W., said he should have been diffident in proposing the toast had he not known he had a sympathetic audience. He thought that all brethren would recognise that the Masonic Institutions were the pride of their lodges. Bro. Binckes had given them a retrospect of some circumstances connected with the lodge, and he could not help remembering that he was wearing a centenary jewel of the Universal Lodge, and had taken out a large number of extracts from the records of that lodge. Amongst the old relics was a glove in which the contributions to Charity were received. The records of 120 years proved that Masonry was charitable then, and there were continual extracts showing that poor members had been relieved from the funds of the lodge. He did not think they had detracted in their Masonic Charity. Unless Charity had been attached to the lodges he questioned if Masonry would have prospered as it had. In looking round that room he saw striking evidence of the work being done by the considerable number of decorations worn by the brethren indicative of the large number of Stewardships they had served on behalf of the Institutions. They could not help noticing that, while the Order increased the necessity for increased Charity also existed. The Masonic Institutions were the grandest Charitable Institutions in the country, and deserved the unanimous support of the Craft. Some short time ago it became his duty to prepare statistics of the number of people contributing to the Charities in London. He collected 20 lists of subscribers, and, entirely omitting the Masonic Institutions, he found that the Charitable Institutions in London were supported by but 75,000 people. It was incredible that the large hospitals should be supported by so small a number of people. He thought, however, that the Masonic Institutions were an exception, and that a larger proportion subscribed to them. It was well known that there were about 1200 Stewards who had sent in their names to support the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at the 100th Anniversary. He lived near the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, so ably represented by Bro. Terry, and if the brethren visited that Institution frequently as he did, they would find it admirably managed. He was permitted to associate with that toast the name of Bro. Terry.

Bro. JAS. TERRY, P.G.S.B., Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in response, said that the brother who proposed the toast had paid a great compliment to Bro. Binckes in saying he had been the pioneer of the great success which had attended the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. As a colleague of Bro. Binckes, he could tell them that when he was appointed Secretary of his Institution, that brother kindly gave him introductions to the Provinces, and wherever he had the opportunity of saying anything on behalf of the Girls' or Benevolent Institutions he had willingly done so. With respect to the Festivals, they knew full well that the Benevolent Institution Festival had taken place when they succeeded in raising an amount sufficient to pay the annuities for the year. The Girls' School Festival was engrossing all attention, which he ventured to think was but right, for it was the first centenary that had ever taken place in any Masonic Institution in the world. England was the first place that gave those Institutions their birth, and he was certain that other countries had copied their example. Fifty years before an Institution was started, this lodge was in existence, when the glove went round, and no doubt many received

immediate relief. Fifty years after the lodge was started came a most important epoch in the history of our Institutions. The brethren knew how successful that history had been the annual incomes now being about £10,000 for the Girls' School, £11,000 for the Boys', and 15,000 for the Benevolent Institution. He had to sincerely thank the members of this lodge for the support they had rendered to the Institutions. Doubtless, with the position occupied by Bro. Binckes, the Boys' School would receive their first sympathy, but he knew there had always been a continuous supply of Stewards for the Benevolent Institution. He hoped the lodge would long prosper in its career of usefulness. Speaking for his colleagues and himself, he was convinced they had but one desire, and that it was to leave their Institutions when the management departed from their hands in a far better position than when they were when entrusted to them. How zealously Bro. Binckes had laboured they all knew, and it was for the world to say how far he had copied him. He again thanked Bro. Binckes for the kind assistance he had invariably rendered him.

Bro. BINCKES said that under ordinary circumstances he should not add one word, but he wished to return his sincere thanks for the generous sentiments expressed by Bro. Terry, and for the graceful and undeserved eulogiums made by that brother with reference to himself. It showed there was a good spirit animating the representatives of the respective Institutions.

In giving "The Officers," the W.M. said he desired to express his thanks to those officers who had so kindly assisted him, and who had so largely contributed to the success during the past year. He sincerely hoped that Bro. Layton, the W.M. elect, would have an enjoyable year of office. He desired more especially to thank the Treasurer and Secretary for their very efficient services, and he would have felt uncomfortable if he had not made some reference to those two officers.

Bro. LAYTON, S.W. and W.M. elect, said he cordially agreed with the W.M. that a brother who aspired to the dignity of the chair should be prepared to accept the duties attached to the position. He should endeavour to do his duty in the chair, and he was sure the lodge, being an indulgent one, would spare a brother who was getting on in old age. He hoped they would always consider that the greatest care was necessary in the admission of members, for the social position of the members of the lodge was on an equality, and they enjoyed each other's society. He hoped that whatever initiates came into the lodge, the members who introduced them would bear in mind that they should be those whom they could introduce at their own private tables, and whose hearts were open to the objects of Masonry—more especially the support of Charity and the maintenance of the ritual.

Bro. YOUNG, Treas., on behalf of the officers, also returned thanks. As officers they had endeavoured to discharge their duties, and they might congratulate themselves upon the success of the endeavours of every individual member. He should like to mention that the whole of the arrangements had fallen on one fully capable member—Bro. Binckes—to whom all honour was due, and the brethren owed him a deep debt of gratitude for the immense amount of labour he had undergone in getting together the details of his historical sketch.

The Tyler's toast then closed the proceedings. Hearty thanks were conveyed from the chair, and fully endorsed by the brethren, to Bro. Dr. Lott, P.G. Organist, for his kindness in presiding at the pianoforte during the evening.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management of this Institution held its regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday afternoon. Bro. Jabez Hogge, P.G.D., occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; J. J. Berry, Albert Fish, M. B. Dancill, John Bulmer, E. Bolton, James Brett, P.G.P.; J. Newton, A. H. Tattershall, Henry Maudslay, P.G.D.; W. H. Perryman, P.G.P.; W. A. Scurah, C. J. Perceval, W. Hilton, H. Garrod, P.G.P.; Charles G. Hill, Henry Cox, Hugh Carter, Charles Kempton, Charles Lacey, Louis Stean, W. J. Marlis, W. Belchamber, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; and James Terry, P.G.S.B., (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the deaths of two male candidates and one widow annuitant.

The Warden's Report for the past month having been read, the draft annual report as prepared by the Committee appointed to draw it up was submitted and approved.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Obituary.

BRO. J. BROOK-SMITH, M.A., P.G.D., D.P.G.M. GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The Province of Gloucester has sustained a heavy loss in the death of its Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. Brook-Smith, M.A., P.G.D., which occurred very suddenly on Saturday last, at his residence, Boyne House, Cheltenham. Bro. Brook-Smith had suffered for some months past from a failure of the voice, the origin of which appeared to be a matter of considerable doubt, but a temporary rest from his duties as master of Cheltenham College, which necessarily involved some strain upon the vocal organs, had been prescribed as likely to result in his complete restoration to health. So little was a fatal result thought to be eminent that a few weeks ago he accepted promotion from the second Mastership to the post of Head Master of the Modern Department of the College, offered him by the College Council, and that done so under the sanction of his medical men. The prospect of increased work at the College had led him, a fortnight before his death, to resign the Deputyship of the province but the formal filling up of the vacancy had not been made, (though it is known that the post had been accepted by Bro. Vassar Smith) and he may be regarded as having died with the harness of his responsible office still upon him. An aneurism of the heart is believed to have been

the cause of death, and the end was as painless it was sudden. Bro. Brook-Smith was born at Huddersfield, in July, 1824, was educated at Huddersfield College, and thence proceeding to Edinburgh University, won there the gold medal for mathematics. Passing from Edinburgh to Cambridge, he graduated M.A. at the latter University, again gaining distinction in mathematics. About the year 1849 he was appointed a master in the Cheltenham College and continued that connection until his death. Among the many distinguished men who passed through his classes we may mention Bros. Sir Charles Warren, Sir Charles Wilson, and the late Col. Barrow, the Sudan hero, while the sons of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, had also been entrusted to his training. Bro. Brook-Smith's initiation into Masonry took place, we believe, in the Foundation Lodge, No. 82, Cheltenham, about the year 1852. A year later he joined the Royal Union Lodge, No. 246, in the same town, and in 1856 he was chosen W.M. of that lodge. The year 1856 witnessed the revival of a Provincial Grand Lodge in Gloucestershire, and Bro. Brook-Smith was appointed first J.G.W. of the province. He was re-elected a second year to the chair of 246, and in 1866 was also chosen W.M. of the Foundation Lodge. As a P.M. of the two lodges he continued to take an active part in their work, serving at different times as Treasurer of both, and in 1877 he was Treasurer of the province. On the resignation in 1880 of the offices of Prov. Grand Master and Deputy Prov. Grand Master by Lord Sherborne and Bro. Newmarch respectively, and the appointment to the former of R.W. Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bro. Brook-Smith was selected for the post of Deputy, to the universal satisfaction of the brethren of the province. Since his appointment to this position, as, indeed, before it, he has taken unceasing interest in the working of the province, and showing himself a knowledge of Masonic ritual surpassed by few in the country, he has spared no pains in imparting that knowledge to the lodges under his charge. His selection last year for investiture by the Grand Master as a Past Grand Deacon, at the Jubilee celebration in the Albert Hall, was a well-deserved and popular recognition of the services he had rendered in his province. As an Arch Mason, Bro. Brook-Smith had served as P.Z. in No. 82, in 1863, and was the chief mover in the formation of a Provincial Grand Chapter for Gloucestershire in 1884, of which he was appointed first J. In the Mark Degree he served the office of W.M. in the Cheltenham and Keystone, No. 10, in 1859 and 1875; was Senior Warden of Gloucestershire in 1883; and G.M.O. in 1882. His connection with other branches of Masonry did not begin until a comparatively recent period, but he was P.E.P. of the Cotswold Preceptory, No. 72, P.M.W.S. St. Thomas's Chapter, R.C., and 30°. The funeral took place on Tuesday, at Cheltenham Cemetery, and was a remarkable expression of the respect in which our brother was held by his colleagues and the students at the college, his fellow citizens, and the Craft. Of the brethren, about 150 attended from all parts of the province, wearing mourning, but no distinctive Masonic token. As they assembled at the cemetery gates, however, they were each presented with a sprig of acacia, which they carried in the procession, and afterwards threw into the grave as they slowly filed past it. The acacia had been telegraphed for from the Continent on behalf of the Royal Union Lodge, by its present W.M., Bro. Vassar Smith, and the incident, though a slight one, is an evidence of the affection it was intended to express towards the memory of the lodge's oldest Past Master. Among the many placed upon the coffin were wreaths from the Prov. G.M. (Bro. Sir Michael Hicks Beach), who was himself kept away by official duties; from the two Cheltenham lodges, the Foundation and Royal Union; the Faith and Friendship Lodge, Berkeley; The Royal Gloucestershire and the Royal Lebanon and the Zetland Lodges, Gloucester; from Bro. and Mrs. Vassar Smith, Bro. and Mrs. Porcher, Bro. Sir Charles and Lady Warren, Bro. G. Vinnett, and Bro. Rev. P. Hattersley Smith. The funeral service, it should be added, was conducted by the principal of Cheltenham College, Bro. the Rev. Dr. Kynaster, P.G. Chap. of the province.

BRO. ALEXANDER BARBER, P.M.

Bro. Alexander Barber died at his residence, 104, London-road, Ipswich, on Tuesday, the 1st inst. Bro. Barber was born in Ipswich on the 28th January, 1808. In early life he joined the army, and served with distinction in the rebellion in Canada in 1837-38, and filled many responsible positions, both military and civil. Amongst which he was for many years in charge of the Ipswich Barracks. Bro. Barber was an ardent Freemason, having been admitted into the Order about 58 years ago. He passed the chair in 1840; and for the past 28 years has been Secretary of St. Luke's Lodge. He was a man of most exemplary life and scrupulous character. He leaves an aged widow and large family. The funeral took place on Friday, when the large attendance of brethren and inhabitants of Ipswich testified to the respect in which he was held. The following Past Masters acted as pall bearers: Bros. E. Scrivener, W.M.; F. J. Noble, I.P.M.; John Talbot, P.P.G.S.B.; J. L. Brook, J.W.; B. King, P.M. 376; Geo. Abbot, P.P.G.S.B.; A. W. Cook, and Jos. Whitehead. The other members of the lodge present included: Bros. J. Napier, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; C. Wyford, P.M.; S. J. Morley, S.W.; G. P. Price, J.D.; W. Whitehead, I.G.; W. Leathers, W. J. Leggett, W. H. Cook, J. W. Blumfield, R. Senton, A. Senton, T. Turner, J. W. Daniels, and Geo. Gould, Tyler. Bro. Tracy, the Prov. Grand Secretary, and Bro. H. J. Wright, P.A.G.S., also attended. The first portion of the service was performed at St. Matthew's Church, Ipswich. As the coffin—which was covered with the lodge banner and Masonic collars and aprons of the deceased—was borne into the church, the Organist, Bro. T. Palmer, played "O, rest in the Lord," "Mendelssohn," and subsequently at the conclusion of the service, Beethoven's "Funeral March." The Rev. F. Haslewood and the Rev. A. H. Hayes officiated both in the church and at the cemetery. The brethren each deposited a small sprig of acacia in the open grave. Amongst the wreaths on the coffin was a very handsome one from the members of St. Luke's Lodge, and others from the Rev. C. J. Martyn, of Long Melford, D.P.G.M., Mr. and Mrs. John Pells, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barber, Mr. J. Napier, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cook, and others. The chief mourners were Mr. Alexander Barber, Mr. J. Pells Mrs. Alfred J. Barber, Mr. J. C. Pells, and Mr. F. Pells.



We regret that an error crept into our report of the Quarterly Communication of Supreme Grand Chapter last week. It was stated that the chair of M.E.Z. was occupied by Comp. Col. Caldwell—it should have been Comp. Col. A. W. Adair, G. Superintendent of Somerset.

The Worshipful Company of Merchant Taylors have made a grant of ten guineas to the Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen.

Bro. the Earl of Milltown will preside at the dinner which will take place to-day (Friday) at the Hotel Victoria, in celebration of the opening of the International Club.

Bro. Lord and Lady Harlech left Grosvenor Crescent last week for Tetworth, near Ascot, while Bro. Lord and Lady Egerton of Tatton left London on the 4th inst. for the Continent.

It is officially announced that her Majesty's birthday will be publicly celebrated on Saturday, the 2nd June, when the usual parades and ministerial dinners will be given in honour of the event.

Bro. Gourley, M.P., introduced a deputation of seamen and firemen from various north-eastern ports to the Home Secretary on Monday, for the purpose of submitting their views upon the Employers' Liability Bill.

Bro. Sir Albert Woods (Garter) attended officially at the investiture by the Queen, at Windsor Castle, on Monday, of the Marquis of Londonderry, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, as a Knight of the Garter.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughters were present at the christening in the Chapel Royal, St. James's, of the infant daughter of Bro. Sir Francis and Lady Knollys. The Prince and Princess stood as sponsors for the child.

On Saturday last the Duchess of Albany was present in the Parkes Museum and distributed certificates to the ladies who had passed the examination following the lectures on domestic hygiene by Dr. A. T. Schofield, special lecturer to the National Health Society.

On Tuesday next the Marchioness of Salisbury will unveil, at the Mansion House, a bust of the Prime Minister, which has been purchased by private subscription among the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriff, and Common Councillors, for presentation to the Corporation of the City of London.

The third annual meeting of the Soldiers and Sailors Families Association was held at the Royal United Service Institution on Saturday last, under the presidency of the Duchess of Teck, Bros. Major-General Sir Redvers Buller and Major-General Sir Evelyn Wood being among those in attendance.

Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough arrived at Windsor Castle on Saturday last on a visit to the Queen, and had the honour of dining with the Royal Family. On Sunday his lordship, assisted by the Dean of Windsor, officiated at Divine service in the private chapel, and afterwards preached the sermon.

We are pleased to confirm the report that Bro. B. Baroni, of the Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687, and Bro. L. Gargini, of the Fidelity Lodge, No. 3, have concluded a partnership, and have taken possession of the Globe Restaurant, Coventry-street, since the 21st April. We trust their numerous friends will give them all the support they so well deserve, and we wish them every success.

A number of Devonians resident in London dined together at the Holborn Restaurant on Saturday last for the purpose of inaugurating a reunion of Devonians which it is intended shall take place annually. Bros. Sir J. H. Puleston, M.P., J. Willing, and R. J. Albery were among those present, and letters regretting their inability to be present were read from Bros. Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P., Sir John Mowbray, M.P., and Sir Roper Lethbridge, M.P.

A Wardmote of Farringdon Within was held at Christ's Hospital on Monday, for the purpose of electing a successor to Bro. Sir B. S. Phillips, who has resigned as Alderman of the Ward on the ground of ill-health and increasing years. Bro. the Lord Mayor presided, and Mr. G. Faudel Phillips, son of the retiring Alderman, was unanimously elected to the vacancy. A resolution of respect and esteem by the inhabitants for their late chief was then agreed to, and was ordered to be engrossed on vellum, and presented to Sir B. S. Phillips. A vote of thanks to Bro. the Lord Mayor for presiding brought the proceedings to a close.

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, Fortress-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 supplied artificial 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.”

Prince Albert Victor of Wales will have a degree conferred upon him at Cambridge on the 9th June, when it is expected the Prince and Princess of Wales will be present to witness the ceremony.

Bro. Lord Herschell presided at a meeting held on Friday, the 4th inst., of the Royal Commission upon the Gold and Silver Currency, it being the first occasion on which a meeting had been held for six weeks.

Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston, the new Governor General of Canada, was entertained at a dinner at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, by the members of the Canada Club, in celebration of his appointment to office.

The Duke of Cambridge, Bro. the Earl of Airlie, Bro. General Sir F. Fitzwygram, Bart., M.P., and others, were present at the annual festival at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

The will of the late Bro. the Hon. H. F. Cowper, brother and heir presumptive of Bro. Earl Cowper, has recently been proved, the personalty being sworn at upwards of £45,812. Bro. Earl Cowper is the deceased's residuary legatee.

The annual festival in aid of the funds of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, will take place at the Hotel Metropole, to-morrow (Saturday) evening, when Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill has kindly promised to occupy the chair.

Bro. Major-General Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., K.C.B., presided at a meeting, held at the War Office on Saturday last, of the Departmental Committee appointed to consider the organisation of the new regiment of mounted infantry.

We regret to hear that Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., who was recovering from the effects of his fall on Good Friday, has caught a chill, and is lying seriously ill at Walton Hall, Warrington, with congestion of the lungs.

Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor of England), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Lord George Hamilton, M.P., and Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., attended the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Saturday last.

It is gratifying to know that the improvement in the health of the Emperor Frederick which set in some time since has been fairly well maintained, and that his Majesty has recovered some of his strength. We sincerely trust these favourable conditions will remain.

OPENING OF THE BERKELEY RESTAURANT.—Another first-class dining place has been added to the many that have sprung up in London during the last few years. The latest—the Berkeley—comes under the fostering care of the St. James's Hotel in Piccadilly, and its success is therefore to some extent assured. The almost unrivalled position of this well-known house, situated in the best part of Piccadilly, and overlooking the Green Park, gives it advantages that few establishments possess, and should secure it exceptional patronage. An excellent start was made on Saturday, when the opening dinner took place, and a large number assembled at the invitation of Bro. W. C. Hale, the Chairman of the company. Bro. A. M. Broadley presided, and the new Chef supplied one of the choicest dinners possible. In proposing “Success to the Establishment,” Bro. Broadley expressed a hope that the establishment, so beautifully situated within view of the charming Green Park, would become the Café Angla's of London. The toast was heartily received, Bro. Hale responding. Bro. Augustus Harris returned thanks for “The Visitors,” reiterating the favourable opinions expressed of the Berkeley Restaurant under its new direction.

Among the guests at the annual dinner at the Criterion on Friday, the 4th inst., of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers were, Bros. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Lord Ashbourne, Lord Stalbridge, Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., Sir Frederick Abel, Col. Duncan, M.P., and Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P.

By the kind invitation of the Moira Lodge, 326, a fraternal visit was paid by 19 officers and brethren of the Coleridge Lodge, 1750, on Wednesday, the 2nd instant. A hearty reception was accorded the visitors, who welcomed the brethren of the Moira Lodge to a return visit at an early date.

To-morrow (Saturday) the Duchess of Albany will distribute the prizes to the Volunteer Medical Staff Corps at the Guildhall, London. Bro. the Lord Mayor will preside on the occasion, after his return from attending in state with Bros. Sheriffs Higgs and Davies at the opening of the Italian Exhibition, Earl's Court, Kensington.

Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser, who is Alderman of the Ward of Farringdon-Without, entertained a large number of its leading citizens at dinner at the Mansion House on Friday, the 4th inst., Bros. Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P., Philbrick, Q.C., the Hon. Mark Napier, Willey Wright, and others being among the guests.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at the 61st Anniversary Festival of the Printers' Pension, Almshouse, and Orphan Asylum Corporation, the festivity being celebrated at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday evening, and Bros. Sheriffs Higgs and Davies, Under-Sheriff Beard, Collingridge, and others being present. The subscriptions announced in the course of the evening, including some special legacies of over £7000, amounted to £9507.

The installation of Sir Knight Major J. W. Woodall as V.E. Prov. Prior of N. and E. Yorkshire will take place in June at York, when it is expected a very large gathering of Knights Templar of this and the neighbouring Provinces of Durham, Northumberland, and West Yorkshire, also representatives from the United States of America and Canada, will be present.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Teachings of Experience.—The united testimony of thousands, extending over more than forty years, most strongly recommends these Pills as the best purifiers, the mildest aperients, and the surest restoratives. They never prove delusive, or give merely temporary relief, but attack all ailments of the stomach, lungs, heart, head, and bowels in the only safe, and legitimate way, by depriving the blood, and so eradicating those impurities which are the source and constituent of almost every disease. Their medical efficacy is wonderful in renovating enfeebled constitutions. Their action embraces all that is desirable in a household medicine. They expel every noxious and effete matter, and thus the strength is nurtured and the energies stimulated.—ADVT.

Bro. F. H. Gottlieb has removed, for a time, from St. Leonard's, and his address is now National Conservative Club, Pall Mall.

Bro. George W. Elliot, M.P., and Mrs. and Miss Elliot have arrived at 1, Park-street, Park-lane, from Scruton Hall, Northallerton, for the season.

Bro. the Earl of Jersey presided at a meeting of Old Etonians held by permission of the Duke of Westminster on Thursday, in aid of the building fund of the Eton Mission Church.

H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany has consented to distribute the prizes at the Warehousemen, Clerks' and Drapers' Schools, Russell-hill, Purley, Surrey (Caterham Junction Station), on Saturday, July 7th next.

Bro. Earl and Countess Ferrers have left London for Aix-les-Bains, while Bro. Sir Henry and Lady Keppel and Miss Keppel have arrived at 9, Westbourne-place, Eaton-square.

Bro. the Earl of Fife entertained the members of the Liberal Union Club at dinner at his residence in Cavendish-square, on Tuesday evening, the guests being very numerous on the occasion.

The Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 861, has removed from 42, Threadneedle-street, to the London Coffee House Tavern, Ludgate Hill, E.C., where all future meetings will be held every Tuesday evening from seven till nine o'clock.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at the 150th anniversary of the Royal Society of Musicians of Great Britain, the celebration taking place in St. James's Hall on Tuesday evening. His lordship was well supported, among the numerous guests being Bros. Sheriff Davies, Col. Shaw-Hillier, Lieut. Dan Godfrey, W. Ganz, P.G.O.; Lennox Browne, F.R.C.S.; J. Lewis Thomas, and C. S. Jekyll, P.G.O. The subscriptions amounted to about £1500.

The Prince and Princess of Wales arrived at Dalzell House, Motherwell, the residence of Lord Hamilton, about eight miles from Glasgow, and on Tuesday in fine weather, and to the intense delight of the Glaswegians, who thronged the streets in vast numbers, opened the great Glasgow International Exhibition, among the distinguished persons present being Bro. the Duke of Abercorn and the Duchess of Abercorn, Bros. the Earls of Home and Stair, Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., M.P., Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Bro. Sir F. Abel, Lord Herschell, and others. On Wednesday their Royal Highnesses visited Blackburn, and it being the first time the borough had been honoured with a visit by Royalty, the town was crowded in every part, and the streets and houses handsomely decorated with flags and banners and all kinds of devices. Shortly after their arrival the Royal party were driven to the site of the new Technical School, which is about to be erected, and the Prince laid the foundation-stone with the accustomed formalities and amid the heartiest demonstrations of loyalty.

WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAYS.—The London and North Western Railway Company announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad-street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day from Monday, May 14th, to Monday, May 21st, inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of the passengers. Tickets for all the principal stations on the London and North Western System and its connections can be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) at the following Town Receiving Offices of the Company: 15, Queen-street, E.C.; Spread Eagle, 3, Whittington Avenue, Leadenhall Market, E.C.; Swan-with-two-Necks, Gresham-street, E.C.; 13, Eastcheap; Cross Keys, Wood-street, Cheapside, E.C.; 22, Aldersgate-street, E.C.; 65, Aldgate, E.; 30, West Smithfield, E.C.; 8 and 9, Clerkenwell Green, E.C.; Bolt-in-Tun, Fleet-street, E.C.; 116 and 117, Holborn, E.C.; George and Blue Bear, High Holborn, W.C.; 43, New Oxford-street, W.C.; Universal Office, Spread Eagle, Piccadilly Circus, W.; Golden Cross, Charing Cross, W.C.; Hotel Windsor (late Army and Navy Hotel), Victoria-street, S.W.; 23, Edgware-road, W.; Atlas Office, 167, Tottenham Court-road, W.C.; 70, St. Martin's-lane, W.C.; Lion, 108, New Bond-street, W.; 496, Oxford-street, W.; Griffin's Green Man and Still, 241, Oxford-street, W.; 33, Hereford-road, Bayswater, W.; Knightsbridge, 34, Albert Gate, S.W.; Kensington, 33, High-street, W.; 117, Borough, S.E.; 233 and 234, Blackfriars-road, S.E.; Surrey Railway Office, 138, Newington Causeway, S.E.; 194, Westminster Bridge-road, S.E.; Islington, “Angel,” 5, Pentonville-road, N. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from either Euston or Kensington (Addison-road), and will be issued at the same fares as are charged at these stations. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Tickets can also be obtained at Gaze and Son's Tourist Office, 142, Strand, at the same fares as at Euston Station. On Saturday, the 10th inst., a special train will leave London (Euston) for Birmingham (New-street) at 10.15 a.m., calling at Willesden 10.25, Hetchley 11.10, Northampton 11.45, and Rugby 12.15 noon. A special express train for Birmingham (New-street) will also leave London (Euston) at 4.20 p.m., calling at Willesden, Rugby, Coventry, and Stechford only, arriving at Birmingham (New-street) at 7 p.m. Special express trains will leave Birmingham (New-street) at 2.5 and 4.5 p.m. for Northampton (Castle), calling at Stechford, Coventry, and Rugby. On this date the 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. express trains from Birmingham (New-street) will not convey passengers for Stechford, Coventry, Rugby, and Northampton. On Bank Holiday, Whit Monday, May 21st, the express trains to and from the City, St. Albans, Watford, and Kensington, will not be run. The through carriage to London on the 1 p.m. train from Leamington, and the through carriage to Leamington on the 4.30 p.m. train from London, will be discontinued. Numerous residential trains will be discontinued on Bank Holiday, Monday, May 21st. The Company also announce that they will run excursions to and from London and Wolverhampton, Leamington, Coventry, Walsall, Leicester, Burton, Macclesfield, Stoke, Walsley, Derby, Liverpool, Manchester, Chester, North Wales, Black-Shrewsbury, Hereford, Oswestry, Preston, Wigan, Black-pool, Morecambe, Carlisle, the Lake District, and other places.