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It will be seen from the record we publish elsewhere that the business which will be submitted to Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication on Wednesday next is somewhat heavier than usual, and contains one or two matters which are calculated to attract a considerable amount of interest. It is not often we see so many brethren nominated to serve on the Board of General Purposes and the Colonial Board, and should all whose names have been put forward go to the poll, there is every likelihood, as the regards the former Board, that the contest will be somewhat keen. But the matters which will be awaited with the greatest share of attention will be the communication to be received from the Pro Grand Master "relative to the present position of Masonry in New South Wales," and the complaint of the Prov. Grand Secretary of Suffolk as to certain canvassing in connection with the election of Grand Treasurer in March. As to the latter subject we offer no remark till we have before us more definite information, while as regards the former, which was recently referred to in our columns, it will suffice perhaps if we state our belief that whatever the course may be which the Pro Grand Master, in the exercise of his discretion, may think proper to recommend, the brethren may rely with confidence on its being one which will conduce to the well-being of Freemasonry in that Australasian Colony without being in the slightest derogatory to the dignity and influence of Grand Lodge. The Earl of CARNARVON has recently visited Sydney, and has had an opportunity of forming an independent judgment as to the real merits or demerits of the differences existing between the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, and we may be sure that any proposal which his lordship may see proper to make will be dictated by motives of wisdom and discretion, and will redound to the advantage of the Craft.

THE half-yearly communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will take place on Tuesday next, when the usual report will be submitted by the General Board, and the Grand Officers for the year will be appointed. For the office of Grand Treasurer there is only one candidate, Bro. J. L. MATHER, who has occupied the post during the past year, having gracefully resigned his candidature in favour of Bro. E. LETCHWORTH. For the rest the matters dealt with in the Report, though they indicate an amount of solid progress during the past year, especially in relation to the finances of the Grand Lodge, are of the ordinary character and call for no special comment. A communication, however, will be received from His Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER, in which it will be stated that certain distinguished Mark brethren have had the rank and privileges of Past G. Officers conferred on them in commemoration of the QUEEN'S Jubilee, the bestowal of these honours having been thus delayed in consequence of the time occupied in communicating with the Prov. G. Masters abroad. But we do not imagine that our Colonial Mark brethren will esteem the rank and privileges conferred upon them the less in consequence of a delay which, in the nature of things, was unavoidable.

AT length we find ourselves within easy distance of the great event which has been engrossing so large a share of our attention during the last 12 months—the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which will be celebrated on Thursday next, the 7th instant, in the Royal Albert Hall, under the presidency of H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, M.W.G.M., and amid such surroundings as, in all probability, have rarely, if ever, graced any previous Festival of a similar character either within or outside the limits of Freemasonry. The Board

of Stewards, which numbers already over 1400 brethren, includes in its ranks nearly 30 of our Provincial Grand Masters, and has Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, Deputy G. Master of England, and Prov. G. Master of West Lancashire, for its Honorary President, and Bro. Lord LEIGH, Prov. G. Master of Warwickshire, the *doyen* of the Prov. G. Masters, for its Honorary Treasurer. Nearly all the Present and a numerous contingent of Past Grand Officers—the two classes together mustering upwards of 100—have volunteered their services. The Metropolis, instead of having, as at ordinary Festivals, about one-third of its lodges represented, will have on this occasion quite two-thirds, if not more, to swell the list, while its Unattached brethren constitute of themselves a most respectable Board of Stewards. Every province in England has at least one representative, while many of the more important as regards the number of their lodges, such as the two Lancashires, West Yorkshire, Warwickshire, Kent, Middlesex, Hants and the Isle of Wight, &c., will each of them send up from 50 to 100 Stewards, or even more, the contingent from West Yorkshire being upwards of 150 strong. The Province of the Isle of Man has likewise three Stewards, while of the Districts Abroad, those of Malta and Gibraltar in Europe, of Bengal, Bombay, Madras, and the Eastern Archipelago in Asia, and of Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia, and Auckland, N.Z., at the Antipodes, will be found among the contributors. One lodge, hailing from Warwickshire, furnishes as many as 30 Stewards, and there are many others, both in town and country, which have from eight to ten representatives. As we have said before, such an array of Stewards, and one so universally representative of the Masonic sub-divisions of England has never previously been heard of, and though we are not so sanguine as those who estimate the Returns that will be announced at a figure which we believe is unapproachable even by such a Board as we have described, we anticipate the amount will be sufficient to cover the ordinary expenditure, and allow of the Centenary Memorial Scheme being carried out in its entirety. As regards the Festival and the manner in which it may be expected to pass off, our experience of the two immense Masonic gatherings which have been held in the Royal Albert Hall—at the installation of the Prince of WALES as Grand Master in April, 1875, and at the Jubilee meeting in June of last year—is such as to warrant the belief that the efforts of the Executive Committee will be as completely successful on Thursday next as on the two occasions referred to. Bro. Sir ALBERT WOODS, G. Director of Ceremonies, will have sole charge of the ceremonies of the evening, while the Executive Committee, of which Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.D., President of the Board of Benevolence, is Chairman, will see that all the details of the necessary arrangements are carefully worked out. Bro. Sir REGINALD HANSON, Bart., P.G.W., is Chairman of the Ladies' Stewards, and we may be sure that under his able and genial direction, whatever is calculated to promote the comfort and pleasure of the fair visitors who may honour the occasion with their presence will be seen to, or, more likely still, anticipated, while the reservation of the whole of the Anglo-Danish Exhibition (which we believe will be opened till 11 o'clock), and its numerous attractions for the Stewards and their friends is an additional boon which we doubt not will be immensely appreciated. In fact, if the glowing anticipations of those behind the scenes are only in part realised, the third of the great Masonic meetings in the Royal Albert Hall promises to be the most successful of them all. The distribution of prizes, which of late years has been very properly associated with the anniversary celebration, will take place on Monday next, when the most important part of the ceremony will be undertaken by the Countess of CARNARVON, wife of our respected and popular Pro Grand Master, whom it is a pleasure to us all to see once again in our midst with his health and strength renewed by his recent visit to Australia. On this occasion, likewise, the gathering will be exceptionally interesting, and the assemblage of ladies and brethren many times more numerous than in ordinary years. The children also will be admitted to a share in the pleasures, as well as in the duties, of the day, and their presence will lend a charm to Monday's meeting, which, of necessity, will be wanting at the more important gathering on Thursday. However, it is well that the two days should have each of them their particular attractions, and it is better still that the pupils of the Institution, for whose welfare all this solicitude is being exercised, should be made participators in a portion of the general festivity. Thus, so far as it has been possible to make them, the necessary arrangements for the Girls' School Centenary Festival have been settled, and if the Clerk of the Weather will only show himself as considerate as he ordinarily does in the early days of June, and if the guests will carefully observe the simple directions issued for their guidance, we shall be indulging in no rash forecast if we express our belief that in future the Monday and Thursday of next week will always rank among the reddest of red-letter days in the annals of English Freemasonry. The Executive Committee and the Secretary of the Board of Stewards have done their utmost to deserve success, and we are justified in believing that this success, for which they have striven so ardently, will be forthcoming.

Monday's Meeting in the Royal Albert Hall. SINCE the above was written, and almost on the eve of going to press, the welcome news has reached us that the Princess of WALES, Grand Patroness of the Institution, has graciously intimated her intention of being present at the distribution of prizes on Monday, and that her Royal Highness will be accompanied by the Prince of WALES, President and Grand Patron. We understand the arrangements, as made already, will not be materially disturbed; at the same time we feel confident the Committees, the Stewards, the staff, the children—indeed, all interested in the welfare of the Institution—will greatly appreciate the honour done to it by the visit of their Royal Highnesses, and that the Stewards in particular will regard it as a direct incentive to them to put forth still more strenuous exertions on behalf of the Festival on Thursday.

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The House Committee of the Boys' School. IT is as well we should remind our readers, or, at all events, those of them who are Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, that it is important they should attend the meeting of the General Committee, which will be held at Freemasons' Hall, at 4 p.m. to-morrow (Saturday). The House Committee of last year, with the addition of Bro. JOHN WORDSWORTH, of the Province of West Yorkshire, in place of the late Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, has been nominated for re-election, and having regard to the events which have taken place since the month of January, it is, in our opinion, most desirable for the interests of the School, that the Governors should make it manifest to the Craft generally that their confidence in the administrative ability of the late Committee remains unaffected by the discreditable attacks which have latterly been made upon its members, and return them to office by overwhelming majorities. Two other candidates have been nominated, in the interests of what we suppose we must describe as the opposition; but we imagine that no brother in his senses would think of preferring the supposed claims of these unknown and inexperienced candidates to those of such tried men as Bros. C. BELTON, A. F. GODSON, M.P., H. W. HUNT, J. L. MATHER, JAMES MOON, T. HASTINGS MILLER, J. JOYCE MURRAY, W. PAAS, Dr. RAMSAY, D. ROLLS, and H. VENN, the remaining members of the late Committee, or of Pro. WORDSWORTH, who, as the nominee of the Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, must possess the requisite qualifications for office, even though he may have had no experience of its duties. Again, and quite irrespective of this recognised inferiority of the two outside candidates, we hold it to be the duty of the electors to return the old members and Bro. WORDSWORTH, who are the representatives of law and order, and will be deterred by no fear of factious opposition from the resolute discharge of their duties. The old members have borne the brunt of the recent attacks on the Institution, and will know better than any other set of men that might be brought together how to resist successfully any further onslaughts that may be directed against it. Lastly, if by any mischance either or both of these outside candidates should be elected, it is inevitable that sooner or later dissensions must break out in the House Committee, and the interests of the School must suffer. For these reasons we trust the friends of the late Committee, putting aside all questions of personal convenience or inconvenience, will make a point of mustering in full force at the General Committee to-morrow (Saturday), and carry their re-election with flying colours.

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The Calumniator Abroad. WHILE on the subject of these attacks on the House Committee and Secretary of the Boys' School, it is our duty to call attention to a warning from Bro. BINCKES, which appears in our advertisement columns, and in which that brother, as the official mouth-piece of the executive authorities, cautions the friends and supporters of that Institution against attaching the slightest importance to a series of statements contained in a circular which has recently been issued anonymously, with a view to bringing as much odium as possible upon the managers of the School and their conduct of its affairs. It is enough for us to state that a more infamous tissue of untruths, distortions and suppressions of truth, and suggestions of untruth has never emanated from office of printer, and it is in keeping with the contents of this scandalous document that, owing to the absence of any imprint, it will be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to trace the authors and publishers of these foul aspersions on the Committee and officers of the Institution. This fact of anonymous publication should alone be a sufficient caution to those who have received the circular against accepting any of its statements, or even for a moment imagining there is the smallest grain of truth in any one of them. As for one portion of them, they are conspicuously false; as for the rest, they have been so twisted and distorted from what in the first instance were plain unvarnished statements, as to have become more offensive than absolute misrepresentations, and therefore more dangerous to the welfare of the Institution. We shall probably have occasion to refer to this circular again; but in the meantime we beg to add our word of caution to that of Bro. BINCKES, against accepting as worthy of a single moment's belief any one of the statements it contains.

QUEBEC V. ENGLAND.

By BRO. J. H. GRAHAM, P.G.M.

No. III.

England alone of all the regular Grand Lodges of the world, now four—presses non-concurrence in the claims of Quebec herein before set forth, and bases her objections on the ground that there exist three private lodges of her institution in the City of Montreal, within the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec; and she claims for them, by priority of existence to our said Grand Lodge, the right of continuance at will as lodges of English obedience, and thus perpetuate a Masonic "*imperium in imperio*," with all its actualities and possibilities.

Now, since the provisions of the Constitutions of the British Grand Lodges exclude from recognition and debar from all Masonic privileges every lodge (and the individual members thereof) within their respective territories, because not on their "Registries,"—how can England (or Scotland) Masonically maintain that the same Constitutional law should not also apply to all private and Grand Lodges in the "self-governing" Colonies and national Dependencies of the Empire? Is that which is Masonically right in England wrong in the Colonies? Should that which does not accord with the ancient Constitutional enactments thereanent be suffered from mere repetition to become a course of procedure until some good brother may be of the opinion that it can be "sheltered" under the sacred

name of "land-mark," and hence seek to justify its continuance irrespective of consequences?

Quebec, on the contrary, affirms "that it is the duty of every private lodge situated within the territorial jurisdiction of a regularly formed Grand Lodge, but which, through any cause, was not represented at its organisation, to become at an early day thereafter of allegiance to the new Grand Body, and be enrolled on its register, or upon its refusal it may be deemed and declared (as in Great Britain even) to be an irregular lodge in not submitting to the lawfully constituted sovereignty of the country."

The case of "*Quebec v. England*" appears, therefore, to be narrowed down to the foregoing, and hence, in what follows, I shall fraternally request the candid consideration by our English brethren of some of the Quebec views and contentions, *in re*.

Quebec maintains that private lodge existence, prior to Grand Lodge formation, does not give the right of continuance at will of original Grand Lodge obedience, but that private lodge obedience is due to the regularly established local Grand Lodge.

In support thereof, Quebec relies not only upon ancient British Constitutional enactments, but appeals also to other historical facts, of which the following are a part, showing how "the fathers" interpreted and applied the inherent principles and ancient regulations of Freemasonry, *re* private lodge obedience and exclusive territorial Grand Lodge jurisdiction.

In 1763, 125 years ago, 46 years after the formation of the "first Grand Lodge" in London, 38 after that at York, 34 after the founding of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, 27 after that of Scotland, about 10 years after the formation of the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients," and just 50 years before the establishment of the present United Grand Lodge of England, even during this period, when the doctrine of exclusive Grand Lodge jurisdiction was, as it were "inchoate" and "uncrystallised," and when "a struggle for supremacy in England was (being) waged between two antagonistic Grand Lodges" ("Hughan's Masonic Register"), even then (1763) the Grand Lodge of Scotland refused to grant a "Charter of Constitution" to certain brethren residing in London, "in regard it would interfere with the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England" ("Moderns").

In 1779, 34 years prior to the establishment of the present Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Virginia, U.S.A., "ordered" all lodges within her territory holding charters from England, Scotland, and Ireland, to become enrolled on her registry.

In 1782 the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was formed, and the St. Andrew's Lodge, Scottish Constitution, Boston, not having voluntarily become of its obedience, the Grand Lodge in 1796 (17 years before the formation of the now Grand Lodge of England) adopted the following "resolution," or rather permanent "regulation":—

"The Grand Lodge" (of Massachusetts) "will not hold communication with, nor admit as visitors, any Masons residing in this State who hold authority under, and acknowledge the supremacy of, any foreign Grand Lodge; or who do not by their representatives communicate with, and pay dues to, this Grand Lodge."

The Grand Lodges of Connecticut and of Pennsylvania passed identical resolutions shortly thereafter.

In 1815 the Grand Lodge of Ohio declared a certain lodge within her territory, and refusing allegiance thereto, "to have forfeited her privileges to labour, and to have become an unauthorised lodge; and that no person thereafter initiated in said lodge under its foreign charter should ever be considered and acknowledged as a Mason in any lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, by virtue of such initiation," and throughout the century now drawing to a close the same doctrine and practice have prevailed in the United States.

This procedure, in my opinion, was, and is, in strict accordance with the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, *in re*, as so clearly and emphatically enunciated in the Constitutions of England, Scotland, and Ireland; it also shows that "the fathers" of the Craft, in both hemispheres, held identical views thereanent, and it further demonstrates the perversion thereof which has been evolved in the Colonial Masonic policy of England, whose continuance some now seek to justify.

Moreover, "the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario," has, in her Constitution, adopted the English Constitutional proviso, denying recognition to any lodge in her territory, and debarring the members thereof from all Masonic privileges whatever, unless said lodge is of her obedience; and the Grand Lodge of Quebec has, in addition to the foregoing, declared that any private lodge established by her in any unoccupied territory, and which does not take part in the regular formation of a Grand Lodge for said territory, shall forfeit its warrant from Quebec, unless within one year after the establishment of said Grand Lodge it becomes of obedience thereto.

Is the Grand Lodge of England Masonically right *in re*, and are all the other Grand Lodges in what are, or formally were, her Dependencies, wrong?

Richmond, Quebec, Canada, May 11th.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on the 6th inst.:

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 7th March for confirmation.
2. The minutes of the Grand Festival of the 25th April for confirmation.
3. To receive a communication from the M.W. Pro G.M. relative to the present position of Masonry in New South Wales.
4. Appointment and investiture of President of the Board of General Purposes.
5. Election of members of the Board of General Purposes.
6. Election of members of the Colonial Board.
7. Election of Grand Lodge Auditor.
8. Election of members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."
9. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:

The orphan daughter of a brother of the Royal Preston Lodge, No. 33, Preston...	£50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Paxton Lodge, No. 1686, Cambridge...	50 0 0
A brother of the Emblematic Lodge, No. 1321, Southwark...	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Oakley Lodge, No. 694, Basingstoke...	75 0 0
Five orphan children of a brother of the Earl Spencer Lodge, No. 1420, London...	60 0 0

A brother of the Vale of White Horse Lodge, No. 1770, Farringdon	50	0	0
A brother of the Friars Lodge, No. 1349, London	100	0	0
A brother of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541, London	50	0	0
A brother of the London Lodge, No. 108, London	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Cabbell Lodge, No. 8c7, Norwich	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Harbour of Refuge Lodge, No. 764, Hartlepool	50	0	0

10. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

A complaint has been laid before the Board by Bro. Nathaniel Tracy, Prov. G. Sec. of Suffolk, against Bro. Asher Barfield, the present Grand Treasurer, for having employed a gentleman in Ipswich, who is not a Mason, to solicit from the Past Masters of lodges in Ipswich votes for him, when a candidate for that office, and to distribute printed invitations to a luncheon at the Holborn Restaurant to all who were willing to support his election.

The Board considered that this complaint was not such as could be dealt with by them, but that it was their duty to bring the matter under the notice of the Grand Lodge, as one concerning its honour and privileges, and the credit and reputation of the Society.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
15th May, 1888.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 11th day of May instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £3741 1s. 4d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £38 4s. 7d.

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 15th ult., after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz.:-

That the cordial thanks of the members of the Board of General Purposes be given to V.W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, the President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Board during the past year.

(Signed) CHARLES BELTON, Vice-President.

11. The annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated 18th May, 1888, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION—

By W. Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G. Deacon—

That the sum of £70 be given from the fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

13. APPEAL—

By Bro. Francis W. Hollar, W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 914, Port Royal, Jamaica, against a ruling of the District Grand Master of Jamaica, declaring that the exclusion of Bro. Francis Leith White by the said lodge was not in accordance with Article 210 of the Book of Constitutions, and must be cancelled.

List of brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes:

Bro. John Speight Cumberland, P.M. 2128, nominated by Bro. John W. Woodall, P.G. Treasurer; Bro. Henry Stephen Goodall, P.M. 65, nominated by Bro. Charles Belton, Vice-President Board of General Purposes; Bro. Edward Terry, P.M. 29, nominated by Bro. Charles F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Bros. T. Hastings Miller, P.M. 1964, and Thos. C. Walls, W.M. 1656, nominated by Bro. John L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; Bro. Charles Belton, W.M. 2228, nominated by Bro. Bradshaw Brown, P.M. 1, P.G. Steward; Bro. T. D. Bear, P.M. 1584, nominated by Bro. G. H. Haydon, P.M. 1584, P.G. Steward; Bro. William Alfred Scurrah, W.M. 2206, nominated by Bro. W. M. Stiles, W.M. 1732; Bro. Frederick Thomas Rushton, P.M. 8, nominated by Bro. T. Herbert Edmands, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge; Bro. William Alfred Scurrah, W.M. 2206, nominated by Bro. John L. Mather, P.A.G.D. of C.; Bros. Frederick Ernest Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891, and William Alfred Scurrah, W.M. 2206, nominated by Bro. Dorabjee P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; Bro. William Alfred Dawson, P.M. 1768, nominated by Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Bro. Frederick Ernest Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891, nominated by Bro. Samuel H Parkhouse, P.M. 511; Bro. Charles Belton, W.M. 2228, nominated by Bro. James Terry, P.G. Swd. Br.; Bro. Maurice Spiegel, P.M. 188, nominated by Bro. Joseph Clever, W.M. 1818; Bros. William George Lemon, P.M. 165; James Holah, W.M. 1; and Charles Belton, W.M. 2228; nominated by Bro. Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.D.; Bros. Henry Pritchard, P.M. 1415; William Henry Cobb, W.M. 1820; Howard Henry Room, W.M. 1159; Eugene Monteuuis, W.M. 2243; George Lancelot Eyles, W.M. 197; Hildebrand Ramsden, W.M. 1118; and George Weldon, W.M. 4; all nominated by Bro. William Alfred Dawson, P.M. 1768; Bro. Thomas William Richardson, W.M. 2029, nominated by Bro. Harry Tipper, P.M. 185; Bro. Ebenezer Charles Mulvey, W.M. 2246, nominated by Bro. George Gregory, P.M. 1538; Bro. William George Lemon, P.M. 1601, nominated by Bro. Charles F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Bro. George Read, P.M. 511, nominated by Bro. Howard Hy. Room, P.M. 2090; Bro. Joseph Clever, W.M. 1818, nominated by Bro. James Brett, P.G. Purst.; Bro. Henry Dickey, P.M. 1744, nominated by Bro. James Willing, jun., P.M. 177; and Bro. Henry Dickey, P.M. 1744, nominated by Bro. William Jaques, W.M. 1744.

List of brethren nominated for the Colonial Board: Bro. Col. Frederick Gasdden (Madras), P.M. 434, nominated by Bro. Charles Belton, P.M. 165; Bro. John Speight Cumberland, P.M. 2128, nominated by Bro. Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W.; Bros. Lieut.-Col. George Haldane, P.M. 1615, James Brett, P.M. 177, Thomas Henry Gardiner, P.M. 657, Thomas James Reeves, P.M. 1118, Reginald St. A. Roumieu, P.M. 1537, and Albert Escott, P.M. 1593, nominated by Bro. William Alfred Dawson, P.M. 1768; and Thomas Charles Walls, W.M. 1656, nominated by William Lake, P.M. 131.

List of brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons:

Bros. Charles Alexander Cottebrune, P.M. 733; Hugh Cotter, P.M. 554; John E. Dawson, P.M. 404; Charles George Dilley, P.M. 1155; Major Alfred Durrant, P.M. 569; Albert Fish, P.M. 1366; Charles Kempton, P.M. 1287; A. H. Tattershall, P.M. 140; Japheth Tickle, P.M. 1196; and Isaac Dixon, P.M. 1567, nominated by Bro. Louis Stean, P.M. 212.

Lists of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

- Lodge 2252, The Rocky Park, Barkly East, South Africa (E.D.)
- " 2253, The St. Michael's, Bridgetown, Barbados, West Indies,
- " 2254, The Waratah, Waratah, New South Wales.
- " 2255, The Philbrick, Chingford, Essex.
- " 2256, The Warner, Chingford, Essex.
- " 2257, The Powell, Bristol.
- " 2258, The Western District United Service, East Stonehouse, Devon.
- " 2259, The St. Nicholas Lodge, Thorne, West Yorkshire.
- " 2260, The Ridley Lodge, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Northumberland.
- " 2261, The Armitage Lodge, Longwood, near Milnsbridge, W. Yorks.
- " 2262, The Dagmar Lodge, Wraysbury, Buckinghamshire.
- " 2263, The St. Leonard's Lodge, Sheffield, West Yorkshire.
- " 2264, The Chough Lodge, Cannon-street.
- " 2265, The Barnato Lodge, Highbury, Islington.
- " 2266, The Cator Lodge, Beckenham.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Assembly Rooms, Malton, at the invitation of the Fitzwilliam Lodge, No. 277. All suitable preparations had been made by the Malton brethren for the entertainment and comfort of the visitors, who assembled at 2.30 p.m., at which hour the Fitzwilliam Lodge was opened. R.W. Bro. J. W. Woodall, Prov. G.M., entered in procession with his officers, and having assumed the chair, opened Provincial Grand Lodge, and was duly saluted, as well as the Grand Officers present. R. W. Bro. C. L. Mason, Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, with Bro. the Rev. Dr. C. Smyth, Deputy Prov. G.M. of that province, was then received and saluted. The R.W. Prov. G.M. elect, Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, was then introduced, and was obligated and installed in the chair in succession to Bro. Woodall, and he appointed as his Deputy Bro. Col. R. Smith, who was also obligated and installed. The newly-installed P.G.M. afterwards invested his officers as follows:

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| Bro. T. B. Whytehead, York (T.I.) | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.W. |
| " W. Constable, P.M. 277 | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.W. |
| " J. M. Meek, P.M. 276 | ... | ... | Prov. G.M.O. |
| " J. H. Hackett, W.M. 95 | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.O. |
| " J. Blenkin, York (T.I.) | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.O. |
| " The Rev. E. J. Barry 281 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap. |
| " J. Marshall, P.M. 277 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " A. W. Walker, P.M. 277 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| " Thos. Marshall, W.M. 281 | ... | ... | Prov. G.R. of M. |
| " W. B. Dyson, York (T.I.) | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.D. |
| " H. Holgreaves, W.M. 291 | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.D. |
| " T. H. Dunn, S.O. 95 | ... | ... | Prov. G.I. of W. |
| " W. H. Cowper, P.M. 276 | ... | ... | Prov. G.D. of C. |
| " T. M. Goldie, S.W. 277... | ... | ... | Prov. A.G.D.C. |
| " Charles Grey, 291 | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.B. |
| " W. Richardson, 281 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " A. W. Rennison, 337 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " W. J. Marshall, 277 | ... | ... | Prov. A.G. Sec. |
| " J. Verity, 95 | ... | ... | Prov. G.I.G. |
| " W. Lackenby, York (T.I.) | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " F. Seals, 95 | ... | ... | |
| " H. Wald, 337 | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Tyler. |
| " J. F. Seals, 95 | ... | ... | |

The Treasurer's report and the report of the Board of General Purposes were read and adopted. On the motion of the P.S.G.W. a sum of £5 5s. was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, to be put on the list of the Prov. Grand Master, who had expressed his intention to represent the province at the next Festival.

After the close of the proceedings the brethren dined together at the Talbot Hotel.

CONSECRATION OF THE POWELL LODGE, No. 2257, AT BRISTOL.

An event of very rare occurrence and of exceptional interest attracted to Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, on the 28th ult., one of the largest gatherings of brethren that has ever assembled within its walls. The rapid growth of the Craft in Bristol during the last few years led several brethren to the conclusion that there was room for another lodge—the ninth in the province. The project being approved by the rulers of the Order, a warrant was granted by the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales. The founders considered that the deep interest which the present D.P.G.M., Bro. W. F. Powell, and his family have long taken in Freemasonry in Bristol, and the remarkable fact that he and his father before him have ruled the province for something like half-a-century, ought to be commemorated by calling the new lodge the Powell Lodge, and this decision was received with approval by the authorities in London, and with enthusiasm throughout the Province of Bristol. At the consecration the D.P.G.M. was assisted by Bros. Alfred Deedes, Prov. S.G.W.; J. W. Sharland, Prov. J.G.W.; Pierrepoint Harris, Prov. G.S.; the Rev. J. H. Wilkinson, Prov. G.C.; A. W. Powell, Prov. S.G.D.; R. H. G. F. Lambert, Prov. G.D.; E. Bendon Colthurst, Prov. G.D.C.; J. Cooke, Prov. A.G.D.C.; H. E. Stock, Prov. G.S.B.; W. Galpin, Prov. G. Std. Br.; and T. Thomas, Prov. G.P. There were also present Bros. J. R. Bramble, P.A.G.D.C.; S. E. Taylor, P.G. Std. Br.; J. L. Stothert, P.G. Std. Br.; S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Mon.; E. W. Rebbeck, P.P.S.G.W. Hants, and a large number of other brethren.

The lodge was consecrated with the usual ceremony, a very fine oration on the charitable object of the Order being delivered by the Prov. G.C.

The musical portion of the ceremony was excellently rendered by a choir of brethren organised and conducted by Bro. F. S. Parminter, Prov. G. Org. Bro. Pierrepoint Harris, P.P.S.G.W., was installed as first W.M., and appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. F. Trott, S.W.; G. Dawson, J.W.; W. K. Abbott, Treas.; W. B. Heaton, Sec.; A. Alison, S.D.; D. H. Jones, J.D.; Harold Lewis, D.C.; and W.R. Chandler, I.G. The first joining member proposed was the nephew of the D.P.G.M.

The brethren of the new lodge and others afterwards dined together at the Royal Hotel, College Green.

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To Correspondents.

Several communications unavoidably stand over.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Revista Masonica," "Die Bauhutte," "New Zealand Freemason," "Keystone," "Masonic Token," "Victorian Freemason," "Masonic Chronicle," "Freemasons' Journal," "Orient Freimaurerische Zeitschrift," and "South African Freemason."



SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 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.]

BRO. BIRCH'S MOTION AS TO ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the *Freemason* of last week "Life Governor" asks why the report of the Committee appointed to consider the alteration of date of elections, which was presented to the Quarterly Courts of Institutions for Girls and Boys, was not presented at the meeting of Governors of the Benevolent Institution on the 18th May?

I trust you will therefore grant me space to explain proceedings which certainly appear somewhat irregular. For several years the provincial brethren who attend the elections of our great Masonic Institutions have been desirous to alter the dates of these elections so as to avoid the necessity of attendance in April and again in May, because they believe that one visit to the Metropolis might suffice for the three spring elections. After much discussion and correspondence it was decided that in order to carry out their views, the best course would be to appoint a joint Committee to consider the subject. At the meeting in April and May, 1887, each of the Institutions appointed three London and two provincial brethren as their representatives on this Committee. Thus composed the Committee held a meeting, at which the Secretaries of the three Institutions were present, elected Bro. J. L. Mather as Chairman and Bro. Terry as appointed Secretary. After some discussion a resolution was passed ("nemine contradicente") that the election for Boys should take place on the last Friday in April and October; the elections for Girls on the Saturday following the last Friday in April and October, and the Benevolent Election on the Monday following last Friday in April. Bro. Terry was deputed to draw up a report to be presented to the Quarterly Courts of Girls and Boys in October, 1887, and to the next Court of the Benevolent Institution, which was to be specially summoned for that purpose. Not a single word of objection or dissent was expressed.

At the Quarterly Courts of Girls and Boys in October that report was presented, and being unanimously adopted, the joint Committee was continued in order to make all requisite alterations in the rules. These alterations were passed by the House Committee of each Institution and confirmed at the Quarterly Courts of Girls and Boys in April last.

Of course it was taken for granted that the three members of the joint Committee who represented the Benevolent Institution, and Bro. Terry having agreed to the report and assented to the arrangement, no difficulty would arise with them, especially as they allowed the Girls' and Boys' Institutions to carry out their alterations. I wrote to the

Chairman, Bro. Mather, asking when the special court of the Benevolent Institution would be summoned, he replied January 21st.

"The alterations of rules so far as the Girls and Boys are concerned are virtually settled, our Bro. Terry is very much against any alterations in the rules of the Benevolent Institution, and says his Committee are entirely opposed to it."

This unaccountable and tardy objection was a matter of great surprise to every one interested, but thinking the objections might be overcome by a little reasoning, a conference was arranged for April 6th, at which Bros. Terry, Binckes, Hedges, Mather, and Birch were present. Bro. Terry then represented that it would be inconvenient to make the Benevolent Election so early in the year as Monday following last Friday in April, but when after some little time spent in consultation it was suggested that the Benevolent Election might be fixed for Monday following last Friday in October, Bro. Terry, to all appearance, cordially concurred, remarking that there would be no inconvenience in that arrangement, and agreed to carry it out. Before separating, Bro. Mather, the Chairman of the joint Committee, asked Bro. Terry if we might consider the matter settled, and if he would carry out this agreement without any further objections, to which Bro. Terry replied, certainly, the matter was now settled so far as he and the Committee of the Benevolent Institution were concerned. The following day, I wrote Bro. Terry suggesting that as the interval between the two elections would be a long one when the change of date was made, more deferred annuitants should be put on at the next election; in reply, Bro. Terry writes: "11th April, 1888.—The extra number of deferred annuitants could not be put on this year as there is not a longer interval, it will be well to think of this for the ensuing year, when the longer space of time will intervene."

Again, as I had given notice of alterations of rules to make the election occur in accordance with the report of the joint Committee, and it having been subsequently agreed to fix it on the Monday following the last Friday in October, I wrote asking Bro. Terry what would be the best course of procedure, he replied:

"Dear Bro. Birch,

"It will be well at the meeting on the 18th May for you to move your first resolution, then for some one to move an amendment for October, and if the latter be carried, then for you to drop all other motions standing in your name and leave it to me to convene a special general meeting to alter all other rules bearing on the altered circumstances.

"27th April, 1888."

After all this, my surprise was indeed great to find that the meeting of Governors of the Benevolent Institution, on May 18th, was packed with brethren purposely to defeat the proposed change, who, having carried out their instructions, departed, evidently feeling no further interest in the proceedings. "Life Governor" will probably see that Bro. Mather, Chairman of the joint Committee, possibly might not consider it requisite to present their report, because he regarded the matter as settled. In my own defence I offer no comment on these facts, but confess my stupidity in placing implicit trust in the carrying out of an agreement, ratified in the presence of witnesses.

Before I close this letter, let me give you a specimen of the arguments which are supposed to afford a sufficient pretext for refusing to consider the convenience of the brethren who have to travel very long distances to attend Masonic elections. The reasons adduced by the brother who said he represented one of the home counties (Kent, I believe), prove one of two propositions, either the intelligence of the reasoner could not be very great, or he formed a very low estimate of the intelligence of his audience. The latter is the more charitable view, therefore the one which, as Masons, we ought perhaps to adopt. He said he was on the London Stock Exchange, and he could not give three consecutive days to election business; he did not explain how he made Friday, Saturday, and Monday, into three consecutive days, but if this be a great hardship for London brethren, how much greater must it be for brethren from distant provinces, who have not only to give the so-called three consecutive days, but have also to spend one day coming up and another day returning home, in addition thereto. But the climax of absurdity was reached when this brother said if the Sabbath intervened between two election days, it would lead to a great deal of Sunday labour in counting and filling up votes. Thus ignoring the fact that for many years the Girls' election has taken place on Saturday, and the Boys' on Monday, twice yearly, accordingly he hugged himself in his own selfishness, and refused all consideration to brethren who have to come from remote provinces.—Very truly yours,

JAMES A. BIRCH,

Chairman East Lancashire Charity Committee.

THE ANONYMOUS CIRCULAR—BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

A printed circular, containing the most impudent falsehoods, has been sent to me, which bears neither the name of the printer nor of the writer, while the paper has been carefully selected without a water-mark. I do not propose to refer to any of the libellous portions of the document, as I understand that as soon as the printer and writer of the same can be discovered, the lash of the criminal law will be applied to their backs.

Not knowing anything about the report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire therein referred to, I have made enquiries, and find that one of that description was issued in the year 1874, was discussed afterwards at several meetings of the General Committee, and a vote of "unabated confidence in the House and Audit Committees and Executive" was passed at a Quarterly Court on 10th April, 1876, in a meeting of over 170 brethren, with only five dissentients. This report was issued in 1874, but as put forward by the anonymous scribbler is made to speak of 1888.

Whatever the Province of West Yorkshire thought then it is evidently of a different opinion now, as the Prov. Grand Master has nominated one of their most respected brethren, Bro. John Wordsworth, as a member of the House Committee. He will receive the unanimous support of the present members thereof.

The Secretarial and office expenses—£78 10 15s. 6d.—are also quoted from the same, 1874, report. In 1886 the

office expenses were £1696, and in 1887 £1724. In the published report of the Institution for 1886, called in the circular "this year," the average cost per boy was £40 6s. 7½d., and not £54 10s. 3d. as in the Yorkshire report 1874. The deficit on the general account for 1886, mentioned in the circular, is shown by the statement on page 26 to be £47 8s., the remainder of the adverse balance being caused by the extraordinary expenditure on the New Preparatory School. As the document has been extensively circulated on the eve of the election of the House Committee your readers can well appreciate the "fair spirit" of this cowardly attack, and may appreciate at its real value the desire "that the matters therein referred to should see a little daylight and be investigated." Why has the writer not faith enough in himself to append his signature to his precious production?—Yours sincerely,

(Signed), A. F. GODSON.

2, Pump Court, Temple, E.C.,
30th May, 1888.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The statements circulated among the Craft respecting the Boys' School, lose much of their force in consequence of their anonymous character, their bitter personality, and the loose, clumsy way in which they are presented. But the Committee will be badly advised if they allow these statements to permeate the Craft without any attempt to rebut them.

Very much of the rambling rubbish which the attack contains may be dismissed with contempt, but the report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Yorkshire cannot be so treated. The School Committee would do well to explain why the annual cost per head is £54 10s. 3d., and why the Secretarial and office expenses amounted to £7819 in one year.

These figures seem utterly incredible; a few words might suffice to correct them, if they are inaccurate.—Yours obediently and fraternally,

May 30.

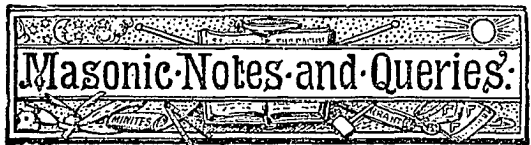
Y.M.N.

[Bro. Godson's letter, will, we think, answer the enquiry of Y.M.N.—Ed. F.M.]



ON SYMBOLISM, by EDWARD MACBEAN, Glasgow.

The subject of symbolism is one of absorbing interest to the Masonic Fraternity, for take away the symbols of the Craft and what is there left? The misfortune is, that the great work on the subject by Bro. Albert Pike, the Chief of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite, 33°" (U.S.A., S.J.), is accessible but to a few, only 100 copies being printed, and all have been circulated on the understanding that no portion is copied or issued for publication. Bro. Macbean has struck out a path for himself, however, and we feel assured that the primary motive which led the author to publish it, will be realised, viz., "the hope that by its means some of the brethren may be induced to study an important part of our Masonic Education." He intends the brochure to act as a finger post "to point the way for others to travel," but it does much more than that, for his essay illustrates the fact, patent to all students, that symbolism is dominant in every direction, and, that unless its lessons are heeded and understood "in the light of esoteric knowledge, ancient remains, and with the aid of modern thought," we literally shut our eyes and seal our minds to a world of beauty, and suggestiveness, of universal extent and applicability. Evidently Bro. Macbean is an enthusiast in his particular department, and we congratulate him on the well deserved compliment paid him by the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London, by his election as a member, a distinction all the more enjoyable by him because founded on the appreciation of this particular essay. It is not for us to indicate the peculiar merits of the pamphlet, beyond expressing our warm approval of its contents, as it is printed simply for private circulation, but we hope that Bro. Macbean will persevere in his researches, and ere long favour the Craft with a large volume on the subject, not forgetting to abundantly illustrate the work.



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MASONIC OFFENCES AND PUNISHMENTS.

I am unwilling at present to enter into any discussion with "Lex Scripta" or any other brother respecting the general question of Masonic offences and punishments, feeling assured it is better to keep to the one point just now before the Craft, through the article by the former on the subject, with direct and special reference to *what class of offences, if any, outside the Craft can be dealt with by the Fraternity*. It appears to me that there is no question of "may deserve" when a brother has been convicted of felony in respect to expulsion. He expels himself virtually *ipso facto*, and certainly, as regards his lodge, may be excluded there and then on conviction and punishment being accomplished facts. No Masonic trial is necessary by the Grand Lodge, prior to its sentence of expulsion, when a brother has been convicted of felony and sentenced to penal servitude. At least, such is my view of the matter, based upon the expressed opinions of Grand Masters, and the action of the Grand Lodge, &c. I believe the Grand Lodge would sustain a Master who ordered the name of a brother to be erased from the roll, on proof of his conviction for felony, even if he made the order without any formal enquiry, for surely the legal decision would be proof sufficient for all Masonic purposes, when the crime was, so to speak, *outside the Craft*. Let the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for June 1st, 1887, be consulted, and it will be found that the expulsion for felony was agreed to simply and solely on the report of the Provincial Grand Master. All that the respected President of the Board of General Purposes did

was to move that the report be received and approved. I am not now entering on the "merits of the question" in any way, but only dealing with, what appears to me to be, the rule and usage of the Grand Lodge, in proof that the Grand Lodge has inflicted the penalty of expulsion from the Craft for felony on conviction being certified. What other class of offences may be followed by exclusion by lodge or expulsion by Grand Lodge, it is not necessary now for me to consider. The point at issue is, that felony has, and would be, followed by exclusion and expulsion *ipso facto*, and hence any brother who is guilty of felony thus virtually places himself *outside the lodge ad vitam*.

W. J. HUGHAN.

780] "ATHOLL" GRAND LODGE SEALS.

The seals attached to the warrant of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130, are above the Atholl Arms in red wax, below No. 6, in Bro. Sadler's book "Virtue and Silence, Grand Lodge, London," the flaming Sword and Square and Compasses. The warrant is dated 22nd April, 1772. The lodge has also a modern warrant, dated 5th August, 1792, which is sealed with No. 1 in Bro. Sadler's book, the motto being "Relief and Truth." The Royal Arch chapter warrant, dated 29th October, 1818, is sealed with No. 5 of Bro. Sadler's book. The East Medina Lodge, No. 175, warrant, dated 8th September, 1813, is sealed with Bro. Sadler's No. 3, and the Atholl Arms (in wax), although thus dated 1813, it was registered in May, 1786. The warrant of the Economy Lodge, No. 76, does not exist. The only other Atholl warrant in this province is that of the Albany Lodge, No. 151, the particulars of which I have not yet been able to obtain, but I will do so. It would not be difficult to obtain this interesting information systematically with respect to every existing Atholl warrant.

J. E. LE FEUVRE.

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Having carefully examined the "Atholl" warrant of Mariners Lodge, No. 168, issued March 16th, 1784 (then No. 222.) Let me say in response to Bro. Hughan's suggestion in *Freemason* of April 28th, that it has two seals attached to bottom edge by ribbons (blue and yellow), the one on the left is under the note of entry in G.L. Books, it is a small seal with coat of arms, presumptively those of the then G. Master (the Earl of Antrim), the motto beneath shield being "Toujours pret." The seal on the right, just under the signature of Robert Leslie, Grand Secretary, is "Kirk's" seal, with the legend—"Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons according to the old Institutions." Both the seals are in a very perfect condition, the warrant has slits in its upper right edge, to which, at one time, another seal was attached, for where it has pressed on the writing it has partially obliterated the name of Peter Fehr, the then J.G.W. Having in my possession three "Atholl" R.A. certificates, and 20 Craft ones, I framed and mounted one of each to hang in our lodge-room. The R.A. certificate bears date of November 7th, 1796 (over three years earlier than any seen by Bro. Sadler), the seal is fairly distinct, being attached to right edge by three ribbons (pale blue, red, and purple), the legend is—"Kirk's," as above. Having the other certificates in my possession, I have examined them, and find that all the Craft ones, ranging from 1796 to 1812, have the seal bearing the legend of "Grand Lodge in London according to the old Institution," the two R.A. ones are of 1810, both of them bearing "Kirk's" seal. If of any use, I shall be pleased to submit any of these certificates to those brethren whose names are quoted as students of the subject.

A. C. QUICK, P.M. 168.

782] HISTORIES OF ENGLISH LODGES.

I am desirous of compiling a complete list of the histories of lodges published in England, and find that one or two I had have mysteriously departed. Can any brother oblige me with a copy each of the two following? I shall be most happy to reciprocate in any way for the favour, or to pay for them most gladly. (a) "Centenary of St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Stockport, Nov. 13th, 1865. A short history of the lodge and its connection with ancient Freemasonry, prepared by Bros. Walsh and Crennell, and read at the banquet by Bro. John Walsh, J.D. 104, Treas. 1055, &c., Manchester. Printed by Beresford and Havill, &c., price six-pence." (b) A short account of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 255, since its revival in 1801. London, 1868, by Gordon W. Clark, P.M., &c. There was also a history of the "Bedford" Lodge, No. 157, attached to its by-laws, which I should much like to have. An amplified history of the lodge is in the "Rosicrucian." Bro. Gould kindly supplied me with another history of a lodge I was short of. Once they were all in my possession, but some have strayed by some means or other. It occurs to me that a complete and accurate list of all the English lodge histories would prove acceptable to many brethren, and, therefore, I venture to ask the assistance of those interested to enable me to do the work as thoroughly as possible. Any communication addressed to me at Torquay, Devon, will be duly received, and as duly attended to.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Bro. Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland) and Bro. Lord Justice Fitzgibbon were sworn in at the meeting of the Privy Council, in Dublin, on Monday afternoon, as Lords Justices for the Government of Ireland during the temporary absence of the Lord Lieutenant.

On Saturday, the 9th instant, the University of Cambridge will confer honorary degrees on a number of distinguished personages, among whom are Prince Albert Victor of Wales, the Prime Minister, Mr. John Bright, M.P., the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Earl of Selborne, Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., and Bro. Sir Frederick Abel.

At the last meeting of the Logic Club, on the 28th ult., Bro. F. G. Potter rehearsed the First Degree, and the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. A few of the members will dine together at Dorking, on Thursday, the 28th instant, a lunch picnic taking place on the road, as it is intended to go down by coaches. Members wishing to join must communicate with the Secretary, Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald.



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CHIGWELL LODGE (No. 453).—This lodge—which this year celebrates the jubilee of its existence—held a meeting on Saturday, the 26th ult., at the Forest Hotel, Chingford. Amongst the members present were Bros. Alfred J. Dixie, W.M.; E. Egan, J.W.; J. Glass, P.P.G.S. of W., P.M., Treas.; George Corble, P.P.G.D., P.M., Sec.; J. Brading, S.D.; F. C. Dixie, J.D.; F. A. Renshawe, I.G.; W. H. Myham, Steward; J. Corble, P.M.; W. Holloway, P.M.; A. Buck, P.M.; G. Martin, P.M.; B. H. Pearson, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. Lord Brooke, Prov. G.M. Essex; H. B. Holliday, P.M. 1076; B. de Solla, 1457; G. L. Bockenham, 1962; R. G. Keston, J. J. Goode, 1964; H. Thompson, 890; A. Bonsall, 862; F. G. Scheib, 1964; G. S. Edwards, 1457; G. H. Finch, Prov. J.G.W. Essex; J. Bowles, 11; A. Koecker, 1431; O. Cooper, 211; T. Humphreys, Prov. S.G.W. Essex; A. Lucking, P.G.P., Prov. G.D.C. Essex; T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec. Essex; J. E. Turner, P.P.G.O. Essex; E. H. Cox, P.G. Steward, P.M. 60; T. Tucker, P.M. 933; J. Salmon, P.P.G.R. Essex; H. Dehane, P.P.S.G.D. Essex; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted and the by-laws read. The elections were then proceeded with, and resulted unanimously as follows: Bros. E. Egan, J.W., W.M. elect; J. Glass, P.M., re-elected Treasurer; and Goddard, re-elected Tyler. Bros. T. A. Motion, H. S. Homewood, and W. A. Glass were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M. in an impressive manner.

Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed. The brethren subsequently partook of an excellent banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts were duly honoured.

"The Queen and the Craft" having been received with the customary honours,

The Worshipful Master proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said that many of the brethren present had seen his Royal Highness preside at Masonic gatherings, and hoped to see him at the Centenary of the Girls' School. Their M.W.G.M. gave a great deal of time and attention to the work of the Order, and as long as they had his services, so long would the Craft prosper. The Grand Officers were good and worthy men, and had worked hard for the Order before being appointed to Grand Office. Bro. Ralling, who was present that evening, had been P.G. Secretary for a great many years, and had worthily won the honours of P.A.G.D.C. Bro. Lucking, who also held a post in the province, had been honoured in Grand Lodge, which he well deserved.

Bro. T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., said he regarded it as an honour to be a Grand Officer, and was very proud to be in a position to respond to the toast. There was somewhat a drawback to the honour, for he felt it was very difficult to find something fresh to say in reply. The brethren were aware of the excellent qualities of the Pro G.M. and Dep. G.M., who gave their time to the Order, notwithstanding their duties to the State. In regard to the purple in Essex, they were fortunate in numbering among the Grand Officers three distinguished Essex Masons. It was thought that no Provincial Grand Officer could attain to the position of a Grand Officer, and in his youthful Masonic mind he had thought it impossible. Since his appointment as Steward in his lodge his interest in Masonry had increased, and he had been more than rewarded by the high honours he held.

Bros. Lucking, P.G.P., and Cox, P.G. Steward, also replied.

"The R.W. Prov. G. Master, Lord Brooke," was next given by the W.M., who characterised it as the toast of the evening. He asked the brethren to give a hearty welcome to their Prov. G.M., who had honoured them with his presence. It was the first time Lord Brooke had honoured that lodge with a visit, and when he promised to attend he said he wished the lodges not to put themselves out of their ordinary course for him. He, therefore, promised the Prov. G.M. that they would make no fuss, and that he should see them as they usually were. That had been carried out, and he was delighted at the honour conferred upon the lodge by Lord Brooke. He had the privilege of seeing their Prov. G.M. installed in the beginning of 1883, and since then Masonry had made rapid strides in the province. There were then only 19 lodges in Essex, which now numbered 26, and he informed them that two other lodges would soon start at the hotel in which they were assembled that evening. The first official act of their Prov. G.M. was the consecration of the Blackwater Lodge, at Maldon, and he had scarcely been absent at any consecration in the province since. The interest taken by Lord Brooke in Masonry had endeared him to the hearts of the Essex Masons.

R.W. Bro. Lord Brooke, Prov. G. Master Essex, who was heartily received, said he hardly knew how to return thanks in adequate terms for the kind manner in which they had proposed his health, and for the kind reception extended to him. As Bro. Ralling had said, it was impossible to place before them any fresh speech in reply to the toast. They had only to look back to the history of the Order to realise how impossible it was to put into a different form the principles they upheld. It was easy for him, in making a few remarks, to express to them the very great sense he had of their kind hospitality, so well displayed in that brotherly feeling which they had always extended to him as their Prov. G. Master. His shortcomings were many, but the brethren were always ready to overlook them, and to believe that he was actuated by the deepest feelings of Masonic brotherhood. It was a matter of regret that he was not able to take part in the ceremonies that evening. The repast had been splendid, and he could congratulate them if they were able, on any other occasions, to place before their guests a better feast than they had received that night. He must tell them that when he arrived in London that morning, after some small services for his country, he found, to his surprise, that his estimable wife had received a message from the Duchess of Albany

expressing a wish to lunch at his house. Therefore it was impossible for him to leave town before. He regretted this, for he knew that the manner in which the ceremonies were conducted was worthy of all praise, and he believed the W.M. to be one who cherished the fullest sentiments of Masonic brotherhood, and who gave an excellent example how the ceremonies should be carried out. When he saw the W.M. exalted in that magnificent chair, he felt he had been worthily placed, and, although that chair was of great antiquity, no brother could grace it better than he. He wished to be allowed to congratulate them on their surroundings. Could they possibly have a more picturesque place to meet in? He had certainly never seen a room more suitable for a Masonic banquet, and it was a most convenient distance from London. They had recently opened to the public, by patriotic endeavours, one of the most charming recreation grounds that could be imagined, and of which they had a pleasing view from the meeting place of the lodge. The increasing appeals for Charity that were being made, notwithstanding diminished incomes which many of them enjoyed, was well known, but there could be no greater example than in their Order, where they found Charity supported with greater force than ever. They were called upon to exercise Masonic Charity in connection with the Centenary of the Girls' School, which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had come forward to support. No Prov. G.M. was ever more creditably supported than he (Lord Brooke) was when he took the chair at a Festival of one of the Institutions. It was a pleasure to him to rule over the Province of Essex, which had so largely increased. The members had increased, but it would always be his wish and that of his Deputy, and those who advised him, never to increase the lodges without feeling they were right in doing so. At the same time they increased the lodges he trusted the members initiated might be increased also, and that it might be said that they selected just men who would be a credit to them. It would be his endeavour to attend all the lodges in the province, but in no lodge would it be possible for him to meet with a more hearty welcome than he had received on the present occasion. He trusted they would accept his apologies for arriving so late, for he regretted not having seen the ceremonies. He thanked them very much indeed for the kind manner in which they had received him on his first—he hoped not the last—visit to so important a lodge in his province.

"The Dep. Prov. G.M. and the Prov. G. Officers" was proposed by the W.M., who referred to the interest taken by Bro. Philbrick, Dep. Prov. G.M., in Masonic matters. Bro. Philbrick was learned in the law, and was the exponent of Masonic law, and although in appeals it was his duty to condemn one side or the other, he did it with such good nature that even the losing parties felt they had gained a victory. There were a number of Prov. Grand Officers present, to all of whom he offered a hearty welcome.

Bro. Humphreys, Prov. S.G.W., responded, and regretted that the Dep. Prov. G.M. was not present to charm them with his eloquence. They were proud to serve under such a Prov. G.M. as Lord Brooke, and nothing gave them so much pleasure as rendering some assistance to Freemasonry. They were pleased to see the Prov. G.M. visiting the lodges, and if he ever again took the chair at a Masonic Festival they would support him, and make it one to be remembered. They had been highly gratified at their visit that evening, and would go to their homes with remembrances and unalloyed pleasure at the delightful gathering.

Bro. Fitch, Prov. J.G.W., also responded. Bro. Lord Brooke then gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master," which he was convinced would be received with enthusiasm, and which would not require many words from him to impress upon the brethren the importance of the toast. Bro. Dixie, the W.M., was most highly esteemed amongst them, and his term of office had been undoubtedly memorable for the efficient manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair, and supported the credit of the lodge. The Chigwell Lodge had just completed its 50 years, but he was sure there had not been a more excellent W.M. than the brother who had so hospitably entertained them that evening. Bro. Dixie was ably supported by many Provincial Grand Officers, which was a token of the esteem in which he is held. He had met the W.M. on previous occasions connected with the lodge, but he had never seen him perform the duties in that lodge. As the term of office of the W.M. was just expiring, he should not have that pleasure, but those who had done so would bear him out in saying that the duties had been carried out in a most excellent manner, and those Masons who had that evening been completed in their Masonic knowledge would esteem the manner in which they had been perfected. He congratulated the members on their W.M., and he gave them with the greatest cordiality his health, asking them to receive it with full Masonic honours.

Bro. A. J. Dixie, W.M., in response, said he felt very proud that evening, for he knew he had the good wishes of all the brethren. He was also proud of being the W.M. of the lodge in which he was initiated, and which had attained such a respectable age. The Secretary had been kind enough to give him a few items of interest connected with the history of the lodge during the past 50 years. This being the Jubilee year of the Chigwell Lodge, and being honoured that night by the presence of their R.W. Prov. Grand Master, he thought it would not be out of place to mark the event, or uninteresting to the brethren to say a few words on the history of the lodge. The lodge was founded in 1838, when the Duke of Sussex was M.W.G.M. of the Order, but it was not probable that any of the founders were alive at the present time. Bro. Rowland Alston, M.P., was the R.W. Prov. G.M. of Essex at that time, Bro. Rowland Gardner Alston being his Deputy, and the first appointed W.M. being Bro. Dr. George R. Rowe, who presented the lodge with the handsome chairs they saw in the room. The lodge was first held at the King's Head, Chigwell, until 1867, when it moved to the Castle Hotel, Woodford, and was located there until 1879, removing to the Forest, Hotel where it has since met. When the Chigwell Lodge was founded it was the sixth lodge in the province, the oldest being the Angel, No. 51, founded in 1737. From 1786 to 1836 no lodge was founded, and then there came the Hope Lodge of Brightlingsea, and next the Chigwell Lodge in 1838. Masonry then stood still in the province until 1855 when the Star-in-the-East Lodge was founded. The Chigwell Lodge was an off-shoot of the Old Dundee Lodge, No. 18, any member of which still enjoys exemption from certain joining fees. The original number of the Chigwell Lodge was 663. From time to time many

very able and leading Masons have occupied the chair in this lodge, and those who have gained the purple and left the lodge are amongst the foremost in the ranks of London Masons. Of those he might mention Bros. Paas, Raynham Stewart, and C. F. Hogard. The lodge had never been numerous, the highest number of members being about 30, but it had always been a united one and has stood as well as any as regards its proportionate contributions to the Charities. It had had the honour of entertaining Prov. G. Lodge on several occasions, notably at the Castle Hotel in 1870, with Bro. Bagshaw as R.W. Prov. G.M., and Bro. Andrew Meggy, Deputy Prov. G.M., and in 1882, at their present meeting place, when their late lamented Prov. G.M., Lord Tenterden, presided. Whenever Prov. G. Lodge favoured them again with their company, they might be sure of a hearty welcome and a good reception. They now numbered 30 members, and boasted of 12 P.M.'s, nine of whom wear the purple. The oldest member was Bro. F. F. Toole, whose connection with the lodge extended over 40 years, and Bro. Geo. Motion came next, with 30 years. They had sons following fathers in the lodge, and hoped soon to have grandsons in their midst. Reverting to the Charities, he had done the best he could, having represented the lodge on five occasions. This year, his brother, the J.D., took up £63 for the Benevolent Institution on behalf of the lodge. He hoped to take up £60 for the Girls' School, and about £100 for the Boys' School, and therefore he hoped they had celebrated the jubilee of their lodge in the best manner by supporting the Institutions. Of this he thought they might be proud, and so long as they continued to persevere that unanimity of feeling and concord amongst them, they would ever remain a prosperous and happy lodge. He had endeavoured to perfect himself in the ritual, and if he had given satisfaction, he was more than repaid. This being the last time he should occupy the chair as W.M., he thanked them very heartily for the kind and courteous manner in which they had received him, and more especially for the support he had received.

"The Health of the W.M. elect" was next given, and suitably responded to by Bro. Egan, J.W., W.M. elect.

Bros. Pearson, I.P.M., and Motion, P.M., replied for "The Past Masters," and Bro. Salmon, P.P.G. Reg. Essex, for "The Visitors."

"The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" having been duly honoured, the Tyler's toast closed a successful and enjoyable gathering.

The brethren who contributed by vocal and elocutionary efforts to the enjoyment of all present included Bros. A. Renshawe, J. J. C. Turner, A. R. Motion, Homewood, G. Corble, W. A. Glass, J. S. Motion, J. Corble, and F. C. Dixie.

DARTFORD.—Emulation Lodge (No. 299).—

The members of the above lodge held their annual installation meeting in the lodge room, at the Royal Bull Hotel, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., when the W.M. elect, Bro. F. Snowden, was installed into the chair of K.S. The following members recorded their names: Bros. W. Greig, W.M.; F. Snowden, S.W.; Thomas Jenkins, J.W.; N. Martin, P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; J. Wills, Sec.; Charles Hind, S.D.; Fred. Barton, J.D.; C. C. Potter, Org.; P. Jones, Stwd.; W. Page, I.G.; William Carter, Tyler; John Brock, P.M.; A. W. Wells, P.M.; W. J. Light, P.M.; G. B. Chapman, P.M.; A. Masson, E. J. Lancaster, A. Bovey, J. M. Longley, T. Paramor, J. G. Turner, and R. Dare. The visiting brethren included Bro. Frank H. Hare, 172; John Rogers, 1853; E. Lemon, W.M. 1050; T. Elmore, W.M. 503; J. L. Sage, G.D., 503; T. J. Wingrove, 23; F. S. Hitchens, 77; Thomas H. Clarke, 1837; and others.

The lodge was opened for the transaction of some formal business, after which the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. F. Snowden, was proceeded with by Bro. W. J. Light, P.M. The new W.M. having been duly saluted, and the various offices having been declared vacant, the W.M. proceeded to appoint his new officers as follows: Bros. T. Jenkins, S.W.; C. Hind, J.W.; W. Greig, I.P.M., Treas.; T. Wills, P.M., Sec.; F. Barton, S.D.; T. W. Page, J.D.; C. C. Potter, P.M., I.G.; P. Jones, Org.; J. G. Turner, D.C.; and T. Paramor and E. T. Lancaster, Stewards.

At the close of the business the lodge room was speedily converted into a banqueting hall, and a large company sat down under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. F. Snowden.

The toast list included "The Queen and the Craft"; "The M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales"; "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past"; "The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, Earl Amherst"; "The R.W. the Deputy Prov Grand Master, Bro. Eastes, and rest of Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past"; "The Worshipful Master"; "The Masonic Charities"; and others.

A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. W. Greig, I.P.M., in acknowledgment of his services during the year.

COLCHESTER.—United Lodge (No. 697).—

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., when Bro. H. J. Skingley, S.W., was ably installed into the chair by the outgoing W.M., Bro. G. Pung Hazell. The officers of the lodge were invested as under: Bros. G. Pung Hazell, I.P.M.; J. G. Renshaw, S.W.; Joseph Ashdown, J.W.; Rev. W. Morgan Jones, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; A. Gosling, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Thomas Rix, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br., Sec.; E. J. Horncastle, S.D.; John Howe, J.D.; J. T. Bailey, P.M., P.P.G.P., D.C.; Robert A. Mann, Org.; J. H. Johnson, I.G.; Pepper, Stanley Fitchett, and G. Booth, Stwds.; S. Munson, Tyler; and A. Wright, Asst. Tyler. At the close of the ceremony a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hazell for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of the day. The W.M. was unanimously elected to represent the lodge upon the Essex Provincial Charity Committee.

Between 40 and 50 brethren afterwards dined together at the George Hotel, a sumptuous banquet being well served by Bro. Coope.

The pleasures of the evening's proceedings were greatly enhanced by a varied programme of music by Bros. Osmond, Turner, Gowers, Sparling, and Coombs.

Among the brethren present on the occasion were Bros. Col. H. Somerville Burney, P.G.D. Eng., P.M. 697; T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., P.G. Sec. Essex, P.M. and

Sec. 51; G. Harrison, W.M. 51; J. P. Lewin, P.P.G.S. of W., P.M. 276; C. Osmond, P.P.G.O., P.M. 51; John J. C. Turner, P.P.G.O., P.M. 51; E. Gowers, P.P.G.O., P.M. 1024; John Downes, W.M. 433; J. E. Wiseman, P.P.A.G.D.C., P.M. 433; R. Haward Ives, P.P.A.G. Sec.; F. Quilter, S.W. 51; F. Horsman, J.W. 51; Fred A. Renshaw, I.G. 453; F. Reichter, S.D. 51; J. M. Dallimore, P.M. 309; M. H. Page, Sec. 2063; and the following members of 697 in addition to those already mentioned: Bros. E. H. Crate, P.M., P.P.G.C.; G. A. Eustace, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. E. Williams, R. J. Godfrey, S. C. Critchley, Robt. Kerr, G. Booth, W. W. Simkin, J. E. Matthews, G. N. Watson, T. W. King, G. Bett, H. Berry, H. W. Stevens, J. Coope, and others.

WHITEHAVEN.—Lewis Lodge (No. 872).—

The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 21st ult., Bro. W. D. P. Field, W.M., in the chair. Present: Bros. T. Brakenridge, P.G. Std. Br., I.P.M.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., as S.W.; J. F. Muir, J.W.; H. Kerr, as Sec.; L. Taylor, S.D.; D. Pattinson, I.G.; J. Sewell, Tyler; Geo. Rylie, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; T. Studholme, W.M. 119, P.G. Purst.; T. Blenkinsop, W. B. Dalzell, W. Lewis, Dr. Pirie, R. Shepherd, and others.

The lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. One candidate was balloted for initiation, and one joining member; both were accepted. The work for the evening then was one initiation, one passing, and one brother raised to the Third Degree. All the ceremonies were performed in a faultless manner by the W.M. Subsequently two candidates were proposed, and with other routine business the lodge was closed.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—

A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, P.P.A.G.P., W.M.; G. J. Glasscock, P.M. 1817, P.P.G. Swd. Br., S.W.; W. E. Bridgland, P.M. 933, J.W.; Rev. T. W. Herbert, P.P.G.C., Chap.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; T. Hood, S.D.; B. Thomas, J.D.; T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; A. Vandervord, I.G.; A. W. Martin, Tyler; G. R. Dawson, P.M., Prov. S.G.D.; G. Berry, P.M.; C. W. Barnard, C. J. Dobson, E. B. Durham, E. F. Wood, H. Cogill, J. Hobday, and G. F. Vandervord. Visitor: Bro. F. Partridge, No. 160.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Hobday, No. 160, was unanimously elected a joining member, and Bro. G. F. Vandervord was raised to the Third Degree. A candidate for initiation having been proposed, the lodge was closed and adjourned until September.

HALLIFORD.—Acacia Lodge (No. 1309).—

After a long winter recess of nine months, this lodge held its first and installation meeting on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the Ship Hotel. In consequence of the death of Bro. George Hilditch Harding, W.M., by desire of the Past Masters, Bro. Thomas Gurney, M.D., P.M., P.G.D., took the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee, showing a substantial balance in hand, was received and adopted. A vote of condolence and sympathy was unanimously adopted, and a letter was ordered to be sent to his brother and family, conveying to them the great loss the lodge had sustained in the untimely death of Bro. George Hilditch, W.M., who had endeared himself to all who knew him; also to express the genuine sympathy and heartfelt condolence to his relatives for the irreparable loss they had sustained in his death. Bro. Henry Woods, J.W., and W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M., P.P.G.D., to receive the benefit of installation, and Bro. Thomas Gurney in his usual able and impressive manner, performed the ceremony. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Thomas Noton, as I.P.M.; Dewes, S.W.; Crofts, J.W.; J. Proffitt, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; John Davies, Sec.; Frost, S.D.; Tinker, J.D.; Biggs, I.G.; C. L. Smiles, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; Sawyer, Stwd.; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M., P.P.G.D., it was unanimously resolved "That a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Thomas Gurney, M.D., P.M., P.G.D., for the able, pains, taking, correct, and impressive manner in which he had rendered the all-important ceremony of the installation." All present expressed their satisfaction and admiration at his excellent working, and Bro. William Alexander Barrett, Grand Organist of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, gave his meed of praise as a visitor. Bro. Walter, also thanked Bro. Gurney for doing the installation which he had so frequently done in this lodge, and had most willingly foregone his right as the senior Past Master to do it on that occasion, for since his recent attack of paralysis in his throat he avoided doing any work anywhere. He concluded his remarks by another motion, which was duly seconded and unanimously resolved: "That the best thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. John Davies, their esteemed Secretary, for his kindness in accepting the office of Secretary (which office became vacant on the sudden death of Bro. James William George), and to express to him how pleased and thoroughly satisfied the brethren were at the way in which he discharged his duties. He had won their confidence and hearty respect, and hoped he would for many years to come continue to be the Secretary of the lodge." Both Bros. T. Gurney and John Davies returned thanks. Bro. Tinker, J.D., was unanimously elected Steward for Boys', 1888, and the W.M. and S.W. represents Girls', the S.W. for Boys' in 1889. The lodge was then closed.

Banquet followed. It was mentioned in lodge that it was probable that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex would again be held at Great Stanmore on Saturday, July the 7th.

BOGNOR.—Gordon Lodge (No. 1726).—

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the New Assembly Rooms. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. Charles F. Field, assisted by Bros. Alfred Lloyd, S.W., and H. L. Staffurth, J.W. Subsequently Bro. A. T. Long, P.M., assumed the chair, and Bro. A. Lloyd, who had at the previous meeting been unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, having been presented to him by Bro. A. Smith, P.M., ho

installed Bro. Lloyd in the chair. The newly-installed W. Master appointed and invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. Field, I.P.M.; H. L. Staffurth, S.W.; W. M. Hope, J.W.; J. Kirshaw Davies, Treas.; H. Marshall, Sec.; J. Byrne, P.M. 162, S.D.; W. Palmer, J.D.; J. Barclay Lloyd, I.G.; and T. Walls, Tyler. The W.M., who announced that he was going up as Steward at the ensuing Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was also elected to represent the lodge on the Charities Committee of the province. Before the lodge closed, a P.M.'s gold jewel was presented to Bro. Field, in recognition of his services in the chair during the year.

Subsequently the brethren sat down to a banquet, served by Bro. Booth, in the Octagon Room, the repast being of the most recherché description. The W.M., Bro. Lloyd, presided, and was supported by several visitors, including Bros. V. P. Freeman, P.G.D. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; J. H. Hawes, W.M. 38; Dr. Paxton, W.M. 56; Billing, W.M. 271; C. J. Heald, W.M. 1636; A. W. Lambert, P.M. 588, P.P.G.O. Lincolnshire; Bicknell, P.M.; and others. There were also present, in addition to the officers of the lodge, Bros. A. T. Long, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; A. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Causton, P.M.; Field, P.M.; Hays, F. Lindsay Lloyd, and others.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very pleasant evening was spent, Bro. Long being unreservedly complimented upon the excellent manner in which he had carried out his duties as Steward.

WALTON-ON-NAZE.—Arnold Lodge (No. 1799).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Portobello Hotel, when Bro. Geo. Canler, J.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Alfred Welch, P.M. 51, P.P.J.G.W., who was heartily thanked by the brethren for his services. The officers for the ensuing year were invested as under: Bros. W. Finer, I.P.M.; J. M. Scarlett, S.W.; H. Wilkinson, J.W.; E. Osmond, Treas.; R. H. Scott, P.M., P.A.G. Sec.; E. Grocock, S.D.; R. Pollard, J.D.; A. G. Rickarby, P.M., P.P.G.P., D.C.; C. P. King, I.G.; C. Randall, Stwd.; and J. James, Tyler. As representative of the lodge upon the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, Bro. Chas. Hempson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., was unanimously re-elected. Before the lodge was closed, Bro. King, I.G., asked the W.M. to accept on behalf of the lodge a "broken column," which had been made by himself. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. King for his present.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet, served in his usual able manner by Bro. Doring. During the evening the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented to the I.P.M. a regulation P.M.'s collar and jewel, which Bro. W. Finer suitably acknowledged.

NARBORO'.—Granite Lodge (No. 2028).—The fifth annual festival of this new and flourishing lodge was held at the Narboro' Hotel, on Thursday, the 3rd ult. During the year the work has been heavy, and the meetings, under the able Mastership of Bro. Geo. Jessop, well attended, and though held in a country village, the work has been fairly done. The whole furniture and belongings of the lodge, which are of a first-rate character, have been paid for, and the Charities have not been neglected. On the completion of the necessary work, Bro. Jno. Metcalfe, P.M. and Sec., presented Bro. J. G. Simpkin to the outgoing Master for installation. This Bro. Jessop, P.G.A. D. of C. Leicestershire and Rutland, assisted by the father of the lodge, very ably carried out, the concluding addresses being given by the very popular D.P.G.M., Bro. Partridge and Bro. Miles J. Walker. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows, giving in excellent style a charge to each: Bros. G. Jessop, I.P.M.; T. W. Everard, S.W.; W. Key, J.W.; Rev. W. Langley, M.A., F.R.A.S., Chap.; J. Smith, Treas.; J. Metcalfe, Sec.; J. Rawson, S.D.; J. Johnson, J.D.; A. F. Rawson, D. of C.; Grace, Org.; Green, I.G.; Winkes, Stwd.; and J. Extor, Tyler.

The Worshipful Master, in the most felicitous terms, conveyed the thanks of the brethren to the I.P.M. for his services for the past year, and at the same time, in their name, presented him with a beautiful P.M.'s jewel.

The banquet (given in the parish schools, lent for the occasion by the rector and churchwardens, on account of the death of the hostess of the Narboro' Hotel during the meeting of the lodge), was very well attended, the W.M. being supported by the D.P.G.M. of Leicestershire, and many Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past, and all the P.M.'s of the lodge, and about 40 brethren.

The usual toasts, loyal and Masonic, were duly honoured. It is only fair to say that the excellent style of the W.M.'s working, and the happy manner of his address and speeches, warrant the hope that he will be a worthy follower of the Masters who have presided over this young lodge before him.

INSTRUCTION.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale. Present: Bros. C. R. Wickens, W.M.; J. J. Thomas, S.W.; W. J. Stratton, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; W. J. Mason, Sec. (pro tem.); S. J. Humfress, S.D.; J. Hill, P.M.; Redfean, I.G.; and W. D. Slyman, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Slyman having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Slyman candidate. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, and the S.W., Bro. Thomas, having been duly presented, was installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The brethren saluted the W.M. in the Three Degrees. The officers were next invested, and the three addresses were very effectively given by Bro. C. R. Wickens. Bro. Slyman was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Wickens for the very efficient manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of installation. A vote of thanks was also passed to the Preceptor and Secretary for their services during the past 12 months. 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 25th ult. at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. W. G. Coat, W.M.; P. Burton, S.W.; W. C. Williams, J.W.; D. S. Long, Sec.; R. H. Williams, S.D.; A. Williams, J.D.; C. J. C. Walker, I.G.; W. J. Coplestone, Stwd.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; S. Cochrane, P.M.; J.

Ford, P.M.; E. Fox, H. Cotton, R. F. Brickdale, F. Craggs, G. H. Webb, C. Higginson, F. W. Woodard, and J. Patterson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Woodard, having given proofs of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Third, and resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cotton being the candidate. The W.M. having risen, Bro. F. W. Woodard, 1791, was elected a member. Bro. P. Burton was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. C. Conway, W.M.; O. W. Battley, S.W.; J. W. Stratton, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; J. Stagg, S.D.; W. Rivers, J.D.; W. C. Edwards, I.G.; S. Stretch, jun., Stwd.; J. S. Humfress, P.M. 733; D. Stroud, P.M. 2045; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Stretch being candidate. Bro. Battley was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Bro. Battley presented the lodge of instruction with a handsome tripod, and a cordial vote of thanks—to be entered on the minutes—was unanimously carried, which the worthy brother acknowledged in very suitable terms, at the same time expressing his gratification at the courtesy he had always received from the brethren. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, under the direction of Bro. Walter Hancock, Preceptor, and the Treasurer (Bro. J. Petch, W.M. 1471), Secretary, and other brethren being present. Bro. C. M. Coxon occupied the chair, and, after rehearsing the ceremony of initiation, opened the lodge in the Second Degree, and rehearsed the ceremony of passing. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Sheffield was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

The last meeting, before closing for the summer season, will be held on Tuesday next, at half-past 7 o'clock punctually, when a good attendance of the brethren is expected. On that evening a meeting of the Second Islington Masonic Charities Association will also be held.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at the Old White Hart Hotel, Boro', when there were present Bros. C. R. Williams, W.M.; W. Steele, S.W.; A. Austin, J.W.; F. Eadie, S.D.; J. Hattersley, J.D.; H. V. Lloyd, I.G.; Walter Wingham, Preceptor; Fred. Williams, Hon. Sec.; W. Roots, T. Ladd, W. W. Block, M. E. Stokes, Holliday, H. C. Ball, Friend, Wright, Renault, and G. A. Ball.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, and Bro. Eadie was installed into the chair of K.S. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd Section worked by Bro. H. C. Ball. It was proposed by Bro. Wingham, Preceptor, and seconded by Bro. Williams, Sec., that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of the late Bro. Edwin Fullick expressing the deep sympathy of the brethren in her affliction, and that a wreath be sent from the lodge—carried unanimously. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. F. Seale and M. E. Stokes were elected joining members, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second and third times, and the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 24th ult. Present: Bros. F. M. Noakes, W.M.; J. D. Graham, S.W.; F. Kedge, J.W.; W. Brindley, S.D.; S. C. Fort, J.D.; J. Laurence, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. Baker, D. G. Imlay, E. J. Gittens, H. J. Pellatt, R. J. Harnell, J. Rayner, W. E. Cursons, C. B. Shemmonds, W. Lincoln, T. C. Seary, H. C. Chevalier, W. Hancock, E. Morrison, E. Willcock, W. F. Fendick, A. W. Smith, W. Ham, G. F. Swan, E. Campbell, G. H. Reynolds, and A. Clark.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. D. G. Imlay having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. C. B. Shemmonds answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, and retired. Bro. F. M. Noakes vacated the chair in favour of Bro. F. Kedge. Bro. T. C. Seary, offering himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Bro. F. M. Noakes resumed the chair. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bros. D. G. Imlay, 2148, and W. Baker, 2209, were unanimously elected members. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. J. D. Graham, S.W., be elected W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush. Present: Bros. G. Higginson, W.M.; L. Cox, S.W.; W. Jennings, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; G. B. Johnston, S.D.; F. Stanley, J.D.; F. Craggs, I.G.; John Davies, Preceptor; Cochrane, P.M.; Wood, P.M.; Eriehart, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; Arnott, Martineau, Woodard, Whittell, Stonnill, Head, and Cotton.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Woodard candidate. Bro. Cochrane, P.M., gave the charge after initiation. Bro. Cochrane having answered the questions, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. L. Cox was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and, after "Hearty good wishes" had been given, the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 28th ult. Present: Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; J. Sims, P.M., S.W.; S. Cochrane, P.M., J.W.; W. C. Williams, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M., I.P.M.; and the usual number of brethren.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, a well-known and hard-working member of the Craft acting as candidate. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. J. Sims, S.W., assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Sims was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Many matters of importance were discussed by those present, and it is hoped that there will be a full muster of the members at the next meeting for special reasons.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 26th ult. Present: Bros. D. S. Long, W.M.; J. H. Wood, S.W.; D. Stroud, J.W.; E. Ayling, Preceptor; G. Gardner, Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; F. Craggs, S.D.; Cochrane, P.M., J.D.; Aridge, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; and F. Wilkins.

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 resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Wilkins offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Wilkins candidate, and the lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and called off and on. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. J. H. Wood was elected W.M. for next meeting. Bro. Wood submitted the Auditors' report, which, on the motion of Bro. Stroud, seconded by Bro. F. Craggs, was received and adopted. A vote of thanks was passed to the Auditors, and also to Bro. G. Gardner for his exertions towards the success of the annual supper. After "Hearty good wishes," given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER AND MARYLEBONE LODGE (No. 2021).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Criterion, Piccadilly. Present: Bros. E. B. Cox, W.M.; T. C. Artaud, S.W.; J. D. J. W.; C. Bellerby, Sec.; Rowe, S.D.; E. H. Bellerby, J.D.; Walters, I.G.; Cleghorn, P.M., Preceptor; Woodruff, P.M.; Von Joel, P.M.; Hemming, P.M.; Parker, P.M.; Collens, P.M.; Reed, Buxton, Bevis, Tooley, Ray, Bonham, Thomson, Thom, W. Bellerby, Dusterwald, Greenway, and Prendergast.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes were read. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ray candidate. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the Preceptor and Bro. Thom worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture respectively. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Hemming worked the 4th Section of the Lecture. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and Bro. Artaud was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 25th ult., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Gibson, P.M., W.M.; Hume, S.W.; Piper, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, Sec.; Dottrell, S.D.; Blades, J.D.; Stutfield, I.G.; Molony, Roberts, Edwards, and Shaw.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Molony, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Molony being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Piper, who resumed the lodge to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Shaw being the candidate. Bro. Boulton, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. Bevan, W.M.; Hill, S.W.; Grover, J.W.; Russell, S.D.; Pugh, J.D.; Winny, I.G.; Andrews, Sec.; Partridge, Taylor, Poole, Block, and Foot.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Poole as candidate. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Taylor answered the usual questions in a perfect manner, and was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, with Bro. Taylor as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. Bro. W. J. Ford, 217, was elected a joining member, and returned thanks. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Hill, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Hill returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

CAVEAC CHAPTER (No. 176).—This chapter held its first meeting of the year at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City, on Saturday, the 26th ult. The chapter was opened by Comps. Frederick Elder, M.E.Z.; Frederick Walters, P.P.G. 1st A.S. Middx., P.Z., S.E., as H.; and John Brockett Sorrell, P.Z., Treas., as J.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Apologies were received from Comps. P. R. Nairne, P.Z., D.C.; C. T. Doray, P.Z.; W. M. Goss, P.Z.; A. W. Thorpe, P.Z.; R. P. Tebb, P.Z.; W. R. Morton, P.Z.; Dr. W. S. Wyman, P.Z.; Dr. John Dixon, P.Z.; and J. E. Cockett, H., regretting their inability to attend. Comp. H. F. Paget, the J. elect, was again through his continued ill-health unable (much to his regret) to be present. The usual notice of motion was given by Comps. Frederick Walters, S.E., and John Brockett Sorrell, P.Z., Treas., "That a sufficient sum be voted from the chapter funds to Comp. Frederick Elder to purchase a P.Z.'s jewel, to be presented to him for efficient services rendered to the chapter." A candidate for exaltation was mentioned for next meeting. An appeal for support of Comp. J. E. Cockett's, H., list as the Steward representing this chapter at the ensuing Festival of Girls' was made. Business ended, the chapter was closed.

The usual splendid banquet and dessert followed. Comp. William Alexander Barrett, G. Org. G.L. and G.C., P.M., P.Z., was the only visitor.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).—This chapter met for the despatch of business at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 22nd ult. Among those present were Comps. H. Clemow, M.E.Z.; F. Farrington, H.; W. E. Farrington, J.; Alfred Tisley, S.E.; Farthing S.N.; Benningfield, 1st A.S.; T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx.; G. Manners, C.C., P.Z., Treas.; Skelton, Edwards, Gaze, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The following were then elected officers for the year ensuing: Comps. F. Farrington, M.E.Z.; W. E. Farrington, H.; Farthing, J.; T. C. Walls, S.E.; T. A. Woodbridge, C.C., S.N.; Benningfield, P.S.; C. Moore, 1st A.S.; Gaze, 2nd A.S.; Manners, Treas.; and Gilbert, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel having been voted to the M.E.Z., a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Comp. A. Tisley, P.Z., for his services as S.E., and regretting his retirement from that office. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family of the late Bro. H. Dalwood, a founder, and second M.E.Z. of the chapter.

Comps. Gaze and Edwards having been appointed Auditors, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was most ably presided over by Comp. H. Clemow.

The usual toasts followed.

"The Visitors" were duly honoured, and the Masters and representatives of the various lodges responded, the English, French, Italian, German, and Arabic languages being employed in the congratulations.

Bro. Philip referred to the excellent work rendered that evening by the I.P.M., and to the ready cheerfulness with which he at all times did his duty and served the interests of the Craft, and how that, following in the footsteps of his predecessors, he had been successful in cementing and strengthening the bond of unity between the lodges and brethren in Egypt, and he hoped that in future years, when possibly far distant in other lands, he would remember the pleasant hours he had spent in that lodge while its Master, and he called upon the brethren to drink his health without heel-taps.

Bro. Sergt.-Major Hathaway, I.P.M., in rising to respond, was greeted with rounds of applause. He thanked the lodge for the honour and kindness they had conferred upon him in making him their Master, and assured them he should ever remember it as one of the brightest privileges of his life, and which gave to him the greatest satisfaction ever enjoyed; it would ever be to him a red-letter year in his life, and now that he had passed from the chair he should use the utmost of his strength and ability to aid the W.M. in the fulfilment of his pledges. He concluded by counselling the members to support their head, as it would be impossible for the Master alone to make it a thriving and successful lodge.

"The Officers," "Ladies," and Tyler's toasts having been honoured, the brethren united in singing the "Queen" and "Auld Lang Syne," and the company separated, each and one all evidencing the delight they had realised in the privileges and enjoyment of the evening.

Thanks were due to Bros. Warwick, W.M. 707 (S.C.), Wakefield, Roberts, Schinzing, and Bent, for the harmony they had contributed in song and recitation.

South Africa.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NATAL.

The eleventh half-yearly Communication of the above District Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Smith-street, Durban, on Monday afternoon, March 26th, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. R. I. Finemore, the District Grand Master. There was a large attendance of brethren from all parts of the colony. The minutes of last regular Communication having been read and confirmed, the roll of lodges was called as follows: Port Natal Lodge, Durban, 738; Prince Alfred Lodge, Maritzburg, 956; Inanda Lodge, Avoca, 1192; Natalia Lodge, Maritzburg, 1665; Carnarvon Lodge, Richmond, 1684; Skelmersdale Lodge, Maritzburg, 1729; Umvoti Lodge, Greytown, 1867; St. John's Lodge, Kokstad, 1886; Addington Lodge, 1937; Umlazi Lodge, Pinetown, 1976; Biggarsberg Unity Lodge, Dundee Proper, 2084; Newcastle Lodge, 2097; Umzimkulu Lodge, 2113. All 13 lodges were found to be duly represented.

R.W. Bro. FINEMORE, in addressing the brethren, said that it afforded him great pleasure, on this the occasion of his entering upon the sixth year of rule over this Masonic district as their District Grand Master, to see such an assemblage present in answer to his summons, including many who had travelled long distances in order to be present at that meeting. He felt very grateful to them for their attendance and support, the more so that, although his interest in Freemasonry was unabated, and his attention to the details of district work had been unremitting, he had, in the matter of personal visiting of lodges, been compelled, owing to the many urgent claims upon his time, to press rather heavily upon the indulgence of the brethren of the district; and he was very glad to have that opportunity of meeting his brethren in the Craft. There was but a small district in point of numbers of lodges when compared with other districts under the rule of his Royal Highness their Grand Master; but they had hitherto been characterised by the greatest unanimity and bound together by the strongest ties of friendship and good feeling. He sincerely trusted that it might always be so. The returns from their different lodges—which, by-the-way, he trusted they would make a point of sending in regularly, so as to lighten as much as possible the duties of their valued Secretary—were fairly satisfactory. Each year had witnessed some advance in the growth and progress of their district. The Kokstad Lodge had now voluntarily come under his jurisdiction, so that this district now included two lodges meeting at places beyond the boundaries of this colony, viz., St. John's, Kokstad, and the Umzimkulu Lodge. Other lodges would have been established in the Transvaal, had it not been for the decision of the M.W.G. Master that no more charters or warrants should be granted for that territory now that it had ceased to belong to the British dominions—a decision which, in his humble opinion, was greatly to be regretted on account of the large number of English Masons in the Transvaal, who are anxious to retain their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England. Although he had been precluded from personally visiting lodges during the year, he had had a fair share of business to attend to in the way of correspondence, granting dispensations, perusing and considering new by-laws and amendments of existing by-laws, and giving opinions and rulings upon points of Masonic jurisprudence and practice, in all of which the District Grand Secretary, Bro. J. B. Cottam, had rendered valuable assistance. He gladly recognised the efficient help which he (Bro. Finemore) had received in the discharge of his duties from Bro. Wesley Francis, his Deputy, upon whom, he was glad to say, the M.W. Grand Master had been pleased, in celebration of the Jubilee year, to confer past rank in Grand Lodge. They had also, under authority from the M.W. Grand Master, selected Bros J. B. Cottam, D.G. Secretary, and S. Marriott, D.G. Treasurer, for the honour of being made Past District Senior Grand Wardens, in recognition of their services, and to mark the Jubilee year of her Majesty. That these honours had been honestly earned and were worthily conferred, would, he doubted not, be the unanimous opinion of the members of this District Grand Lodge. Might the blessing of heaven rest upon their labours during the present communication, and wisdom from on high direct and guide them in all they undertook for the advancement of their noble art.

The following officers for 1888-89 were appointed:

Bro. Thos. Cook...	...	Dist. S.G.W.
„ W. Sink ...	...	Dist. J.G.W.

Bro. The Rev. J. Oxley Oxland, F.R.	...	Dist. G. Chaps.
G.S. ...	...	...
The Rev. T. E. Robinson...	...	...
„ S. Marriott ...	...	Dist. G. Treas.
„ J. Crowe ...	...	Dist. G. Reg.
„ J. Schulz, M.D. ...	...	Dist. P. of B.G.P.
„ J. B. Cottam ...	...	Dist. G. Sec.
„ G. O. Matterson ...	...	Dist. S.G.D.
„ R. Willis ...	...	Dist. J.G.D.
„ Capt. F. Dickinson ...	...	Dist. G.S. of W.
„ W. H. Kinsman ...	...	Dist. G.D.C.
„ G. H. Edmonds ...	...	Dist. A.G.D.C.
„ S. Knox ...	...	Dist. G. Swd. Br.
„ C. G. Wilson ...	...	Dist. G. Std. Br.
„ T. N. Price... ..	...	Dist. G. Std. Br.
„ G. Pullock ...	...	Dist. G. Org.
„ H. W. Hampton ...	...	Dist. A.G. Sec.
„ R. D. Clark, M.A. ...	...	Dist. G. Purst.
„ G. H. Fowle ...	...	Dist. A.G. Purst.
„ A. Jukes ...	...	Dist. G. Tyler.

At the conclusion of the District Grand Lodge a meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held, at which all of the brethren who had attained the rank of Mark Master Mason attended. R.W. Bro. Finemore, in his capacity as Provincial Grand Mark Master, also presided over this meeting.

The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year:

Bro. J. Schulz, M.D. ...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
„ M. H. Emanuel ...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
„ E. S. T. Stantial ...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
„ W. F. Stanton ...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
„ J. Crowe ...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
„ Rev. J. Oxley Oxland, F.R.G.S.	...	Prov. G. Chap.
„ Rev. P. F. Cadman ...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
„ Capt. F. Dickinson ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
„ W. H. Kinsman ...	...	Prov. G.C. of G.P.
„ W. H. Hampton ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
„ H. Rutherford ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ G. Leask ...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
„ J. H. Isaacs ...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
„ J. Fletcher ...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
„ T. L. B. Tuckett ...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
„ R. D. Clark, M.A. ...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
„ J. Wright ...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
„ W. H. Morse ...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
„ G. Pullock ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
„ H. Crowder ...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
„ C. H. Dunn ...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
„ A. Jukes ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The business in both Craft and Mark Masonry being terminated, the brethren parted, to meet again in the evening at a banquet in honour of the occasion.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF THE UNANIMITY AND SINCERITY LODGE, No. 261, AT TAUNTON.

The centenary celebration of the Unanimity and Sincerity Lodge, No. 261, took place on Wednesday, the 16th ult., at Taunton. The lodge was established in May, 1787, at Ilminster, under the name of Unanimity, and was held at the Swan Inn, in that town. It migrated to Taunton in the latter part of 1797. The hundredth year of its existence was accomplished on the 6th of the present month, but it was not found practicable to hold the celebration on that day, owing to the presence of the Yeomanry in the town, and it was therefore postponed until the ordinary lodge meeting, which fell due on Wednesday, the 16th ult. The records have been uninterruptedly kept since the first meeting, and on application to the Grand Lodge there was no difficulty in obtaining the centenary warrant.

The brethren met on the afternoon of the 16th ult. at two o'clock, in the Central School-rooms, the school managers having kindly granted permission for them to assemble there. In the school-room the brethren donned their robes, and were arranged in procession by Bro. Bidgood, P.M., P.P.G. Dir. of Cer., assisted by Bros. Adams and Vile. They were formed in the usual Masonic processional order, according to their rank, the juniors preceding, a beautiful silk banner being carried by Bro. Price, P.G. Std. Br. A procession marched from the schoolroom to the Church of St. Magdalene, entering by the west door, where they were met by the vicar (the Rev. W. H. Askwith) and the choir. Here the members divided, and those behind "doubled in," the seniors coming to the front, in order that the W.M. might take precedence. The choir marched to their places singing the hymn beginning, "Brightly gleams our banner." The brethren occupied seats in the nave of the church. Bro. R. Bailey sang the first part of the service, and the first lesson was read by the Rev. J. A. Lloyd, G. Chap. of England, and one of the P.G. Chaplains of Somerset. The Rev. W. H. Askwith then read the second lesson, and after the anthem, "The Lord is my light," the rest of the service was performed by Bro. H. S. Hume.

Bro. the Rev. J. A. LLOYD delivered an eloquent sermon, based on the incident of the Queen of Sheba's visit to Solomon, recorded in I. Kings x. Mr. A. P. Standley presided at the organ. At the close of the service a collection was made by the Stewards in aid of the Taunton and Somerset Hospital. After the service the brethren reformed the procession, the W.M. and the elders leading. They returned to the schoolroom, where they disrobed, and proceeded to the Masonic Hall, the Crescent. The lodge was duly opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the last meeting were read. The W.M. then called upon the Provincial Officers to receive the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. R. C. Else, which was done in Masonic form. The centenary warrant was read to the brethren.

Bro. F. G. WILLIAMS then read a short history of the lodge. The W.M. was then presented with the centenary jewel of the lodge, and he suitably responded. The lodge unanimously decided to purchase 25 shares from the Masonic Hall Company to be invested in the chair of the lodge as a centenary memorial.

Bro. STODD made an appeal for a contribution to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, he being wishful to raise 1000 guineas in the Province of Somerset towards the Institution, and the brethren unanimously voted £10 10s. towards the fund. Having performed the usual Masonic celebrations the brethren dined in the hall under the presidency of the W.M., 85 brethren sitting down.

Amongst those present at the dinner and church were Bros. Col. Adair, W.M.; A. Steevens, I.P.M.; W. Adams, P.M.; J. G. Vile, P.M.; J. Blizard, P.M.; R. Bailey, P.M.; J. D. Woollen, P.M.; G. H. Pollard, P.M.; Price, P.M.; Dr. Woodford, P.M.; T. Meyler, P.M.; J. Goodman, P.M.; J. H. Smith, P.M.; S. Farant, P.M.; A. Villar, P.M.; Col. Ewing, P.M.; F. T. Elworthy, P.M.; T. G. Williams, P.M.; Geo. Saunders, jun., S.W.; F. W. Aveling, J.W.; James Showers, Treas.; Alex. Hammett, Sec.; G. C. Strawbridge, S.D.; W. H. Wake, J.D.; R. N. Hartnell, D.C.; T. H. Chaffin, Org.; Josiah Lewis, I.G.; C. W. Barrett, F. R. Roberts, J. G. Loveday, and W. Potter, Stwds.; T. Tidbury, Tyler; Jones, Asst. Tyler; A. A. Sommerville, R. Sommerville, C. R. Humphrey, H. J. Spiller, A. J. Spiller, W. H. Cooksley, F. W. Gover, J. H. Baxter, E. Goodman, Glen Ross, A. E. Goodman, A. D. Wilcocks, G. Kite, Baker, T. Shepherd, T. Culverwell, Flower, Lusson, A. Lewis, C. Lewis, H. T. Carter, T. J. Bunston, Cotching, H. Allen, C. Baker, W. Baker, C. Sutton, G. Spiller, F. B. Wickenden, C. H. Samson, A. H. Stringfellow, H. J. Van Trump, A. Easton, W. Summerfield, E. Sloper, W. Goodland, Whale, Franklin, F. W. Baker, R. T. Martin, W. H. Westlake, W. Percy, C. Bere, A. J. Smith, Knight, H. G. Crow, J. Gill, T. S. Haddon, J. Tyler, E. T. Howard, W. B. Powell, and others.

A number of toasts were drunk, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY AND THE EMPEROR FREDERICK.

At the meeting of the Lodge of Antiquity on the 23rd ult., the following gracious reply from his Majesty the Emperor of Germany to the address of congratulation and sympathy, which had been presented to him by the lodge, was received:

[ROYAL ARMS.]

"I desire to express to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY

my cordial and fraternal thanks for their congratulations, and I earnestly hope that it may be the design of the Great Architect of the Universe to restore my health and strength.

THE EMPRESS

also desires to convey her thanks for the kind expression of sympathy from the members of a lodge which reckons amongst its past members her great uncle, the Duke of Sussex, and her lamented brother, the Duke of Albany.

"FREDERICK I. AND R.

"Charlottenburg Schloss,

"March, 1888.

"This will be delivered by Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie." Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie being unable to leave the Emperor, the reply was sent by Queen's Messenger to the care of Bro. Dr. Wharton Hood, a P.M. of the lodge.

RESUSCITATION OF THE WILLIAM STUART PRECEPTORY, No. 76.

This preceptory has been in abeyance since 1882, but by the strenuous exertions of the Eminent Preceptor, Sir Knight R. Eve, Sir Knights Prescott, Le Feuvre, Taylor, and others, it was resuscitated on Saturday last, and bids fair to become a strong and flourishing preceptory. The meeting took place at the Masonic Hall in the Imperial Hotel, Aldershot, Hants, when the E.P., Sir Knight Eve, was supported by several Grand and Provincial Grand Officers in the Templar Degree.

Sir Knights Sir Godfrey Thomas, Bart., Deputy Surgeon General Prescott, W. J. Rix, H. Lehmann, and J. Taylor were duly elected joining members; and, by request of the Eminent Preceptor, Sir Knight R. Loveland Loveland, Past G. Swd. Br. England, and Sub-Prior of the Province of Hants and Isle of Wight, installed Comps. A. Savill and H. Stone as Knight Templars. Sir Knight Deputy Surgeon General Albert Stanley Prescott was unanimously elected Eminent Preceptor for the ensuing year, and Sir Knight R. L. Loveland was also unanimously elected Treasurer for a like period.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers for their attendance, and for the assistance they had rendered; and also to the Eminent Preceptor, Sir Knight Eve, for his services ever since his election, and particularly with regard to the resuscitation of the preceptory.

Sir Knight H. Pigeon, jun., of the Province of Dorset, kindly performed on the harmonium, which added greatly to the impressiveness of the ceremony, for which he was accorded a vote of sincere thanks.

The V.L. Prov. Prior, Sir Knight W. W. B. Beach, M.P., was unable to attend the meeting, owing to a previous important engagement, but wrote, expressing his regret at not being able to be present, and wishing the preceptory a bright and prosperous future.

After the preceptory had been closed, the knights partook of the refreshment which had been prepared for them by their host at the hotel; and on the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were given and responded to, and songs were sung by Sir Knights R. Eve and others until the time came for the knights to catch their respective trains to London, Southampton, Portsmouth, and elsewhere.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

On Wednesday, the 16th ult., a preparatory meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, Earl Amherst. Among the brethren present were Bros. J. A. Eastes, P.G.D. Eng. and Dep. Prov. G.M.; Jesse Thomas, P.P.S.G.W.; T. S. Warne, P.P. G.M.; Humphrey Wood, P.P.S.G.W.; J. W. Webb, S.G.W.; J. W. Benton, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. Spinks, P.P.J.G.D.; J. W. Benton, P.P.A.G.D.C.; A. Spencer, P.P.G. Steward; J. Aillud, P.P.D.G.D.C.; A. Spencer, P.G. Sec.; B. K. Thorpe, P.G. Treas.; W. S. Elers, P.P.J.G.D.; C. G. Long, P.G. Reg.; Walter Downing, P.D.G.D.C.; G. Page, P.P.J.G.D.; V. S. Vickers, P.P.G.C.; C. Coupland, P.P.J.G.W.; T. W. Underdown, P.P.G. Steward; V. Brown, P.P.G.P. Hants; W. Watson, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. W. Green, P.P.G. Steward; Geo. Friend, P.P.S.G.W.; G. W. Cornell, P.P.J.G.D.; H. Black, P.P.A.G.D.C.; E. Denton, P.P.

J.G.D.: F. R. J. Champion, P.P.S.G.D.; and H. Pen-
 lid, P.P.G.O. The P.M.'s present included Bros. J.
 Lewis, C. Day, G. Smith, W. A. Weston, W. L. Seyfang,
 Burham, G. Naylor, S. Field, C. R. Cockburn, J.
 Funnell, W. Jude, J. Husband, A. J. Bateman, J. Mitchell,
 F. J. Seall, F. T. Gerand, H. Ward, W. J. Harris, G.
 Payne, W. Bond, G. Goble, M. Priestman, G. Green, H.
 Black, S. W. Shaw, F. G. Homan, B. Kilby Thorpe, T.
 Hugh Smith, E. Ayre, A. Doughty, J. Mason, R. Cham-
 bers, J. W. Court, S. Varren, P. W. Philpott, Henry Bond,
 T. W. Wallis, F. Leest, J. C. Briggs, Thomas Dean, P. A.
 Frost, S. Kennedy, C. R. Buck, A. W. Durst, J. Storey,
 L. B. Biggs, W. H. Tanner, W. Russell, E. Palmer, J.
 Whiffen, F. Nicholls, and W. Wilson. There were also
 among those present Bros. G. Church, W.M.; W. T.
 Wiggins, F. Collins, W. J. Wildish, E. Bacon, C. T.
 Skinner, G. H. Leavey, C. T. Smith, H. T. Morris, Geo.
 Church, jun., Cooper, S. Seager, W. Hollis, W. J. Hay-
 ward, T. Stafford, and others.

The usual arrangements for the Grand Festival to be held
 at Sittingbourne this year were made.

The P.G. TREASURER reported that nearly the necessary
 amount—£1000—had been subscribed by the lodges to the
 Girls' School Presentation Fund, and the recommendations
 of the Charity Committee were adopted.

A banquet subsequently took place at the Sun Hotel,
 when Bro. Spurrier provided an excellent dinner.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The second meeting of the Board of Stewards for the
 90th Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held at
 Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P.,
 in the chair. The report of the Special Committee was
 read and adopted, and after transacting what other busi-
 ness remained to be done, the Committee adjourned till
 Thursday, the 21st instant.

It has been arranged that the usual distribution of prizes
 shall take place at the School, Wood Green, on Saturday,
 the 23rd instant. The usual programme will be prepared,
 and after the proceedings in the Great Hall have termi-
 nated, and the visitors have been regaled with the neces-
 sary refreshment, the several athletic sports will be held in
 the playing-fields.

The Craft Abroad.

ST. GEORGE LODGE, NO. 1152, SINGAPORE.

The above lodge met on St. George's-day, the 23rd
 April, when Bro. D. G. Presgrave was installed W.M. for
 the ensuing year. The officers appointed are as follows:
 Bros. T. de M. L. Braddell, S.W.; C. F. McKie, J.W.;
 W. Evans, Treas.; J. S. Sturrock, Sec.; C. D. H.
 Currie, S.D.; N. H. S. Charlwood, J.D.; C. G. Gar-
 rard, I.G.; and J. Lannon, Tyler.

PERAK JUBILEE LODGE, NO. 2225, PERAK.

This lodge was consecrated on the 14th April, by W.
 Bro. J. P. B. Beal, as D.S.G.W. of the Eastern Archipelago,
 who installed the following as officers: Bros. C. A. Schultz,
 W.M.; F. St. G. Caulfield, M.I.C.E., S.W.; J. F.
 Toft, J.W.; W. Cowan, Sec. and Treas.; W. Buswell,
 S.D.; W. Givan, J.D.; and J. Symes, I.G.



Mr. Willie Edouin has taken "Katti" out the
 bills at the Strand and substituted a new three-act farce by
 Mr. T. G. Warren, called "His Wives." It is something
 in the same strain as the author's "Nita's First," but not
 nearly so clever or amusing. In one or two acts it would
 go much better. The first act is decidedly funny, the
 second, except for Mr. Edouin and Miss Susan Vaughan,
 drags, and the third is not very lively. The plot is a little
 mixed, but one laughs over "His Wives." "Airey Annie"
 makes a good wind up of the programme, for it is a really
 witty and amusing burlesque.

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The book by Mr. Gunter has become so popular
 that it is no wonder "Mr. Barnes of New York" has been
 dramatised. As a whole, those who go to see it at the
 Olympic will be pleased, for the work is well and smartly
 done and the action is rapid. In the first act Antonio
 Paoli, a young Corsican of good family serving in the
 French navy, has a quarrel with an English navy lieuten-
 ant. They fight a duel near Ajaccio, and the Corsican is
 killed. His sister Marita arrives upon the scene just as
 the Englishman has left to rejoin his ship, which is bound
 for Alexandria, the event taking place in the Egyptian
 war in 1882. The girl swears vengeance over the body of
 her brother. She pursues her lust for blood into Egypt,
 and whilst nursing in the hospital she falls in love with
 Gerard Anstruther. She is loved, however, by a certain
 Count Danella, a Corsican like herself, and he furthers her
 schemes for revenge with all his fervour, hoping that when she
 has slain her brother's murderer she will love him—Danella.
 When she informs him that love has conquered the spirit
 of revenge in her, and that she is engaged to be married,
 he is horrified. When she mentions her fiancé's name,
 Danella recognises that the name of Gerard Anstruther
 was engraven on the pistol used at the duel, and which he
 found by Antonio's body. Danella, being guardian to
 Marita, insists on the wedding taking place in Corsica.
 After the marriage he insists she shall fulfil her vow of re-
 venge. The count hides behind a curtain in order to
 witness the spectacle of a husband being murdered by his
 wife on their wedding night, but this becomes fatal to him-
 self, for a faithful servant finding that Marita hesitates to
 avenge her brother's death, seizes the knife from her hands,
 and assuming that Gerard is coming through the curtain,
 makes a stab at it and kills Danella. Gerard, of course, comes
 upon the scene unhurt. Mr. E. S. Willard gives a very careful
 and elaborate study of the Count Danella. Mr. Yorke
 Stephens, who is Mr. Barnes of New York, has a part not
 very essential to the play, but he is always about and
 interesting himself in other people's affairs, and ultimately

interests himself in marrying Miss Anstruther. This young
 lady is represented by Miss Gertrude Kingston, who we
 hope will soon drop her peculiarity of pointing with her
 fingers all over the place, and become less affected. Miss
 Amy McNeil is the Corsican girl, and quite surprised us by
 her intelligent acting. We remember her in the Drury
 Lane pantomime the season before last, and we think
 we have seen her elsewhere, but we were not pre-
 pared for such a highly finished style of acting. She had
 thought out the character well. Her facial expressions
 when she is vowing vengeance for the death of her brother,
 and then when love for Anstruther conquers her, are well
 put on. We think "Mr. Barnes of New York" a highly
 interesting dramatic play, and one which will bear seeing a
 second time.

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Bro. Henry Irving has changed his programme
 at the Lyceum, and put in the evening bills Mr. Calmou's
 pretty poetical play produced at a matinée last June.
 "The Amber Heart" is a beautiful conception. Miss
 Ellen Terry is in possession of a part with which she is
 personally delighted, and with which she captivates her
 audience. Ellaline is given by her mother a talisman—
 an amber heart—by which she escapes the pangs of love,
 but she wants to be like other women, and when she learns
 what it prevents her she tears off the amber heart and
 throws into the lake. She immediately falls in love with
 Silvio, but he is false and is won by the charms of
 Mirabelle. Ellaline would now commit suicide, but
 Coranto fishes out of the water the talisman, and placing
 it once more on her neck Ellaline becomes as before, and
 fancies she has been in a dream. Miss Ellen Terry once
 more brings to bear in the part of Ellaline her unrivalled
 powers of maidenly tenderness and pathos. Nothing can
 be more exquisitely touching than her appeals to Silvio in
 the second act, nothing more full of outraged womanly
 pride than her demeanour to Mirabelle, who has stolen
 Silvio's affection. Hearty praise must be given to Mr.
 Alexander, the inconstant Silvio, for a truly admirable
 performance. Mr. Hermann Vezinas, as Coranto, it is needless
 to say, speaks with elocutionary grace. There being no
 part for Bro. Irving in this play, he has put "Robert
 Macaire" in the bills as well, in which he plays the title
 rôle. The contrast in the two pieces is like going from the
 sublime to the ridiculous. It may seem like heresy to say
 it, but we felt Bro. Irving was wasting his splendid talents
 on a stupid pantomimic performance, and it is only his
 great name which makes it tolerated and creates the least
 interest in "Robert Macaire." "The Amber Heart" is
 such a romantic and beautiful play, and Miss Ellen Terry
 depicts the heroine so conscientiously, that one is irre-
 sistibly drawn by her charming acting. During the sum-
 mer months "The Amber Heart" should draw crowds to
 the Lyceum.

MASONIC FUNERAL AT NORTH SHIELDS.

The funeral of the late Bro. W. H. Atkinson of Culler-
 coats, which was attended with Masonic honours, took place
 on the 18th ult. at the Old Cemetery, South Preston, North
 Shields. The remains were followed to the grave by a
 large number of relatives and friends, who assembled at
 the residence of the deceased, Beverley Terrace, Culler-
 coats. The members of the Percy and Priory Lodges, un-
 der their respective marshals, Bros. Dixon and J. Wallace,
 joined the funeral cortege on its arrival at Holy Saviour's
 Church, taking up a position in front of the hearse. At
 the cemetery Bros. C. A. Bushell, I.P.M., P.P.S.G.W.,
 and J. M. Winter, P.M. (Priory), Prov. G.R., took the direc-
 tion of the ceremonies. The Rev. E. W. Evans, vicar of
 St. George's, Cullercoats, and Rev. H. S. Hicks, vicar of
 Holy Saviour's, Tynemouth, conducted the obsequies at
 the grave. After the ceremony, the hymn "Days and
 moments quickly flying" was sung by the brethren and the
 friends. The brethren then filed past the grave, each
 dropping on to the coffin a sprig of acacia. A good num-
 ber of merchants and shipowners belonging to the Quay-
 side, Newcastle, where Bro. Atkinson had been a familiar
 figure for many years, attended the funeral to pay their
 last tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

ANDERSON.—On the 27th ult., at Bonchurch-road, North
 Kensington, the wife of J. Anderson, of a daughter.
 MURR.—On the 26th ult., at Bardney Manor, Lincoln, the
 wife of W. T. S. Murr, of St. Ann's Villas, Notting
 Hill, London, W., of a daughter.
 BISHOP.—On the 27th ult., at Clairville, Surbiton, the wife
 of A. R. Bishop, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BROWNE—LEE.—On the 29th ult., at St. Jude's, Dulwich-
 road, S.E., Harry Tillman, son of James Browne, of
 Grosvenor Park, S.E., to Frances Phœbe, eldest
 daughter of William Henry Lee, of Shakespear-
 road, Herne Hill, S.E.
 FARLEY—COLLINS.—On the 28th ult., at St. Saviour's,
 Denmark Park, Charles James, son of C. W. Farley,
 of Camberwell, to Louisa Maria, daughter of W. S.
 Collins, of Peckham.
 ROBINSON—POULTON.—On the 29th ult., at St. Peter's,
 Bexhill, Robert, son of Robert Robinson, of Fleetwood,
 to Edith Annie, daughter of Samuel Poulton, of
 Bexhill-on-Sea.
 WILKINS—COLLINS.—On the 28th ult., at St. Leonard's,
 Streatham, Charles England, son of the late T. Wilkins,
 Ipswich, to Helena Jane (Lena), daughter of the late
 W. Collins, of Emsworth, Hants.

DEATHS.

CUMBERLAND.—On the 24th ult., at Alfred House, Rosen-
 dale-road, West Dulwich, S.E., in his 19th year,
 John Bertie Stanley, the dearly loved and only son of
 John S. and Nancy Cumberland, formerly of York.—
 American papers please copy.
 DEAN.—On the 29th ult., at Elgin-avenue, W., Ellen
 Willis, widow of the late H. Dean, of Falmouth-road,
 S.E., aged 78.
 PERKINS.—On the 27th ult., at Philcap Farm, Winchmore-
 hill, W. Perkins, son of the late H. Perkins, of Platt-
 street, St. Pancras, aged 48.

THE STAR AND GARTER HOTEL, RICHMOND.

It will be gratifying news to our readers to learn that this
 old and favourite hostelry has passed into the hands of a
 new and energetic proprietor, Bro. A. Mella, who, by the
 experience he has had in the management of similar large
 establishments, is well qualified to conduct it successfully,
 with satisfaction to his patrons, and, as we trust will prove
 the case, with advantage to himself. Though in the matter
 of age the Star and Garter is surpassed by many other
 houses both near London and elsewhere, there are few, if
 any, which have enjoyed a higher reputation. The original
 house was built in 1738, on a part of Petersham Common,
 leased by the then Earl of Dysart, lord of the manor, to
 John Christopher for the yearly rental of 40 shillings, but
 the accommodation was scanty, and visitors were unable to
 sleep there. But in course of time it was rebuilt, and in
 1780 it had two storeys with a porticoed entrance, while on
 the west side was a house, which was subsequently rebuilt
 and added to the hotel. In 1803 a large piece of ground
 was leased by Lord Dysart to Richard Brewer for 60
 shillings a year rental, on condition that the view from
 Sir Lionel Darell's house opposite should not be impeded.
 But the condition was not included in the terms of lease,
 and was evaded by the lessee, who was shortly afterwards
 obliged to close the hotel. For five years it remained so,
 but in 1809, one Christopher Crean, cook to the Duke of
 York, took it and opened it with some *eclat*, and on his
 death his widow carried on the business, though in a
 manner which made it unpleasantly notorious for its ex-
 cessive charges. In 1822, Mr. Joseph Ellis took the hotel
 off Mrs. Crean's hands, and it was during his tenancy,
 which continued without interruption till his death in 1858,
 that the Star and Garter became so famous and popular a
 resort. From 1858 to 1864 his son, Mr. George Ellis, was
 the proprietor, and then the hotel was conducted by a
 Limited Liability Company, which erected a large building
 by the side of the original hotel, and conducted the en-
 larged establishment in a manner worthy of the earlier
 reputation of the hotel. In February, 1870, the whole of
 the Old Star and Garter was destroyed, the new building
 by its side escaping, and since a grand palatial structure
 has been erected, which, in the summer time especially,
 has been a regular resort for pleasure seekers, but more
 particularly for wedding and other parties, the Four-in-
 Hand Club making it a practice during the summer months
 to drive to Richmond on Sunday and dine under its hos-
 pitable roof. The present hotel contains some very fine
 rooms, the Grand Concert Hall, being the dining-room of
 the building which escaped the fire of 1870, being connected
 with the new hotel erected in 1872, and now known as the
 Hotel, to distinguish it from the more recent building, which
 is called the Pavilion, and covers an area of 116 feet by 70
 feet. The principal feature of this is the Ball-room, 80
 feet by 61 feet, with windows facing the terrace and river
 on the one side and the main road on the other, in which
 there is dancing accommodation for a party of 400 persons.
 It is some 33 feet high, and about 16 feet from the floor is
 a loggia running round the hall, opening out of which are
 13 rooms for private parties, ranging in size from 8 feet by
 14 feet to 22 feet by 14 feet, and all having a most
 beautiful prospect. The kitchen accommodation is on a
 very large scale, and will suffice for the requirements of
 1000 persons, who can dine in the various portions of the
 hotel without putting the numerous staff and the resources
 of the establishment to any undue pressure. There is
 also ample room for visitors who may be desirous of pro-
 longing their stay over many days or weeks, while the
 cellars are amply stocked with the choicest wines. As
 for the surroundings of the Star and Garter, and the
 scenery upon which it looks, they are too well known to need
 any description. It is important, however, to state that the
 new proprietor, Bro. A. Mella, while carefully preserving
 the reputation of the Hotel for the excellence of its ac-
 commodation and the character of the provision which is
 made for the customers, has regulated his tariff of charges
 so that they do not exceed those of other well-known
 hostelries, nor need those who patronise him have the
 slightest fear of paying heavily, as in days gone by. We
 trust Bro. Mella will, during the coming and future seasons,
 reap a handsome reward for the generous efforts he has
 made to attract the custom of the public. He has done
 his part admirably, and richly deserves the success which
 we hope is in store for him.

On Monday Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser laid the
 foundation-stone of the new Drill Hall and Head-quarters of
 the 2nd London Rifle Volunteers, which is about to be erected
 at 59, Farringdon-street. His lordship, who attended in state
 and was accompanied by Bros. Sheriff Higgs and Sheriff
 Davies, arrived at the site of the proposed Hall at 3 p.m.,
 and was received by a guard of honour of the regiment,
 and having performed the ceremony left amid the hearty
 cheers of those assembled.

A MINIATURE PARIS.—English people generally
 take kindly to Brussels, which has for them an almost per-
 sonal interest, not only because of the neighbouring field
 of Waterloo, but also on account of the part taken by
 England in the foundation and maintenance of the King-
 dom of Belgium, and for the frequent allusions to the place
 which are found in the writings of Byron, Walter Scott,
 Thackeray, and other English men of letters. An ex-
 perience French traveller has declared that there is
 no place in which one can live better and cheaper than
 in Brussels. The cleanness of the city is proverbial.
 It is said that every day the mistress of a house passes
 her fingers over the furniture, and if there be found a
 speck of dust the careless housemaid is dismissed. On
 Saturdays walls, passages, and staircases are thoroughly
 cleansed, and the exterior of the house is washed. The
 Frenchman has probably overstated the elaborate purifica-
 tions which are supposed to take place, but it is certain
 that he has not entirely misrepresented the neatness and
 order of the streets and houses of the better class. The
 people are very polite, and if you go into a shop to inquire
 the price of an article in the window, or only to ask the
 way, you are generally dismissed with thanks. The res-
 taurants are good, and many of the hotels enjoy a high
 reputation; the shops rival those of Paris or Vienna, and
 are not quite so dear. There are good theatres, in which
 operas and French plays are performed by first-rate com-
 panies. During the summer a band plays every afternoon
 in the Park, and in winter concerts are frequent. Altogether
 a visitor can find plenty to occupy his time, and must indeed
 be a misanthrope if he cannot enjoy himself in Brussels.—
 From *Cities of the World* for June.



We are informed that a number of influential and representative provincial brethren have requested Bro. H. Offley Wakeman, M.A., Fellow and Bursar of All Souls' College, Oxon, and W.M. of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, to allow himself to be nominated in December next for the office of Grand Treasurer for the year ensuing, and that Bro. Wakeman has consented to stand. We also learn that Bro. George Everett, P.M. and Treasurer of the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, will be proposed as a candidate for the same office, so that with Bro. Edward Terry, P.G. Std., of whose candidature we spoke last week, there will be three nominations for next year's Grand Treasurership, namely, Bro. E. Terry, P.G. Std.; Bro. H. Offley Wakeman, W.M. No. 357; and Bro. George Everett, P.M. and Treasurer No. 177, &c.

Bro. Henry Lovegrove has been elected Vice-President of the London Architectural Association, which has a membership of about a thousand.

The House of Commons resumed its sittings after the Whitsun Holidays on Thursday, but the House of Lords will not re-assemble till the beginning of next week.

The Prince of Wales will unveil the statue which has been erected to the memory of Sir Bartle Frere, in the gardens, on the Thames Embankment, on Tuesday next, the 5th instant.

The Prince of Wales has postponed the opening of the new gymnasium at 92, Long Acre, of the Young Men's Christian Association, which was to have taken place to-morrow (Saturday), till Thursday, the 7th instant.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, M.P., has kindly consented to preside at the 45th Anniversary Festival of the Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Institution, which will be held on Wednesday, the 4th July next.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., addressed a public meeting held in the Lecture Hall, Derby, on Monday, in connection with the fourth quarterly conference of the Midland Union of Conservative Associations.

A bazaar and military fête, in aid of the Royal Military Asylum, Chelsea, was opened by H.R.H. the Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, who was accompanied by the Duke of Cambridge, in the Asylum grounds on Thursday, the 24th ult.

A new lodge will be consecrated at Clapton, on Saturday, the 9th inst., by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, assisted by Bro. Sir Albert Woods (Garter), Bro. T. Fenn, President Board General Purposes, Bro. Rev. R. J. Pope, Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., and Bro. H. Lovegrove.

Bros. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, Lord Ebrington, M.P., Sir E. Clarke, O.C., M.P., H.M.'s Solicitor General, and Sir J. H. Puleston, M.P., were among the principal guests at the annual dinner on Thursday, the 24th ult., of the Plymouth Mercantile Association.

The Prince of Wales returned to London from Berlin on Sunday evening last, and on Monday evening was present at the annual dinner of the 1st Life Guards. The same day Prince Albert Victor of Wales arrived at Marlborough House from York, in order to be present at the annual dinner at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, of the 9th Lancers.

Lord and Lady Stanley of Preston arrived at Balmoral Castle on Friday, the 25th ult., on a visit to her Majesty, and had the honour of dining with the Queen and Royal Family. His lordship kissed hands on his appointment as Governor General of Canada. On Monday he had a protracted interview with the Prime Minister at the Foreign Office, and on Wednesday he left London for Liverpool for his seat of government.

To-morrow (Saturday) being the day appointed for the public celebration of the Queen's birthday, the ceremony of trooping the colours will take place as usual on the Horse Guards' parade at 10 a.m., while in the evening the principal members of the Ministry will give the customary banquets in honour of the occasion. There will also be the usual illuminations in the principal thoroughfares of the Metropolis.

A largely attended meeting was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Monday afternoon, under the auspices of the London Chamber of Commerce, for the purpose of hearing an address by Admiral Sir G. P. Hornby on "The Defence of Merchant Ships in case of War." Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., presided, and among those present were Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, Admiral Lord Alcester, Lord Brassey, Sir E. J. Reed, M.P., General Sir F. Fitzwygram, Bart., M.P., T. Sutherland, and a strong muster of naval officers. The proceedings were of a very enthusiastic character.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at the Mansion House, on Friday, the 25th ult., at the third annual meeting of the National Association for the Employment of Reserve and Discharged Soldiers. The report, which was adopted, showed that 3481 men had been registered at the various offices of the Association during the past year, and employment found for 1013, raising the total registered from the establishment of the Society to 5741, and the number for whom employment had been found to 1589. It was resolved to petition the Government to assist the Association by reserving a certain proportion of places in Government departments for deserving soldiers.

At an annual meeting of the Joppa Chapter, held at the Albion, Aldersgate, on Thursday, the 24th ult., the following companions were elected as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. Lewis M. Myers, C.C., M.E.Z.; H. P. Isaac, P.Z., H.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.Z., J.; M. J. Emanuel, P.Z., re-elected S.E.; J. Lazarus, P.Z., re-elected Treas.; Isaac Myers, S.N.; Henry Davis, P.S.; W. S. Lyon, 1st A.S.; H. Saqui, 2nd A.S.; and Goddard, re-elected Janitor. The company afterwards partook of a banquet, when the usual R.A. toasts were given, and several companions joined in the harmony of the evening by giving songs and recitations.

Bro. Viscount Bury, K.C.M.G., will preside at the House dinner of St. George's Club, Hanover-square, on Tuesday next, the 5th instant.

Bro. Colonel King-Harman, M.P., landed at Plymouth on Monday, on his return from his trip to the Cape, and has considerably benefited in health by the voyage.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., who had been spending the first part of the Whitsun recess on the Continent, returned to Devonshire House from Paris on Sunday evening last.

Among those who attended Epsom Races on Tuesday were the Prince of Wales, Prince Christian, Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., and Bro. Lord Suffield.

By command of the Queen, the Prince of Wales will hold a Levee at St. James's Palace, on Friday, the 8th instant, when presentations to his Royal Highness will be held equivalent to presentations to her Majesty.

Bro. Earl and Countess Granville, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Jersey, and Bro. the Earl of Arran were present at the dinner party given by the Duke and Duchess of Westminster at Grosvenor House on Tuesday.

The physicians in attendance upon the King of Portugal have held a consultation, at which they resolved that his Majesty should not leave Lisbon until his progress towards recovery had been fully ascertained.

The condition of the Emperor of Brazil continues to improve, and no further bulletins will be issued. His Majesty's departure for Aix-les-Bains has been fixed for to-morrow (Saturday), provided the weather be favourable.

The staging of "Carmen," like every other opera produced by Bro. Augustus Harris, is remarkable. Opera-goers have never, before this season commenced, been so favoured with such brilliant scenes, such gorgeous pictures, such tasteful, and above all, appropriate costumes. "Carmen" is worth seeing, without taking into account the music, the singing, and the acting.

Bro. Admiral Sir George Wiles, who will strike his flag as Port-Admiral at Portsmouth on the 19th inst., gave a farewell ball at the Admiralty House on the 24th ult. About 600 guests were present, and among them Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, and Lady Hamilton. Bro. Admiral Sir J. E. Commerell will hoist his flag as successor to Admiral Wiles on the 20th instant.

The delegation from the Honourable Artillery Company of London was met, on its arrival at New York, on Friday, the 25th ult., by a delegation from the Ancient and Honourable Artillery Company of Boston, by whom the members were heartily welcomed. The representatives of the London Corps have since visited Niagara and other known localities, and have visited President Cleveland at the White House, Richmond.

The annual dinner of the Royal Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard took place at the Holborn Restaurant on the Queen's birthday, the 24th ult., and on Tuesday next the Prince of Wales will inspect the corps in St. James's Palace Gardens, when it is expected the Jubilee medal will be distributed to the members. Afterwards, the Captain, Bro. the Earl of Kintore, will entertain the men at dinner at the Holborn Restaurant.

The general meeting of the National Rifle Association was held at the Royal United Service Institution on Tuesday, under the presidency of the Duke of Cambridge, among the members present being Bros. Lord Wantage, Sir H. Halford, Bart., Lord Kinnaird, and the Hon. A. Egerton. After the transaction of the regular business, his Royal Highness vacated the chair, which was occupied by Bro. Lord Wantage, and the meeting proceeded to consider the future meeting-place of the Association, this being the last year at which the meeting will take place on Wimbledon Common.

The regular meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall to-morrow (Saturday) at four p.m. The chief business will be the election of the House and Audit Committees for the ensuing year. For the latter only the requisite number of candidates has been nominated, and there will therefore be no contest; but for the House Committee the 11 remaining members of last Committee and Bro. John Wordsworth have been nominated on the one hand, and on the other a Bro. Dale and Bro. Geo. Corble. A strong muster of Governors may therefore be expected.

The annual meeting of the Council of the Gordon Boys' Home was held at the Mansion House on Tuesday, under the presidency of Bro. the Lord Mayor, Bros. Alderman Sir R. Hanson, Bart., and Sir F. Milner, Bart., being among the members present. The report showed that the funded property of the Institution amounted to between £32,000 and £33,000, that the subscriptions during the past 12 months amounted to £1772, as against £1115 during the previous 15 months, and that the number of boys was now 134. The report was adopted, and a vote of thanks passed to his lordship for presiding.

The marriage of Prince Henry of Prussia, son of the German Emperor, and Princess Irene, daughter of the Grand Duke of Hesse and our late Princess Alice, was celebrated with magnificent pomp and ceremony, and fortunately the Emperor Frederick was sufficiently well to be present. Among the illustrious personages present were the Prince of Wales, representing the Queen, Sir E. B. Malet, H.M.'s Ambassador at Berlin, and the Lady Ermyntrude Malet, Count Von Moltke, Bro. Sir M. Mackenzie in attendance upon the Emperor, &c., &c. His Majesty did not attend the wedding breakfast which followed, but was represented by his son, the Imperial Crown Prince William.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are the medicine most in repute for curing the multifarious maladies which attack humanity when wet and cold weather gives place to more genial temperatures. In short, these Pills never fail to afford relief in all the disturbances of circulation, digestion, and nervous energy, which at times oppress a vast portion of the population. Under the wholesome, purifying, and strengthening powers exerted by these excellent Pills the tongue becomes clean, the appetite improves, digestion is quickened, and assimilation rendered perfect. Holloway's medicine possesses the highly estimable property of cleansing the whole mass of blood, which in its renovated condition carries purity, strength, and vigour to every tissue of the body.—ADVT.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will again meet at Great Stanmore, on Saturday, July 7th.

We regret to hear of the death, at Hythe, on Tuesday, of Lady Abel, wife of Bro. Sir Frederick Abel.

In accordance with ancient custom, her Majesty's Judges will attend Divine service in St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday next, being the first Sunday after Trinity term.

The Prince of Wales has signified his intention of being present at the matinée, at the Criterion, on Monday next, in aid of the sufferers by the recent inundations in Germany.

The Derby was won by the favourite, Ayrshire, the property of Bro. the Duke of Portland, Crowberry and Van Dieman's Land being second and third respectively. Only nine ran.

We offer our warmest sympathy to Bro. J. S. Cumberland and Mrs. Cumberland in the sad bereavement they have suffered in the loss of their only son, whose death, at the age of 19, is recorded in another column.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Dunraven and family have arrived at Kenry House, Putney Vale, while Bro. the Earl of Limerick has returned to St. Margaret's Mansions, Victoria-street.

Bro. Colonel Duncan, C.B., M.P., presided on Saturday last at the annual meeting, at the St. George's Club, Hanover-square, of the Oxford Military College, and referred at length to the important question of the National Defences.

Bro. Sir Edward Watkin, Bart., M.P., and the directors of the South-Eastern Company, invited a limited number of the members of the Bermondsey Club and Institute to visit the works at Dover, connected with the proposed Channel Tunnel, on Saturday last.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, G.S., and W.M. of No. 21, and Bro. Sheriff Higgs, No. 60, attended the banquet of the Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745, which was held at the Freemasons' Tavern on the 28th ult. A full report will appear in our next issue.

We are informed that the Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge, No. 2184, is leaving the Tilbury Hotel, Tilbury, Essex, and will hold two Temporary meetings at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, Essex, the first being held on the 31st ult., and the second will be held on the 28th inst., to decide the future meeting place of the lodge.

At the monthly meeting of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester, on Thursday, the 24th ult., Bro. Frank Quilter, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Charles Cobb, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., was elected Treasurer. Bro. Munson was re-elected Tyler, and Bro. Wright Assistant Tyler.

There was a terrible fire at a milliner's establishment in Edgware-road early on Wednesday morning, and within a few minutes after the first alarm was given the premises were found to be a mass of flame. Unfortunately, five of the female residents perished, and sundry others were more or less seriously injured in jumping from the windows.

We are pleased to learn that Bro. Berther, who has been for some time deputy manager of the Freemasons' Tavern, has been appointed manager of the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Bro. Berther has made many friends at the well-known tavern in Great Queen-street, and his general courtesy and knowledge of his business should ensure him a successful career in his new position.

The 21st anniversary of the birth of the Princess Victoria of Teck was celebrated on Saturday last, at Richmond, amid general rejoicings, and in the course of the afternoon the Princess was presented with a beautifully illuminated album, the gift of the residents in the neighbourhood, the presentation being made by Bro. Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P.

The Prince and Princess of Wales visited Epsom Downs on Wednesday and witnessed the race for the Derby. In the evening his Royal Highness gave a dinner party at Marlborough House, at which there were present, among others, Bros. the Duke of St. Albans, the Marquis of Drogheda, the Earl of Hardwicke, the Earl of Cork, the Earl of Rosslyn, Earl Granville, the Earl of Zetland, the Earl of Feversham, and Lord Suffield.

Among the good things provided in the long and strong bill for the Royal General Theatrical Fund benefit on the 7th inst., at Drury-lane, generously given by Bro. Harris, we notice the Moore and Burgess Minstrels, acts of "Sweet Lavender," "Ben-my-Chree," "The Taming of the Shrew," "Joseph's Sweetheart," and "Bootle's Baby," besides a great number of songs and recitations by popular artistes, and a ballet divertissement, from the Royal Italian Opera. Intending patrons will do well to secure their tickets early.

It is intended, in consequence of Bro. W. C. Smith, P.M., the able Preceptor of the Covent Garden and other Metropolitan lodges of instruction, being on the point of leaving London permanently, to raise and present him with a testimonial in recognition of the valuable assistance he has been for some time past rendering to the brethren who attend these lodges of instruction. An influential Committee, with Bro. George Reynolds, S.W. No. 1614, as Honorary Secretary, has been formed, and the subscription list will remain open till the 18th inst., the presentation taking place at the Criterion, on Friday, the 22nd inst. All requests for information should be addressed to Bro. George Reynolds, Honorary Secretary, 3, St. James's-square, Pall Mall, S.W.

The Centenary Anniversary of the Linnæan Society, which was founded on the 26th February, 1788, was celebrated at the rooms of the Society in Burlington House, on the 24th ult., when a grand gathering of the men of science took place, and the two gold medals intended to commemorate the event were presented to Sir Joseph Hooker, the great botanist, and Sir Richard Owen, the great zoologist. It was announced that one similar medal would for the future be awarded every year to a botanist and a zoologist alternately. The compliment of honorary fellowship was unanimously paid to his Majesty the King of Sweden, and was gracefully acknowledged, on the King's behalf, by Mr. Theodore Olsen, who remarked that nothing gave his Majesty greater pleasure than to work for the advance of science.