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VERY general is the sympathy felt with the QUEEN and the members of her family, as well as with the German Imperial family, at the loss they have sustained through the death of the Emperor FREDERICK. The latter has been twice within the period of a few months bereft of its chief, while her MAJESTY has lost a son-in-law, whose fame as a soldier had been established on many a battle-field, and who was generally reputed to be actuated by the most statesmanlike views in all matters concerning the honour, safety, and welfare of the Empire entrusted to his charge. Moreover, his late MAJESTY was looked upon by all as essentially the friend of peace, and for this reason it is that his death is regarded as being so calamitous. But what had chiefly attracted towards him the sympathy of the civilised world was the heroism with which he bore his protracted sufferings, and the many thousands who were associated with him as Masons both in his own and in foreign lands have not been slow to exhibit their part in the universal sorrow. It is well-known that the deceased Monarch in his views on Masonry, as in his views on Government, was actuated by the broadest and most philanthropic principles, and the brethren in Germany, as well as in this country, will lament his death the more sincerely from the bright anticipations they had formed as to the more immediate of Prussian Masonry under the Protectorate of a Monarch who was so enlightened and humane. We feel that we are expressing the feeling of the whole of the English Craft, when we say that the death of the Emperor FREDERICK is sincerely lamented by all its members, and that all without exception join in the sympathy which is felt with the German and English reigning families.

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THE last of our great Charitable Festivals of the year—in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—will be held in the great hall of Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday next, the 27th instant. R. W. Bro. Viscount EBRINGTON, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Devonshire, will preside as Chairman, and we are glad to see that the Board of Stewards, which has undertaken to support his lordship, though considerably less numerous than it was last year, has at length exceeded in number the smallest that has been known in connection with this particular Charity during the Grand Mastership of the Prince of WALES. There were 205 Stewards in 1879, when Bro. the Earl of ROSSLYN presided, on Wednesday next there will, in all probability, be from 210 to 215 Stewards. Considering the terrible disadvantages with which Bro. BINCKES has had to contend in organising his Board for this Festival, the slight measure of success which he has at length been able to achieve, is something to be grateful for, and should it be likewise his good fortune to announce a total of subscriptions in excess of the lowest figure recorded during the same period of 14 years, we shall have still greater cause for rejoicing. But the excitement over the Girls' School Centenary has carried everything before it, and the subscription list at that Festival, which it was expected would reach from £35,000 to £40,000, has fallen only a very little short of £51,000. Then there has been that series of disgraceful attacks both open and anonymous, upon the management of the Institution, to which, unfortunately, it has been our duty to allude on several occasions. Our readers must not imagine that these have passed away without exercising a certain amount of baneful influence on the School and the prospects of its coming Festival. On the contrary, we know of one lodge which is not without weight in the province it belongs to—and there may be other lodges that have been similarly addressed—and which has been, or shortly will be, invited to withhold further contributions to the Boys' School till the slanderous statements in the recent anonymous circular had been met. It is, of course, unreasonable to expect that a responsible executive should descend to answer the baseless charges of an anonymous calumniator, but we are not now dealing with what is a mere reasonable or unreasonable expectation, but with a fact of which we have direct personal knowledge, and it is a fact—as we have stated—that one influential lodge has been requested, if it has not determined, to refuse all further supplies for the time being. Thus the poison which has been instilled into the minds of those weaker brethren, who imagine there must be some foundation for every charge, no matter how groundless it may be, has already begun to take effect in one quarter, and it is impossible to determine to what extent it may not exercise its baneful

influence in other quarters. We trust, however, that the bulk of the Craft will take no heed of these calumnies. We claim no infallibility of judgment for the Committee of this Institution, but we do claim for it that its administration of the affairs of the School is characterised by wisdom and discretion and disinterestedness, and as such enjoys the absolute confidence of the vast majority of the Governors and Subscribers. We know how difficult is the task with which it is entrusted. There are about 260 boys in the School, and though the cost per boy ranges from £41 to £42 per annum, a sum of nearly £11,000 is annually required for their education, maintenance, and clothing, while the permanent income, from all sources together, is only about £800. Nor must we lose sight of the fact that in spite of the various augmentations of numbers which have taken place during the past few years, there is an ever-increasing list of candidates for admission. At the election in April there were 65 candidates for 15 vacancies, and when the next election comes off in October, whatever may be the number of vacancies to be filled, it is tolerably certain there will be from 70 to 80 candidates. This need not be the case, for care was taken when the Preparatory School was being erected to provide accommodation for a School of 300 boys, and it is only because the funds have not allowed of any further additions being made that the School has remained for the last year or two at the present number of about 250. Under these circumstances, we must hope for the best, and that to the credit of the Chairman and his board of Stewards, as well as to the advantage of the Institution itself, the issue of the 90th Anniversary Festival on Wednesday next, will prove more satisfactory than the number of brethren who have given their services as Stewards would justify us in expecting. Those who have only lately given in their names will have little or no opportunity for canvassing, but an additional display of energy on the part of those who have been in the field for some time may have the effect of raising the total of donations and subscriptions to something like a footing of equality with the sum required for the year's expenditure. It would not be the first time a small Board had beaten a more numerous one. In 1876 a Board of 276 Stewards raised £12,000, while in 1887 one of 228 Stewards obtained within a few shillings of £13,250. The 239 Steward, of 1878 raised less than £10,150, but the 205 of the year following obtained upwards of £10,500. More recently still, in 1886, 290 Stewards raised a total of £12,690, while last year precisely the same number of 290 were able to raise only £11,165. Consequently, as there is no general law which regulates the totals of our Festival Returns by the number of Stewards engaged in obtaining them, the brethren who have given their services in that capacity, in aid of this Anniversary, must not be discouraged by their paucity of number, but should regard it rather as an incentive to that additional exertion which we have referred to already, and which, in circumstances far less hopeful than the present, has often enabled people to achieve results out of all proportion to their strength. However, whatever may be the result of next Wednesday's Celebration, we are confident that everyone engaged in it will do his duty to the utmost of his ability.

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THE Report of the General Board for the last half-year, to which, owing to the demands on our time and space, we have hitherto been prevented from giving the attention it merits, contains highly satisfactory evidence of the continued prosperity of the Mark Degree. The certificates issued during the period it treats of were 781 in number, and warrants were granted for the constitution of five new lodges—one in London, two in the Provinces at home, one in the West Indies, and one in New South Wales. The financial position of the Grand Lodge is evidently stronger than it has ever been before. The sums invested for the several Funds amount to £9300. The account of the General Fund shows that the receipts for the half-year were £1133, the expenditure £974, and the balance remaining in hand at the close of the period £672. The sum of £131 was disbursed in relief of distressed brethren, the balance on the Benevolent Fund being within a fraction of £239. As for the Educational Fund, there are 13 boys and 13 girls being now clothed and educated, the sum disbursed on their account being slightly in excess of £245, and the balance remaining in hand £134, while the Annuity Fund, which is the most recently established of the Benevolent Funds, shows a balance on the right side amounting to £105, the annuitants on the Fund being four in number. The Report further announces that the total received in respect of the Festival last year of the Mark Benevolent Fund was slightly over £2207, and that, after defraying the necessary expenses, £705 had been paid to the Benevolent Fund, £705 to the Educational Fund, and £704 4s. 9d. to the Annuity Fund. This Mark Benevolent Fund was established in 1869, Bro. BINCKES, first Grand Secretary, taking a principal part in its establishment, and the first Festival on its behalf, at which Bro. the Rev. Canon PORTAL, Past G.M.M., and President of the General Board, presided as Chairman, yielded £94, the number of brethren who gave their services as Stewards being six. Consequently the Fund, which has been in existence only 19 years, has progressed at a rate which is truly marvellous, while the

statement made by Bro. C. F. MATIER, Assistant Grand Secretary, who is its Secretary, justifies the belief that it will go on quite as prosperously in the future. The other circumstances described in the Board's Report are of no particular importance, though it may be as well to mention that the Address voted to the Prince and Princess of WALES on the occasion of their Silver Wedding was beautifully illuminated on vellum by Bro. C. H. DRIVER, Past G.I. of Works and G.M.O., and having been enclosed in a handsome silver casket, was presented to her Royal Highness, and by her most graciously acknowledged. As regards the proceedings at the half-yearly Communication, at which this Report was submitted, we have already referred to them briefly in general terms, but it is proper we should record that the Grand Lodge passed a resolution of sympathy with the family of our late Bro. G. P. BROCKBANK, who died suddenly the Saturday preceding the day appointed for the Communication. Both the Pro Grand Master, Bro. Lord EGERTON OF TATTON, and the Grand Secretary, Bro. F. BINCKES, paid a just tribute of respect to the memory of that distinguished brother, and highly extolled him for the very important services he had rendered to the Mark Degree, and especially to the part he had played in effecting a union of the Mark Lodges of English and Scottish Constitution under the supreme authority of the Mark Grand Lodge of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. We may also mention that the appointments to Grand office for the present year gave great satisfaction, and while such worthy brethren as Bros. the Earl of EUSTON, A. DE TATTON EGERTON, C. H. DRIVER, Lieut.-Gen. RANDOLPH, and RALPH CLUTTON are invested with the highest honours, there is little doubt that the Mark Degree will retain its prestige and popularity.

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Freemasonry in Lincolnshire. WE are glad to find from our report of the recent meeting at Spilsby of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire that there is so much activity among the lodges and brethren, that there was so numerous an attendance on the occasion, and that the financial and statistical reports of the province, as well as those of the Provincial Fund of Benevolence, of the Oliver Memorial and Smyth Scholarship Funds, and of the Provincial Charity Committee were so satisfactory. It must also be very gratifying to our Lincolnshire brethren to know that the Sutcliffe Memorial Fund, amounting to 1000 guineas (£1050), has been completed, and that a Committee has been appointed to draw up a code of rules and regulations for its government. It is evident also that the province is bent on taking a more active part in the work connected with our great central Charities. Lincolnshire figured very creditably among the contributions to the Girls' School Centenary, thanks in very great measure to the successful exertions of Bro. H. E. COUSANS, who as Steward for the Witham Lodge, No. 297, raised more than half of the total subscribed by the Province; and it is satisfactory to know that the same brother has been appointed to act on behalf of the lodges in Lincolnshire generally in support of the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. We heartily congratulate R.W. Bro. W. H. SMYTH, Prov. G. Master, and the lodges and brethren under his authority, on the progress that has been made by them during the past year.

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The Prov. Grand Lodge of Devonshire. THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire, at Ilfracombe, on the 13th inst., appears, from the report we publish elsewhere, to have been very numerous attended, and the proceedings to have been of a highly gratifying character. The presence in the chair of R.W. Bro. Viscount EBRINGTON, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, would have given greater completeness and dignity to the gathering; but his lordship's absence was unavoidable, and his Deputy, Bro. W. G. ROGERS, proved a most efficient substitute. The Report of Bro. the Rev. W. WHITTLEY, the London representative of the Province, which had previously been submitted to the Committee of Petitions, showed that it had a considerable amount of voting strength available for future use, while that of the Committee spoke very favourably of the position of Devonshire towards our principal Charitable Institutions during the past as compared with previous years. It strongly recommended, however, to the lodges and chapters that they should appropriate a part of their revenues towards these Charities and the FORTESCUE and Devon Masonic Educational Funds, which latter are both doing serviceable work locally. The Report was approved, as also was that of Bro. Major G. C. DAVIE, Prov. Grand Secretary, from which it appeared that on the 31st December, 1887, there were 2744 brethren on the books of the lodges in the province, of whom 231 had been initiated during the year, and 667 were Past Masters. The Prov. Grand Treasurer reported a balance in hand of £204, while a statement of account in respect of the FORTESCUE Fund was read, and the Prov. Grand Treasurer announced that two additional annuitants would be elected at the meeting in July. All this is very pleasant reading, and we trust that at future annual gatherings of this Provincial Grand Lodge the reports and accounts submitted will continue to be as gratifying.

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An Omission Rectified. IN our review last week of the recent Girls' Centenary Festival, we mentioned sundry of the larger lists in London and the provinces which had been compiled by individual Stewards, but it was very far from being our intention to suggest that those we referred to were the only lists which were worthy of being cited on the score of exceptional magnitude. We gave them as illustrations of the more imposing among the items that made up the grand total of £50,617 which the Festival realised, not as an exhaustive list of such Returns. It is evident, however, that in mentioning the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th highest lists in London, but omitting the 4th highest—the £409 10s. of Bro. FRANK RICHARD-

SON—we must, in appearance at all events, have been guilty of a certain measure of injustice towards that most worthy brother. It is needless for us to say that we had no intention of withholding from him the praise he so richly merited for his services in this respect,—the complimentary reference later on in the same article to the valuable assistance he had rendered in connection with the distribution of prizes, summarily disposes of any such idea. But his Return—which, since our remarks were made, has been increased to £420—was so nearly equal to that of Bro. Major COOK's, which stood third and amounted to £420, and was upwards of £50 in excess of the GRAND SECRETARY'S, which stood fifth and reached £357, that we are glad of this opportunity of rectifying an omission, which, as we have already pointed out, was quite unintentional. Moreover, Bro. RICHARDSON'S list included the contributions of the resident staff of the Institution, and for that reason alone should have been specified.

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Welcome to English Freemasons. THE Columbian Lodge, of Boston, gave a grand reception and welcome to the Masonic members of the Honourable Artillery Company of London, on the 7th inst. The cards and circulars of invitation, signed by the W.M. (Bro. ALBERT A. HALL) and the Secretary (Bro. W. T. R. MARVIN), are works of art, and most appropriate to the occasion. The assembly took place in the Masonic Temple, the special guests to meet the brethren of the Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, London, being the M.W. GRAND MASTER and Officers of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and the Worshipful Masters' Association. The musical arrangements, and indeed all the programme, could not have been excelled, and every effort was made to render the reception as hearty and pleasant as possible. We anticipate hearing that our brethren will be glad of another such opportunity, at some future time, to renew their acquaintance with the Bostonian Craft, and certainly there will be no rest on this side of the "big pond," until the Fitzroy Lodge has reciprocated the very kind treatment extended to several of their members by the famous Columbian Lodge. We feel assured that whenever the chance occurs for such to take place, our American brethren will enjoy the fraternal banquet as much as our Craftsmen did on the 7th inst.; and we are glad that such Masonic courtesies are of frequent occurrence on both sides of the Atlantic. The ode of welcome we give elsewhere.

WEST YORKSHIRE AND ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

The Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire has authorised the issue of the new by-laws for that Provincial Grand Chapter, which were adopted at Wakefield, 24th November, 1886, and confirmed at Leeds, 30th April, 1887. They are duly signed by Comp. Thomas W. Tew, J.P., and countersigned by Comp. Henry Smith, Prov. G.S.E., having been passed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.E.G.Z., on the 1st July last.

These rules are well arranged and admirably suited for the purpose, besides being printed in excellent form. Our purpose, however, is not now to refer to their character, save to say that they might well be adopted as a *model set*, especially as regards their arrangement and copious index. We desire to say a few words about the roll of chapters, and the list which follows the by-laws, as the historical information inserted cannot but prove of interest to companions generally, as well as to the province in particular. The roll comprises 38 R.A. Chapters, (the last of which was consecrated in 1887), and under the respective columns are enumerated the number in province, the number in Grand Chapter, name, town, place of meeting, day of meeting, date of charter, by whom signed, Grand Superintendent (at the time), date of consecration and by whom consecrated, and history.

We should like to see similar particulars given for the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire and of all other provinces, so far as there are records, for such a roll provides a deal of valuable facts for the study of those more immediately concerned, besides preserving information which may else in time be lost.

Then follow the names of the Grand Superintendents, six in number, viz.: Bros. Charles Lee, 1854; Dr. George Fearnley, 1858; The Marquess of Ripon, 1865; Bentley Shaw, J.P., D.L., 1875; Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., 1878; and Thomas William Tew, J.P., from 1885.

The final, and one of the chief attractions to many, is the "list of chapters in West Yorkshire prior to 1814." For this compilation the editor acknowledges his indebtedness to Bro. Hughan's "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," which, in fact, is the only work available for such an effort, but then there is necessarily much to be desired, owing to the paucity of records relative to Royal Arch Masonry during the last century.

Twenty-three chapters in all were warranted in West Yorkshire by the Grand Chapter of the "Moderns," established in 1767, all but two of which were on the roll when the two rival Grand Chapters were united in 1817. The senior chapter was No. 62 (then numbered independently of the lodges), Knaresborough, of 15th August, 1788, which, however, did not long survive the "Union," the next oldest being at Leeds, of 1790, now No. 306, and the third is the present No. 61, Halifax, of the same year, which, however, fell through for some years. Another of the same year is the present No. 154, Wakefield, No. 265, Keighley, being of 1791. Another of that year was erased in 1809, formerly held at Ripon. For 1792 there is No. 295, Huddersfield, and for 1794 there is No. 289, Leeds, which united with another chapter of 1802. The other of 1794, at Keighley, though it was on the roll at the "Union," was subsequently erased; Nos. 290, Huddersfield, and 296, Sheffield, of 1795, are both active now, though the latter does not appear to have been quite continuous for the period. For 1797 there is No. 307, Halifax, which united with another of A.D. 1811, and the two char-

tered in 1798 are happily still in existence, as No. 139, Sheffield, and No. 302, Bradford. These are all of last century origin, and those still working, have warrants of confirmation as generally granted by the Grand Chapter after 1817, which seems a pity, as the change of warrant tends to blot out the record of previous existence, the fact of an earlier origin not being noted on the new charters. Many of the historical notes are of interest, e.g., No. 265, Keighley, with new warrant of 8th May, 1822, has the older one of 24th February, 1791 still preserved. No. 308, Leeds, chartered in 1790, did not open until 1795, its confirmation dating from 1819 as the Alfred Chapter. Mention is made of the R.A. Chapter under "York" auspices, A.D. 1780, and the note is appended—"no records are known at present." We hope, however, some energetic and competent brethren will soon discover these.

We congratulate the province on possessing such an excellent Royal Arch Guide.

OLD WARRANTS, No. IX.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 134, LURGAN, A.D. 1743.

Tullamore, G.M.

By the Right Worshipful and Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Tullamore, Grand Master of all the Lodges of Free Masons in the Kingdom of Ireland; the Worshipful Cornelius Callaghan, Esq., Deputy Grand Master; the Worshipful Edward Harrington and John Morress, Esqrs., Grand Wardens.

Whereas, our trusty and well-beloved Brothers, Mr. John Magill, Mr. William Guthry, and Mr. Robert Turbitt have besought us, that we would be pleased to erect a Lodge of Free Masons in the Town of Lurgan, in the County of Ardmagh, of such persons who by their knowledge and skill in Masonry, may contribute to the well-being and advancement therefore, We therefore duly weighing the premises, and having nothing more at heart than the prosperity and true advancement of Masonry, and reposing special trust and confidence in our trusty and well-beloved Brothers—the said Bro. John Magill, Bro. William Guthry, and Bro. Robert Turbitt—of whose abilities and knowledge in Masonry we are satisfied: Do by these presents, of our certain knowledge and meer motion, nominate create authorize and Constitute the said Bro. John Magill, Bro. William Guthry and Bro. Robert Turbitt to be Master and Wardens of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, to be held by them and their successors lawfully admitted in the said Lodge for ever. And we do hereby grant under the said Bro. John Magill, Bro. William Guthry, and Bro. Robert Turbitt, and their successors, full power and lawful authority from time to time to proceed to election of a new Master and Wardens, to make such Laws, Rules and Orders, as they from time to time shall think proper and convenient for the well-being and ordering of the said Lodge, reserving to ourselves and our successors, Grand Masters of [or] Grand Wardens of Ireland, the sole right of deciding all differences which shall be brought by Appeal before us and our successors, Grand Masters and Grand Wardens of Ireland.

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hand and Seal of Office, this twentyeth day of May, in the year of our Lord God 1743, and in the year of Masonry 5743.

Intratur per

EDWARD SPRATT, G. Sec.

The foregoing is copied from the by-laws of this old lodge, which were finally revised on the 27th February, 1888, and duly certified by the Dep. G. Sec. An interesting list of "Worshipful Masters of Lodge 134, from 1775 to 1888," is appended, so it is presumed the members possess the minute books for that period. I am indebted to Bro. Cooper, of Dundalk, for the above, who takes a special interest in this series of "Old Warrants," especially those respecting Ireland. The Official Calendar erroneously gives the date of the lodge as A.D. 1843, but doubtless that typographical slip will be corrected in the next issue.

W. J. HUGHAN.

A DAY WITH THE GRAND LODGE OF THE NETHERLANDS.

BY BRO. G. W. SPETH.

A short account of a visit made by Bro. Gould and myself to the headquarters of Dutch Masonry at the Hague may not be unacceptable to the readers of the *Freemason*. An invitation from the Grand Officers, courteously communicated through the Grand Secretary, Bro. J. P. Vaillant, to attend the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands at its annual session, and afterwards to partake of the banquet, led to our being present at Fluweelen Burgwall, 22 (Freemasons' Hall), the Hague, at 10 a.m., on Sunday, the 17th inst. With the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, who are members of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge Correspondence Circle, we were in some measure acquainted, and introductions to the Grand Master, Wardens, and other officers followed in succession. The members of the Grand Lodge then proceeded to take up their allotted stations in the hall, which being accomplished we were summoned by the Grand Master of the Ceremonies, who ushered us into the Grand Lodge, and conducted us to the dais, where seats had been assigned to us.

The total number of lodges under the obedience of the Grand Lodge is 104, of which, however, only 86 are now active. Each lodge is represented in the Masonic Parliament by three deputies, who are elected annually. These deputies have three rows of seats assigned to them on either side of the hall, and the centre is open for the free passage of brethren, as with ourselves. Each deputy is provided with pen, ink, and paper, which lie ready to his hand on a desk. The Grand Master sits, of course, in the East, the Deputy Grand Master on his left, and the Grand Secretary, together with the Assistant Grand Secretary, on his right. The Wardens both sat in the West, and the remaining Grand Officers, who were apparently also deputies (or representatives of lodges), had taken up their positions on the seats to the right and left of the body of the hall, as seems to be the custom when brethren, who either hold Grand office or represent foreign Grand Lodges, are also the elected deputies of private lodges.

The ceremony of opening the Grand Lodge was very similar to our English practice, and the other business transacted was the reception of the representatives of foreign Grand Lodges, who were severally conducted to their places on the dais.

The roll was then called by the Grand Secretary, after which the Grand Master delivered a long and telling address, and the ordinary business of

the session commenced. A debate, or motion, is inaugurated by a member claiming the right of speech (*demandeur la parole*), which is done by bringing together the hands in a manner that would at once arrest the attention of any Master Mason. Every brother is permitted to speak twice, as of right, and a third time, by permission of the chair. This license seems somewhat liable to abuse, and we noticed that several speakers—notably an advocate and a pastor of the Lutheran Church—took several opportunities of impressing their particular views upon the meeting.

At mid-day we retired, and soon after the Grand Lodge was adjourned for refreshment, but it speedily resumed, and continued in session until 5 p.m.

The labours of the Grand Lodge being concluded, the Deputy G.M. and the Grand Secretary, Bros. Maas Geesteranus, and J. P. Vaillant, conducted us over the Grand Lodge premises, and it goes without saying—that both Bro. Gould and myself felt no slight difficulty in limiting our inspection of the famous Kloss Library within the small number of minutes that would alone admit of our also visiting the many other objects of interest that are to be seen at the head-quarters of Dutch Freemasonry. The library referred to was formerly the property of Dr. G. Kloss, a Masonic critic and historian of most wide celebrity, whose valuable—or, rather, invaluable—collection passed at his death into the possession of Prince Frederick, for upwards of 60 years Grand Master of the Netherlands, who presented it to the Grand Lodge.

A large number of rooms in the building are fitted with Masonic curiosities, and one of them is entirely devoted to the display of the many gifts or presentations made from time to time to the late Prince Frederick during his Grand Mastership. Our inspection of these interesting relics were scarcely completed when the Tyler informed our courteous hosts and conductors that dinner was ready. Accompanying them at their desire, we were ushered into a large hall. Over the entrance was a gallery occupied by the band (string and wind), of the Grenadier Regiment. Three long tables ran the length of the room in parallel rows, and at the further end, on a dais raised some two feet, and backed by an arrangement of flowering shrubs and evergreens, extended a slightly curved cross-table. Our seats were here assigned to us as follows: to the right of the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, myself, Baron Gentz, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Sweden; Bro. Gould, Major-General Kromhout, representing France; and the Representatives of Roumania and Peru. To the left—the Deputy Grand Master, Rev. Liefstick, Grand Orator, M.P.; Capt. Lelyveld, G. D. of C.; the Grand Superintendent of Works; Rev. Helder, Grand Librarian; the Representative of Italy; and the Grand Expert. The three long tables, at which were seated some 200 brethren, were headed by the Grand Wardens and the Grand Treasurer. The music, excellent in every way, and the toasts alternated *during*, and *not after* the repast, the Wardens being desired to perform their usual functions by the G.D. of C., who, at the same time, announced the speaker. The first toast by the G.M. himself was, of course, "King and Fatherland," greeted with great enthusiasm amidst the strains of the National Anthem. After the "Grand Master" had been given in a very effective speech by the S.G.W., followed a toast which was entrusted to the eloquent Deputy G.M. After a long address in Dutch to his compatriots, Bro. Maas turned towards us, and speaking with great precision of diction, and no small fluency in English, said: "W. Bros. Gould and Speth,—I have just asked our brethren to drink to "The Prosperity of our Sister Grand Lodges," as represented on the dais, and in the body of the hall, by their respective Ambassadors. In former times we were honoured by the presence of a Representative from the Grand Lodge of England, that Grand Lodge, from which we ourselves sprung, to which we have ever been attached heart and soul, to which our sympathies most strongly turn, the Venerable Mother of all Grand Lodges in existence. Untoward event of, we trust, a passing nature, have deprived us of this pleasure, but we are perfectly convinced that the former feeling of mutual love and respect is as strong as ever. This day we derive a great consolation from the fact of your presence amongst us. Not only does this show that the fraternal bonds are not broken, we believe not even strained; not only are we enabled to welcome in our midst two English brethren, the one distinguished by having occupied a high office in his own Grand Lodge, and by his surpassing historical and literary attainments in the sphere of Masonic research, the other by his successful efforts in binding together under the wing of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, of which Bro. Gould is the present W.M., all those interested in the same absorbing studies; but we find our former English Representative, who, after all, was of course, only a Dutch brother, replaced by two actual and Representative members of the English Craft. The Grand Lodge of England is thus not merely represented in this assembly, it becomes actually a component member thereof. Grand Lodge in the person of Bro. Gould, and the English Fraternity in that of Bro. Speth are acting with us, seated at our board and assisting at our festivities. This, my brethren, is a day of happy augury for us; may it prove the harbinger of a resumption of our former close relations; we welcome you personally for your own merits, and representatively as sons of our Common Mother, the Grand Lodge of England. On your return convey to your Grand Lodge, and to all the Brotherhood in England, the assurance of the profound love and esteem which we entertain for them. Bros. Gould and Speth, to your Grand Lodge, and to yourselves, your Dutch brothers now drink."

The enthusiasm which immediately followed is scarcely to be described. The band struck up "God save the Queen," every brother at the cross-table, including the G.M. himself, left his seat to clink glasses with our two selves, and their example was followed by members from the body of the hall, one brother making a particular point of the fact that he was initiated at Marazion, near Penzance. "Hoch" rent the air and almost drowned

the blare of the trumpets, and some time elapsed before quiet was restored. The *parole* was then given to Bro. Van Ysselsteijn, who in a speech of much power and interest, rendered in excellent English, proposed "The Health of the G.M. of England, the Prince of Wales." Once more the familiar strains of our National Anthem rose from the gallery; once more the G.M. left his seat to grasp our hands and clink glasses; once more a frantic "Hoch" almost silenced the orchestra. The whole scene was one of wild enthusiasm, which would have astonished me as much as it evidently did Bro. Gould had I not in my youth assisted at like scenes amongst the lively students of Heidelberg. The fact is that the open-hearted, unconstrained, generous, and unstinted expression of one's feelings so common on the continent, is almost incomprehensible to the usually stolid, reticent Englishman, except after long experience. The toasts, as already stated, began directly after the songs, and the only drawback to this arrangement is that, as in our case, the provender on one's plate is apt to get cold during a somewhat protracted speech; for be it noted that during the address every brother remains standing with his napkin thrown over his left shoulder.

The other *official* toasts were "The Subordinate Lodges," by the G. Orator, who in the course of an impassioned speech knocked over a bottle of claret, a *contretemps* which our reverend brother turned to effective use by explaining that he was offering up a libation according to ancient usage; "The Visitors," by the G.D. of C.; and "Our Sisters," by the Grand Expert.

By this time we had arrived at the dessert and cigar stage, and the *unofficial* toasts began. Here it was necessary for a brother to claim the *parole*, and the first to do so was Bro. Gould, who said that on leaving England a few days before he had experienced some anxiety, owing to his unacquaintance with the Dutch language, but a very short stay in Holland had convinced him that there were few countries where an Englishman would be received with greater kindness, and none whatever where an English brother would be treated with more fraternal cordiality. As a Past Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England it had afforded him the greatest possible pleasure to listen to the highly eulogistic terms in which that body had been referred to by the Deputy Grand Master of the Netherlands. The worthy and distinguished brother had indeed spoken of slight and passing differences as existing at one time between their respective Grand Lodge. With this, of course, he (Bro. Gould) had nothing to do, but nevertheless he could not help being reminded of what had been told him by some other married men, viz., that occasionally even husband and wife had a temporary disagreement, and he had likewise been informed that between mother and daughter there might also happen a passing estrangement, which, however, in by far the majority of instances, soon give place to a renewal of that kindly feeling that should always subsist between parent and child. The latter of these illustrations would be next in point, and of one thing he felt quite sure, viz., that, had the members of the Grand Lodge of England enjoyed the privilege of witnessing that evening the filial respect evinced on all sides and by all the brethren present, towards the Grand Body from which the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands derived its origin, it must have resulted in a display of parental affection on the part of the Mother Grand Lodge of the world, by which the loving attachment of its daughter Grand Lodge would have been amply requited. Bro. Gould then went on to say that no Masonic gathering which he and Bro. Speth had ever attended had given them greater pleasure than the assembly of that day. They had seen a great deal which it would profit them to remember, and they would carry back with them to England an enduring recollection of the exceeding kindness they had met with at the hands of the Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands. Many other interesting remarks were made in the course of his speech by my *compagnon de voyage*, the W.M. of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, but as space in the *Freemason* is not illimitable I must content myself with recording that our brother, by our joint desire, spoke for both of us, explaining that in England, when several brethren are included in a toast, it is deemed the preferable custom for one person to respond for all.

Bro. Gould concluded in true continental fashion, by himself drinking, and calling upon me to drink with him, to the welfare of the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands; and then, having obtained permission, we edified our Dutch brethren by according them the usual English Masonic Fire, in which many of those present more or less successfully joined. The orchestra replied with a hearty rendering of the National Anthem of the Netherlands, followed (for the third time) by "God save the Queen." Nor were our brothers slow to evince their gratification by a scene almost as tumultuous as those already described.

Other replies to previous toasts and some extra official healths, occupied the time till coffee and liqueurs arrived, when the "table lodge" was declared closed. Even then we found it difficult to evade further hospitality for we were persistently pressed by various brethren to finish the evening at their splendid club of the Hague on the "Grande place," but it being then 10.30, and our arrangements having necessitated our rising at 6 a.m., and leaving Amsterdam at 8 o'clock, we reluctantly but firmly put the temptation aside, and expressed, as best we could, our sense of the extraordinary cordiality and warmth of our reception.

Bros. the Earl of Ravensworth and Sir W. Hart-Dyke, M.P., were among the guests at a banquet given by the Treasurer and Benchers of Gray's Inn on Saturday last, being "Grand Day" of Trinity Term.

In consequence of the death of the German Emperor, the Marchioness of Salisbury's reception at the Foreign Office on Wednesday, Lady Knutsford's reception on Saturday last, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts's garden party at Holley Lodge on Tuesday, the Lady Mayoress's reception at the Mansion House the same day, and Bro. the Lord Mayor's banquets on Wednesday to the Lieutenants of the City of London, and on Thursday, the 28th inst., in celebration of the 51st anniversary of the Queen's Coronation, have been postponed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire was held on the 13th inst., at Ilfracombe, at the Ilfracombe Hotel. Business commenced with a meeting of the Committee of Petitions. Bro. W. G. Rogers, D.P.G.M., the Chairman of the Committee, was unable to attend, and Bro. G. C. Davie, the Prov. G. Sec., presided.

The following officers and lodge representatives were also present:—

Bros. J. B. Gover, 70, P.P.G. Sec.; Hon. Sec. of the Committee; H. Stocker, 39, Prov. G. Treas.; Rev. W. Whittley, 156, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D. of Eng., the London Representative of the Committee; Jno. Stocker, 39, P.P.G. Treas.; R. Pengelley, 70, P.P.A.G.D.C.; M. Emdon, 105, P.P.G.D.; W. L. Cocks, 106; S. Jones, 112, P.P.J.G.W.; W. K. Michell, 156, P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. J. Trethewey, 159, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A. 189, P.P.G. Chap.; H. Welsh, 202, P.P.G. Purst.; W. Browning, 223, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Cawsey, 230, P.P.G.D.; John Brewer, 251, Prov. J.G.W.; G. Merrifield, 282, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Taylor, 328; Rev. F. King, 421, P.P.G. Chap.; H. Arscott, 489; G. C. Searle, 710; C. Watson, 954, P.G. Stwd.; H. Cole, 1091, P.P.S.G.D.; E. Aitken-Davies, 1099, P.P.G.S. of W.; E. T. Cox, 1212; R. Lake, 1135, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Vicary, 1138, P.P.G.R.; W. Powell, 1205; J. R. Lord, 1247, P.P.G.S.B.; W. E. Warren, 1358, P.P.G.G.; Geo. Evans, 1181, P.P.S.G.D.; F. Sanders, 1284, P.P.G. Std. B.; Jno. Lane, 1402, P.P.G. Reg.; J. G. Keverne, 1550; W. Gregory, 1254, P.P.A.G.D.C., Auditor; E. T. Fulford, 1254, P.P.G. Treas.; A. R. Lethbridge, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. Hambly, 1855, P.P.G.S. of W.; James Griffin, 2025, P.P.G.D.; and H. D. Thomas, 444, P.P.S.G.D.

Bro. GOVER, the Secretary, read his report, which was afterwards incorporated with the report of the Committee.

Bro. the Rev. W. WHITTLEY, the London representative, submitted that his report, though brief, would not prove unsatisfactory. The report of last July showed Devon to be indebted to other provinces to the extent of 1745 votes. In October, 1887, the province sent 498 boys' and 241 girls' votes, or a total of 739, thus reducing the debt to 1006 votes. In April, 1888, the province contributed 485 boys' and 295 girls' votes, or a total of 781 votes, still further reducing the debt to 225 votes. In May last there were received from the province 580 men's and 589 widow's votes, and your representative secured from sources quite apart from the province 261 votes, making a total of 1430 votes, so that, after meeting every claim on the province, there are 1205 votes remaining to your credit, and available for a future election. Thus the Province of Devon is once more free to work on its own account.

The report was adopted.

The petitions for relief were then considered. There were three petitions—two from the widows of brethren, one of Brunswick Lodge, No. 159, and Ebrington Lodge, No. 1847, and the other of the St. John's Lodge, No. 1247, and Erme Lodge, No. 1091. The third petition was on behalf of a decayed brother of St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 39, Harmony Lodge, No. 372, and Brent Lodge, No. 1284. A gift of £10 to each applicant was recommended. Of applications for the votes of the province to the London Masonic Charities there were 15; five from widows, three from decayed brethren, and seven on behalf of children. It was resolved to adopt a widow, and the applicant selected was the widow of a brother of Metham Lodge, No. 1205, and St. John's Lodge, No. 70, formerly the London representative of the province. It was then resolved to adopt children, and a boy, aged seven, the son of a brother of Salem Lodge, No. 1443, was selected, and in the event of there being sufficient available votes, a girl, aged nine, daughter of a brother of Pleiades Lodge, No. 710, was selected to be the second candidate.

The following report was adopted for presentation to the Prov. Grand Lodge:

The Committee of Petitions have more than ordinary pleasure in presenting their annual report to the P.G. Lodge, because for the first time for some years they are enabled to announce that the province is, with regard to votes, not only free from any obligation, but has about 1200 votes to its credit available for future elections. This result is, to a large extent, due to the admirable management of our affairs by our representative in London, the Rev. Bro. W. Whittley, P.P.S.G.W., who has spared neither time nor trouble for the best interests of Devon. All the lodges and chapters, save one, have forwarded their votes to the Secretary, and it is also satisfactory that much larger amounts have been voted to the London Charities by the lodges and given by the brethren, than in any former year. The great interest which our justly-esteemed Prov. Grand Master takes in this important part of Freemasonry has in a great measure conduced to this desirable improvement. Still much remains to be done. We are not giving to anything like the extent of what we receive, and there are still some lodges which have given very sparingly. The voting power of the province is increasing, but other provinces are also increasing in the number of their votes. The Committee would, therefore, impress upon the members of the Prov. Grand Lodge the necessity of recommending the lodges and chapters of which they are members to appropriate some portion of their revenue to our Institutions, not forgetting the Fortescue Fund and the Devon Ma onic Educational Fund, which are both doing good work in directions which the larger Institutions cannot reach. The Committee, at their meeting at Plymouth, January 30th, granted £5 to the widow of a brother seven years a member of Lodge Ebrington, 1847, Stonehouse, also a member of Lodge Brunswick, 159, Stonehouse, and £5 to the widow of a brother four years a member of Lodge Erme, 1091, Ivybridge, and three years a member of the St. John's Lodge, 1247. At their meeting held to-day they recommend the Prov. G. Lodge to grant the further sums of £10 each to two widows, and £10 to a brother; and in accordance with the by-laws of the Prov. Grand Lodge, they recommend that the sums necessary to qualify all the lodges who have sent their portion of the money in accordance with by-law 20 for one of the great Charities, be voted, and that the available balance of £10 10s. be given to the Royal Institution for Boys.

This closed the business of the Committee.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in the Assembly Room, which was fitted up for the occasion as a lodge. There were over 200 brethren present. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., the Prov. G.M., was not able to attend, and Bro. W. G. Rogers, the D.P.G.M., presided. He was supported by Bros. the Hon. R. M. W. Dawson, P.S.G.W.; J. Brewer, P.J.G.W., in their chairs, and in addition to the officers and members of the Committee of Petitions, the following officers were also present: Bros. Rev. F. King, 1181, P.G. Chap.; Rev. R. T. Tyacke, 189, P.G. Chap.; W. Wakeham, 328, P.G. Std. Br.; R. Pike, P.G.O.; R. Lose, jun., P.A.G. Purst.; T. C. Lewarne, 223; G. C. Searle, 248; C. Watson, 954; W. J. Stanbury, 1099; L. E. Bearne, and A. T. Blamey, P.G. Stwds.; J. P. Phillips, 223, P.P.G.D. of C.; S. Jew, P.P.G.T.; J. Yelland, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; J. W. Cornish, 223, P.P.G.T.; C. H. Cooper, 105, P.P.J.G.D.; D. Cross, 1205, P.P.G.T.; T. Goodall, 1550, P.P.G.O.; Major Tracey, R.A., 1247, P.P.G. Sec., Jersey.

The Prov. G. Sec. (Major G. C. DAVIE), reported that he had received the returns for the year from all the lodges in the province. There were up to December 31st, 1887, 2744 Masons on the books of the lodges in the province, an increase of 91 on the preceding year; 231 brethren had been initiated during the year. There were 667 Past Masters on the books of the province. He had received 10 guineas each for 11 lodges, 39, 70, 847, 1135, 1247, 1254, 1284, 1402, 1885, 2025, and 2189, being the sums necessary to obtain Life Governorships in the Royal Masonic Institutions with the assistance of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The TREASURER reported that there was a balance in hand of £204. The Treasurer and Secretary of the Fortescue Fund were not present, but a statement of the accounts of that Charity was read by Bro. H. STOCKE, Prov. G. Treas., who announced that two new annuitants would be placed on the fund at the next election in July.

The D.P.G.M. announced that the contemplated new by-laws of the Fortescue Annuity Fund were not yet ready to be presented to the Prov. Grand Lodge.

The report of the Committee of Petitions was read and adopted. The election of Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year was then proceeded with. There were three candidates, and Bro. J. R. Lord was elected.

Bros. J. W. Cornish, 223, and J. T. Browning, 105, were elected the Auditors.

Bro. J. Brewer's proposition to extend the voting power, of 20 guineas, possessed by the Prov. Grand Lodge, to any sums the state of the funds will admit, was carried.

The following brethren were appointed the officers for the year:

Bro. W. G. Rogers, 112	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" Major Tracy, 1247	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 189	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. R. Tyacke, 1181	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" R. W. R. McCheane, 2189	...	...
" J. R. Lord, 1247	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. Barnett, 1135	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Major G. C. Davie, 251	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. C. Searle, 248	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" B. J. Fisher, 444	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" T. C. Lewarne, 223	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" A. T. Blamey, 1402	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. Moas, 1284	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Gifford, 2025	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" C. Watson, 954	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" W. J. Stanbury, 1099	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Major E. L. Bearne, 1138	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. P. Rogers, 70	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Ford, 1091	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. S. Hearder, 105	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Yeo, 1753	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" R. Lose, jun., 1847	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. Kingdom, 421	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. Algar, 39	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" H. M. Imbert-Terry, 112	...	...
" A. P. Reece, 494	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. Drennan, 710	...	...
" Captain Ivemy, 1135	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" W. Adams, 1181	...	...
" F. Shooter, 112	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

In the evening the brethren dined at the Ilfracombe Hotel, Bro. W. G. Rogers, D.P.G.M., presiding.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLN-SHIRE.

On the invitation of the W.M. and brethren of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 426, the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire was held at the Masonic Hall, Spilsby, on Thursday, the 31st ult. The rooms were beautifully decorated, and it was apparent from the excellent arrangements made that the Spilsby brethren had spared no effort to give the visitors a suitable reception. The Shakespeare Lodge having been opened by the W.M., Bro. Colonel Grantham, the officers and brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge entered. There were present—

Bros. W. H. Smyth, Prov. G.M.; James Fowler, acting D.P.G.M.; and the following Provincial Grand Officers: Bros. C. J. Fox, P.M. 426, S.G.W.; H. E. Cousans, P.M. 297 (Sheriff of Lincoln), J.G.W.; C. M. Nesbitt, P.M. 712, P.G. Treas.; H. Watson, P.M. 207, P.G. Reg.; B. Vickers, P.M. 207, P.G. Sec.; J. A. Robinson, P.M. 1386, P.S.G.D.; E. Organer, P.M. 272, P.J.G.D.; H. Brady, P.M. 712, P.G.S. of W.; W. H. Roberts, P.M. 792, P.G.D.C.; J. H. Carter, P.M. 985, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Waldram, P.M. 792, P.G.S.B.; F. J. Green, P.M. 1232, and R. Wood, P.M. 1482, P.G. Std. Brs.; C. Smith, P.M. 588, P.A.G. Sec.; W. S. Clitherow, P.M. 1304, P.G. Purst.; C. Reeve, P.M. 1286, P.A.G. Purst.; A. Robinson, P.M. 426; W. H. Kirby, P.M. 838; W. Goodwin, W.M. 792; J. J. Musgrave, W.M. 1304; R. Dannatt, W.M. 1477; and George Green, W.M. 1600, P.G. Stewards; and W. Donner, Tyler 1477, P.G. Tyler.

There was also a very large attendance of brethren, 234 responding to the roll call of lodges.

The minutes of the last annual Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Lincoln on June 2nd, 1887, having been confirmed, the finance statement of the province was read by the P.G. Treasurer, Bro. C. M. NESBIT. It was of a very satisfactory character, as were also the returns of the lodges presented by the P.G. Reg., Bro. H. WATSON.

The P.G. Secretary, Bro. VICKERS, next read the reports of the Committee of the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, the Oliver Memorial Fund, the Smyth Scholarship Fund, and the Prov. Grand Lodge Charity Committee. Generally a prosperous condition of affairs was reported, and it would seem that the Charity Committee has been successful in securing the election of its candidates this May.

The following were appointed a Committee to draw up suitable rules and regulations for the management of the Sutcliffe Memorial Fund, which has been completed this year, the sum of 1000 guineas having been raised: Bros. Bates, Hewson, Clarke, Mountain, Kirby, Sutcliffe, Clitherow, and Bellerby.

It was decided that the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution should be the Charity having the support of the province during the next year, and Bro. H. E. Cousans was appointed Provincial Steward to work that particular Charity.

Four of the brethren having had conferred upon them P.G. rank, in honour of the Queen's Jubilee, namely, Bros. C. M. Nesbit, H. Watson, Col. Grantham, and J. Sutcliffe, they were formally invested by the R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, who made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion.

The P.G. SECRETARY read a communication from the Home Secretary in acknowledgment of the address sent from the last Prov. Grand Lodge to her Majesty the Queen on the celebration of the Jubilee of her reign.

The following brethren were invested as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. G. H. Porter	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" H. Clark	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. E. M. Weighall	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. C. Laing	...	...	...
" C. M. Nesbitt	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. Watson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" B. Vickers	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Horobin	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. Mansell	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Challans	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. H. Roberts	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. C. Basker	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" Padley	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" Duke	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" G. Dunkley	...	...	...
" H. G. Gregory	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Robinson	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" F. J. Green	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Green	...	...	...	A.G. Purst.
" F. D. Davy	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. N. Mason	...	...	...
" Collinson	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" H. T. Bellerby	...	...	...
" G. W. Ham	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" W. F. Reed	...	...	...
" W. Donner	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

At the close of the lodge, the banquet was held in a marquee, about 170 brethren attending. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORD-SHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire was held on Tuesday, 29th ult., in the Borough Hall, Stafford. There was an exceptionally strong muster of brethren from all parts of the province, the brethren from the north attending in large numbers.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Col. Foster Gough, Past G. Std. Br., D.P.G.M. The minutes of the annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge held at Westbromwich, on the 17th May, 1887, and of the emergency meeting held at Etruria, on the 30th August, 1887, having been read, the roll of private lodges was called, and several letters of apology were read.

The D.P.G.M. then stated that he had received a letter from the P.G.M., Col. G. S. Tudor, announcing the fact that he had forwarded his resignation as P.G.M. of Staffordshire to the M.W. his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England, who had accepted it. Col. Tudor, in his letter, said it was with feelings of regret, after a service of twenty years, that he had to inform the brethren, in consequence of his state of health, and his inability to reside in the province during the winter months, that he had felt it his duty to request permission to resign his appointment. When he first received the office of P.G.M. the lodges in the province numbered 19, and now they numbered 29, and he wished to return his hearty thanks to Bro. Col. Foster Gough, D.P.G.M., for the valuable assistance he had rendered to him, and he also thanked the brethren for their loyal support.

The D.P.G.M. said he felt the loss of the P.G.M. most acutely, and he moved the following resolution: "That this meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire receives with profound regret the letter of R.W. Bro. G. S. Tudor intimating his resignation of the office as P.G.M., and desires to express the sincere and hearty appreciation of his long and valuable services to the Province, and its earnest wishes for his long life, health, and happiness."

Bro. NEWNHAM seconded this, which was unanimously carried.

A letter was read from Bro. Bodenham, P.G. Treasurer, who was prevented from attending through a family bereavement, and a resolution was passed expressing the Prov. G. Lodge's deep regret at his sad bereavement.

The appointment and investiture of P.G. Officers was then proceeded with as follows:

Bro. W. R. Blair, W.M. 546	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. E. Wood, 436	Prov. J.G.W.
" J. Bodenham, 726	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. H. Thorne, P.M. 526 and 1838	Prov. G. Sec.
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Subsequently the brethren attended Divine service at St. Mary's Church, where a sermon was preached by Rev. F. H. Beaven, Prov. G. Chap., vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, who chose for his text the words "Charity edifieth. The Organist was Bro. Dr. E. W. Taylor, S.D. and Org. 726, Prov. G. Org.

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at Three o'clock p.m.

By command of the Provincial Grand Master.
J. F. H. WOODWARD, P.G. Swd. Br.,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

Brethren to reach Stanmore in time for the opening of the Lodge must leave by train for Edgware Station, Great Northern Railway:—Moorgate, at 12.40; Broad Street, 12.48; arriving at Edgware at 1.43. Edgware is about 2 miles from Stanmore. All passengers will change at Finchley. Or by London and North Western Railway from Euston to Harrow:—Euston, 1.40; arrive at Harrow, 2.11. Harrow Station is about 3 1/2 miles from Stanmore.

Brethren must look to July Time Tables to see if there are any alterations in these trains.

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N.B.—Brethren intending to remain for the Banquet are requested to send their names to the Prov. G. Secretary, with a remittance, not later than Tuesday, the 3rd of July, as Tickets will not be issued after that date.

There will be a short service at the Parish Church.
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THE Knights Companions will meet in Council at 33, Golden Square, W., on SATURDAY, JULY 14th, at 2.30 for 3 o'clock precisely, and the R.W. Provincial Grand Master desires the attendance of all duly qualified Brethren. Names and addresses of Candidates, with name of Lodge and Chapter, must be sent to me not later than the 9th July.

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

CRAFT—Milfield Lodge, No. 1102; Stanford Lodge, No. 1947; and Beckenham Lodge, No. 2047.
ROYAL ARCH—George Price Chapter, No. 2096.
MARK—Economy Lodge, No. 52; and Excelsior Lodge, No. 226.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE—Liverpool Chapter, No. 19.
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ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR—Consecration of the Cleve Fast Conclave.
Laying the Foundation Stone of the Jubilee Statue at Bristol.

Testimonial dinner to Bro. James Connor, at Lanark.
Consecration of the Manchester Chapter.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"South African Freemason," "La Revista Masonica," "Boletin Oficial," "Masonic World," and "Freemasons' Repository."



SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1888.

Reviews.

THE POET LAUREATE OF FREEMASONRY.

The veteran Mason and Poet Laureate of Freemasonry has wisely issued a cheaper edition of his unrivalled collection of "Masonic Poems," and we feel assured that the author, Bro. Dr. Rob Morris (*La Grange*, Oldham County, Kentucky, U.S.A.), will have every reason to be pleased with the reception the fine volume will receive from the Craft universal. The price hitherto has been high, but being now reduced to *five shillings* (including postage) the sale cannot fail to be large and ultimately, we hope, remunerative. Part 1 is devoted to Christian Freemasonry and Masonic Ballads of the Civil War, 1861-5. Some of Dr. Morris's most beautiful poems will be found in this division of the work, but, in a journal devoted mainly to Craft purposes, these need not be particularised. The "Utterances of the Sword," embodied in 19 demonstrations, being the authorised movements of the sword exercise for Knights Templars, with appropriate illustrations, however, calls for special mention. Part 2 is a "Series of Odes and Poems," many of which have been the subjects of musical compositions by famous song writers in England and America. One of the most happy efforts in this department is "The Veterans' Gathering," another being the "Visitors' Welcome." The volume is replete with poems for all times and seasons in connection with Freemasonry, for it is impossible to suggest any period in relation to Craft or Christian Masonry which is not provided for in this extraordinary volume, "from the cradle to the grave." No poem will remove from its high pedestal the classic of Dr. Morris's "The Level and the Square," but there are, however, many that come very near it, as respects beauty of diction, and appropriateness of expression. Brethren who desire copies can send direct to the author as above.



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ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE.—(No. 2161).

—The first installation meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., when there was a large attendance of members and visitors. The former included Bros. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., W.M.; Major G. Lambert, P.G. Swd. Br., acting I.P.M.; A. Clark, S.W.; F. Kedge, J.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., Chap.; J. B. Cumming, Treas.; G. Reynolds, S.W. 1614, Sec.; W. Hancock; Consul Gen. T. M. Waller, S.D.; J. J. Woolley, J.D.; G. H. Reynolds, I.G.; H. Wilkie Jones, D.C.; H. W. Schartau, Org.; J. Skinner and J. Woodward, Stwds.; T. H. Tilton, P.G.D.M. New York City; C. Corby, P.M.; and J. J. Wedgwood, M.D. Visitors: Bros. Stephen Johnson, W.M. 1297; J. Fernandez, J.W. 2127; W. Bourne, P.M. 1348, 1614; J. Cox, P.M. 190; J. Church, Scotch Constitution; C. Hubbard, P.M. 820; A. G. Wulff, 1361; J. Edgell, 889; G. P. Field, P.M. 1900; P. W. Rogers, 1524; W. Dickson, P.M. 179; John G. Tongue, I.P.M. 534; W. C. Smith, I.P.M. 1563; A. B. Trewzel, H. Heman, 145; T. C. Seary, 1987; T. A. Fuer, I.P.M. 181; W. G. Fenn, S.W. 598; C. J. Davison, 1807; E. Wendover, P.M. 171; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; W. Richards, P.M. 1853; Chas. Bryton, 1859; F. J. Cox, W.M. 190; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; J. Diprose, P.M. and Treas. 957; James C. Smith, P.M. 1744; M. W. Halliday, P.M. 1305; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; W. B. Fendick, P.M. 1321; H. Hill, P.M. 1305; Stephen A. Cooper, P.M. 1637, P.G. Stwd.; W. Benoist, J.D. 2060; J. S. Robinson, P.M. 47; J. W. Langlois, 63; H. Hambling, 2030; R. Bangham, 2030; J. West, P.M. 890; H. O. Hinton, P.M. 975; E. Dalzell, P.M. 1549; F. H. Horscroft, 211; E. H. Taylor, P.M. 586; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received and adopted. Ballot was successfully taken in favour of Mr. Edward Jackman, who was then initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Major Lambert, I.P.M. The following brethren were elected joining members: Bros. J. Coltart, P.M. 749; F. L. Clark, 1535; and Joseph Rayner, J.W. 1681. Bro. A. Barnard was passed to the Second Degree, after which Bro. C. O. Burgess was raised to the Degree of a Master Mason by Bro. W. C. Smith, P.M. A new by-law respecting the admittance of foreign brethren as members was next confirmed. The installing ceremony was next proceeded with, and Bro. Adolphus Clark, W.M. elect, duly installed into the chair by Bro. Corby, P.M. The officers for the year were appointed and invested as follows: Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., I.P.M.; Fredk. Kedge, S.W.; Theodore H. Tilton, P.D. G.M., 7th Dist. New York City, J.W.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C. Chap.; J. B. Cumming, Treas.; Geo. Reynolds, Sec.; J. J. Woolley, S.D.; G. H. Reynolds, J.D.; H. Wilkie Jones, I.G.; John Skinner, D.C.; Herbert H. Schartau, Org.; Jas. Woodward, Stwd.; R. Fairclough and A. Harris, Asst. Stwds.; R. Potter, P.M., Tyler. The usual addresses were rendered in an effective manner by the Installing Master, Bro. Corby, P.M.

Bro. Brackstone Baker, I.P.M., said they were told by classical writers that a golden apple was presented as a prize in competitions for personal beauty. He could not call Bro. Major Lambert the most beautiful, but there was such a thing as "handsome is as handsome does." For the services Bro. Lambert had rendered, he was entitled to a signal mark of their approbation, as an acknowledgment of the time, energy, and expenditure he had given in aid of the lodge. In the midst of his military, civil, and business duties, Bro. Lambert had never hesitated in paying proper attention to the affairs of the lodge, which was a lesson for a great many of them. The lodge had voted that brother a special jewel as I.P.M., which he had then the pleasure to hand to him, trusting he would remember the happy days he had spent in the bosom of the Anglo-American Lodge.

Bro. Major Lambert returned sincere thanks for the honour conferred upon him. He had no idea of such a thing being done, but he accepted it with a great deal of pleasure. He had discharged the duties of I.P.M. to the best of his ability, and was indebted to the members for their consideration and forbearance. Now that he had vacated the chair of I.P.M. he had not the slightest idea of leaving the lodge, and hoped soon to introduce a genuine Boston man to be initiated.

Bro. A. Clark, W.M., then presented a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Baker, I.P.M., in recognition of the admirable manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge during the past year. The ancient Greeks gave wreaths of laurels to those who had distinguished themselves, but in that lodge they gave something more substantial, which could be handed down to posterity.

Bro. Brackstone Baker, I.P.M., said they had sprung a mine upon him, and had reduced him to the condition of not being able to find words to express his thanks. No man deserved to be rewarded for doing his duty, and he had done no more. The testimonial was more than a special mark of good feeling than a reward for having done his duty. He felt that the progress they had made was due more to the kindness, indulgence, and forbearance of the brethren than to his own merits. Most reluctantly did he accept the chair, but the lodge fell into the sentiments he had been nourishing since 1878, and he accepted. Ten years ago, Bro. George Kenning—whom he hoped was present—entertained 25 Philadelphia Masons, amongst whom was Bro. C. E. Meyer, at a banquet at Freemasons' Tavern. He remembered the pleasure it gave him to make the acquaintance of Bro. Meyer on that occasion, and he then thought "Here are these men who pay us a visit, and there is no lodge where we can receive them except as visitors." The thought had lingered with him, and had resulted in the establishment of that lodge. They had received American brethren in their lodge not only as visitors, but as members, and had fulfilled, during the brief career of the lodge, all it was intended to do.

Bro. J. B. Cumming, Treasurer, said a proposition had been made by the brethren that some mark of esteem

should be made to the Secretary for the labour, time, and attention he had bestowed upon the work. The members had ordered a special jewel for Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary, but as they wished it to come from the lodge, he proposed a motion that the jewel should be presented to the Secretary for the valuable work he had done. Bro. Reynolds intended visiting America this year, and should have some special token to show the esteem in which he was held by the lodge.

Bro. Baker, as I.P.M., wished to say that Bro. Reynolds was a model Secretary, for he had been most attentive and energetic in the establishment of that lodge.

The motion having been unanimously carried, the W.M. presented the jewel to Bro. Reynolds, who thanked the brethren most sincerely for their token of their respect. He appreciated it very much, and hoped he should continue to give satisfaction as long as he was Secretary of the lodge.

Letters of regret were received from the Grand Secretary, the Lord Mayor, Bros. H. T. Wood, Thos. Fenn, J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas., J. H. Gayton, and F. H. Gottlieb. A vote of condolence was passed sympathising with Bro. Gottlieb in the loss he had sustained by the death of a daughter.

An address to Bro. Gen. Shryock, thanking him for his kind gift to the members of Centennial jewels of the G. Lodge of Maryland, which had been beautifully illuminated by Bro. George Kenning, was on view, and much admired.

A letter having been received from Bro. Hedges thanking the lodge for services rendered to the late Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Victoria Hall, where a *recherché* banquet was served by Bro. Bertini, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Mella. The hall was decorated by English and American flags, and the tables with a bouquet to each brother of a white and red rose and corn flowers, presented by Bro. T. A. Dickson, of Covent Garden.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," being proposed in felicitous terms by the W.M.

"The Grand Officers" was given by Bro. Kedge, S.W., who eulogised the services rendered by the Grand Officers, remarking that in that lodge they were particularly favoured in having amongst them several officers of Grand Lodge as members. There was not a large array of G. Officers present that evening, but those in attendance were fully capable of representing the rest.

Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., returned hearty thanks on behalf of the Grand Lodge. The duties of the Pro G.M. and Deputy G.M. were well-known to all, and they were also aware of the efficient manner in which those duties were discharged. The Pro G.M. had recently returned from the south of the globe, where he had capably discharged a most delicate mission in the deliberations which had taken place. The Dep. G.M. had frequently shown with what zeal he performs his duties in Grand Lodge. The duties of Grand Officers were by no means slight, as he had found, and it must be gratifying that the M.W.G.M. had made such an excellent selection for the present year.

"The Sister Grand Lodges of the United States" was proposed by Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., I.P.M., who said that was a toast unusual in most lodges, but it was a very propitious one, and ought never to be avoided in that lodge. He was glad to see that at the first banquet after he had quitted the chair the toast was still given. The Grand Lodges of the United States were representative in America similar to the single Grand Lodge in that country, it was the community of that fraternisation that was the true spirit of Masonry. Whatever they could do in their lodge to identify themselves with the other side of the Atlantic was rendering a great service to the cause, and he took great credit to himself for being one of those who endeavoured to promote the union of Masons on both sides. As the King of Sweden had very properly said—they worshipped the same Divinity—God. He was their Father both on this side of the Atlantic and the other. Without further preface he gave them the toast, and coupled with it the name of their respected, highly honoured, and estimable Bro. Waller.

Bro. Consul-Gen. T. M. Waller said that was an awful time for him. He had responded to that toast so often during the three happy years he had been with them in England that it was difficult for him, on a convivial occasion like the present, to find a new line to follow. He was sure, however, from the pleasant faces he saw around him, that they would do what they could to help him. Before the lodge was instituted there was a representative in this good old country, this Masonic England, of 18 of the Grand Lodges of America. And who was that representative? Why he was Bro. Brackstone Baker, I.P.M., who had proposed the toast. He was delighted to think that when he went back to America—for the policy of that country send all good men back in four years—and met representative Masons in splendid gatherings like the present and was called for a speech, he should always have ready a powerful subject. He would tell them what that subject was. He should say that of the Masons over in that great England, that great historic England, that splendid country, one third were occupied in tracing their lineage, one half trying to find fortunes, and one half bothering the Consul General. Perhaps they would think the representative of so many Grand Lodges would be at least 600 years old, ugly as the worst picture that English artists four centuries ago could produce, and serious as Nero. He should tell the Masons of that country that he had seen their representative who was not any such man. No! he was not 600 years old, but there was not an Englishman or any man in the world who would not pray God that Bro. Baker would live 600 years, and for ever be as joyous and as gay as they saw him that night. It was difficult to be serious when everyone present seemed so full of merriment. Yet that was an occasion of the world. They were seated at the banquet table of the first lodge representing the English speaking people across the ocean. It was an experiment. He honoured and congratulated Bro. Baker on the success of that experiment. A Masonic lodge had been founded that recognised the fact that Masonry was all the world over—like love, and had the same language. There might be different ways of expressing it, but the aim was the same, the joy was the same. Bro. Baker was the father of the lodge. He (Bro. Waller) had something to do in being father of the lodge, having been one of the founders. He was more than that, being one of the original officers. His delight was that in that world to which all good Masons go, he should look down upon his successors when they gazed upon the records of that lodge and found that T. M.

Waller was a founder, an officer, and S.D. He undertook the office on the express condition that he should not act. But there the record was made, and would remain for ever and ever. Bro. Hancock performed the duties of S.D., and he trusted that 500 years hence the successors of that brother would find a record that he acted as S.D., and not Consul-General Waller. There were 67 Grand Lodges in the world, and how many of them were in America? He could imagine some brethren present guessing three, four, perhaps five. His was a great country, Masonically, for of the 67 Grand Lodges they possessed 48 in America. By-and-bye, if they were not careful, they would have them all. If they did, he was sure of one thing—they would have the Royal representative of Masonry in England at the head, for there was not a country where God's sun shone where the fact was appreciated more than in America that the Prince of Wales—that splendid representative of this country, that man who would be a great man in any country where men were appreciated for their merits—that he was the head of the Order in England. In his country not only had they most of the Grand Lodges, but they had more than that. They had 700,000 Masons in America that night, and Bro. Baker was the father of them all. One thing he wished, and that was that the Masons in America could see that splendid gathering of the Anglo-American Lodge in England, which, under Bro. Baker, had been a success after a year. If the brethren present that evening were in the midst of those American Masons they would hear such a cheer for the present W.M. and the founders of the lodge, as would make them thank God if there was an earthquake that would swallow them all up.

Bro. Baker, I.P.M., then gave "The Health of the W. Master," remarking that he (I.P.M.) did not merit the exordium of praise bestowed upon him by Bro. Waller. If he had been a good W. Master, he was glad they now had a better one, or as good a one to succeed him. Whatever enjoyment he might have afforded them at the festive board, they now had a perfect W. Master who would do credit to his election and honour to the lodge. They wished Bro. Clark, W.M., all the success that he had had during the past year, and he need not assure that brother that he would have the support of the officers and past officers in the creditable position of life through which he was passing. Bro. Clark, W.M., would then be able to say "I was in Arcadia," meaning that lodge.

Bro. Adolphus Clark, W.M., in reply, said he was sincerely obliged to the I.P.M. for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received it. He could realise some of the responsibilities attached to the office and the duties he was obliged to perform during his year. He knew he should receive the support of the officers who had been appointed, and that the work would be done in a fairly good manner, and he hoped to the satisfaction of all. There was no doubt a good deal depended upon the W.M., and particularly in such a lodge as that. It was, therefore, with a good deal of diffidence that he accepted the office, for he thought he should not perform the duties satisfactorily. He thought, however, that he could try, having passed through the chair before, although of quite a different lodge, he determined to do his best to give satisfaction. He had taken a great interest in the formation of that lodge and its progress. He should always have its interest at heart, and anything he could do for the members, or the benefit and progress of the lodge he should be pleased to do. He thanked them one and all for the reception given him.

"The Initiate" was next given, and responded to by Bro. Jackman.

Bro. Baker, I.P.M., in proposing "The Masonic Charities," said he need not tell them that Charity was one of the distinguishing qualities of a Freemason's heart. He was reminded that Bro. Binckes would be glad of a few more Stewards at his Festival next week, to help to provide for the 200 boys now in the Institution.

Bro. Fredk. Binckes, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, thanked Bro. Baker extremely for the kind way in which he had alluded to the Masonic Institutions. First, he must say with reference to what the I.P.M. had said of the success of the Girls' School Centenary Festival. Everyone naturally felt great pride that that Centenary Celebration was attended with such an enormous amount of success, and all joined in one feeling of congratulation. When they came to speak of the effect upon the boys, he need not say he addressed them with feelings of great apprehension. In that lodge there were two sections whom he might address. Firstly, those in this country who were conversant of what was done for the Charities, and, secondly, those American brethren who were represented there, and whose sympathies were with them. He did not know how to appeal to them that evening. Bro. Major Lambert had kindly undertaken the duties of Steward for that lodge, and he hoped that although Bro. Tilton was so magnificently supported for the girls, there might be found some ready to support the Boys' School. It seemed a pity if the success of the Girls' Centenary was reared on—he was about to say the ruin of the other Institution. He was overwhelmed with anxiety as to the result of this Festival next week. Their good friend Bro. Lambert was an energetic worker, and the brethren would not neglect him. They had listened to many eloquent appeals that evening, and it would ill become him to trespass on their time, but he begged them to do something for the Boys' School. They would forgive him if he alluded to the attacks being made upon the management. He could tell them that he stood there as the official representative of that Institution, and while he claimed something of moral courage, never shrinking from expressing his own opinion, he would not have the hardihood to appear before them that evening, if in that abominable circular which had been issued, there was one tittle of truth. They courted investigation; they invited enquiry. Those who had leisure should visit the Institution on Saturday at the distribution of prizes, and see if they could detect neglect in the management in any shape or way. They were charged with being in bankruptcy. The Institution was never in better condition. The funded property had increased from £11,000 to £17,000, which was small enough he was prepared to admit; the new building was paid for; their liabilities were small; and the property at Wood Green increased. He invited them to visit the School and see the happy faces of those receiving the benefits. If he could do so he was prepared to publish the testimony rendered during many years, not only from ex-pupils, but also from friends and relatives of the boys. Let them regard the establishment of an Old Masonians' Institu-

tion, numbering between 70 and 80 members, associated for the purpose of maintaining the tradition of the Boys' Institution and proving how they value the benefits they had received, and say if that Institution was deserving of the abominable attacks made upon it. He stood before them fearlessly challenging enquiry and courting investigation, and asked their warm sympathies for an Institution that was maintaining 200 sons of Freemasons. He asked at their hands such an amount of sympathy and support that would help, through the Steward, Bro. Lambert, in continuing the management of that Institution in a condition of efficiency, and which, he hoped, it was destined to continue for many years to come. As far as his part was concerned, he was made the subject of attack. His services had been before the Craft for 30 years, and he was prepared to offer himself to their investigation, and ask if he had endeavoured to discharge the duties devolving upon him. In the unfortunate position in which the Institution was placed, he was there, as he had been lately before many meetings, prepared to answer questions. He confidently appealed to them to give the Institution that support they felt it deserved, and help them in their exceptional need and difficulty. It seemed that the Boys' Festival of the 27th would be a failure, but he begged them to make that failure as small as possible by their support and fraternal sympathy. He asked for the support of the influential members, not only the support of their money, but their moral support at the forthcoming Festival, proving that the unmannerly attacks had no weight with those who brought the good judgment of a right mind. They would forgive him for speaking warmly, for he was warm in the advocacy of a right cause, as those responsible for the management of the Boys' School were void of offence towards God and man.

Several other toasts were subsequently given, after which the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Herbert Schartau, Org., who was assisted by Bros. E. Dalzell, P.M.; H. Taylor, P.M.; and H. Horscroft.

DOVER.—Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 199).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 11th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Snar-gate-street, when the following brethren were present: Bros. James W. Bussey, W.M.; Thomas Hearn, I.P.M.; George James Bussey, S.W.; George Church, J.W.; Rev. V. S. Vickers, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Chaplain; E. Lukey, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; James D. Terson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; J. Falconer, S.D.; Alfred T. Dartnell, J.D.; F. W. Prescott, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; W. Walker, I.G.; Henry S. Boyton, P.M., P.P. G. Org.; W. Cessford, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. Gardner, P.M., John Bordeaux, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. O. Kennett, P.M.; James Sparling, F. Dane, B. C. Morris, E. Swan, Ernest C. Fielding, John James Wright, W.M. 1208; J. B. Cass, W. W. Burkett, J.W. 1208; H. A. Farley, H. Richardson, W. J. Lambert, H. H. Goodwin, M. Russell, C. H. C. Marsh, James Wood, F. C. Swofey, W. J. Best, and the following visitors: Bros. C. Kingsmill, W.M. 125; W. G. Sturgeon, W.M. 429; George Beale, W.M. 1096; G. H. Cheney, 558; E. A. Dane, 558; R. W. Philpott, 558; S. Watts, W. B. Baker, J.D.; E. W. Macdonald, William Jackson, Charles Bendle, P. O. Potter, P.M.; and E. Pont, of 1208; George Band, P.M. 1096, P.P.A.G.P.; William Sharp, 661; B. Wood, P.M. 784; J. S. Simcox, 88, Walter Thomas, 417; and others.

The lodge was opened, and after the usual routine business the W.M. elect, Bro. George J. Bussey, was installed by the outgoing Master, Bro. James W. Bussey. The following officers for the year were also appointed and invested: Bros. James Walter Bussey, I.P.M.; G. Church, S.W.; J. Falconer, J.W.; Rev. V. S. Vickers, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; Edward Lukey, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; James D. Terson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; A. T. Dartnell, S.D.; W. Walker, J.D.; F. W. Prescott, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; G. H. Gifford, Org.; E. C. Fielding, I.G.; W. J. Best and H. H. Goodwin, Stwds.; G. Wilson, Tyler; and L. Marsh, Asst. Tyler. Bro. J. D. Terson was re-elected to serve on the Kent Charity Committee. A vote of congratulation was passed to Bro. W. Gardner, on his celebrating his golden wedding, and a vote of thanks was also passed to the outgoing Master, Bro. J. W. Bussey, for his services in the chair during the last two years and also for his having installed his successor. The outgoing Master thanked the brethren for the vote, and in order to commemorate his Mastership, presented the lodge with a beautiful engraving of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England. The W.M., on behalf of the members of the lodge of instruction, presented Bro. James D. Terson, P.M., with a gold pendant to mark the appreciation of his services as Preceptor.

After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the banquet room and partook of an excellent dinner, which was served in a very *recherché* manner by Bro. A. T. Dartnell.

MORPETH.—D'Ogle Lodge (No. 636).—Celebration of Bro. Wm. Davidson's Silver Wedding.—At the regular meeting on Thursday evening, the 31st ult., the W.M., Bro. J. Hann, on behalf of the members of the *éboué* lodge, presented Bro. Wm. Davidson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Northumberland, with the Victoria Jubilee jewel and an illuminated address as a token of the high esteem in which he is held by the brethren, and as a memento of the celebration of his Silver Wedding. The worthy recipient most ably acknowledged the honour done him by the presentation. He also thanked the brethren for the congratulations extended to Mrs. Davidson. There was a large attendance of the brethren. The address reads thus—

To Wm. Davidson, Esq., B.A.,
P.M., D.C. (No. 636), P.P.S.G.W.,
Northumberland.

Worshipful Sir and Brother,
The Freemasons of D'Ogle Lodge, Morpeth, with whom you have been so closely connected during the last twenty-five years, depute us to approach you on the occasion of the celebration of your Silver Wedding, in order to express our hearty congratulations and our sincere trust that The Great Architect of the Universe may accord to you and your esteemed Wife many years of domestic happiness, surrounded by loving children and true friends.

We also earnestly hope that you may have health and strength to discharge for many years to come those high Masonic duties which you now perform with conspicuous efficiency to the great advancement and credit of Freemasonry.

As a Memorial of the happy celebration, and as a token of esteem, we ask your acceptance of the Victoria Jubilee Jewel from the members of the D'Ogle Lodge.

On behalf of the brethren,

J. HANN, W.M.
 Committee: ALBERT M. LOADES, P.M., P.P.G.D.
 THOS. GILLESPIE, P.M., P.P.G.R.
 R. H. DICKENSON, P.M., P.P.G.Stwd.
 RALPH CRAWFORD, S.W., Hon. Sec.

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Also on the 18th ult., Bro. W. Davidson, who holds the position of Head Master of Morpeth Grammar School (King Edward VI.), with which he has been connected for more than 25 years, was presented with a silver tea and coffee service by his past and present pupils. J. W. Anderson, Esq., Cottingwood, one of the School Governors, occupied the chair, and Mr. J. Kenner, B.A., Second Master, made the presentation.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—

At the last monthly meeting of the above lodge, which was held on the 7th inst., at the new Masonic Temple, Bro. C. H. Lawson, W.M., in the chair, Bros. Lewis and Tucker were passed to the Second Degree; Bro. W. D. Keeble, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing 12 months; Bro. C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Larder, Tyler. It was unanimously resolved that a P.M.'s jewel, of the value of ten guineas, should be presented to Bro. Lawson for his ability in the chair, and, further, a special jewel or bar, for his great services in the cause of Masonry generally in the district, especially with respect to the erection of the Masonic Temple, of the founding of which he was one, if not the moving spirit. The latter motion was carried by acclaim; and Bro. Lawson feelingly returned thanks.

There were a large number of brethren and visitors present, and the proceedings, both in the lodge and at the social board, were interesting and enjoyable.

FELTHAM.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—

The first meeting of the year, after the long recess of seven months, of this well established and most prosperous lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, on Saturday, the 19th ult., Bro. James Laurence, W.M., presided. There were present Bros. J. J. Marsh, P.P.G. Std. Br., P.M.; Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D., P.M.; E. A. Smith, S.W.; C. W. Baker, J.W.; J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.D., P.M., Sec.; W. Walters, S.D.; J. A. Wilson, I.G.; J. C. Goslin, D.C.; E. J. Whelan, Stwd.; John Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler; R. H. Swan, W. Kite, J. Montgomery, P. Bick, A. Robertson, W. H. Davey, and many others.

Apologies were received from several brethren excusing and regretting their absence. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot taken for Mr. Philip Bick being unanimous, he was regularly initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. John Montgomery, who had been initiated in this lodge on June 19th, 1886, duly passed, was regularly raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason—he being a seafaring member, he had not had any chance of taking his Degree before this time. The old veteran and late Secretary, Bro. Frederick Walters, whose severe illness had prevented him from attending this lodge for nearly 12 months, was heartily congratulated on his re-appearance amongst his old friends. He told them how very pleased he was to be amongst them once more. He eulogised the W.M., Bro. James Laurence, for the admirable manner he had done both initiation and more especially the raising. Pointing out how well the signs of the Third Degree had been so fully explained, and that, too, in a manner which had never been surpassed. He expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing the Senior and Junior Wardens so well up in their work. It augured well of what they would do when in the chair. The other officers were equally efficient. The S.D., devoting 27 weeks of the year in his attendances at their lodges of instruction showed he meant proficiency when W.M. A proposed alteration of visitors' fee was duly seconded and carried unanimously. Bro. Walters gave notice of motion—"That 10 guineas be taken from the lodge funds to purchase a P.M.'s jewel, to be given to Bro. James Laurence, W.M.," whom he said he hoped to see selected for Provincial honours, for, in addition to his splendid working, he was Past Steward and Life Governor of all the Masonic Charities. It was a pleasing fact that again nearly 12 members of the lodge were Stewards to the Charities for 1888. No less than four were for the Girls' School. Some half-a-dozen names were given in of candidates for initiation for June and July meetings. Ten guineas were unanimously voted from the lodge to form a nucleus of a fund for a slight testimonial to Bro. Fredk. Walters for his efficient services as Secretary. The lodge was then closed.

A good banquet followed. Bro. Harris, the host, was as usual indefatigable in his exertions to serve well all present.

MILLOM.—Whitwell Lodge (No. 1390).—

A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the Lodge rooms, Salthouse-road, when there were present Bros. R. A. Mitchell, W.M.; J. J. Cain, S.W.; John Atkinson, J.W.; Geo. Hill, Treas.; H. Frankland Fox, Sec.; T. Walker, S.D.; J. C. Fox, J.D.; J. E. Howarth, I.G.; W. Atkinson, P.M., Tyler, in the place of Bro. T. Lewthwaite, who is ill; J. Mills, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; G. Hill, P.M.; W. Bradley, P.M.; E. E. Atkinson, P.M.; J. B. Moore, W. Newton, J. R. Butler, J. Harker, T. Wood, A. Jackson, and H. D. Shardlon, Org. Visitor: Bro. Jas. Coward, 1073.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Mitchell. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, on behalf of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales thanking the brethren of Whitwell Lodge for the letter of congratulation on the occasion of their Royal Highnesses Silver Wedding. Bro. W. T. Lawrance, P.S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

TORQUAY.—Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Park-street, on Tuesday, 12th inst., when there were present with others Bro. T. Prust, W.M.; T. W. Morgan, P.M., S.W.; T. H. Wills, J.W.; J. W. McKellar, S.D.; T. J. Crossman, J.D.; W. Hersey, Stwd., as I.G.; J. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas.; F. S. Hex, I.P.M., Sec.; S. Wills, D.C.; T. Brooks, Org.; John Taylor, Stwd.; J. E. Newton, Tyler; John Chapman, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; John Lane, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; J. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; A. T. Blamey, Prov. G. Stwd.; J. D. Beer, W. Hill, T. Johnson, J. Risdon, W. H. Snell, G. West, T. Pickard, W. H. Rowland, and Holman.

The lodge having been opened by the W.M. the minutes were read and signed. Bro. Rowland was then passed to the Degree of F.C. in an able manner by the W.M., a detailed explanation of the tools of the Degree being given by Bro. Blamey. A successful ballot having been taken for Mr. E. J. Pratt, who being present was initiated by Bro. Blamey, who performed the ceremony in an impressive manner. The W.M. then moved, in a speech full of feeling, that a letter of condolence and sympathy be sent to the widow of our late Bro. Rowland, whom it had pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to take from our midst after years of much suffering. Business of considerable importance to the lodge then engaged the brethren for some time, after which the lodge was closed.

PLYMPTON.—St. Maurice Lodge (No. 1855).—

The members of this lodge held their annual meeting on the 13th inst. There was a large attendance of brethren, including over 20 P.M.'s. The W.M. elect, Bro. John Martin, was installed, Bro. R. Hambly, P.P.G.S. of W., being the Installing Officer, assisted by Bro. the Rev. T. A. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G.C. The W.M. appointed the following officers: Bros. W. H. Lister, I.P.M.; Capt. G. S. S. Lowe, S.W.; John Foley, J.W.; T. J. R. Chalice, Treas.; R. Hambly, Sec.; J. Hunt, S.D.; J. C. Revell, J.D.; S. G. Osbond, D.C.; C. B. Shuker, A.D.C.; J. Williams, Org.; J. Pearce and John Pearce, Stewards; and J. Gidley, Tyler. Bro. R. Hambly was re-elected the representative of the lodge at the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. T. J. R. Chalice as Charity Steward.

In the evening the brethren dined at Bro. Hick's, George Hotel. The following brethren were also present during the day: Bros. J. Lavers, P.M.; J. B. Skinner, P.M.; G. Goad, P.M.; D. Box, 156, P.P.G.R.; C. H. Cooper, 105, P.P.G.D.; P. B. Clemes, P.P.G.O.; S. Jew, 105, P.P.G.T.; R. J. Bird, 1550; E. Aitken-Davies, 1099; W. Powell, 1205, P.P.G. Steward; J. Parkhouse, 156; W. K. Mitchell, 156, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Hunt, 1205; W. F. Westcott, I.P.M. 70; and T. R. E. Oliver, 1241.

HARROW.—Citadel Lodge (No. 1897).—

The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Saturday, the 16th inst., at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station. Amongst the members present were Bros. John Weston, P.M. 1602, W.M.; Oscar J. Von Holtorp, S.W., W.M. elect; Jas. H. Gaskin, J.W.; W. Hurrin, Treas.; John Osborn, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; E. Mayne, S.D.; John Hughes, J.D.; James Bayne, I.G.; J. E. Sheffield, D.C.; P. Young, Stwd.; H. W. Mayes, P.M., P.P.G.P.; T. I. Bird, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Lee, Prov. A.G. Sec.; E. Woodman, P.M., Prov. A.G.P.; W. Banks, J. Jones, and others. The visitors included Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M.; J. Margetts, Org. 45; J. Bunker, W.M. 1158; A. Banks, 749; H. G. Martin, J.D. 1622; J. H. Pullen, Stwd. 1622; J. F. Quartly, I.P.M. 228; R. A. Homan, P.M. 1602; Jno. Mason, P.P.S.G.D.; R. P. Forge, P.M. 1693; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were adopted, and the Audit Committee's Report received and adopted. Bro. Oscar J. Von Holtorp was presented as W.M. elect, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. John Weston, I.P.M. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. J. H. Gaskin, S.W.; E. Mayne, J.W.; W. Hurrin, Treas.; Jno. Osborn, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; John Hughes, S.D.; James Bayne, J.D.; Jno. E. Sheffield, I.G.; Peter Young and Wm. W. Lee, Stwds.; and W. Very, Tyler. Bro. W. Wright was re-appointed Org., and Bro. C. J. Davison appointed D.C., but both being unavoidably absent, their investiture was postponed. The customary addresses were then effectively and impressively delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. J. Weston, I.P.M. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M., in recognition of his valuable services during the past year, a compliment which he briefly and appropriately acknowledged. Propositions having been received and routine business transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to an excellent repast, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts were duly honoured. The menu card and toast list, which was much admired, was specially designed for the occasion by Bro. Oscar Von Holtorp, the newly-installed W.M.

The preliminary toasts having been heartily given and received, the W.M. proposed "The Health of Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M.," and said he was convinced the brethren would cordially receive the toast. They had been highly honoured that evening by the presence of the Prov. G.M., that being his third visit to their lodge. It was their unanimous and sincere wish that in the future, notwithstanding his very numerous engagements, their Prov. G.M. would be enabled to visit them more frequently. The brethren heartily joined in wishing Sir Francis all prosperity and long life to preside over the province.

Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M., in reply, said it was some considerable time since he had the honour of consecrating that lodge, and it gave him great pleasure not only to see the prosperous condition in which it then stood, but also the high position it had taken in the province. He had for some years occupied the post of Prov. G.M., and had always felt the greatest anxiety for the various lodges under his control; but there were few that had filled a higher position in his estimation than the Citadel Lodge. He was very glad to be present that evening, and could not express the pleasure and gratification it had afforded him to visit them again. He had always had a vivid recollection, not only of the very agreeable evening he spent with them, but of the most fraternal and cordial reception he invariably received. He had attended that evening at the solicitation of the W.M., and did not regret it for one moment. He was determined to see what was going on, for, as they were aware, he was fond of going about in the province and visiting them

unawares. He did not suppose that the lodge was aware that he was coming into their midst that evening, and it was very gratifying to find that the work was so well done by the I.P.M., that it could not, he believed, be surpassed by any lodge in the province. There were other good and excellent lodges that worked well, but he had never heard the installation ceremony done in a better or more systematic manner than it had been rendered that evening. He was sure the W.M. would excuse him if he proposed "The Health of Bro. John Weston, the I.P.M.," for he was extremely pleased at the excellent manner in which the work had been done. He asked the brethren to be upstanding and drink to the health of the I.P.M.

Bro. John Weston, P.M. 1602, I.P.M., said he could not express how deeply he thanked the Prov. G.M. for the very kind way in which his health had been proposed, and the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast. On that occasion they had had the pleasure of a visit from the Prov. G.M., and he had had the honour conferred upon him of hearing that distinguished brother express his approbation of the manner in which he had done his work. The brethren present had known him (the I.P.M.) for many years, and were aware that during the 15 years he had spent in the Craft he had worked hard. He had always performed his duties, both in the Craft and Royal Arch, and during that period had only missed two attendances in lodge or chapter, both of which were occasioned by ill-health, on several occasions having travelled 300 or 500 miles in order to be present. Masonry had a charm for him which it was impossible to describe, for it bound men together in a bond of good fellowship, and when he was assisting Masonry in any way, could wish for no greater pleasure. He also regarded it as a duty to do something for the cause of Masonry. He had had a very happy year of office, for they had been a harmonious body together, and were thus furthering the cause of Masonry by strengthening that bond of fraternal affection which should always exist in Masonic gatherings. During his year as I.P.M. it would be his pleasure to assist the W.M. in carrying out the duties, although he did not anticipate that Bro. Von Holtorp would need any assistance. As the first initiate of the lodge, the W.M. had worked hard in order to obtain his present position and would require no aid from him. He thanked them heartily and sincerely for the kind and cordial manner in which his health had been proposed and received.

Bro. John Mason, P.P.S.G.D., in response to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers," said that life was made up of surprises—some of which were of anything but a pleasant character—but it was a pleasant one that evening to have to respond to that toast. Having been present when that lodge was consecrated, he felt that he should like to see how it was progressing. The Dep. Prov. G.M. would have been present that evening had it been possible, but he had told him that he had spent one of the most pleasant evenings in that lodge that he had spent anywhere, and he and the Prov. G.M. were men of their word. What those brethren said they meant, and, as they were aware, the Dep. Prov. G.M. would not hesitate to tell them if he saw anything to complain of. The work in the lodge that evening had been good—very good—and he was speaking as one of the Prov. G. Officers who went about and kept a critical eye on the proceedings. He was proud to see the way in which the lodge had progressed, and hoped and trusted it would go on and prosper. On behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers he sincerely thanked them.

Bro. W. H. Lee, Prov. Asst. G. Sec., said that after the able speech they had heard, few words would be required from him. Bro. Mason, no doubt, considered that he represented the Past Prov. G. Officers, and he was expected to say a few words with regard to the Present Officers. It was always a source of pleasure to those officers to hear themselves spoken of in the manner in which they were invariably referred to when they visited the lodges from time to time. He had been associated with that lodge for many years, and therefore entertained a great love and respect for it. It was a source of satisfaction to see that the brethren of the Province of Middlesex had come forward so powerfully to assist in the magnificent result of the Centenary of the Girls' School. The province contributed over £1000, which was a good result.

Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M., in wishing the brethren a cordial "good night," said he had enjoyed the honour of presiding over the province for 20 years, and the longer he enjoyed that privilege the more the province became endeared to him. Those around him had become so endeared to him that it gave him great pain to anticipate the time when he should separate from them. He was advancing in years, and although he did as much as he could, it was not as much as he had done in former years. He had other duties to perform which took him away from the province, and he was not therefore able to visit them as often as he could wish. As long, however, as he held his present position, and life was spared—which he could not expect to be long—he would do as much for the province as he could. It was with great satisfaction that he saw the enormous progress made in the province, and the position it then held in the Order. He was sure Middlesex was looked up to as one of the principal and most influential provinces in the whole of the universe. He had the greatest pleasure in thanking the brethren generally, and especially that lodge for the kind manner in which they had received him. He wished the brethren "good night," and hoped they should soon meet again.

Bro. Weston, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which he said he had pleasure in doing for a variety of reasons. Not only was the W.M. the first initiate of the lodge, but he was a good worker, whom he had known from childhood. The W.M. had still a further claim on their feelings, and that he was the son-in-law of the late Bro. Somers, a founder and first W.M. of their lodge.

Bro. Oscar Von Holtorp, W.M., in reply, said he felt very proud at the manner in which the I.P.M. had proposed the toast, and the cordial reception the toast had received. That night was for him one of those events which occur in the life of a Mason, and was the chief point in a Master Mason's life—his first Mastership. He felt highly honoured at his position, and trusted he should carry out his duties with fidelity and sincerity and to the prosperity of the lodge. He trusted that all the officers he had had the pleasure of investing would second him in every way, and would assist him in the well-ruling of the lodge. The lodge had arrived at a critical position in its existence. They had finished the list of experienced members in the lodge, and they then came to the initiate

who had not been in the chair before. They must take their cue from the past, and do their best to carry out the duties as satisfactory as they had hitherto been done.

"The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast closed a successful and enjoyable gathering. Bro. Bayne superintended the musical arrangements with his usual ability, and presided at the pianoforte during the evening. He was ably supported by Messrs. Percy Taylor and Siddon Turner, and Mrs. Chas. L. Taylor.

CROYDON.—George Price Lodge (No. 2096).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on Saturday, the 9th inst. Bro. Francis T. Ridpath, W.M., occupied the chair, and having opened the lodge, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Audit Committee's report was then presented and unanimously adopted. The W.M. elect, Bro. James S. Fraser, P.M. 174, was presented by the I.P.M., Bro. H. M. Hobbs, P.P.S.G.D., and was installed by Bro. Ridpath in a most impressive and excellent manner. The new W.M. subsequently appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. Samuel, S.W.; M. L. Levey, J.W.; J. C. Leaver, Treas.; J. D. Langton, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Sec.; W. G. Goode, S.D.; F. Cambridge, P.P.G.O., J.D.; F. W. Leaver, D.C.; W. S. Hoyte, P.G.O., Org.; E. C. Leaver and C. Hobden, Stewards; and W. Lane, Tyler. The remaining officers—Bros. E. D. L. Harvey, P.G.C., Chap., and E. C. Holdsworth, I.G.—being unavoidably absent.

Among the other members present was Bro. F. West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Visitors: Bros. J. F. H. Woodward, P.G. Std. Br.; Gordon Smith, G. Steward; F. Nichols, W.M. 463; W. D. Lowenstark, P.M. 25; W. F. Brown, P.M. 90; J. Newton, P.M. 174; C. H. Webb, P.M. 174; W. H. Ranson, P.M. 1790; J. C. Atkinson, P.M. 2182; W. Brindley, P.M. 1604; A. Toulmin, S.D. 1503; E. Rolls, S.D. 12; C. Sargent, 1261; A. H. Price, J.W. 1321; and A. Burn, 1321.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet, where the usual toasts were given, Bro. J. F. H. Woodward responding for "The Grand Lodge," Bro. F. West, D.P.G.M., for "The Prov. G. Lodge," and Bros. F. Nichols, W. F. Brown, and J. Newton for "The Visitors."

A P.M.'s jewel, of the usual value, was presented to Bro. F. T. Ridpath, I.P.M., for his valuable services to the lodge during the past year.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. F. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org., and gave great satisfaction, being ably assisted by Bros. W. S. Hoyte, Prov. G. Org., Lester, and Atkinson, and Mr. James Budd.

MANCHESTER.—Arthur Sullivan Lodge (No. 2156).—The second installation meeting since the consecration of this musical lodge took place on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Old Boar's Head. Owing to the summer engagements of many of the professional brethren, there was not such a large attendance as is usually seen at these meetings. There were present Bros. A. H. Williams, W.M.; Allen Avison, S.W.; F. W. Lean, J.W.; E. W. Irving, P.M. 1170, Prov. G. Stwd., Treas.; Ben Brierley, Sec.; F. Gordon, S.D.; Joseph Gagg, J.D.; C. Turner, P.M. 1011, D.C.; N. Dumville, P.P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; W. Dumville, P.M.; Wm. Booth, P.M. 104, P.G.D.C. Cheshire; H. Dawson, P.M., Tyler; J. Whittaker, A. S. Kinnell, Cuthbert, Blacon, Lawrence, Lord, R. Morley, J. Goss, S. Shore, J. Simmons, and J. Harmer. Visitors: Bros. George Mellor, P.S.G.D., D.P.G.M.; J. W. Abbott, P.M. 1459, 1030, P.P.G.D. of C.; E. Dodd, P.M. 78; J. Cookson, W.M. 1030, Prov. G. Steward; F. W. Hill, and R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, Prov. G. Steward.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous regular meeting and the lodge of emergency were read and confirmed. The balance-sheet was reported on by the Auditors, and bore a very healthy appearance. It showed the lodge entirely free from debt, after voting 20 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and making a provision—which was voted later on in the day—of 10 guineas each to the Boys' and Girls' Schools. It is scarcely necessary to state that the reports of the condition of the lodge funds was most satisfactorily received by all the members. The balance-sheet was adopted, and a vote of thanks passed to Bro. E. W. Irving, Treasurer, for the admirable manner in which the accounts had been kept. Bro. W. H. Williams, W.M., retained his seat for the purpose of installing Bro. Allen Avison. After being presented by Bro. C. Turner, D.C., to the Installing Master, Bro. Avison was subsequently inducted into the chair of K.S. The W.M. then appointed his officers, and they were invested as follows: Bros. F. W. Lean, S.W., and Fred Gordon, J.W., by Bro. N. Dumville, P.M.; N. Dumville, Treas.; E. W. Irving, Sec.; Joseph Gagg, S.D.; Oliver Gagg (by proxy), J.D.; Charles Turner, D. of C.; T. Morley, Org.; Seymour Jackson (by proxy) I.G.; J. Whittaker and J. Simmons, Stwds.; and H. Dawson, P.M., Tyler. Bro. C. Turner, P.M., D. of C., invested the Secretary and Organist, and Bro. Wm. Dumville, P.M., the remaining officers. Bro. E. W. Irving, P.M., Sec., P.G. Stwd., presented and explained the working tools in each Degree. The address to the W.M. was given by Bro. C. Turner, P.M., D. of C.; to the Wardens by Bro. N. Dumville, P.M., Treas.; and the brethren by Bro. W. Booth, P.M., P.G.D. of C. Cheshire. On the motion of Bro. E. W. Irving, P.M., Sec., P.G. Stwd., the sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions for Boys and Girls respectively; and there being no further business the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John with a banquet, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The usual toast list was proceeded with after the banquet, the V.W. Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. George Mellor, responding to the toast of his health and expressing his entire satisfaction with all he had seen and heard.

Bro. A. H. Williams, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in glowing terms, and Bro. Allen Avison, who is highly popular with all the brethren, made a suitable reply.

Several other toasts usually included in the Masonic repertoire were proposed and responded to, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, the brethren being enchanted with some excellent duets admirably rendered by Bro. Avison on the 'cello, and Bro. Harmer, violin. Glees, choruses, and solos were well sung by the professional talent so well known there, viz., Bros. Whittaker, Blacon, Kinnell, W. and N. Dumville, and C. Turner. Bro. Goldthorpe being the accompanist.

INSTRUCTION.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 15th inst. at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; J. Ford, P.M., S.W.; C. J. C. Walker, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Coplestone, Treas.; D. S. Long, Sec.; W. C. Williams, P.M., S.D.; J. Davis, J.D.; C. Higginson, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; P. Burton, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; W. G. Coat, F. W. Woodard, H. Cotton, F. Craggs, M. R. Rice, C. Woods, and W. W. Williams.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Coat being the candidate. Bro. Cochrane, having given proofs of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. A. Williams having vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. C. Williams, was presented as W.M. elect. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. A. Williams installed as W.M., Bro. W. C. Williams acting as Installing Master. The lodge was resumed to the Second and First Degrees. The W.M. having risen, Bro. J. Ford was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

UPTON LODGE (No. 1227).—This lodge held its usual meeting on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Three Nuns, Aldgate, E. Present: Bros. C. J. Free, W.M.; S. Toye, S.W.; W. J. Barnes, J.W.; A. W. Fenner, Preceptor; W. Hayward, J.D.; C. Schmidt, I.G.; T. Taylor, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, 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. The first four Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, the information thus derived by them being much appreciated. Bro. Toye was elected W.M. for the next meeting, when, after Bro. Toye has rehearsed a ceremony, Bro. Fenner will rehearse the ceremony of installation, and he most respectfully requests the attendance of brethren on that occasion. Lodge will be opened at 8 o'clock sharp. Lodge was then closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Allman, W.M. 1425, W.M.; O. W. Battley, S.W.; J. C. Conway, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511 and 1767, Treas. and Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; S. Barrow, S.D.; H. Windeatt, J.D.; W. Middleweek, I.G.; D. Stroud, P.M. 2045, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; J. Smith, and M. T. Tuck, 901, J.D. 1343 (visitor).

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Barrow being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Windeatt being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Tuck was elected a member. Bro. Battley was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting, the officers to be in rotation. Bro. George Read expressed his thanks to the brethren of the lodge who so kindly gave him their votes for the Board of General Purposes, thereby ensuring his election. After "Hearty good wishes," 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 14th inst. Present: Bros. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, W.M.; G. Wilson, as I.P.M.; G. F. Swan, S.W.; J. D. Graham, J.W.; J. R. Harnell, S.D.; R. J. Harnell, J.D.; H. C. Chevalier, I.G.; F. M. Noakes, acting as Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; E. Willcox, J. W. Sedgwick, T. C. Seary, A. E. Gladwell, A. Proudfoot, C. B. Shemmonds, A. Clark, A. Cogliati, V. Smith, R. Harvey, F. Kedg, H. G. Marsden, H. Pelt, R. Kirk, F. Dusterwald, W. Hancock, and E. A. Morrison.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. worked the 2nd Section of the Second Lecture. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. A. Clark, W.M. elect 2191, being candidate. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony was resumed. Lodge resumed to the Second and then the First Degree. Bro. A. Clark, as W.M., invested his officers, Bro. W. C. Smith giving the charges. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the second time, the W.M. and his officers were appointed according to the minutes to the minutes of the 7th inst. On rising for the third time, Bro. G. F. Swan, S.W., proposed that a cordial and hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. W. C. Smith for the very able manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of installation. He was sure all the brethren present had been delighted, and all would regret that that was the last time they would have the pleasure of listening to Bro. W. C. Smith's working. He felt sure he was expressing the wishes of the brethren in wishing him health, happiness, and prosperity in his new home in the north, and that though far away, he would always be remembered with feelings of pleasure, especially by those brethren to whom he had imparted much Masonic knowledge. Seconded by Bro. E. A. Morrison, and carried unanimously. Bro. W. C. Smith made a suitable reply, thanking the brethren for their good wishes for his welfare. He should always remember with pleasure the many happy hours he had spent amongst them, and should take a great interest in the welfare of the lodge, although so far away.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; G. Higginson, S.W.; C. R. Cross, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; F. Woodard, S.D.; Vandjke, J.D.; J. Arnott, I.G.; A. Cavers, Stwd.; J. Davies, Preceptor; L. Cox, F. Klein, and T. Stonnill.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and then resumed to the Second and First Degrees. The ceremony of passing being about to be rehearsed, Bro. Klein, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony completed. The ceremony of raising being about to be rehearsed, Bro. L. Cox, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony completed. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Higginson was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 18th inst. Present: Bros. J. W. Morley, W.M.; P. Skar, S.W.; Dresden, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; H. Harris, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. Sims, P.M., S.D.; W. C. Williams, J.D.; S. Cochrane, P.M., I.G.; R. H. Williams, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in Bro. Morley's usual impressive manner. A brother offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined, and, having given the required proofs in an exemplary manner, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. P. Skar was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, which will take place on Monday, the 3rd September next. A vote of sympathy to Bro. W. H. Smith, Treasurer of the mother lodge, on account of his serious illness, and a vote of thanks to the Preceptor and Secretary for past services, were passed. The brethren are particularly desired to note the date fixed for the next meeting.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 15th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Piper, W.M.; Shaw, S.W.; Hobbs, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Roberts, S.D.; Stutfield, J.D.; Rymer, I.G.; Edwards, and J. Purnell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last

meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Roberts being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Purnell, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Purnell being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Shaw was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. Esling, W.M.; Poole, S.W.; Folkard, J.W.; Hill, S.D.; Russell, J.D.; W. Smith, I.G.; Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Bate, Coe, Jones, Alexander, Jarvis, Rowe, Heathcote, and Williams.

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 then the Third Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Jarvis proved his proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising ably rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Jarvis as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Russell for his able work in the chair at the previous meeting. Bro. Poole was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Poole duly returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

TORQUAY.—JORDAN LODGE (No. 1402).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. A. T. Blamey, as W.M.; S. Wills, as S.W.; T. J. Crossman, J.W.; J. Dodge, Preceptor; J. Taylor, Sec.; V. Lauzell, S.D.; G. West, J.D.; W. H. Snell, I.G.; J. E. Newton, Tyler; T. Prust, W.M. 1402; W. Hersey, W. Hill, and Risdon.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The first three Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bros. Prust and Taylor, under the guidance of Bro. Blamey. The usual questions were asked, the work for next meeting arranged, and the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT CHAPTER (No. 1524).—The installation meeting of this prosperous chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. The members present included Comps. J. L. Payne, M.E.Z.; T. Clark, J., H. elect; A. J. Berry, S.N., J. elect; Neville Green, P.Z., S.E.; W. Simpson, P.S.; W. H. Lee, P.Z., Prov. Asst. G.S.E. Middx., Treas.; M. L. Levey, P.Z.; C. Holden, J. H. Rich, Cecil Stein, and W. W. Lee. Visitor: Comp. H. Pellatt.

The convocation was opened, the minutes of the April meeting read and confirmed, and the Audit report received and adopted. The installation of Principals was next proceeded with, but owing to the unavoidable absence of Comp. J. Funston, the M.E.Z. elect, his installation was postponed. Comps. T. Clark and A. J. Berry were impressively installed into the chairs of H. and J. respectively by Comp. W. H. Lee, P.Z. The officers invested were Comps. Neville Green, P.Z., S.E.; W. Simpson, P. Soj.; J. H. Rich, 1st Asst. Soj.; Cecil Stein, 2nd Asst. Soj.; W. H. Lee, P.Z., Treas.; and J. J. Marsh, Janitor. Comp. J. Hoyt, the S.N. elect, was unfortunately unable to be present. Comp. W. H. Lee, P.Z., said a melancholy duty devolved upon him in proposing a vote of sympathy and condolence with the widow and family of the late Comp. Brasted, P.Z., who was the first exalte in that chapter. Having been associated with the deceased companion for many years, it was with deep feelings of regret that he rose to move the resolution. Comp. Brasted was a man loved and respected by all who knew him; he was an earnest and zealous Mason, having presided over the lodge and chapter, and having occupied the position of Preceptor of a lodge of Instruction in North-east London, where his kind and genial manner caused him to be respected and esteemed. The members of that chapter had looked up to him as an authority in Royal Arch Masonry, and whilst being an excellent worker was at all times willing to render kindly assistance. They all felt that in the decease of Comp. Brasted they had sustained a great loss, and would unanimously wish to express their regret at his decease, and their feelings of sympathy and condolence with his relatives. Comp. Levey, P.Z., having seconded the motion, it was carried nem. con. Chapter was then closed.

After an excellent repast, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Comp. W. H. Lee, P.Z., said that in the absence of Comp. Funstan, a very pleasing duty devolved upon him in proposing "The Health of Comp. J. L. Payne, I.P.Z.," who presided so ably over them that evening. The members all knew that during the long time that Comp. Payne had been connected with the chapter, he had performed his duties to the great satisfaction of the companions. Having entertained that favourable opinion of him, which had been endorsed by the manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the principal chair during the past year, the companions had voted him a P.Z.'s jewel, which he had now great pleasure in presenting to him. There was not a companion with whom he was acquainted who was more deserving than Comp. Payne. He had much pleasure in investing the I.P.Z. with the jewel, and hoped he would be spared many years to be with them.

Comp. J. L. Payne, I.P.Z., returned sincere thanks for the manner in which Comp. Lee had spoken of him, and in which the companions had received the toast. During his year as M.E.Z. it had been his endeavour to carry out the duties to the satisfaction of the companions and trusted he had succeeded. He had not had as many exaltees as he had wished, but hoped for better things in the future. Having served for 5 years as P.S. he had had ample opportunities to make himself proficient in the work of the chapter. He again sincerely thanked the companions for so heartily receiving his health, and for the P.Z.'s jewel so kindly and unanimously presented to him.

"The Visitor" was next given, and having been appropriately responded to by Comp. Pellatt, the I.P.Z. proposed the toast of "The H. and J.," congratulating the chapter on possessing two such able and efficient officers.

Comp. T. Clark, H., in returning thanks, said his satisfaction was mingled with regret, for he anticipated that the toast would be proposed by Comp. Funstan, who was, however, unable to be present. His colleagues and himself had been pleased to be under the rule of Comp. Payne, and trusted Comp. Funstan would be with them at their

next meeting. He was a lover of Freemasonry, and should perfect himself in the duties of the position to which he had been elected.

Comp. A. J. Berry, J., also returned thanks. He had not previously had the opportunity of distinguishing himself, but as he had been unanimously elected to his present position he trusted he should not reflect discredit on their choice.

Comps. Lee, P.Z., and Levey, P.Z., replied for the toast of "The P.Z.'s," and "The Officers" having been given and duly responded to, the Janitor's toast closed a pleasant evening.

HASTINGS.—Chapter of Emulation (No. 40).—The members and visiting companions assembled at the Castle Hotel, on Monday, the 18th inst. There were present: Comps. J. B. Sargent, M.E.Z.; W. H. Russell, H.; E. W. J. Hennah, P.Z., acting J.; J. Pearce, acting S.E.; the Very Rev. Dean Currie, D.D., S.N.; T. W. Markwick, P. Soj.; R. Hughes, 1st Asst. Soj.; W. T. Jordan, 2nd Asst. Soj.; F. Rossiter, P.Z., Treas.; C. W. Duke, P.P.G.S.B., P.Z., D.C.; P. Robinson, P.Z.; W. Dawes, P.G.J., P.Z.; F. Duke, V. P. Freeman, P.G. Std. Br., P.G.S.E., P.Z.; W. S. Allen, Gen. Randolph, P.P.G.H., P.Z.; R. Pidcott, P.G.R.; and C. E. Botley.

The ceremony of installing Comps. W. H. Russell, Z.; E. W. J. Hennah, H.; and T. W. Markwick, J.; was ably performed by Comp. Robinson, P.Z. The investiture of officers was as follows: Comps. J. Pearce, S.E.; W. T. Jordan, S.N.; the Rev. Rev. Dean Currie, D.D., P.S.; R. Hughes, 1st Asst. Soj.; W. S. Allen, 2nd Asst. Soj.; F. Rossiter, P.Z., Treas.; and C. W. Duke, P.Z., &c., D. of C.

The companions after the discharge of the business on the agenda retired to the banquet room, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a most enjoyable evening spent.

INSTRUCTION.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly convocation of this chapter was held at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 15th inst. There were present Comps. J. Hill, M.E.Z.; R. J. Goisey, P.Z., H.; Addington, H. 1275, J.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Woods, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; T. Grumant, P.Z., and Callaway.

The chapter having been opened in due form, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Callaway personating candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first time, and Comp. Callaway, 1216, was unanimously elected a member. Comp. Callaway suitably responded, promising regular attendance. The dues were collected. The M.E.Z. rose for the second time, and Comp. R. J. Voisey, P.Z., Treas., H., was unanimously elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Comp. Voisey thanked those present, and appointed his officers in rotation. The M.E.Z. rose for the third time, and it was unanimously resolved that a hearty vote of thanks be given to Comp. Hill, and recorded on the minutes, for the able way in which he had filled the chair of First Principal for the first time. Comp. Hill thanked the companions for this mark of their favour. Nothing more presenting itself for the good of R.A. Masonry, he chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

ERA LODGE (No. 176).—The installation meeting of this well-established lodge took place on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at 8a, Red Lion-square. Bro. H. T. Nell, W.M., opened the lodge, and the minutes of the last regular lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. It showed a balance in the hands of the Treasurer after all liabilities had been met. Ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of Bros. Joseph Clever, P.M. and Treas. 171; Louis Mantell, 1897; F. W. Dimsdale, 1507; and James Reilly, J.W. 907, and Bro. F. W. Driver, P.G. Steward, P.M., Sec., having taken the chair, in his usual able, impressive manner, advanced Bros. Joseph Clever and Louis Mantell to this Degree. Bro. W. H. Nell, W.M., presented Bro. L. S. Fontaine, S.W. and W.M. elect, for the benefits of installation, and he was installed W.M., the ceremony being, as usual, well and efficiently rendered. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Daniel Ferguson, S.W.; Joseph Clever, J.W.; J. Smith, P.M., Treasurer (re-invested); F. W. Driver, P.G. Steward, P.M., Sec. (re-invested); Louis Mantell, S.O.; and Mills, Tyler. The customary five guinea Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. H. T. Nell, I.P.M., for the efficient services he had rendered to the lodge during his year of office. Bro. Nell, in a neat speech, thanked the members of the lodge. The old veteran, Bro. F. Walters, P.G.I.G., one of the founders of the lodge and first Secretary, proposed—"That the best thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. F. W. Driver, P.G. Steward, P.M., Sec., for his great kindness in so efficiently doing all the ceremonies, and more especially the installation ceremony, the whole of which were done to the satisfaction and delight of the members of the lodge; that the same be entered on the lodge minutes." This having been carried, Bro. Driver returned his best thanks and gratitude for the vote.

After some candidates had been proposed for advancement, and apologies read from absent P.M.'s, officers, and candidates, who regretted their inability to attend, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant.

FALMOUTH.—Love and Honour Lodge (No. 94).—This lodge held their annual meeting at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 7th inst., when Bro. S. Tresidder was installed as W.M. by Bro. J. M. Carne, P.S.G.D., assisted by Bros. W. F. Newman, P.P.S.G.W.; G. H. B. Reed, P.P.J.G.W.; W. D. Rogers, P.P.G.M.O.; R. Carter, P.P.J.G.O.; and J. M. Richards, 175, P.P.J.G.D. The W.M. then appointed and invested Bro. J. M. Carne, P.S.G.D., as the I.P.M., and his officers as follows: Bros. G. T. Oliver, P.P.G.D.C., S.W.; W. Anderson, J.W.; G. Carter, P.P.G. Org., M.O.; T. R. Grylls, P.G.S.B., S.O.; H. Liddicoat, J.O.; Rev. M. J. Sutton, P.G.C., Chap.; W. F. Newman, P.P.S.G.W., Treasurer; J. T. Williams, R. of M.; H. Tucker, Sec.; J. Martin, S.D.; R. C. M. Pooley, J.D.; W. J. Carne, Org.; W. M. Harrison, I.G.; E. J. K. Nicholls, Steward; and J. N. Francis, Tyler.

The brethren and visitors—Bros. J. Mr Richards, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Eva, J.W.; and P. J. Morjan, P.A.G.D. of C., S.O., of 175, and B. Carter—adjourned to the Royal Hotel, and partook of an excellent repast, provided by Bro. R. Carter, P.P.J.G.O.

Knights Templar.

PROVINCIAL GREAT PRIORY OF KENT AND SURREY.

The annual meeting of the above was held at Canterbury, on the 15th inst., under the banner of the Black Prince Preceptory. The members of Provincial Priory were met at the stations by Sir Knight Ward, P.E.P., and entertained at lunch at the Fountain Hotel, after which a Priory of Malta was opened at the beautiful Masonic Temple, and five sir knights were inducted into that Order in most impressive style by Sir Knights Ward and Rev. H. Cummings.

The Black Prince Preceptory having been opened and the routine business transacted Sir Knight Harris was installed in the chair of E.P., and the officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested.

The chair was then taken by V.E. Sir Knight Col. G. H. Haldane, Sub. Prior, in the regretted absence, through ill-health, of the V.E. Prov. Prior, Sir Knight Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, C.B. Provincial Priory having been duly opened and muster roll called, a fine was inflicted on an officer absent without excuse, in accordance with the by-laws of the Province, and the minutes of last Provincial Priory at Lullingstone were read and duly confirmed. Many letters of apology for absence were read, and the Treasurer's report was then presented and approved. Sir Knight Bateman was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The acting Prov. Prior then announced that he had been re-appointed Sub Prior, and proceeded to appoint and invest the following as the Prov. officers for the year.

- Sir Knight Cummings Prov. Prelate.
- " Holtum Prov. Chancellor.
- " F. Hughes Hallett... .. Prov. Constable.
- " F. S. Graham-Moon... .. Prov. Marshal.
- " A. H. Bateman Prov. Treas. & R.
- " J. C. Weddell Prov. Almoner.
- " J. S. Harris Prov. Herald.
- " F. W. Wright Prov. Std. Br. (Beauceant.)
- " F. Beach Prov. Std. Br. (Vex Belli.)
- " R. S. Davey... .. Prov. G. Chamb.
- " W. Harper Prov. C. of G.

Frater Harrison was then re-elected and invested as Equerry. Sundry matters of a private nature were then transacted. The alms were collected, and Prov. Priory was closed.

The Black Prince Preceptory having been closed, the sir knights adjourned to the Fountain Hotel, where the Prov. Sub-Prior, Sir Knight Haldane, presided in his well-known genial manner, and a banquet of the most recherché character that would have done honour to the most celebrated London caterers, and was praised by Sir Knight Ward, who proved himself (not for the first time) to be as good a host as he is a Mason. Time being short on account of the early hour of the return trains, the toasts were brief but to the point, and so ended one of the most successful meetings ever held in the province. The hospitality of the entertaining preceptory was unbounded, and the arrangements in every way admirable. Among those present were Sir Knights Haldane, Cummings, Dr. Penfold, Bateman, F. Laurence, Dr. Weddell, Major F. S. Graham-Moon, Eugene Monteuiis, A. G. Hennell, F. Hughes Hallett, Walter Harper, R. J. Emmerson, F. W. Wright, C. Holtum, J. S. Harris, Dr. Davey, Horatio Ward, Dr. Beach, F. Leith, and Frater Harrison, Equerry.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER AND PRESENTATION TO BRO. BERTHER.

Those of our readers who have been in the habit of dining at Freemasons' Tavern during the past two or three years cannot fail to have noticed the marked improvement which has taken place in every department of this noted house—owing principally to the skilful management of Bro. Madell, but in no small degree to the assistance afforded him by his first lieutenant, Bro. Berther—who we were not surprised at hearing a short time since had secured a wider field for his energies in the management of the Cannon-street Hotel. A few of his friends, who had known him both as the deputy manager of the Tavern and previously in the same capacity at the Criterion, arranged to present him with some little token of their goodwill on his assuming his new position, and decided to invite Bro. Berther to a dinner, which came off on Wednesday evening at the Cannon-street Hotel. The chair was occupied by Bro. J. L. Mather, who was supported by Bros. J. Terry, C. F. Hogard, F. Binckes, J. Barnett, jun., and others, numbering in all about 50.

The usual toasts were proposed, and that of "The Guest of the Evening" was given by the CHAIRMAN in very feeling terms. He spoke of the high esteem in which Bro. Berther was held by all who had come in contact with him, and predicted for him a successful career.

Bro. BERTHER suitably replied, mentioning amongst other things how much he was indebted to his former chiefs, Bros. Madell and Bertini, who, on their part, later in the evening, testified to the good qualities of their late deputy, who had, they said, ably and faithfully carried out the duties entrusted to him, and secured the respect and friendship of all with whom he had been connected.

During the evening the Chairman presented to the guest, in the names of those present, a very handsome gold watch, which bore the following inscription: "Presented to J. A. Berther, Esq., on the occasion of his appointment as manager of the Cannon-street Hotel, at a banquet given in his honour by a number of sincere friends and admirers. J. L. Mather, Chairman; John Barnett, jun., Hon. Sec. June 20th, 1888."

The other toasts were—"The Health of the Chairman, Bro. J. L. Mather," and "The Hon. Sec., Bro. J. Barnett," and there were speeches from Bros. Binckes, Terry, Madell, Bertini, and others. Altogether it was a very enjoyable evening, and augurs well for the future of the new manager.

The table was lavishly decorated with flowers, which had been arranged with thoughtful and kindly care by the lessee, Mrs. Spencer; and songs and recitations also contributed to the pleasures of those present.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, London. Bro. James Brett, Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair in the absence of Bro. Robert Grey, President; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, took the Senior Vice-President's chair; and Bro. Walter Hopekirk, G.P., took the chair of Junior Vice-President. Bros. W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, and Berry attended for Grand Secretary's office, and there were also present Bros. W. P. Brown, F. R. Spaul, D. D. Mercer, H. Garrod, S. C. Haslip, G. P. Britten, J. B. Grieve, R. J. Gaylor, G. A. Cundy, C. Dairy, W. H. Perryman, J. G. Dale, P. Sharpe, J. Stevens, T. Holland, G. Clarke, E. Spooner, H. Massey, W. Ramsey, W. Carey, J. Lawrence, G. Watts, A. Hughes, J. H. Roper, T. C. Edmonds, T. B. Goodfellow, C. W. Tomes, C. H. Webb, J. A. Batley, W. A. Scurrah, F. J. Cox, A. Darch, H. C. Lambert, G. R. Langley, H. J. Wicks, H. G. Chapman, F. Perl, W. Stiles, W. R. Marten, D. Haslett, J. C. Humphreys, E. J. Williams, H. Syder, H. Purdue, R. D. Cummings, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations made at the last (May) meeting to the Grand Master to the extent of £570. They then proceeded with the new list, on which there were 41 applications for relief. The claims of these came from lodges in the London district, and Port of Spain (Trinidad), St. Vincent, Sunderland, Kotree, Massachusetts (U.S.A.), Maidenhead, Feltham, Nottingham, Sillott, Weymouth, Berkhamstead, Eastbourne, Keighley, Jarrow, Beverley, Chichester, Biggleswade, Ipswich, Topsham, Calcutta, Malta, Port Elizabeth (South Africa), Filey, and Hatfield.

The total amount granted in a four hours' sitting was £990, which was composed of two recommendations to Grand Lodge of £50 each; nine recommendations to the Grand Master of £40 each; and 13 of £30 each; four grants of £20 each; five of £10 each; and two of £5 each. Four cases were deferred; one petitioner had died since his petition was sent in; and one case was not entertained.

ODE OF WELCOME.

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS OF NO. 569, LONDON, BY "COLUMBIAN LODGE," BOSTON, U.S.A., JUNE 7TH, 1888.

"The sun, which is the glory and beauty of the day, rises in the East and sets in the West; Arts and Sciences, as well as Freemasonry, etc."

"Upspringing from the rosy East,
Bright Phœbus drives his shining steeds:
And towards the crimson-clouded West,
Religion, Art, and Science leads.
So, like the sparkling god of day,
Her westward course Latomia fares,
And wandering on her pilgrim way,
The flaming torch of Friendship bears.

At length on Albion's shore she stood,
Watching "the Star of Empire" bright;
Then crossing the Atlantic flood,
New England hailed her altar-light.
We greet again, with hearts sincere,
Her sons from o'er old Ocean's tide;
Their crimson cross floats fair and clear
Columbia's glittering stars beside.

Where'er Apollo's car may roam,
On Britain's realm no sunsets glow:
'Neath Masonry's pure azure dome,
Our Orbits bright no boundaries know.
Old England's red and Masons' blue,
Unite to form a purple dye,—
Love's royal tint, whose pledges true,
Shall bind our hearts in deathless tie.

W. T. R. MARVIN,
P.M. and Secretary.

Obituary.

BRO. S. B. OLDHAM, DEP. G. SECRETARY AND TREASURER (IRELAND).

The late Bro. Samuel B. Oldham, to whose death we briefly referred last week, had been officially connected with the Grand Lodge of Ireland for many years, having been its Assistant Secretary when the Prince of Wales was invested as Patron of the Order in that country, in 1871, and having a few years later been promoted to the higher and more responsible office of Deputy Grand Secretary and Treasurer. In this position he had rendered most valuable services to the Craft, and indeed had been virtually the principal executive officer of the Grand Lodge of Ireland for the last dozen years. He was also Grand Registrar of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ireland; the senior Past Sovereign and Secretary of Chapter No. 5, of Prince Masons, Dublin; honorary member of the Abbey Chapter, No. 11, Boyle; and Assistant Secretary General of the Grand Chapter of the same; and had taken the 31st in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. His death will be a very great loss to the Grand Lodge, while we may judge of the respect in which he was held by the Craft generally from the large number of brethren who attended his funeral in order to pay their last tribute of respect to his memory.

Bro. Sir Algernon and Lady Borthwick entertained the members of the Fulham Cyclist Club at dinner at Heath House, Hampstead Heath, on Saturday evening last.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and their family returned to Marlborough House from Sunningdale House on Friday, the 15th inst., in consequence of the news received of the late Emperor Frederick's condition, and in the afternoon the Prince, and his son, Prince Albert Victor, called at the German Embassy, and expressed their condolences on the death of his Imperial Majesty. On Saturday evening the Prince and Princess, with Prince Albert Victor, left Charing Cross Station by special train for Dover, en route to Berlin, where they arrived late on Sunday evening, in order to attend the late Emperor's funeral the day following.



We understand that at the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys which will be held at Freemasons' Hall on the 27th July next, a resolution will be submitted for an inquiry into the management of the School by a Committee consisting of Bro. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Registrar, and D.P.G.M. Essex, and two or four other brethren of similar weight and standing in the Craft. The motion, which will have the cordial support of the House Committee, will, no doubt, be carried.

The Clothworkers' Company have voted a sum of £25 towards the funds of College Hall, London, which occupies the three houses known as Byng-place, Gordon-square.

Lady Magheramorne's first evening party, which was to have taken place on Monday, has been postponed till Monday next, the 25th instant, and her second will take place on Thursday, the 28th instant.

The seventh and last concert of the Philharmonic Society during the present season, was held in St. James's Hall, on Saturday last, there being, as usual, a very full audience and a very excellent programme.

Bro. John Nelson was installed W.M. of the Kenlis Lodge, No. 1267, Egremont, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. The installing Masters were Bros. E. Clarke, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; J. Muncaster, P.M., P.P.G.D.; and J. J. Wilson, P.M.

An afternoon concert will be given in St. Andrew's Hall, Newman-street, to-morrow (Saturday) under the patronage of the Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, in aid of the building fund of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Shoreditch.

On Friday the 15th instant Bro. Lord Brassey formally handed over to the Corporation of Hastings the School of Art building erected by his lordship in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee at a cost of some £15,000. A public luncheon in the building formed part of the proceedings.

The first of a series of illuminated garden fêtes, with an al fresco ballet, was given at the Crystal Palace on Saturday evening last, and will be repeated every evening during the summer. The ballet performance, which was based on "A Midsummer Night's Dream," took place on a stage erected beneath the terrace, and was well received by a very numerous audience.

A deputation from the National Rifle Association, consisting of Bros. Lord Wantage and Sir H. Halford, Bart., with others, waited upon Bro. the Right Hon. D. Plunkett, M.P., her Majesty's First Commissioner of Works, on the 14th inst., on the subject of the use of a portion of Richmond Park for the annual meeting of the Association.

Bros. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs Davis and Higgs, Bros. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., and Sir F. W. Truscott, and Bros. H. B. Marshall, Past G. Treas., and H. B. Marshall, jun., had the honour of being among the guests who dined with the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Benson, at Lambeth Palace, on the 13th instant.

The funeral of the late Emperor Frederick took place on Monday, at the Friedenskirche, and in accordance with the wishes of the deceased monarch, was attended with comparatively little pomp, only the members of the Imperial family and those especially invited being present. Meanwhile, the sorrow throughout Germany, and especially in Berlin, at the death of a Sovereign so beloved is universal, while the sympathy shown by foreign countries is almost equally deep.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley unveiled the memorial tablet erected in the crypt of St. Paul's cathedral in honour of the various war correspondents who died in the fulfilment of their duty during the Soudan campaigns, on Saturday last, Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., and others being present at the ceremony. His lordship and the rest afterwards adjourned to the Press Club, Ludgate Circus, and was there accorded a hearty welcome.

William II., the new Emperor of Germany and King of Prussia, is the eldest son of the Emperor Frederick and Victoria, Princess Royal of Great Britain and Ireland, and was born on the 27th January, 1859. He was married on the 27th February, 1881, to the Princess Augusta, eldest daughter of the late Duke Frederick of Sonderburg, Augustenburg, and there are four sons already born of the marriage, the eldest of whom—Frederick William—now German Crown Prince of Prussia, is a strong boy of six years old, bearing a striking resemblance to his great grandfather the late Emperor William I.

The *Gazette* of Friday last contains orders issued from the Lord Chamberlain's office to the effect that the Court would go into mourning for the late Emperor Frederick the following day, that it would change mourning on Saturday, the 7th prox., and go out of mourning on the 28th prox. Orders have likewise been given by the Commander-in-Chief that the officers of the army will wear, when in uniform, a band of black crape round the left arm in accordance with the regulations from the 16th instant to the 7th July next.

The ninth annual Royal Military Tournament opened at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Thursday, the 14th inst., the building being crowded, the Chelsea Pensioners, the boys of the Royal Naval School and the Duke of York's School, and the girls of the Guard's Home and the Soldier Daughters' Home being in the seats usually assigned. The display included several new exercises, and was of unusual excellence throughout both at the afternoon and evening displays. The tournament has remained open since, and will close to-morrow (Saturday).

HAY FEVER, SUMMER CATARRH.—No one should be without DR. LOCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS. In cases of Hay Fever, Summer Catarrh, in Colds, all affections of the Chest, Asthma, Consumption, and Throat disorders they act like a charm; to Ministers of Religion, Public Speakers, and Singers they are invaluable, as they keep the voice bright and clear, and the tone full and distinct. Sold by all Druggists.—ADVT.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire will be held at the Masonic Hall, Newport, on Thursday, the 28th inst., at 2 o'clock noon.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks will be held at High Wycombe on Monday, the 25th inst., at 1.30 p.m.

Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord George Hamilton, and Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., attended the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Saturday morning last.

A special service was held in the chapel at Balmoral Castle, on Monday, at the hour appointed for the funeral ceremony of the late German Emperor in Berlin, and was attended by her Majesty and the ladies and gentlemen of her Court.

The meeting of the Ealing District Conservative Association, which was to have been held on Tuesday, and which was to have been addressed by Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., has, at his lordship's request, and owing to the death of the German Emperor, been postponed till Tuesday, the 26th instant.

Monday was the 73rd anniversary of the battle of Waterloo, and there are said to be only two surviving officers of that memorable engagement, namely, Generals Whichcote and the Earl of Albemarle, the latter of whom received his first commission in the year of the battle and is father of Bro. Viscount Bury.

Resolutions of sympathy with the Queen and the Empress Victoria of Germany, owing to the death of the Emperor Frederick, were passed by both Houses of Parliament on Monday, that in the House of Lords being moved by the Prime Minister, and seconded by Bro. Earl Granville, and that in the House of Commons by the First Lord of the Treasury, seconded by Mr. Gladstone.

Miss Ganz, daughter of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, Past G. Organist, gave a very successful concert in Downshire House, Belgrave-square, on Tuesday afternoon, the programme being an excellent one and the audience numerous. Miss Ganz was assisted by her father, as solo pianist, Madame Patey, Miss Lena Little, Signor Foli, and other artists.

The anniversary festival of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association, at which Bro. the Earl of Lathom (Lord Chamberlain) has promised to preside, has been postponed from Thursday, the 21st inst., to Thursday, the 5th July prox. So also has the Hungarian Ball, which was to have taken place on Wednesday in aid of the Hungarian Association of Benevolence, and which is now arranged for Thursday, the 12th July prox.

The visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to open the Great Northern Central Hospital, Holloway-road, which was to have taken place on Monday next, the 25th inst., has been postponed, in consequence of the death of the Emperor Frederick, but it has been intimated to the Vestry Clerk of Islington that their Royal Highnesses will be pleased to perform the ceremony in the latter part of July.

The Barnato Lodge, No. 2265, will be consecrated at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Thursday next, the 28th inst., by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., assisted by Bro. Lord John Tylour, J.G.W., as S.W.; Bro. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G.R., as J.W.; Bro. Rev. G. W. Weldon, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; and Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C. The musical arrangements are under the direction of Bro. W. A. Barrett, G. Org., and a very successful as well as pleasant evening is anticipated.

We have much pleasure in announcing that an evening concert will be held at the Holborn Town Hall on Monday, July 2nd, for the benefit of Bro. A. C. Fowler, 657, P.M. 1185, who for two years has been suffering from a painful and incurable malady. Some of the most talented artists of the Guildhall School of Music and Masonic brethren have generously given their services on this occasion. Tickets may be obtained at the Hall, Gray's Inn-road, Bros. C. Lee, 61, Herne Hill-road, Camberwell, and J. Powdrell Surgeon, 160, Euston-road, Mr. Morley, music-seller, Upper-street, Islington, and King, music-seller, Highbury. Further particulars will be announced next week.

Bro. Hughan, P.S.G.D. of England, &c., of Torquay, visited the Portcullis Lodge, No. 2038, Langport, Somersetshire, on Thursday, the 14th inst., and kindly delivered a short lecture on "Masonic Medals in relation to Old Lodges," to the evident delight of the members, who afterwards, by his desire, asked him a number of questions during the greater part of one hour, and, of course, they were answered most satisfactorily as usual. Before leaving Bro. Hughan was most heartily thanked by the Master and members for his kindness in thus meeting the wishes of so young a lodge.

The 33rd anniversary meeting of the Soldiers' Daughters' Home was held in the grounds of the institution, near Hampted Heath, on Monday, under the presidency of Field-Marshal Lord Napier of Magdala, who was supported by many influential friends of the Charity. It appears from the report that, since its establishment, 995 girls have been received into the institution, of whom 496 were afterwards placed in domestic service, that the number now in the Home is 166, and that the average cost per child during the past year was £22 10s. 2½d. The expenditure, which amounted to £3794 13s. 3d., had exceeded the income by £718 11s. 10d., and, owing to the want of fund, there were 38 beds vacant. Lord Napier briefly remarked on the value of the institution, and expressed a hope that its financial position would be improved next year. The prizes were afterwards distributed by the Hon. Mrs. Powys-Kirk, widow of the founder.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the lungs. In common colds and influenza the Pills taken internally and the Ointment rubbed externally are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic this treatment is easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills and Ointment purify the blood, remove all obstructions to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the overgrown air tubes, and render respiration free without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits. Such are the ready means of saving suffering when afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other complaints, by which so many are seriously and permanently afflicted in most countries.—ADVT.

We are informed that the Pilgrim Lodge, No. 238, will hold a Lodge of Sorrow in commemoration of our late brother his Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Germany. The date has not yet been fixed, but we believe it will be on or about Thursday, the 5th July prox.

Bro. the Hon. E. Monson, H.M.'s Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of Athens, went on Saturday last, accompanied by the first and second Secretaries of Legation to Tatoi, and dined with the Royal Family.

The Duchess of Marlborough, by special desire of her Royal Highness Princess Christian, opened and presided at the annual summer sale of the Royal School of Art Needlework, South Kensington, on Tuesday.

Tuesday was the 51st anniversary of the accession of her Majesty to the throne, her uncle, William IV., having died on the 20th June, 1837. The auspicious event was celebrated in the usual manner.

We regret to hear that our worthy and respected Bro. F. H. Gottlieb, who hails from the Eastern Archipelago, and whose name has latterly been familiar enough in London Masonic circles, has lost his daughter. We offer him our sympathy, and we feel sure that our readers unite most readily with us in expressing to him our sorrow at the severe bereavement he has sustained.

The Euston Council of Royal and Select Masters will be consecrated on the 10th of July by the Right Ill. Comp. C. F. Matier, P.D.G.M. and G. Recorder. The first officers are Right Hon. Earl of Euston, T.I.M.; Edgar A. Baylis, Deputy Master; Sir Lionel Darrell, Bart, Principal Conductor of the work. Under these distinguished leaders the success of the Council is assured.

We regret to announce the death of the veteran actor, Bro. William Creswick, at the ripe age of 75. The deceased will be remembered for his association with Phelps, at Sadler's Wells Theatre, and for his management, separately, and afterwards conjointly with Mr. Shepherd, of the Surrey Theatre. Bro. Creswick was initiated in the Urban Lodge, No. 1196, on the 27th April, 1869, the ceremony being performed by the late Bro. R. H. Marsh, professionally known as Henry Marston.

DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT GILFORD.—The Provincial Grand Lodge of Down met on the 12th instant, at Gifford, for the purpose of opening and dedicating to Masonic uses a new hall, built to suit the requirements of the local brethren. Bro. H. D. McMaster, J.P., very generously gave them a convenient site, and Mr. W. J. McKeown, C.E., prepared plans for a suitable edifice, and completely supervised its erection. Bro. Major Leslie Thompson presided at the dedication, supported by the Provincial G. Officers. There was a very large attendance. The G.M. referred to the death of Bro. S. B. Oldham, Dublin, and on the motion of Bro. Rev. A. Byrne, a resolution was adopted, expressing their unmingled sorrow at his death.

At the meeting of the Stanford Lodge, No. 1947, Brighton, on Wednesday, the 16th instant, the opportunity was taken by the brethren of congratulating Bro. A. Du Pont, D.C., on the celebration of his Silver Wedding, and presenting him with a testimonial commemorative of the event. Bro. James Eberall, W.M., P.P.G. Purs., occupied the chair, and there was a very large gathering of members and visitors, who were always anxious to evince their esteem and respect for Bro. Du Pont. Towards the close of the proceedings Bro. Eberall presented a very chastely illuminated address on vellum, expressing in appropriate terms their regard for Bro. Du Pont and their best wishes for his continued happiness and prosperity. A gift of a silver pincushion had previously been presented to Mrs. Du Pont in commemoration of the same event, and Bro. Du Pont, in acknowledging the address, acknowledged likewise the kindness of the brethren in presenting so handsome a gift to his wife.

THE DEATH OF THE "OLDEST FREEMASON IN THE WORLD."—There has been a good many "oldest Freemasons in the world" during the last few years, our United States contemporaries having been particularly zealous in discovering aged Freemasons, each older than the other. But none of these were old enough, in our opinion, to be entitled to this honourable designation, the most patriarchal of them all, if we remember rightly, going no further back than about 1812 or 1813, though a year or two ago there died in Scotland an old Mason who had been initiated about 1808 or 1809. However, we think we have reached him at last in the person of our late worthy Bro. John Tresidder, of Penryn, Cornwall, who died on Tuesday, the 19th instant, in the 103rd year of his age, having been born on the 2nd December, 1785. Our deceased brother, whom we have frequently seen, and who, barring his deafness, was in possession of his faculties up to the last, was initiated in the Lodge of Love and Honour, now No. 75, Falmouth, on the 6th August, 1805, when he was a few months short of 20 years of age, and remained a member for several years. It strikes us that a Masonic record which extends back for nearly 83 years will not be easily beaten.

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