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We shall be greatly disappointed if last year's success is not repeated on Wednesday, the 25th instant, when the annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. the Marquess of HERTFORD, D.G.M. and Prov. G. Mark Master of Warwickshire. Bro. C. F. MATIER, the Secretary of the Fund, has succeeded in organising a strong Board of Stewards, stronger even than it was last year, when Bro. Earl AMHERST, Past G.M.M.M., presided, and the total amount of donations and subscriptions was £2207. On Wednesday next the Stewards will number about 170, and both London and the provinces will be numerous, and to judge from the names in the list, very efficiently represented. The Marquess of HERTFORD will, no doubt, prove an admirable Chairman, and by the directness and earnestness of his advocacy will stand a very good chance of securing a generous return, while we may be sure that Bro. MATIER will exert himself with his accustomed energy in order to prepare the way for the success of his lordship's appeal. As for the Fund itself, on behalf of which the appeal will be made, it well deserves the support of our Mark brethren. It dispenses liberally of its means to the distressed Mark Mason; its Educational branch clothes and educates some 26 children—13 boys, and as many girls; and the Annuity Branch, which has been only recently established, provides permanently a sufficient sum per annum to place those who are elected to receive its benefits beyond the reach of absolute want. In time, when its means are larger, the Mark Benevolent Fund will render a still greater amount of assistance to those who need it than it does now, and we trust that the support which will be forthcoming at next week's Anniversary will be on a scale commensurate with the number of its Stewards, so that the Fund may be able to strengthen its regular income before there is any serious strain on its resources. We believe—and, for very sufficient reasons, the wish is father to the thought—we shall be in a position to give an excellent account of the proceedings at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the 25th instant, in our next issue.

We do not anticipate any objection will be raised to the motion which will be submitted by Bro. A. F. GODSON, M.P., on behalf of the House Committee, at the Boys' School Quarterly General Court, on Friday next, the 27th instant, for the appointment of Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., Grand Registrar, and Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Essex, and such other brethren, who must be, at least, Life Governors of the Institution, as he may select to associate with him as a Committee of Inquiry into the "discipline and administration" of the School. The terms of the resolution are comprehensive enough to satisfy the most exigent critic, while the brother who will be the moving spirit of the Committee of Inquiry is one of the most distinguished members of the Craft, the legal adviser of Grand Lodge, and the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Essex, from one of whose lodges, or rather from certain members of one of whose lodges the recent attacks on the House Committee and executive officers of the Institution have emanated. Moreover, we understand that beyond submitting the resolution by the mouth of their spokesman, Bro. GODSON, the House Committee will studiously avoid saying or doing anything that may be calculated to influence Bro. PHILBRICK in the choice of his coadjutors. The only limit imposed on the Grand Registrar in this matter is, as we have said, the condition precedent that the brethren so chosen must be Life Governors of the Institution; but as there are some thousands of Craftsmen who answer to this description, Bro. PHILBRICK will have no difficulty in finding men of weight and influence, and judicially minded like himself, to assist him in his task. It will be seen that this proposal, as contained in the resolution of the House Committee referred to above, differs somewhat from the plan we suggested last week, by which the Quarterly Court would have elected its own Committee independently of all influence, whether exercised by the House Committee or its accusers. But, as we have pointed out, Bro. PHILBRICK is both the legal adviser of Grand Lodge, and

the Dep. G. Master of the Province, from which the recent charges have emanated. He is, therefore, by virtue of these two offices, placed far out of reach of anything like a spirit of partisanship, and will deal with this case as a judge on the bench deals with a case he is called upon to try. There is no doubt, however, that Bro. PHILBRICK, if the Court entrusts him with the task of inquiry, will be guided in the selection of his assessors by any wishes that may be expressed by any of the members of the Court, and that by so doing he will secure for its decision, when arrived at, a degree of respect that none will venture to question. Nor have we any doubt that, when the Committee has been appointed, Bro. PHILBRICK will use all necessary diligence in prosecuting the inquiry, so that the result may be laid before a Court of Governors at the earliest possible date. Every one will agree with us as to the importance of having a matter of this kind disposed of speedily as well as thoroughly. It cannot be too soon made clear, on authority which none will venture to dispute, either that the government of the Institution has been well and wisely administered by the House Committee and its Executive Officers, or that a change of system is desirable and should be adopted forthwith. Everything will be as it were in a state of suspense until the PHILBRICK Committee has completed its work, and it is needless to say that such a state is decidedly unfavourable in a case in which a regular system of government is indispensable. However, these are matters which may safely be entrusted to the Court of Governors on Friday next to arrange. The House Committee, in the exercise of its undoubted discretion, has expressed a desire that there should be this Committee of Inquiry, and we dare say Bro. PHILBRICK will generously interpret the duties with which he is about to be entrusted, and will ensure that his investigations shall embrace every detail of scholastic discipline and government, so that, for a generation to come at all events, there may be no occasion for the appointment of any further Committees.

We have already laid great stress on the necessity for having the proposed Committee of Inquiry into the discipline and arrangement of the Boys' School constituted on a strictly independent basis, so that its report, when delivered, may meet with the unqualified acceptance of all parties. But a suggestion has been made to us which we consider might very well be acted upon, namely, that Bro. PHILBRICK, assuming, of course, that he is prepared to undertake the duty assigned to him, should invite one or two provincial brethren of weight and influence in the Craft, to assist him in his task. It may be argued that provincial brethren, being at a distance, will find some difficulty in attending the meetings of the Committee, but as Bros. GODSON, of Worcestershire, and WORDSWORTH, of West Yorkshire, are members of the House Committee, we anticipate no difficulty on the score of distance. Moreover, the provinces take their full share of responsibility in providing the wherewith to support our Institutions, and it will be doing them no more than an act of justice if certain of their members are invited to take part in the inquiry. We trust, therefore, the Quarterly Court, on Friday next, will see its way to adopt this suggestion, especially, as we understand that it is in some parts of the provinces that the doubts as to the value of the present system of managing the School exist, which have given force to the demand for this inquiry.

THERE is hardly a province in England which has made such solid progress as that of Middlesex, and its Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., who has presided over it from its establishment, was fully justified in one of his speeches at the annual meeting, at Stanmore, on the 7th instant, in congratulating both himself and the brethren on the advancement which the province has made, both in numbers and the regularity and excellence of their work. When, in 1869, the then Grand Master, the late Earl of ZETLAND, bestowed on Middlesex a provincial organisation, there were only about half-a-dozen lodges on the roll; now there are some 43, so that, as regards mere numbers, the province has increased at the rate of about two lodges per annum since its constitution. Moreover, these lodges are models of excellence, as regards the manner in which they severally discharge their duties, and there is no one occupying a similar position in English Freemasonry to Bro. Sir F. BURDETT who can boast with truth of having under his government a band of lodges so thoroughly well-appointed, that work so admirably, or are distinguished by so much and such genuine enthusiasm for the Craft. Then its contributions to our principal Charitable Institutions are in every way worthy of the high character it enjoys. Other provinces give generously and regularly; but none more generously, according to its ability, or with greater regularity than Middlesex. All this is, no doubt, in great measure to be accounted for by the very great popularity of its Provincial Grand Master and the interest he takes in everything connected with Masonry, but it is due likewise to no inconsiderable extent to the able men he has gathered around

him and pressed into the service of the province. With such a succession of Deputies as Bro. Sir GEORGE ELLIOT, Bart.,—now Prov. G.M. South Wales (Eastern Division)—the late Bros. Sir CHARLES T. BRIGHT and R. WENTWORTH LITTLE, and Bro. RAYMOND H. THRUPP, and such men as the late Bros. R. WENTWORTH LITTLE and H. C. LEVANDER, and Bro. WOODWARD as successive Prov. G. Secretaries, it was impossible the administration of Bro. Sir F. BURDETT could be otherwise than successful, even had the latter not possessed in so conspicuous a degree the qualities which go towards making a successful and popular ruler. However, most of what we have just written is well known to the majority of our readers, and though it is fitting that we should remind them from time to time of facts with which they are more or less familiar, it is not necessary we should do so at inordinate length. It is enough that Middlesex is one of the most prosperous among our English provinces, and that it is indebted for the greater part of that prosperity to the kindly government of Bro. Sir F. BURDETT, and the ability of those who have borne the chief part in assisting him in his work. Nor is it the mere conventional expression of a hope when we say that we trust the Masonic government of the Metropolitan county of England may remain for very many years vested in the hands of its present Prov. G. MASTER, that the present Deputy P.G. Master, Bro. RAYMOND H. THRUPP, and the present Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. WOODWARD, may long continue to give him the benefit of their able assistance, and that there may always be brethren as well qualified for Prov. G. Office as those who were appointed and invested at Stanmore on the 7th instant.

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Declined with Thanks. We have been requested by Bro. THOS. R. RUSSELL, W.M. of the York Lodge, No. 236, to publish in our columns a resolution passed by that lodge at its regular meeting, on the 16th inst., on the subject of the Boys' School management. We must remind Bro. RUSSELL that the resolution in question is based on the contents of an anonymous circular, and it will be time enough for us to accede to his wishes when the authors of that circular have the courage to append their names to it, and thereby take upon themselves the responsibility, as all respectable members of society, whether Masons or non-Masons, are in the habit of doing, of the statements it contains.

"HOLLAND" LODGE, No. 8, NEW YORK.

This well-known lodge completed its centenary in 1887, having been chartered on 20th September, 1787, and, therefore, a few words about its history will not be amiss, especially as the materials for a sketch, in brief, are at hand, in the history of the lodge by Bro. Bales-tier (W.M. in 1862), and the reprint of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, 1781—1815 (1876).

In all probability the lodge was the first warranted in the city by the independent Grand Lodge of New York, of "Ancient" origin, and, as its name indicates, was promoted by Dutch brethren, who desired to work in their own language in New York. The first petition was dated May 30th, 1787, and was presented on June 6th, its consideration being postponed "until next regular Grand Lodge." At the next Communication these persistent brethren were ready with another petition, promising "to keep their proceedings both in the English and low Dutch languages." This "sop" appears to have had the desired effect, only that the warrant was granted "on condition that their records be kept in English," which, to say the least, was an ungracious response to the reasonable offer of the founders of the Holland Lodge, which was so named in the petition. In an innocent manner the originators of the lodge had their revenge, as their premier minute book is labelled outside in Dutch, and their seal is "covered with Dutch inscriptions," the early summonses being also in their national tongue.

It will be seen that there is no evidence whatever in favour of the lodge having "come from the Prince of Orange," or any other foreign prince, as many have supposed. It is solely American in origin and constitution, and continues on the roll of its Grand Lodge down to the present time. No number was granted it until an agreement was arrived at on April 4th, 1789, by members of eight lodges, convened by order of Grand Lodge, in "Holland Lodge room." To settle the precedence of some of these lodges was a matter of considerable anxiety and difficulty, two being of "Modern" Constitution. Apparently, the representatives went mainly by the dates of the warrants, so that No. 2 of New York, of December 5th, 1757 (No. 272 originally on the English register—see Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records," p. 75), was chosen as No. 1. The second position fell to the "Royal Arch Lodge," known as No. 8, of December 15th, 1760, which was never on our register, though started under the auspices of the Prov. G.M. of the "Moderns" (New York). Then the five "Ancient" lodges were given numbers according to their respective dates of origin, and the "Holland Lodge," as the junior, took No. 8. No. 212, "Ancient," voted against all the propositions, and, of course, objected to its being fifth in rank. Later on, the Dutch lodge was lowered to 16, in 1819; raised to 13 in 1830; but became again No. 8 in 1839.

It is gratifying to note that the earliest minutes are preserved, and I share the regret of its W.M. and members that the records from December, 1812, to November, 1846, have been consumed, and also a lot of valuable papers.

For some little time the members met at a private house, but on June 12th, 1795, it is stated that on next St. John's Day the lodge would remove to their new lodge room "erected for their particular accommodation." The hall was duly consecrated by the officers of the Grand Lodge, a long and interesting account being given in the Minute Book of the ceremony. A copy of the address delivered by the Master in 1787, on his installation, printed, was presented to the historian of the lodge, and is doubtless a rare thing to meet with now. The W.M. then was Bro. Vanden Broek, who seems to have been a second Lawrence Dermott, in his ability to converse in different languages with his brethren. In 1794, in consequence of the "Holland Lodge" becoming so very large, Bro. Broek formed a new one, calling it the "Howard," which took No. 9.

"The most illustrious man ever connected with Holland Lodge was De Witt Clinton, who successively filled the offices of Secretary, Warden, and Master." He was proposed on June 24th, 1790. Of him the historian

asks in reference to his career, "Is it not written in letters of light in the annals of our country? Is not his Masonic fame sufficiently blazoned in the Grand Lodge, over which he so long presided as Grand Master?"

John Jacob Astor was another of the distinguished members. "On examining the minutes I have been surprised to see how regularly this wonderful man, whose enterprises were on a scale of grandeur which dwarfed all rivalry, attended the meetings of the lodge and devoted himself to its interests."

Nearly all the old New York families were represented in this lodge, its muster roll containing an extraordinary number of city worthies, of whom many scores are specially named by Bro. Bales-tier, besides which, the whole of the members are duly noted from 1787 to 1862, as also the names of the Masters and the members on the register in 1862.

The lodge worked the Mark Degree at least as early as 1794, and certainly for years afterwards. In the "New York Directory" for 1794, occurs "Holland Mark Lodge." The same officers by the Constitution as preside in Holland Lodge. Unfortunately I cannot discover by what authority the Mark lodge was held under the wing, and in part, as an appendage of No. 8, but of the fact there is no doubt, and in 1817 a charter was granted for its work being recognised, by the Grand Chapter of the States, so the historian tells us. One of the summonses in 1802 has noted at foot, "A Mark lodge will be opened." In the minutes the "Holland Mark lodge" is mentioned as a tenant of the lodge, and in another part a fee is noted as paid for "a mark."

The "regalia" of the lodge was green, but subsequently changed to orange. The jewels are massive and of solid silver, manufactured by Bro. Boyce, who became a joining member in 1846.

The lodge has furnished several Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurers, and Grand Secretaries, and in one year all the elective officers to which the City was entitled, were elected from "Holland," No. 8. The "Charities" disbursed by the lodge have been many and often in large sums, "its liberal and catholic spirit in the olden time cannot fail to excite the admiration of all who peruse its records."

I have alluded to the loss of records, &c., from fire, which occurred in 1833, and again in 1861, when the old Dutch Bible was burnt, "upon whose sacred pages so many of our venerable and eminent brethren had assumed their Masonic obligations."

A wood engraving of the medal struck for the lodge is given on the last page of the History, but when it originated is not quite clear. Possibly in 1852, but it appears to be of an older date from the cut. In Bro. Marvin's "Masonic Medals," 1880, under cccii, one of the Holland Lodge Medals is described, but as it is not in exact agreement with the engraving inserted in the History, it is just possible that the latter is the elder of the two. Marvin's consists of a shield, the motto being DEVGD, ZY, UW, CIERAAD, on a scroll, below being two right hands clasped. Thirteen stars are depicted around the "All-seeing eye." These, in some respects, differ from the drawing, on the latter there being only five stars, the hands are not below, but on the scroll, and divide the motto, and below the latter is the legend *Sit tibi Virtus Gemma*, which is another form of the Dutch motto noted [Let Virtue be your ornament or Jewel]. Bro. Bales-tier says nothing as to the reverse, which, however, Bro. Marvin gives, and states that the one he describes was made for the "Medal Club of New York," from a design by Wood, the dies being cut by Lovett. The seal, somewhat similar to the obverse of the medal (its prototype apparently) was struck in 1788 by Peter Maverick, who became a member in 1789.

The obverse of the medal has been "muled" with the "Old Masonic Temple, New York" (Marvin's xxxvi) and with another composed of various emblems (Marvin's xxxvii), these making DCCIX and DCCX in the work on "Masonic Medals."

One of the old Handbills is in the appendix, dated June 24th, 1789, and gives the order of Procession of the lodge on St. John's Festival, in which the Grand Master and other distinguished Masons took part, and attended St. Paul's Chapel, the Knights Templars forming the escort.

But enough has been said to exhibit the interesting character of the proceedings of "Holland Lodge," No. 8, which, I trust, has a brilliant future in store for its members according to its deserts.

W. J. HUGHAN.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

So much has been said about the progress of Freemasonry in the colony of New South Wales, that it may be interesting to examine briefly into the nature of that progress—as to what it really consists of.

Freemasonry was introduced into the colony in the year 1821, a lodge—the Australian Social Mother—being erected in that year under a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The Irish Constitution has now practically ceased to exist, most of its lodges having transferred their allegiance to the (at present) unrecognised Grand Lodge of New South Wales. The English Constitution was introduced in 1828, and has now 79 lodges on its roll; and the Scotch, which followed several years afterwards, has 50 lodges. The total membership of the English Constitution is now about 4000 brethren, and the Scottish Constitution 2500. These figures do not include the numerous unaffiliated brethren and those under the Grand Lodge of New South Wales—of which more anon. With respect to the English Constitution, it is worthy of remark that the last 11 years have seen an increase of 50 lodges on its roll. As regards funds, the English District Grand Lodge assets are about £20,000, including the Benevolent and Orphan Funds, and the Scotch something like £4000. When the progress of Freemasonry is thus considered, numerically and financially, nearly all is said for it that can be said. The questions that now present themselves to us are—What public good has Freemasonry done here? What has it accomplished to specially recommend it to notice? To what extent has it contributed to the "cultivation and improvement of the human mind?" It may have assisted to keep alive the loyalty of colonials to the British Crown; it may have helped "to improve the morals and correct the manners of men in society;" it has doubtless done its fair share in the bestowal of eleemosynary relief; but other contemporaneous associations have done the same, and eclipsed it. There are no Masonic "Charities;" no Benevolent Institution; no Boys' or Girls' Schools; no Temple; no Masonic home in which to "welcome the coming" or "speed the parting guest;" only a very uncomfortable, badly-ventilated room, as much unlike a Masonic lodge as it is unlike a church; and this in the Metropolis—Sydney! Again, what does the work of our lodges consist of? Makings, passings, and raisings; the science, philosophy, and history of the Institution are untaught, and all but unknown. Masonic literature is not popular. There may be a few who, as a recreation, go a

little deeper into the esoteric teachings underlying the Symbolism of Freemasonry, but, unfortunately, the result of their researches is not by any means widely disseminated. It may be too much to expect the Fraternity in N.S. Wales to produce a Hughan or a Gould, a Mackay or a Fort; but the intellectual tone of the lodges would be elevated if something more than the mere easily-acquired ritual was worked. There is only one lodge of instruction in Sydney, which meets once a month, and in which rehearsing the ritual and an occasional section of the lectures is about the extent of its work. In the current number of the Sydney *Freemasons' Chronicle*, the worthy Secretary of the lodge of instruction laments the paucity of attendance on the part of its members. The "Ars quatuor coronatorum" is not appreciated because it is not understood. Obsolete expressions—such as "free-born"—are still to be heard in some lodges; and obsolete landmarks—such as "bodily imperfections disqualifying candidates"—are still observed. Some of the W.M.'s of our lodges have only been Masons for four years. What experience can a brother have of Masonry to fit him for the chair of a lodge in such a short period of time? He may be in every other way fitted—punctual, zealous, impartial, dignified, and a clever ritualist—but he is scarcely a Master of the Art, and in a position to afford that instruction the aspirant seeks. "Here we cannot forbear saying that men whose intentions were very honest, and without any evil design, commit great errors, and sometimes have been the destruction of good lodges, and this occasioned by their brethren hurrying them into office wherein their slender knowledge of Masonry rendered them incapable of executing the business committed to their charge, to the great detriment of the Craft and their own dishonour." The same remarks apply to Royal Arch Masonry—only more so. The Degree is not as popular as it deserves to be, although great—perhaps too great—inducements are offered to enable brethren to obtain it.

Relative to the unrecognised Grand Lodge of New South Wales, that originated the great schism which has served in a measure to bar the onward progress of Freemasonry in the colony, it not only has 51 lodges and boasts a membership of 4000 brethren, but it has erected one of the most beautiful Masonic temples in the Southern Hemisphere. Without entering upon any discussion as to the legality or otherwise of its constitution (and perhaps before this reaches England recognition may have been cabled and union accomplished), English and Scottish brethren cannot shut their eyes to the fact that it has introduced reforms as far as concerns itself, that could with advantage be emulated by the two regular Grand Lodges holding concurrent jurisdiction in the colony—notably, the election of officers on a purely democratic principle, and the appointment by its Grand Master of District Grand Superintendents, whose principal duties are to forward a statement of the condition of Masonry in their districts to the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge, and to hear all cases of Masonic irregularity and complaint which may arise in their respective districts, and forward the evidence taken thereon, with an impartial statement of the matter in dispute, to the Grand Master, whose instructions they are bound to carry out. If some such appointment existed under the constitutional Grand Lodges there would not be such numerous unaffiliated Masons. As it is at present with us brother, a in a country lodge about three or four hundred miles from the centre of Masonic government has a grievance, and as he cannot obtain justice without great expense and loss of time, which he is probably unable to afford—his own lodge being incompetent to deal with the matter—he calls off in disgust, not knowing (because it has never been explained to him) how his Masonic status is affected, only that he cannot consistently sit in the lodge after the solemn declaration he made at his initiation. This is not an occasional occurrence but a very frequent one. The country lodges suffer in many other ways. Distance prevents their members from being elevated to the "Purple," and they are rarely accorded a Grand Lodge visitation. Many of them were never yet honoured by the presence of the "Purple," and consequently have become apathetic and careless on finding themselves ignored. To remedy this evil the Grand Lodge of New South Wales appoints a Grand Inspector of Workings, who is obliged to visit every lodge at least once in six months.

Such, then, are a few of the defects in the interior organisation of English and Scottish Freemasonry in New South Wales which require remedying, and which have hitherto contributed to prevent the Craft accomplishing anything extraordinary, beyond its financial and numerical achievements, to recommend it to the fraternity at large, or to the "outside and popular world." The *fons et origo* of this is undoubtedly want of unity. Many persons, well qualified to judge, are of opinion that the Craft in New South Wales wants consolidating, and several lodges have recently expressed *informally* an opinion "that union of all the Masonic bodies in the Colony is desirable," and "that steps should be taken for the formation of a United Grand Lodge of New South Wales," and Committees have been elected to arrange a basis of union to be submitted to the various lodges for approval. If, therefore, union is consummated, a revolution may take place. Then, perhaps, we shall have our Charitable Institutions; then, perhaps, "our lodges will be schools, our labour, study, and our wages, learning;" and then, perhaps, "the Masonic temple of universal love and concord will raise its beautiful head, not only above all opposition of those who are unacquainted with its excellences, but also that all its avenues of brotherly love will be occupied by brethren of one heart and one mind, all aiming, according to the true principles of Masonic union, to love each other with a pure heart fervently, that the gazing world, admiring to see how we brethren love, may anxiously desire to increase our numbers and our means of doing good."

J. W. W.

New South Wales, May 1st, 1888.

GRAINE DE SENEVE, CONFRERIE DE LA—Der Orden vom Senfkorn—Order of the Grain of Mustard—is said by the "Handbuch" to have been a Protestant knightly Order, spread in England, Holland, and Germany, and to have been founded in 1708. We, however, know nothing about it in England. It is said to have been founded by Count Zinzendorf and some Moravian Brethren. Its days of meeting were 25th of March (Lady Day), and 16th of August (the day after the Assumption). Each of its members wore a gold ring, with the motto "No one liveth to himself," and a green enamelled and golden cross, with a mustard tree in an oval on the cross, with the words "Quod fuit ante nihil." It seems to have been in existence at Büdingen in 1740, as its rules then appeared in German there, and an account is given of it in a work, "Ratio illustris Ordinis cui a Sinape nomen est;" Emden, 1790. There are many German works about it seemingly; we know of no English writer who mentions it.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry*

CONSECRATION OF THE WARNER LODGE,
No. 2256.

By the consecration of the Warner Lodge, No. 2256, on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Forest Hotel, Chingford, the 27th lodge was added to the Province of Essex, and from the éclat which characterised the proceedings of the inaugural meeting promises to prove a valuable acquisition. The lodge takes its name from the S.W. designate, Bro. Courtenay T. Warner, whose name is well known in the neighbourhood. Bro. Warner was initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Lennox Browne, F.R.C.S., P.M. 2108, the W.M. designate, in the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, over which he still presides (by dispensation from the M.W.G.M.) owing to the lamented decease of the distinguished W.M. elect. Bro. Lennox Browne, besides his valuable services in the Craft, has another claim on the Province of Essex, being descended from parents intimately connected with the county. It was perhaps in the fitness of things that the Grand Lodge vessels should be used for the ceremony on the occasion under notice (this being an unusual occurrence outside the Metropolitan District), as the handsome gold salt cellar was presented by Bro. Lennox Browne to Grand Lodge to complete the set. The consecration ceremony was performed by R.W. Bro. Lord Brooke, Prov. G.M. Essex, assisted by Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Deputy Prov. G.M.; Thos. Humphreys, Prov. S.G.W., as S.W.; G. H. Finch, Prov. J.G.W., as J.W.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., as Chap.; Thos. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec., as Sec.; A. Lucking, P.G.P., as D.C.; and A. Buck, P.P.S.G.W., as I.G.

The founders of the new lodge are Bros. Lennox Browne, F.R.C.S., P.M. 2108, W.M. designate; Courtenay T. Warner, S.W. designate; Thos. Scoresby-Jackson, M.D., J.W. designate; Rev. W. V. Palmer, Wm. Shurmur, H. Comins, J. J. Briginshaw, H. J. Horton, L.R.C.P., James Speller, F. J. W. Dellow, Wm. Turnbull Tonkin, Wm. Bellingham, N. Cash, and F. M. Mercer.

The visitors present were:

Bros. E. Shewell, P.G.R.; N. Salmon, J.W. 177; S. Haslip, P.M. 813; W. Dawson, W.M. 1228; Albert Challenor, 1694; Allan Wright, 398; D. Campbell, 1365; James Terry, P.G.S.B.; E. Gray, jun., 65; T. Boulton, P.M. 287; Hy. Sadler, G. Tyler; N. Finch, P.M. 1365; C. F. Barham, P.M. 754; S. Turner, S.W. 1518; W. Hawtin, 1677; F. Gott, P.P.S.G.W. Beds; W. Sampson, 14; W. Hicks, S.D. 1694; R. Wilson, I.G. 1228; W. D. Church, J.D. 1365; C. G. Cutchey, W.M. 1685; T. D. R. Burnett, P.M. 1901; E. T. Wright, P.M. 1364; J. R. A. Hine, 1045; C. Steel, P.M. 1365; R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; A. J. Hands, J.W. 1297; Dr. Ernest Sanson, W.M. 2033, P.M. 1494; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The Prov. G.M. having taken the chair, and appointed his officers, the lodge was opened in the Three Degrees. A hymn was then sung, after which

The PROV. GRAND MASTER addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting. He said it gave him great pleasure to see how steadily Freemasonry was increasing in their province, and he congratulated it on the worthy addition they were about to make to the number of their lodge. He thought he was right in saying that that lodge would be the 27th lodge in the province, and he was sure it could not possibly have a more charming site in which to hold its meetings. He was pleased to see several of his friends present who were intimately connected with the formation of the new lodge. He knew a lodge was not started without a considerable amount of trouble, work, and enterprise, and he hoped the founders would act up to the objects of Masonry, for they would find they possessed a lodge which was pre-eminent in all the attributes of the Craft. Although he had not anticipated being with them, owing to ill-health, he was pleased to be present, and had no doubt that, with the kind assistance of his Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, they would get through the ceremonies with satisfaction.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read the petition and warrant, and the founders signified their approval of the officers named therein.

The GRAND SECRETARY said that, having undertaken to act as Chaplain at a moment's notice, he regretted he was not prepared with a set oration. He, however, gave them an interesting and exhaustive account of the origin, application, &c., of the term "lodge."

At the conclusion of the Grand Secretary's remarks, the ceremony was proceeded with, and the new lodge constituted and dedicated.

The Prov. G.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg., Dep. Prov. G.M., who proceeded with the installation ceremony, and a dispensation having been read, Bro. Lennox Browne was regularly installed into the chair as W.M. Bro. W. Shurmur was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. Ives elected Tyler; the officers being appointed and invested as follows: Bros. Courtenay T. Warner, S.W.; T. Scoresby-Jackson, M.D., J.W.; Rev. W. V. Palmer, Chap.; W. Shurmur, Treas.; H. Comins, Sec.; J. J. Briginshaw, S.D.; H. J. Horton, L.R.C.P., J.D.; J. Speller, I.G.; F. J. W. Dellow, D.C.; W. Turnbull Tonkin, Stwd.; and Ives, Tyler. The addresses were then delivered by the Installing Officer, Bro. F. A. Philbrick.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said his first pleasing duty was to return thanks to the Consecrating Officers for their kindness in attending to consecrate the lodge. He thought they were especially fortunate in having Lord Brooke to preside, and he was grateful to him for the interest he had taken in the proceedings. That being his first entrance into the province, he could not help remarking the interest and trouble taken by the Prov. G.M. He also desired to thank the Dep. Prov. G.M. for performing the installation ceremony, and they were likewise indebted to the G. Secretary, who, in the first instance, when there was a doubt whether the Prov. G.M. could attend, promised to consecrate the lodge, and then said he would attend and assist in the proceedings. They had all seen how well the G. Secretary had performed the duties of Chaplain. In conclusion, he proposed that the Consecrating Officers should be asked to accept the honorary membership of the lodge.

The SENIOR WARDEN seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously, and briefly acknowledged by Lord Brooke.

The following gifts were made to the lodge: Bro. Courtenay T. Warner, S.W., a handsome banner, on which was inscribed the names of the founders, and the small lodge furniture; Bro. Shurmur, Square and Compasses; Bro. Mercer, Bible; Bro. Briginshaw, the preliminary printing, &c.; and Bro. Lennox Browne, W.M., the necessary books. All the officers presented the collars and jewels of their respective offices. Bro. Bellingham gave £5 5s. to purchase Tyler's sword and Charity box, the balance, if any, to go into the box.

Propositions were received, and the SECRETARY announced receipt of numerous letters of regret for non-attendance.

The W.M., Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer, and Bro. Bellingham, were elected a Committee to frame the by-laws. The W.M. was also elected to serve on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a *recherché* repast, at the conclusion of which the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

"The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M.," were first given, and heartily received by the brethren.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said they were honoured that evening by the presence of several Grand Officers, who had come from London—and even from Hampshire and Hertfordshire—to be present at the consecration of the lodge. He had no need to say anything about the Pro G.M. and Deputy G.M. He would simply ask the brethren to drink the toast, coupling with it the names of two Grand Officers—one a P.G. Officer, and the other a Present Grand Officer—who had distinguished himself as a G. Chaplain that evening. Bro. Eve, P.G. Treas., wished him to couple the name of the G. Secretary, first on this occasion. Col. Clerke was an officer endeared to all of them, and any brother who had had anything to do with the formation of a lodge knew how he recognised an absolute equality when asked for assistance or advice. The G. Secretary manifested a desire to serve them, had kindly and efficiently acted as Chaplain. Bro. R. Eve was a most distinguished Grand Officer, and had made his mark as G. Treasurer, and had exercised that benevolence and charity to such an extent that they felt proud of his election to Grand Office.

The GRAND SECRETARY said that as the W. Master, in the exercise of his power, had called upon him to return thanks before his superior officers, he obeyed orders. He had gone through many vicissitudes in life, but did not think so benign a fate as that of taking Holy Orders was in store for him. He had acted as Chaplain that night for the first time, which was, doubtless, a proper position for a "Clerke" in Holy Orders. He wished to thank the brethren for receiving the toast in their usual kindly manner. The G. Officers were proud of their position, and were anxious to justify that position, and show they were the right men in the right place. They owed a great deal to the kind feeling and reception they always received from their brethren, for without that their position would be irksome. So long as the brethren gave their more fortunate brethren a kind reception, so long would they feel they had done some little work to deserve the promotion they had received. He begged to thank them for the fraternal manner in which, in his official position, he was always received. His work was somewhat of an arduous nature, but so long as he was cheered by the thought that his efforts were fairly successful, so long would he continue to exert himself in the interests of the Craft.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treas., said he was pleased to be present, and begged to thank the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had mentioned his name. He had a fight for the office of G. Treasurer, and he trusted there would always be a fight for that position. It was an office, the importance of which was not to be exceeded by that of any other, being entirely in the hands of the Craft. It was a great position for any brother to hold, and he trusted it might be attained by some of the brethren present that evening. As the G. Secretary relieved the G. Treasurer of a large amount of work, the duties were not very heavy, the principal being the gratifying duty of signing cheques. He had the felicity of signing cheques to be distributed by the magistrates of London amongst the poor, and also cheques for the Masonic Institutions connected with the Order. He returned thanks to the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast in the presence of so many distinguished Grand Officers.

"R.W. Bro. Lord Brooke, Prov. G.M., and Consecrating Officer; the Dep. Prov. G.M., and the Prov. G. Officers," was proposed by the W. MASTER, who said that his experience in Provincial meetings was small, but if every province was served as well as Essex, he thought that Masonry in the provinces ran hard in emulation with Masonry in the Metropolis. As the W.M. of the lodge, and, therefore, the humble representative of all the founders, he felt proud that so many Prov. G. Officers had honoured them with their presence. At the same time, that pride was modified by the thought that they were honouring them not so much as their Prov. G. Master who was present. The founders might therefore feel proud they were a lodge in a province where the Prov. G.M. was so honoured. It would ill-become him to speak at any length on that toast, but he would say he was gratified to be supported by such distinguished Masons. He asked the brethren to drink the toast with all heartiness.

R.W. Bro. Lord BROOKE, Prov. Grand Master, said he felt that the words in which he could return thanks were not sufficiently adequate or eloquent to thank them for the manner in which they had received the toast. It was no new thing for him to receive a hearty reception in the Province of Essex, for he knew the brethren were most friendly disposed towards him. He was happy to be present on that occasion, and pleased to that find new members coming into the province. It was a great pleasure to see Freemasonry so flourishing in that part of the country. He had had the honour of being Provincial Grand Master for seven years, and the Warner Lodge was the seventh he had consecrated, being a healthy sign of increasing Masonic prosperity. He believed the house in which they had met, had been the scene of many similar festive occasions, and there was certainly no place they could have more suitable. He believed that in the new lodge which they had consecrated there was the nucleus of one of the most flourishing lodges in the province. It would be out of place to dilate at length upon Masonic questions; he would simply say that the Province of Essex came forward in a splendid manner to support the M.W.G.M. at the Centenary of the Girls' School. It was the most splendid affair in which any of them had taken part, the King of Sweden having remarked that he had never before seen such a Masonic sight. He hoped the province would not be backward in its Charity, for it was the principal item for consideration. He trusted he should see many of the brethren at the Provincial Grand Lodge he hoped to hold soon at Colchester. It afforded him great pleasure to see and hear the ceremony of installation performed by his excellent Deputy, Bro. Philbrick, who was one of those eloquent by nature, and who had cultivated that power to a marvellous extent. The next toast which he would give them was one of paramount importance that evening, being "The Health of the excellent Worshipful Master," who occupied the chair so worthily. As he had the pleasure of saying in the lodge, he was well aware that a lodge, well started like that, required a considerable amount of effort and work, and he knew that Bro. Lennox Browne, W.M., had taken a great deal of trouble and interest in the formation of the lodge. He could only say that the knowledge of the

Masonic Craft possessed by the W.M. was of so high an order, that it was prudent to prophecy a great success for the Warner Lodge. He trusted that would not be the last occasion on which he should be with them, and had much pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M., wishing him a prosperous reign.

Bro. LENNOX BROWNE, W.M., said that words failed him to express all he would say and he must therefore fall back upon a little plagiarism. He remembered hearing a distinguished American—no less a man than Mr. Russell Lowell—commence a speech in returning thanks for his health by saying they had called upon the right man—Mr. Lowell went on to say there was no man like himself for an after dinner speech, but they would not hear it that night, as it was his custom to make his after dinner speeches in the cab going home. Mr. Lowell commenced his speech in that fashion, but finished by making one of the best speeches he had ever heard. As he (the W.M.) went home, in his heart would arise many kind things to which his tongue could not at that moment give utterance. The Prov. G.M. had alluded to the King of Sweden, and he would like to recall to those who were present at the Albert Hall what his Majesty had the courage to say. He said patriotism was a good thing, but the fear of God was a far better thing. He repeated those words with all humility, and trusted that whatever they might do, they would do it in the fear of God. He had the courage to say that on this occasion for he wanted that lodge to be regulated by such feelings. He hoped that so long as he was W.M. they would be actuated by those feelings, from which sprung Charity and all the attributes of Masonry. He begged to thank the Prov. G.M. for the kind things he had said of him and which he should endeavour to deserve.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER in proposing "The Installing Master," said Bro. Philbrick had the advantage of being as well known in the Metropolis as he was in that province and all were proud of him. He was proud that Bro. Philbrick had honoured him by installing him. As Lord Brooke had said, the Installing Officer of that evening was a thoroughly eloquent man. The other evening he heard him, on the occasion of the consecration of a new conclave of the Secret Monitor, make an address on the objects of that Order, which he wished could have been promulgated in the *Freemason* so that all brethren might understand what an excellent Order it was. Bro. Philbrick always touched the hearts of his listeners, for he spoke from the heart with an excellence that few could hope to emulate.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., Grand Reg., said he lost no time in obeying the commands of the W.M., but he felt that Bro. Browne had done him that crowning unkindness which was sometimes practised by the maladroit host when he announced to those at the table that Mr. So-and-So was going to be funny. A more chilling announcement could not be imagined, for he knew what it was to hear a learned friend tell the 12 stolid gentlemen sitting in an uncomfortable box, of the wonderful eloquence to which they were about to listen. The announcement was bound to be received with a smile and taken by the other learned friend as a compliment to himself. Whenever he had found himself in the Province of Essex, he had always been received with a kindness which not only went to his heart, but which he should be ungrateful if he did not acknowledge, for the kindness he received rendered his duties a labour of love. As one who had the interests of Freemasonry generally, and especially in that province, at heart, that reception was as grateful and encouraging as any act on the part of his brethren could be. Lord Brooke had been good enough to refer to the installation that evening, but any service he could render was at the command of his brethren in the province. The Warner Lodge was the 27th now standing on the roll of their province. When Lord Brooke assumed the throne, after the lamented decease of the late Prov. G.M., there were 18 lodges, they had, therefore, added 50 per cent. in the period under the sway of their present ruler. If there was a luck in numbers he might venture to prophecy that that Lodge bore a happy number in the province. He sincerely believed—and he thought he might perhaps say he had had some experience in the province—that their lodges were doing well and were strong. He did not want "weedy" lodges, that burst up into a blaze at their start, and then—to use an Americanism—"fizzled out" in a short time. They wanted lodges for sincere Masonic work, which could not be carried out without considerable labour and trouble, which was the condition of all things human. High had been the keystone struck by the W.M. that evening, and rightly, for more especially during the first year was the honour, reputation, and usefulness of the lodge in his hands. Fortunately, that new lodge was in the hands of one with whom the honour was safe, its reputation ensured, and its usefulness, he trusted, would be great. He again thanked them for their kindness, and any effort he had been able to make, had been a pleasure. He trusted the lodge would go on and prosper, holding high that standard of Masonry which the W.M. had so eloquently announced. Bearing that in mind, he could not but think that Masonry would set an example, not merely of a great benefit society, or of a social organisation, but an example that would show the world what real worth there was in the name by which they were proud to call themselves.

"The Visitors" having been given in felicitous terms by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER,

Bro. Dr. SANSON, W.M. 2032, P.M. 1494, replied, and tendered thanks for the kindly reception accorded the visiting brethren. It had been a most enjoyable evening for him, for he had been amongst those who he had known long since. The visitors had had an excellent treat in the lodge, the founders having shown they had the good principles of Masonry at heart by the way in which the work had been done. From the evidence adduced there was no doubt it would be made a real working lodge.

"The W.M. and Wardens of the Chigwell Lodge," which recommended the petition of the Warner Lodge, was next introduced by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Bro. BUCK, P.M. Chigwell Lodge, P.P.S.G.W., responded. He said that, although he had acted in the inferior office of I.G. that evening, he had never attended a consecration that had given him greater pleasure. The Chigwell Lodge, which he represented, had reached its jubilee, and in the name of that lodge, and particularly in the name of its Secretary, he assured the brethren they would only be too happy to render assistance to the Warner Lodge.

In submitting "The Officers" the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said he desired to acknowledge his indebtedness to the officers, for although they had only been appointed that evening, they had all been working heart and soul to ensure the success of the lodge. He looked with confidence to his officers to support him during the forthcoming year. He coupled with the toast the name of the sponsor and godfather of the lodge, Bro. Warner, S.W., and Bro. S. Jackson, J.W., who had also done much for the lodge.

Bro. COURTENAY T. WARNER, S.W., said he should have liked to have had time to add a few words, not so much as to the lodge, but rather with reference to the district in which they had met. When the idea of that lodge being formed was started and was mentioned to him, and when he found the intended place of meeting was Walthamstow he felt bound to take it up, as one was bound to do all he could for the home of his fathers. It seemed rather arrogant that he should allow the lodge to be called after his name, and as it was for that district he thought the proper name should be Walthamstow. However, there being other lodges in the neighbourhood, it was agreed that it should be named the Warner Lodge. It was the one lodge in the world to which he should look up.

Bro. SCORESBY JACKSON, J.W., also replied. The Tyler's toast then closed an enjoyable and thoroughly successful meeting. During the proceedings the following brethren delighted all present by some excellent music: Bros. Arthur Thompson, De Lacy, Fryer, F. Bevan, Kenningham, and others. The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

**CONSECRATION OF THE DAGMAR LODGE,
No. 2262.**

On Thursday, the 5th instant, the Dagmar Lodge, for which his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. has recently granted a warrant, was consecrated by the V.W. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, assisted by Bros. Dr. Lavis, P.P.S.G.W., as S.W.; A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec., as J.W.; and J. Terry, P.G.S.B., &c., &c., as D. of C.. The warrant was granted on the petition of the following founders: Bros. C. R. Williams, I.P.M. 72; H. W. Clemow, P.M. 1589; F. Croaker, P.M. 1981; G. Skegg, P.M. 1441; J. Youldon, I.P.M. 1981; W. Wingham, W.M. 25; J. Hattersley, J.D. 1607; L. J. Denham, 1607; G. Millson, 1881; and R. E. Catterson, 1981, who were all present, as well as the following brethren:—

Bros. C. G. Hill, P.M. 1607; J. Halsey, P.M. 212; J. Youldon, sen., P.M. 1981; Cannon, P.M. 1539; C. Graham, P.M. 1540; S. P. Catterson, P.M. 1981; W. Pawsey, P.M. 1539; La Feuillade, P.M. 1381; F. Carr, P.M. 1607; T. J. Robins, P.M. 25; T. Smith, P.M. 25, P.G.O. Surrey; C. H. Cushing, W.M. 1607; F. J. Eedle, W.M. 1441; W. Roots, P.S.W. 1273; C. Deaton, S.W. 25; E. W. Lewcock, J.W. 72; C. Halford, S.D. 1607; C. F. Williams, F. H. Williams, H. V. Lloyd, 72; F. Croaker, jun., 1981; J. Thompson, 1607; and several other brethren.

The Angler's Rest Hotel, Wraysbury, has been selected as the meeting place for the new lodge, which will meet in the summer months of the year, and the locale is in every way suitable as a summer meeting place, though the terrible downfalls of rain which occurred on the eventful day prevented much enjoyment of the natural beauties of the place.

Precisely at 3.30, Bro. Terry and the Consecrating Officers and founders entered the lodge room, Bro. Smith presiding at the organ. The lodge was formed and opened, and the beautiful ceremony of consecration was proceeded with, the faultless working of Bro. Studholme Brownrigg being much aided by the excellent singing of several professional brethren who assisted Bro. Smith in the musical portion of the ceremony.

On the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, in giving the final address, congratulated the brethren on their choice of the name of the lodge. Upon the death of King Christian VIII., who was deservedly mourned by the nation, as was that Prince whose death they had recently experienced, his successor reigned but a few months, and in character was the reverse of his brother's; but "De mortuis nil nisi bonum." The Danish nation looked round for a Prince worthy to occupy the throne of the nation, and they selected Prince Christian, who at present occupied the throne, and the blameless life that monarch had lived, and the high character of his Court, winning the love of his subjects and the admiration of foreign nations, was such, that both the Royal families of England and Russia sought Princesses from the Danish Court to be the consorts of those Princes who would one day occupy the thrones of their countries. One was now their beloved Princess of Wales, while another—the Princess Dagmar—now occupied the proud position of Empress of Russia.

A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. C. R. Williams was installed as first Master of the lodge, and was saluted by the brethren.

The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers. In investing Bro. J. Hattersley with the collar of S.W., the W.M. paid him a high compliment for the energy with which he had discharged the onerous task of finding the meeting place for the lodge, providing the furniture and jewels, and also for conducting the correspondence, and performing the many little duties which the founding of a lodge required; and further said that it was only owing to the fact that, after a long Masonic experience, he was being invested for the first time with a Warden's collar, that he had not been selected to fill the first Master's chair in the lodge, into which he hoped to have the pleasure of installing him when the time arrived.

The other officers were invested as follows: Bros. H. W. Clemow, J.W.; F. Croakes, Treas.; L. J. Dunham, Sec.; W. Wingham, S.D.; G. Skegg, J.D.; R. E. Catterson, I.G.; G. Millson, D.C.; and J. Youldon, Stwd.

The usual addresses were then given by the Installing Master, Bro. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, and the W.M. rose for the first time and invested the founders and Bros. Studholme Brownrigg and Terry with the founder's jewel. The jewel was of beautiful design and finish, and was made from the design of Bro. Eedle, W.M. 1441. Another interesting presentation to the lodge was the set of tracing boards drawn with the pen, in Indian ink, and presented by Bro. E. Lewcock, J.W. 72.

A number of gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and several brethren to become joining members, and all Masonic business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

A banquet afterwards took place, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

The fourteenth convocation of the Prov. G. Chapter of Middlesex was held on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, under the presidency of M.E. Comp. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., G. Superintendent.

Amongst those present were: Comps. A. W. Duret, Prov. G.J.; J. F. H. Woodward, P.G. Std. Br., Prov. G.S.E.; J. Ferguson, Prov. G.S.N.; W. M. Stiles, Prov. G.P.S.; G. L. Wingate, Prov. G. 2nd Asst. Soj.; C. L. Smiles, Prov. G. Reg.; Geo. Clark, Prov. G. Swd. Br.; J. Ollerhead, Prov. G. Std. Br.; W. H. Lee, Prov. Asst. G.S.E.; J. Tickle, P.P.G. Reg.; R. W. Forge, P.P.G.P.S.; J. T. Briggs, P.P.G.P.S.; J. M. Stedwell, P.P.G.J.; W. F. Laxton, P.P.G. Reg.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G. Reg.; W. A. Scurrah, M.E.Z. 2048; G. Gregory, S.N. 2048; G. W. Marshall, 778; Bentley Haynes, Z. 1549; H. W. Roberts, H. 1298; E. Y. Jolliffe, Z. 1194; H. Sapsworth, S.N. 946; W. T. Peat, 1423; R. Masters, 1326; K. H. Blatchford, J. 1549; W. G. Keatish, 382; J. Batting, P.Z. 382; C. H. Webb, P.Z. 1549, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; A. H. Scurrah, 2048; A. Haig Brown, 1194; A. C. Higerty, J. 946; G. J. Jones, M.E.Z. 946; and E. J. Lewis, P.Z. 1237; Visitors: Comps. R. Glasspool, P.Z. 723, P.P.G. P. Soj. Hants and Isle of Wight; and W. W. Lee, 1524.

The Prov. G. Chapter having been opened, the roll of chapters in the province was called, the companions present answering for their respective chapters. The minutes of the last convocation were read and verified. The Special Committee's draft of by-laws was considered and adopted by the Prov. G. Chapter without alteration. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted; Comps. Tickle, Gregory, and Scurrah being unanimously elected to serve on the Committee for 1889. Comps. Webb, Lee, and Walls were nominated by the Grand Superintendent to serve on the Audit Committee in addition to those elected.

The Grand Superintendent re-appointed Comp. R. H. Thrupp as 2nd Prov. G. Principal, and appointed Comp. J. Tickle as 3rd Prov. G. Principal. The latter being in attendance was duly installed into his position. Comp. C. E. Soppet having been unanimously elected Prov. G. Treasurer, the Provincial Grand Officers were appointed and invested as follows:—

Comp. J. F. H. Woodward	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Dr. G. W. Marshall	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" C. E. Soppet...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. Haig Brown	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Batting	...	...	...	Prov. G.P. Soj.
" E. Bentley Haynes	...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G. Soj.
" W. A. Scurrah	...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G. Sj.
" Hy. Clark	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. G. Kentish	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" E. G. Lewis	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" G. J. Jones	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. H. Lee	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" G. J. Dunkley	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Gilbert	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The Prov. G. Scribe E. having announced the receipt of letters of regret for non-attendance from several companions, and there being no further business for transaction, the Prov. G. Chapter was closed.

The companions subsequently partook of an excellent repast, at the conclusion of which the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In giving "The Queen and R.A. Masonry," the G. SUPERINTENDENT referred to the fact that her Majesty is not only Patron of the Craft, but also of R. Arch Masonry, and expressed the hope that Masonry would continue under her patronage for many years to come.

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Z.," was next given by the G. SUPERINTENDENT, who observed that all present knew the great interest taken by H.R.H. in Masonic matters, and especially those connected with Royal Arch Masonry.

"The Pro Grand Z., Grand H., Grand J., and other Grand Officers," was proposed by the G. SUPERINTENDENT. He said the G. Officers were at all times ready to perform their duties in G. Chapter, and performed them efficiently and well, in a quiet unostentatious manner. The work done by the G. Officers was rendered to the satisfaction of all the companions in the Order. He would say that Lord Carnarvon, the Pro G.Z., was a companion who performed his duties with credit in every possible way. They all knew the admirable manner in which Lord Lathom, the Grand H., discharged his duty, and that he was imbued with the importance of Masonry in general. They had a great respect for Lord Leigh, the Grand J., who was the oldest Grand Superintendent in England, having been 24 years G. Superintendent of the Province of Warwickshire. Lord Leigh had also occupied the position of Prov. G. Master in the Craft in the same province for even a longer period, having been appointed to that position in 1852. That excellent companion worked in a most able manner, and was looked up to as an efficient Grand Officer. In proposing the toast he coupled with it the name of Comp. J. F. H. Woodward, P.G.S.B.

Comp. J. F. H. WOODWARD, P.G.S.B., in response, briefly returned thanks on behalf of the Present and Past Grand Officers.

Comp. J. TICKLE, Prov. G.J., said the companions would know for what purpose he had risen. It was to propose "The Health of their Grand Superintendent." It was seldom in the career of a junior Mason that he had the privilege of sitting at a festive board presided over by a Grand Superintendent more respected and beloved than Sir Francis Burdett. In no provincial Masonic body could there be found a Mason more deservedly respected and beloved than the excellent companion who presided over the Province of Middlesex. The Grand Superintendent had set him an example which he should ever remember, but as it would be unkind to say in his presence what he should like to say in his absence, he would not detain the companions with any lengthy remarks. The good qualities of their Grand Superintendent were so well known that it would be a waste of time to dwell upon them. In him they had one who was the personification of a courteous, polished English gentleman.

Comp. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Grand Superintendent, in returning thanks, said their Comp. Tickle had said so much more than he deserved, that he felt unable to respond in a manner adequate to the occasion. As long as he lived in the estimation of the companions it would always be gratifying to him to do his utmost to promote the interests of the Order. Since he had been Grand Superintendent he had always met with the greatest encouragement and kindness. He looked back with pleasure to the many years he had been associated with the province, and hoped there might be some years in the future during which they would remain together. It afforded him great pleasure to be once more among them, and trusted he should be with them on many future occasions. He was getting into the sere and yellow leaf, but while life lasted he should never miss an opportunity of being with them.

After a pleasant evening, the companions separated.

TESTIMONIAL to Bro. THOMAS POORE, P.M., P.Z., P.M. (Mark), P.W.C.N. (Ark Mariners), P.T.I.M. (Cryptic Degrees), 18°, &c.

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By Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Patron, on behalf of the House Committee—"That a gratuity of £25 be made to Miss M. F. Goodridge, Assistant Governness, on her retirement from the School, for the purpose of being married."

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By Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL, V.-Pres.—"That the following addition be made to Law LV. after the word livelihood in the sixth line, viz. :—'In any of which cases the Father must have been a Subscribing Member of a Lodge for Three years.'"

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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Freemasons' Journal" (New York), "South Australian Freemason," "Orient," "Keystone," "Freemasons' Repository," and "South African Freemason."



Original Correspondence.

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 1888.

LORD CARNARVON AND THE SO-CALLED GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

By this time you will have full particulars of the movement now in progress amongst the brethren of the English, Irish, and Scottish Constitutions here, having for its object the foundation of a United Grand Lodge of Victoria. As one of the Committee, I think I can predict that the movement will result in perfect unanimity—that is to say, that the whole of the 110 or so lodges will agree to form a Grand Lodge, and that, such being consummated, recognition will follow from England, Ireland, and Scotland—as in the case of South Australia.

My particular purpose now, however, is to draw your attention, and—through your columns—that of the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., to an extraordinary statement made this week at a meeting of the so-called and unrecognised Grand Lodge of Victoria, by their Past G.M., Bro. George Coppin. This statement appeared in the *Melbourne Daily Telegraph* of the 5th instant, and is as follows:

"Brother P.G.M. Coppin referred to the circumstances of the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, and to the fact that all the details were fully laid before the Pro G.M. of England, the Earl of Carnarvon, on his recent visit to the Colonies, who expressed himself perfectly satisfied with the legality of the proceedings."

I need scarcely add that the words italicised have excited considerable wonderment amongst the three British Bodies. Many of us who know why recognition was refused the so-called Grand Lodge of Victoria by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, flatly decline to believe that Lord Carnarvon ever committed himself in the way indicated, and, therefore, I think the publication of the statement at the other end of the world will afford his lordship the opportunity of denying it without delay.—Fraternally yours,

W. F. LAMONBY,

District Senior Grand Warden Victoria (E.C.),
Masonic Club, Melbourne, June 8.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1887. Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, 39, Arch-street. 1888.

This volume of records contains a full account of the proceedings at the Annual Communication at Boston, on the 14th December, of a Special Communication on the 26th December, and of a Stated Communication on the 27th December, 1887. On the first of these occasions there was a very numerous attendance, under the presidency of Bro. Henry Endicott, M.W.G.M., who delivered the usual address, in which the events of the past year are carefully reviewed, and any decisions which the Grand Master may have adopted in the course of his duties are submitted for the consideration of Grand Lodge. The usual financial and statistical reports were also presented: that of the Grand Treasurer showing a total on the receipt side of the account, including balance of upwards of 7470 dollars from previous year brought forward, amounting to 40,804 dollars, and an expenditure of nearly 33,411 dollars, the balance remaining to the good being upwards of 7393 dol-

lars. The reports of the Masonic Education and Charity Trust Fund of the Grand Charity Fund, and of the Sigourney Fund, are equally satisfactory, the property of the Grand Charity amounting to within a fraction of 19,048 dollars. The number of affiliated members on the 31st August, 1887, was 28,552, as against 28,163 on the corresponding day in 1886, and the number of initiates during the year 1257, as against 1199 in 1886. Subsequently, Bro. H. Endicott was unanimously re-elected G. Master for the ensuing year, and other G. Officers having been elected, and certain reports received, Grand Lodge was closed. The Special Communication, on the 26th December, was held for the purpose of consecrating the new hall of the Charles C. Dorne Lodge, at Georgetown, the ceremony being performed by the G. Master, while the Stated Communication, on the following day, was for the purpose of installing the Grand Master and G. Officers, the principal of whom are Bros. H. Endicott, G.M.; Samuel Wells, D.G.M.; James M. Gleason, S.G. Warden; Dana J. Flanders, J.G. Warden; John Carr, G. Treasurer; Benjamin A. Gould, LL.D., Corresponding G. Secretary; and Sereno D. Nickerson, Recording G. Secretary. At the Grand Feast which followed, and of which a full account is given, the Grand Master presided, and 140 brethren were present. The rest of the volume is occupied with full particulars as to the officers of the Grand Lodges, and the officers and membership of the subordinate lodges.

THE PLACE OF MASONRY AMONG SYSTEMS OF MORALITY.

This interesting title represents a paper read by Bro. Arthur H. Gibson, W.M. of the "Alma Mater" Lodge, No. 1644, Birmingham, to the members at an ordinary meeting on March 16th, 1888. Such papers have for long been a feature of the Birmingham Craft, and do much to promote a study of Freemasonry, besides enlivening the usual gatherings of the Society and promoting an honourable rivalry amongst the Masters of the several lodges. Bro. Gibson introduces the primitive morality, so to speak, of the ancient Greeks, who sought to establish right and wrong as everything else on logical bases, and in the course of time conjoined reason and right through the pure wisdom of Socrates. From that grand thinker descended the two famous and opposed schools of morality known as the Epicurean and the Stoic. Then, "in the fulness of time, when the civilized world was permeated with these two schools of thought, there arose on the earth, the pure, simple, perfect morality of Christ—the morality of neighbourly love. There is nothing possible beyond this." Bro. Gibson rapidly glances at the four systems of morality, briefly termed Mosaic, the Epicurean, the Stoic, and the Christian. Reviewing these, he describes the Mosaic as barbaric, the Epicurean as unpolitic and dangerous, the Stoic as unpracticable, almost inhuman, and the Christian as unattainable. The question to be answered is "By what chart then shall a man guide himself over the ocean of life. This is the question Masonry seeks to answer." The reply to the query may thus be epitomised. The Mason adopts as a belief what the old Greeks could only treat as a speculation—a future existence. "He is taught to live that he may be fit to die." Masonry deals with the perfect, but unattainable, morality of Christ by admitting you may be a good Mason without being an absolutely perfect Christian, and places before the Fraternity "the ideal of a God-fearing man, a perfect gentleman in the highest sense of the word in his relations with his fellow-men, schooled to self-control, but justifiably ambitious of self-improvement and advancement; a man adverse to civil disturbances, and delighting in peaceful domestic happiness. Bro. Gibson concluded his suggestive paper—and, beyond question, has carved out a path of study for himself—by saying—Masonry "runs side by side with, but does not extend so far as the Christian morality. It has become widely extended, because it exactly coincides with the spirit of the best men of the age. It codifies the law unto themselves of good men desirous of passing through life fearing God, acting fairly, squarely, and kindly towards their neighbours, and properly utilising their own faculties." This is a high ideal!

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Cork, the Countess of Jersey, the Countess of Galloway, and Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., and Lady Borthwick were among the guests entertained at luncheon at the Rolls House, Chancery-lane, on Saturday last, by Lord Esher, Master of the Rolls, and Lady Esher.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with their daughters, the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, arrived at Marlborough House from Sandringham on Monday, the suite in attendance including the Countess of Macclesfield, Miss Knollys, and Bro. Sir Francis Knollys. On Tuesday their Royal Highnesses visited Islington, for the purpose of opening the Great Northern Central Hospital in the Holloway-road, the district being bravely decorated, the streets along which the Royal party proceeded being thronged with people, and the reception being most enthusiastic.

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, Portess-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 hospital 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."

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

BARNATO LODGE (No. 2265).—The first regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Monday, the 16th instant, when there were present Bros. Joseph Da Silva, W.M.; C. F. Hogard, acting I.P.M.; M. De Leeuw, S.W.; L. Kool, J.W.; J. Joel, Treas.; T. M. J. Jessop, Sec.; T. Honey, S.D.; A. Acworth, J.D.; M. Bash, I.G.; S. B. Joel and T. B. Joel, Stwds.; A. Walkley, Tyler; R. Baker, R. Berridge, P. Rosenthal, John Manger, A. Levy, J. O. Schuler, H. Lane, M. Joseph, M. Abrahams, A. G. Goldstone, and R. Granichstaden. Visitors: M. Ramsay, D.G.M. Malta; R. Woodman, P.G.S.B.; J. C. Hayes, P.M. 619; B. Da Costa, S.D. 1349; A. Davison, 67; H. H. Myers, W.M. 1017; C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B.; G. Toff, 917; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; P.G.S.B.; C. E. Soppet, P.G.S.; W. Roebuck, P.G.S.; J. L. Mather, P.A.G. D. of C.; J. Myers, 188; D. Rodrigues, 205; F. Stern, 205; and W. A. Barrett, G. Org.

The minutes of the consecration meeting of the 28th June, were read and confirmed. The by-laws, as prepared by the Committee, were adopted. The ballots were then taken for Messrs. Henry Isaacs Barnato, Israel Aaron Rosenthal, and Isaac Van Stavaren was taken, and proved unanimous. The ballot was also taken for the following joining brethren: Bros. Solomon Barnato Joel, Isaac Barnato Joel, Joseph Israel, Abraham Levy, Henry Lane, Jacob Otto Schuler, Morris Abrahams, Michael Joseph, Richard Granichstaden, Isadore H. Gluckstein, and Alexander Goldstone. Messrs. Barnato and Rosenthal being in attendance, were then initiated. The W.M. having risen, the following candidates for joining members were then nominated: Bros. Anthony Davison, Carl Vandyk, and H. H. Myers.

Apologies were received from Bros. Sir Francis Burdett, Col. S. H. Clerke, and a number of brethren who were unable to attend. The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren and visitors then partook of the banquet, and the pleasure of the evening was much enhanced by the entertainment afforded by Bros. Lane, Honey, S. Joel, M. Bash, and others.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—Said a distinguished Mason, as he looked round a banqueting-room at the Holborn Restaurant, at the Holborn Restaurant, on Wednesday evening, the 11th inst., when the brethren of the above grand old lodge to the number of some 135, were enjoying the 4th, it looks more like a Provincial Grand Lodge meeting than a private lodge meeting; and he was right: it was the result of the immense strides made by the old lodge during the past ten years, and "yet they come" is still the cry.

The preliminary meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, Bro. J. G. Milbourne, W.M., presiding. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous regular lodge meeting, and also an emergency meeting having been confirmed, Bros. Hosgood, Crowdy, Davis, and Woodley were passed, and Bro. Philcox raised. Bro. Lieut. W. Tailby, S.W., W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and in due course that brother was chaired and saluted; he invested his officers as follows: Bros. Milbourne, I.P.M.; H. Grice, S.W.; J. F. Bell, J.W.; T. Hutton, P.M.; Treas.; N. Brown, P.M., Sec.; L. C. Chasteaneuf, S.D.; J. Mathey, J.D.; A. Deans, I.G.; W. G. Bidgood, Org.; G. B. Davies, P.M., D.C.; T. Appleby, A.D.C.; and A. Cleal, P.M., G. C. Chambers, W. A. Anson, and W. J. Barnes, Stewards. The addresses were splendidly rendered, and Bro. Milbourne was loudly applauded on concluding a most impressive ceremony. He was presented with a Past Master's jewel, and accorded a vote of thanks, for both of which he returned the compliment.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to banquet.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. E. Denton, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Appleby, P.M.; R. A. Smith, P.M.; H. S. Syer, P.M.; T. Hosgood, P.M.; G. H. Hasters, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); G. W. Reed, P.M.; J. P. Moor, P.M.; J. Walsh, G. Rowley, C. H. Hosgood, F. Davis, J. Hancock, J. Philcox, T. Hards, T. Busby, F. Budd, W. Buckley, W. H. Keeble, P. Hancock, W. Lush, J. Templeman, B. Dixon, R. Hayes, W. Jones, J. Beisley, J. Hall, C. Foss, W. Prance, R. A. Steed, W. Thomas, T. W. Sandford, J. Rainer, W. Hill, C. Howard, T. James, A. Peaker, F. S. Wagg, W. Mathey, R. Hayes, D. Shortman, D. Thorogood, W. Gates, O. Simmons, W. J. Crowdy, J. Quick, G. Pilcher, B. Shoebridge, R. Tucker, C. Martin, T. Spurling, I. Dixon, T. Cheshire, A. McQueen, G. Brown, G. Dennison, and others, all of the lodge.

Among the visitors were Bros. T. W. Boord, M.P., P.G.D. Eng.; F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd. Br. Eng.; Col. E. Hughes, M.P., P.S.W. 913; Capt. W. Weston, P.M. 1536, and P.P.S.G.D.; J. Burton, P.M. 276, and P.P.G. Std. Br.; P. Beamish, P.M. 1593; Martin Frobisher; Col. Vansittart, 1536; Sidney Clarke, P.M. 706; J. Gould, W.M. 1685; D. Belinfaute, W.M. 435; R. J. Naylor, W.M. 700; J. W. Roberts, P.M. 700; E. Palmer, P.M. 913; W. D. Keeble, W.M. 913; J. W. Miller, S.W. and W.M. elect, 700; W. Webber, J.W. 700; F. H. Miller, W.M. 1593; Quartermaster Rankin, 1536; G. H. Setton, J.D. 615; Jas. Farrier, 913; E. W. Carter, P.M. 858; T. Davis, 27; F. Korb, 1706; and others.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" having been honoured, that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England," followed, and was drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. Binckes responded for "The Pro. Grand Master, the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said he felt exceedingly complimented in having his name coupled with a toast of so much importance. Yet he felt it a difficulty to do justice to one of so comprehensive a nature. It was easy enough to respond for the Pro G.M. and the D.G.M., for they were two of the most excellent and energetic Masons ever yet placed in offices of so much trust and power, and whenever they ap-

peared, and did their duty, they did it in such a manner as won the approbation of every Mason under their G. Master's jurisdiction: Now, with regard to the remainder of the toast, that was where the difficulty came in. He knew that he was speaking in the presence of one higher in office than himself, who, under ordinary circumstances should, and would have responded; yet, as it was an arrangement of the W.M. that he should respond, he bowed to the W.M.'s decision. For himself, he might say that he had been 37 years a Mason, and it was only lately that he had been placed in the position of a Grand Officer of one of the grandest organisations in the world, for he knew of no other in the world to equal their Institution. They did their best, and all they possibly could to show to the world that the obligation, the solemn obligation they took was not merely idle words, if it were, then, not one half of the work required would ever be begun, and that which was begun would never be finished. The W.M. had spoken of him as holding a position of high importance in the Craft. Well, he had held that position for nearly 30 years, and trusted that during that time he had at least, won the confidence of the Craft in carrying out the duties attached to the position. Unfortunately, that year the Festival had not been so successful as he should have liked; but they must remember the extraordinary effort, and indeed success, of the Girls' School Festival, which had preceded and overshadowed the Boys'. The Girls' Festival produced over £50,000, and therefore it was a foregone conclusion that the Boys' must suffer; and they did. He only mentioned that so that they might think of it next year, and give him and the Institution he represented all the support they fairly could. He regretted being unable to be present at the working, having just returned from business in the West of England; but, late as it was, he felt it his duty to attend and accept the kind invitation of so large and important a lodge as the Union Waterloo. He trusted the W.M. might have health and strength to carry out his duties, and then transmit his office to his successor with more honour, if it were possible, than it had now. He cordially thanked them on behalf of the Grand Officers, and resumed his seat amid ringing cheers.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," saying they all knew Bro. Tailby as one whom they delighted to honour. They all knew with what ability and assiduity he had hitherto carried out his duties, while the unanimity with which he had been elected, showed that he had the esteem and regard of every member of the lodge, which would be enhanced as he proceeded on his duties as Master of it.

Bro. Tailby, in the course of a lengthy and eloquent reply, said it was a great honour to be enrolled in a society which was "founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue." It was a greater honour to be ranged under the banner of such a grand old lodge as the Union Waterloo; but the greatest and highest honour was to be Master of that lodge, and he could not help feeling himself in much the same position as a certain individual—a member of a Presbyterian congregation—who thought he could preach as good a sermon as, or even better, than his pastor. Nothing was right in the eye of this cantankerous individual. The sermon was either "too long" or "too short," or the "doctrine was wrong." At length the pastor asked the complainer to preach a model sermon, and he consented. He began "Dearly beloved brethren;" then he stopped, and began again, "Dearly beloved." However, it was no use, he could not get on; but at last he said—"Dearly beloved brethren, if any of you want the conceit taken out of you, step up here." Now, although he did not feel quite like that, yet he felt the heavy responsibility of the office he had undertaken, and also that he should be much better able to carry out the duties of it about the time he had to retire from performing them; but he could assure the brethren that nothing should be wanting on his part to increase the prosperity of that grand old lodge, over which he had the honour to preside. For their kind reception of the toast he thanked them from the bottom of his heart.

Bro. Milbourne, in response to a hearty reception of the toast of "The Installing Officer," thanked the W.M. for the too flattering manner in which he had proposed the toast. He took no credit to himself, seeing that it was only his duty to install his successor, a service he felt sure would be rendered by those who followed him. He thanked the brethren for the hearty support accorded him during his year of office, and also the officers for their kind and intelligent assistance. During his year several important festivals had been celebrated; the Jubilee of her Most Gracious Majesty's reign; the Silver Wedding of their beloved Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; and the Centenary of the Girls' School, at which he had the honour to represent the lodge as a Steward. There were many other circumstances which had made his year of office a memorable and happy one, at least to him, and in conclusion he thanked them and wished them all health and prosperity.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," coupled the names of Bros. Boord, Binckes, Burton, Spinks, Weston, Miller, Naylor, Palmer, Roberts, Clark, Beamish, Frobisher, Webber, Vansittart, and Gould with it, splitting it into blocks, with a song between each block, an arrangement which caused some little amusement.

Bro. Boord said that in accordance with the ingenious arrangement of the Worshipful Master, it fell to his lot to respond first, he supposed on the principle that he, Bro. Boord, was the first blockhead. He was glad that it was so, because the response to the toast of the Grand Officers was placed in the hands of a brother who knew more of them than he did, and who was also an officer of a most deserving Charity, which had been sadly neglected this year. With regard to the lodge he could say with a great deal of sincerity that he was exceedingly pleased to be present that night and witness its great prosperity, because it was associated with his earliest acquaintance with Freemasonry in Woolwich; in the first place because he knew the late Bro. Henderson, an excellent and esteemed Mason in his day; and secondly because it gave him an opportunity of meeting a goodly number of friends who were associated with him some years ago in an undertaking, the import of which was not allowed to be introduced into Masonry. He was pleased to see their W.M. in his present position, especially as he knew something of Bro. Tailby's capacity and sterling integrity, he might, therefore, safely say that they would never regret having Bro. Tailby for their Master. When he first knew the lodge it was a very small one, now he was told that it numbered some 140 or 150 members. He had heard a great deal of it, and if its working was half so smart as

its firing it was smart indeed. On behalf of himself and that section he represented he cordially thanked them for the toast.

Bro. Burton spoke highly of the W.M. for himself as an old Mason, having been initiated in 1846, and after 42 years of Masonic life he never regretted being a Mason. He thanked them for the toast.

Bro. Spinks, on behalf of the United Military Lodge, thanked them for the cordial reception he and his colleagues of that lodge had received that day. He had seen Freemasonry in almost all parts of the globe, and always found, among Masons, the right hand of fellowship extended to him. He congratulated the lodge on its strength, and trusted the W.M. would have a prosperous year of office to preside over a prosperous and contented lodge.

Bro. Weston, as the oldest P.M. of the United Military Lodge, confirmed every word uttered by Bro. Spinks, and congratulated the lodge upon its W.M., and also at having amongst its Past Masters such good Masons as Bros. Denton and Davis.

The other brethren named having suitably responded, "The Initiates," "The Master Masons," "The Officers," and Tyler's toasts concluded the many pleasures of the evening, which had been enhanced by the fine singing of Bros. Clifton, Deans, and Anson, Mr. Renshaw, and the Misses Logan and Ashdown. Bro. Bidgood gave a violin solo, and Bro. B. J. Hancock (Hon.) accompanied on the piano.

Huddersfield.—Truth Lodge (No. 521).

The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Fitz-William-street. The lodge was opened by Bro. Abraham Graham, W.M., and the following officers: Bros. J. Firth, S.W.; G. Jackson, J.W.; G. Marshall, P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. W. Turner, Prov. G.D., Sec.; S. Crossley, S.D.; W. Wood, J.D.; J. Davis, I.G.; J. Dawson, D.C.; Geo. Hardy, Tyler; A. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; H. Shaw, P.M.; A. Armitage, P.M.; and W. E. Jowitt, P.M. Present: Bros. J. Bryerley, F. S. Wilkinson, H. Wood, M. Cornish, J. F. Dyson, G. H. Sissons, R. Wray, G. Moxon, J. T. Sheard, T. R. Webb, and B. Walker. Visitors: Bros. Rev. W. P. Ingledow, 275; J. Shoemith, P.M. 1783; and J. W. Bedford, S.D. 2035.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for a candidate, who was announced, and initiated by the W.M., Bro. G. Jackson, J.W., presenting and explaining the working tools. Bro. Allen Jackson, P.M., delivered the charge.

At the conclusion of the business, and the lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to supper, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

SIDCUP.—Sidney Lodge (No. 820).

The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Black Horse Hotel, when Bro. T. Knight was placed in the chair and saluted. He invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Sharp, S.W.; W. G. Mixon, J.W.; Rev. S. Woolmer, P.M., P.G. Chap., Chap.; T. Hastings, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; W. Moulder, P.M., Sec.; G. W. Kenneday, S.D.; S. B. McClelland, J.D.; W. Scott, I.G.; and S. Gore, P.M., D.C. The Installing Officer was Bro. J. H. Etheridge, P.M., who was accorded a vote of thanks for the able manner in which he carried out the duties thereof.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren were entertained by the Chaplain in the grounds of the rectory, and on returning to the hotel sat down to banquet. After which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. T. Vincent, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; G. Davies, P.M. 13; T. Butt, P.M. 700; F. Snowden, W.M. 299; C. Dilley, P.M. 147; W. E. Dilley, I.P.M. 147; J. Smith, P.M. 1269; E. Bamber, W.M. 1615; W. Beavis, P.M. 876; P. Frost, 784; T. Hambrook, 913; G. Weaver, 1472; W. Martin, 879; E. Carpenter, 169, and others.

ILFRACOMBE.—Concord Lodge (No. 1135).

The brethren of this lodge observed the annual festival of St. John the Baptist on Monday, the 25th ult., at the New Masonic Hall in High-street, which had been opened during the past month. This commodious and elegant lodge-room is in the centre of the handsome block of buildings recently erected by Bro. Catford, P.M., and great credit is due to him for the zeal he has displayed in the interests of the Order by devoting such a site for the purposes of Masonry, also to Bro. Capt. Irving, P.G. Steward, and other active members of the lodge for the trouble they have taken in furnishing and fitting it up for the use of the Craft. This lodge-room is not only a great acquisition to the town and neighbourhood, but an ornament to the province. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Albert St. Paul, P.M., was performed by Bro. Samuel Jones, P.P.J.G.W., who is the founder of the lodge, and has undertaken that duty for 21 consecutive years. The W.M. appointed his officers for the year, and the brethren adjourned to the Ilfracombe Hotel, where a sumptuous and elegant banquet had been provided by Bro. Glover, the manager.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

LIVERPOOL.—Toxteth Lodge (No. 1356).

For many years the above lodge has not only worthily occupied a position of honour as the only Masonic body at the south end of the city, but it has further established a high reputation in the Province of West Lancashire by the excellence of its government and by its cordial support of the Charities. At the annual installation meeting on the 11th inst., in the very beautifully decorated and well-appointed hall in North Hill-street, there was a numerous and influential gathering of members and visitors. The retiring W.M., Bro. Hartley Wilson, presided at the opening of the lodge, and there were also present Bros. B. Holgate, I.P.M.; John Lees, P.M.; T. Nickson, P.M.; C. Arden, P.M.; J. Keet, P.M.; E. George, P.M.; A. Woolrich, P.M.; E. Pault, P.P.G.D.; Jus. Bell, P.P.G.D.; J. W. Williams, P.M., Treas.; D. M'Farlane, Sec.; Hugh H. Hughes, S.W., W.M. elect; Lawrence Phillips, J.W.; R. W. Chatham, S.D.; James Rankin, J.D.; and J. H. Blair, I.G. Among the visitors were Bros. James P. Bryan, P.P.G.O.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D. of C.; H. Peers, Sec. 1620; F. Evans, S.W. 1013; J. R. Bottomley, P.P.G.D.C.; W. E. Coxon, P.M. 1675;

J. Pittaway, W.M. 1182; G. A. Harridon, P.M. 1713; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.G.D.; J. N. Hounsell, 203; R. Foote, P.P.G.T.; W. Maddox, W.M. elect 823; W. Hawkins, J.D. 1675; R. W. Gow, W.M. 823; John Tunstall, P.M. 1035; J. C. Spurr, W.M. 249; J. C. Fargher, S.D. 2042; and F. Sleight, W.M. 1675.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Hugh Henry Hughes, S.W., was presented by Bros. Thomas Nixon, P.M., and E. George, P.M.; and the installation ceremony was most impressively performed by Bro. Hartley Wilson, W.M., after which the officers were invested as follows: Bros. H. Wilson, I.P.M.; L. Phillips, S.W.; D. M'Farlane, J.W.; J. W. Williams, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); R. W. Chatham, Sec.; J. Rankin, S.D.; John H. Blair, J.D.; Haydn P. Cowell, Org.; Philip Lloyd, I.G.; Joseph Glover, H. Bridge, T. Williams, and A. Jones, Stewards. Bro. F. Du Chemin was re-elected Tyler, and Bro. B. Holgate, P.M., appointed D.C.

During the after-dinner proceedings Bro. Hartley Wilson, I.P.M., was presented by the W.M., Bro. Hughes, with a P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), on behalf of the lodge, and a beautiful silver tea and coffee service.

Amongst those who took part in a pleasant musical programme were Bros. H. H. Hughes, Phillips, Heginbottom, Rowlands, D. Williams, Kirkham, J. T. Jones, J. Lane, Davies, R. Williams, and Fargher, the accompaniments being admirably played by Bro. Cowell.

TORQUAY.—Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).

The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Park-street, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when the following brethren were present, amongst others: Bros. T. Prust, W.M.; T. Morgan, P.M., S.W.; T. H. Wills, J.W.; McKellar, S.D.; I. J. Crossman, J.D.; W. Hersey, acting I.G.; J. E. Newton, Tyler; J. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas.; Jno. Lane, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; J. Taylor, acting Sec.; W. Winget, G. West, W. Hill, S. Wills, D.C.; J. Risdon, W. Brooks, Org.; and V. Lauzell.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., when the minutes were read, confirmed, and signed. The chair was then taken by Bro. J. Lane, who raised Bro. Rowland to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremony throughout being performed in a masterly manner by Bro. J. Lane. The chair was then occupied by the W.M., when Bro. Pratt was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. in his usual able and proficient manner.

Sundry other business being disposed of, amongst which was a hearty vote of thanks to Bros. J. Chapman, P.M., and J. Lane, P.M., for their services in representing the lodge so ably at the two recent Festivals. Bro. Lane suitably replied, and the lodge was closed.

PORTSMOUTH.—United Service Lodge (No. 1428).

The brethren of this lodge assembled at the Masonic Club on Friday evening, the 13th inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. James Ruddy as W.M. in succession to Bro. Joseph Mitchell. The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the usual routine business having been concluded, Bro. Ruddy was presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The beautiful ceremony was admirably conducted by Bro. Mitchell before the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. Major Campbell, W.M. 257; Downing, P.A.G.D.C.; Hewett, W.M. 342; Dupree, P.G. Stwd.; Borrow, W.M. 1958; Birch, W.M. 2074; Germon, W.M. 1069; Webb, W.M. 1705; Mitchell, P.M. 20; Strick, P.M.; Mason, P.M.; Pratt, P.M.; Laverty, P.M.; Dart, P.M. 2074; Sergt.-Major Jackson, P.M.; and Sergt.-Major Phillips, P.M. 153. At the conclusion of the ceremony the newly-installed Master appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Mitchell, I.P.M.; H. Allison, S.W.; G. Young, J.W.; G. F. Williams, Treas.; E. Milton, Sec.; W. Miller, D.C.; G. Sylvester, Org.; H. Stockall, S.D.; C. Legry, J.D.; J. Miles, I.G.; W. Stewart and J. Duckworth, Stwds.; and J. Exell and G. Carter, Tylers. The charges were then impressively recited by Bro. Mitchell, who at the conclusion received a vote of thanks to be entered on the minutes of the lodge. Bro. Ruddy said he had then a very pleasing duty to perform, and in well chosen words presented Bros. Mitchell and Mason each with a valuable P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London), subscribed for by the members of the lodge, in recognition of the services they had rendered during their respective years of office.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where the excellent catering of Mr. W. Maybour was highly appreciated. After the usual Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, several songs were given in good style by Bros. Sylvester, South, Mitchell, Banning, Myers, and Ruddy, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Lodge (No. 1547).

The annual installation meeting of members of this lodge took place on the 11th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The chair was taken by Bro. Jonathan Parry, W.M., who was supported by Bros. C. J. Caddock, I.P.M.; W. C. Hignett, P.M., D.C.; R. Warriner, P.M.; Councillor J. Duncan, jun., P.P.G.D.C.; Dr. A. Soldat, P.M.; J. C. M'Guire, P.M.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. E. J. Mason, P.M. 1276; T. H. Sheen, P.M. 241; A. Waterhouse, W.M. 1580; G. Morgan, P.P.G.D.; A. Bucknall, P.M. 667; and others.

The W.M. elect., Bro. J. Jessop, was presented by Bros. Caddock, P.M., and Hignett, P.M.; and the installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Councillor John Duncan, jun. The following were afterwards invested as officers: Bros. Jonathan Parry, I.P.M.; H. Isaacs, S.W.; R. E. W. Stephenson, J.W.; J. H. Parker, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); W. Montgomery, Sec.; T. M. Stephenson, S.D.; R. H. Leake, J.D.; R. Getty, I.G.; J. H. Killick, J. Haynes, and C. H. Eaton, Stwds; G. Watson, Org.; and C. J. Caddock, P.M., D.C. Bro. W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler.

A handsome P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. Parry, on behalf of the lodge.

By the kind permission of the Earl of Sefton and Derby, the brethren and lady friends drove through Croxteth and Knowsley Parks to Woolton, where dinner was served by Bro. Stephenson.

INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Dandridge, W.M.; Vatsky, S.W.; Whibley, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Turpin, S.D.; Millington, J.D.; Penrose, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; G. Bolton, P.M.; Leng, Wilson, and Emblin.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and, after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, was advanced to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was called off, and, on resuming, was closed in the Second Degree. The ceremony of initiation was afterwards rehearsed, Bro. Millington acting as candidate. Bro. Vatsky, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—A meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Tuesday, the 17th instant. Present: Bros. F. Hill, W.M.; Pettitt, S.W.; H. Price, J.W.; Bate, S.D.; Cohen, J.D.; Singleton, I.G.; and Andrews, Preceptor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Bate as candidate. Bro. Hill vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Bate, who announced the ceremony of passing, and Bro. Cohen, having answered the usual questions in a perfect manner, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing ably rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Cohen as candidate. Lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Pettitt was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Pettitt thanked the brethren, 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.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 13th inst. at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; W. J. Coplestone, S.W.; G. E. Higginson, J.W.; D. S. Long, Sec.; C. Woods, S.D.; G. J. C. Walker, J.D.; M. Rice, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; W. C. Williams, P.M.; R. H. Williams, F.M.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; W. W. Williams, Whittle, Caver, and Cotton.

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. Rice being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The presence of Prov. Grand Officers Bros. R. H. Williams and W. C. Williams was noticed, and they were saluted. A cordial welcome was given to Bro. G. Read, P.M., who suitably replied. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor. The W.M. having risen, Bro. W. J. Coplestone was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, when there were present Bros. John Hattersley, W.M.; W. Roots, S.W.; H. J. Chapman, J.W.; S. Renault, S.D.; D. Cowie, J.D.; W. Steele, I.G.; Walter Wingham, Preceptor; F. Williams, Hon. Sec.; H. C. Ball, A. Wingham, and F. Eedle.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Roots worked the 1st Section. Bro. F. Williams having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. F. Williams as candidate. Bro. A. Wingham having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. A. Wingham as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and it was proposed by Bro. Wingham, Preceptor, and seconded by the J.W., that the S.W. be W.M. for the first Tuesday in August—carried unanimously. The S.W. returned thanks, and appointed the officers. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington. Present: Bros. W. C. Williams, P.M., P.G.S.B. Middx., W.M.; Cochrane, P.M., S.W.; Craggs, P.M., J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Middx., Treas.; Hubbard, Sec.; Wilton, S.D.; Davis, J.D.; Woods, I.G.; Read, P.M., Preceptor; Sims, P.M.; Danby, Swan, Sidders, Betts, Cory, Hall, Fayers, and Dresden.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Sidders, Betts, and Cory answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Danby being candidate. The 5th and 7th Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor and Bro. Sims, P.M. Bro. Cochrane, P.M., was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush. Present: Bros. C. R. Cross, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; T. Head, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; G. Higginson, S.D.; L. Cox, J.D.; H. Ridgley, I.G.; A. Cavers, Stwd.; J. Sims, P.M., Assistant Preceptor; S. Cochrane, P.M.; Brietbart, P.M.; Purdue, P.M.; Larter, West, Dresden, Jennings, Mander, and Cotton.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of raising was to be rehearsed. Bro. Larter having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony completed. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose the usual times, and Bro. F. Craggs was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 13th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Molony, W.M.; Hobbs, S.W.; Holland, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; and Stutfield, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Gibson. Bro. Molony, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Molony being the candidate. Bro. Gibson vacated the chair, which was re-occupied by Bro. Molony, who resumed the lodge to the First Degree. Bro. Beulton, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and Bro. Hobbs was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed, to be recorded on the minutes, for the very efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. for the first time. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. Russell, W.M.; Jones, S.W.; Beaven, J.W.; Folkard, S.D.; Winny, J.D.; Siecle, I.G.; Westley, Preceptor; Andrews, Sec.; Bate, Boyce, Jarvis, Heathcote, West, Hill, Poole, King, Hewett, Scriven, and Shannaw.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Poole as candidate. Lodge was called off and on. The ceremony of passing was announced, and Bro.

West, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, with Bro. West as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time. Bros. Hewitt, Scriven, and Boyce were elected joining members. They severally returned thanks, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Jones, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Jones expressed his gratification, 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.

The usual collection for the Benevolent Fund was made, and amounted to £2 12s.

TORQUAY.—**JORDAN LODGE** (No. 1402).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Park-street, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. S. Wills, W.M.; Wills, S.W.; W. Winget, J.W.; T. Prust, W.M. 1402, S.D.; J. Lane, P.M., J.D.; G. West, I.G.; J. Taylor, Sec.; J. Dodge, Preceptor; J. E. Newton, Tyler; W. Hersey, and V. Lauzell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Hersey acting as candidate, the ceremony of initiation was partly rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. West giving the remainder, also the charge in a most able manner. The work for next meeting being set, the usual questions were asked, and the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

ALDRSGATE CHAPTER (No. 1657).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday last. There were present Comps. F. Crockford, M.E.Z.; E. Y. Jolliffe, H.; H. B. Marshall, J.; P. F. R. Saillard, S.E.; A. B. Hudson, 1st Asst. Soj.; S. G. Rawlinson, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and J. Shotton. Visitors: Comps. W. Taylor, P.P.G.J. Middlesex; A. H. Brown, P.G. Reg. Middlesex; and W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee, showing a satisfactory balance, was also received and adopted. Comp. Taylor then occupied the chair of First Principal, and the following companions were duly installed: Comps. E. Y. Jolliffe, Z.; H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas., H.; P. F. R. Saillard, J. The other officers for the year are Comps. E. Anderton, S.E.; E. W. Stillwell, S.N.; George Kenning, Treas.; J. Larkin, P.S.; A. B. Hudson, 1st Asst. Soj.; G. Rawlinson, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and Comp. E. Couchman was elected Janitor.

Before closing the chapter, the M.E.Z. presented a handsome Past First Principal's jewel to Comp. Crockford, in recognition of his services in the chair during the past year. The gift was suitably acknowledged by Comp. Crockford, and the companions adjourned to a banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

Comp. Crockford then proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z., Comp. Jolliffe," whose geniality and many good qualities had endeared him to his brethren in the lodges and chapters with which he was connected.

The M.E.Z., in his reply, thanked the companions for so heartily receiving the toast, and trusted that, notwithstanding the paucity of members at the chapter that evening, he would have a prosperous year of office, which he would do his utmost to attain.

The toast of "The Visitors" was replied to by Comps. Taylor and Lake.

The other toasts were "The I.P.Z., Comp. F. Crockford;" "The Past Principals;" and "The H. and J. and other Officers."

An excellent programme of music was carried out by Bros. J. Kift, Franklin Clive, and Madame Isabel George, much to the satisfaction of the companions.

BOURNEMOUTH.—**Hengist Chapter** (No. 195).—The annual festival was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., when there was a good muster of the companions and visitors. Comp. J. B. Rogers was installed as M.E.Z.; Comp. J. Harvey, as H.; and Comp. C. T. Miles, as J.; the ceremony of installation being most impressively performed by Comp. H. J. Atkins, Prov. Grand J. of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, the retiring M.E.Z. After the investiture of officers the M.E.Z. presented, on behalf of the chapter, a very handsome P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. Atkins in recognition of his valuable services as Z. during the past two years and as first Z. of the chapter. The jewel was of unique design, and was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London.

After the ceremony the companions adjourned to the Imperial Hotel, where a most sumptuous banquet had been prepared by Bro. Reinpach, the worthy manager. The above chapter, we are pleased to state, is making great headway; it has been in existence just two years and now numbers 32 members.

TWICKENHAM.—**Strawberry Hill Chapter** (No. 946).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday the 11th inst., at the Town Hall, when there were present Comps. J. G. Jones, M.E.Z.; R. Collick, H.; A. C. A. Higerty, J.; R. W. Forge, P.Z.; P.P.G.P.S., S.E.; H. Sapsworth, S.N.; H. Dare, 1st A.S.; A. Walkley, Janitor; J. A. Hammond, P.Z.; Dan Argyle, P.Z.; J. Ollerhead, P.Z.; M. Y. Gill, and R. R. Monger. Visitors: Comps. E. Hopwood, P.Z. 19; and Bircham Cooper, S.E. 1366.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and Bros. George Trinder, 2032, and Thomas Ewens Biddlecombe, J.W. 1765, were exalted. The election of Principals and officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, as follows: Comps. Collick, M.E.Z.; Higerty, H.; Dare, J.; Stedwell, Treas.; Forge, S.E.; Sapsworth, S.N.; Simmonds, P.S.; Phillips, 1st A.S.; Barns, 2nd A.S.; and A. Walkley, Janitor. Comps. Trinder, Biddlecombe, and Monger, were elected Auditors. Comp. Forge, P.Z., S.E., proposed that the sum of six guineas be voted to the R.M.I. for Girls, to be placed on Comp. Sapsworth's list, which was unanimously carried. It was also unanimously resolved that the usual P.Z.'s jewel be presented to Comp. Jones, M.E.Z., on the termination of his year of office, and that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to him for his efficient working. A communication was received from Comp. Woodward, P.G.S.E., expressing regret at his inability to attend. The S.E. announced that the M.E.Z. had been honoured with the offer of the office of P.A.G. D.C. The chapter was then closed.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

EXETER.—**Coryton and Rougemont Union Chapter** (No. 2).—At the annual meeting of this chapter, held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 12th inst., Bro. John Lane, Torquay, was installed M.W.S. for the ensuing year by W. Bro. W. Bennett Maye, P.M.W.S. The M.W.S. appointed the following officers: Bros. W. B. Maye, P.M.W.S., Prelate; G. P. Pepprell, 1st Gen; J. P. Heath, 2nd Gen.; S. Jones, P.M.W.S., Treas.; John Stocker, P.M.W.S., Recorder; James Jerman, Marshal; William Taylor, Raphael; Henry Stocker, P.M.W.S., D. of C.; R. K. Norris, Herald; H. B. Stark, Org.; and Henry Shuter, O.G. A sum of ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and five guineas to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Masonic Club.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, took their respective places. Bro. Alfred A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec., W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee represented the Grand Secretary's department. The other brethren present were Bros. Henry Garrod, Alfred Spencer, L. C. Haslip, W. Hopekirk, J. B. Grieve, C. Dairy, A. C. Woodward, George A. Cundy, W. H. Penyman, G. P. Britten, Col. H. Somerville Burney, George Read, David D. Mercer, W. P. Brown, Walter Dean, P.M. 1087; H. Massey, P.M. 1928; C. H. Webb, P.M. 1607; Arthur E. Gladwell, P.M. 172; T. B. Goodfellow, W.M. 1185; Henry Pett, W.M. 1155; E. Dignam, P.M. 1524; G. Powell, P.M. 1184; W. A. Scurrah, W.M. 2206; T. H. Waterworth, P.M. 151; J. G. Hall, W.M. 169; G. Skudder, P.M. 1567; Walter Martin, P.M. 879; B. Brayshaw, P.M. 1472; Geo. Abbott, P.M. and Sec. 192; J. A. Clarkson, W.M. 1457; W. M. Stiles, W.M. 1732; and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at last meeting of the Board in June to the amount of £750. The new list comprised the names of 34 petitioners, whose qualifications came through lodges in London, Port of Spain (Trinidad), Kotree, Maidenhead, Topsham, Llanelly, Havant, Taunton, Jarrow, Barnsley, Colchester, Ipswich, Jersey, Jamaica, Welchpool, Hampton, Kingston-on-Thames, Lichfield, St. Germans, Worcester, Manitoba, Peru, Netherlands, and Grahamstown. It was the smallest list that had been before the brethren for some time. Two of the cases were dismissed, the total amount granted was £1000. This consisted of one recommendation to Grand Lodge of £100, one of £75, and three of £50 each; six recommendations to the Grand Master of £40 each, and eight of £30 each; and immediate grants, six of £20 each, two of £15 each, four of £10 each, and one grant of £5.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT.

The annual Summer Entertainment, held at the Institution at Croydon, to the annuitants, was given to the inmates on Tuesday last. A large number of visitors, notwithstanding the dull weather, assembled on Cannon-street Railway Station for the 3.32 p.m. train, to which the Railway Company had attached two saloons. On arriving at the Institution they were met by Bro. Terry, the Secretary, who welcomed them. Among those present were Bro. J. Newton, Mrs. Newton, and Miss Newton, Bro. A. H. Tattershall, Bro. Chas. J. Perceval, Mr. Chas. G. Hill, and Mrs. Hill, Mr. H. Cox and daughters, Mr. G. F. Cook and Mrs. Cook, Mr. F. Duan and Mrs. Duan, Miss E. Dewsnap, Bro. and Mrs. G. P. Gillard, Bro. J. G. Tongue, Mrs. Tongue, and two friends, Mrs. Cama, Bro. J. A. Farnfield, Bro. C. F. Hogard, Bro. W. Murlis, Mr. F. Starnes, Bro. H. Cotta and daughters, Bro. Dr. H. Strong and Miss Ada Strong, Miss A. Vaughan, and Mrs. and the Misses Terry.

The grounds were looking very pretty, the roses, of which there were a great number, being in full bloom, and the beds of flowers were tastefully laid out. The lawns, too, were in beautiful order, and the kitchen garden was everything that could be desired.

At half-past four tea was served, after which the ladies and brethren visited the aged inmates who were, as always, very pleased to see them. This occupied a considerable time and it was half-past six before the bell was rung for those present to adjourn to the large hall to hear the musical entertainment. This was under the management of Bro. Arthur Coombes, who must be congratulated upon the success of his programme, which was both interesting and long.

Mr. W. Wright very efficiently accompanied the songs. The first item on the programme was a pianoforte solo, entitled "Danse Nègre," which was deservedly applauded. Mr. M. Ryan sang "Oft in the still night" and the pretty "Pilgrim of love," very well indeed. Mr. Coombe James's recitations were remarkably good, he imitating an American from one of the Southern States, who gave some of his friends his views of Rubenstein as a pianist. In the second part of the programme Mr. James was in great demand, for after he had recited Clement Scott's pathetic poem, "The Women of Mumbles Head," he was called upon to give a nigger "Stump Speech," which so amused the company that he was obliged to preach the well known sermon from the text of Old Mother Hubbard. Mr. James certainly was one of the stars of the evening. But there were others to amuse the old people as well. Mr. Percy Phillips was one of these. He began by imitating Madame Liebard's singing of "Comin' thro' the rye," which, to use a hackneyed term, "brought down the house." There were other imitations equally successful. Mr. Grice with Mr. Ryan sang a duet, entitled "The moon has raised her lamp," and the songs "The postilion" and "The Quaker," both of which were encored. Bro. Arthur Coombes was in his element when he

sang "The man who struck O'Hara." He sang so well, that he was compelled to sing "Killaloe," as an encore. In the second part he sang "Beautiful love," which was also encored. The Misses Terry both sang, and the applause which they gained was quite deserved, and showed how popular were the daughters of the Secretary. Miss Cotta sang "The old sun dial," and Miss Strong played a waltz. Mr. Barnard read Arthur Sketchley's well-known "Mrs. Brown on the Volunteer Review."

When the programme was over, Bro. Terry had the room cleared for dancing and invited the visitors to join.

Bro. FARNFIELD said that he was sure all the company would congratulate Bro. Coombes on the excellent programme.

Bro. COMBES said it had given him very great pleasure to be there to afford amusement both to the annuitants and the visitors.

A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Terry, who responded in his usual happy vein.

The company then left, having spent a very pleasant afternoon, and travelled back to London Bridge and Cannon-street by the South-Eastern Railway.

A PICNIC OF THE HUNDRED OF ELLOE LODGE, No. 469, SPALDING.

The brethren of the mystic tie found themselves more fortunate, on Friday, the 6th inst., the occasion of their excursion to Leamington, than the majority of people who, during the past few weeks, have been relying upon the weather in the matter of outdoor gatherings. Though somewhat clouded, the day remained fine, and the excursion, therefore, proved an unequivocal success. The attention paid to the arrangements by the Local Committee, and the interest evinced by the W.M. of Guy's Lodge, Leamington, however, rendered this result a foregone conclusion. Brethren from Cambridge, Sleaford, Boston, Clare, and other places, honoured the W.M. of the Hundred of Elloe (Bro. G. W. Ham) by their presence, so that the excursion party, in round numbers, reached between fifty and sixty.

Arriving at Leamington shortly before 11 o'clock, the brethren and their friends were met on the platform by Bro. J. T. Barrett, W.M. of Guy's, and several other members of his historic lodge, when the business of the day commenced with a substantial breakfast, provided at the Crown Hotel by the Host, Bro. Stanley.

By 12 o'clock, however, the party were well "on foot," and an exploration of the many beauties of the delightful districts about Leamington was successfully made. To ensure greater expedition, Bros. Barrett and Stanley, with various other prominent Masons, constituted themselves guides for the day, so that in rapid succession Warwick Castle, with its matchless gardens and priceless art treasures, Kenilworth, and the pump-room, Jephson Gardens, Bathing establishment, Municipal Buildings, Theatre, Electric depot, and other features of note at the Royal Spa, were minutely inspected, whilst one enthusiastic party also managed to bring in the birth-place of the immortal Bard (Shakespeare).

Naturally this work occupied some hours, so that the company came with sharpened appetites at a quarter to six to the banquet, which was served by Bro. Stanley in the hall of Guy's Lodge, and in a style according with the enviable tradition of the noted Crown Hotel. Covers were laid for over sixty guests, Bro. Ham presiding, being supported by the W.M. of Guy's, and his Senior Warden, whilst Bro. Bimrose, I.P.M., in the absence of the S.W. of the Elloe Lodge, occupied the vice-chair. Bro. Barrell, in his official capacity, directed the proceedings.

After dinner the CHAIRMAN submitted a shortened toast list, and we need scarcely say that one of the principal toasts, proposed by Bro. Barrell, was Gay's Lodge and its W.M., Bro. Barrett."

The company, recognising the W.M.'s great kindness in his efforts to enhance the pleasures of the day, received the toast with great enthusiasm, and loudly cheered Bro. Barrett at many points of a telling response.

In return, Bro. BARRETT gave "The Hundred of Elloe Lodge and its W.M., Bro. Ham."

The W.M. responded in suitable terms, alluding to the success of the excursion, the fraternal spirit evinced by the brethren of Guy's, and to the unbounded confidence always reposed in him by the members of his own lodge.

Bro. COPELAND, in his own happy manner, proposed "The Visitors," to which the Rev. K. G. ASH responded; and "The Ladies," proposed by Bro. FOUNTAIN, brought the proceedings to a close.

The return journey was made from Leamington at 8 o'clock, the Leamington brethren, loyal in their adhesion, accompanying the party to the station in strong force.

Taken altogether, the Leamington excursion of 1888 proved one of the most enjoyable ever organised by the Hundred of Elloe Lodge. The comfort of the railway journey was much enhanced by the forethought of Bro. West and Marsden, especially to the latter, who was instrumental in placing saloon carriages at the service of the excursionists.

The corner-stone of the new Masonic Hall at South San Francisco was laid with Masonic ceremonial by Bro. Morris M. Eslee, Dep. G. Master, as Grand Master, on the 30th May last, the attendance of Grand Officers and representatives of lodges being very numerous. The address on the occasion was delivered by Bro. Henry F. Williams, who was the first person made a Mason in California, having been initiated in California Lodge, No. 1, in 1849.

PRESENTATION OF A BOWLING TROPHY.—Bro. Alex. Morrison, of the Globe Hotel, Paisley, has presented to his brother Masons of that town an elegant silver cup, which is to be competed for annually by bowlers connected with the two lodges in Paisley, the Master of the winning lodge to be custodian. On Monday evening, the 4th inst., on the Wellmeadow Green, the first competition for the cup took place between players representing the St. Mirren and the Renfrew County Kilwinning Lodges, the former winning by 14 shots. After the game an adjournment was made to the Globe Hotel, where the donor of the cup presented it to Bro. James Jack, R.W.M. of St. Mirren Lodge, who, in accepting it, assured Bro. Morrison that it would be highly valued by the Masonic Craft in Paisley. In the course of a very pleasant meeting "The Health of the Donor" was pledged with all honours.

GALLERY LODGE PICNIC.

On Saturday last the summer meeting and picnic of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, took place under, considering the weather, highly successful conditions. The weather, although cloudy and somewhat depressing, was not wet. The brethren assembled early at Brixton Hall to formally open and close the lodge, the only business, in addition to reading the minutes, being the election of Bro. Scott, of the *East London Observer*, as a joining member. Making the best of their way to Paddington, the brethren, accompanied by their lady friends, took train to Slough, at which station waggonettes were waiting for the party, numbering about 60. Stoke Pogis church, remarkable as the burial place of the poet Gray, was first visited, after which the brethren drove to Burnham Beeches, now in their fullest summer glory, where a substantial and very welcome lunch was served, few of the brethren having made much of a breakfast, as most of them got up as it were in the (to them) middle of the night. After luncheon the party drove through the beautiful Buckinghamshire county to the cottage of Bro. Lawson, M.P., on the banks of the Thames at Taplow. A pleasant afternoon was spent on the river and in the grounds belonging to Bro. Lawson's cottage. Finally the brethren and their friends sat down to a *recherché* banquet at the Raymead Hotel, Maidenhead, the principal guest being Bro. Lawson. The W.M., Bro. John C. Duckworth, presided. Later in the evening the party drove back to Slough, and from thence returned to London by train after enjoying one of the pleasantest and most delightful of picnics.

DEATH OF MRS. BRACKSTONE BAKER.

We feel sure our readers, to the great majority of whom the name of Bro. Brackstone Baker is familiar, will join with us in offering to our distinguished brother our warmest sympathy and condolence in the bereavement he has just suffered, in the loss of his wife, who died on the 11th instant. Mrs. Baker had been a silent and suffering victim for some years to an insidious disease which baffled medical skill, and it only remained to keep the enemy at bay as long as possible. She returned recently from a short visit to the seaside, apparently better, but after a few days' illness she passed away quietly in her sleep on Tuesday. To those who had the pleasure of her acquaintance it is unnecessary to speak of her virtues—they were exemplified in a long life of unostentatious and unselfish benevolence and piety. If anything can assuage the grief of Bro. Baker at the sudden close of a married life, extending to 32 years of unalloyed happiness, it will be the knowledge that his many private friends and the still larger number of Masonic brethren sincerely sympathise with him in his sad trial.

MASONIC LECTURE BY BRO. W. J. HUGHAN, P.S.G.D., AT GLASGOW.

A large and influential meeting of the brethren, at the invitation of Lodge Athole, No. 413, was held at St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday evening, 10th inst., to listen to a lecture on the "Rise of Masonic Degrees," by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D. England. The chair was occupied by Bro. John Graham, S. Prov. G.M. Glasgow, who was supported on the dais by Bros. J. Dalrymple Duncan, S.G.D.; W. Black, G. Stwd.; Major F. W. Allan, R.W.M. 617; E. Macbean, 2076; J. C. Mitchell, J.G.W. Bengal; and other prominent brethren. In the body of the lodge room (which was inconveniently crowded) were Bros. J. R. Paton, D.M. 3½; W. Paton Buchan, 3½; R. Morrison, D.M. 413; H. Owen, 308, Cape Town; J. M. Oliver, Prov. S.G.W. Glasgow; W. C. Whitehill, P.S. Dist. G.M. Queensland; J. G. Jamieson, 592, (E.C.); D. W. Ames, 897, (E.C.); J. Provan, R.W.M. 607; J. Dick, R.W.M. 27; G. Donnelly, R.W.M. 219; D. Chalmers, R.W.M. 103; R. Latimer, R.W.M. 116; J. Gordon, R.W.M. 4; J. Sharp, R.W.M. 332; Alex. Brown, R.W.M. 592; F. Larter, and others.

The R.W.M. having raised the lodge to the Third Degree read a letter of apology from Bro. D. Murray Lyon, G. Secretary, who regretted that he could not be back from England in time to meet his valued fellow-labourer, of 25 years standing, in the cause of Masonic research. He then called on Bro. Hughan to deliver his lecture.

After the enthusiastic applause of the audience had subsided that brother gave a sketch of the character of Freemasonry, its aims and objects, prior to the era of Grand Lodges, and proceeded to show that whilst there naturally existed the three grades of Apprentice, Fellow Craft (or Journeyman), and Master, there could (as was amply proved) have been but one simple ceremony. The Three Degrees he abelled as *circa* 1720, and said that the earliest reference to the M.M. Degree was to be found in the records of a musical society, now in the British Museum, of date 1725. The first mention of this Degree in Scotland occurs in the minutes of "Canongate Kilwinning," No. 2, in the year 1735. "Mother Kilwinning," No. 0, follows in 1736, with "Mary Chapel," No. 1, in 1738. Bro. Hughan then alluded to the records of a meeting in London in 1741, of the Royal Order in Scotland, and proceeded to speak of the work of Dr. Dassigny, published in Dublin, 1744, wherein the Doctor states that the Royal Arch had been in operation in that city, London, and York for a few years previously; from which we may infer that the Arch really existed from about 1740. The next important point was the record of the "Scotts' Masons" at Salisbury, 1746, which opens up an interesting question as to whether this body had any connection with the Scottish Rites then worked in France. He then touched on the subject of "High Rodiam" at Durham in 1746; of "Harodim" at Sunderland, 1756; and made some instructive comments on the grades of K.T., Rose Croix, &c.

Questions having been invited, Bro. HUGHAN satisfactorily replied to some rather knotty subjects on which brethren sought enlightenment.

Bro. J. DALRYMPLE DUNCAN, S.G.D., in very sympathetic terms, proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, remarking that it was exceedingly satisfactory to find himself so much in accord with what Bro. Hughan had said.

Bro. R. MORRISON, D.M. 413, in seconding the motion, thought it was a somewhat remarkable fact that whilst nearing the "Silver Wedding" of Bro. W. J. Hughan's affiliation into the Lodge "Athole," this was the very day in

which our learned brother attained the "Silver Wedding" of his initiation.

The motion was carried by acclamation, and gracefully acknowledged by Bro. HUGHAN, who expressed himself well repaid by the careful and sustained interest such an intelligent assemblage of the Craft had manifested during his endeavour to instruct his Scottish brethren.

Bro. EDW. MACBEAN, 2076 (E.C.), then invited the attention of the brethren to the great benefits to be derived from joining the Correspondence Circle of the Lodge "Quatuor Coronati," to the inner membership of which, like Bro. Hughan, he had the honour to belong. For the annual sum of half-a-guinea, each subscriber was entitled to a copy of the Transactions (which, of itself, was value for the whole amount), and had the privilege of speaking at the lodge meetings, use of the Lodge Library, and, in fact, was placed on an equal footing with the full members, except as to the internal economy of the lodge. He had brought a supply of circulars which more clearly expressed the advantages of the "Outer Circle" than he could do at this late hour. Referring to the lecturer's statement that many lodges seem to exist merely for the purpose of working Degrees, he submitted that the papers, essays, and critiques, printed in our Transactions, if honestly studied, would go far to remove the stigma now lying on North British Masonry, for they could hardly be in ignorance of the fact that most of their English brethren thought slightly of their knowledge and working. He feared there were comparatively few then present who were able to give any explanation of the stock phrase "veiled in allegory," and "illustrated by symbols." It was time the Glasgow brethren were up and doing, and if, as he hoped, many of those now listening to their proceedings would join the Circle, in a short time there would be a revival of Masonic research such as would rejoice the hearts of all our student-guild. He was pleased to inform them that already such esteemed leaders as Bro. J. D. Duncan, Wm. Black, and J. R. Paton, had given him their names for proposition, and as the Local Secretary of 2076, he would gladly receive the nominations of any others desirous to join in the good work, subject to the usual ballot at any open lodge meeting.

After a most hearty response to the recognition of the genial and dignified presidency of Bro. Graham, proposed by Bro. HUGHAN, one of the most successful and cordial meetings ever held in Glasgow, was closed in due and ancient form.

Royal Order of Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LONDON.

The annual meeting of this popular and flourishing Order was held at 33, Golden-square, on Saturday, the 14th inst. The Prov. Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, entered in procession, attended by Bros. Capt. N. G. Philips, D.P.G.M.; F. S. Knyvett, Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, Frank Richardson, C. F. Matier, and H. Lovegrove.

The Royal Bruce Chapter was opened, when Lord Euston and two other brethren were introduced and admitted to the Order. The Prov. G. Lodge was then opened, and these brethren were completed, the whole of the quaint and interesting ceremonies being admirably performed by the Prov. Grand Master, assisted by Bros. C. F. Matier, F. S. Knyvett, J. L. Mather, and others. It was announced that a sum of 25 guineas had been given to the Girls' School from the ample funds of the Order.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. appointed his officers as follows:

W. Bros. Capt. N. G. Philips	...	Dep. P.G.M.
" J. L. Mather	...	S.G. Warden.
" Baron de Ferrieres	...	J.G. Warden.
" Frank Richardson	...	G. Secretary.
" Charles Belton	...	G. Treasurer.
" C. F. Matier	...	G. Marshal.
" James Moon	...	D.G. Marshal.
" Dr. Lawrence	...	G. Swd. Br.
" A. M. McDowell	...	G. Banner Br.
" T. C. Walls	...	G. Guard.
" Frederic Grance	...	G. Stwd.
" John Read	...	G. Organist.

The business of the day was completed by the installation of the T.R.S.A. of the Bruce Chapter, Bro. J. L. Mather (in succession to Bro. F. S. Knyvett), who invested the officers as follows: Bros. W. B. Williamson, Dep. T.; Webster Glynes, S.G.; Henry Lovegrove, J.G.; C. F. Matier, Sec.; James Moon, Treas.; W. M. Bywater, Exr.; George Cooper, Marshal; A. R. Carter, Dep. Marshal; J. Read, Organist; A. M. McDowell, S.P.; and F. T. Bennett, Guard.

The brethren afterwards dined at the Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park.

A WELCOME HOME AGAIN.

Bro. H. Smith, P.G.D. England, Dep. Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire, and Bro. W. H. Smithson, P.G.D. West Yorkshire, who have been absent from England on a two months' visit to Canada and the United States, returned home last week by the Etruria, which, as our readers perhaps have already seen noted in the daily press, made, on the occasion of this voyage, the fastest easterly passage on record. During their stay in the States, Bros. Smith and Smithson took the opportunity of visiting lodges and brethren in different jurisdictions, and wherever they went, whether in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, or Chicago, the reception they experienced was most kindly and hospitable, Bro. Charles E. Meyer, who was in England last year as a Templar Pilgrim, doing the honours of Philadelphia, and Bro. Brookhead and Field, whose fraternal kindness knew no bounds, being equally solicitous for their comfort and entertainment when visiting Chicago. We cannot have too many of these interchanges of friendly feeling between our American and English brethren, and we wish the opportunities for making them were more numerous. However, Bros. Smith and Smithson have returned in a fever-heat of gratification at the kindness and hospitality they everywhere met with in Masonic circles in America, and if they have derived from their journey only as much benefit to their health as they have pleasure from the society they met, the voyage across the Atlantic and back will not have been made in vain. They have already found that cordial welcome home again which they were certain to meet with, and which we are certain will await them on all similar occasions.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP, 1889.

We announced last week that Bro. Augustus Harris, I.P.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, in order to avoid further sub-dividing the suffrages of Grand Lodge at the election of Grand Treasurer in March, 1889, had determined on withdrawing his name from the list of intending candidates for that distinguished office for the ensuing year, and submitting his claims to election to the brethren for the year 1890. There thus remain three candidates, namely, Bros. George Everett, Edward Terry, and H. O. Wakeman, who will be severally nominated in December next, and from whom it will devolve on Grand Lodge to elect by ballot one as successor to Bro. Asher Barfield, the present occupant of the office. These brethren have all distinguished themselves in the various lodges and chapters with which they have been connected, and it will, no doubt, be satisfactory to our readers to know what manner of men they are from whom the choice, in March next, will probably have to be made. We have, therefore, prepared the following brief sketches of their respective services.

BRO. GEORGE EVERETT, P.M., P.Z.,

was initiated in the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, during the first year of its existence, on the 19th August, 1858. He joined the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, the following year, and, after passing through the various offices, was ultimately elected W.M. In 1879 the brethren elected him to the post of Treasurer, which he has held uninterruptedly ever since, to his own great credit and to the very great advantage of the lodge. It was on his proposition that the lodge agreed to present annually 25 guineas to each of the Charities in turn, while his management of the lodge funds was so successful, that towards the close of 1883 the members presented him with a silver tea and coffee service, and Mrs. Everett with a gold brooch and earrings, as a mark of their esteem and respect and in token of the services he had rendered. He is also a founder, P.M., and present Treasurer of the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381, which was established in 1872; a founder, P.M., and for the first seven years of its existence Treasurer of the Kilburn Lodge, No. 1608, which, like the Domestic, gives 25 guineas annually to each of our Charitable Institutions in turn, and which during the period of his Treasurership raised for their purposes no less than £1040; and a founder, the first W.M., and present Treasurer of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, which, though it has been constituted only five years, has already distributed upwards of £700 among our Institutions. He is also a P.Z. of the Domestic Chapter, No. 177, and of the Rose of Denmark Chapter, No. 975, and a founder, first Z., and present Treasurer of the Kennington Chapter, No. 1381. Bro. Everett was also a Special Steward at the installation of the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. in the Royal Albert Hall in April, 1875, so that there is hardly a year during the greater part of his Masonic career in which he has not been doing good service to the Craft. Nor have his labours been confined to work in lodge and chapter, for he has served various Stewardships on behalf of our Institutions, the last occasion being the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, and has qualified as a Vice-President of all three Charities.

BRO. EDWARD TERRY, P.G. STWD.,

was initiated into Freemasonry in the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, Uxbridge, on the 1st June, 1869. In 1871 he became a joining member of the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, and very shortly afterwards was elected and installed W.M. In 1881 he joined the St. Albans Lodge, No. 29, of which he is likewise a Past Master, and which he represented on the Board of Grand Stewards in 1886. He was elected member of the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, on 1st February, 1887, and is now its Treasurer. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason on 16th August, 1875, and has occupied the chair of First Principal in the Asaph Chapter, No. 1319. He has served for two years on the Board of Grand Purposes, and was last year returned at the head of the Past Masters, and is a present member of the General Committee of Supreme Grand Chapter. And last, but by no means least, he has served close on a dozen Stewardships for our principal Masonic Charitable Institutions, and by his personal donations has constituted himself a Vice-President of the Girls' School and a Life Governor of the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution.

BRO. H. OFFLEY WAKEMAN, P.P.J.G.W. OXFORD,

who is a brother of the Prov. Grand Master of Shropshire, and Fellow and Bursar of All Souls' College, Oxford, was initiated in the Churchill Lodge, No. 478, in the year 1870, and was elected W.M. in 1876. In 1873 he became a joining member of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, and is its present W.M. He joined the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, in 1876, and served as W.M. in 1885, and the year following was elected to the chair of Master in the United Lodge, No. 1629. In addition he served as Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works Oxford in 1873, and was appointed to the chair of J.G.W. of the same province in 1876, the year he was Master of the Churchill Lodge. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, and having been installed as J. and H. of the Apollo University Chapter, No. 357, in 1879 and 1880 respectively, was installed as First Principal in 1881 and again in 1882, and the year following acted as Deputy Z. during the presidency of the late Duke of Albany as Z. For these services he has been rewarded in Provincial Grand Chapter by appointment as Prov. G. Sojourner and Prov. G.H.; and lastly, he has constituted himself a Vice-President of the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution, and is a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Bro. Sir Charles Warren, at a garden party at Hampstead, on Monday, paid a very high compliment to the Metropolitan Police for the efficient manner in which they perform their very onerous duties.

The marriage of the Hon. Fitzroy Stewart, brother of Bro. the Earl of Galloway, with Mrs. E. Stanley Thompson, widow of the late Mr. John Stanley Thompson, was solemnized at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, on Tuesday, amongst those present at the ceremony being Bro. the Earl and Countess of Galloway, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Feversham, Lady Alexander Gordon-Lennox, and Lady Sykes.



The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Friday next, the 27th inst., when business of great importance will be transacted and a numerous attendance of Governors and Subscribers may therefore be expected.

On Monday Bro. the Lord Mayor remitted to Berlin the sum of £63 16s., being the balance of the subscriptions received at the Mansion House for the relief of the sufferers by the floods in Germany. The total sum remitted is £5563 16s., and the fund has now been closed.

The Duchess of Albany, attended by Bro. Sir Robert Collins, K.C.B., visited the Royal Hospital for Women and Children, Waterloo Bridge-road, on Saturday last, and distributed flowers to the various patients.

A complimentary dinner was given to Sir J. Whitaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on Monday evening. H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge presided, and among the principal guests were the Duke of Teck, Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., and others. In proposing the toast of the evening, the Duke of Cambridge presented Bro. Sir J. W. Ellis with three Monteith bowls and a massive silver loving cup.

A magnificent sturgeon weighing 200lbs was captured in the river Dee, near Sandecroft, Hawarden, on Monday, by two fishermen engaged in catching salmon. The fish was over five feet long and as thick as a man's body, and is believed to be the largest ever taken in the Dee.

Messrs. Mowlem and Co.'s tender for the erection of the central, eastern, and western towers of the Imperial Institute for £18,797 has been accepted, the total value of the contract for the erection of the main buildings being thereby raised to £161,597. The works in connection with the Imperial Institute-road have already been commenced and will be sufficiently advanced by September for a public thoroughfare to be opened.

The Queen's prize of £250, with the gold medal and badge of the National Rifle Association, was won on Tuesday by Private Fulton, of the 13th Middlesex (Queen's Westminster), this being the second year in succession that the chief prize at Wimbledon has been carried off by a Metropolitan volunteer. Notwithstanding the badness of the light Private Fulton's score was six points higher than the winner's of last year, and at the conclusion of the firing the hero of the day was chaired. Lance-Corporal Noakes, of the 1st Berks, the silver medallist of the year, was second with 279 points, and receives a prize of £60; Private Wattleworth, Liverpool, taking third place and receiving £40; Trooper Campbell, Lanarkshire Yeomanry, fourth place and £30; and Major Caddick fifth place and £20.

The "Old Times" coach, driven by the well-known whip, Mr. James Selby, made the journey from Hatchett's Hotel, Piccadilly, to Brighton and back on Friday, the 13th instant, within eight hours for a wager of £1000 to £500, the feat being accomplished with 10 minutes to spare.

An earnest appeal is being made to the public on behalf of the three sisters of the late Mr. John Leech. Their only certain income consists of a pension of £35 each from the Queen and a small annuity paid to one of them by the Vintners' Company. They are now advanced in years and are no longer able to assist themselves as hitherto by teaching. It is proposed, therefore, to raise a fund for them, of which Lord Aberdare is chairman, and Dr. G. Hewitt, 36, Berkeley-square, Mr. James Whitehorse, O.C., 22, Kensington Gardens Terrace, are the honorary Treasurers and Secretaries. Considering how indebted the public were to the brother for his entertaining sketches in *Punch*, &c., it is to be hoped that a liberal response will be made to this appeal.

The *World* states that amongst those present at the Bishop of London's garden party, at Fulham Palace, last Saturday, was "Bro. Henry Wright, who relentlessly pursued the prelates in partibus with a petition for autographs." Bro. Henry Wright, P.M. 1827, has lately been honoured by the Princess Christian, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, and families, and the aged Duchess of Cambridge signing their autographs in his collection, which the Queen said "is a marvellous book." Her Gracious Majesty has also presented Bro. Wright with her autograph, signed "Victoria, R. and I., June 12th."

The Globe Restaurant, Coventry-street, Haymarket, one of the first foreign restaurants established in London, after having been enlarged by the addition of the adjoining house, reconstructed throughout, and handsomely redecorated, was reopened on Saturday, the 30th ult., by its new proprietors, Bros. A. L. Gargin and B. Baroni. During a long course of years the "Globe" enjoyed a considerable reputation for the excellence of its kitchen, its wines, and its general character for convenience and comfort. In its new form, with the long experience of its present proprietors, and their intimate knowledge of the requirements of the London public in everything that concerns the cardinal matter of restoration, the past fame of the old house promises to be largely extended. The reconstructions include an entirely new kitchen, supplied with the most approved modern appliances, and conducted under the direction of a thoroughly skilled chef from Italy. A well-fitted buffet has been opened, with direct entrance from Coventry-street, and immediately beyond this is the grand salon, a superb "salle à manger," bright with mirrors, gilding, and artistic and floral decoration, and brilliantly illuminated at night with incandescent electric lamps. In this apartment there will be a 3s. 6d. "table d'hôte," and luncheons and "soupers à la carte" will be served. The new management of the Globe was inaugurated by an elegant "déjeuner," which did justice to the chef's professional skill, and at which Bros. A. L. Gargin and B. Baroni received the congratulations and good wishes of a large party of Italian and English friends, to the number of 60.

At the usual meeting of the Lansdowne Lodge of Unity, held at the New Hall, Chippenham, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., the brethren presented Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., Deputy Prov. G.M. Wilts, P.G.W. England, with an address, in commemoration of his attaining his year of Masonic Jubilee.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Georgia, held its 27th annual conclave in Savannah, on the 18th and 19th April last, under the presidency of Sir Knight Charles T. Watson, G.C., six commanderies being represented. There are 390 members on the roll, and the finances are in excellent state. Sir Knight James L. Fleming was installed G. Commander for the ensuing year, and Sir Knight Samuel P. Hamilton is Grand Recorder.

Her Majesty travelled from Windsor to London on Thursday, the 12th inst., and during her brief stay visited H.R.H. the Duchess of Cambridge at St. James's Palace.

The Queen has been pleased to ordain and declare by letters patent, issued under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, dated the 11th instant, that henceforth Wakefield shall be known as the "City of Wakefield."

We are pleased to announce that the Lord Chancellor, on the recommendation of Lord Napier of Magdala, Constable of the Tower, has appointed Bro. Matthew R. Webb one of her Majesty's justices of the peace. The new magistrate is registrar of the Whitechapel County Court, solicitor to the parish of St. Botolph Without, Aldersgate, and the senior member of the firm of M. Webb and Sons, of Barbican Chambers, Aldersgate.

THE SHRIEVALTY.—The inaugural breakfast of Mr. Alderman and Sheriff-Elect Gray and Bro. Sheriff-Elect Newton, will take place at Clothworkers' Hall. The chain and badge for Bro. Sheriff-Elect Newton are being manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, Little Britain.

Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie went down to Windsor, on Saturday last, for the purpose of visiting the Queen. Sir M. Mackenzie has been commissioned by the Empress Victoria to prepare an account of the illness of the late Emperor Frederick, with a view to correcting the statements in an account already published, but it is not known if the Empress will sanction its publication.

The funeral of Lady Rivers Wilson, wife of Bro. Sir C. Rivers Wilson, who died suddenly at her residence, 16, Wilton-street, on the 13th instant, took place at Kensal Green Cemetery, on Monday, the first part of the burial service having been previously read at St. Peter's, Eaton-square. Among the chief mourners and friends present were Bro. Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, Sir William Stevenson, and Bro. Sir Reginald Welby. The remains of the late Lady Hart-Dyke, mother of Bro. Sir William Hart-Dyke, were interred in the cemetery adjoining Lullingstone Castle on Saturday last.

The firms of Messrs. Rothschild and Messrs. Baring have each contributed £1000 to the funds now being raised towards the establishment of Polytechnic Institutes in London.

Speech Day and the distribution of prizes at Christ's Hospital will take place on Wednesday, the 25th inst., when the task of distributing the prizes will be undertaken by Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser.

The annual match at Lord's between Eton and Harrow terminated on Saturday last in a decisive victory for the latter by 156 runs, the light being so bad and the bowling of Jackson and Hoare for the Harrovians being so good, that the Eton youngsters were unable to make any stand in their second innings, and were all out for 52. For Harrow, Hoare made 108 in his second innings, and Jackson 21 and 59, while the latter took six of the Eton wickets for 40 runs in the first innings, and five for 28 runs in the second, Hoare taking one and four wickets.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has received from the Rev. Dr. Hermann Adler, Delegate Chief Rabbi, the sum of £648 8s. 11d., being the amount collected in the Jewish Synagogues in London towards the Hospital Sunday Fund, which now amounts to upwards of £39,000.

To-morrow (Saturday) the Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, will visit Greenwich for the purpose of distributing the prizes to the pupils of the Royal Hospital School.

A deputation, consisting of Bros. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., and Burdett-Coutts, M.P., and the Home Secretary, waited on the Metropolitan Board of Works at their usual meeting on Friday, the 13th instant, for an advance of £149,300, towards completing the purchase money of Parliament Hill, Hampstead having contributed £20,000, St. Pancras, £30,000, the parochial charities of the City of London, £50,000, and private individuals, £46,000. The memorial was referred to the Works Committee.

FRENCH AND ENGLISH CATERING.—Our lively neighbour the Gaul is not averse to blowing his own trumpet, and accordingly we have heard a good deal of the dinner to the French Mayors in the first storey of the Eiffel Tower on Saturday, the 14th inst., when 3000 guests were entertained. But in June, 1880, Messrs. Spiers and Pond provided for no less than 4000 people at the opening of the Royal Albert Dock, in the presence of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and other Royalties. A daily paper afterwards published the following curious statistics of this gigantic feast. It was calculated that there were 500 waiters; 100 cooks; 4000 dishes; 24,000 forks and spoons; 12,000 knives; 12,000 glasses, and 15,000 plates. The dessert consisted of 5 cwt. of grapes and 2000 baskets of strawberries in addition to other fruit, and the tables and tablecloths extended to a mile-and-a-half. It may fairly be asserted that no other firm in the world could have provided a luncheon on such a scale.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Notable Facts.—Intense heat augments the annoyance of skin disease, and encourages the development of febrile disorders; wherefore they should, as they may, be removed by these detergent and purifying preparations. In stomach complaints, liver affections, and spasms of the bowels, Holloway's Ointment well rubbed over the affected part immediately gives the greatest ease, prevents congestion and inflammation, checks the threatening diarrhoea, and averts incipient cholera. The poorer inhabitants of large cities will find these remedies to be their best friend when any pestilence rages, or when, from unknown causes, eruption, boils, abscesses, or ulcerations betoken the presence of taints or impurities within the system, and call for instant and effective curative medicines.—ADVT.

On Thursday, the 12th inst., at a communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Forfarshire, held in Dundee, Bro. James Berry, Dundee, was unanimously nominated for the office of Prov. Grand Master of Forfarshire. Bro. Berry returned thanks for the honour the brethren had conferred on him, and Bro. J. Morton Campbell, of Stracathro, Substitute Prov. Grand Master, who presided, was congratulated by the members on his marriage and return to the province.

In the report of the Pattison Lodge in our last issue in the speech of a distinguished brother, the number of the "Beast" should have been 666 instead of 6666.

We understand a petition has been granted for a new lodge to be called the St. Pancras Lodge, No. 2271, and to meet at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, R.W. Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., is the W.M. designate; Bro. Dr. Powdrell, S.W.; Bro. H. R. Graham, J.W.; and Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of Works Middlesex, Secretary.

A petition has, we understand, been granted for a new lodge at Peckham, S.E., under the name of the Rye Lodge, No. 2272. Bro. J. W. Dewsnap, P.M. and P.Z. of the Joppa and of the Duke of Cornwall Lodges, is the W.M. designate.

Bro. Capt. T. Cooper, R.A., was installed W.M. of the United Military Lodge, No. 1536, at Plumstead, on Friday, the 13th inst. A report will appear next week.

We are pleased to hear that at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex, held last Saturday, Bro. Chas. E. Soppet, of Newgate-street, P.M., P.G. Stwd., P.Z., P.G.O. (Mark), Past Sovereign (Red Cross), was unanimously elected Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Bro. H. Lovegrove has completed another successful course of lectures on "Construction," and at the examination Messrs. F. R. Taylor, A. C. Walker, and H. E. Mathews (eldest son of Bro. J. D. Mathews, P.M.), took the three prizes offered by the Architectural Association.

Bro. L. G. Langdon, of the Joiners' Company, has been presented by the members of the Tolerance Lodge of Instruction with a handsome timepiece, in recognition of his services as Secretary for a period of nine years. The presentation was formally made by Bro. J. Paul.

The meetings of the Temperance Lodge of Instruction have been adjourned until the first Friday in October next.

At the last meeting of the Graystone Lodge, No. 1915, Bro. Sibert Saunders, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation will take place on the 2nd Thursday in September.

The marriage of Bro. Alderman Savory with Miss Helen Pemberton Leach will be solemnised at the Rev. Dr. Forrest's church, St. Jude's, South Kensington, on Thursday, the 26th inst., by the Very Rev. the Dean of Llandaff, Master of the Temple.—*City Press*.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Major and Sheriff Davies, J.P., and Bro. Sheriff Higgs have accepted invitations to a meeting of the St. Dunstan's Lodge, on Wednesday, September 26th.

A new lodge—St. Nicholas, No. 2259—is to be consecrated at Thorne, on Wednesday next, by R.W. Bro. Tew, J.P., P.G.M. West Yorks. Bro. G. Dove, P.M., P.P.G.D. Lincolnshire, is to be installed as the first Master, and Bros. A. L. Peace and J. H. Bletcher are to be the Wardens, and Bro. John Constable, J.W. 1483, is the Secretary.

A new work on "Practical Architecture" is appearing as a serial in the columns of the *Building News*. The illustrations will be superior to anything attempted in a similar work, and will be drawn by Mr. Maurice B. Adams, F.R.I.B.A., while the literary portion will be by Bro. Henry Lovegrove, F.S.I., A.R.I.B.A.

A deputation, which included Bros. the Earl of Fife and Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., waited upon Bro. the Right Hon. D. Plunket, H.M.'s First Commissioner of Works, on Wednesday, for the purpose of protesting against the allocation of any portion of Richmond Park for the annual meeting of the National Rifle Association. The deputation was introduced by Bro. Sir J. W. Ellis, and retired after thanking the First Commissioner for his courteous reception.

Bro. J. M. Case presided at a meeting of the Governors of the Royal Naval Benevolent Society at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Monday, when it was announced that Admiral the Duke of Edinburgh had been pleased to accept the position of President, rendered vacant by the death of Admiral Sir Michael Seymour. The report stated that grants amounting to £389 had been made during the quarter, and £1704 to 237 applicants during the year.

Amongst the inventions recently introduced in the culinary art, we have not seen anything more novel, and what in our opinion gives greater satisfactory results, than the one patented by Mr. Wanzer, of sewing machine celebrity. It is unique in every particular. To describe it, we must first mention the lamp, called the "Wanzer," an ordinary table safety lamp in appearance, but with this difference—it gives a splendid light without the use of chimney or globe. This lamp is all the heat required. The cooker is placed upon tripods, immediately over the blaze, and is arranged in divisions, that dinners can be easily cooked for a family, either steam or roast. We inspected several under operation. One was cooking to perfection roast leg of lamb, green peas, potatoes, and stewed fruits; another was steaming salmon, salt beef, with accompanying vegetables, and also fruit. Its simplicity is great, giving no trouble from first to last, requiring no attention while cooking, only obeying rules as to time. We are informed that there is no waste whatever in the process of cooking, and a dinner for say six or seven persons can be served for the small amount of a farthing in cost of fuel. Another great feature—there is very little doubt, when properly brought before the public, it will command a very extensive sale.