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THE Boys' School Committee of Inquiry. THERE appears to have been originally a very wide difference of opinion as to the desirability of appointing a Committee of Inquiry into the discipline and administration of the Boys' School, several brethren of influence maintaining that to acquiesce in such an appointment would be an act of inexcusable weakness on the part of the supreme authority, which had already, only a few months since, successfully vindicated the conduct of the Executive of the Institution from the slanderous attacks made upon it by a factious opposition. But as the proposal was brought forward by Bro. GODSON at the instance of the House Committee, of which he is a prominent member, it is undoubtedly matter for congratulation that his motion for such an inquiry, though with certain verbal yet important amendments, has been carried, and that there is every likelihood that it will be a most complete and exhaustive one. It will be seen from our report of the Quarterly General Court on the 27th ult., which we publish elsewhere, that Bro. GODSON, of his own motion, enlarged the field of inquiry by proposing that it should include the "expenditure" as well as the "discipline and administration" of the School; while on the proposition of Bros. GREATBATCH and TUNNICLIFF it was resolved that the brethren, being Life Governors of the Institution, whom Bro. PHILBRICK might select to assist him in his labours should be chosen "in equal proportions from London and the Provinces." Thus, it only now remains for Bro. PHILBRICK to select his coadjutors in the manner prescribed in the resolution, and there is nothing to prevent the inquiry from being commenced forthwith, and concluded at a reasonably early date, so that the present state of suspense—which will necessarily be somewhat injurious to the interests of the Institution—may be determined once and for all, and the School authorities again at liberty to pursue their work of administration without fear of interruption by vindictive and irresponsible persons. As for the result, we have every confidence that it will offer a complete vindication of the course pursued by the House Committee and Secretary, against whom so much abuse has latterly been directed. We know the inquiry will be carried out thoroughly and impartially, with no other desire than to put an end to, and render impossible for the future, those dissensions which have prevailed during the present year among the supporters of the School, and, by so doing, to restore that confidence generally in the Executive, without which it is in vain to attempt to administer the affairs of the Institution successfully.

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The Girls' School Quarterly Court. DOES it not seem like carrying faddism to the extreme verge of ridiculousness when objection is taken to the grant of a small honorarium to a governess who is resigning her trust, on the ground that the funds of the Institution are not intended to be devoted to such a purpose? Such an assertion may or may not be strictly true—we have neither the time nor the patience to argue the question, though it is arguable—but in all scholastic establishments, that is undoubtedly the best policy which succeeds in obtaining by generous treatment the best and most loyal service of the members of the staff. The young lady to whom it is intended to present this gift of £25 has, during the period of her engagement as governess, rendered most efficient help to Miss DAVIS; and now that she is on the point of leaving in order to be married, there is nothing strange or incongruous, no violation even of the strict letter of the law, in thus requiting her for the zeal and ability with which she has fulfilled her duties. We do not imagine she would have done her work less willingly or less efficiently if she had known beforehand that on resigning her appointment there would be no such honorarium forthcoming, and we venture to believe that she attaches less importance to the monetary value of the gift than to the recognition it conveys, that the Committee, which engaged her services, is well pleased and satisfied with her conduct. After all, these little acts of grace carry with them their own reward. A staff of officers is encouraged to work with all the greater spirit when it finds that one of its number has received something over and above the sum stipulated in the bond, or contract of service, and the extra zeal thus shown directly benefits the Institu-

tion. A little kindness of the kind that has just been shown to Miss GOODRIDGE, who, we trust, will be as successful in her new sphere of life as in that she has just quitted, is quite consistent with a due regard for economy.

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The Quebec Difficulty. THE unfortunate and most regrettable misunderstanding which has arisen between the Grand Lodges of England and Quebec is apparently as far from settlement as ever. The subject has been temperately and ably considered in these pages by Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, of Torquay (who lately resigned the office of P.S.G.W. of Quebec rather than be placed in a false position) as representing a member of the Grand Lodge of England, and by Bro. Dr. J. H. GRAHAM, of Richmond, M.W.P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Quebec; both brethren being thoroughly conversant with the facts of the case, and anxious for a peaceable and prompt solution of the difficulty. We believe that the arguments relied upon by these brethren to prove their several positions may be taken as fair statements of both sides of the question, and therefore we are reluctant to open our columns again to a discussion of the points involved, seeing that there is no prospect of better informed Craftsmen coming forward on behalf of either Grand Lodge; and so far as we can judge, the positions taken by the two organisations are such as render agreement impossible save in one particular direction. It rests now with the members of the three lodges in Montreal, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, to say how long the present "dead lock" shall continue. Until they elect to join the Grand Lodge of Quebec "of their own free will and accord," from an English standpoint, it would be Masonically and legally wrong to require them to leave our jurisdiction whilst they obey the "Book of Constitutions." This is Bro. HUGHAN'S position and it is ours, so that there is no need for him to again propound his views, the whole matter being in a "nutshell." The Grand Lodge of England has never, from its formation, erased any lodges from its roll save for disobedience of its regulations, or because of the voluntary surrender of warrants. We decline to be drawn into "side issues" in connection with this sad controversy, and having given ample space and opportunity for discussion of the question we now propose to leave it until fresh light is forthcoming, simply expressing our warm appreciation of the excellent spirit exhibited by Bro. Dr. GRAHAM in his several papers, and trusting that a speedy and honourable settlement will be agreed to on the lines indicated, so that all concerned may rejoice together as friends and brethren, and the hopes of Bros. GRAHAM and HUGHAN be fully realised.

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Masonic Jurisprudence. It will be seen from our advertisement columns that at an early date a series of articles on "Masonic Jurisprudence" will be commenced in these columns and carried on regularly week by week, thus fulfilling, but in a somewhat different manner, the intention we made public some time ago on the subject.

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Freemasonry in Surrey. It must have been a subject of great regret to Bro. General BROWNRIGG that he was prevented, by unavoidable circumstances, from attending in his place as Provincial Grand Master at the annual meeting at the Public Hall, Carshalton, on the 18th ult., of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey. Had he done so, he would have been gratified beyond measure at the very favourable accounts presented by the Provincial Grand Officers of the present position of the Craft in the province he has presided over so successfully for so many years. However, his worthy Deputy, Bro. FREDERICK WEST, P.G.D., proved an excellent substitute, and from his statement it appears that the past year has been a most satisfactory one, and that in all important matters, but especially at the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, Surrey has played its part in a manner worthy of its high position in the Craft. The respected Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. GEO. PRICE, who has held his office for upwards of 30 years, was also able to give an excellent report of his Stewardship, while we gather from the statement of the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. C. GREENWOOD, that, as regards numbers, there has been a slight increase in the membership over the preceding year, and that the number of brethren now on the register of the province was about 898. The more general remarks of Bro. WEST as to the good order that prevails throughout the province, and the promptness with which the majority of lodge Secretaries sent in their returns, were equally satisfactory, so that the proceedings at Carshalton, which were characterised throughout by the utmost harmony of feeling, passed off admirably, and we warmly congratulate our Surrey brethren on the reputation they so well maintain of being an active and energetic province, which is always prepared to do what in it lies to further the interests of Freemasonry. We likewise congratulate Bro. D. P. CAMA, Past Grand Treasurer, on his appointment to the chair of Senior Grand Warden of the Province. Bro. CAMA has done good service to the Craft in Surrey, as in Middlesex and elsewhere, and well deserves the honour he has received from Bro. General BROWNRIGG, Provincial Grand Master.

A VERY full report has reached us of the proceedings of the The District Grand Lodge of Bombay. Dist. G. Lodge of Bombay at its 52nd half-yearly communication on the 26th March last, and from this it is evident that under the auspices of H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT, Dist. G. Master, the English section of the Craft in Bombay has latterly been making most satisfactory progress. With a solitary exception, the lodges are in a state of active work; the finances of the Dist. G. Lodge, especially in respect of the Benevolent Fund, are in a satisfactory condition; while the Bombay Masonic Association is also flourishing, the subscriptions, which by the end of the year 1886 had reached 23 594 rupees, having been increased by the end of 1887 by 2776 rupees to 26,370 rupees. The harmony existing between the English and Scottish brethren is referred to as having become stronger than ever, so that the outlook for the future seems most promising, and there can be no doubt whatever that even in the very unlikely event of His Royal HIGHNESS resigning the Dist. G. Mastership to-morrow, it will be found that his influence and example have been most beneficial. The report of these proceedings is as ample as it is interesting, and all the important statements contained in the Dist. Dep. G. Master's address will be found verified in the various tables contained in the appendix.

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The Prov. G. Lodge of Suffolk. THE Craft has for the most part fared prosperously in Suffolk. It is not, perhaps, one of our wealthiest provinces, but it has many earnest brethren on its roll of members, and its lodges are models of harmonious feeling and excellent work. Moreover, it has been extremely fortunate in its rulers, the present Prov. G. Master, Bro. Lord HENNIKER, and his immediate predecessor the late Bro. Lord WAVENEY being, both of them, firm yet kind, and as a consequence extremely popular chiefs. Under these circumstances it is not surprising that the meeting at Sudbury on the 18th ult. of the Prov. Grand Lodge should have passed off so satisfactorily, and that the reports by the various executive officers should have told so encouraging a tale. The PROV. G. TREASURER'S report showed a sufficient balance on the right side of the account. The PROV. G. SECRETARY was in a position to point to a substantial increase in the number of members, and Bro. HARVEY in presenting the seventh annual report of the Suffolk Masonic Charitable Association was able to congratulate the brethren on the assistance they had been able through its instrumentality to render to our central Charitable Institutions, especially during the current year when the contributions to these latter from Suffolk exceeded £1100. All these statements are eminently gratifying and we congratulate Bro. Lord HENNIKER, his kindly Deputy, Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, and the brethren generally on the success of their efforts during the past year to strengthen and extend the well-being of Freemasonry.

### GLASGOW EXHIBITION AND FREEMASONRY.

The "Old Castle of Glasgow" (which originated in the thirteenth century, but was finally demolished about a hundred years since), has been reproduced in a temporary form, the characteristic erection being in the grounds of the International Exhibition, Glasgow, and utilised for the Archæological and Historical Collection.

Of this exceedingly valuable portion of the Exhibition we can only say a few words, as respects the Masonic Curios, the first to be noted being under the heading of "Scottish Literature."

"707, Masonic Apron, used by Burns at meetings of the Craft."—Lent by James Lennox, F.S.A., Sec."

The "Immortal Bard" was initiated as a member of the "mystic tie" in 1781, and soon became enamoured with the Society. Interest in his Masonic career has been renewed through the advent of the History of the Lodge "Canongate Kilwinning," No. 2, by Bro. Allen Mackenzie, who has fully described the chief events in Burn's life, Masonically speaking, especially in relation to his Laureateship of that ancient lodge.

"708, Antique Masonic China Punch Set, used by the Poet Burns in Tarbolton.—Lent by the Rev. John W. Ritchie."

Burns was "Depute Master" of St. James' Lodge, Tarbolton, and often presided over "the Sons of Light." The bowl and jug bear similar designs, representing the arms of the "Moderns" and "Ancients," apparently as issued from the celebrated works, Worcester, and are fine specimens.

The Relics of Burgh's Incorporations and other Public Bodies form a most attractive series, especially to a student of Freemasonry, and consist of some 150 articles of curious interest and of considerable importance. Many of these ancient and valuable relics would well repay a careful observation, as well as be worthy of special description, but the present notice is restricted to those of a Masonic character.

"1000, Blue Blanket, the ancient Banner of the Convener of the Incorporated Trades of Perth, borne at the Annual Wappenschaws, when Craftsmen turned out in armour to show that they were ready for service. James VI. complained of their independent spirit, and wrote in the *Basilican Doron*, 'The Craftsmen think that we should be content with their work, how bad soever it be, and, if in anything they are controlled, up goes the Blue Blanket.' It is said the Blanket was presented to the Court by Queen Mary."

"Lent by the Trades Incorporations of Perth,—per John Stewart, Convener."

We are familiar, as Craftsmen, with the "Blue Blanket" of Edinburgh, about which a work was written in 1722, and also in later editions. Let us hope that the Masons were not of those who could so ill bear being controlled, for no class of the Incorporated Trades were more regularly taught their duties in relation to their Church, their King and their Masters. The same Incorporation has owned for over 350 years the "Sanct Eloyis Box," in which the Funds of the Hammermen of Perth were kept by the Box-master, or Treasurer.

"1072 St. Clair Charter granted by the Master of Work to James VI., and the Deacons and Freemen Masons of Scotland to William Sinclair of Roslin, 1600-1, as Patron and Protector of Mason Craft. Presented to the Grand Lodge of Scotland by the late William Edmonstoune Aytoun, Professor of Rhetoric in the Edinburgh University."

"Lent by the Grand Lodge of Freemasons, Edinburgh—per D. Murray Lyon, *Secretary*."

"1703 St. Clair Charter of Confirmation of the above, granted by the Deacons of the Mason Lodges of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Stirling, Dunfermline, St. Andrews, and Dundee, and the Deacons of the Masons and Wrights of Ayr in 1628." [Note as before.]

These unique documents are invaluable relics of the Masonic Craft, which have been duly explained by the Scottish Masonic Historian, Bro. Lyon, and are, thanks to his researches, now correctly understood and appreciated. The old notion that they contain the appointment of Grand Master has long been exploded, for as a matter of fact they simply refer to the rank of Patron, or Judge of the Craft. The latter distinction St Clair resigned in 1736, and was, in the same year, elected and installed as the premier Grand Master of Scotland, as one of the junior members of the "Canongate Kilwinning" Lodge, No. 2, aforesaid.

Facsimiles of these precious originals are given in Bro. Lyon's "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1." The originals were presented to the Grand Lodge by Brother Prof. Aytoun, who was one of the many distinguished members of No. 2, Scotland.

"1074 Minute-Book of the Roman Lodge of Freemasons existing at Rome in 1735-37. The lodge was suppressed by Pope Clement the Twelfth in August, 1737. Its Tyler was taken to the Inquisition, but was soon released. George Seaton, Earl of Winton, who was sentenced to death for having taken part in the Rebellion of 1715, but who escaped from the Tower of London, was 'Great Master' of the Roman Lodge when it was suppressed, and the Minute-Book remained in his lordship's hands till his death in 1749, and came into the possession of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1799. Among the autographs attached to these minutes are those of Lord Winton, Allan Ramsay, son of the celebrated Allan Ramsay, the Scottish Poet; John Murray, of Broughton; Sir Alexander Dick, of Prestonfield; and other devoted Jacobites."—[Lent, as before.]

This old book of records interested us exceedingly, and we longed to go through its pages, but that was denied us. On the two pages that were exposed to view, we noted that the meeting described was entitled "A true and perfect lodge, at which were present," the Master, Wardens, and four other members. When, or by whom, the lodge was authorised we cannot tell, but the minute-book is a great curiosity.

"1075, The Minute-Book of the St. Andrew Lodge of Freemasons, Dumfries, of which Burns was an affiliated member, bearing the poet's signature to the bye-laws on page 11, and containing the minute of his admission, 27th December, 1788."

"1076, The Master's Mallet and Apron used in the Lodge in Burn's time."—"Presented to the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1879, by Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, Bart. Lent by the Grand Lodge of Freemasons, Edinburgh, per D. Murray Lyon, *Secretary*."

Many of us were exceedingly glad that these souvenirs of Burn's connection with the Craft fell into such good hands, when sold by public auction quite recently, and all must appreciate the kindness of the distinguished donor in thus placing these heirlooms in the Library of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

"1077, MS. Book of Charges of the Mother Lodge Kilwinning."

"1078, Minute Book of the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning, from 1642 till 1758."

1079, *Ditto* from 1755 till December, 1806.

1080, *Ditto* from 1806 till 1842.

"1081, Seal of the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning."—"Lent by the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning."

One of the features of Scottish Freemasonry is the numerous minute books preserved by the old lodges. The oldest of No. 1 dates from 1599 and the records are continued in an unbroken line down to the present time. The next oldest of a series are the above, which, however, are not those of the first meetings of the lodge any more than are those of No. 1. In these respects Scotland is far ahead of England, for in the latter country there are no distinct lodge records in existence prior to 1701. England has, however, far more copies of the "Old Charges," and, curious to state, all those in Scotland have an English origin. The foregoing version is about the year 1675, the text being of the ordinary kind.

Still another Masonic exhibit calls for notice, viz., "1382, silver-gilt Masonic jewel, Glasgow, latter part of eighteenth century.—Lent by Mrs. T. M. Campell." It is oval in shape, engraved, and contains many emblems relating to the Craft and "Higher" Degrees.

### OLD WARRANTS.—XII.—XIII.—XIV.

COPY OF WARRANT, No. 90, CAVAN, IRELAND.

Mountjoy, G.M., C. Callaghan, Jun. D.G.M.

By the Right Worshipful and Right Honourable Visct. Mountjoy, Grand Master of all the Lodges of Free Masons of the Kingdom of Ireland, the Right Worshipful Cornelius Callaghan Jun Esq Deputy Grand Master the Worshipful Robert Callaghan and Edward Martin Esqrs. Grand Wardens.

Whereas our trusty and well beloved Brothers Mr. Richard Sheridan, Mr. James Morrison, Mr. James Grahams, Masons have besought Us that we would be pleased to erect a lodge of Free Masons in the town of Cavan in the County of Cavan of such persons who by their Knowledge and Skill in Masonry may contribute to the well being and advancement thereof. We therefore duly weighing the premisses and having nothing more at heart than the Prosperity and true advancement of Masonry and reposing special Trustful Confidence in our Trusty and well Beloved Brothers the said Mr. Richard Sheridan Mr. James Morrison and Mr. James Grahams of whose abilities and Knowledge in Masonry We are satisfied do by these presents of our certain Knowledge and meer Motion Create Authorize and Constitute the said Richard Sheridan Master, Mr. James Morrison and Mr. James Grahams Wardens, to be Master and Wardens of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons to be held by them and their Successors lawfully admitted in the said Lodge for ever And we do hereby give and grant unto the said Richard Sheridan, James Morrison and James Grahams and their successors full power and lawful authority from time to time to proceed to Election of a new Master and Wardens to make such Laws Rules and orders as they from time to time shall think proper and convenient for the well being and ordering of the said Lodge referring to Our Selves and Our Successors, Grand Masters or Grand Wardens of Ireland the sole Right of deciding all Differences which shall be No. 90 brought by appeal before Us and Our Successors, Grand Masters or Grand Wardens of Ireland.

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seal of office this fifth day of October in the year of our Lord God 1738 and in the year of Masonry 5738.  
Intratur per \_\_\_\_\_ John Pennell, Secy.

I am very pleased to add to the series of old warrants a transcript of No. 90, Cavan, Ireland, through the good offices of a zealous brother. Its date of 1738 makes it valuable, and its importance will be duly noted in a few weeks' time, when we are able to report on the number and character of the copies obtained and printed. This desirable work is going on most satisfactorily, and, all being well, it will enable us to add to the list of Grand Masters of Ireland one or two brethren, at least, whose names are unknown to the authorities, owing to the loss of most of last century's records. I invite the co-operation of brethren, so that Bro. C. P. Cooper, of Dundalk, may secure all the transcripts of old warrants in Ireland that are needed to complete the list of Grand Masters and officers of Ireland, as far as possible.

COPY OF No. 414, A.D. 1764.

Westmeath  
G.M.  
J. Putland  
D.G.M.

By the Right Worshipful and Rt Hon Thomas Earl of Westmeath Grand Master of all the Lodges of Free-Masons in the Kingdom of Ireland, the Worshipful John Putland, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, the Worshipful Henry King and Mathew Bailie Esqrs. Grand Wardens.

Whereas our Truly and Well-beloved Brothers John Stewart John McCaa and Patrick McFarland have besought Us, that we would be pleased to erect a Lodge of Free-Masons in the Town of Bushmills Co Antrim of such persons who by their Knowledge and Skill in Masonry may contribute to the Well-being and Advancement thereof. We therefore duly weighing the Premises, and having nothing more at Heart than the Prosperity and true Advancement of Masonry, and reposing special trust and confidence in our Trusty and Well-beloved Brothers John Stewart John McCaa and Patrick McFarland of whose abilities and Knowledge in Masonry, We are satisfied: Do by these Presents, of our certain Knowledge, and meer motion, Nominate, Create, Authorize, and Constitute the said John Stewart John McCaa and Patrick McFarland to be Master and Wardens of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, to be held by them and their Successors lawfully admitted in the said Lodge for ever. And we do hereby Give and Grant unto the said John Stewart John McCaa and Patrick McFarland and their Successors, full Power and lawful Authority from Time to Time, to proceed to election of a New Master and Wardens, to make such Laws, Rules and Orders as they shall from Time to Time think Proper and Convenient, for the well-being and Ordering of said Lodge; reserving to Ourselves and Our Successors, Grand Masters or Grand Wardens of Ireland the sole right of deciding all differences which shall be brought by Appeal before Us, and our Successors, Grand Masters or Grand Wardens of Ireland. In Witness whereof, We have hereunto set our Hands and Seal of Office, this Eighth day of March in the year of our Lord God 1764 and in the year of Masonry 5764.

Entered by me

J. FOWLER.

This warrant of No. 414 is still in active operation at Bushmills, county Antrim, as originally issued, and is, I believe, the only one now on the roll, of the year 1764. The Earl of Westmeath, apparently, was first elected as G.M. in that year, and was succeeded by the Earl of Cavan in 1768.

COPY OF No. 352, A.D. 1760.

Charleville, G.M.

By the Right Worshipful and Rt. Honble. Charles Earl of Charleville, Grand Master of all the Lodges of Free-Masons in the Kingdom of IRELAND; the Worshipful Edwd. Martin Esqr Deputy Grand Master. the Worshipful Capn. Chrstr. Parker and William Marshall Esqr Grand Wardens.

Whereas our Trusty and Well-beloved Brothers Daniel McCay John Lucas and Robert Byrne have besought Us, that we would be pleased to erect a Lodge of Free-Masons in the town of Castleblaney County of Monaghan of such persons who by their Knowledge and Skill in Masonry, may contribute to the Well-being and Advancement thereof. WE therefore duly weighing the Premises, and having nothing more at Heart than the Prosperity and true Advancement of Masonry and reposing special Trust and Confidence in our Trusty and Well-beloved Brothers the said Daniel McCay, John Lucas and Robert Byrne of whose Abilities and Knowledge in Masonry WE are satisfied: Do by these Presents, of our certain knowledge and meer Motion, Nominate, Create, Authorize and Constitute the said Daniel McCay John Lucas and Robert Byrne to be Master and Wardens of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons to be held by them and their Successors lawfully admitted in the said Lodge for Ever. And WE do hereby Give and Grant unto the said Daniel McCay John Lucas and Robert Byrne and their Successors full Power and lawful Authority from Time to Time to proceed to Election of a New Master and Wardens to make such Laws Rules and Orders as they from Time to Time shall think Proper and Convenient for the well-being and Ordering of said Lodge: refering to Ourselves and our Successors Grand Masters or Grand Wardens of IRELAND the Sole Right of deciding all differences which shall be brought by appeal before Us and our Successors Grand Masters or Grand Wardens of IRELAND. In Witness whereof WE have hereunto set our Hands and Seal of Office, this Second of October in the Year of our Lord God 1760 and in the Year of Masonry 5760.

Entered by me

JN. CALDER, Grd. Secr.

I am exceedingly gratified at being able to report, through the valued assistance of Bro. Cooper, of Dundalk, and other brethren, the receipt of several more transcripts for this series of Old Warrants; the foregoing, of No. 352, being of special importance. By reference to the List of Grand Masters in the "Calendar and Directory for 1886," and also to other Lists published in old "Books of Constitutions," &c., it will be seen that no name appears for 1760, the 6th Earl of Drogheda, K.P., being noted for 1758, and Sir Edward King, Bart. (afterwards 1st Earl of Kingston) for 1761. The Warrant, however, of No. 352, enables us to supply the name of the Grand Master for 1760, viz., Charles, Earl of Charleville. In the regretted absence of the early Records of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, it is important that all reliable sources of information should be carefully examined. This we are now doing, as far as possible, in relation to Old Warrants, and so far, all of us engaged in the labour, have every reason to be satisfied with the result. Lord Charleville's name is not to be found in any printed work giving a List of Grand Masters that I know of, published in Ireland, not even in that provided by Bro. Michael Furnell, Prov. G.M. North Munster, nor in any of the official publications of that Grand Lodge. I am anxious to trace the election of Lord George Sackville, as Grand Master, on or about 1751. Bro. Sadler, in his "Masonic Facts and Fictions," refers to a letter from his lordship, which alludes to such a distinction being conferred, and I have also traced another reference to the same honour, but, up to now, no Warrant has been found with his name thereon. There may be an extinct charter preserved of the period in question, and if any such exists, I shall be exceedingly glad to have particulars sent me.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

The members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk held their annual meeting at Sudbury on Wednesday, the 18th ult., meeting for business in the well-appointed Freemasons' Hall, North-street. There was a large assemblage of brethren under their R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker. Amongst other present were the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, and numerous visitors. All the lodges in the province except the Apollo, St. Margaret's, and St. Andrew's were represented.

On the motion of Bro. BOBY, seconded by Bro. W. P. T. PHILLIPS, Bro. E. P. Youell, P.M. 1631, P.P.S.G.W., was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then proceeded to invest the Prov. Grand Officers. He said he did not intend to go through the form of investing his Deputy, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, because he held the office at pleasure, and he was sure it would be the pleasure of the lodge that he should hold it for many years to come. The other officers were then invested as follows:

Bro. H. C. Pratt, 1224	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. Diver, 305	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. B. B. Syer, 1823	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. J. Beck ...	...	...	
" E. P. Youell, 1631, P.P.S.G.W.	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. M. Hartcup, 929	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" N. Tracy, 376, P.P.J.G.W.	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Hy. Gedny, 1663	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" E. W. Nunn, 1592	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" E. J. Sherman 959	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. Clarke, 114	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" W. Pearson, 936	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" R. B. Stanford, 388	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Collins, 81	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. L. Brooke, 225	...	...	
" J. S. Turner, 1452	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. J. Wright, 936	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" J. Hunt, 376	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. Warren, 332	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" W. I. Mason, 1224	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" Dalston	...	...	
" C. W. Lord, 1224	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" E. W. Syer, 376	...	...	

The Board of General Purposes in their report said they had again the pleasure of congratulating the Province on the marked improvement that had taken place, not only in the financial position, but also in the numerical strength during the past year. The returns showed a total of 905 members, as against 879 last year. The statement of liabilities and assets showed a balance of £40 13s. 4d. The Board recommended that the sum of £10 10s. be voted to each of the three Masonic Institutions.

On the motion of Bro. W. P. T. PHILLIPS, seconded by Bro. BOBY, the report was adopted.

Unfortunately, the imposing procession of the officers and brethren in full Masonic clothing, had barely emerged from their hall for their special service at St. Gregory's Church, when the rain fell heavily, almost soaking those of the brethren and the spectators unprovided with overcoats or umbrellas. Many of the former got wet, and were obliged to protect as well as they could their aprons, collars, gauntlets, and jewels from the driving rain. Later on, during the service, there was a thunderstorm, but afterwards the air cleared.

At the church, the arrangements were admirable, seats being reserved for the Masons in the nave, who, with the general congregation filled the sacred building. Mr. P. Constable assisted in seating the people; his brother warden, Bro. G. H. Grimwood, had to take his place in the procession, but gave help in the collection of the offertory. The church had been prettily decorated with flowers, and numerous pot plants placed round the font and on each side of the chancel screen, while there were also choice bouquets on the altar table, and a band of rich roses round the bowl of the font. The flowers, &c., were kindly supplied by Bro. Dr. Mason, Dr. Holden, Messrs. Lynch, Constable, Cundy, and Thursby, and they were placed in position by Miss Mason.

The prayers were intoned by the rector, Rev. T. L. Green, and Rev. J. A. Colborne, and the lessons read and sermons preached by the Prov. G. Chaplain for the year, Bro. the Rev. Barrington Syer, rector of Ked-dington, near Haverhill. The singing was unusually well executed by the choir, assisted by members of the choir of St. Peter, under the judicious conductorship of Mr. John Bruce, the choirmaster. Mr. T. Elliston proved, as usual, an admirable accompanist, and also played several voluntaries on his fine instrument very effectively. The preacher impressively delivered an eloquent and practical sermon from Acts vii, 47th and part of 48th verse, "But Solomon built him an house, &c."

On the resumption of the lodge, Bro. J. M. HARVEY read the seventh annual report of the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association, which stated that Suffolk had this year beaten all previous records, having contributed to the Charities no less than £1110 17s.

Bro. W. CLARKE, in an eloquent speech, moved the report, and said as Masons they must all feel proud of the grand results which had been achieved during the past year.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then addressed the brethren upon the present state and future prospects of Masonry in the Province. He thought the reports which had been read showed that they were making satisfactory progress, and he was pleased to state that not only had they increased in numbers, but many good and earnest Masons had been found amongst the latest additions to the province. During the past year he had had the opportunity of visiting several of the lodges, and he had been very much pleased in nearly every case with the way in which the work had been done. The report which Bro. Harvey had just read relative to the Masonic Charities was also very gratifying indeed. He had always looked upon the Masonic Charities as the most important work they had to attend to, and it was most satisfactory to know that those Charities were so well supported in the province over which he had the honour of presiding. He was grateful to Bro. Harvey for having taken up the work so successfully started by Bro. Bobby, and so energetically carried on by Bro. Grimwade. After a brief allusion to the loss which the province had sustained by the death of the late Bro. Barber, whom he described as an excellent Mason, the

P.G.M. said he understood that there had been some little soreness in the province with reference to the place at which the Prov. Grand Lodge was held; he understood that some of the East Suffolk lodges felt they had been rather slighted. He assured them that he had no such intention. He desired, as far as possible, to consult the wishes of the various lodges, but he wished it to be understood that it was a prerogative of the Prov. Grand Master to decide upon the place at which Prov. Grand Lodge should be held, and he could not allow brethren to question that prerogative. He did not think there ought to be any soreness in the matter. Prov. Grand Lodges had been held in East Suffolk several years in succession, and he thought it was almost time they came on the other side of the county. Addressing the Prov. Grand Officers, Lord Henniker reminded them that the purple was in every case given in recognition of distinguished service in the cause of Masonry. It was a most difficult matter to properly apportion the several offices, and there were times when he should be glad if it were in his power to confer higher offices on some of the brethren whom it was his privilege to invest. This was particularly the case with reference to the present Prov. G. Purst., who had done excellent work for the Craft, but he hoped all the brethren who had been invested would look upon the honour as a recognition of their services by the Prov. G. Lodge. In conclusion, the P.G.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the Stour Valley Lodge for the way in which they had entertained the Prov. G. Lodge, to the Prov. G. Chaplain for his excellent sermon, and to Bro. Grimwade for his past services as Secretary to the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association.

The D.P.G.M. seconded, and Bro. W. P. T. PHILLIPS seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Prov. G. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Rose and Crown Hotel, where a first-class banquet was served in admirable style by Bro. George.

The Prov. G.M. presided, but was obliged to leave before the toasts were reached in order to resume his duties as Lord-in-Waiting on her Majesty the Queen.

The D.P.G.M. then took the chair, and in felicitous terms proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. W. BOBY responded for "The Grand Officers."

In proposing "The R.W. the Prov. G.M.," the D.P.G.M. spoke of his lordship as one who was anxious to discharge his duty to the Craft, and as one who was permanently fitted for the high position he held as head of the province.

The D.P.G.M. next proposed "The Masonic Charities." Charity, he said, was the distinguishing mark and characteristic of Freemasonry. They had present with them that evening representatives of two of the great Masonic Institutions, in the persons of Bro. Terry and Bro. Bincks, men who had devoted their lives to that great cause. Referring to the recent Centenary of the Girls' School, he said the collection which was made on that occasion, amounting to £50,500, was a thing altogether without precedent in the history of Charitable Institutions.

Bro. TERRY, whose name was coupled with the toast, responded in an excellent practical speech, in which he congratulated the province upon the fact that during the past 12 months it had sent up as much as much as £1100 towards the Masonic Charities. He replied at some length to some anonymous charges which had recently been made with reference to the administration of the Charities, and contended that the more closely their affairs were scrutinised the more thoroughly convinced the whole Craft would be that the funds at the disposal of the Charities were wisely and economically administered.

Bro. BINCKS, responding on behalf of "The Visitors," whose health was proposed by the D.P.G.M., congratulated the province on its continued and increasing prosperity, and referring to the recent Festival of the Boys' School, complimented the Stour Valley Lodge upon the large muster by which it was on that occasion represented, and upon the handsome pecuniary support which the W.M., Bro. Dr. Mason, was able to give towards the funds of the Institution. He characterised the attacks which had been made on the administration of the Charity as altogether unwarranted, unwarrantable, unjustifiable, injudicious, and mendacious, and said they were in all probability started by some envious, ungracious spirits who wished to see the Institution reduced to the level of a pauper school.

Other toasts followed.

The musical part of the evening's proceedings was under the superintendence of Bro. Geo. Abbott, who was assisted by Bro. Brockbank, of Norwich Cathedral, whose contributions to the programme were very much enjoyed, Bros. T. Grayston and G. E. Barwell, and others.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this province was held at the Town Hall, Hitchin, on Friday, the 27th ult., under the banner of the Cecil Lodge, No. 449, to celebrate the Jubilee of that lodge. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., presided.

Among those present were—

Bros. J. E. Dawson, P.G.S.B., D.P.G.M.; G. Mickley, P.S.G.W., as P.S.G.W.; J. Hunt, P.J.G.W.; the Rev. A. Johnson, P.G. Chap.; the Rev. G. Litting, P.G. Chap.; the Rev. W. d'A. Cufton, P.G. Chap.; P. W. Dumville, P.G. Reg.; G. E. Lake, P.G. Sec.; T. S. Carter, P.P.G.W., as P.G.D.C.; W. I. Graves, P.G.S.B.; C. A. Gompertz and D. Schmidt, P.G. Std. Brs.; H. Holmes, A. G. Sec.; W. Lewis, P.G. Purst.; H. A. Hare, C. E. Saunders, J. S. Webb, and R. Townsend, P.G. Stwds.; T. Wright, P.G. Tyler; and T. Thomas, Asst. P.G. Tyler.

The roll of Provincial Grand Officers was called.

Bro. T. S. CARTER, P.G.W., proposed, and Bro. C. E. KEYSER, P.G.W., seconded, the re-election of Bro. Sumner Knyvett, P.G.D. Eng., as Prov. G. Treas., which was carried unanimously.

The Prov. G. Master then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, viz. :—

Bro. E. C. Rogers, I.P.M. 449	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Mihill Slaughter, I.P.M. 404	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. W. Mills, Chap. 403	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. T. Willcox, S.W. 1479	...	...	
" F. S. Knyvett, P.M. 404 (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. L. Wigan, W.M. 409	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. E. Lake, P.M. 404 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" S. H. Moore, P.M. 2054	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" H. A. Hare, S.W. 409	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.

Bro. T. G. Robinson, S.W. 504	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Terry, P.M. 1580 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Lewis, W.M. 1385	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" P. Sharpe, W.M. 869	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" G. Ward Verry, P.M. 1580	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" R. Townsend, P.M. 1984	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Williams, Org. 1580	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. Holmes, 1385	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" G. Holdsworth, W.M. 1327	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. Mellor, W.M. 1757	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" T. Cates, S.W. 403	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" P. Franklin, S.W. 449	...	...	
" J. H. Gilbertson, I.G. 449	...	...	
" J. Rogers, W.M. 1984	...	...	
" R. T. Scarr, S.W. 2136	...	...	
" W. H. Dipstale, S.D. 2218	...	...	} Prov. G. Tylers.
" T. Wright, Tyler 403	...	...	
" T. Thomas, Tyler 1580	...	...	

The Report of the Board of Finance was adopted.

On the motion of Bro. T. S. CARTER, P.P.G.W., 50 guineas were voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and placed on the R.W. P.G.M.'s list, as Steward.

On the motion of Bro. G. E. LAKE, P.G. Sec., £10 was voted to the Cecil Lodge, 449, towards the expenses of entertaining Provincial Grand Lodge.

On the motion of Bro. R. SHILLITOE, P.P.G.W., £10 was voted to the Hitchin Infirmary.

On the motion of Bro. G. E. LAKE, P.G. Sec., £10 was invested in Consols; and that the Provincial Grand Calendar be continued.

The brethren, to the number of 70, afterwards adjourned to the Sun Hotel, and partook of a capital banquet, provided by Mr. Logsdon.

## CONSECRATION OF ST. NICHOLAS LODGE, No. 2259.

On Wednesday, the 25th ult., the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire held an Emergency Lodge at Thorne, for the purpose of consecrating the St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, and also for the installation of the W.M. designate, Bro. Geo. Dove, J.P., P.M., P.P.G.D. of Lincolnshire. The lodge is held in the Peace Hall, Thorne, and the room which the promoters have secured has been handsomely decorated, the furniture and appointments generally being of a very excellent character. The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.D. of England, J.P., of Carleton Lodge, Pontefract, presided over the Provincial Grand Lodge, being supported by two other officers of the Grand Lodge of England, viz., Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D. of England, Deputy P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, and Bro. M. C. Peck, G. Std. Br. of England, P.G.S. for North and East Yorkshire.

There was a large gathering of brethren present, the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorks. being very strongly represented, also the lodges of North and East Yorks. and Lincolnshire. When the provincial brethren entered the lodge there were over 100 present. Representatives of lodges from 1482, 242, 458, 630, and 566, were present in goodly numbers, while the lodges in Leeds, Hull, Huddersfield, Sheffield, Wakefield, Pontefract, York, and many other towns were represented.

At the commencement of the proceedings the P.G.M. announced, amid loud cheers, that he had received a telegram from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, expressing a hope that the new lodge of St. Nicholas, of Thorne, would prove a thorough success.

The R.W.P.G.M. then consecrated the new lodge in a very impressive and able manner, and delivered the following oration :—

Brethren,—It becomes the office I have now the honour to occupy in West Yorkshire, on the conclusion of the ceremonial of the consecration of the Lodge of St. Nicholas, No. 2259, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, to make some observations customary to such occasions, on Freemasonry, and the duties of Freemasons, and the working of this lodge. We have happily met together, in Masonic conclave, in a somewhat remote corner, geographically, of West Yorkshire, to establish a community of Freemasons at Thorne. You are well aware that there has been a lodge at Doncaster, Saint George's, No. 242, since 1789, and another at Goole, No. 458, The Aire and Calder, since 1839, and No. 1482, at Crowle, in the Isle of Axholme, in the Province of Lincolnshire, established in 1874; but in this wide and sparsely populated district, bounded by the rivers Dun, Ouse, and Trent, of 61,000 acres, I am not aware, until now, of any effort being made, of a determined character, to establish, on a sound basis, a lodge wherein Freemasons could assemble together in "Peace, Love, and Unity," to discharge the duties of Masonry, according to the forms of the Order, and the laws of the Grand Lodge and of the Province of West Yorkshire. This may be a matter for reflection, because here lived Cornelius Vermayden, the Zealander, when he came in 1626 with his Flemish workmen, in the reign of Charles I., to drain—which he did in a remarkable manner—these levels of Thorne and Hatfield Chase, and at Fishlake, the other side of the river Dun, there was a settlement of these Flemish people. Of this remarkable work and people, De la Pryme has left us, in his account, a marvellous record of the reclamation of wet lands to civilization, and fit for the occupations of agricultural industry and the habitation of man; for when Leland came to Thorne, in the reign of Henry VIII., he passed from Thorne to the Isle of Axholme in a boat, and the high tidal waters of the ocean overflowed Thorne and Hatfield Chase. If these Flemish settlers were not a clubbable set of men, certainly Thorne is now reaping the benefit of their labours, and increasing in prosperity and population; and by the advantages of good roads and railways has, at last, felt the necessity of a lodge, where "just, perfect, and upright men" can meet together for mutual help and agreeable fellowship. There were some fears that a lodge here might interfere with the Masonic gatherings of the existing lodges at Doncaster, Goole, and Crowle. An interchange of opinions took place between these lodges, and the promoters of the Thorne Lodge and myself. This led to some correspondence. A petition was received from certain residents at Thorne on 17th February, 1888, for the consideration of the M.W. the Grand Master, for a lodge to be held in Thorne. It was supported by earnest Masons, who gave ample assurances that their was every prospect of having a good and successful lodge at Thorne. The chief difficulty was—Would this lodge draw away members from the lodges in proximity to Thorne and so weaken them in some material way? It would have been a lamentable circumstance had any insuperable difficulty arisen on this point, especially between the Thorne and Crowle lodges. On the 18th April, I and my officers of West Yorkshire met the promoters of this lodge here at Thorne. These difficulties were discussed; times of meeting and by-laws of the new lodge also were suggested; communications were made to Crowle Lodge; and here I wish to acknowledge in the most earnest and fullest manner, the courtesy of R.W. Bro. Smyth, the Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire, and the W.M. of the Crowle Lodge, Bro. Henry G. Bellerby, in helping West York promoters to smooth over these apprehensions, and in the end acquiescing, in the handsomest manner possible, to the establishment of a lodge at Thorne. St. George's Lodge, and the Aire and Calder Lodge, likewise approved, and thus with the good feeling, fellowship, and approbation of the three contiguous lodges, the petition was recommended by me, through the Grand Secretary in London, and in due course a warrant was granted by the M.W. the Grand Master of England for a lodge in Thorne,

which to-day commenced its history as the seventy-first lodge of the Province of West Yorkshire. Such then, briefly stated, are the steps which have been taken towards this influential gathering of the Craft in Thorne this afternoon. The next consideration was the name of the lodge. This I always think very important. A good name is worth anything. A lodge name should be associated with the history of the locality, or of some distinguished personage or holy saint; such as St. George, Doncaster. The church and lodge there are dedicated to Saint George, and the Great Greek Martyr of Cappadocia, in the time of the Emperor Dioclesian, and the perpetuate, for all time, in the church and lodge, the truly Masonic character of a saint whose name is justly revered among men, but whose actions are known only to God. It was in the reign of King Edward II., that, as the people of Thorne were conveying a corpse for interment to Hatfield, a storm arose, and many persons were drowned by the waters. The Thorne people begged their town might be made a distinct parish, and their chapel at Hatfield into a church free for the administration of the sacraments and the sepulchre of the dead. This was done 7th year of the reign of Edward VI., when twenty persons to be guardians of the possessions of the church at Thorne, making them a body corporate, with perpetual succession, and also for the support of a grammar school, now presided over by Bro. John Constable, S.D. of Lodge No. 1482, one of the promoters of this new lodge. To whom then was this church dedicated? To the saint of the people, and protector of the weak against the strong—the patron saint of children, of orphan boys and maidens, of sailors, of travellers and of merchants. To St. Nicholas, of Myra, is the church dedicated. You know his Charity to the three maidens, and to the three children in the tub, and to the sailors on board ship, on his voyage to the Holy Land. So, then, the promoters of this lodge, desiring to practise the virtues of "Faith, Hope, and Charity," the eminent characteristics of St. Nicholas, their saint, the better to participate by their "Benevolence," "Mercy," and "Justice," to the support of our Masonic widows, orphan boys, and girls, followed the example of the dedicators of their church here, and have also named their lodge after the Patron Saint of Thorne—"Saint Nicholas." That the virtues which distinguished the character and the life of St. Nicholas of Myra, will, I have every reason to believe, be eminently illustrated by the deeds and actions, according to Masonic obligations, founded on the Volume of the Sacred Law, of the members of this lodge for all time. And what of the lodge? It is held in a hall called "Peace." The name breathes the exhortation of the First Degree—"reconciliation of differences,"—"that it were better for one or other to retire than that the harmony of the lodge should be disturbed by the contention of brethren." Here, brethren, you are "to meet in unity, work in peace, and part in harmony." The surname of your principal founder is "Peace"—a worthy son of a worthy sire—for we do many of us remember his father—a burning and a shining light in West Yorkshire Freemasonry. The name of your first W.M. of No. 2259 is "Dove," a Justice of the Peace. The dove is a timid and peaceful bird, and is used in Holy Writ as a symbol of simplicity and innocency. The dove is the emblem of the G. Deacons, of the P.G. Deacons, and of Deacons in private lodges under the English Constitution. Like your W.M., all of you represent purity, peace, and simplicity of life and action; and have you not a "Constable," with authority and jurisdiction over your symbols and secrets? Does not the name of Solomon, our ancient Royal Grand Master, mean "a peaceable prince," and suggest to you all to be here peaceable princes of the Craft, to comprehend the wise man's wisdom, to revere his memory, and imitate his lofty virtues? Did not the Divine Master also comfort His disciples with these words—"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you?" Your lodge must then be a temple of "Concord," "Peace," and "Harmony"—like the Church of St. Nicholas—a very sanctuary of solemn ceremonies and religious belief. And why is this lodge founded? Because of the vast growth of charitable and benevolent principles in your midst; and thus it is formed to render yourselves, by the cultivation of the liberal arts and sciences, more extensively serviceable to your fellow-creatures, in this district and county of York. Study then to perfect yourselves in the ancient charges and science of Freemasonry, to cultivate the social virtues, and strive by the purity of your conduct to demonstrate the excellence of the principles, which, as Freemasons, you now profess to admire. Thus you will make "St. Nicholas Lodge" the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who, outside the lodge, must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance. May then the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe descend upon you in large measure, that you may all chant:—

"May our work begun in Thee  
Ever blest with order be,  
And may we, when labours cease,  
Part in harmony and peace."

That He may guide, direct, counsel and prosper you in all your ways is the fervent wish of your Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire.

At the close of Bro. Tew's address, Bro. Dove, J.P., P.M., was installed as W.M. for the first year of office by Bro. Gardiner, P.M., P.P. Asst. G. Dir. of Cer., and the following officers were invested: Bros. W. Delaney, 242, P.P.G.D., acting I.P.M.; A. L. Peace, 1482, S.W.; J. H. Bletcher, 1482, J.W.; F. J. Forth, Treas.; J. Constable, J.W. 1482, Sec.; W. G. Winter, P.M. 1482, S.D.; S. H. C. Ashlin, 1482, J.D.; H. T. Gardiner, 458, P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; J. W. Pawson, 242, Org.; G. Kenyon, 1482, I.G.; F. Webb, 242, Steward; and W. Robinson, 485, Tyler (pro tem). Bro. Peace was unanimously elected Charity Steward of the lodge.

After the ceremony, a banquet was held, over which Bro. Dove, the newly-installed W.M., presided, and Bro. A. L. Peace, the S.W., filled the vice-chair. The proceedings throughout were of the most harmonious and enjoyable character.

### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was holden on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. the Rev. H. Adair Pickard, G. Supt. Oxon., presided, as M.E.Z.; Comp. Thomas Fenn, P.P.C.G.P., acted as H.; Comp. Baron de Ferrieres, P.A.G.S., as J.; Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; Comp. John M. Case, P.G.D.C., as G.S.N.; Comp. James Glaisher, P.A.G.S., acted as P.S.; Comp. R. W. M. Pope, 1st A.S.; Comp. John A. Lloyd, 2nd A.S.; Comp. Frank Richardson, P.G.S., D.C.; and Comp. Wm. Alex. Barrett, Org.

The following companions were also present:

Comps. A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G.S.E.; C. F. Matier, P.D.G.D.C.; J. A. Farnfield, P.G. Std. Br.; L. B. Purchas, P.G. Std. Br.; Chas. H. Driver, P.G.S.B.; James S. Eastes, P.G.S.B.; W. Edwd. Stewart, P.G.S.B.; J. H. Matthews, P.G.D.C.; Henry Maudslay, P.G.S.B.; Richd. Eve, P.G.T.; E. J. Barron; Chas. Fredk. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C.; Henry J. P. Dumas, P.G.S.B.; Chas. Hammerton, Herbert J. Adams, Dr. W. R. Woodman, P.G.D.C.; Rev. Thos. Robinson, P.A.G.S.; Ralph Clutton, P.A.G.S.; Thos. Fenn, P.P.C.G.P.; Peter de L. Long, P.G.P.S.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G.O.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.A.G.S.; Col. C. Harding, P.G. Std. Br.; Rudolph S. Glover, E. Letchworth, J. Bodenham, P.G. Swd. Br.; George A. Ames, H. 2; E. Mallett, Z. 1623; Rev. L. G. Gordon Robbins, P.Z. 10; Neville Green, P.Z. 1524; H. Massey, P.Z. 619, P.Z. and H.; Walter Hopekirk, Z. 742; W. H. Perryman, P.Z. 1348; Edward Terry, P.Z. 1319; Julius Billing, Z. 534; Henry Wright, H. 1615; and Henry Sadler, G. Janitor.

After the Grand Chapter had been formally opened, the minutes of the Quarterly Convocation of May were read and confirmed.

The following report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read and received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 18th April to the 17th July, 1888, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows;

To Balance, Grand Chapter...	£735 2 11	By Purchase of	
" " Unappropriated		£502 10 3	
" " Account...	200 13 7	2½ per cent.	
" " Subsequent Receipts	387 17 6	Consols at	
		99½ ...	£499 7 5
		Commission	12 7
			£500 0 0
		" Disbursements during the	
		Quarter ...	308 10 7
		" Balance ...	313 19 7
		" " Unappropriated	
		" " Account ...	201 3 10
	£1323 14 0		£1323 14 0

Which Balances are in the Bank of England (Western Branch).

The Committee have to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. George Frederick Bevis, as Z.; Thomas Tufnell, as H.; John Lind, as J.; and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, No. 2068, Portsmouth, to be called the Portsmouth Temperance Chapter, and to meet at the Soldiers' Institute, High-street, Portsmouth, Hampshire.

2nd. From Comps. John Hands Paine, as Z.; Thomas Lambert, as H.; Walter Smith, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Combermere Lodge, No. 1795, Albury, New South Wales, to be called the Combermere Chapter, and to meet at the Oddfellows' Hall, Kiewa-street, Albury, New South Wales.

3rd. From Comps. Horatio T. Griffiths, as Z.; Thomas Robert Oakley, as H.; Frederick Atkinson Powell, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Loyal Monmouth Lodge, No. 457, Monmouth, to be called the Loyal Monmouth Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Monmouth, Monmouthshire.

The foregoing petitions, being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received memorials from the companions of the undermentioned chapters praying for charters authorising them to wear a centenary jewel, in accordance with the Royal Arch Regulations, Rule 102.

The Chapter of Vigilance, No. 111, Darlington, date of charter 14th March, 1788.

The Chapter of Friendship, No. 257, Portsmouth, date of charter 11th August, 1769.

These memorials being in form, and the respective chapters having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be granted.

The Committee have further to report that the vacancy as Trustee of the Fund of Grand Chapter, occasioned by the lamented death of the late Comp. Col. John Creator, President of the Committee of General Purposes, has been filled up by the appointment of Comp. Robert Grey, the present President of the Committee.

The Committee have also to report that a memorial has been received from the petitioners for the Empire Chapter, No. 2108, London—a charter for which was granted by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 2nd May last, but which chapter has not been consecrated—praying that, in consequence of the departure of the Z. designate to resume his duties on the West Coast of Africa, the Principals named in the charter may be changed as follows, viz., Comps. Lennox Browne to be Z.; Ernest Luxmoore Marshall to be H.; and Emile Behnke to be J.

The Committee under the circumstances recommend that sanction for such alteration be given.

The Committee have also received a memorial, with extract of minutes, on the removal of the Harmony Chapter, No. 156, from the Huyshe Masonic Temple to the new Masonic Buildings, No. 1, Princes-square, Plymouth.

The Committee, being satisfied of the reasonableness of the request, recommend that the removal of this chapter be sanctioned.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
18th July, 1888.

On the motion of Comp. LETCHWORTH, for Comp. Robert Grey, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, charters were granted for the Portsmouth Temperance Chapter, No. 2068, Portsmouth; the Combermere Chapter, No. 1795, Albury, New South Wales; and the Loyal Monmouth Chapter, No. 457, Monmouth. Charters were granted to the Chapter of Vigilance, No. 111, Darlington, and the Chapter of Friendship, No. 257, Portsmouth, authorising members of those chapters to wear a centenary jewel, both of these chapters having proved an uninterrupted existence as working chapters of 100 years.

The remainder of the recommendations of the Committee of General Purposes, as given above in the report of the Committee, were likewise confirmed, and the Grand Chapter was then closed.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

A meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Town Hall, Hitchin, when there were present Comps. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Grand Superintendent; J. E. Dawson, Prov. G.H.; J. Shilcock, P.P.G.J., as Prov. G.J.; G. E. Lake, Prov. G.S.E.; T. S. Carter, P.P.G.H., as Prov. G.D.C.; J. Brittain, Prov. 1st Asst. G. Soj.; J. Hunt, Prov. 2nd Asst. G. Soj.; W. N. Hopkin, Prov. G. Std. Br.; and M. Slaughter, Prov. G. Org.

The roll of Provincial Grand Officers was called.

Comp. T. S. CARTER, P.P.G.H., proposed, and Comp. KEYSER seconded, the re-election of Comp. Sumner Knyvett, P.G.S.B. England, as Provincial Grand Treasurer, which was carried unanimously.

The Provincial Grand Officers were re-appointed for the ensuing year.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SOMERSET.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Somerset was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Taunton, under the banner of the Sincerity Chapter, No. 261. Owing to the unfavourable weather, there was not a large attendance. The Grand Superintendent of the province, Comp. Col. Adair, presided, and all chapters in the province, with one exception, answered to the roll.

The following signed the attendance book :

Comps. R. C. Else, Prov. G.H.; R. H. Watts, Prov. G. Treas.; Col. W. Long, Prov. G.S.E.; A. J. Salter, Prov. G.J.; S. Bigwood, Prov. A.G. Soj.; Francis Glover, Prov. G.D.C.; J. A. Timmins, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Ringer, P.G. Reg.; J. G. Vile, P.P.G.D. of C.; C. D. F. Edwards, P.P.G.S.B.; and F. T. Elworthy, P.Z.; W. Bidgood, Z.; H. G. Crowe, H.; T. G. Williams, J.; W. Woodland, C. F. Flower, R. Knight, R. U. Hartnell, C. Sutton, T. H. Chaffin, Org.; J. Gill, P.S.; G. C. Strawbridge, S.E.; J. S. Haddon, Asst. Soj.; A. Steevens, P.Z.; C. Baker, W. Goodland, W. Adams, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Showers, Treas.; and T. Tidbury, Janitor, of 261; G. H. Perrott, P.S.; H. B. Tarrington, S.E.; and G. Glossop, H., of 1222; H. F. Edgar, H.; W. J. Nosworthy, Org.; and H. T. Harwood, S., of 329; H. Hawkins, P.Z. 291; J. Cornwell, A.S. 275; and J. M. Atkins, Z. 446.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Chapter and of a Chapter of Emergency held at Clevedon for the purpose of consecrating the Adair Chapter having been read and confirmed, all offices were declared vacant, and the Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the following as the officers of Provincial Grand Chapter for the year ensuing :

Comp. R. C. Else ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" F. T. Elworthy, 261 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Col. Long ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" W. Bidgood, 261 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" B. H. Watts... ..	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Nosworthy, 329 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.P. Soj.
" J. M. Atkins, 446 ...	...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G. Soj.
" Glossop, 1222 ...	...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G. Soj.
" Hearne ... ..	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. B. Crowe, 261 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Hawkins ... ..	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Glover ... ..	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" T. G. Williams, 261 ...	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" Bigwood ... ..	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The alms collected were, on the motion of Comp. T. G. WILLIAMS, seconded by Comp. W. BIDGOOD, given to the Taunton and Somerset Hospital.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a banquet, which was held in the dining hall adjoining the lodge, under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Col. Adair. After the banquet the usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and the brethren separated.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge took place on Saturday, the 21st ult., at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond. The Prov. G.M., R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., presided, and he was supported by Bros. F. Davidson, D.P.G.M.; Capt. W. E. Stewart, P.S.G.W.; H. White, P.J.G.W.; Rev. J. Hutchins, P.G. Chap.; C. Hammerton, P.G. Treas.; W. G. Brighten, P.G. Sec.; J. K. R. Cama, P.J.G.D.; D. E. Biddlecombe, P.G. Org.; J. H. Hawkins, P.G.I.G.; J. Larkin, A. G. Fidler, and W. Vickers, P.G. Stewards; and John Gilbert, P.G. Tyler.

Amongst other members who signed the attendance book were :

Bros. Dr. W. H. Kempster, G. Stwd.; G. J. Dunkerley, P.G. Org.; J. Rhodes, P.G. Org.; D. P. Cama, P.S.G.D.; H. M. Appleton, P.G.S.; T. Clark, P.S.G.D.; J. M. Klenck, P.G. Rgr., P.G. Sec.; L. G. G. Robbins, G. Stwd.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; G. H. M. Bridges, P.J.G.W.; A. H. Scurrah, Reg. 355; C. Fountaine, P.G.S.; C. J. Axford, W.M. 4; G. Graveley, P.G.S.B.; J. S. Cumberland, P.G.O.; S. C. Dibdin, P.G.O.; F. Laurence, P.G.O.; J. Owens, 234; H. Kempton, D.C. 331; H. E. Vickers, M.D., 198; W. W. Call, Tyler, P.M. 357; R. Dakers, I.P.M. 333; S. P. Catterson, W.M. 234; J. H. Clare, W.M. 199; J. Barnett, jun., S.O. 315; J. Delves, 350; J. T. Briggs, G. Std. Br.; T. Edmonston, P.M. 333; J. Hill, J.D. 333; B. R. Bryant, P.G. Std. Br.; G. Gregory, S.W. 355; W. A. Scurrah, W.M. 355; W. M. Stiles, P.M. 355; H. Dickey, J.W. 355; I. F. Saunders, 133; E. Morbey, S.O. 355; W. Potter, M.O. 234; M. J. Rowley, J.D. 355; H. Burgess, W.M. 198; G. Dickinson, S.D. 355; J. Powdrell, Org. 355; Dr. Ferguson, S.W. Era; C. J. Knightley, Sec. 355; C. Quennell, Sec. 144; J. L. Tamburini, C. M. Braden, R. W. Byford, W.M. 350; W. C. Dickey, S.D. 357; F. Eastwood, S.W. Clapton; P. Saillard, W.M. 144; J. H. Lane, 315; Col. Mahone, W. Tomson, W. W. Morgan, and others.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting, held on the 12th July, 1887, were read and confirmed. The Prov. Grand Secretary then proceeded to call the roll of the lodges, and to give particulars as to the several returns made by their respective Secretaries. Bro. Brighten's efforts in this regard had resulted most satisfactorily; of the 33 lodges comprising the province 32 had supplied the necessary details, while in the remaining instance one of the representatives of the lodge in question explained that he had just undertaken the duties of Secretary, but had not yet had the whole of the papers transferred to his charge. He hoped, however, to be in a position in another week to comply with the requirements of the Prov. Grand Lodge. This announcement was received with enthusiasm. The total number of members on the register now stands at 707, while to this has to be added the list not yet to hand. The Treasurer's financial statement showed that the receipts (including balance in hand at last meeting) amounted to £158 17s. 10d.; the balance in favour of Prov. Grand Lodge, after all expenses had been defrayed, now stands at £94 12s. 2d., an increase of £17 8s. 7d. over that of last year. There is also a balance in hand to the credit of the Benevolent Fund, instituted especially for the relief of distressed Mark Master Masons of the province, amounting to £22 5s. 8d.

The report was unanimously adopted, and it was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER now explained that the time had arrived when the Prov. Grand Master should be nominated to a further term of service. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett during the long period he had been at their head had so zealously exerted himself that he felt assured the brethren one and all desired he should still retain the reins of government. Bro. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT said he had now held the office of Prov. G. Mark Master for 18 years, and if he were again elected for a further term of three years some among them might think he was monopolising the office. Still, at the same time, he greatly appreciated the compliment, and if they should re-elect him he would continue to do the best in his power for their welfare and comfort.

Bro. Charles Hammerton, Prov. G. Treas., was thanked for his services during the past year, and re-elected for the ensuing 12 months.

After Bro. HAMMERTON had gracefully acknowledged the compliment, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master was confirmed in his appointment, and the Prov. Grand Officers invested, as follows :

Bro. L. G. G. Robbins ...	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" A. J. Bristow ...	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Philip Dakers... ..	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" J. L. Mather ... ..	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" J. W. Hobbs ... ..	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. J. Hutchins, ...	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. Cooper-Smith ...	...	...	...	
" W. A. Scurrah ... ..	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. G. Brighten ... ..	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" T. P. Staley ... ..	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. Larkin ... ..	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. Fisher ... ..	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" H. M. Appleton ... ..	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" C. Slater ... ..	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" C. Fountaine ... ..	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" A. G. Fidler ... ..	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" H. H. Shirley... ..	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" D. Ferguson ... ..	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" P. Saillard ... ..	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" Clare ... ..	...	...	...	
" Tyler ... ..	...	...	...	
" W. F. Potter ... ..	...	...	...	
" F. K. Hales ... ..	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" Col. Bircham ... ..	...	...	...	
" J. Gilbert ... ..	...	...	...	

The next business was to appoint a Steward on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and on application being made as to whether any brother present would offer his services, the new P.S.G. Warden, Bro. L. G. G. Robbins responded. The Prov. G. Lodge then voted £10 10s. from its funds to head Bro. Robbins' list. This grant was liberally supplemented later in the evening, and Bro. Robbins, though only undertaking the functions at the eleventh hour, was enabled to take up £373 5s. at the recent Festival.

Bros. J. M. Klenck, P. Dakers, H. White, and P. A. Scratchley were the four members added to the regular officers who will form the Committee for General Purposes.

This completing the business, Prov. Grand Mark Lodge was closed.

The banquet was well served, and the wines did credit both to "mine host" and to the "selectees." On the removal of the cloth,

Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, who was in capital health and spirits, gave the loyal toasts with his accustomed geniality.

With the toast of "The Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Mark Officers" was associated the name of Bro. C. F. HOGARD, who, in the course of his reply, expressed his gratification that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex would be represented on Wednesday, the 25th ult., when the Deputy Grand Master, the Marquess of Hertford, would preside at the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival. On behalf of the Grand Officers generally, he thanked those present for the cordiality with which they had received the toast.

Bro. Capt. STEWART proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master," and, in responding,

Sir FRANCIS BURDETT said that though perhaps he, to some extent, had suggested that it was desirable he should retire in favour of some younger man, he felt equal to a good amount of work yet. He had experienced great pleasure in being present on that occasion, and as long as he had health and strength he should continue to take an interest in Masonic work.

The next toast was a combined one—it included "The Deputy Grand Master, the Treasurer, and the Secretary." After full honour had been done it, the three brethren referred to rose to reply.

Bro. DAVIDSON expressed the gratification he and his confrères had experienced by the heartiness with which the brethren had received them. He trusted they might all be spared to meet on future occasions. It was the rule that they should alternate their meetings—one year in Surrey, the next in Middlesex; it would be the turn of Middlesex next time, and he hoped they might have an equally satisfactory gathering.

Bro. HAMMERTON took a retrospective glance, and related some particulars as to the relative cost of the entertainments of past years with that of the present.

Bro. BRIGHTEN said that with respect to the disbursements of their funds they had been especially careful, and as a result, although at one period of their history they were in debt, they were now in much better circumstances. Their Provincial Grand Lodge was well appointed, and there was a goodly balance in hand. He trusted this happy state would long continue.

To the toast given in honour of the Mark Benevolent Fund Bro. ROBBINS replied, and cordially thanked those who had contributed to his list.

For "The Visitors," Bro. MORGAN replied, and shortly afterwards the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The meeting was a most successful one, and great credit is due to Bro. F. C. Mouflet for the arrangements made for the comfort of the brethren, both at the lodge and banquet.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**

The Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers to this Institution was held last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, J.P., Past Grand Treasurer, presided, and there were also present Bros. Ralph Clutton, George Cooper, E. Letchworth, H. Massey, C. H. Webb, C. J. Perceval, W. Watkins (Monmouth), A. E. Gladwell, Peter de Lande Long, W. E. Hottingham, 77; C. Stratford, P.M. 483; Thomas Fenn, W. W. Morgan, Wm. Russell (Chairman Charity Committee, Kent), W. F. Masters, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, and the reading of the minutes of General and House Committees for information, the list of candidates for the election of October next was settled, from which it was shown that there will be 64 candidates, 0 of whom are to be elected.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, P.G.D., then, for Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., moved "That a gratuity of £25 be made to Miss M. F. Goodridge, Assistant Governess, on her retirement from the School for the purpose of being married." Bro. Letchworth said Miss Goodridge had been Assistant Governess for some years, and she had given the greatest satisfaction to the Head Governess and to the Committee. She had also distinguished herself in her studies. She passed her examinations at the Royal Academy of Music, and she was a most accomplished musician, and he was sure all the supporters of the Institution would wish her, as the House Committee wished her, every happiness in her future life.

Bro. P. de L. LONG, P.G.D., in seconding the motion, said that on a similar occasion the Institution had presented another governess with a like sum, and they were now only following a precedent.

Bro. C. H. WEBB said he was not going to move an amendment, but he merely objected to the funds of the Institution being disposed of in that way. The money was not given to the Institution for such purposes. No doubt Miss Goodridge was a very worthy young lady, but he opposed the motion on principle.

Bro. H. MASSEY.—Hear, hear.  
Bro. LETCHWORTH said there was a feeling among the Committee that the girls educated at the School, and who became governesses there, were, to a certain extent, children of the Craft and of the Institution. He had always thought that they, the Governors of the Institution, stood in the place of parents to the girls, and on those grounds he ventured to think they were not exceeding their powers in making these gifts.

The motion was carried, with two dissentients—Bros. Webb and Massey.

Bro. W. RUSSELL, for Bro. J. Smith Eastes, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Kent, moved—"That this Court accept the sum of one thousand guineas from the Province of Kent in commemoration of the Centenary of the Institution, for the purchase of a perpetual presentation of one girl to the School, to be called the 'Jubilee' Presentation, the right of such presentation being vested in the Provincial Grand Master of Kent for the time being, or other duly authorised person, in accordance with an agreement similar to those providing for presentations from West Yorkshire to this Institution." Bro. Russell said that Bro. Eastes was not able to be present, and, therefore, asked him, when he found that he (Bro. Russell) was going to be there, to make the motion for him. As Charity Representative of the Province of Kent, and, on behalf of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he, therefore, moved the motion. There was no necessity for his making a long speech, because every one knew the interest the Province of Kent took in the Masonic Girls' School.

Bro. C. H. WEBB seconded the motion, which was put, and carried unanimously.

Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL, Vice-President, moved—"That the following addition be made to Law 55, 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.'" Bro. Perceval said he brought this motion for this reason. At the last election a girl was returned at the head of the poll whose father had not been in Masonry three months, and had not taken his Third Degree; and when he saw such a case overriding those of girls whose fathers had been sixteen-and-a-half years in Masonry, 13 years, and 20 years, and had been doing good service to Masonry, if the length of service gave a claim, then a child whose father had done nothing, and had not even taken his Third Degree, had no claim. If the father had been taken away by death, and not done any good thing for Masonry, that was another thing; they could not help that; he had not had it in his power to do anything; but he thought the benefits of the Institution should not be given to such children whose fathers had been so short a time in Masonry.

Bro. C. H. WEBB seconded the motion with a considerable amount of pleasure, in this sense, that he quite agreed with the views of Bro. Perceval. It was not the first time they had had cases of that kind, and it was only by the generosity of the brethren that they got put on the list and elected, for they were all kind hearted and did not like to refuse a case. If they had a law whereby the principle was laid down that a case could not be entertained where the father had not subscribed a certain time such cases could not come up. Many of these cases were passed by the General Committee; it was not a question of merit, but a question of management. He thought the privileges of the Institution were largely abused. He would be, however, inclined to alter the three to two years.

Bro. PERCEVAL intimated that he might be disposed to accept the two years' limit.

Bro. GLADWELL said in 1884 Bro. Godson, in the Boys' Institution, brought forward a motion to this effect, which had been printed in the rules, but it was worded in such a way that it was nugatory by its own verbiage. It was that three years should be a necessary qualification. It was accepted by the Quarterly Court at the day of election. It was always Bro. Godson's intention that a three years' qualification should be necessary. In the present case it had been suggested that it should be modified to two years. In either case he thought it would be right and proper.

Bro. WEBB said of course the rule might be relaxed in a great catastrophe like the wreck of the "Princess Alice."

The CHAIRMAN said it could always be moved to suspend any law, and if carried it must be confirmed by a General Court.

Bro. LETCHWORTH, P.G.D., did not quite agree with

the brethren who had spoken, but thought that as soon as a man was a Mason he should be entitled to the same privileges other Masons enjoyed. It should be left to the subscribers to decide whether the case was a good one or not.

Bro. W. RUSSELL (Kent) supported the motion. Election after election the number of candidates were very large, and there was a tendency in it to grow. When a candidate was once on the paper they could not stop her. He thought Bro. Perceval's motion was right. They ought to take some care to guard the interests of those who had served a long time in Freemasonry. In the other Institutions in the Craft it was quite right to impose some restrictions in order that those who had done great things in Masonry might be preferred to those who had done nothing. Although they were taught in Masonry that they were all equal, this did not hold good in all circumstances. How was it possible to put an initiate on the same footing with a brother who had served Masonry 14, 20, or 25 years? The child of the Mason of 25 years' standing should be on a better footing than the child of a brother who had only just taken his Third Degree. He preferred the three years to the two years. At the Board of Benevolence it was two years, but that was for a solitary instance of relief; but here it was for relief or benefit extending over a series of years.

Bro. FENN, President of the Board of General Purposes, said, with reference to the remarks as to the qualification of the child of a brother who had been 20 or 25 years a Mason, he did not think it likely that a brother who had been all that time in Masonry would have a child young enough to be eligible for the Institution. (Oh, oh.)

One Brother who had been 24 years a Mason said he had nearly half a dozen children whose ages rendered them eligible. (Laughter.)

Bro. FENN said as to a catastrophe like the loss of the "Princess Alice," rules were then relaxed.

The CHAIRMAN said that the relief at the Board of Benevolence was administered by the Board, who were really trustees of the general Masonic funds, but with the Charitable Institutions the elections were in the hands of those who had paid their own money.

Bro. PERCEVAL said he should adhere to his three years. The motion was then put and carried.

The brethren then adopted Bro. Fenn's advice to keep the funds which were invested in Consols in that security. To adopt the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Conversion Scheme would be a loss to the Institution of £500. The brethren afterwards considered the plans of the new buildings as explained by Bro. Clutton.

A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

The Quarterly General Court of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 27th ult. Bro. J. M. Clabon, Vice-Patron and Trustee, P.G.D., presided, and there were present Bros. J. W. Ramsay, M.D., W. Smithett, W. Tunnicliff, E. J. Barron, Thos. W. Murley, W. Watkins, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. B.; C. E. Terry, Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; W. Masters, Henry Cox, H. H. Riach, R. H. Hulbert, James Stevens, W. W. Morgan, Henry Venn, Joyce Murray, Philip Cheek, A. Durrant, Chas. Blain, H. M. Hobbs, James S. Fraser, A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.D.; E. V. Greatbatch, Geo. Kelley, Belgrave Ninnis, Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., John L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; Alfred Williams, C. H. Webb, C. Dearing, J. Bodenham, Geo. Brown, Charles J. Perceval, E. M. Money, A. E. Gladwell, Charles Daniel, Herbert Dicketts, J. Rayner, J. W. Imbert-Terry, F. R. Spaul, Samuel Ashton, W. Lake, W. L. Spratling, Geo. Corble, and F. Binckes, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the last Quarterly Court having been read and confirmed, and those of the General Committee read for information, the following letter from the Prov. Grand Secretary of Nottinghamshire was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

"Provincial Grand Secretary's Office,  
"Journal Chambers, Pelham-street,  
"Nottingham, 26th July, 1888.

"To the Chairman Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

"Very Worshipful Sir and Brother,

"I am directed by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire to forward you a copy of resolutions which were unanimously carried at a meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge held this day at Eastwood:

"1. 'That, in the opinion of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire, the annual expenditure of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is excessive, and, being so much per head above that of kindred institutions, requires the closest investigation by an independent and representative Committee, and the reasons thereof explained, by circular, to its various supporters.'

"2. 'That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President, Vice-Presidents, and Chairman of the Quarterly General Court.'

"I am, Very Wor. Sir and Brother, Yours fraternally,  
"HENRY R. HATHERLEY,  
"Prov. G. Sec. Nottinghamshire."

Bro. A. F. GODSON, M.P., then rose, pursuant to notice of motion, and moved the resolution standing in his name, but with the insertion of the word "expenditure," so that the inquiry proposed should cover the whole ground of "discipline, expenditure, and administration;" and Bro. C. F. HOGARD, P.G. Std. Br., having seconded,

Bro. J. W. IMBERT-TERRY, moved an amendment which would have left the nomination of the brethren to be associated with Bro. Philbrick in the inquiry to the General Court, instead of vesting the selection in that brother. Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART seconded the amendment, and Bro. JAMES STEVENS supported it, while Bro. W. SPRATLING opposed it, and Bro. GODSON having spoken in favour of his resolution, the amendment was put, and negatived by a large majority.

Bro. Godson's resolution was then submitted, and Bros. E. V. GREATBATCH and W. TUNNICLIFF having severally proposed and seconded, and Bro. GODSON having accepted a suggestion "that the members to be selected by Bro. Philbrick should be selected in equal proportions from London and the Provinces," the motion was carried, and is as follows: "That, having regard to the charges recently

made against the management of this Institution, without recognising in the least that such charges are in any degree well founded, this Court is of opinion that in the interests of the Institution it is desirable that an impartial investigation into its discipline, expenditure, and administration be forthwith undertaken, and that the Grand Registrar of the Order (V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Vice-Patron, and Deputy Prov. G.M. of Essex) be invited to associate with himself such members of the Craft, selected in equal proportions from London and the Provinces, being, at least, Life Governors of the Institution, as he may think proper for the purposes of such inquiry. The result to be submitted as a report to a subsequent Quarterly General Court."

Bro. C. H. Webb's motion to expunge Law 71, which empowers the Committee to make grants towards outfit to boys who have left and obtained engagements was rejected, and Bro. James Stevens's proposed amendment to Law 55 was deferred.

The name of a candidate having been removed from the list in consequence of an improvement in his circumstances and an additional vacancy having been caused by the removal from the School of a boy who is to be educated at Harrow, the number of candidates was declared as 76, and the number of vacancies to be filled as 21.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

**INTERESTING MASONIC GATHERINGS IN YORKSHIRE.**

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., Past G.D. of England, of Carleton Grange, Pontefract, is, with his usual generosity, entertaining a number of members of the teaching staff of the Masonic School for Girls at his Yorkshire seat, and during their visit, which is to extend over a week, arrangements have been made for visits to be paid to some of the principal beauty spots of the shire of Broad Acres. The visitors are Miss Davies, Miss Buck, Miss Kernot, Miss Redgrave, Miss Rumblow, and Miss Flintoft, and they reached the hospitable mansion of their entertainer on the 26th ult.

On Friday, the 27th ult., it was arranged that the opening visit should be paid to Leeds, and the services of the Leeds brethren were readily enlisted in the attempt to make the stay of the ladies a happy one. Bro. Henry Smith, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, was in charge, owing to the unavoidable, but regrettable, absence of Bro. and Mrs. Tew. He was assisted by Bro. Herbert Green, the Prov. Grand Secretary, and Bro. Smithson, Chairman of the Charity Committee of the province, to whom in no small measure is due the unqualified success of the visit, for he made all the arrangements, and was unremitting in his attention to the ladies.

Amongst the brethren and ladies included in the invitation were Bro. Dr. Smyth, P.G.C. Eng.; Bro. Tudor Trevor, W.M. 2069; Bro. A. W. Williamson and Mrs. Williamson; Mrs. Smithson; Bro. Dr. Spark, the Leeds Boro' Organist; Bro. Dr. and Mrs. Dobson; Bro. and Mrs. Crowe; Bro. and Mrs. Fourness; Bro. and Miss Bedford; Bro. Ald. Fox (Mayor of Dewsbury); Bro. and Mrs. Watson; Bro. and Mrs. Fretwell; Bro. Craig; Bro. C. L. Mason; and many others.

There was a reception at the Masonic Hall, followed by a luncheon. After the meal, carriages had, through Bro. Smithson's foresight, been engaged to be at the door, and the party was soon en route for Kirkstall Abbey. The splendid and picturesque ruin, which dates from the middle of the twelfth century, was thoroughly inspected. A move was then made to Adel Church, the route being through some of the prettiest bits of scenery around Leeds. Here some time was spent in examining the ancient edifice.

Then, at the invitation of the Rev. Dr. Smyth, a short visit was paid to St. Chad's Church, Far Headingley, of which he is the vicar. Having duly admired this beautiful building a short stay was made at the vicarage, where the genial host dispensed his hospitality with heartiness and grace. The carriages afterwards conveyed the visitors to the Leeds Town Hall, every part of which was inspected. Bro. Dr. Spark, Past Prov. Grand Organist, led the way to the grand Hall, and gave a short recital on the organ over which he so ably presides, and which is admitted to be one of the finest in the world. The pieces included an extempore introduction and Lefebuhr and Wely's "Fantasia Pastorale." In this he introduced a storm, the singing of birds, and a prayer after the storm. He afterwards played Mendelssohn's "Andante to a violin concerto," which showed to perfection the beautiful and expressive stops of the instrument. He wound up with a few Masonic airs and the National Anthem. This musical treat, it is needless to say, was heartily enjoyed, and the doctor was accorded the heartiest thanks of the party for his kindness.

By this time tea was ready, so an adjournment was made to the Market Hall, where Bro. Tew's lavish hospitality was enjoyed. After tea, Dr. Spark and several of the lady visitors delighted their hearers with music, and Mr. Williamson also sang. It was then time to say good-bye, and a move was made to the station amid the best wishes of the Leeds brethren. The visitors enjoyed a thoroughly happy day, and, indeed, all joined in thanks to Bro. Tew, who, in this matter, has made a "new departure" which must commend itself to all our readers.

On Saturday, York was visited; on Monday, Bolton Woods; on Tuesday, there was a garden party at Carleton Grange; and on Wednesday, Shedley Royal and Fountains Abbey were inspected. The visit throughout has been a perfect success, and Bro. Tew's hospitality has been unbounded, and largely shared by the brethren in this province.

The Scriveners' Company have promised a donation of £100 to the Endowment Fund of the Polytechnic Institution in Regent-street.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. H. S. Brownrigg, of the Rifle Brigade, has been appointed Commandant of the Defence Forces of the Colony of Victoria, and will take over the command in September next.

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**Original Correspondence.**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1888.

THE PRO GRAND MASTER AND THE [SO-CALLED] GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,  
The attention of Lord Carnarvon having been called to a letter from Bro. W. F. Lamonby, in your issue of the 21st ult., in which he quotes a statement from a Melbourne paper of the 5th June last, to the effect that his lordship had expressed himself perfectly satisfied with the legality of the proceedings taken some time since by the body styling itself the Grand Lodge of Victoria, respecting its formation, Lord Carnarvon requests me to say that there is evidently some mistake on the subject, as he is not aware of having ever expressed himself in the terms therein stated.—Yours fraternally,

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, COL., G.S.  
Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall,  
Great Queen-street, London, W.C.,  
August 1st.

**AMERICAN HONOURS FOR ENGLISH MASONS.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,  
In your last issue, you transfer—under the above heading—a portion of Bro. Parvin's "Report," as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, together with an item from the subsequent "Proceedings" of that body; the former giving the names of certain brethren proposed for the distinction of Honorary Membership, and the latter recording the fact that the brethren thus recommended by the Grand Secretary were duly elected by the Grand Lodge.

Among these names appears my own, and, while I should be sorry if for an instant it were imagined that I in any way undervalued the compliment that has been paid me, there are, nevertheless, certain features in the case, which cannot be altogether passed over, *sub silentio*, without some misconception arising.

That my "History of Freemasonry" has been pirated in the U.S.A. is common knowledge, and also that the publisher was assisted in palming off his spurious wares, as genuine ones, by three brethren in high quarters.

One of these brethren was Bro. Parvin, and though I accept, without the slightest reserve, his assurance that (in effect) he was himself both hoodwinked and misled, the fact still remains that the American Craft was gulled by a false statement that three of its members were severally co-authors of my work; therefore, while I appreciate Bro. Parvin's suggestion to his Grand Lodge *much*, I should have appreciated *far more* a public renunciation on his part of the countenance and support given by him (however unwittingly) to the sale of a History of Freemasonry purporting to be written by me, with the "assistance" of himself and others.

The action taken by the American Masonic press has somewhat bewildered me. *Everywhere* I find kindly notices of my book, but *nowhere* do I meet with any reprobation of the manner in which the result of long years of labour has been coolly filched from me by an Ohio publisher.

Indeed, the *Keystone* (Philadelphia) presents week after week, in a flaming advertisement, a recommendation by Bro. J. Simons, P.G.M. New York, to buy my "History," as the repertory (so to speak) of Masonic wisdom, but at the foot thereof there is a reference to the local agency of the Ohio publisher; so in this case the praise bestowed on the author is simply a *ruse* to promote the success of the piracy.

Thus I am virtually being pillaged, under a colourable pretence of extolling my literary and Masonic merits, and here the familiar lines come home to me:—

"They kicked him down stairs with such exquisite grace  
You'd have thought they were handing him up."  
I am afraid there is a good deal of unreality—not to say pure, undiluted humbug—in American Masonry, and that the "profession" of our trans-Atlantic brethren is in many cases much better than their "practice." In my next literary venture—and I am now preparing a work on Masonic Jurisprudence—I shall hope for the protection of an international law of copyright, for without it the English Masonic author has little mercy to expect at the hands of his brethren in America.

"Smooth words butter no parsnips," as the old proverb has it; and while I am fully sensible of the honour and distinction involved in the election to the honorary membership of a Grand Lodge, I sincerely trust that if any other Grand Lodge in America should examine my own claim to be considered a faithful historian of the Craft, the members thereof will place on record such an expression of opinion with regard to the way in which my labours have been recognised in the United States of America, as may tend to render slightly less probable in the future any similar spoliation in the case of an English Masonic author.—Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.  
July 30th.

**MASONS' MARKS.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,  
Will you kindly allow me, through your columns, to make inquiries of some of your learned readers concerning Masons' Marks? Bro. Hughan, in a most interesting lecture which he delivered a few days ago, referred to a lodge in Aberdeen which instructed—in the year 1670—each member to select "a Mark." I am wishful to learn whether this "Mark" was supposed to be used only in signing the lodge books, or whether it was customary to use the "Mark" in their ordinary business signatures. In a large collection of sixteenth and seventeenth century documents which I have been fortunate in discovering belonging to the "Delaval" family, and which consist largely of

signatures to legal documents and annuity receipts, embracing almost every family of importance in Northumberland, to a large number of the signatures there is attached "his Mark." In very few instances is this a simple X, but as a rule is an artistic mark, which would require as great skill to execute as will warrant the conclusion that the writer would be able to write his own name. If you can assist me in determining the true history of the Speculative "Masons' Marks," I will be greatly obliged.—I remain, dear sir and brother, yours truly,

JOHN ROBINSON.

July 28th.



### PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF NEBRASKA. Chicago: Knight and Leonard Co., Printers, 1887.

We gather from this report of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of R.A. Masons of Nebraska at its 21st annual convocation at Hastings on the 14th and 15th December last that the Royal Arch has shared in the general prosperity which has attended the different branches of Masonry in this jurisdiction during the past year. The annual convocation was held under the presidency of Comp. I. T. Benjamin, G.H.P., who was well supported by his Grand Officers and the representatives of subordinate chapters. The Grand High Priest, in the course of his address, gave a succinct review of the events of the past year, noting, among other matters, the losses sustained by death, the satisfactory progress made by the Grand and Subordinate Chapters, the appointment of representatives at Foreign Grand Chapters, &c., &c., &c. The Grand Treasurer's report shows a total of receipts, including the balance brought forward from previous year, amounting to upwards of 5237 dollars, and expenditure 2123 dollars, the balance remaining in hand at close of the year being 3113 dollars and upwards. The returns of membership, &c., show 39 chapters duly constituted with seven chapters under dispensation, and a total membership of 1940. The following were elected as the Principal Grand Officers for the ensuing year, namely, Comps. Lucius D. Richards, G.H.P.; Charles A. Holmes, Dep. G.H.P.; Milton J. Hall, G. King; Frank H. Young, G. Scribe; John B. Dinsmore, G. Treas.; and Will. R. Bowen, G. Sec. The statistical tables and returns of Chapters which are appended contain all needful information as to membership, and the report on Foreign Correspondence is very full and readable.

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND R.A. CHAPTER OF TENNESSEE. January, 1888, Nashville, Tennessee: Brandon Printing Company, 1888.

According to this Report, the 59th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee was held at Freemasons' Hall, Nashville, on the 23rd and 24th January, 1888, under the presidency of Comp. William R. Shaver, G.H.P., the attendance of G. Officers, Present and Past, and members being very numerous. The various Committees having been appointed, Comp. Shaver delivered the customary address containing a review of the events of the past year. The Grand Treasurer's statement of account shows Receipts, including balance of over 1595 dollars brought forward, amounting to close on 3311 dollars, with an expenditure of nearly 1665 dollars, the balance in hand at the close of the account being 1646 dollars. According to the Grand Secretary's Report there are 55 chapters working, with an aggregate membership of 1888. There is no report from the Committee of Correspondence, but the Appendix contains the laws of the Grand Chapter, a model code of by-laws recommended for adoption by subordinate chapters; a full account of the 24th Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of Tennessee on the 24th January, with its constitution and list of members and officers; and also the constitutions of the General Grand Chapter of the United States as revised and adopted 25th August, 1880. The following are the principal Grand Officers for the current year, namely: Comps. Lewis R. Eastman, G.H.P.; N. F. Harrison, Deputy G.H.P.; Thomas O. Morris, G. King; A. C. Robeson, G. Scribe; N. S. Woodward, G. Treas.; John Frizzell, G. Sec.; and W. A. Clendening, A.G. Sec.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, in the presence of a numerous and distinguished company, opened a Fire Reserve Exhibition at the Portman Rooms, Baker-street, Portman-square, on Monday. The exhibits included domestic fire-escapes, unflammable articles, fire-extinguishers, hand-grenades, &c. The profits of the Exhibition will be handed over to the Royal Humane Society.

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



### Craft Masonry.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, on Wednesday, the 25th ult. There was a good attendance of brethren, the members including Bros. C. R. Wickens, P.M. 733, W.M.; J. J. Thomas, S.W.; J. Page, J.W.; Dr. W. Slyman, Treas.; F. Baker, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Stratton, S.D.; J. Stephens, J.D.; S. J. Humfress, P.M., I.G.; T. R. Knight Smith, Org.; J. Evans, P.M.; E. W. Scatterwood, P.M.; F. F. Wuest, P.M.; R. T. Hill, P.M.; J. Powell, P.M.; F. Seager Hunt, M.P.; R. P. Tabb, S. R. Nightingale, R. F. Redfearn, W. F. Stiles, and E. Wehrle. Visitors: Bros. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; G. Baker, P.P.G.P. Warwickshire; W. J. Mason, J.W. 2246; T. Colman, W.M. 1265; W. G. Wile, 725; R. H. Dillon, W.M. 1567; J. T. Rowe, P.M. 167; N. G. Boswell, W.M. 1339; Dr. N. Goodchild, P.M. 704; W. Rickwood, P.M. 192; N. Turner, P.M. 72; J. J. Mickelburgh, P.M. 1425; C. W. Side, W.M. 511; Jas. Kew, P.M. 179; S. R. Walker, P.M. 733; E. C. Mulvey, W.M. 2246; W. Richards, 1853; W. T. Farthing, P.M. 55, 2150; G. Read, P.M. 511; Charles J. Brown, 733; W. B. Snowdon, 1541; M. J. Green, 1987; G. Rawlinson, 2168; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed, after which Bro. Wehrle was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Bro. J. J. Thomas, S.W., was then presented as W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was impressively installed into the chair by Bro. C. R. Wickens, I.P.M. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. J. Page, S.W.; W. J. Stratton, J.W.; W. D. Slyman, P.M., Treas.; F. G. Baker, P.M. Sec.; J. Stephens, P.M. 1425, S.D.; S. J. Humfress, P.M. 733, J.D.; S. B. Nightingale, I.G.; H. Slyman, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., D.C.; T. F. Knight Smith, P.M. 1441, Org.; R. P. Tabb and R. T. Redfearn, Stwds.; and C. Thomas, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. C. R. Wickens, I.P.M., in a forcible and impressive style. The W.M., in presenting Bro. C. R. Wickens, I.P.M., with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to make the presentation, as the I.P.M. had rendered efficient and conscientious service to the lodge. Bro. Wickens, I.P.M., briefly returned thanks for the compliment. Bro. Dr. Slyman, P.M., said he had a resolution to move which he was sure would meet with the approbation of all present. It was to record on the minutes the loss they had sustained by the death of the late Emperor of Germany, the Patron and an honorary member of their lodge. It was not for him to say anything with regard to the Masonic qualifications of the late Emperor, or of his many virtues and great sufferings. He wished, however, that they as members should always bear in mind that their founders established the lodge with a good name and a powerful set of officers, and it was their duty to record on their minutes passing events, and thus hand down a history of their labours, sorrows, and joys. He begged to move that the members of this lodge record on the minutes the loss of their patron, who died as Frederick, Emperor of Germany, on the 5th June, 1888. Bro. Wickens, I.P.M., in seconding the motion, said the lodge should never forget that mighty name, which he hoped would be perpetuated by their lodge for many years to come. The motion was then carried "nem. con." Routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

A banquet followed, at the conclusion of which the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In giving "The Grand Officers" the Worshipful Master said the Craft owed much to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M., but, as they were, aware it was not possible to see him frequently in Grand Lodge. His place was, however, well filled by the distinguished brethren whose names he had mentioned in proposing the toast, who conducted the affairs in a highly creditable manner. They were fortunate that evening in having Bro. Eve, P.G. Treas., amongst them, to whom they were indebted for travelling a long distance in order to be present.

Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., said he felt it a peculiar privilege to be allowed to return thanks for the kind way in which the W.M. had proposed and the brethren had received the toast. He had a double duty to perform, one of a general and the other of a personal character. In the first place he had to return thanks generally for the Grand Officers, in which body were included noblemen and other brethren distinguished in various phases of life, and who held high positions in the various departments of the State. They were pleased to find that such noblemen as the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Lathom could find time to discharge various duties in the Craft and support the M.W.G.M. as they did. There were many brethren of not such high degree, but still in their various positions were well known and made themselves felt in the management and the affairs of the country. Law, physic, or divinity, they found they had brethren distinguished in all, whilst science, literature, and art were also well represented in the Grand Officers. He now came to his personal duty, and had to return sincere thanks for the invitation and reception he had received and to express the pleasure it had afforded him to be present to see the W.M. placed in the chair. He knew the lodge possessed a W.M. whose heart and soul were in Masonry, and who was determined to perform his duties in a manner calculated to enhance the prestige of the lodge. He was confident that the lodge had procured the services of one who would distinguish himself in Masonry, for he was desirous of furthering its good work. He had that evening met a great many old friends from the Westbourne Lodge, with whom he was pleased to renew his acquaintance. His visit had been very gratifying, and he hoped he should have the opportunity of being with them on future occasions.

Bro. C. R. Wickens, I.P.M., said he had had the gravel entrusted to him for the purpose of proposing "The Health of the W.M." He felt that he had a very slight duty to perform, for the Grand Officers who had preceded him had told them and expatiated upon the qualities of their W.M.

He was sure, therefore, that he need not repeat the remarks of the P.G. Treasurer respecting Bro. J. J. Thomas, W.M., for he could endorse every word. They had a brother in the chair who was capable and willing to discharge his duties, and there was no doubt but that he would be an ornament to the lodge in years to come.

Bro. J. J. Thomas, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for the kind way in which he had proposed, and the brethren had received the toast. He assured them that nothing would be wanting on his part to make his year as satisfactory as the brethren could wish. It was more than seven years since he was initiated, and when he became aware of the beauties of the ritual, he thought there was much to be done. The feeling took possession of him that he ought to do something, and he determined to try. He had tried, and if during his year they could say he had succeeded, that would be an ample reward for the pleasant time he had spent in working up the ritual. He hoped the members would cordially support him and give him plenty of work.

"The Health of the I.P.M." was then given by the Worshipful Master, who said that Bro. Wickens, I.P.M., had performed his duties well during the past year, of which there had been ample proof that evening by the manner in which he rendered the installation ceremony. The members had much to thank their I.P.M. for; he had performed his duties willingly, and with that thoughtful care which had enabled him to occupy the chair with the approbation of all the brethren with whom he had come into contact.

Bro. C. R. Wickens, I.P.M., in reply, said he should not detain them with a long speech, but sincerely thank them for the way in which they had drunk his health. Whatever he had done had been done with a love for Masonry, which every brother should have instilled into his heart, for unless those taking office gave the greatest attention to their duties, they would find it a difficult matter to discharge them satisfactorily. Masonry was not a sinecure, but was something they ought to feel with sincerity, and was altogether different from the affairs of everyday life. Sincerity and brotherly love were the ideas and meaning of Masonic work. They should help one another and give the brethren who were working through the offices all the assistance in their power. The work required a great deal of perseverance, study, and thought to be carried out well, and every worker must think sincerely of what he was doing, and feel it in his heart. He had done his best, and hoped he had discharged his duty to their satisfaction. He was willing to help and assist his brethren coming on into office, and to help them in their endeavour to perform their respective duties. He again thanked them for their kindness and for the jewel presented to him.

"The Visitors" was next given by the W.M., who remarked that there was a larger number of visiting brethren present than he had ever seen before in the lodge, and he tendered a hearty and cordial welcome to all. He regarded it as a great compliment that he had been thus honoured. Visitors were always received with cordiality in their lodge, and the members hoped they would repeat their visit on a future occasion. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. T. Colman, W.M. 1265, and W. Richards.

Bros. Colman, W.M. 1265, and Richards responded in appropriate terms, and other toasts having been given, a pleasant and successful evening was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast.

An excellent programme of music was admirably rendered under the direction of Bro. T. F. Knight Smith, assisted by Mrs. W. J. Wills, Miss Ada Knight Smith, and Bros. F. G. Baker, J. Stephens, R. P. Tabb, C. R. Wickens, and J. Evans.

**CHORLEY.**—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 730).—On Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, the annual meeting of the above lodge, for the installation and investiture of officers, was held, when Bro. Franklin Thomas, J.P., P.M. and P.Z. 345, P.P.G. Reg. Oxon, and P.P.S.G.W. East Lancashire, was the Installing Master, assisted by Bro. T. Halliwell, P.M. and P.Z. 345, P.P.G. Org. East Lancashire, who ably officiated as investing officer. The lodge was opened by Bro. L. Eccles, the retiring W.M., and, after usual routine business, the chair was taken by Bro. F. Thomas, who impressively installed Bro. George Tootell as W.M. for the ensuing year. The new officers invested were Bros. S. Farmer, S.W.; J. Monks, J.W.; L. Eccles, I.P.M. and Treas.; C. A. Richmond, Sec.; T. F. Brace, Org.; S. Widdows, S.D.; Rev. W. S. Pratt, Chap. and J.D.; J. Sharples, I.G.; R. G. Anderson and E. Smith, Stewards; J. Jolly, Tyler; and Bro. T. Sharples, Charity Steward. Much gratification was expressed at the financial statement of the Treasurer, showing generous gifts during the year to the several Masonic Charities, a good balance in hand, and a full register of members. Bro. L. Eccles, the retiring W.M., and Bro. J. Bradshaw, I.P.M., were each presented with a massive and beautifully chased P.M.'s jewel.

The brethren afterwards retired to the Imperial Hotel, where Hostess Stansfield had prepared the banquet in her usual faultless style. Loyal and Masonic toasts occupied the rest of the evening, interspersed with songs, glees, quartettes, &c., Bro. S. Widdows, Past Organist, having taken great pains that his choir should be equal to the occasion.

Bro. George Tootell presided, assisted by his Wardens, and Bro. John Heald, P.M. 730 and 1032, ably officiated as toastmaster. A pleasant and agreeable evening was spent.

**FELTHAM.**—Lebanon lodge (No. 1326).—The installation Meeting of this lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, on Saturday, the 21st ultimo, Bro. Jas. Laurence, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. E. A. Smith, S.W.; Chas. Wm. Baker, J.W.; Saml. Page, Treas.; Jas. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.D., P.M., Sec.; Joseph J. Marsh, P.P.G.S.B., P.M.; J. A. Wilson, I.G.; Fredk. Walters, P.P.G.D., P.M.; W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D., Prov. Asst. G. Sec.; J. C. Goslin, D.C.; F. Dunstan, Org.; A. Lawton and E. J. Whelan, Stwds.; W. H. Davey, P. Bick, Jno. Amey, J. Thompson, A. Robertson, P. Lodge, H. Mitchell, W. J. Babb, T. W. Kingston, W. Kite, T. Thompson, A. J. Rogers, and others. Visitors: Bros. G. Ward Verry, P.M. 554; W. R. Adams, 733; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, after which the Auditor's report, showing a satisfactory balance both in lodge and Benevolent Funds, was received and adopted. Ballot was successfully taken in favour of Messrs.

T. W. Kingston and T. Thompson, as candidates for initiation, and both being in attendance, were impressively initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. G. J. Bailey was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Philip Bick raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Bro. Edwin Arthur Smith was then presented as W.M. elect, and regularly installed into the chair by the retiring Master, Bro. Jas. Laurence. The brethren having saluted the newly-installed W.M., under the efficient guidance of Bro. J. J. Marsh, P.M., acting D.C., the following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. C. W. Baker, S.W.; J. A. Wilson, J.W.; Saml. Page, Treas.; Jas. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.D., Sec.; J. C. Goslin, S.D.; Saml. Wheeler, J.D.; F. Dunstan, I.G.; A. Lawton, D.C.; J. R. Cox, Org.; E. J. Whelan, A. Robertson, and W. H. Davey, Stwds.; and John Gilbert, Prov. G. Tyler, Tyler. The customary addresses having been carefully and effectively rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. Jas. Laurence, I.P.M., he was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of the efficient and valuable services rendered during his year of office. The members also evinced their esteem and regard for Bro. Laurence by presenting him with a Past Master's collar and pendant. Those gifts were briefly and suitably acknowledged by the recipient. Notice of motion was given by Bro. F. Wallers, P.M., to vote 10 guineas to the R.M. Benevolent Institution. The lodge, as usual, intends sending representatives to the three Masonic Institutions in the forthcoming year, Bro. Wm. Kite having consented to serve as Steward for the R.M. Benevolent Institution, Bro. E. A. Smith, W.M., for the R.M.I. for Boys, and it was understood that another member would serve on behalf of the R.M.I. for Girls. Other routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently partook of an excellent banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts were cordially given and received.

Bro. W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D., in response to the toast of "The Prov. G. Master and Prov. G. Officers," said he esteemed it an honour and privilege to be present to reply to the toast so kindly proposed and so cordially received. It had been his privilege to be present at the installation meetings of that lodge on many occasions, but the present occasion afforded him extreme gratification, as he had heard the ceremony of installation performed by their I.P.M. in a manner appreciated by all the brethren. He had heard the ceremony rendered in that lodge in an admirable manner on previous occasions, but that evening it had been performed in a manner that could not be excelled. That was a sentiment which would be echoed by all present who had had experience in Craft lodges, and he could not be contradicted in the opinion he expressed. It was with pride and pleasure that he stood before them as an officer of the Prov. Grand Lodge of a province which had made rapid strides during the past 10 or 15 years, starting from 4 or 5 lodges and now numbering 39. The Province of Middlesex increased not only in the number of lodges and members, but also in the actual working of Masonry, in brotherly love and good-fellowship which had cemented them together, and in the support of the Masonic Charities. If they looked at the result of the recent Centenary of the Girls' School they would find a total of over £1000 provided by the province. As Prov. G. Officers they were proud of their position, for it was the ambition of every Mason belonging to the province to qualify himself for office in Prov. G. Lodge. He thanked the brethren for the cordial reception he invariably received, and hoped it would be his pleasure and privilege to mingle with them at their meetings on many future occasions.

"The Health of the W.M." was next given by Bro. Laurence, I.P.M., who said the brethren would join him in wishing Bro. Smith, W.M., a successful year of office. They were convinced that their W.M. would conduct the labours in the efficient manner which had characterised his efforts in the minor offices. It was a pleasure to him to instal their present W.M., as he had the pleasure of introducing him into Freemasonry some years ago. It was a peculiar circumstance, and no doubt the fortunes of war, that their W.M., although much younger in Masonry, should follow him into the chair. He was satisfied that when Bro. Smith left the chair the members would be satisfied with the selection they had made. They all wished their W.M. good luck, good health, and plenty of work.

Bro. E. A. Smith, W.M., in reply, after thanking the brethren, said it was about eight years ago since he was initiated in their lodge. He thought at that time he should like to occupy the chair, and his wish had been gratified that evening, which was one of the best moments of his life. He was sure that the officers he had appointed would assist and support him in the work. He trusted they would have a good year, and conclude with as good a balance as the I.P.M. had done. He looked upon their I.P.M. as his father in Masonry, and was convinced that the same support would be extended to him as that brother had received.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The I.P.M.," and expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to present Bro. Laurence with the P.M.'s collar and jewel, which evinced the good feelings the members felt towards him.

Bro. J. Laurence, I.P.M., said that in rising to respond he felt a great amount of diffidence, principally on account of his inability to express in proper terms his thanks for their good wishes. The very handsome testimonial the brethren had presented to him—first, the P.M.'s jewel from the lodge, and, secondly, the P.M.'s collar from the brethren—had overwhelmed him, and his only wish was that he might be spared many years to wear them in their midst. At the commencement of his year as W.M. he had told them that his greatest desire was to hear them say "Well done" at the conclusion of his term of office, and, from their kind words and hearty reception that evening, he felt he had not been disappointed. Should the W.M. require any assistance, he should be willing and happy to render it, and should never be absent from the lodge if he could possibly avoid it.

"The Initiates" was then given, after which "The Visitors" was given in felicitous terms, and responded to by the visiting brethren.

Bros. J. J. Marsh, P.M.; F. Walters; Page, Treas.; and Baldwin, P.M., Sec., replied for "The P.M.'s, Treasurer, and Secretary," congratulating the lodge on its prosperous condition, and assuring the W.M. of their continued support.

"The Officers" and Tyler's toast closed a pleasant evening.

**PORTSMOUTH.—United Service Lodge (No. 1428).**—The brethren of this lodge assembled at the Masonic Club on Friday evening, the 13th ult., 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. of C.; Hewett, W.M. 342; Dupree, P.G. Stwd.; Borrow, W.M. 1058; Birch, W.M. 2074; German, 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; Sergeant-Major Jackson, P.M.; and Sergeant-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.; 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, 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 Bro. W. Maybour, of Portsea, 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.

**PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).**—There was a sound of revelry by night, and bright the light shone on (well, not fair women, but) brave men," attired in their brilliant uniforms of military blue, or scarlet, braided with gold, on the 13th ult. The Horse, the Foot, the Transport Corps were all represented, and the "coup de œil" presented, when the brethren of the above lodge sat down to do honour to the superb catering of Bro. H. Vallum, of the Lord Raglan Hotel, Burray-road, Plumstead, was one long to be remembered with pleasure. The wherefore? It was the installation banquet of the above powerful lodge, for on that day Bro. Lieut. T. Cooper, S.W., W.M. elect, had been placed in the chair of K.S. as Master for the ensuing 12 months, or until a successor shall be duly elected and installed in his stead.

Lodge was opened (by dispensation) at the mess room of the 3rd Kent Artillery Volunteers, Crescent-road, and after the minutes of the previous lodge had been confirmed and a candidate initiated, the W.M., Bro. R. Gooding, proceeded to install his successor, the esteemed brother above mentioned, and dutifully carried out the ceremony to the satisfaction of all present. Bro. Cooper invested his officers as follows: Bros. Gooding, I.P.M.; A. Murdoch, S.W.; W. Seager, J.W.; James Gee, Treas.; A. Ware, Sec.; T. J. Cowper, S.D.; W. Musquin, J.D.; W. J. Wheeler, I.G.; W. Sayle-Edwards, D.C.; Col. C. E. Vansittart, Asst. D.C.; J. Whiteheart, Or.-Mstr. R. Rankin, and J. E. Lee, Stwds. Bro. Gooding was then presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), and a vote of thanks was tendered him for his admirable working of the ceremony of installation. Bro. Capt. N. Weston, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., was appointed representative of the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet was, as above shown, partaken of at the Raglan, and the cloth being cleared the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were honoured.

The I.P.M. then rose and said that he would now claim their attention to that which certainly was the toast of the evening, that of "Their esteemed W.M.," who, he was sorry to say, was compelled to leave them on two issues. The first was that he had that day come up from and had to return to Preston, a far call; and in the next he had just sustained a severe domestic affliction in the untimely death of an only and beloved infant daughter. No words of his could either alleviate that loss, or express the esteem in which their excellent W.M. was held by the brethren of the lodge, and, indeed, by all who knew him among the brethren of the district. He would therefore simply ask them to drink his health, and wish him a safe and speedy deliverance from his heavy affliction.

Bro. Cooper, in response, said he was sorry to have been away from them, but it was necessary that he should at once return to Preston. He was sorry to mar the pleasures of the evening, but would ever remember their sympathy and kindness. He, however, felt his regret mitigated, because he knew that in the hands of Bros. Gooding and Maule the affairs of the lodge would be safely carried on. If he said no more they must excuse him. He then retired amid every demonstration of regret, and indeed affection.

Bro. Gooding having assumed the chair, gave the toast of "Earl Amherst, P.G.M. of the Province of Kent," whom they all honoured, and whose health, he felt sure, they would drink with all the enthusiasm in the world.

The next toast was that of "Bro. Eastes, D.P.C.M., and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," and, in putting it, the I.P.M. said Kent was one of the foremost. (A voice: "The foremost.") One of the brethren said the foremost; well, he might have waited till he told them what, in his opinion, it was foremost in; he was going to say in the cause of Charity. They had a galaxy of P.G. Officers present—there was Bro. Haynes, P.M. 913, a present S.G.D.; Bro. Coupland, P.M. 913, a P.P.S.G.D.; Bro. Weston, of their own lodge, a P.P.S.G.D.; Bro. Capt. G. Spinks, also of their own lodge, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Bro. Dr. Moore-Keys, a P.P.G. Officer of Gibraltar. There was also Bro. Kenneday, of the lodge, a present P.G.S.B., but he was conspicuous by his absence. He asked the brethren to drink the health of those distinguished brethren in bumpers.

Bro. Hayes, in response, thanked them, and said he felt it a great honour to serve under two such excellent Masons as Earl Amherst and Bro. Eastes. They all knew how hard the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M. worked for Masonry in the pro-

vince. He never was more surprised in his life than when he received a communication from their P.G.M. offering him a collar; he thought he had been forgotten, and the inference he drew from it was, that no good Mason, or one who tried to be, need ever think he was forgotten; for the time would come, surely come, when his services would be recognised by their P.G.M. and his esteemed Deputy, Bro. Eastes. Those who got office bore it with Christian fortitude, and he trusted those who followed would bear it in like manner, and that, when they obtained Grand Lodge honours they would come back and tell the brethren of their lodges all the hardships they had endured in taking it. He trusted all those who worked hard in Masonry would obtain a reward for their labour in due time. After speaking highly of the work done in the lodge that day by the I.P.M., he gave way to

Bro. Moore-Keys, who said he felt ashamed, as one of the oldest members of the lodge, at not attending it oftener, but he would promise to be a little more regular in his attendance in the future.

Bro. Weston proposed the toast of "The Installing Officer," and in so doing, referred with deep feeling to the loss sustained by their W.M., who, he could safely say was beloved by every brother of the lodge, and he trusted that the Secretary would, in the name of the lodge, send him a letter of condolence, sympathising with him in his great bereavement. There were many of the brethren present who did not know the sad circumstances. Three days before the nurse attending Bro. Cooper's child, an infant six months old, left it in its bath for a short time, for some purpose or other, and on her return, found it dead, drowned in its bath. It was their esteemed brother's only daughter, and he was sure that not a brother in the room, or a friend, or comrade in the garrison but felt for him, and mourned with him in his affliction. Now, with respect to their Installing Officer, Bro. Gooding, he also was a sufferer through an accident in his family, for on the previous Sunday evening a son of his, who was in the choir of St. George's Church, in attempting to clamber over some railings attached to the church, toppled over, smashing his ankle and fracturing his leg, and was now lying a patient in the Herbert Hospital; to him their sympathy went forth, and yet, amid all this trouble and affliction, that worthy brother had attended to his duties and installed his successor in the admirable manner they had witnessed that day. He asked them to drink his health, and wish his son, as they did from their hearts, a speedy relief from his sufferings, and a safe return to his father's home.

Bro. Gooding, in response, said that when he took up the duties of Master of the lodge he felt that it was a part of those duties to install his successor. He had been told that it required practice to do it perfectly, and he found it to be so; however, he trusted they would overlook any lapses that might have occurred on his part in carrying out the ceremony. He then referred in the most affecting terms to the sad bereavement of Bro. Cooper, and hoped his own son would come out of his accident all right and sound again. He thanked them for the toast, and the kind sympathy tendered to him by every brother present.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," "Initiate," "Visitors," and "Officers," and then the proceedings, which were of the most happy and harmonious nature, concluded.

Among the others present were Bros. Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Capt. D. Deeves, P.M., P.D.G.R. Natal; T. Ovenden, P.M.; W. Moulds, P.M.; W. Maule, P.M.; C. Coupland, P.M. (Hon.); P.P.J.G.W.; A. Penfold, P.M. (Hon.); P.P.S.G.D.; T. D. Hayes, P.M. (Hon.); P.S.G.D.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); E. Palmer, P.M. 913; W. D. Keeble, W.M. 913; W. B. Lloyd, P.M. 913; W. G. Lloyd, J.W. 913; J. Savage, W.M. 1472; C. Wood, J.W. 1472; J. Baldie, J.W. 1472; H. George, 1472; R. J. Naylor, W.M. 700; W. Webber, J.W. 700; J. H. Roberts, P.M. 700; Lieut. Tailby, W.M. 13; H. Grice, S.W. 13; Jos. Bell, J.W. 13; F. Nichols, P.M. 706; H. Lawson, S.D. 1789; and others.

Some excellent singing and reciting enlivened the proceedings, which were both protracted and lengthy.

**HARROW.—Henry Levander Lodge (No. 2048).**—There was a good attendance of members and visitors at the installation meeting of this lodge, held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, on Saturday, the 29th ult. The members included Bros. C. P. McKay, P.M. 720, W.M.; C. J. Axford, P.P.D.G.D.C., I.P.M.; Phillip Cheek, S.W.; R. Surrage, J.W.; H. Lovegrove, P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W., Sec.; H. Webb, J.D.; Frank Joseph and A. W. Wace, Stwds.; G. Jenkins, Org.; W. M. Stiles, P.M.; G. Lein, A. H. Scurrah, A.D.C.; F. H. Denman, J. Stubbings, F. W. Levander, P.P.G.D.; H. W. Parker, W. R. Nelson, J. W. Ryder, W. D. Dickinson, and H. Woodrow. Visitors: Bros. Thomas Poore, P.M. 720; H. Dickey, I.P.M. 1744; E. Prince, S.D. 901; F. W. Hearn, 2206; E. W. Wheeler, Org. 2206; J. Hudson, 2206; J. H. Dobbs, 2206; J. R. Banfield Rashleigh, P.P.G.S.; W. Woodward, P.M. 1920; W. S. Witherington, J. Thom, J. H. Haworth, 1201; R. Ross, S.D. 1744; H. H. Limard, De Grey and Ripon; J. B. Rees, Earl of Zetland, R. H. Kirkcaldy, P.M. 1821; W. Medwin, P.M. 1613; B. J. W. Lowe, 1645; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, and the Auditor's report received and adopted. Bro. F. H. Denman was then raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The installation ceremony was next proceeded with, and Bro. Phillip Cheek, S.W., having been presented as W.M. elect, and a Board of Masters formed, he was duly installed into the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. McKay, I.P.M. The officers were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. R. M. Surrage, S.W.; Harry Webb, J.W.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M., Treas.; C. P. McKay, I.P.M., Sec.; Arthur H. Scurrah, S.D.; W. Wace, J.D.; F. C. Joseph, I.G.; S. Reece, D.C.; A. W. Gerrard, A.D.C.; G. Jenkins, Org.; Parker and W. D. Dickinson, Stwds.; and Very, Tyler.

The customary addresses were delivered by Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works. A handsome Past Master's jewel was then presented to Bro. McKay, I.P.M., by the Worshipful Master, in recognition of his services, and as a mark of esteem. The Worshipful Master, in making the presentation, remarked that the jewel had been well earned by the I.P.M., and trusted he would be spared many years to wear it. Bro. C. P. McKay, I.P.M., briefly returned thanks for the gift. Routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently partook of an excellent repast, at the conclusion of which the loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily given and received.

Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, in responding to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Officers," which had been cordially given by the Worshipful Master, said he claimed that no man had done more for the Province of Middlesex than he had. The Provincial Grand Master—Sir Francis Burdett—was a thorough English gentleman, a good Mason, and respected by all. Their Deputy Provincial Grand Master—Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp—was a good worker, who gave his valuable time for the good of Masonry in the province. They also met that distinguished brother in other Degrees, and they felt that he performed well any work he undertook. The other officers did their duty in the province, for it was a gratification for any brother to be promoted to the purple. There was a time when the purple was plentiful enough; but, owing to the proximity of the province to London, lodges had multiplied to such an extent, that if a brother was promoted to a Provincial Grand office, however small, he should be very thankful, and do his best to assist the Provincial Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Lodge was held, as they were aware, not far distant from their meeting place that evening, and was very successful, as was also the Provincial Grand Chapter held at Stanmore. The Province of Middlesex continued to prosper, and the Henry Levander Lodge was one of its most successful lodges. He was sure that the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M. were satisfied with the progress made by their lodge.

In giving "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. McKay, I.P.M., said that when the brethren saw the gavel entrusted to him they would be aware it was for the purpose of proposing that toast. As the W.M. had announced that short speeches would be the order of the evening, and as there was an excellent musical programme to be carried out, he would simply ask them to heartily drink the health of Bro. P. Cheek, W.M., wishing him a prosperous and successful year of office.

Bro. P. Cheek, W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren most heartily and sincerely for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed and received. He felt that he could not find words to express the pleasure he experienced in being placed in his present proud position. As a founder of that lodge he had hoped to hold that position, but owing to absence through bad health, he had been afraid he should have to decline the honour conferred upon him. He had, however, fortunately been enabled to accept the dignity, and trusted to make his year of office a successful one. At their next meeting he hoped to commence work by initiating five friends into the Order. It would mean a great deal of work, but he intended doing it. He had just arrived from Switzerland, and had left the warm climate there in order to attend their lodge that evening. During the forthcoming week he should attend a lodge at Lucerne, but he did not expect to find the work better than in their own lodge. He had met Masonic friends at that place who wished to see him in their lodge, which met in the beautiful Masonic Hall there, and on his return he would relate his experiences to them. As time was limited, he should bring his remarks to a conclusion by again thanking them for the kind manner in which his health had been drunk.

"The Past Masters" was next proposed by the W.M., who remarked that the brethren would receive the toast with hearty goodwill. There were a good array of P.M.'s, who were fortunately all present that evening. They were Bros. Lovegrove, Scurrah, Axford, and McKay. In this toast he included the Installing Masters, whom he thanked for performing the ceremony.

Bro. Hy. Lovegrove, P.M., in response, said that he undertook the formation of that lodge in conjunction with others who came to him with a great deal of experience. There were then two or three things he wished to see done. One was that he was anxious to see Bro. P. Cheek W.M. of the lodge, and he had had that pleasure on the present occasion. He was very pleased to see Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., obtain the purple, and also Provincial honours in the R.A., and trusted that brother would be satisfied with what had taken place. The completion of those two events had gratified him, and he was pleased to see the number of members around him, and the prosperous state of their lodge. He had not been with them as frequently as he could wish, but while they had an efficient W.M., capable Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary, the work would continue to be performed to the satisfaction of all.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., responded, and said he had endeavoured at all times to do his duty, and had not spared time, labour, or expense to bring the lodge to a state of prosperity. He trusted that he should for many years remain one of their senior P.M.'s.

Bros. Axford, P.M., and McKay, I.P.M. and Sec., also returned thanks, the latter specially thanking the brethren for the handsome jewel presented to him.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Visitors," giving them all a cordial welcome. He wished to express his grateful thanks to the members of the Hendon Lodge, who had so kindly assisted in the musical arrangements in an admirable manner.

Bro. Woodward, P.M. 1920, returned thanks on behalf of the visiting brethren for the hearty reception accorded them, and expressed the gratification his visit had afforded him.

Bro. H. Dickey, I.P.M. 1744, also replied. He said that that was not his first visit to their lodge, for he had attended on many previous occasions in response to the kind invitations of the members. The present visit, however, afforded him especial gratification, for he had witnessed the installation of Bro. Cheek, who was initiated in the Royal Savoy Lodge, of which he had the honour of being the I.P.M. He congratulated the W.M. on attaining the dignity of the chair, and wished him a successful and happy year of office. Having been present at the consecration of the lodge, he rejoiced to see the progress it had made, and which he hoped would be continued in the future.

Other toasts having been given, the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close.

A special meed of praise is due to a few members of the Hendon Lodge who attended and gave an excellent selection of music, both in the lodge room, where several anthems were rendered, and subsequently at the festive board, where they delighted the brethren with songs, &c. Amongst those who assisted were Bros. Wheeler, Org. 2206, Hearn, Hudson, Dobbs, and Jenkins, Org.

**CHINGFORD.**—Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge (No. 2184).—This lodge, which was consecrated some 14 months ago at the Dock Hotel, Tilbury, opposite Gravesend, and which was removed to the Royal Forest Hotel at Chingford in June last, held its installation meeting there on the 26th ult., when Bro. George J. Westfield, J.W. and W.M. elect, was installed W.M. in due form, and saluted according to ancient custom. He invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. T. Lewis, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; W. Smith, W.M. 228, S.W.; C. H. Canning, S.W. 1472, J.W.; H. Lewis, Treas.; G. Hughes, Sec.; A. T. Dale, S.D.; T. Ringrose, J.D.; J. G. Hammond, I.G.; Dickeson, Org.; Carman, D.C.; J. W. Cain, A.D.C.; F. J. Eedle and Buxton, Stwds.; and J. Ives, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Lewis, the I.P.M., who was the Installing Officer, then gave the addresses and finished the ceremony, for which he was voted the thanks of the lodge, the same to be inscribed on the minutes. Bro. Westfield was then elected to serve on the Provincial Charity Committee, and the lodge was closed.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. C. Jolly, P.M., P.M. and Sec. 1472; A. J. Manning, P.M. (Hon.), P.P.S.G.D.; J. W. Beadle, C. Taylor, J. T. Barnes, H. Prater, W. T. Buxton, and J. W. Joyce, all of the lodge; C. Allen, W.M. 163; W. Dorton, P.M. 1076; C. G. Hill, P.M. 1607; L. J. Deenham, 1607; J. Hattersley, S.W. 2262, J.D. 1607; J. Mullory, J.W. 1625; McCall-Chambers, 1638; J. Rose, 28; and W. Reynolds, 1685.

The banquet having been enjoyed, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts, which were duly honoured, and then that of "The R.W.P.G.M., the Right Hon. Lord Brooke, the V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg., and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," and in putting it, the W.M. eulogised the many great services done for the good of Masonry, both generally and in the Province of Essex, by their P.G. Master and his learned and courteous lieutenant, Bro. Philbrick. Individually, he did not know them so much at present as he hoped to in the future, so, therefore, if he had not done them and the rest of the officers, both present and past, full justice, they must attribute it to his want of knowledge, a mistake of the head, and not of the heart. He asked them to drink the toast in bumpers.

Bro. Manning, in responding, said he felt it a very great honour to have his name associated with a toast of so much importance, and would have been delighted to have seen several of the P.G. Officers present; he attributed their non-attendance to the weather, or some earlier claims upon their time and support. As for their esteemed P.G.M., Lord Brooke, from what he knew of his desire at all times to come among them and watch the progress of the lodges, especially the new ones, were making, he felt sure that only some other and more pressing engagement kept him away; while they all knew the many official and professional duties of Bro. Philbrick made his presence an honour indeed. As for the lodge, he was proud of its prosperity, and hoped to live to see the Master's chair filled in succession by every brother of the lodge present.

Bro. Lewis was deeply sorry that not one of his colleagues, among the present officers of the province were present, but he presumed, as Bro. Manning, had that pressure of other engagements preventing their attendance. The P.G. meeting would take place on the 8th of next month (August), at Colchester, and he trusted the members of the Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge would show up in force. He was, however, sorry that Bro. Ralling, their excellent P.G. Secretary, could not attend, especially as that was their first anniversary meeting, and that brother would have been pleased, he felt sure, to have witnessed the progress the lodge had made. They had Bro. Manning with them, and, as he was a host in himself, he supposed they must be contented. On behalf of the P.G. Officers, he heartily thanked them for the toast.

Bro. Lewis then proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said it was a very pleasant duty, especially as he had known Bro. Westfield intimately for a great many years, and had always found him, in everything he undertook, to be the right man in the right place. It was a difficult thing for the first Master of a new lodge to find seats for all the aspirants to office, but he felt sure that in offering Bro. Westfield the position of J.W. he had made no mistake. Bro. Westfield was a Mason of some twenty-five years' standing, and was in every way eminently qualified to fill the chair of W.M. of that lodge, for he had, ever since he had taken office, left no stone unturned to render himself worthy of the office he now held. They had shown their approbation of those efforts by electing him to the chair of that lodge, and also as their representative on the Charity Committee of the province, and he felt sure that they would never regret their choice.

Bro. Westfield, who was cheered enthusiastically as he rose to respond, said he did not know that he could say more than to express his gratitude for the very high honour done him that day, and also his determination, during his year of office, to do all in his power to promote the welfare of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren. Those two objects he should continually keep in view, and had, indeed, ever since he became a founder of the lodge. He should get as many good Masons as he could to join the lodge, and so far as the Constitutions of the Order allowed him, he should use his best endeavours to induce good candidates to be initiated in it. That would be his first endeavour, his second would be to carry out his duties strictly and impartially, and he should expect, and indeed call upon every officer of the lodge to do the same. No Master ever went into the chair with a better staff of officers, and with their assistance he looked confidently forward to a good year of office. He asked the Past Masters to assist him, and if at any time one of them should say to him "You are wrong," then he would gladly say "Put me right," and would feel it as a favour for any Past Master to do so. He trusted they might all be united in one bond of friendship, and that brotherly love and unity might prevail at all their meetings, so that when they parted, they might look forward with pleasurable anticipation to their next happy meeting. He again thanked them for the hearty reception of the toast, and resumed his seat amid cheers.

The next toast was that of "The Installing Officer," and in putting it the Worshipful Master spoke highly of the admirable manner in which Bro. Lewis had carried out the duties that day. He also presented Bro. Lewis with a handsome and valuable P.M.'s jewel, as a mark of the approbation and esteem of the brethren. He trusted Bro. Lewis might live long to wear it, and then—as Mrs. Gamp said—"hand it down to prosperity." He also presented

Bro. Lewis with a P.M.'s collar, as a present from the brethren of the lodge; and warmly congratulated him on receiving such undoubted marks of the esteem and affection of the brethren.

Bro. Lewis eloquently and feelingly returned thanks. Bro. Jolly responded for "The P.M.'s."

Bros. Hill, Dorton, Allen, and Mullony returned thanks for "The Visitors."

Bro. Smith responded to the toast of "The Officers."

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were interspersed with some good singing and reciting by Bros. Mullony, Woodruffe, Buxton, Allen, and C. Jolly, and Messrs. C. B. Gammon and Consterdine.

**BECKENHAM.**—Cator Lodge (No. 2266).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, on Thursday, 26th ult. There were present Bros. James Hill, P.M. 1658, P.G. Stwd. Surrey, W.M.; Fox, P.M., S.W.; R. C. Davis, J.W.; C. W. Gribble, S.D.; J. C. Osterstock, J.D.; C. Scriven, I.G.; G. Brodie Carlton, Sec.; G. J. Hall, Org.; J. W. Newell and W. Lovelock, Stwds.; Bale, P.M. (Hon.); Moffatt, Klyne, Hewett, Barton, Medcalf, Chalk, Fryer, Levens, Hornsby, Dr. Craig, P.M., and Reinhardt, Tyler, all of the lodge. The visitors were Bros. Mildred, P.M. 2024; J. J. White, J.W. 1963; Diamond, 1327; and Charlie Woods, 1869.

The lodge having been opened, the following gentlemen, who had been previously balloted for, were then initiated, viz., Messrs. Cornelius Curtis, Samuel Ponsford, Thomas Cook, Frederick Bright, and John Cumberland. The whole of the working, not only of the W.M. but also of the officers, was exceedingly well done and showed that the members had taken their motto "Nihil sine labore" well to heart. The charge having been delivered, the discussion of the by-laws took place. The whole were unanimously adopted. The lodge was then closed, but not before it had been decided to form a lodge of instruction in connection with the lodge.

At the banquet which followed the usual Masonic and patriotic toasts were honoured, after which Bro. Dr. Craig, P.M., proposed "The Health of Bro. J. Hill, W.M."

Bro. Hill, P.M., P.G. Stwd. Surrey, W.M., said, in reply, that he should be very particular to make a short speech, as their time was limited, and he did not wish to be late home. They had met that evening for business, as no doubt the five initiates had found out. He hoped to have another business meeting in August, when there would be plenty of work to be done. Masonry did not consist of "the spread" alone, although it was spreading very fast. They had five initiates that night, altogether they had three times five plus one, which made twice eight. That corresponded with the two eights (2 plus 6) in the number of the lodge (2266). Eight had played a conspicuous place in the lodge so far, for the warrant was asked on the eighth, and granted on the eighth in the year '88. This was also one of the mystic Masonic numbers, being the number of perfection. He was glad to welcome the new members that night, for they were good men and true, and added strength to the new lodge. It was his fervent hope that they would become good Masons, especially in the Charitable work of the Craft. He always impressed upon initiates that Masonry was a moral Society. He hoped they would always try to be present at the business, for then they would go forward, and see more and more the beauties of Masonic work. He proposed "The Health of the Initiates."

In reply, Bro. Curtis said that the W.M. had commanded brevity, and he should obey. It was said that "Out of the fulness of the heart the mouth speaketh." His heart, however, was so full that he could not find words to express himself. He hoped, however, to become a true Mason.

Bros. Ponsford, Cook, Bright, and Cumberland also thanked the brethren for the kind way in which the toast was received, the latter saying that he had no idea of what a beautiful thing Masonry was. He hoped to learn more of its merits in the future.

Bro. Hill, W.M., said they were forced to dispense with singing for the evening, as the by-laws had taken up a considerable time. In proposing "The Visitors," he said that he was pleased to see them. They were all good hard working Masons, who were a credit to the Craft. He trusted that would not be their last visit.

In reply, Bro. Mildred, P.M. 2024, said that he had been delighted with the work he had witnessed that evening. He had travelled, not only in many parts of England, but in other parts of the world, and he could safely say that it was second to none he had ever seen. The W.M. and all the officers had succeeded in all their work. Some of the working was foreign to him, but he enjoyed it all the more for that.

Bro. Diamond congratulated the lodge upon the success of the evening.

Bro. J. J. White, J.W. 1963, said that he had enjoyed himself very much; and although, perhaps, the Fourth Degree was a minor matter, he was very delighted with it. It was not often that a W.M. and officers could do their work so well as it had been done in the Cator Lodge. He particularly congratulated the Deacons, for he had lately had their work to do, and knew how difficult it was to perform it without friction being felt. He could sympathise with the Secretary in his duties. It was with regret that he had been absent from the consecration of the lodge, and he hoped to be a frequent visitor.

Bro. Charlie Woods, 1899, also replied, after which the Tyler's toast brought a very happy evening to a close.

## INSTRUCTION.

**JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Prior, W.M.; Dixon, S.W.; Penrose, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Dandridge, J.D.; Turpin, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; Keylock, Dealer, Wilson, and Emblin.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Keylock personating the candidate. The lodge was called off, and, on resuming, the usual questions leading to the Second Degree were answered by Bro. Dealer. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. being already elected for the ensuing Thursday, the lodge was closed.

**DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).**—A meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Tuesday, the 27th ult. Present: Bros. Singleton, W.M.; Pennail, S.W.; Pettitt, J.W.; Eidmann, S.D.; Dodson, J.D.; Underwood, I.G.; J. Andrews, Preceptor; Hill, and Cohen.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Hill as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Pennail, of the Skelmersdale Lodge, was elected a joining member. Bro. Pennail suitably returned thanks, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Pennail, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Pennail returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren. Occasion was taken to refer in kindly terms to the pleasure of having Bro. Underwood present on a visit from Australia, and best wishes were expressed for his safe return and after success. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on the 27th ult. at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. J. Davies, W.M.; A. Williams, S.W.; G. E. Higginson, J.W.; D. S. Long, Sec.; W. C. Williams, S.D.; F. Woodard, J.D.; T. W. Heath, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; Lieut. J. H. Hawkins, P.M.; M. Rice, F. Craggs, L. Cox, R. H. Wallace, and H. 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 and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Cochrane having given proofs of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees, and the J.W. worked the 4th Section and the brethren the 2nd Section of the First Lecture, under the direction of the W.M. The W.M. having risen, Bros. Capt. R. H. Wallace, Lieut. J. H. Hawkins, T. W. Heath, and L. Cox were elected members. Bro. A. Williams was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

**EBURY LODGE (No. 1348).**—A meeting was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, S.W., on Thursday, the 26th ult., when there were present Bros. Griggs, W.M.; Beavan, S.W.; Yarell, J.W.; Warren, P.M.; Preceptor; Thomson, Sec.; Harrison, S.D.; Thomson, J.D.; Bull, I.G.; Ingram, Lockwood, and Wheddall-Thomas.

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. Ingram personating the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Thomson. Bro. Wheddall-Thomas offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Wheddall-Thomas personating the candidate. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the W.M. resumed the chair. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, when Bro. Wheddall-Thomas, 1901, was unanimously elected a member, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Beavan was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The officers were appointed in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, when Bro. Thomson proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the W.M., to be entered on the minutes, for his able working—carried unanimously. After "Hearty good wishes" from the brethren, the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 30th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, W.M.; O. W. Battley, S.W.; T. Middleweek, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. Death, S.D.; J. C. Conway, J.D.; and J. Smith, I.G.

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. Death being candidate. Bro. Battley was elected W.M. for next meeting, 13th inst., the officers to be in rotation. A poor Spanish brother was relieved, for which he was very grateful. A letter was read from Bro. Wadhams, thanking the brethren for their vote at the last meeting, wishing him a prosperous voyage to the United States and a safe return. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 26th ult. Present: Bros. F. M. Noakes, W.M.; G. H. Reynolds, S.W.; L. Lichtenfeld, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; F. Duserwald, S.D.; J. Skinner, J.D.; J. Rowe, I.G.; S. Johnson, R. J. Harnell, S. C. Fort, E. C. Talbot, J. G. Hammond, E. D. F. Rymer, H. G. Marsden, C. Lambert, E. C. Mulvey, W. Hancock, A. Cogliati, G. F. Swan, W. Huneyball, A. Clark, E. Morrison, J. N. Joseph, and J. B. Mitchell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Brindley worked the 2nd, Bro. E. C. Mulvey worked the 3rd, and Bro. W. Hancock worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. Bro. W. Hancock offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected members: Bros. J. N. Joseph, 1017, and G. Hammond, 898 and 2184. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Brindley proposed that Bro. G. H. Reynolds, S.W., be elected W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., said with the permission of the W.M. and brethren he wished to be relieved of his duties as Secretary for two months, as he felt he required a little rest and a holiday. Bro. R. J. Harnell had kindly undertaken the duty of Secretary during his absence, and he thanked him for so doing, and he felt sure Bro. Harnell would give the lodge every satisfaction. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 31st ult., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., W.M.; J. Davis, P.M., S.W.; Woods, J.W.; Hubbard, Sec.; P. J. Davis, S.D.; Danby, J.D.; Wilton, I.G.; Read, P.M., Preceptor; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.G.S.B. Middx.; Sims, P.M.; E. Walter, Dresden, and Higginson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. E. Walter being candidate, and the ancient charge was given by the W.M. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Davis, P.M., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. C. Vandyke, W.M.; W. Dresden, S.W.; Woodard, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Cochrane, S.D.; Jennings, J.D.; Stonnill, I.G.; J. Davies, Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M.; Higginson, West, Lindfield, Gilbert, Cavers, 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. Chalfont, P.M., candidate. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. J. Davies, Preceptor, and the 4th Section was also worked, the questions being put by Bro. Davies, and answered by Bro. G. Higginson in a most perfect manner. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Vandyke for the admirable manner in which he conducted the duties of W.M. for the first time. Bro. Dresden 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 27th ult., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Piper, W.M.; Ray, S.W.; Saunders, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Baddery, S.D.; Grist, J.D.; Molony, I.G.; Edwards, Stutfield, Roberts, Dr. Harper, Rymer, Bullen, and Shaw.

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. Stutfield being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Gibson. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Bullen, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Bullen being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Piper re-occupied the chair. Bros. Bullen, 1614, and Saunders, 1257, were unanimously elected joining members. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Monday, the 30th ult., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. Ayling, W.M.; Hill, S.W.; Folkard, J.W.; Winny, S.D.; Smith, J.D.; Poole, I.G.; Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Boyce, Jones, Baldock, Grover, Russell, Führ, Stokes, Cole, Shannaw, and Coates.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Westley was presented and obligated as W.M. elect, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed with the usual formalities. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers, Bro. Ayling giving the usual charges in a very impressive and telling manner. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Westley, with Bro. Grover as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Führ, 1382, was elected a joining member. Bro. Führ suitably returned thanks, and promised to attend as often as possible. The dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Ayling for the splendid rendering of the ritual of the installation ceremony. In replying, Bro. Ayling gave expression to the pleasant feelings the evening's work had revived, and hoped to be present on some more congenial occasion and assist in working the ceremony again. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**HENDON.**—HENDON LODGE (No. 2206).—A meeting was held on the 1st inst. at the Old Welsh Harp, when there were present Bros. A. A. Nottingham, W.M.; E. W. Wheeler, S.W.; W. B. Parsons, J.W.; C. H. Watts, Sec.; J. Hudson, S.D.; T. Eason, J.D.; J. H. Gunn, I.G.; F. W. Hearn, P.M., acting Preceptor; and several others.

Lodge opened in the First and Second Degrees. Bro. Gunn answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree. Lodge closed down to the First Degree. Bro. M. Powell offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. E. W. Wheeler was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed.

## Royal Arch.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—The installation convocation of this flourishing chapter took place on Thursday, the 19th ult., at the Masonic Temple, Mount-street, and was attended by the élite of the Order in the district and province. The chapter was opened by Comp. E. B. Hobson, M.E.Z.; Comp. R. J. Cook, H.; and Comp. J. H. Roberts, J. The companions were then admitted, and the minutes and accounts passed. Comp. A. Penfold, P.Z., P.Z. 13, P.Z. 1472, P.P.G. 2nd Asst. Soj., then proceeded to install the Three Principals, and with the full Pattison ceremonial Comp. R. J. Cook was placed in the chair of Z.; Comp. Roberts in the chair of H.; and Comp. E. Palmer in that of J. The companions invested as officers were as follows: Comps. A. Penfold, Treas.; H. J. Butter, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st Asst. Soj.; Scribe E.; S. Clarke, Scribe N.; C. H. Lawson, P. Soj.; E. Morris, 1st Asst. Soj.; W. G. Lloyd, 2nd Asst. Soj.; W. B. Lloyd, P.Z., P.G. Swd. Br., D.C.; W. Musto, P.Z., Stwd.; and W. Larder, Janitor. The addresses were splendidly rendered by the Installing Officer, while the manner in which Comp. T. S. Warne, P.Z. 20, P.P.G. Scribe E., assisted in the various scripture readings was most impressive, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded the Installing Officer for his excellent work. Comp. Hobson was then presented with a handsome and valuable P.Z.'s jewel, and returned thanks. The usual guinea was then voted to the High School for Girls prize list, and then the chapter was closed.

Among the other companions present were Comps. C. Coupland, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; E. Denton, P.Z., P.P.G.P. Soj.; T. D. Hayes, P.Z., P.P.G. 2nd Asst. Soj.; Captain Eugene Sweny, P.Z.; H. Mason, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Edmonds, P.Z.; W. G. Taylor, G. Frost, W. Busbridge, R. Hewitson, W. Sanders, E. B. Saunders, G. Nichols, D. C. Capon, W. Harris, Dr. Bryceson, H. Ough, J. Topp, A. Campbell, Dr. H. Bernays, H. 1973; and C. Jolly (Honorary), H. 1472, all of the chapter; G. Spinks, Z. 13; J. Harrison, J. E. Edmonds, P. Soj. 1507; A. W. Bateman, M.E.Z. 1973; F. Nichols, J. 1973; A. Woodley, J. 13; H. De Gray, 11, and others.

The banquet was partaken of at the Holborn Restaurant, and at its conclusion the usual loyal, Royal Arch, and Grand Chapter toasts were honoured.

The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of "The Right Hon. Earl Amherst, Grand Superintendent of Kent," and in giving it said it was one that always appealed to their love and affection and was never made in vain, because Earl Amherst was the head of a very happy family in the Province of Kent, among whom none were more proud of that distinction than the companions of the chapter, and he felt, therefore, that it would be drunk with just as much, if not greater warmth, than that which had preceded it.

The M.E.Z. then gave the toast of "Comp. Eastes, P.G.H., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past;" and in response

Comp. Butter said he was sorry for them that the response to a toast of so much importance had been placed in his hands; it would have been done honour to it if it had been entrusted to Comp. Penfold. However, he heartily thanked them on behalf of Comp. Eastes and the Past Prov. Grand Officers for their kindly reception of the toast, and had he known, would have had a nice little speech ready for the occasion. It was a toast that was often given in a perfect manner, and he could not help thinking it a pity that it should always be given at a time when the companions wanted a smoke. He should therefore, as he wanted to do all he could for the happiness and comfort of the companions, respond to it in a perfunctory manner, so that they might get their smoke and enjoy it. He then

referred to the M.E.Z., and felt sure that under his rule the chapter would become, like the Pattison Lodge, one of the foremost in the province. They had had good Principals in the past, and in their First Principal they had one who was determined to do his duty, and he asked the companions to assist him, and make the chapter a flourishing one.

Comp. Hobson then proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z.," and jocularly said he was rather surprised at the speech of Comp. Butter, for he hardly knew whether he was responding for the Grand Officers or proposing the toast of the First Principal. He was sure their esteemed companion had no desire to do so, but he had completely taken the wind out of his (Comp. Hobson's) sails. Now, from what he saw of the M.E.Z., and from what he knew of him, he bid fair to be one of the best M.E.Z.'s that the chapter had had for many years. He had presided over them that night in a perfect manner, and had made the banquet a great success, and he thought they might all look forward to a year of great success under the rule of their M.E.Z. He asked them to drink the toast in bumpers.

The M.E.Z., in responding, said he should do, during his year of office, all that they could expect a First Principal to do—that was, to promote the interest of the chapter and hearty good fellowship amongst the companions, in consummating which he asked their support and assistance.

Comp. Roberts, in responding for the Second and Third Principals, assured the M.E.Z. of his desire and determination to assist him in his aspirations.

Comp. Palmer said that to be a Principal of such a chapter as that of the Pattison was, in his opinion, one of the highest honours he could aspire to. He had been "Hobson's choice," and now he was "Cook's mate," and would work on in such a spirit of emulation as to be worthy of future advancement.

The M.E.Z. then gave the toast of "The Installing Officer," and said that those who had the privilege of witnessing the installation of the Principals would agree with him in saying that the work had been done in a most efficient manner, and, moreover, they would also agree with him that it was done in a most graceful manner, and could only have been done by one whose ability was commensurate with his Masonic knowledge and education. The only way they had to express their admiration was to drink the health of Comp. Penfold, and wish him many years of health and strength to do again and again as he had done that day.

Comp. Penfold, in responding, said the M.E.Z. had spoken very much in his praise, yet he felt that he had not spoken flatteringly; for every word that had fallen from his lips was the truth. It had been the practice for many years past to ask one of the P.G. Officers to do the installation. That was all right, but he thought that it was also right that one of the P.Z.'s of the chapter should be ready to do it in case the P. Grand Officer chosen could not attend. He felt it a great honour to have had the opportunity of installing the First Principal ever installed in their new Masonic temple. He found in Comp. Warne a good and excellent help. He asked them to attend the P.G. Chapter meeting at Margate the following day, and show by their numbers that their chapter was well represented. He paid a high compliment to the M.E.Z., and said his reign was sure to enhance the prosperity and prestige of the chapter.

The toast of "The Visitors" was eloquently responded to by Comps. Spinks, Nichols, and Edmonds, and Comps. Butter, Hayes, and Hobson responded for "The Past Principals," and then the toast of "The Officers" concluded the proceedings, which were interspersed with some clever singing by Madame Adeline Paget, and Bros. Alfred Moore and Reginald Groome. Comp. Lift presided at the piano.

## Mark Masonry.

**FOREST OF DEAN.**—Royal Forest of Dean Lodge (No. 340).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Speech House, when there were present Bros. Henry Clark, W.M.; J. Shaw Carleton, P.M., acting S.W.; J. S. Bradstock, J.W.; S. J. Thomas, M.O.; S. W. Woods, acting S.O.; S. W. Haddingham, J.O.; A. Stephens, Sec.; T. J. Nundy, S.D.; E. James, J.D.; G. Clark, jun., P.M., P.G.S., acting I.G.; Job Webb, Tyler; W. C. Heane, P.M., P.P. J.G.W.; J. Shiles, A. Parker, W. G. Roberts, and J. J. James. Visitor: Bro. G. W. Holmes.

The lodge having been opened, a ballot was taken for Bro. G. W. Holmes, Howe Lodge, and he was duly elected. A ballot was then taken for Bro. O. J. Adams, 457, and, being favourable, he was advanced to the honourable Degree of M.M.M., the ceremony being ably performed by the W.M.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banqueting room, where the usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**KENDAL.**—Border Chapter (No. 102).—This chapter met at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 25th ult. In the absence of Bro. Dr. Gore Ring, 18°, M.W.S., Ill. Bro. George J. McKay, 32°, P.M.W.S., presided, assisted by the officers, viz.: Bros. P. de E. Collin, 18°, Prelate; R. J. Nelson, 18°, 1st General and Treasurer; Geo. Dalrymple, 2nd General; Jos. Hall, 18°, Recorder; Rev. H. D. Rawnsley, 18°, Raphael; Ill. Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, 35°; and Thos. Usher, O.G.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, when Bro. P. de E. Collin, 18°, was unanimously elected M.W.S. for the year, and Ill. Bro. Col. Sewell, 30°, Treasurer. Ill. Bro. C. W. R. Beswicke Roys, S.G.I.G., 33°, Inspector General North-West District, was reported, and received under an arch of steel and saluted, and at the request of Ill. Bro. Geo. J. McKay, 32°, occupied the throne. Two candidates, Bros. T. A. Argles and H. Moser had been previously balloted for, and the latter being in attendance, was duly perfected. Bro. Nelson, 18°, Treasurer, read a statement of accounts for the current year, which were passed as read, and showed a good balance to the credit of the chapter.

The chapter was then closed, and the brethren dined at the King's Arms Hotel, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

**Allied Masonic Degrees.**

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL (T.I.)**—This old council met at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 27th ult. Among those present were Bros. R. L. Loveland, W.M.; T. C. Walls, A.G.D.C., P.M., acting S.W.; T. Cubitt, S.D., acting J.W.; G. Powell, Treas.; H. J. Lardner, Sec.; Pakes, West, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Baron de Ferrieres was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing; Bro. Geo. Powell re-elected Treasurer; Bro. Mills, Tyler; and Bro. Capt. Williamson, J.P., and T. Cubitt, Auditors. A P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. for his services. Bro. Lardner having given a notice of motion as to an alteration in one of the by-laws, letters pleading inability to attend were read from Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, Capt. Williamson, Capt. Anderson, and many others. The council was then closed, and adjourned till April, 1889. There was no banquet.

**MARK MASONRY IN DEVONSHIRE.**

**LAYING OF A FOUNDATION STONE.**

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for the Province of Devonshire, was held on Monday, at Rose Ash, near Southmolton, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of Rose Ash Church on being restored. As this was the first time in the history of Mark Masonry in England that such an interesting ceremony—the combining of practical with symbolic Masonry—was performed, there was a goodly attendance of brethren. Although Rose Ash is a difficult place to visit, being several miles from any station, the brethren attended in larger numbers than would otherwise have been the case on account of the fact that the ceremonial was arranged out of respect to the late P.G.M.M.M. of Devon, W. Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Tanner-Davey, J.P., the announcement of whose death in April of last year was received with manifestations of regret by the whole province. The brethren travelled by train to Eggesford, where conveyances were waiting to convey them to Rose Ash, a distance of 13 miles. The journey to and from was accomplished safely, although the roads were heavy, and the vehicles, on account of some misunderstandings, somewhat overladen. On arrival at Rose Ash the party was kindly received by Mrs. Tanner-Davey, at her charming residence, the grounds of which were much admired.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened at the Board schoolroom, which was nicely decorated for the occasion. There was a choice lot of flowers and exotics, in addition to some bunting and appropriate Masonic Mottoes and devices. The lodge furniture was kindly lent by Lodge Fortescue, No. 6, and included a handsome oak W.M.'s chair, which bore the following inscription; "This chair was presented to the Loyal Lodge of Industry, No. 610, by Bro. J. Tanner-Davey, of Rose Ash, on his installation as W.M., January 5th, 1860." Bro. W. Cole, P.M. 9, assisted Bro. J. Gidley, P.M., P.G. Tyler, in decorating the temporary lodge-room.

The Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Chas. Spence Bate, F.R.S., P.M. 35, sat on the throne. There were also present Bros. John Lane, P.M. 319, P.P.G.M.O., P.S.G.O. Eng., as D.P.G.M.M.M.; John Stocker, P.M. 15, P.S.G.W.; E. Aitken Davies, P.M. 96, P.P.J.G.D., as P.J.G.W.; A. Trout, P.M. 76, P.A.G.D.C.; G. R. Barrett, P.M. 35, P.J.G.O.; J. Holland, P.M. 76, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. W. Lemon, P.M. and Chap. 35, P.G. Chap. Eng., as P.G. Chap.; C. Pope, P.M. 215, P.G. Treas.; W. R. Lisle, P.M. 15, P.G. Reg.; H. Stocker, P.M. 15, P.G. Sec.; G. Bray, P.M. 16, P.S.G.D.; F. R. Goodyear, P.M. 76, P.J.G.D.; H. Langmead, P.M. 16, P.P.G. Purst.; F. Crouch, P.M. 16, P.G.D. Eng., P.A.G. Sec.; J. D. Cobledick, P.M. 109, P.A.G.D.C.; W. A. Staton, W.M. 96; C. Hunt, S.W. 91; J. H. Carty, 383; W. V. Harris, W.M. 91, P.P.G.I.G.; F. C. Frost, 316; R. Brickwood, M.O. 383; J. Bray, P.M. 16; H. S. Best, S.W. 64; J. Gidley, P.G. Tyler; J. M. Hifley, P.M. 76, P.P.S.G.W.; R. Lavers, P.M. 100, P.P.G. Std. Br.; John Furse, P.M. 9, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Cole, P.M. 9; J. Drew, W.M. 23; A. W. White, W.M. 35; C. Perkins, P.M. 169; W. M. Robins, S.W. 35; Frank R. Thomas, J.W. 35; J. P. Maunder, J.W. 76; W. H. Comer, D.C. 61; J. Neno, D.C. 76; H. W. Michelmore, 15; D. McGivern, 16; and J. Gliddon, 76.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the P.G. SECRETARY read a letter from Mrs. Tanner-Davey thanking the P.G. Lodge for its kind vote of sympathy and condolence on the irreparable loss she had sustained by the death of her husband.

The P.G. SECRETARY reported that all the brethren appointed to office at the last Prov. Grand Lodge, with the exception of one who died shortly after his appointment, had assumed their rank and paid their fees of honour. During the past year there had been 44 advancements, and allowing for losses by death and otherwise there had been an increase of one subscribing member, the number in the province being 455 as against 454 in 1886. In accordance with the resolution passed by the Prov. Grand Lodge at St. George's Hall on June 15th, 1887, he forwarded a letter to the Grand Secretary intimating that the brethren present at the lodge meeting unanimously resolved to recommend to the G.M.M., W. Bro. C. Spence Bate, D.P.G.M.M.M., for the office of P.G.M.M.M. of Devonshire. A reply was received on the following day to the effect that the letter should receive attention.

In reply to the P.G.S.W., the P.G. SECRETARY said no further reply had been received.

Bro. STOCKER inquired if Bro. Bate had received any intimation.

The D.P.G.M. replied in the negative. He received a circular a week or two since notifying the fact that Bro. Ferrieres would be installed at Cheltenham as P.G.M. of Gloucestershire. As that had occurred since he (Bro. Spence Bate) was nominated, he felt their province must have been been slighted, and he should call a special meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge to consider the matter, as the premier lodge of England ought not to be without a Grand Master.

The P.G. SEC. reported that since the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge two new Mark lodges had been consecrated in that province by the Dep. P.G.M., viz., St. George's, 383, on January 6th, and De La Pole, 372, on March 7th. The Committee appointed to provide a suit-

able memorial to the memory of the late P.G. Master had decided that a mural tablet be erected in Rose Ash Church, bearing a proper inscription, and that an appeal be made to the Mark lodges and brethren in the province to subscribe funds for this purpose. The erection of the tablet had been delayed on account of the restoration of the church.

The P.G. Secretary's report was adopted. The P.G. TREAS. reported that the year was commenced with a balance in hand of £21 os. 6d., which, with dues from lodges, £25 3s., and £8 8s. 8d. from Grand Lodge fees, brought the total up to £54 12s. After paying the expenses, and £5 5s. to the Mark Benevolent Fund there was a balance in hand of £42 19s. 5d.

The report was adopted. The Provincial Committee recommended that 20 guineas be given to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and placed on Bro. Stocker's list, £10 10s. to Rose Ash Church Restoration Fund, and £5 5s. to the Boys' School, to be placed on Bro. Lemon's list.

On the proposition of Bro. GEO. R. BARRETT, seconded by Bro. J. LANE, Bro. J. T. Bond, J.W. 383, was unanimously elected Prov. G. Treasurer for the year ensuing.

The brethren then formed into procession and marched to Rose Ash Church, where a short service was held, the Rev. H. G. SOUTHCOMBE, the rector, officiating, and Bro. the Rev. T. W. LEMON, M.A., reading the lesson. The service over the brethren proceeded outside the church. The rector presented the D.P.G.M. with a silver trowel and he laid the foundation-stone, in the cavity of which were placed some coins, after which he duly proved it by the plumb rule, level, and square. Corn, wine, and oil were thrown over the stone with the accustomed ceremony. The builder was then presented with the several implements and also the plan and elevation of the building. The inscription on the stone ran as follows: "July 23, 1888. This stone was laid in open lodge by the D.P.G.M.M.M. of Devon in memory of Bro. John Tanner-Davey, Lieutenant-Colonel and J.P., the late G.M. of the Premier P.G. Lodge of M.M. Masons of Devon, who died April 19, 1880, and lies buried near this post."

The D.P.G.M., addressing the brethren, said they met on that occasion for the first time in the annals of Mark Masonry to lay the foundation stone of a temple for the worship of the Most High, whose name and all-seeing eye were prominent objects in every lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. After referring to the progress of Masonry and its far-reaching effects, he said: Masonry appeared to him to be in a transitory stage, which arose from no variation in the inherent character of Masonry, but largely in consequence of the higher moral standard of modern civilisation and the systematic efforts so largely in vogue for the amelioration of those who had received a lesser amount of social advantage; and, after enlarging on the necessity of thrift among the industrial classes, said the great object of Freemasonry was to encourage the combination of practical with symbolic Masonry.

The brethren returned in procession to the church schools, when the D.P.G.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers for the year ensuing:

- Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. 35, P.G. Chap. Eng., P.P.G. Chap. ... Prov. S.G.W.
- " G. R. Barrett, P.M. 35 and 383, P.P.J.G.O. ... Prov. J.G.W.
- " G. T. S. Lowe, 50, P.P.G.S.B. ... Prov. G.M.O.
- " W. A. Staton, W.M. 96, P.M. ... Prov. S.G.O.
- " A. W. White, W.M. 35 ... Prov. J.G.O.
- " J. T. Bond, J.W. 383 ... Prov. G. Treas.
- " J. Dodge, 319 ... Prov. G. Reg.
- " H. Stocker, P.M. 15, P.P.J.G.W. ... Prov. G. Sec.
- " G. Perkins, P.M. 169 ... Prov. S.G.D.
- " J. H. Kersteman, 316 ... Prov. J.G.D.
- " F. C. Frost, 316 ... Prov. G.S. of W.
- " J. Drew, W.M. 23 ... Prov. G.D.C.
- " C. H. Fulford, 15 ... Prov. A.G.D.C.
- " C. Hunt, S.W. 91 ... Prov. G.S.B.
- " H. Imbert-Terry, 15 ... Prov. G. Std. Br.
- " G. Sellick, W.M. 50 ... Prov. A.G. Sec.
- " J. H. Carty, J.O. 383 ... Prov. G. Org.
- " H. S. Best, S.W. 64 ... Prov. G.I.G.
- " J. Bray, P.M. 16 and 295 ... } Prov. G. Stwds.
- " H. Mitchelmore, 15 ... }
- " Frank R. Thomas, J.W. 35 ... }
- " W. M. Robins, S.W. 35 ... }
- " James Gidley, P.M. 169 ... Prov. G. Tyler.

The following brethren were appointed as a Provincial Committee: Bros. S. Jones, John Lane, W. Vicary, F. Crouch, G. R. Barrett, and E. Aitken Davies.

The D.P.G.M. intimated he should call the Committee together shortly to consider the question of the absence of a P.G.M.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed.

**Obituary.**

**BRO. JOHN BUTT, W.M. 903.**

We regret to have to announce the death, after a painful illness, of Bro. John Butt, for many years in business as a builder in High-street, Gosport. As a Freemason he passed through the various offices in a manner that was highly creditable, and he always displayed the keenest interest in all matters connected with the Craft, and by his death the Gosport Lodge, No. 903, loses its Worshipful Master. As a townsman he was highly respected, although he at no time occupied a public position. His death took place at an early hour on Thursday morning, the 26th ult., the primary cause being heart disease and dropsy.

**BRO. NATHANIEL CRISP, M.R.C.S.E. AND L.S.A.L.**

On Friday, the 20th ult., an inquest was held on the body of Bro. Nathaniel Crisp, M.R.C.S.E. and L.S.A.L., whose sudden death took place on the 17th ult., at his residence, Chandos House, Keynsham. After hearing the evidence of the widow and Dr. A. W. Fox, of Bath, who was consulted by the deceased a few days before his death, the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony, that death was caused by "angina pectoris." At the close of the inquiry the jury passed a vote of sympathy and condolence with the widow and family of deceased. The funeral took place in Chew Magna churchyard on Saturday, the 21st ult., and the service was read by the Rev. C. H. Tyke, vicar of Rodney Stoke. The

vault was beautifully lined with ferns, moss, and flowers, and the coffin was covered with beautiful crosses and wreaths, sent by, among others, Lady Steele, the Misses Crisp, Mrs. Crichton, Mr. and Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Butler and Miss Shellard, Mr. and Mrs. Canning, Mr. and Mrs. Holland, Mr. Edgecumbe and family, Mrs. Coates, the servants, Mr. Abbott, Mrs. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. H. Cox, the St. Keyna Lodge, No. 1833, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. C. Parnell, Miss Zoe Parnell (god-daughter), Mrs. Willett, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lock, Mrs. Miller, the Misses Ramsay, and others. A number of the brethren belonging to the St. Keyna Lodge, No. 1833, and also a number of Foresters, accompanied the funeral procession to Chew Magna, showing the high esteem and respect in which the deceased was held by his fellow townsmen. The bells of both churches rang muffled peals.



A first night at the Adelphi occurs now but about once a year. The authors have so nicely gauged the tastes of the frequenters of this popular home of the drama that failure is almost unknown, and each succeeding piece has a run for a year. When most other theatres are closed or are preparing to close, the Messrs. Gatti choose that time to inaugurate their new drama. The Adelphi is essentially a pit and gallery house, and with the great space and comforts now provided will become still more so. The audiences are not too fastidious. Every play here must have a strong love interest, and after the hero and heroine have passed through any number of vicissitudes end with a happy marriage. "The Union Jack,"—splendid title—by Messrs Pettitt and Grundy, is no exception to the usual run. "In the Ranks" was a story of military life; "The Harbour Lights" was a nautical tale, the hero it will be remembered being Lieut. Kingston, R.N.; "The Bells of Haslemere" was more pastoral; but the authors of "The Union Jack" have given us the two popular forces blended, so that at one time the story deals with camp life at Aldershot and then goes off to a ship's quarter-deck. Bro. William Terriss, as Jack Medway, a sailor who has worked his way up, looks every inch a petty officer of her Majesty's Navy. The noble sentiments which have been written for him to say come with much fervour and naturalness from his lips. His tremendous hold upon Adelphi audiences is marked by the breathless interest aroused in all that concerns him—whether it be as soldier or sailor. Miss Ethel Arden, as played by Miss Millward, is a charming character, who, of course, is in love with honest Jack Medway. Miss Ivy Arden, her sister, excellently portrayed by Miss Helen Forsyth—whom we welcome on her return to the stage—makes, with Lieutenant Stanley (Mr. Laurence Cautley), the secondary pair of lovers. The betrayed sister, Ruth Medway, whom we all feel so much for, at the hands of Miss Olga Nethersole—a new actress in London—is one of the finest parts in the drama, and we wonder Miss Millward did not elect to play the part, for it really is a better part than that of Ethel Arden. For the ex-Army contractor, Sir Philip Yorke, not a better exponent than Bro. Beveridge could be found. Now-a-days one villain is not enough for the patrons of this theatre, so in the last piece Mr. Cartwright is brought in for the cold, calculating, gentlemanly villain. Mr. Cartwright's death shriek when he is stabbed by Sir P. Yorke is already the talk of the town. So carefully has it been studied, that we know of some one who has paid the Adelphi a second visit in order to witness this scene. From what we have said, it will be understood that Jack Medway is the hero who relentlessly pursues Captain Morton, the betrayer of Ruth Medway, and is assisted by Ethel Arden, whom he subsequently marries. Sir Philip Yorke is the guardian of the two Misses Arden, one of whom he would marry in order to escape the embezzlement of their property by him being found out, and helps Morton to marry the other; but because the latter has a certain hold upon him on account of his forgeries, he kills Morton, having nearly made Jack Medway believe that Lieutenant Stanley is the man who has wronged Ruth. The humorous portion of the play is supplied by Miss Clara Jucks, as Polly Pippin, the lass who loves a sailor. Peter Fly, ably represented by Mr. J. L. Shine—in fact, Shine's part, though not essential to the play, has much of the "fat" in it. The Adelphi is now lighted throughout by electricity, which makes it nice and cool. It is demonstrated that the light does just as well as gas, even better, for the foot lights and stage purposes. The scenery is very elaborate and pretty. Many of the changes take place without dropping the curtain. The two winter scenes are the best we have ever seen. Of the acts the two first are decidedly the best of the four, but probably by this the interest in the last act has been more sustained than on the production of the drama. All patriotic theatre goers should see "The Union Jack."

The Grand Duke and Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz left their residence in St. James's Palace on Saturday last whence, they continued their journey to Brussels and thence to Neu Strelitz the following day.

It appears from certain statistics recently published by the Board of Trade that during the year ended 30th June, 1886, there were 3596 vessels which met with accidents of one kind or another on the coasts of the United Kingdom, this being less by 168 than the number in the preceding year, while the number of deaths caused by these accidents fell from 478 to 396. Of the above, 1290 were total losses and more serious casualties, loss of life resulting in 116 of the total losses, while the minor casualties were 2306. Between 1861 and the 30th June, 1886, there were 4199 vessels wrecked on the coasts of the United Kingdom, the lives lost being 19,347 in number. The number of vessels experiencing casualties of any kind during the 30 years to the end of June, 1886, was 83,783; the number of lives lost being 22,191, and the number saved by the instrumentality of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, 2250, while the number rescued from its establishment in 1824 to the 31st December last was 33,243 persons. There is no need after this to recommend this invaluable institution to the generous consideration of our readers.



The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall to-morrow (Saturday), at 4 p.m.

We have been requested to state that the list of Bro. the Rev. W. Valentine, who acted as Steward for the York (T.L.) Mark Lodge at the recent Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, should have been returned as £10 10s., instead of £7 7s.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Jersey purpose passing the autumn in India, and it is expected they will leave for Bombay either at the end of next month or early in October.

A strong appeal will shortly be made to the City of London to assist in the scheme for promoting polytechnic institutes in the South of London, and great hopes are entertained of its success.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord George Hamilton, and Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., attended the Cabinet Council that was held at the Foreign Office on Tuesday. Bro. Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland) was absent in Ireland.

Bro. Major-General Goldsworthy, M.P., will preside at the annual meeting of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association, which will be held at St. James's Hall on Wednesday next, the 8th instant.

The marriage of Captain the Hon. Alwyne H. F. Greville, of the King's Royal Rifle Corps, brother of Bro. Lord Brooke, Prov. G.M. Essex, with Mabel, only daughter of Mr. Ernald Smith, has been arranged to take place on Wednesday, the 8th instant, instead of to-morrow (Saturday).

On Tuesday, at Osborne, the Duchess of Buccleugh, on behalf of the women of Great Britain and Ireland, presented to her Majesty a diamond and pearl necklace and earrings, as a token of love and sympathy, in remembrance of the Jubilee, 21st June, 1887. The Queen, in accepting the gift, most graciously expressed her thanks for the beautiful present.

A letter has been received by the Corporation of Huddersfield in which it is stated that Prince Albert Victor of Wales will visit the town on Tuesday, the 7th inst., for the purpose of attending the Yorkshire Agricultural Society's Show, which will be held in Huddersfield on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday next.

The race for Doggett's Coat and Badge was rowed on Wednesday, the 1st instant, over the usual course from London Bridge to Chelsea, the winner being C. R. Harding, of Chelsea, who covered the course in 36 minutes, F. Briant, of Shadwell, who did it in 37 minutes, 50 secs., being second. The prize was founded by Thomas Doggett, the Comedian, in 1715, to commemorate the accession to the throne of Great Britain and Ireland of the present dynasty.

The International Exhibition at Melbourne, which is intended to celebrate the centenary of the foundation of the Colony of New South Wales, was opened with great ceremony, on Wednesday, by Sir H. B. Loch, the Governor, and at the conclusion of the event telegrams were dispatched to the Queen and the Prince of Wales, announcing that the Exhibition had been opened. There was an immense concourse of people present on the occasion.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., has written, through Bro. the Earl of Fife, to the Aberdeen Liberal Unionist Association, postponing his proposed visit to Aberdeen for another year.

Lady George Hamilton opened an exhibition for the sale of useful and fancy articles at St. Andrew's Schools, Roupell-street, Lambeth, on Tuesday, the proceeds to be appropriated towards liquidating a debt on the schools amounting to £550.

A regular Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand, was held at the St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch, on the 19th April last. Bro. H. Thompson, Dist. G.M., supported by Bro. Dr. Deemes, Dep. Dist. G.M., and the rest of the Dist. G. Officers, presided. A considerable proportion of the lodges were represented, and the proceedings passed off satisfactorily. According to the statement of the Dist. G. Treasurer, the balances in hand to date were £71 12s. in Union Bank (Current Account) and £449 8s. 9d. Deposit Account Permanent Investment Society.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress' entertained a large and distinguished company at dinner at the Mansion House on Wednesday, to meet the Duke of Cambridge and the elder brethren of Trinity House, among the principal guests being Bro. Lord and Lady Herschell, and Bros. Sir E. A. Inglefield, Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., and Col. Gourley.

Bro. Lionel Brough has made arrangements for prolonging his season at Toole's Theatre for another week.

AN EXHIBITION OF WORKMEN'S SKILL.—An interesting exhibition of the skill of workmen in their own trades will be opened at the Crystal Palace on August 18th, in connection with the National Co-operative Festival. The competition will be amongst working men members of the Industrial Co-operative Societies throughout the kingdom, and the special facilities offered to them to compete, by their respective societies agreeing to pay carriage on all exhibits, should open the door to a very large and representative display of individual work. The prize list is a good one, and the Council of the Society of Arts—who have promised to appoint the judges—will also award one of their bronze medals in eighteen of the principal classes. In addition, there are many classes for all kinds of amateur work, women's work, and children's work, and for collections of interest, besides the very large display of flowers, fruit, vegetables, and honey from cottagers' gardens, to be held the same day. The Secretary, Mr. W. Broomhall, 1, Norfolk-street, Strand, will supply any further particulars.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex will be held on Thursday next, the 9th instant, at the Corn Exchange, Colchester, at two o'clock.

The Hereditary Grand Duke and Princess Alix of Hesse have arrived at Osborne on a visit to her Majesty the Queen.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, Bro. Sheriff Higgs, and the Committee of Management, visited the City of London School on the 27th ult., for the purpose of distributing the prizes to the successful pupils. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to his lordship for his kindness in attending.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales visited York on the 27th ult., and was presented with the freedom of the city and a loyal address in a golden casket. His Royal Highness afterwards opened a new lock at Naburn, on the Ouse, the journey from York being made in a steamboat.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley unveiled on Friday, the 27th ult., a memorial placed in St. Paul's Cathedral in honour of the late Major-General Sir Herbert Stewart, K.C.B., who died of wounds received at the battle of Abu Klea on the 16th February, 1885.

The Right Hon. W. E. and Mrs. Gladstone and Mr. Herbert Gladstone visited the Irish Exhibition at Olympia on Friday, the 27th ult., and were received at the main entrance by Bro. Lord Arthur Hill.

The two regiments of Household Cavalry in London—the 1st Life Guards and the Royal Horse Guards—with the Royal Horse Artillery, were inspected by the Duke of Cambridge on Wormwood Scrubbs on Saturday last. The Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughters, with Duke Paul of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, were present, and also the Head Quarters Staff and about 10,000 spectators.

It has been agreed that a union of the Navy Club, formerly of the Thatched House Tavern, and the Royal Naval Club of 1765 shall take place from the 1st January next, and that the new club shall bear the title of the "Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785."

According to the *Panama Star and Herald*, the Government of the republic of Guatemala has officially recognised Freemasonry as a corporate body, but without having anything more to do with it than with a commercial firm.

Bro. Sir Edward Watkin, Bart., M.P., presided at the 104th half-yearly meeting, held at the Cannon-street Hotel on the 26th ult., of the South-Eastern Railway Company. The report, which recommended a dividend of 3 per cent. on the ordinary stock and of 6 per cent. on the preferred ordinary stock, was adopted.

Bro. Lord Headley has returned from commanding his regiment (the Kerry Militia) during its period of training, and left Plymouth on the 26th ult. in Mr. Chandler's yacht, the *Heatherbell*, for a cruise to Madeira.

According to the *Gazette* of Friday, the 27th ult., Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie has been appointed Surgeon to the 13th Middlesex Queen's Westminster Volunteers.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, left Marlborough House for Portsmouth on Monday, and proceeded thence on the Royal Yacht Osborne to Cowes, where they will remain for some time. Miss Knollys, Major-General Ellis, and Bro. Sir Francis Knollys were in attendance.

A NEW STEAM LIFEBOAT.—An invention which appears to meet a long felt want is now on exhibition at the Alexandra Palace. It is a steam lifeboat built of steel, is absolutely unsinkable, is uncapsizable, worked with twin screws, placed in a position where they will not be lifted out of the water, and can be raised instantly on coming to shore. The engines and fires are perfectly protected, and the draught of the vessel with 15 men on board is only 12 inches, so that it can go over sandbanks and into shallow water. The form of vessel has already been practically tested, and found to be very steady, to steer well, and be thoroughly under control. Some other types of steam and compressed air lifeboats are expected to arrive in the course of a week, but in the meantime this invention is attracting remarkable attention.

According to the *Charity Record*, the total amount of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund which will be available for distribution is £39,321, and it is said the Council of the Fund will recommend that £37,721 be distributed amongst 107 hospitals and 158 dispensaries, and £1600 be set apart for surgical appliances.

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAYS.—The London Tilbury and Southend Railway Company will issue cheap tickets from Fenchurch-street, Stepney, Bromley, Plaistow, Upton Park, East Ham, and Barking, to Southend, Rosherville Gardens, and Gravesend, by all trains on Sunday and Monday, 15th and 16th August. Fares: Southend and back, 1st Class 5s., 3rd Class 2s. 6d.; Rosherville Gardens, including admission, and back, 1st Class 3s., 3rd Class 1s. 9d.; Gravesend and back, 1st Class 2s. 6d., 3rd Class 1s. 6d. The ordinary return tickets for distances exceeding 12 miles, will be available from Thursday, 2nd August to Wednesday, 8th August. Tickets can be obtained at the Branch Booking Offices, 137, Leman-street, E.; 4, Royal Exchange Buildings, E.C.; 8, Grand Hotel Buildings, Trafalgar-square; 28, Regent-circus, Piccadilly, W.C.; and at the Stations.

It appears from the statement made by Grand Master Lawrence at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New York early in June last, that since the movement was made to relieve Grand Lodge of its indebtedness no less than 335,869 dollars (£67,174 nearly) have been paid over to the Grand Master towards the liquidation of the debt, which is now considerably less than 40,000 dollars (£8000.) Towards this 432 lodges have paid their quota in full and 119 in part, while 166 have contributed nothing.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The sudden changes and pervading dampness sorely impede the vital functions, and conduce to ill-health. The remedy for these disasters lies in some purifying medicine, like these Pills, which is competent to grapple with the mischief at its source, and stamp it out without fretting the nerves or weakening the system. Holloway's Pills extract from the blood all noxious matters, regulate the action of every disordered organ, stimulate the liver and kidneys, and relax the bowels. In curing chest complaints these Pills are remarkably effective, especially when aided by friction of the Ointment on its walls. This double treatment will ensure a certain, steady, and beneficent progress, and sound health will soon be re-established.—ADVT.

It is gratifying to find that Jersey has been provided with a Provincial Grand Chapter, Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Scribe E, having visited the island last week for the purpose of installing Comp. Col. de Carteret as Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons in Jersey. Comp. Col. Clerke was accompanied by Comp. Sandeman, Past G. Superintendent Bengal, Comp. J. M. P. Montagu, G. Superintendent Dorsetshire, and Comp. Frank Richardson, G.D. of C. Supreme Grand Chapter, as well as by Comp. James Terry, Past G. Std. Br.

We draw attention to a most useful publication entitled "The Inland and Foreign Telegram Code," which has recently made its appearance. It appears to us to be as complete and concise as it is possible to make it. Almost every kind of message either for business or private use is provided for, and we can recommend it as the best that has come under our notice. The author is Mr. William Hawke, and it is published by the well-known firm of Effingham, Wilson, and Co., Royal Exchange.

A very successful entertainment was given at the Ladbroke Hall, on Tuesday evening. The programme included several songs, a couple of recitations by Miss Edmiston, pianoforte solos by Signor Falcioni and Herr Liebich, with a comedy drama entitled "Dick Drayton's Wife," and a one act comedy entitled "A Handsome Apology." The chief characters were admirably rendered the Misses Mary Marston and Lilian Carew, and Mr. F. Keighley, the last mentioned of whom was loudly and deservedly applauded.

Acting in accordance with an authority granted by Sir Knight Charles Roome, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, the Templars of Wyoming Territory met in conclave on the 8th March and organised a Grand Commandery, there being three Subordinate Commanderies on the roll with an aggregate membership of 169, Sir Knight Truman B. Hicks is Grand Commander and Sir Knight John K. Jeffery Grand Recorder for the current year. This raises the number of Grand Commanderies in the United States to 35.

Owing to the death of Sir Knight George Boyden, Grand Sovereign, Sir Knight John Haigh, Grand Viceroy, is at the head of the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and under his auspices energetic steps are being taken to improve the organisation, an assembly by the Grand Council having been held in Elk's Hall, Boston, on the 29th May last, and it was resolved that Sir Knight Haigh should call the next assembly in the fall of the year.

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts held in Boston on the 13th June last, under the presidency of Bro. H. Endicott, M.W.G.M., an obituary notice of the late Bro. W. S. Gardner, Past G. Master, was read by Bro. S. C. Lawrence, Past G.M., and a portrait in oils of the late Bro. Abraham H. Howland, Past G.M., was presented by the deceased's family to Grand Lodge through Bro. Charles A. Welch, Past G.M.

Her Royal Highness Princess Christian has sent a third present to the Bethnal Green Free Library, and has become Patroness of the Institution.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the Library Committee of the Corporation of London have appointed Mr Charles Welch, who has been Assistant Librarian at Guildhall since 1864, to be Librarian in succession to the late Bro. W. H. Overall, F.S.A. We congratulate Mr. Welch on his promotion, which, whether we have regard to his ability or his courtesy in assisting students in their researches, is most richly deserved.

Bro. Frank Tyler presided on Friday evening last at the dinner of the City of London School Committee, at the Albion, Aldersgate. After a very excellent dinner, the Chairman submitted the loyal toasts with commendable brevity. Alderman Cowan replied for "The Army, Navy, and Reserved Forces," and the Lord Mayor for "The Corporation." The toast of "Prosperity to the City of London School" was given in a comprehensive speech by the Chairman, and replied to by the Rev. Dr. Abbott. "The Health of the Chairman," proposed by the Lord Mayor, and other toasts, followed.

The following is the result of a year's study at the London Academy of Music by Miss Emily Foxcroft, daughter of Bro. W. M. Foxcroft, P.M. 177, W.M. 2063: Second place in the Parepa-Rosa Scholarship, for which there were 65 competitors; first-class certificate for singing at the Society of Arts, scoring 99 marks out of a possible 100; premier position for singing (gold medal); silver medal for harmony; and scholarship at the London Academy of Music. The young lady is now only 19 years of age, and, consequently, fully justifies her motto, "Studiis et rebus Honestis."

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., presided at a meeting, on Monday, of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the subject of naval defence, the majority of the members being present.

The marriage of Lord Beaumont with Violet, only daughter of Bro. Fredk. Wootton Isaacson, M.P., and Mrs. Wootton Isaacson, was solemnised on Saturday last, at the Oratory, Brompton, before a large and distinguished congregation. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Major the Hon. Miles Stapleton, as best man, and the bridesmaids were Miss Margaret Peake, Donna Margherita Chigi, Miss Morell Mackenzie, and Miss Riddell and Miss Stapleton, cousins of the bridegroom. The bride was accompanied by her father, who conducted her to the altar and gave her away. The Rev. Father Antrobus officiated, assisted by the Rev. Canon Glover and the Rev. Father Forbes. Mrs. Wootton Isaacson afterwards held a reception at 18, Upper Grosvenor-street, when upwards of 400 relations and friends responded to her invitation, among whom were Lady Beaumont, Lord and Lady Ellenborough, Countess of Cottenham and Lady Mary Pepys, Lady Caroline Stirling, Lady Howard of Glossop, Sir G. and Lady Dallas, Lady Diana Huddleston, Sir Owen and Lady Agnes Burne, Sir Reginald Barnewall, Lord Stanley of Alderley, Lord and Lady Bray, Marquise Chigi and Donna Margherita Chigi, Mrs. Washington Hibbert, Marquess Talon, Lady Lurgan and the Hon. Miss Brownlow, Bro. Sir James Ferguson, M.P., Lord Bateman, Lord W. Neville, Baroness Bolsover and Lady Ottoline Cavendish Bentinck, Bro. Sir Charles Mills, and Bro. Sir Morell and Lady Mackenzie. In the afternoon Lord and Lady Beaumont started for Otlands Park, where they will pass the early part of the honeymoon.

**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.**  
For the week ending Saturday, August 11, 1888.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptorics, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 4.**  
General Committee Boys' School, at 4.  
**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, 7.30.  
Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.  
Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.  
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.  
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.  
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.  
Industry Chap., Pr. Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne-hill, 7.30.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 6.**  
(No Meetings.)  
**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.  
Hammersmith, The Baths, Blacks-rd., Hammersmith, 7.30.  
Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq., Porchester-terr., Paddington, at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W., 7.30.  
Marquess of Ripon, Royal Edward, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.  
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.  
Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., 8.  
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.  
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd. [E.C., 7.  
Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st.,  
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, at 8.  
Upton, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E., at 8.  
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., E.C., at 7.  
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-st., Regent's Park, at 8.  
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 7.**  
Colonial Board, at 4.  
Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.  
Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.  
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.  
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-rd. and Middleton-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-st., Cheapside, at 7.  
Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.  
Emulation, Bull Hot., Dartford, S.30.  
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.  
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.  
Finsbury, London Coffee House Tavern, Ludgate Hill, at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.  
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.  
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.  
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-sq., Kensington, 8.  
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.  
Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.  
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.  
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tucs.  
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.  
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, 6.30.  
Mount Sion Chapter, Five Bells, Moorfields, E.C., at 6.30.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8.**  
General Committee Benevolent Institution, at 4.  
Lodge 1228, Beacontree, Private Room, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
,, 1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.  
,, 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart, Upper Norwood.  
**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.  
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.  
Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 7.30.  
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.  
Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.  
Fidelity, The Alfred Tav., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, N., at 8.  
Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.  
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.  
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.  
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.  
Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-st., Boro', 7.30.  
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
Pannure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.  
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.  
Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.  
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.  
Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, at 8.  
St. Leonard, Pr. of Wal. Hot., Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.  
Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.  
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, 7.30.  
United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.  
United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.

Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.  
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.  
Domestic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 9.**  
Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex, Corn Exchange, Colchester, at 2 o'clock.  
Lodge 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tavern.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.  
City of London, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, 6.30.  
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Creaton, Wheatshaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.  
Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8 p.m.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.  
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.  
Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, 8.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N., at 8.  
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.  
Ivy, Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.  
Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
Langton, White Hart, Cannon-st., at 5.30.  
Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7, London-st., Fenchurch-st., City, E.C., at 7.  
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House, London Bridge, at 7.  
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.  
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.  
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., 8.  
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., 8.  
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.30.  
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.  
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.  
West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 10.**  
Chap. 214, Hope and Unity, Royal Forest Hot., Chingford. A.M.D., Metropolitan, 8A, Red Lion-square.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery Lane, at 7.30.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.  
Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex-street, Strand, at 7.  
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.  
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.  
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.  
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
Robert Burns, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., at 8.  
Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Cannon-bury, N.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.  
St. John's, York and Albany Ho., Regent's Park, N.W., 8.  
Stability, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons' Avenue, at 7.  
The Abbey, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-rd., 7.30.  
Ubique, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., 7.30.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.  
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W. Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-sq., Paddington, at 8.  
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, 8.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 11.**  
Lodge 869, Gresham, Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park.  
,, 1423, Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.  
,, 1637, Unity, Railway Hotel, Harrow Station.  
,, 1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Layton.  
,, 2096, George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.

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