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THE authorities of the Girls' School have acted wisely, or we should say rather, in accordance with their duty, in proposing that a Special General Court, which has been fixed for Thursday, the 16th inst., shall be held for the purpose of empowering the Centenary Committee "to accept a tender for the New Buildings in a sum not exceeding £31,000." It will be in the recollection of our readers that last year the Quarterly General Court gave its sanction for an expenditure, which was not to exceed £20,000, to be incurred in the erection of a Centenary Hall and the alteration and extension of the existing School buildings. In the meantime, however, certain changes and additions to the original designs have been made in order to give it greater completeness and consequence, and when the Centenary Committee, at their meeting on Thursday, the 25th ult., came to open the tenders, they found that the lowest amounted to between £30,000 and £31,000, or from £10,000 to £11,000 in excess of the sum sanctioned. Under these circumstances the Committee had no option but either to curtail the extended and improved Scheme to such an extent as would seriously reduce the benefits which might be looked for from its adoption, or refer the question once again to the general body of Governors and Subscribers, in the belief that, as the product of the Centenary Festival had so largely exceeded the most sanguine expectations, they would be willing to incur the heavier expenditure rather than see the Scheme, as amended, for the permanent improvement of the School destroyed of half its value. This then, is the question which must be decided at the Special Court on the 16th instant, and as the money has been raised, and there can be no doubt about the desirability of carrying out the improved Centenary Memorial Scheme in its entirety, we trust the Governors will give their sanction for the larger outlay.

THERE was never any serious reason to doubt that the motion to increase by 20 the number of children in the Girls' School would be carried at the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Saturday last. As a matter of fact, it was carried almost without discussion, and the chief business of the day, therefore, was the election of 37 girls from an approved list of 73 candidates, the original number of 74 having been reduced by the withdrawal of one. On this occasion London appears to have fared better, 11 out of its 19 candidates having obtained places among the successful, while of the five others in which she had a part interest, four were able to secure their election. No. 1 on the poll was a girl from Victoria, who brought forward 2784 votes from last October, and need not, therefore, have had another vote recorded for her. However, her friends, being anxious no doubt to make assurance doubly sure, obtained 650 in addition, and thus raised her total to 3434 votes. No. 2 hailed from London, and in her case too her friends might have saved themselves the trouble of obtaining further votes, as she had already to her credit 2564 votes. However, they polled 445 more, and thereby increased her score to 3009. No. 3, also from London, started with 1701 votes to the good, and ended with a total of 2732 votes, while No. 4, from Nottinghamshire, was content with a nominal addition of 30 votes to her previous credit of 2701 votes. The next was the Berks and Bucks candidate, who polled 2467, while No. 6, from Kent, secured 2323 votes, of which 1959 votes remained from last October. No. 7 (London) increased her credit from 1395 to 2319 votes, and No. 8 (Hants and Isle of Wight), with 2229 to the good, obtained 69 more, making 2298 votes. Another London girl with 1732 votes from the last election, stood ninth with 2289 votes, and then followed a second Kent girl, who started with 1063 votes and ended with 2195 votes. No. 11 (London) raised her credit of 1134 votes to 2112 votes, and No. 13, from Somersetshire, obtained 2099, of which 1520 were brought forward. Then followed a Warwickshire girl with 2035 votes; a girl from the two Lancshires with 2028 votes; a candidate with claims on East Lancashire and Derbyshire with 2009 votes, and a third out of the four Kent candidates with 2008 votes. No. 17 was of mixed origin, hailing from Suffolk, Essex, and London, and scored 1934 votes, No. 18, who obtained 1910 votes,

being one of the five candidates from Devonshire. A London girl stood next with 1867 votes, and then the Dorsetshire candidate was close up with 1859 votes. No. 21 (Gloucestershire) had 1849 votes recorded for her, and a London and Middlesex candidate, with only this chance of success remaining, stood next, with 1838 votes. No. 23, in which Norfolk and London shared between them the interest and responsibility of securing her election if possible, scored 1822 votes, a wholly provincial candidate, with claims on Warwickshire, and Leicestershire and Rutland, standing next in order, with 1819 votes. Cornwall and Hants and the Isle of Wight divide the honour, as they divided the responsibility, of carrying the election of No. 25, with 1771 votes; while four London girls, with 1767 votes, 1722 votes, 1689 votes, and 1679 votes, respectively occupied the 26th to the 29th places. An Essex girl was next, with 1678 votes, of which 1290 were already to her credit, then one from London with 1666 votes, and then three out of four West Yorkshire girls with 1622 votes, 1015 votes, and 1606 votes respectively. No. 35, from Kent and London, had 1592 votes recorded for her, and No. 36, from Cornwall, 1579 votes, while the Sussex candidate brought up the rear, with 1557 votes, the two highest unsuccessful candidates being well up, one with 1521 votes, and the other with 1503 votes. There were, in addition, nine other candidates, who polled upwards of 1000 votes. Of the seven candidates who had this only chance of obtaining admission into the School, four succeeded, and three failed, so that the number of girls who will still remain eligible in October, will be 33. There were 37,779 votes brought forward, and 59,989 issued, the number of the latter, which passed the Scrutineers, being 55,449, so that only 4540, were unused or spoilt.

THE Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Friday, the 26th ult., when the general expectation that the Report of the Philbrick Committee of Inquiry would be forthcoming was realised, and it was at once resolved that a sufficient number of copies should be printed and circulated among the Subscribers, so that every one might be in a position to judge for himself as to the result of the Inquiry, and the nature and value of any recommendations which the Committee may have thought proper to make. The opportunity was also taken to pass a resolution of thanks to Bro. PHILBRICK and the brethren who had acted with him for having performed with so much assiduity and thoroughness the duties with which they had been entrusted. As for the Report itself, which is at present a sealed book to all but the one or two brethren who may have read it officially, a Special General Court will be called for the purpose of considering and dealing with it, and, therefore, we must reserve such remarks as we may desire to make till a more convenient opportunity presents itself. As for the business appointed to be done at this Court, it resolved itself into the election of 20 boys, from an approved list of 72, reduced by the withdrawal of one, to 71 candidates. The poll was a heavy one, nearly 54,000 out of 58,100 votes issued having been recorded, while the contest, as may well be supposed, was severe, there being as many as 15 unsuccessful candidates who obtained votes ranging from 1000 upwards. The result shows that the Provinces, with their various systems of organisation, obtained a considerable advantage over the Metropolis, as they succeeded in carrying 14 out of their 48 candidates—the boy whose name was withdrawn from the list being a West Yorkshire case—while the Metropolis was able to secure the election of only four out of its 19, two of the four cases of mixed London and Provincial origin being successful, and two unsuccessful. The boy who stood No. 1 on the poll came from the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, obtaining 2793 votes, of which all but two were polled for him on this occasion. No. 2 was a candidate from New South Wales, and increased the 1307 votes already to his credit to 2784. A Gloucestershire lad stood third with 2775 votes, and was followed by the candidate from the Eastern Division of South Wales, whose previous poll of 1868 votes was increased by 877 votes to 2745. Thus the four highest candidates were close together, there being a difference of only 48 votes between Nos. 1 and 4. The next four were also grouped closely together, the highest—No. 5—who had claims on both Hants and the Isle of Wight and London—securing 2695 votes, of which 1081 stood to his credit from previous elections; No. 6, a new candidate from Derbyshire, obtaining 2627 votes; No. 7, from Monmouthshire, 2611 votes; and No. 8, one of the two Bristol candidates, 2606 votes. No. 9, from East Lancashire, scored 2593 votes, and then we come at last to a London candidate, who, with 1677 votes already to his credit, secured the tenth place, with a total of 2540 votes. Kent and London share between them the honour of obtaining the eleventh place, with 2539 votes, and then followed a boy from Northumberland, who scored 2510 votes, of which 1988 had remained over from October last. The West Yorkshire candidate was thirteenth, with 2447 votes, and then one of the three Durham lads, whose name had been

on the list for three years, and who had but this one remaining chance of being elected. He already had 988 votes to the good, and his friends raised these to 2436. Two London boys stood next as Nos. 15 and 16 respectively, the former polling 2421 votes and the latter 2351 votes. The Surrey candidate, by increasing his 1018 votes to 2327 votes, secured the seventeenth place, and then came the fourth successful London boy, who increased his previous poll of 993 votes to 2286. No. 19, from Jersey and Ceylon, scored 2189 votes, of which 664 remained from last October, and the candidate from South Wales, West Division, brought up the rear with 2162 votes, of which 790 were already to his credit, while the remaining 1372 were cast for him on this occasion. It will be seen from this that the contest, as we have said, was a close one, there being a difference of only 631 votes between the highest and lowest successful candidates. There was a gap of 274 votes between No. 20 and the highest unsuccessful boy, but between No. 21 who obtained 1888 votes, and No. 28, who obtained 1614 votes, the difference was precisely the same. We note also that no less than six London candidates were among the 15 highest unsuccessful—a fact which does not speak volumes in favour of the London system of management—if, indeed, there is any system at all. Of the 11 boys who had this solitary chance of election, five were successful and six unsuccessful, and as the names of the latter will disappear from the list, there remain 45 candidates who will carry forward their votes and interest to the election in October next. Lastly, as regards the votes brought forward and issued, there were 26,267 of the former, and 58,100 of the latter; and of those issued 53,790 were passed by the Scrutineers, the number unused and disallowed being 4310.

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W. Lancashire  
Masonic Educa-  
tional Institution.

IT will be in the recollection of many of our readers that the Earl of LATHOM, when called upon as President of the Board of Stewards at the Girls' School Centenary Festival last year, to respond to the toast of Success to the R.M. Institution for Girls, referred with no little pride to the various Institutions which had been organised by his Province of West Lancashire for the relief of aged and indigent brethren and their widows, and for the education of their children; nor, considering the amount of good that is being done by these local organisations, is it surprising that his lordship should have bestowed on them so much praise. We have before us the report just issued for the year ending 31st December, 1888, of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. This Charity was founded in the year 1850, and the extent of its ability to carry out the object for which it was established may be judged from the fact that its accumulated invested funds exceed £20,000, yielding an annual income of considerably over £700, while its receipts from all sources for the year to which this particular report refers amounted to £1862. There is, however, a decrease in this respect as compared with 1887 of upwards of £600, but this is no doubt accounted for by the latter year having been that of the Queen's Jubilee, when an exceptionally large income might have been looked for, and was, in fact, received. Of the total expenditure only about £90 appears to have been disbursed for working expenses, the remainder being devoted exclusively to the children, of whom there are 224 in receipt of the benefits afforded by the Charity; there being 196 on the Educational Fund at an outlay of £1286, and 19 on the Combined Fund receiving education, clothing, and maintenance at a cost of £677, while nine who had left the Institution received amongst them £40 towards their advancement. During the year 36 children were elected on and 28 removed from the foundation, and a sum of £700 was expended in the purchase of two rights of presentation for 21 years to public Institutions, thus raising the number of such rights available to seven. In fact, this West Lancashire Institution appears to achieve the maximum of benefit at a minimum of cost, and we most cordially echo the wish expressed by the Committee, that "in view of the large expenditure we anticipate in 1889, together with the small balance at the Treasurer's disposal"—a little under £240—they will "not look in vain to the brethren of the province for increased support." Our West Lancashire brethren must be very proud of their Educational Charity, and we are satisfied that such an appeal will be responded to most generously.

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The  
Craft in  
Victoria.

THERE is no longer any necessity for our speaking in terms of doubt or hesitation as to the establishment of a United Grand Lodge of Victoria. When we last wrote about this body its position, so far as we were concerned, may be said to have resembled that of Mahomet's coffin, which is fabled to have hung midway between heaven and earth. We knew it had been arranged that the constitution of the Grand Lodge should take place, and Bro. Sir W. J. CLARKE, Bart., be installed as Grand Master on certain days in March, which were already past, but we had no knowledge that these events had actually occurred. However, we are now in a position to state that the United Grand Lodge of Victoria was constituted, as proposed, on the 20th March last, and that the day following Bro. Sir W. J. CLARKE was installed M.W.G. Master by Bro. Lord CARRINGTON, M.W.G.M. of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, assisted by Bro. the Hon. Chief Justice WAY, M.W.G.M. of South Australia, in the presence of some 3000 brethren. A Supreme G. Chapter with Sir W. CLARKE as M.E. Grand First Principal, was constituted the same day, and in the evening the double event was celebrated by a grand banquet, at which the newly-installed ruler of Freemasonry in Victoria presided. We shall publish a full report of the proceedings next week, but in the meantime we tender our hearty congratulations to the New United Grand Lodge and its Grand Chapter, and express the hope that in the future as in the past its career may be one of complete and unbroken prosperity.

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## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

## QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT.

The April Quarterly Court of Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held last Saturday in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, when there was a very large attendance of the brethren. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., Past G. Treas., and Treas. of the Institution, presided.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed,

Bro. C. H. WEBB (London) proposed the re-election of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall as Treasurer.

Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL (London) seconded the motion.

Bro. GOODACRE (Manchester) proposed Bro. Henry Smith, Dep. Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, whose energies and abilities were well known, not only in London but in the provinces.

Bro. J. BATEMAN FOX (West Yorkshire) seconded the motion.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON (London), on the two motions being put to the vote, declared that the choice of the brethren had fallen on Bro. Marshall.

The CHAIRMAN, in thanking the brethren for his re-election, said that the discharge of the duties of Treasurer to this Institution was to him at all times a labour of love, especially at the present time. It brought him in closer touch with the orphan, the widow, the fatherless and motherless, and he availed himself of this opportunity of reminding the brethren that there were seven "last time" cases upon the list of candidates for election that day. Notwithstanding that they hoped to put on 20 additional children besides the 17 for whom there were, in the ordinary course of matters, vacancies, making 37 to be elected that day, great efforts would have to be made by those who were responsible for placing them on the list in order that they might be elected. He always held it to be the duty of those who placed children on the list to make every endeavour to get them elected, and he also thought it was the duty of the Chairman of the meeting at which the election took place to support the last time cases. Consequently, he invariably devoted a portion of his votes to such cases, and on this occasion he should do so with 600 votes, appropriating them to the best of his judgment. (Cheers.)

The General Committee were then re-elected, on the motion of Sir J. B. MONCKTON, seconded by Bro. C. H. WEBB. They were

Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON, for Bro. E. Letchworth (London), P.G.D., Vice-Patron, upon the recommendation of the House Committee, moved "That 20 additional vacancies (making 37 in all) be declared for the April Election, thereby raising the number of elected girls on the Institution to 257." He said this was a most welcome task, and very little would be necessary to be said to recommend it to the notice of the brethren, because, coming as a recommendation from the House Committee, the brethren would feel it was a proposition of not a rash or undue character, but that it could, and would, be carried out. (Hear, hear.) The only remark he had to make in connection with the motion was that he should explain why this proposition had not been previously made. Of course, after the magnificent subscriptions in the Centenary year of the Institution, the Craft would look for some compensating advantages with regard to the admission of pupils to the School. Those who were interested in the Institution knew that a scheme for enlarging the buildings was in contemplation. But the House Committee felt that until they could be assured by the architects the spare room now available for the junior school would not be required during the re-building, it was not right to bring the subject before the Committee. They now found from Bros. Hunt and Clutton that the arrangements were of such a character that the building might proceed without removing a single pupil from the larger to the smaller portion, and on this assurance the Committee thought the time had arrived when the space might be utilised. That being so, it would be for the benefit of the past and the future of the Institution that this motion should be brought forward. (Cheers.) He then read the motion, and added that if it was agreed to it would operate as follows: The House Committee had resolved, in the event of the motion being carried, that 20 candidates highest on the poll, if qualified by age, should at the next meeting of the House Committee on the 23rd May be taken into the School on that day, the remaining 17 being admitted at the usual time in August. It was hardly necessary to take in the whole 37 at one time, as there were matters of discipline in the way. (Cheers.)

Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS (London), P.G.S.B., seconded the motion. One matter Bro. Monckton had not made quite clear. If they had 20 vacancies at the present moment, they did not occur till the end of the term, when the children left the School, so that they could not take in the 17 till the 20th of August.

The motion was carried.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND (N. and E. Yorks) moved "That all motions or particular business to be brought before the Quarterly Courts of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls shall be printed, and distributed in the room at the meetings of such Courts for the information of the brethren present."

Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL (London) seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

Bro. WM. MORLEY (London) moved

"That the recommendation of the General Committee be adopted," as under:—

"That the following alterations and additions be made in the Laws of the Institution, viz.":—

1. By altering Law 35 by the addition after the word "admission" in the 9th line, of the words "after having a report of the Petitions Committee," and after the word "audit" the words "and Petitions."

## PETITIONS COMMITTEE.

2. From the General Committee, Five or Seven Life-Governors, being Freemasons, shall be elected annually to act as a Petitions Committee. They shall be nominated and elected in like manner and at the same meeting as the House Committee. Three shall form a quorum. They shall meet from time to time as circumstances may require, and receive and examine Petitions of Candidates for admission, and investigate and make such enquiries relating to the circumstances stated in the Petition, or of the relations of the Petitioner, and may require such confirmation thereof as they may deem advisable, and they shall report the result of such examination or investigation to the General Committee, but they shall not have power to reject any Petition.

3. To add to Sub-Sec. 1 of Law 54: "Also such information as may be required by the Petitions Committee shall also be furnished."

4. To alter Sub-Sec. 6 of Law 44, by providing that all Petitions must be sent to the Secretary at least 14 days before the Meetings of the General Committee.

5. That in the event of the above propositions being carried and confirmed, the first Committee be elected at the Meeting of the General Committee next after the above propositions become Laws of the Institution.

He said that as the object of the Institution was the admission of female children whose parents had been reduced by misfortune, he believed it was common ground to them all that anything which would tend to have in the Institution only such children who were the daughters of necessitous brethren, would be a great boon. At the present moment the practice was that the whole petitions came before the General Committee. The Secretary's duties were confined to receiving all the petitions, and the various requirements were in order. When the petitions came before the General Committee there was no one there who had had an opportunity sufficiently of examining them so as to satisfy himself that the case was not an improper one. The Committee which he proposed would have full information.

A BROTHER having seconded the motion,

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND thought they were going the wrong way about. They were by this motion defining the duties of the Petitions Committee before appointing a Petitions Committee. The proper way to go about it was to move first that such a Committee of Petitions be appointed, and then so many brethren shall serve on it. If Bro. Morley put it that way he would sympathise with him in his view.

Bro. MORLEY thought Bro. Cumberland had misunderstood him. His motion said "From the General Committee, five or seven Life Governors, being Freemasons, shall be elected annually to act as a Petitions Committee."

A BROTHER asked what precautions had hitherto been taken to be certain that the petitions placed before the General Committee were deserving of the benefits of this Institution. There was one case wholly unworthy of support in the list for that day, and it had been withdrawn, but not by the Committee, "ex proprio motu."

Bro. JAMES BRETT (London), P.G.P., enquired whether the brother was in order in mentioning names.

The BROTHER said the question was whether enquiries were made by the Committee before placing a child's name on the list. In the case he was alluding to certainly it could not have been done or the child would not have been placed on the list. He might say he belonged to several Institutions besides the Masonic Charities, and every case brought before those Institutions was thoroughly investigated before the Committee before it was admitted to the list.

The CHAIRMAN informed the brother that the General Committee met on the last Thursday of every month, and investigated every case.

The BROTHER said he never heard of the Committee; he had no notice of its meetings. ("Order, order.")

The CHAIRMAN added that the brother was going into a question that ought to be brought before the General Committee. The present meeting was a Quarterly Court, which delegated to the General Committee that had just been re-elected certain duties, and if the brother was now going to bring before this Quarterly Court a case which ought to be brought before the General Committee he should rule him out of order.

Bro. W. H. SPAULL (Shropshire) said the case was not on the list; it had been withdrawn by the mother.

Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS (London) said no doubt the brother was a member of the General Committee.

The BROTHER said the General Committee was, so far, a close body. He had been a Life-Governor for years, and he had not been on the General Committee.

The CHAIRMAN remarked that the General Committee was not a close body. Every Life-Governor had a right to attend its meetings, which were on the last Thursday of every month.

The BROTHER enquired what notice was given of it.

The CHAIRMAN: It meets on the last Thursday in the month at 4 o'clock in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall.

The BROTHER: I have no knowledge of it.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS (London): It is in the Calendar.

The BROTHER was endeavouring to speak, when there were loud cries of "Order," but he said; If the Chairman says I am out of order, I will sit down.

The CHAIRMAN: I rule you out of order.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND then proceeded to point out that the motion of Bro. Morley was not in proper form, and that there ought to be a motion first that there be a Petitions Committee.

Bro. W. H. SPAULL, however, pointed out that the motion was perfectly regular—"That the recommendation of the General Committee be adopted"—and in that recommendation there was the proposition—"From the General Committee, five or seven Life-Governors, being Freemasons, shall be elected annually to act as a Petitions Committee."

Bro. MORLEY said that was so; he was quite in order. All the other portions were only matters of detail, and he should move the whole *en bloc*.

Bro. CUMBERLAND, who was met with loud cries of "Order" and "Time," said he supported the motion for the reason that the General Committee had not time to go into all the cases thoroughly, and this Petitions Committee would be a God-send to them.

The motion was then put and carried, and the Scrutineers of votes for the election were appointed.

Bro. RUSSELL (Kent) said before the business of the Court terminated he wanted to draw attention to a circumstance which very vitally affected this Institution. In the reading of the minutes of the General Committee by the Secretary, he noticed that some very large transactions had been taking place with the Institution's invested funds, and he observed that very great skill had been shown in the management of those invested funds, and that great success had been achieved and a very large sum of money had been saved to the Institution. He thought, therefore, that the brethren should not allow the present opportunity to pass without some recognition of the very valuable services that had been rendered in the conversion of the funds under the scheme of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. He would like to know whether any brother was entitled to their thanks for this, because if so he should like to include the brother who inspired the action of the Committee. (Hear, hear, and cries of "Bro. Fenn.") About £1000 had been saved to the Institution. This was a very important matter and he did not think this service should pass without recognition. (Hear, hear.) If a brother had caused a loss of less amount it would have created great dissatisfaction; but now the General Committee and Bro. Fenn, through their skilful management, acting under Bro. Fenn's advice, had saved a large sum of money to the Institution, and the least that could be done was to carry a vote of thanks to them. He begged to move a vote of thanks to the General Committee for acting on the advice of Bro. Fenn in the conversion of the Consols of the Institution, and to Bro. Fenn for giving the advice.

The motion was seconded and carried, and the brethren then proceeded

to elect 37 out of an approved list of 73 girls into the Institution. At the declaration of the poll the following was found to be the result:

SUCCESSFUL.

Name	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Ruby Rosetta Webster ...	3434	Olive Lano Greenwood ...	1859
Adelaide Howett Jane Harling ...	3009	Fanny Gertrude Williams ...	1849
Laura Amelia Thaw ...	2732	Margaret Ellen May Roberts ...	1838
Jessie Henrietta Codling ...	2731	Olga Katinka Tettenborn ...	1822
Hilda Maud Liverd ...	2467	Alice Taverner ...	1819
Florence Charlotte Hemmings ...	2323	Mary Ponsford Gould ...	1771
Bertha Elizabeth Venables... ..	2319	Edith Jane Cooper ...	1767
Leonie Rosamond Lee ...	2298	Beatrice Emma Turner ...	1722
Henrietta Ada Staff ...	2289	Annie Elizabeth Alice Sumner ...	1689
Amy Florence Gorton ...	2195	Priscilla Minnie Swaebe ...	1679
Eliza Pether ...	2112	Mabel Elizabeth Bruce ...	1678
Georgina Balch ...	2099	Muriel Agnes Smith ...	1666
Mabel Alice Cookes ...	2035	Edith Lilian Jones ...	1622
Mary Maud Swan Schofield ...	2028	Lena Sybil Kassel ...	1615
Edith Winterbottom... ..	2009	Ethel Hilda Hall ...	1606
Hilda Collard... ..	2008	Ethel Michael ...	1592
Ivy Grace Towse ...	1934	Anita Mary Thorne ...	1579
Fanny Clark Campbell ...	1910	Ellen Eliza Young ...	1557
Lilian May Astington ...	1867		

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Dorothy Janet Wood ...	1521	Harriet Fitzwater ...	196
Mary Maud Watson... ..	1503	Agnes Le Gros ...	149
Eleanor Faith Groombridge ...	1481	Jane Routledge Wilkinson ...	134
Ruby Blanch Loetchen Butcher ...	1451	Mary Glover Wood ...	106
Alice Winifred Bingham ...	1449	Elizabeth Lamplough ...	78
Nellie Burgess ...	1355	Emily Frances Griffiths ...	47
Mabel Ann Bohli ...	1281	Ada Haylett ...	46
Ethel Sylvia Mountain ...	1214	Frances Emma Hooke ...	32
Alice Louise McCue ...	1175	Beatrice Cochrane ...	31
Ethel Mansfield Boyd ...	1161	Edith Fanny Hattie Cullis ...	29
Isabel Mildred Tomlinson Lane ...	1138	Bertha Johnston ...	28
Alberta Dale ...	914	Mary Gwendoline Robson ...	20
Florence Ethel G. Dixon ...	522	Annie Lydia Blackler ...	19
Helen Maud England ...	394	Ellen Eveline May ...	17
Mary Ellen Morris ...	372	Alice Katie Beatrice Prout... ..	10
Ethel Mary Poore ...	370	Mary Beatrice Woodroffe Scholes... ..	8
Eveleen Margaret Mary Whiteford ...	238	Jane Troop ...	5
Annie Wilson... ..	201	Dorothy Parnell Anthony ...	4

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and the Chairman of the day closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION.

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street; Bro. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. for West Yorkshire, in the chair.

There was a large attendance of the brethren, who were mainly attracted by the knowledge that the Report of the Special Commission to enquire into the management, discipline, and expenditure of the School would be presented.

Bro. George Plucknett was re-elected Treasurer, and the General Committee was re-elected.

In the absence of Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., Bro. ROEBUCK, on behalf of the House Committee, moved that three additional boys be elected.

Bro. H. VENN seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

Bro. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Reg., then said: On behalf of the Committee appointed under the resolution of last July to enquire into the management, discipline, and expenditure of the Institution, and to report to this Court at a subsequent meeting, I beg to hand to the Court the unanimous report of the Committee acting under that resolution. It has been necessary for signing it to put it into print, and I have to state that the type will remain set until to-morrow, in order that if this Court like to order copies for its information they may be obtained without the expense and delay of re-composing by the printer. (Hear, hear.)

The learned gentleman then handed a copy of the report, officially sealed in an envelope, to the CHAIRMAN, who, breaking the seal, said: I apprehend I must have a resolution to receive this report, and, if necessary, it can be read.

Bro. JOSEPH STORY (London) said: Would not the most practical way be to move a resolution that the report be received, printed, and circulated among the Governors? (Hear, hear.) If so, I shall have pleasure in moving it, for I think this is a matter which should be placed before every subscriber to this Institution. (Applause.)

Bro. A. E. GLADWELL (London) seconded the motion.

The CHAIRMAN: It is rather a lengthy report. [The document occupied 48 pages in print.]

Bro. BINCKES, Secretary, suggested that there should first of all be a motion simply that the report be received.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes. It has been moved and seconded that the report be received.

This motion was unanimously adopted.

Bro. BINCKES: Now it has become the property of the Institution, and the brethren can do as they like.

Bro. STORY: I will now move that the report be printed and circulated.

Bro. RUSSELL (London) seconded the motion.

Bro. BINCKES: There are over 4000 Governors. Is it to be understood that the report is to be sent round at the expense of the Institution to every qualified member of the Court?

Bro. GLADWELL: No. I would make a suggestion. It is a large expenditure, and a very large number of the reports might be treated as waste paper, and not receive the consideration we desire. I will, therefore, move that the reports be issued to all those who want them at a cost not exceeding one shilling each. (Laughter, and cries of "Oh," and "Certainly not.")

Bro. PHILBRICK: I may mention that only the proof copies for signature and a copy for each member of the Committee have been taken as proofs. I am informed that the cost of printing the reports will be between £10 and £12 per thousand. If paper not quite so good as this be used the charge will be about £10 per thousand; but it was necessary for us to have thicker paper as we had to write our signatures upon it.

Bro. STORY: When I proposed my resolution I did not think it worth while to occupy the time of the Court, because I thought such a proposition

would be accepted without hesitation. (Hear, hear.) A certain stigma has been cast upon the management of the Boys' School, and it has been widely circulated by means of printed circulars and pamphlets, and I think it is due to this Institution, to the General Committee, and to those who have taken a very active part in the affairs that this report should be circulated in a proper manner. I do not know what the Committee report, but whatever it is it ought to be as equally widespread as the stories which have been in circulation on the contrary. I do not think we ought to hesitate for a moment, even if it cost £100 to circulate the report.

Bro. RUSSELL (Kent): I think that whatever may have been said by our brother on the right of the Chairman (Bro. Philbrick), there is not the slightest doubt that this report ought to be printed and circulated. (Hear, hear.) If you can do 1000 copies for £10 you can produce £4000 for £40, and what is £40 to this Institution compared with the doubt and uncertainty which has been hanging over it for so long? I shall have very great pleasure in supporting Bro. Story's proposition, because I believe it is conceived in the true interests of the School. I think we ought to give all possible information to everybody and make no charge for it. (Hear, hear.) You will in that way remove the cloud which has been hanging over you, and when you have a bright and pure Institution it will prosper. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND (N. and E. Yorks.): I should like to suggest, in order to save expense, that the report be printed on rather commoner paper than the proof presented to the Court. I quite agree with Bro. Russell that for a pound or two we should not deprive any member of a copy of the report, and I think every subscriber to the Institution has a perfect right to a copy. I would suggest that the printer who has the type set up should be asked at what charge he will supply us with the same paper cover and with the report printed on rather commoner paper. I quite agree that the sooner the report is in the hands of the subscribers the better it will be for the Institution, and the sooner we can have a Special General Court to consider what shall be done the better it will be in the permanent interests of the School. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. JOHN WORDSWORTH (West Yorkshire): I beg to propose that 4000 copies of the report be printed and circulated at the expense of the Institution.

Bro. W. GOODACRE (Prov. G. Sec. West Lancashire) seconded the motion.

Bro. STORY: I think it would be far better if the members of the Committee of Management took no part in this particular business; and in my opinion the motion ought to come from the general body of the subscribers. I do not think we ought to limit ourselves to the number of copies to be printed. Every subscriber ought to have a copy of the report. There ought to be no hole and corner business. (Hear, hear.) Let it be plain and unsophisticated—the plainer the better. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. JAMES STEVENS (London): I think, under the circumstances which this Institution has gone through during the past 12 months, and which it is likely to go through if there is any reservation in the circulation of this report, there ought to be no limit as to the number of copies printed and circulated, that those interested in this Institution may know exactly all that has transpired. (Hear, hear.) It is a matter of very considerable importance, and if you stand at the expenditure of some few score pounds now, you will probably hereafter lose some hundreds of pounds, because the feeling of uneasiness is not confined to those present to-day, nor even to the Metropolis, but is generally spread in England and elsewhere. (Hear, hear.) There ought, therefore, to be no hesitation in letting every man who is likely to be at all interested in the Institution have a knowledge of that report, otherwise those who have long supported the School might be disposed to withhold their aid. (Hear, hear.) I strongly support the proposition that has been made—that a number be printed sufficient for circulation among all who are interested in the Institution, whether Subscribers or Governors.

A BROTHER said: As an amendment, and on the ground of economy, I will move that a sufficient number of copies be printed to provide each lodge and each chapter with one copy—(laughter, and cries of "No, no!")—and that any member of a lodge or of a chapter may have an extra copy of the report on paying the cost price. (Laughter.)

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH (London): I strongly supported the resolution first made, that the report now received be printed and circulated to every member of the Institution, and to everyone likely to take an interest in it. (Hear, hear.) I think nothing less than this will satisfy the brethren, and I think the best thing is to adopt the resolution of our brother on the other side (Bro. Story).

Bro. BINCKES, Sec.: If that resolution be carried, I apprehend there will be no alternative but to take the list of subscribers and send each of them a copy, as the brethren are aware, in addition to the cost of printing, there will be the postages, and the extra staff to send the report round.

Bro. JAMES BRETT (London): And a good expenditure too. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

Bro. BINCKES; I am not saying a word in objection to the resolution. I am only pointing out to the brethren what will be the cost to the Institution.

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS (London): I beg to move, as an amendment, that the report be read. (Cries of "Oh!" and laughter.) Many brethren have come long distances to hear the report read.

The CHAIRMAN then put Bro. Story's motion, that the report be printed and circulated amongst the members of the Quarterly Court, and the motion was, amidst cheers, unanimously adopted.

Bro. SCURRAH: May I ask how soon will the report be printed and circulated?

Bro. PHILBRICK: In order to facilitate matters, I asked the printers, as I had said, to keep the report in type till to-morrow. If I have the sanction of the Court, I will order the requisite number of copies, and as this number will probably be considerable, I have not the least doubt that I shall be able to obtain a material reduction on the price I have named. (Hear, hear.) I will have the work done at the lowest possible figure—of course, as if one were paying for it out of one's own pocket. It has been printed in the country in order that it might be done quickly, and that the contents of the report might remain entirely unknown to everyone until the Court was possessed of the report. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. STEVENS: Although it looks bulky, there is no reason why the report should be printed on such heavy paper.

The CHAIRMAN: I am quite sure the matter is in very good hands. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. STORY: Will now be the opportune time to thank Bro. Philbrick and the members of the Committee for their labours? (Cries of "Yes,"

"Hear, hear," and the Chairman assenting.) Then I think every member of this Institution will be convinced, whatever the report may be, that it is thoroughly impartial and exhaustive, and that it is our duty to thank the members of the Committee for their labours and for their report; and I beg to move a resolution accordingly.

Bro. SCURRAH seconded the motion.

Bro. GREATBATCH (Staffordshire): As one who had the pleasure of appearing for some days before the Committee, and of witnessing the close attention and consideration which they devoted to every subject brought before them, I beg to support the resolution. I know not what one word of that report may be, but I know that it will embody the honest and conscientious conviction of seven earnest brethren who devoted many days and weeks to the benefit of the Institution, and performed more labour than any brother not connected with the Committee can form any idea of. Their labour was intense and close to the greatest possible degree.

The CHAIRMAN put the resolution, which was carried amidst loud acclamation, and, addressing Bro. Philbrick, he said: I have very great pleasure in informing you of the vote of this Court unanimously thanking you and the other members of the Committee for the very able services which you have rendered to the Institution. (Cheers.)

Bro. PHILBRICK, in acknowledging the compliment, said: At the request of the Court, my colleagues and myself undertook a very anxious and a very troublesome duty. I can assure you, if I may speak personally, that it has been by the support of my brother Allcroft, the Treasurer of Christ's Hospital, my brother Sir Reginald Hanson, Bro. Pope, Bro. Col. Thrale Perkins, Bro. Malcolm, Coroner of Leeds, and Bro. Wylie, of Liverpool, that we have been able to conduct our labours; and we sat for 15 days taking evidence, to bring our labours to a unanimous conclusion, which we all trust will ultimately prove to the benefit of this great and noble Institution. (Cheers.) I will say this only of the report, that we have endeavoured, without fear, favour, or affection, to tell the whole truth, as we believed it to be. (Cheers.) What the result of that will be we leave to those in whose hands lies the dealing with the matter. (Hear, hear.)

A BROTHER: I apprehend it will be necessary to give to our brother Philbrick authority to order the printing of these reports. (Cries of "We have.")

The CHAIRMAN: Bro. Philbrick has undertaken the duty.

Bro. G. P. BRITTEN: Will it be convenient for you now to fix a day for a special meeting of the Court to consider this report.

The CHAIRMAN: No, I think not.

Bro. STORY: We can call that by a requisition.

Bro. BINCKES (Secretary): The laws provide that a Special Court may be convened by the President and a certain number of Life-Governors.

Scrutineers of votes were then appointed, and the brethren proceeded to the election of candidates for admission to the School.

#### SUCCESSFUL.

Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Frank Roberts ... ..	2793	Cyril Michael... ..	2539
Arthur Edward Kennedy ...	2784	Stanley Aynsley Mundle ...	2510
Frederick Woodman... ..	2775	Stephen Ibbotson ... ..	2447
John Baron Fry ... ..	2745	Edgar Holmes Burgess ... ..	2436
Arthur Howard Kemp ... ..	2695	Harold Lionel Carr ... ..	2421
Roland Stanislaus Coulthurst	2627	William Percy Court ... ..	2351
Ralph Howard Gravenor ...	2611	Austen Royle Podmore ... ..	2327
Charles Harold Blannin ...	2606	Wallace Peter Charles Bosco	2286
Percy Oliver Lister ... ..	2593	John Herault De Caen ... ..	2189
Harry Lawrence ... ..	2549	Lewis Morris Nicholl ... ..	2162

#### UNSUCCESSFUL.

Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Lewis G. C. Swornsbourne ...	1888	Frederick Eden Walter Cooper	263
Harry Vernon Moreton ... ..	1834	Archibald Wallace Campbell	219
George Wilkinson ... ..	1815	Arthur Stanley Hill ... ..	176
John Hillam Bedford ... ..	1758	Richard William Levey ... ..	76
William John Jennings ... ..	1720	William Robson Binks ... ..	71
Samuel Carr ... ..	1636	Frederick George Hart ... ..	55
Stanley Edmund Rolls Pratt ...	1619	Basil Glover Wood ... ..	55
Miller Bassett Lumsden ... ..	1614	Charles Wilfred Peters ... ..	38
Alexander Sydenham S. Clunes ...	1386	William Renell Seward ... ..	38
Edward George Jarman ... ..	1384	James Carruthers ... ..	25
Alfred William Clarke ... ..	1279	Martin Roddwell Bostock ...	19
William John Harrison ... ..	1125	Ernest Edward Whale ... ..	19
Benjamin Henry Tiedeman ...	1041	Hereward Stanley ... ..	19
Ernest James Brown... ..	1039	John Crossman ... ..	17
Edward Dunthorne Hodgkinson ...	1003	Benjamin Lamplough ... ..	10
Walter Woolcomb Bloomfield ...	965	Redfern Edward Gee ... ..	9
William Augustine Spain ... ..	811	Herbert John Drewitt ... ..	8
Stanley Narborough Ravenscroft ...	702	Wilfred John Atley ... ..	7
Walter Arthur Mears ... ..	627	James Frederick Fowke ... ..	7
James Arthur Herbert Jones ...	592	Reginald George Eastment ...	4
Arthur Thomas Browne ... ..	578	Alfred Ernest Perkins ... ..	1
Percy Howard Wells ... ..	527	William Ralph Pugh ... ..	1
Herbert Walter Brereton ... ..	460	Bernard Brockas Howell ... ..	1
Clement Siggers ... ..	439	Charles Lind Lamont Young ...	—
William James Smith ... ..	348	William Joseph Williams ... ..	—
Hugh Hanley Thompson ... ..	292	Norwood Denton ... ..	Withdrawn.

#### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. There was an excellent attendance of the companions of the Order. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Robert Townley Caldwell, M.A., G. Supt. of Cambridge, presided as M.E.Z.; Comp. Thomas Fenn, Past President of the Committee of General Purposes, as H.; and Comp. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, P.A. G. Soj., as J.

The other companions present were—

Comps. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; the Earl of Milltown, G.S.N.; Robert Grey, President Committee of General Purposes; J. A. Lloyd, 2nd A.G. Soj.; R. Berridge, 2nd G. Std. Br.; Frank Richardson, P.G.S., G.D.C.; H. J. Adams, D.G.D.C.; J. B. Monckton, P.G.P. Soj.; J. Glaisher, P.A.G.S.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.S.B.; T. B. Purchas, P.G.S.B.; W. M. Bywater, P.G. Std. Br.; S. A. Partridge, P.G.S.B.; F. Sumner Knyvett, P.G.S.B.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.C.; C. H. Driver, P.G.S.B.; K. G. Morse, P.G.P.S.; C. F. Matier, P.G.P.S.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.A.G.S.; C. F. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C.; T. W. Poley, P.A.G.S.; C. A. Murton, P.A.G.S.; E. J. Barron, P.G. Std. Br.; E. Goble, P.G. Std. Br.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.S.B.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.S.B.; George Lambert, P.G.D.C.; C. Hammerton, P.G.D.C.; J. Harding, P.G. Std. Br.; Gerard Ford, G. Supt. Sussex; R. Bradley, P.G. Std. Br.; G. Taylor, 1st Asst. G.D.C.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, G. Superintendent Cheshire; William F. Nettleship, P.G. Std. Br.; Peter de Laude Long, P.G.P.S.; Eugene Monteuis, P.Z. 8; G. H. Haydon, P.Z. 410; E. Mallett, P.Z. 1623; R. G. Venables, I.P.Z. 262; Sir Bruce M. Seton, Z. 6; A. Lucking, P.Z. 1000, P.G.D.C. Essex; G. Taylor, P.Z. 377; Lennox Browne, Z. 2108; H. Massey, Z. 1928; C.

Belton, P.Z. 59; Rev. T. Barton Spencer, P.Z. 314, P.P.G.J. West Lancashire; C. E. Keyser, P.Z. 404, Prov. G.J. Herts; F. H. Goldney, P.Z. 41; R. C. Mount, P.Z. 414; C. Cheston, P.Z. 1159; T. W. Richardson, J. 141; H. Garrod, P.Z. 507 and 766; T. C. Walls, P.Z. 3; M. Maybrick, P.Z. 1706; D. Deeves, M.E.Z. 13; R. J. Warren, J. 13; G. Denton, J. 25; G. S. Recknell, P.Z. 73; H. E. Dehane, P.Z. 890; G. D. Wright, P.Z., and P.Z. 1423; T. Burne, Z. 907; G. Wheeler, H. 414; Edward Terry, P.Z. 1319; L. G. Gordon Robbins, P.Z. 10; C. Kempton, H. 753; G. P. Festa, P.Z. 1900; J. Collinson, M.E.Z. 682; E. Stanton, P.Z. 181; G. F. Salmon, Z. 1260; H. S. Goodall, P.Z. 874, P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent; R. W. Forge, P.Z. 946; G. L. Moore, M.E.Z. 169; F. Walters, P.Z. 176; Edward Felix Duffin, M.E.Z. 753; H. J. Wicks, M.E.Z. 1269; W. F. Harvey, Z. 25; and H. Garrod, P.Z. 749.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the February convocation, Col. TOWNLEY CALDWELL declared H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.E.Z.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.E. Pro Z.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, H.; and the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, J. The remaining companions to hold office for the year were—

Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke, ...	...	G.S.E.
" Sir Robert N. Fowler, Bart., M.P. ...	...	G.S.N.
" Robert Grey... ..	...	P.C.G.P.
" Edward O'Connor Terry ...	...	G. Treas.
" Frederick Adolphus Philbrick, Q.C. ...	...	G. Reg.
" Sir Bruce M. Seton, Bart. ...	...	G.P. Soj.
" Rev. Thomas B. Spencer (Preston, Lancs. W.) ...	...	G. 1st A.S.
" Charles Cheston Cheston ...	...	G. 2nd A.S.
" Dr. Jabez Hogg ...	...	G.S.B.
" F. H. Goldney ...	...	1st G. Std. Br.
" Charles Belton ...	...	2nd G. Std. Br.
" R. G. Venables ...	...	3rd G. Std. Br.
" George Henry Haydon ...	...	4th G. Std. Br.
" Frank Richardson ...	...	G.D. of C.
" Eugene Monteuis ...	...	Dep. G.D. of C.
" George Taylor ...	...	1st A.G.D. of C.
" Henry Garrod ...	...	2nd A.G.D. of C.
" Michael Maybrick ...	...	G. Org.
" Alfred A. Pendlebury ...	...	A.G.S.E.
" Henry Sadler ...	...	G. Janitor.

The following report of the Committee of Gen. Purposes was, on the motion of Comp. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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 16th January to the 16th April, 1889, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance Unappropriated	By Amount overdrawn on
Account ... .. £189 9 1	Grand Chapter Ac-
" Subsequent Receipts ... 489 16 10	count ... .. £ 55 2 1
	" Disbursements during
	the Quarter ... .. 307 10 8
	" Balance ... .. 124 3 7
	" Unappropriated
	Account ... .. 192 9 7
£679 5 11	£679 5 11

Which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

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

1st. From Comps. William Johnson, as Z.; Joseph Witham, as H.; John Hatch, as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Starkie Lodge, No. 1070, Southport, to be called the Southport Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Buildings, Lord-street, Southport, Lancashire (W.D.).

2nd. From Comps. William James Runting, as Z.; George Gordon Ross, as H.; John Brain, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Clarke Lodge, No. 2080, Melbourne, Victoria, to be called the Clarke Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Collins-street, Melbourne, in the District of Victoria.

3rd. From Comps. Henry Walmsley Little, Mus. Doc., as Z.; William Clifford, as H.; John Knowles Hodges, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Sterndale Bennett Lodge, No. 2182, Camberwell, to be called the Sterndale Bennett Chapter, and to meet at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.

4th. From Comps. James Eadington, as Z.; Edward Forster, as H.; James Carmichael, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Blagdon Lodge, No. 659, Blyth, to be called the Blagdon Chapter, and to meet at the Mechanics' Institute, Blyth, in the county of Northumberland.

5th. From Comps. John Read, as Z.; Charles Bennett Cooper, as H.; Horatio Henry Shirley, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Cecil Lodge, No. 449, Hitchin, to be called the Cecil Chapter, and to meet at the Sun Hotel, Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

6th. From Comps. the Rev. Richard Peek, as Z.; Samuel Green Carley, as H.; William Minter, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Fidelity Lodge, No. 555, Framlingham, to be called the Henniker Chapter, and to meet at the Crown Hotel, Framlingham, in the county of Suffolk.

7th. From Comps. Eugene Monteuis, as Z.; George Henri Bué, as H.; Ernest St. Clair, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the La France Lodge, No. 2060, to be called the La France Chapter, and to meet at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, London.

8th. From Comps. Samuel Victor Abraham, as Z.; Sigismund Pollitzer, as H.; Joseph Grünebaum, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, to be called the Montefiore Chapter, and to meet at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, London.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted. The Committee have likewise received memorials, with copies of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters:

The Chapter of Fortitude, No. 105, from the Huyshe Masonic Temple, to the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Hall, 1, Princess-square, Plymouth.

The Union Waterloo Chapter, No. 13, Woolwich, from the Freemasons' Hall, Woolwich, to the new Masonic Hall, Plumstead, Kent.

The Grove Chapter, No. 410, from the Swan Hotel, Leatherhead, to the Spring Hotel, Ewell, in the Province of Surrey.

The Old King's Arms Chapter, No. 28, from the Freemasons' Tavern, to the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street.

The Committee recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee have further to report that in consequence of the formation and recognition of a Grand Lodge of New South Wales, there are no longer English Craft Lodges in that colony to which the chapters meeting in New South Wales can be attached, as required by Article 45, Royal Arch Regulations.

The Committee, therefore, recommend that the Charters of the Chapters, Nos. 390, 547, 817, 1653, 1654, 1762, 1795, 1898, and 1943, be withdrawn and cancelled, and that the chapters be erased from the Register of the Grand Chapter.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
17th April, 1889.

On the motion of Comp. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, the recommendations in the above report of the Committee of General Purposes were agreed to.

Comp. ROBERT GREY: I now move "That as, in consequence of the formation and recognition of a Grand Lodge of New South Wales, there are no longer English Craft Lodges in that Colony to which the chapters meeting in New South Wales can be attached, as required by Article 45, Royal Arch Regulations, the charters of the Chapters Nos. 390, 547, 817, 1653, 1654, 1762, 1795, 1898, and 1943 be withdrawn and cancelled, and that the chapters be erased from the Register of Grand Chapter."

Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON: I beg to second it.

Comp. F. H. GOLDNEY: I wish to know if these chapters have been communicated with on the subject. Have they not had any notice of what we are asked to do? There is no explanation on the report of the Committee as to the revocation of the charters of these chapters.

Comp. ROBERT GREY: I have read the reason why. It is because there are now no English Craft lodges in New South Wales to which the chapters meeting in that colony can be attached, as required by Article 45 of the Royal Arch Regulations.

Comp. Col SHADWELL H. CLERKE: There is no English lodge to which English chapters could be attached; the lodges have gone over to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

Comp. F. H. GOLDNEY: But have they not been informed?

Comp. SHADWELL H. CLERKE: There is no necessity for their being informed; they must know it.

Comp. ROBERT GREY: You see, they must always be attached to a lodge. They will be informed of what we do.

Comp. Major GEORGE LAMBERT: But the lodges work there.

Comp. Col SHADWELL H. CLERKE: Yes; but they have now got a Grand Lodge of their own.

Comp. Major LAMBERT: They still carry on in their own names.

Comp. ROBERT GREY: Yes; but they do not belong to our Grand Lodge.

Comp. Col TOWNLEY CALDWELL: As I understand it, there are no longer any English Craft lodges there belonging to United Grand Lodge of England to which these chapters can be attached.

Comp. SHADWELL H. CLERKE: Just so.

The motion was then put and carried.

The appointment and election of the Committee of General Purposes was afterwards taken.

Comp. Col TOWNLEY CALDWELL announced that the M.E.Z. had appointed Comps. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, Lord Leigh, Robert Grey, President; E. Letchworth, and R. T. Pigott as members.

Comps. Capt. T. C. Walls, 3; W. H. Perryman, 1345; Charles E. Keyser, 404; Gordon Robbins, 10; W. A. Dawson, 382; and Lennox Browne, 2108, were also nominated, seconded, and declared duly elected; after which Grand Chapter was closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

A Special meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Commercial-road, Landport, on Monday, the 29th ult., for the purpose of moving a vote of condolence to the relatives of the late Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. Canon George Raymond Portal, P.G.M., and of electing a brother to be recommended to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., for appointment to the office of Provincial Grand Master.

The D.P.G.M., Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, was supported by Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M.; G. J. Filling, P.S.G.W.; G. T. Lancaster, P.P.J.G.W.; H. Cawte, P.P.S.G.O.; J. Dew, P.J.G.W.; F. Sande's, P.J.G.O.; Rev. A. M. Walker, P.G. Chap.; C. Waters, P.G.R. of M.; C. W. A. Jellicoe, P.G. Sec.; H. P. Holley, P.J.G.D.; J. D. Antill, P.G. Org.; J. A. Nethercoate, as P.G.I.G.; A. H. Markham, P.G. Steward; J. E. Le Feuvre, 52, P.G.M.O.; J. E. Buck, P.P.J.G.D., C. W. Bevis, and R. J. Turney, of 2; Holley and Antill, of 17; J. Dew, 34; C. Reynolds, 54; E. E. Street, W. D. Parkhouse, and J. Jenkins, of 62; G. J. Tilling, Jellicoe, and Rev. A. M. Walker, of 63; J. B. Atkinson, W. B. Rogers, and W. Humphry, of 125; D. Warn, 140; H. Crisp, W. C. Webb, and G. Darley, of 305; Rev. Palmer, A. Dashwood, H. Durrant, A. J. Firth, C. Riddick, F. Anslie, and H. Izod, of 320; J. G. Harwood, 349; and C. Curtis, 381.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY read the notice convening the Prov. Grand Lodge, and called over the roll of lodges, when it was found that each one was duly represented.

Letters of apology were read from a number of brethren, regretting unavoidable absence.

The D.P.G.M. then addressed the brethren upon the two important subjects before them. He informed them that several members of the province had attended the funeral of their late P.G. Master, and that he had placed a wreath, in the name of the province, upon his grave. In feeling terms he bore testimony to the high esteem and veneration entertained by all for Canon Portal, and said that a kindlier chief, a more painstaking P.G. Master, a better Mason, and truer friend he had never heard of, nor did he think, ever existed. The late P.G. Master's spare time seemed to him to have been devoted chiefly to Freemasonry, which had undoubtedly lost one of the brightest and most cultured of its members.

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., then moved the following resolution:

That this Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight desires to convey to Mrs. Portal and the family of the late Prov. Grand Mark Master, the Rev. Canon G. R. Portal (Most Worshipful Past Grand Mark Master), its deepest sympathies in the terribly sudden bereavement which has fallen upon them, and earnestly prays that the G.O.O.T.U. may send them strength and comfort in this their hour of affliction. The Prov. Grand Lodge also wishes to record its sense of the incalculable value of the work, assistance, and advice which its late Prov. Grand Master was ever ready to bestow upon, and give to, the Province, and of the immeasurable loss it has sustained.

and in the course of his remarks he said: I rise to propose a painful duty, but though painful, I should be sorry had it fallen into any hands but mine to propose, because though many of you have known our deceased brother long, and as your D.P.G.M. has said, esteemed him highly, yet none of you can have known him so long as I have done. I was associated with him from earliest boyhood, and the friendship which existed between us, therefore, had been of no recent date. It was mainly owing to him that I was induced to become a Freemason. As an Undergraduate of Oxford I scarcely knew of the existence of such an Order as Freemasonry, but hearing that he intended to become a Freemason I asked him about it. He said he had heard so much good about it that he meant to join, and I made up my mind to follow his example. This cemented the ties of friendship between us. From the moment he was initiated our late brother took the most active interest in the Order. In days when candidates for office in the Apollo Lodge were very numerous he was speedily appointed to an office which led to his being elected as Master. During his year of office he not only promoted the prosperity of the lodge, but laid the foundation of that close union between the University and the City lodges which it was afterwards the endeavour of his successors to promote. In London he also took an active part in Freemasonry, and was one of those who re-established the Westminster and Keystone Lodge. In Grand Lodge he never shrank from pointing out what he thought ought to be improved, and though at the time his ideas were not received with favour, yet they were afterwards generally adopted. You are all aware of the interest he took in Mark Masonry. When the Grand Lodge decided that the Mark Degree was not one of those over which it had jurisdiction, our late brother contributed much to the establishment of the Grand Mark Lodge, so that this important Degree should not be without competent authority to rule over it. Amongst all the roll of Grand Masters who have filled the chair there has not been one who has taken an equal interest as our late Bro. Portal did, or who so identified himself with its existence as President of the General Board; he considered most attentively every question brought before it. In private life he was a great benefactor to those around him, and only his immediate neighbourhood could judge of the keen interest he took in anyone who needed his counsel and advice, and also his desire to promote their advancement in life. I know that I have failed to do justice to the many excellent qualities which distinguished him. I can only say that amongst those who mourn his loss, there is no one who feels more deeply than I do, for I have lost my oldest and best of friends.

The D.P.G.M., Bro. LOVELAND, seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously, and ordered to be forwarded to Mrs. Portal.

A letter was then read by the D.P.G.M. from Miss Portal, who, in the name of her mother and the family, expressed how deeply they were touched by the presence of so many Masonic friends at the funeral, and their sincere gratitude for the beautiful wreath which the province had sent as the last mark of respect to their departed P.G.M.

Bro. BEACH having retired from the lodge, the D.P.G.M. informed Prov. Grand Lodge that he had obtained the consent of a very high and distinguished Mark Mason to propose his name for recommendation to the M.W.G.M. as successor to the late Canon Portal, and that he thought the name of Bro. Beach, M.P., would be acceptable to his Royal Highness the G.M., as he felt sure it would be to every Mark Master Mason in the province.

Bro. G. F. LANCASTER, P.P.G.W., seconded the resolution, and spoke in warm terms of the esteem in which Bro. Beach was held both in the Craft and in the Mark Degrees.

No other name having been proposed, the resolution was put and carried unanimously.

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the Dead March in "Saul" impressively played by the Prov. G. Org., Bro. Antill.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CORNWALL.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Master Masons' Lodge of the Province of Cornwall was held on the 26th ult., in the Guildhall, Looe, under the banner of St. Anne's Lodge, No. 351. The room was nicely prepared for the occasion. Carriages were provided at Liskeard to convey the P.G.M. to and from Moorswater, and also at Looe Station to the hotel. The arrangements were satisfactory, and the band of the Looe Detachment of the Cornwall Artillery Volunteers played the P.G. Lodge through the town. Bro. Sir Charles Brune Graves Sawle, Bart., 30°, P.G. M.M. of Cornwall, sat on the Throne, and was supported by

Bro. Col. W. E. MICHELL, 32°, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., as D.P.G.M., in the absence of Bro. Thomas Chirgwin, J.P., 18°, P.M. 78, D.P.G.M.; Bros. Francis Crouch, P.M. 351, P.P.A.G. Sec. Devon, P.G.D. England, P.S.G.W.; J. W. Higman, P.M. 275, P.P.J.G.W., as P.J.G.W. (in the absence of Bro. T. A. Kistler, P.J.G.W.); W. J. Johns, P.M. 78, P.G. Sec.; W. K. Baker, P.M. 87, P.P.G.M.O., as P.G.M.O. (in the absence of Bro. James Lovell); R. Parsons, P.M. 275, P.S.G.O.; J. G. Henwood, P.M. 351, P.P.J.G.O., as P.J.G.O. (in the absence of Bro. E. F. Whitley); W. Nettle, I.P.M. 379, as P.S.G.D. (in the absence of Bro. J. M. Carne); Joseph Sarah, P.M., P.G. Stwd., as P.J.G.D. (in the absence of Bro. W. J. Trythall); H. Shapcott, W.M. elect 351, P.G.D. of C.; T. R. Grylls, P.G.S.B.; E. Venning, W.M. 379, as P.G. Org. (in the absence of Bro. W. E. Lukies); A. P. Davies, P.G.I.G.; and John Langdon, P.M., P.G. Tyler; F. W. Thomas, P.M. 87, P.P.J.G.W.; J. de C. Treffry, 275, P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. B. Williams, P.M. 325, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Rosewarne, W.M. St. Michael's; W. A. Bennett, P.M. and Treas. 101; W. J. Tredinnick, W.M. 275; H. Tucker, Sec. 94; John Hill, W.M. 351; R. Olver, Treas. 351; Edmund Venning, W.M. 379, 351; James Venning, M.O. 379; Percy T. Chirgwin, Cornubian; R. Pearce Couch, Cornubian; P. Gill, Lebanon; V. J. Maddock, J.O. St. Anne's; J. Marshall, St. Anne's; S. H. Hare, 18°, M.O. 206; Wm. Walters, St. Anne's; R. H. Shapcott; C. F. Zimber, O. 379; A. T. Hunter, M.O. 351; W. G. Hancock, S.O. 351, 379; J. S. Dingle, J.D. 351; C. E. Sargent, R.M. 379; R. H. Lee, S.D. 379; W. R. Sobey, D.C. 379; S. Trehane, S.W. 379, 351; S. Cook, I.G. 351; and W. Foddy, J.O. 379.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the P.S.G.W. reported that the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Devonshire was waiting to be received, and Bro. Crouch and others were deputed to wait on the Provincial Grand Lodge with a request that they would attend. This having been done, a procession was formed, consisting of Bros. Chas.

Spence-Bate, P.M. 35, acting P.G.M. of Devon; J. Olver, P.M. 215, P.P. A.G.D.C., as P.S.G.W.; G. R. Barrett, P.M. 35, P.J.G.W.; E. Aitken Davies, P.M. 96, P.P.J.G.D., as P.G.M.O.; W. M. Robins, W.M. 35, P.G. Stwd., as P.S.G.O.; G. Perkins, P.M. 169, P.S.G.D.; G. Hunt, W.M. 91, P.G.S.B.; F. R. Thomas, S.W. 35, P.G. Stwd., as P.G. Std. Br.; and J. Gidley, P.M. 169, P.G. Tyler.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire having been received in due form,

The PROV. G. SECRETARY read the report of the P.G. Treasurer (Bro. Milford Cock), which stated that the year was commenced with a balance in hand of £12 7s. 9d. There had been received from the brethren who had provincial honours conferred on them at the last meeting £19 18s. 6d., making a total of £32 6s. 3d. On the debit side £15 15s. was paid as donations to the Girls' School and Mark Benevolent Fund, printing and other expenses amounted to £8 14s. 5d., making together £24 9s. 5d., and leaving a balance in hand of £7 16s. 10d. This was £4 10s. 11d. less than they commenced the year with, and they could not, therefore, vote so large a sum to the Charities as they did at the previous meeting. It would be satisfactory to the brethren to know that all the officers had paid their fees of honour, and that the amount was the largest sum ever received for one year's contributions.

The P.G. SECRETARY reported that there were 11 lodges in the province, with a membership of 321, which was about the same as last year.

Bro. Col. W. E. MICHELL, in proposing the re-election of Sir Charles Sawle as P.G.M. for the ensuing three years, referred to his great popularity among the Fraternity, especially among Mark Masons.

Bro. J. W. HIGMAN seconded, and said that Bro. Sir Charles Sawle retained the respect and esteem of the brethren of the province.

The resolution was unanimously carried, and Sir CHARLES, in acknowledging the compliment, trusted that his health would permit him to be more attentive to the work of Provincial Grand Master.

The P.G. SECRETARY proposed the re-election of Bro. Milford Cock as P.G. Treasurer, and Bro. J. THOMAS seconded.

The resolution was agreed to "nem. con."

Bro. F. CROUCH, on behalf of St. Martin's Lodge, asked the acceptance of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall of a banner. The lodge was only consecrated four years ago, and, although not a big lodge in consequence of being rather out of the way, had been most successful. They decided after some consideration to present the Provincial Grand Lodge with a banner, and Bro. Crouch, on behalf of the Master, Wardens, and brethren of St. Anne's Lodge, asked their acceptance of the same with the best fraternal love and respect. Bro. Crouch then unveiled the banner, which looked exceedingly handsome, and bore the inscription in gold letters: "Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cornwall. 1889. Presented by St. Anne's Lodge, No. 351." In the centre was the Mark Lodge crest, with the keystone bearing the Hebrew character and the motto "Lapis reprobatus caput anguli." At the top corners were the mallet and chisel and the Prince of Wales's plume of feathers, and at the bottom the Cornish county coat of arms and motto, "One and All," and the arms of Sir Chas. Sawle, the P.G.M., with the motto "Per sinum codanum."

The P.G.M. said the presentation was an unexpected pleasure to him to receive so handsome a gift from the youngest lodge but one in the province. The province was deeply indebted to St. Anne's Lodge, and they could not do better than unanimously thank the brethren of St. Anne's for their splendid gift.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER announced with regret the death of Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, who, before Bros. the Earl of Lathom, the Earl of Kintore, and now the Prince of Wales, was Grand M.M. of England. Bro. Canon Portal revived Mark Masonry in England, and the Provincial Grand Lodge would be put in mourning for three months in memory of so distinguished a brother.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER thanked the acting P.G.M. and the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Devonshire for paying the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall a visit.

Bro. C. SPENCE BATE, acting P.G.M. for Devon, in reply, explained that only short notice was given convening the meeting for that day, or there would undoubtedly have been a larger attendance of brethren from Devonshire.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY reported that Bro. Langdon, the P.G. Tyler, had been awarded the substantial annuity of £30 per year from the Mark Benevolent Fund.

After some discussion it was decided to present £5 5s. to each of the following Institutions: The Cornwall Masonic Benevolent, the Boys, and the Mark Benevolent.

The P.G.M. then appointed the following brethren as his officers for the year ensuing:—

Bro. T. Chirgwin, P.M. 78	...	...	D.P.G.M.
" J. G. Henwood, P.M. 351, P.P.J.G.O.	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. Nettle, I.P.M. 379	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" John Rosewarne, W.M. 175	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" E. Venning, W.M. 379	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" W. J. Tredinnick, W.M. 275	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Milford Cock, P.M.	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. J. Johns, P.M. 78	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Rev. Murley	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. C. de Treffry, 275	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Joseph Sarah, P.M.	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" A. P. Davis	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Henry Shapcott, 351, P.P.G.D.C.	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. A. Bennett, P.M. 101	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" H. Searle, 101	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" P. T. Chirgwin, 87	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Sampson Trehane, 279	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Hill, W.M. 351	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" H. P. Vivian	...	...	
" W. G. Hancock, 351	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. Langdon	...	...	

Bros. J. Thomas and H. P. Vivian were elected Auditors. Invitations were given to the Prov. Grand Lodge to visit Helston, Hayle, and Chacewater next year, and the P.G.M. promised to consider the applications.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the members of the two Prov. Grand Lodges marched in procession to their respective hotels. They afterwards sat down to a joint banquet at the Ship Hotel, where the tables were splendidly laid out and a capital dinner served.

LADIES' BANQUET OF THE CREATON LODGE, No. 1791.

This lodge held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 11th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Chas. Rawley Cross, W.M.; J. B. Colwill, I.P.M.; A. Wolter, S.W.; C. H. Bull, J.W.; A. J. Taylor, S.D.; J. J. Cantle, P.M., Sec.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; H. D. Benton, I.G.; G. Higginson, D.C.; H. Cotton and R. W. Kennett, Stewards; J. Kift, Org.; R. H. Rogers, P.M.; J. Williams, P.M.; F. W. Woodard, R. J. Willder, G. B. Johnston, J. Sansom, B. Brett, O. Heine-man, J. Purnell, F. Purnell, J. Longden, R. Symmons, G. W. Hood, H. Bridger, J. Fryer, L. Cox, A. Cavers, A. Solomons, W. M. White, E. L. Bridge, P.M.; T. Biggs, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Fred. Binckes, P.M., P.G.S.B.; H. Fontaine, P.M. 45; W. Cubitt, P.M. 193; A. House, 1828; H. Conroy, 87; W. Scott, 857; G. Evans, 1706; W. Glazebrook, 342; R. Kemp, 1706; A. L. Annett, P.M. 180; S. Rumford, P.M.; W. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; R. Bridger, 1614; H. Gilbert, 1828; and many others.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and Bro. W. M. White was raised in a most efficient manner by the W.M. Bro. C. Courtney Cramp, 193, was then elected, by ballot, as a joining member. Bro. E. Austin, P.M., Treas., being about to represent the lodge at the next Festival for the Boys' School, Bro. G. B. Johnston proposed (as a member of the Charity Committee) that the sum of 20 guineas be placed upon his list from the lodge Charity Fund, and hoped the brethren would do all they could to keep up the prestige of the lodge by giving him individually all they could afford. Bro. J. Sansom seconded, and the motion was carried. The Secretary then read the dispensation from Grand Lodge authorising the brethren to wear their Craft clothing and jewels at the banquet, at which ladies and friends were to be present.

The brethren then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, to meet the ladies and their friends, where a most sumptuous banquet was provided for them in the Venetian Saloon, considerably over a hundred sitting down, the brethren wearing their clothing, and the lodge banners being displayed, making a most imposing sight.

After the banquet, grace was sung, and the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Craft." The National Anthem being sung, he then proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family;" after which he proposed what he was pleased to call the toast of the evening, "Continued success to the Creaton Lodge," explaining how successful the lodge had been, and he could not but feel proud in being elected to preside over such a lodge, and with the toast he coupled the name of Bro. Cantle, P.M., Sec.

Bro. J. J. CANTLE, P.M., in replying to the toast, said none could feel the great pleasure in hearing a child praised, and its future prosperity earnestly prayed for, so much as the one who had brought that child up and tended it from its birth. He was pleased to say that was his case with regard to the Creaton Lodge; he was the first promoter of it, but he could not take to himself the credit of its great success. He had given his energies to it, but the great praise was due to those excellent Masons who, since its consecration, had in due course occupied the chair; it was their zeal that had done so much, both while they were in the chair and after they had vacated it, for almost all of them had gone up as Stewards to the several Charities, and thus made the lodge a credit to him whose name they bore, and who was their first Master, viz., their dearly beloved and lamented Bro. Col. J. Creaton, and he was sure the present W.M. was second to none of those who had gone before him, either in zeal, energy, or assiduity. He was proud to see such a grand gathering of the brethren, their sweethearts and wives, and hoped that for many years he might be spared to be there, accompanied by his dear wife, to return thanks for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast of continued success to the Creaton Lodge.

Bro. COLWILL, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," commenting on the manner in which he had worked to perfect himself in his duties, and how much the lodge gained by having so young a man and excellent a Mason in the chair.

The brethren joined in the toast, giving the W.M. a most hearty "three times three," not forgetting a good round one for Mrs Cross—M. W. Mistress.

Bro. C. RAWLEY CROSS, W.M., in replying, thanked the ladies and brethren for the kind words that had been said about him, and for the hearty way they had received the toast. He could not boast of being either an old Mason or well versed in the duties of his office, but he had tried to carry out his work in the way it had been done by his predecessors, which had always given so much satisfaction. None could have tried more than he had, and he was pleased to find thus far he had gained their approval.

Bro. J. WILLIAMS, in proposing the toast of "The Ladies," expressed the pleasure felt by the brethren in having them with them that evening. He had been looking round to find a miserable old bachelor to respond, but could not see one, so he would call upon the youngest M.M. present who happened to be single, and should couple the name of Bro. W. M. White with the toast.

Bro. WHITE said he had scarce been a Mason long enough to say anything about Freemasonry, but he must plead guilty to being a miserable old bachelor, and on behalf of the ladies, as their mouthpiece, he would say what several told him they felt—they were very pleased to be there, they thought it was kind of the brethren to invite them, and hoped they would be invited again.

In proposing "The Visitors," the W.M. expressed the pleasure he felt in having to preside over so many distinguished Masons and friends as visitors to the lodge, and to the banquet. It would take too long to enumerate them all and their various good qualities; he should, therefore, give the toast, and with it associate the names of Bro. Rumford, P.M., Bro. Cubitt, P.M., and Mr. Blair Hickman. Each of the brethren responded, and

Mr. HICKMAN expressed the pleasure and honour he felt it to be, for the first time, invited to a Masonic banquet; he had enjoyed himself, and felt there must be something in Freemasonry, and hoped it would not be long before he was a member of the Order.

Bro. ROGERS, P.M., proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities," saying Freemasons were anything but the selfish things outside people gave them credit for being, and was pleased to say that lodge by their acts could prove

they were not. They were not a wealthy lodge, nor a large and numerous lodge, but, thanks to the zeal of the different Past Masters, beginning with Bro. Cantle, and finishing with Bro. Austin, all of whom as they left the chair had stood Steward for one or other of the Charities, and the latter brother was now going up again, the amount collectively made a sum of £1300 that lodge had contributed through their various Stewards, and he fully believed it was their intention to continue in the same course. With the toast he should couple the name of Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S.B., and Secretary of the Boys' School, who would be able to tell them very much more about the good done by these various Institutions than he could.

Bro. F. BINCKES, in responding, gave an interesting speech, putting forth the benefits of the Charities, and thanking the brethren of the lodge for the support they had given to his and the other Institutions.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The Officers," expressing his thanks to them for the assistance they had given him; also to the Stewards—Bros. Higginson and Cotton—for the way they had worked and attended to the comforts of the ladies and all present.

The pleasures of the evening were very much enhanced by the excellent programme and entertainment provided, the artistes being Bros. A. Cavers, J. Kift (always a great favourite), Mr. John Le Hay (whose ventriloquial sketch was splendidly given and thoroughly appreciated), Bro. J. Ion Cantle (bass), and the Misses Gibbs (soprano and contralto).

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE CREATON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1791.

Thursday, the 25th ult., being the evening set apart for the annual supper, the usual lodge meeting was not held, and the brethren gave themselves up to a very pleasant and enjoyable evening, under the presidency of the W.M. of the mother lodge, Bro. C. Rawley Cross. Bro. F. Craggs efficiently conducted the duties of the vice-chair.

The usual loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the toast of the evening came next, viz., "Success to the Creaton Lodge of Instruction," which was responded to by Bro. JOHN DAVIES, the able Preceptor, in a most excellent speech.

"The Health of the Treasurer, Bro. Austin, P.M., and Secretary, Bro. Chalfont, P.M.," was then given.

Bro. CHALFONT, P.M., Sec., responded, thanking the brethren for the continued confidence they placed in them, and assured the brethren that it was a labour of love, and that they would still continue to discharge the duties of their respective offices as heretofore.

"The Health of Bro. C. Rawley Cross" was next given, and responded to in feeling terms.

"The Health of Bro. John Davies, Preceptor, and Bro. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor," was given, and responded to in an able and efficient manner.

The remaining portion of the evening was spent in harmony and music. The brethren separated, after giving the W.M. "Hearty good wishes."

The supper was very nicely laid upon the table by the host, Mr. J. Stephens.

New Zealand.

THAMES.—Corinthian Lodge (No. 1655, E.C.).

A meeting of this lodge was held at the lodge room in Queen-street, on 12th March, there being a very large number of members present. There were on the dais the W.M., Bro. J. M. H. Lush, and Bro. A. de C. Potterton, P.M.; J. Adams, P.M.; W. Burton, P.M.; J. Gordon, P.M.; G. Redfern, United Service Lodge; J. Patterson, W.M., and W. Findlay, of 454 (I.C.); J. L. Murray and W. D. Reid, of 533 (S.C.). The business seemed lengthy, but a great deal was postponed by resolution of the W.M. Bro. Theo. Wood was elected W.M., and Bro. L. Melhase, Treas., for the next year. Bro. R. R. McGregor was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. Lush, and the concluding part of the ceremony was given by Bro. Potterton in his usual lucid and clear manner. Just before the close of the evening, the W.M. remarked that Bro. Potterton was now leaving the colony, and was going to Ireland, and that an address had been prepared by all the Thames lodges for presentation to him. He then asked Bro. Patterson, W.M. of the Lodge of Light, to read the address, which was as follows:

"I.T.N.O.T.G.A.O.T.U.  
"Alexander de Courcy Potterton, P.M.,

"We cannot permit you to leave the sunny shores of New Zealand without offering you a hearty God speed, and some memento of your long and friendly sojourn in our midst. We ask you, therefore, to receive this slight testimony of our admiration for you as a Mason, and our sincere regard for you as a friend.

"We rejoice in the prospect of happiness which awaits you in your Fatherland, and pray that the 'Great Architect' will prolong your life for many years and abundantly bless you with health and strength.

"In the hope of re-uniting in the Grand Lodge above.—We are, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally."

It was signed by 34 members, each of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1655 (E.C.), Lodge of Light, No. 454 (I.C.), and Sir Walter Scott Lodge, No. 533 (S.C.)—in all 102 signatures.

Bro. J. L. Murray, the W.M. of Lodge Sir Walter Scott, in making the presentation, addressed the recipient in a few appropriate words expressive of the high estimation in which he was held, and the universal regret which was felt at his departure. He was a good Mason and commanded the respect and esteem of all his brethren at the Thames. He trusted the Great Architect of the Universe would shower his blessings upon him, and enable him to continue his good work on behalf of the Craft in the country of his birth to which he was returning.

The W.M. of Lodge Corinthian then presented Bro. Potterton with an album, with all the photos. of the members of the lodge in it. This had been subscribed for by the members only, and was entirely distinct from the address. He also took leave of Bro. Potterton, and thanked him for all his favours to the lodge and the members.

Bro. Potterton replied that in thanking the brethren he had great difficulty in expressing his feelings at receiving such a handsome expression of the good feeling which his brother Masons felt towards him. The address would al-

ways keep this in his mind, and the album, when he opened it, would make him feel, although many thousand miles away, that he was present with them. The intrinsic value of the presents was as nothing compared with the brotherly love they implied. He trusted that Masonry at the Thames would continue to prosper, and that the brethren would keep before them the beauties and teachings of Masonry. He had now to use that frequently repeated word *farewell*—a word which we can never use without feelings of regret and sorrow, especially when parting from those with whom we have associated for many years, and during that period had mutually experienced the kindly acts which spring from fraternal love, a feeling which must actuate all those who hope to be members of the Grand Lodge to which we all aspire.

The lodge was then closed.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

CONSECRATION OF THE CANTABRIGIA CHAPTER, No. 112, AT CAMBRIDGE.

On Friday, the 26th ult., a new Rose Croix Chapter, appropriately styled the Cantabrigia, No. 112, was consecrated at the Masonic Room of the Lion Hotel, Cambridge. At the opening of the chapter the following were present: Very Ill. Bros. Hugh D. Sandeman, 33°, Gd. Sec. General; J. H. Matthews, 32°, G.D. of C.; H. Le Strange, 33°, Inspector General S.C. Dist.; H. E. Cousins, 30°; E. Armitage, 30°; and R. T. Caldwell, 30°; E. Bros. G. S. Woodward, 18°; W. Patrick, 18°; E. F. Rogers, 18°; W. H. Francis, 18°; C. Geldard, 18°; F. C. Wace, 18°; J. Bell, 18°; B. Anningson, 18°; and C. A. Vinter, 18°; and the following brethren to be perfected, viz.: Bros. A. H. Moyes, John Fuller, G. McCallum, E. H. Jennings, A. E. Chaplin, H. King, O. Papworth, J. F. Miller, J. Dempster, G. R. Barnes, A. Morrell, and W. Fawcett.

The chapter was opened by members of the Supreme Council, the following brethren acting as officers pro tem.: Very Ill. Bro. H. D. Sandeman, Grand Sec. Genl., M.W.S.; Ill. Bro. H. Le Strange, Insp. Gen. S.C. Dist., Prelate; E. Bros. W. Patrick, 18°, P.M.W.S., 1st General; G. S. Woodward, 18°, P.M.W.S., 2nd General; and C. A. Vinter, 18°, Recorder; Ill. Bros. H. E. Cousins, 30°, P.M.W.S., Grand Marshal; E. Armitage, 30°, M.W.S., Raphael; and J. H. Matthews, 32°, G.D. of C., D.C.; E. Bros. Jos. Bell, 18°, Herald; C. Geldard, 18°, P.M.W.S., Capt. of the Guard; and T. Collin, 18°, Outer Guard. The following brethren were elected as joining members: E. Bros. J. Bell, 18°, 87; B. Anningson, 18°, 30; and C. A. Vinter, 87.

The following brethren were accepted by the Supreme Council, and duly perfected, the ceremony being much curtailed in consequence of the amount of business to be completed: Bros. Andrew H. Moyes, 88; J. Fuller, 441; G. McCallum, 88; E. H. Jennings, 441; A. E. Chaplin, 88; H. King, 1280; Oliver Papworth, 88; J. F. Miller, 441; J. Dempster, 441; G. R. Barnes, 441; A. Morrell, 441; and W. Fawcett, 88.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, Ill. Bro. J. H. Matthews reading the petition and warrant, after which Very Ill. Bro. H. D. Sandeman consecrated the new chapter in prescribed form.

Thereupon E. Bro. Jos. Bell was duly installed its first M.W.S., and, having been inducted in the chair, appointed and invested the following officers: E. Bros. B. Anningson, Prelate; Andrew H. Moyes, 1st Gen.; C. A. Vinter, 2nd Gen.; Oliver Papworth, Treas.; J. Dempster, Recorder; E. H. Jennings, G. Marshal; H. King, Raphael; W. Fawcett, D. of C.; J. E. L. Whitehead, Herald; J. Fuller, Capt. of the Guard; A. Morrell, Org.; and J. F. Miller, Stwd.

The chapter having been addressed by the V.I. Bro. H. D. SANDEMAN, and some formal business transacted, it was proposed by E. Bro. VINTER, seconded by E. Bro. MOYES, and carried unanimously, "That a vote of thanks be given to the consecrating brethren, and that the following consecrating and visiting brethren be honorary members of the chapter: The Very Ill. Bro. H. D. Sandeman, Ill. Bros. J. H. Matthews, H. Le Strange, H. E. Cousins, E. Armitage, and R. T. Caldwell, E. Bros. H. S. Woodward, W. Patrick, C. Geldard, F. C. Wace, E. F. Rogers, and W. H. Francis.

"Hearty good wishes" and congratulations were received from the Supreme Council, Ill. Bros. H. Le Strange and Cousins, Ancient York Chapter of Redemption; Armitage, University Chapter; and E. Bro. W. Patrick, Albert Edward Chapter.

The chapter was then closed.

Twenty-four brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, at the close of which some very interesting speeches were made by the consecrating and visiting brethren.

MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER (No. 3).

This distinguished chapter met at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, W., on the 12th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. G. A. Berkeley, M.W.S.; Capt. J. E. Anderson, 30°, Prelate; G. Graveley, 30°, 1st Gen.; W. Paas, P.M.W.S., 30°, Treas.; Capt. F. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; H. J. Lardner, 30°, P.M.W.S., G.M.; Hale-Hilton, Bell, Harris, Hills, W. W. Codd, Hawkins, Grimwood, N. Prower, M.A., F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.W.S.; L. Steele, C. W. Tayleur, M.A., P.M.W.S.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Capt. J. E. Anderson was unanimously elected M.W.S., Bro. W. Paas, re-elected Treas., and Bro. G. Austin, Sentinel. Past Sovereign's jewels were voted to Bros. C. W. Tayleur, P.M.W.S., and G. A. Berkeley, M.W.S. The sum of five guineas was voted to the R.M.I. for Boys, per Bro. Capt. F. C. Walls, as Steward to the forthcoming Festival. A vote of sympathy was passed to Ill. Bro. W. Roebuck, 31°, P.M.W.S., who has met with a severe accident. Among those who sent apologies for non-attendance were Bros. Lieut.-Col. Gardiner, 30°, P.M.W.S.; T. W. Coffin, M.D., 30°, P.M.W.S.; Capt. J. Stohwasser, 30°; Charles Belton, 30°; Capt. W. B. Williamson, J.P., 30°; T. Lamb-Smith, A. Pears, J. B. Glenn, W. J. Mason, M.D., and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was held at the Café Royal, and gave unequalled satisfaction.

The customary toasts followed.

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At a QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London, on Friday, April 28, 1889, W. Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D., D.P.G. Master West Yorkshire, Vice-Patron, in the chair, a Ballot took place for the election of 20 Boys from an approved list of 72 Candidates, reduced to 71 by the withdrawal of Denton, Robert, No. 47 on the list. The following were declared

No. on Poll.	No. on List.	SUCCESSFUL:	Notes.
1	39	Roberts, Frank	2793
2	45	Kennedy, Arthur E.	2784
3	42	Woodman, Frederick	2775
4	32	Fry, John Baron	2745
5	10	Kemp, Arthur H.	2695
6	61	Coulthurst, Roland S.	2627
7	49	Gravenor, Ralph H.	2611
8	48	Blannin, Charles E.	2606
9	59	Lister, Percy O.	2593
10	9	Lawrence, Harry	2540
11	52	Michael, Cyril	2539
12	30	Mundic, Stanley A.	2510
13	68	Ibbotson, Stephen	2447
14	2	Burgess, Edgar H.	2436
15	60	Carr, Harold L.	2421
16	62	Court, William P.	2351
17	41	Podmore, Austin R.	2327
18	6	Bosco, W. P. C.	2286
19	21	De Caen, John H.	2189
20	38	Nicholl, Lewis M.	2162

List of Candidates (Successful and Unsuccessful), with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application. Votes of Unsuccessful Candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for election in October next.

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**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

WALTER COURT begs to return his sincere thanks and gratitude to all who have assisted in and secured the election of his nephew, PERCY COURT, to the above.

Mrs. PODMORE wishes to convey her heartfelt thanks to all those Subscribers to the above Institution who, by their votes and assistance, secured the election of her son—AUSTIN R. PODMORE.

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At a QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, April 27, 1889, Bro. H. B. Marshall, Esq., J.P., Treasurer, in the chair. After the general business was disposed of the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the election by Ballot of 37 Girls into the Institution, from a list of 73 approved Candidates, when the following were declared duly

No. on Poll.	No. on List.	ELECTED:	Notes.
1	2	Webster, R. R.	3434
2	13	Harling, A. H. J.	3009
3	11	Thaw, L. A.	2732
4	19	Codling, H. J.	2731
5	17	Liverd, H. M.	2467
6	16	Hemings, F. C.	2323
7	39	Venables, B. E.	2319
8	15	Lee, L. R.	2298
9	3	Staff, H. A.	2289
10	30	Gorton, A. F.	2195
11	24	Pether, E.	2112
12	1	Balch, G.	2099
13	21	Cookes, M. A.	2035
14	70	Schofield, M. M. S.	2028
15	34	Winterbottom, E.	2009
16	36	Collard, H.	2008
17	23	Towse, J. G.	1934
18	6	Campbell, F. C.	1910
19	9	Atlington, L. M.	1867
20	52	Greenwood, O. L.	1859
21	71	Williams, F. G.	1849
22	41	Roberts, M. E. M.	1838
23	4	Tettenborn, O. K.	1822
24	23	Taverner, A.	1819
25	12	Gould, M. P.	1771
26	72	Cooper, E. J.	1767
27	53	Turner, B. E.	1722
28	18	Sumner, A. E. A.	1689
29	14	Swaebe, P. M.	1679
30	5	Bruce, M. E.	1678
31	37	Smith, M. A.	1666
32	66	Jones, E. L.	1622
33	62	Kassell, L. S.	1615
34	54	Hall, E. H.	1606
35	59	Michael, E.	1592
36	20	Thorne, A. M.	1579
37	68	Young, E. E.	1557

The number of Votes recorded for the Unsuccessful Candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's office, and will be duly carried forward at the next Election, if eligible.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**

The friends of EDITH JANE COOPER, desire to express their grateful acknowledgement to their numerous supporters who so kindly assisted in securing her Election on Saturday last, and to solicit their support for FREDERICK EDEN WALTER COOPER at the next Election for Boys in October next.

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SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1889.

Original Correspondence.

THE LATE BRO. C. J. COOKE—AN APPEAL. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother, Some 33 years ago I was initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Charles James Cooke, P.S.G.W. Kent. His widow, Mrs. Mary Cooke, now seeks the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and I shall be exceedingly obliged if brethren with votes to spare will favour me with them.—I am, faithfully and fraternally yours, JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W.

April 29.

UNITY CHAPTER, No. 72. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother, I shall be obliged if you will kindly allow me to correct "your Reviewer" in your last issue. I did not state that "the Z. of the No. 93, in 1793, was Z. in 1796, of No. 72," as a reference to my letter of the 20th instant will prove. Robt. Sutcliffe was first Z of No. 93, in 1893, and Wm. Hodgson first Z of No. 72 in 1796. The only seniority I care to claim for Fidelity, 93, is that of age in Masonic work (which Bro. Mason does not dispute), the numbers on the rolls of both lodges and chapters being very doubtful indications of seniority and age. May I also point out that the three Principals who opened "Unity" in 1796, were the first W.M., S.W., and J.W. of "Alfred" Lodge, which was opened in 1795, viz., Wm. Hodgson, John Simpson, and Geo. Ireland.

Is it not, therefore, most probable that the chapter was opened in connection with, and for the more immediate accommodation of the brethren of the Alfred Lodge, all the founders of which seceded from "Fidelity" Lodge, in 1795, and therefore formed a separate chapter also?—Yours fraternally,

April 29.

ALFRED SCARTH.



NOTES ON THE CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION. By Bro. HENRY SADLER, P.M. and P.Z., Grand Tyler, and Sub-Librarian of the Grand Lodge of England; Author of "Masonic Facts and Fictions." London: George Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street, W.C. 1889.

Bro. Sadler is to be congratulated on the result of his second essay in Masonic authorship. His present work—the contents of which originally appeared in these columns—was written for the purpose of demonstrating a particular point, and we think it will be pretty generally conceded that he has accomplished this purpose. Some time ago, he was asked for information about the ceremony of installation by a well-known brother in the North of England, who was dissatisfied with the manner in which that ceremony was performed by some of the lodges in the neighbourhood. Bro. Sadler is of opinion that the introduction of a preliminary stage into the installation ceremony, to which this well-known brother—Bro. Sillitoe, of Manchester—had taken strong exception, is an innovation of recent times; that its adoption is tantamount to the creation of a new Degree over and above those sanctioned by the Articles of Union, and that every attempt to graft it upon our ritual should be resisted. In order to demonstrate the justice of this opinion, he first recites the description given in the first or 1723 Edition of the Book of Constitutions, "of the manner of constituting a new lodge and investing the officers according to the ancient usages of Masons," and then introduces us to the "Special Lodge of Promulgation," which was warranted by the so-called "Modern" Grand Lodge on the 26th October, 1809, at a time when a strong desire existed on the part of the rival "Ancient" and "Modern" Masons to effect a union of the two Societies.

This lodge was authorised for the express purpose "of ascertaining and promulgating the Ancient Landmarks of the Craft," and though the Society which warranted it had almost entirely lost sight of the ceremony of installation, it had not proceeded very far with its task before it determined that such ceremony was "one of the two Landmarks of the Craft," the other remaining unspecified. Thereupon the few members who had been installed Masters—there were only four of such at one of the meetings referred to, and of these three belonged to the Lodge of Antiquity, and the fourth to "Modern," No. 30—set to work to install their colleagues. The powers of the lodge having, by request, been renewed by the Grand Master for a period of two months beyond the term for which the warrant was originally granted, "the Masters of all the lodges in London and its vicinity under the 'Moderns' were summoned to attend, and any Master or other brother presenting himself with a certificate from his lodge of his having served the office of Warden, and been duly elected to that of Master, was then and there regularly installed, as also were many Provincial Grand Masters, as well as the Earl of Moira, acting Grand Master."

The Lodge of Reconciliation, of the year 1813, does not appear to have concerned itself with the ceremony of installation, the reason suggested by Bro. Sadler for this omission being probably the right one, namely, that it had been so recently promulgated and the lodge found it had enough to do in arranging the other matters. But in 1827 his Royal Highness the Grand Master issued a warrant authorising certain brethren therein named "to hold meetings for the purpose of promulgating and giving instructions" in the important ceremony of installation, in which there appears to have been much diversity of practice. This lodge, or Board, accordingly arranged that meetings should be held on the 17th, 22nd, and 28th December, 1827, at which Masters and Past Masters of lodges were enjoined to attend, in order that the desired uniformity of practice in working the ceremony might be obtained. The injunction appears to have been obeyed, 74 brethren, we are told, attending the first meeting, 33 the second, and 21 the third. There were, however, some of those present at all and others at two meetings; but, after making allowance for these, the number of those who were present at one or more of the appointed meetings was 100, among them being Bros. Laurence Thompson, John Canham, jun., George Aarons, P. Thomson, T. F. Savory, and Peter Gilkes. These distinguished brethren, either by themselves, as in the case of Bro. Canham, who is still living, or by their pupils, of whom Bro. H. Muggerridge is one, as well as by their connection in some cases with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, are the link which connects us of the present day with the Board of Installed Masters of 1827; while Bros. Meyrick, G. Reg., L. Thompson, and W. H. White, G. Sec.—who were members of the Board and also of the Lodge of Promulgation, 1809-11—supply the necessary connecting link between these periods, and justify the conclusion at which Bro. Sadler has arrived, that the ceremony of installation as now worked by the best informed lodges—that is, without the preliminary ceremony to which Bro. Sillitoe rightly took exception—is to all intents and purposes the same as was used by the installed members of the Lodge of Promulgation when they installed the Masters of London lodges, many Prov. G. Masters, and the Earl of Moira.

There is but little further to be said. We consider Bro. Sadler has fully made out his case, and that he merits the thanks of the brethren generally for the important service he has thus rendered. But we think he would have done better if he had repressed within narrower limits that propensity, of which he seems to be quite sensible, for overlying his main argument with anecdotes about the distinguished brethren to whom he has occasion to refer. These anecdotes are very interesting, and will greatly edify the Craft, but they would have been better in a more subordinate position. Except as regards this trifling blemish, Bro. Sadler has succeeded admirably, and the book has the further merit of being clearly printed, neatly bound, and embellished with a portrait and short biographical notice of Bro. Sir Albert Woods, to whom, indeed, it is dedicated.



### Craft Masonry.

**NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).**—The regular meeting of this popular lodge took place at the Portland Hotel, Greenwich, on the 12th ult., when there were present Bros. J. D. Graham, W.M.; J. Cash, I.P.M.; C. Meyer, S.W.; J. North, J.W.; J. Cowley, P.M.; Treas.; A. Grammant, P.M.; Sec.; W. Fry, S.D.; J. Faulkner, J.D.; W. Borrett, I.G.; Rev. J. S. Sturdee, P.M., Chap.; J. Thiellay, P.M.; C. Grassi, P.M.; J. Makeham, C. E. Boney, J. Pratti, J. Target, W. Gear, C. Gallard, J. Rowe, C. Howard, J. Campagnie, J. Peroni, A. Avenell, J. Bell, A. Cogliati, and W. Manuel. Visitors: Bros. W. S. Sowers, W.M. 15; R. E. Cursons, S.D. 1681; E. H. Stone, I.G. 507; D. Channon, P.M. 1475; and C. Steins, 2048.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th Feb. (installation) were read and confirmed. Ballots for the following gentlemen were taken: Messrs. Lelsie Callard, Samuel B. Bell, Luige Azario, and Ettore Philipps Cocciolotti, which proved unanimous, and Messrs. L. Callard and S. B. Bell, being in attendance, were informed of the fact, and were duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bros. C. Campini, E. Peroni, and J. S. Sargett were raised to the Degree of M.M. The W.M.'s working was very clear and distinct in both Degrees.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to a capital repast, served by Bro. C. H. Boney, the well-known caterer.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in kind terms.

Bro. W. Cash, I.P.M., in giving the toast of "The W. Master," said it had always been a great pleasure to him to work with the W.M. They had gone up the ladder step by step together, and he was sure all present wished the

W.M. health and strength during his year of office. He had begun well, and he hoped the lodge would still continue to make progress under his Mastership, and he asked the brethren to drink to the toast heartily.

The Worshipful Master, in replying, thanked the I.P.M. for the kind manner in which he had spoken of him, also for the kind way in which his health had been drunk. He felt that it was a great honour to be W.M. of the New Cross Lodge, and it would always be his great aim to carry out the important duties of W.M. with credit to himself and to the lodge. He would use the best of his abilities, and always strive to merit the confidence of the brethren who had placed him in the chair of a prosperous and harmonious lodge. He had the interest of the lodge at heart, and assured the brethren that he would do all he could for its prosperity, which he trusted would continue while he occupied the chair, and also when he left it.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Initiates," said he felt that it must always be a pleasure to a W.M. to give the toast. He himself felt it was a great pleasure. That night he had been fortunate enough in initiating into the mysteries of Freemasonry brethren whom he was sure would be a credit to the Craft, and to the New Cross Lodge in particular, and was convinced they would prove good and sound Masons. He trusted that during his year of office many more initiates would come to them, so that he might leave plenty of work for his successor to do, and have in the lodge new blood, which was so essential for its success. He asked the brethren to drink the health of the initiates in a bumper.

The Initiates, in reply, said they had both been very much impressed with the ceremony, and would remember the words of encouragement which had been said to them by the W.M., and endeavour in time to become good Masons.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Health of the Visitors," said, next to the initiates, it was the toast of the evening. The visitors were always made welcome to the New Cross Lodge. They had not many that night, but those who were present were of good quality, and he hoped all had enjoyed themselves, and would come again amongst them, to which

Bro. W. S. Sowers, W.M. 15, replied, saying that all had been well repaid, not only at the banquet table but in the lodge, where the whole of the work was beautifully rendered by the W.M., and he wished the New Cross Lodge every success and prosperity. No doubt after the reception the visitors had had they would embrace the opportunity and accept the W.M.'s kind invitation to come again amongst them.

The remaining toasts were given with great heartiness by the W.M., and were well replied to.

The lodge is well known for the musical abilities of many of the brethren, and on parting all present expressed themselves as having spent a most pleasant and harmonious evening.

**GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.**—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Easter Monday, the 22nd ult., at the Industry Masonic Hall. Although the holidays were in full swing and many of the brethren were from home, there was a goodly muster of members and visitors.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Wm. Brown, assisted by Bros. R. Whitfield, P.M.; C. B. Ford, P.M. 481; J. Patterson, W.M. 1342; W. F. Raeburn, S.W.; J. Taylor, J.W. 1342, as J.W.; Rev. W. Bowker, Chap.; T. R. Jobson, J.W. 1664, as Sec.; W. J. Jobson, S.D.; H. W. Dixon, 2260, as J.D.; W. Stafford, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; A. Dodds, Stwd.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; Robt. Swanston, Thos. Chegwidde, W. J. Campbell, H. Sugden, G. Hibbert, S. Brown, 1427; R. Shaylor, S.D. 406; W. Gibson, 1342; W. L. Debenham, 1342; and others. Bro. T. Chegwidde was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., and the tools were explained, and the charge thereof was given by the S.W.

Other business being transacted, the proceedings terminated, when those present adjourned to the refreshment room and spent the evening in the enjoyment of excellent songs and harmony.

**WISBECH.**—United Good Fellowship Lodge (No. 809).—The installation meeting was held on the 25th ult., at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Bro. Henry Thorns, W.M., in the chair. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Andrew H. Moyes, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., was present, and the visiting brethren included Bros. Capt. Selwyn, M.P. for North Cambs; W. Purchas, S.W. 88; and two from Sutton Bridge. After the W.M. had impressively discharged the duty of raising Bro. E. Girling, Bro. J. Kennerell, P.G.S. of W., was duly installed in the chair of K.S., the labours being shared by the P.M.'s. The W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. W. Whitehead, S.W.; Robinson Smith, J.W.; John Leach, P.M., Treas.; W. Bray, P.M., Sec.; John Grover, S.D.; W. R. Girling, J.D.; C. Parker, P.M., Org.; A. J. Elworthy, I.G.; J. T. Hiscox, P.M., D.C.; J. L. Rae, P.M., and L. Hampson, P.M., Stewards; and A. Bothamley, P.M., Tyler. The W.M. subsequently presented a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Hy. Thorns on behalf of the lodge. A sum of nearly £50 was raised for the list of Bro. English as Steward for the Boys' School.

The brethren enjoyed a well-served banquet, after which the usual list of toasts was gone through.

**ROTHERHAM.**—Phoenix Lodge (No. 904).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall. Amongst the members present were Bros. J. Smith, W.M.; Cleaves, P.M., P.J.G.D.; Roome, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Needham, P.M.; Wordsworth, P.M., P.S.G.D., Treas.; Perrott, P.M., P.P.G.O.; Buttenshaw, S.W.; Gibbs, J.W.; T. France, Sec.; M. Le Tall, S.D.; Ilston, J.D.; Gillett, I.G.; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Dr. C. Wright, and he was elected. Bro. George Foster was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. J. E. Wordsworth, P.M., P.S.G.D., and the working tools were presented by Bro. H. J. Bingham, D.C. The Auditors presented the accounts, which were unanimously passed, the Charity account being an exceptionally good one. Hearty congratulations were presented to Bro. Cleaves, P.M., P.J.G.D., on having the well merited honour of P.J.G.D. conferred on him by the Prov. Grand Master.

The lodge was formally closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent supper, presided over by the W.M., who gave the customary toasts, and sang in his usual style.

Other songs and recitations concluded a pleasant evening. The visitors present were Bros. H. Wood, W.M., Chas. Tinker, J.D., and R. J. Barras, of 1309.

**HEATON NORRIS.**—Egerton Lodge (No. 1030).—There was a large gathering of the members of this lodge on Monday, the 15th ult., at its regular meeting; in fact, it may be stated that the whole strength of the lodge (with the exception of a few brethren who were prevented from being present through unavoidable circumstances) had assembled to welcome the Prov. G. Master, Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, who had promised to visit the lodge on that occasion. The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The Prov. G. Master entered the lodge, accompanied by several provincial brethren, and was saluted. Bro. George B. Goodfellow was raised in an able and impressive manner by Bro. James Cookson, W.M., who was very well supported by the working officers of the lodge, the Deaconing of Bro. Wm. A. Vaughan, S.D., being highly commended by the P.G.M. The election of W.M. was next proceeded with, and resulted in favour of Bro. R. Bassnett Preston, S.W. Bro. A. Pemberton, P.M., P.G.D.C., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. H. Dawson, P.M., was re-elected Tyler. Bro. Alfred E. Ferns, P.M., C.R., then moved "That the sum of twenty pounds be contributed from the Charity Funds of the lodge towards the funds of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution," informing the P.G.M. of the amounts which had been subscribed by the lodge and its individual members. The motion having been duly seconded was carried unanimously. The P.G.M. rose and thanked the lodge for the exertions which had been made towards the support of the local Masonic Institution, in the prosperity and welfare of which he took such a deep and great interest, and he was convinced that if the brethren of his province would give this Institution their first consideration and support, and would establish it on such a basis that the drain on the larger Masonic Institutions would be considerably lessened, a truly charitable work would be done, and the province would materially profit thereby.

Letters of apology were read from Bros. Lord Egerton of Tatton, P.G.M. of Cheshire (who is an honorary member of the lodge, and after whom the lodge is called); George Mellor, D.P.G.M.; Horatio Lloyd, D.P.G.M. of Cheshire; and James Heelis, P.S.G.W.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards adjourned to dinner, at which the W.M. presided, being supported on his right by the following visitors: Bros. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M.; James MacLaren, P.P.S.G.W.; John Chadwick, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec.; S. W. Wilkinson, P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire; W. Goldthorpe, P.P.G.O.; C. D. Cheetham, P.J.G.D.; Jas. Needham, P.P.G.D. Cheshire; T. Woodcock, P.A.G.D.C.; Thos. Moore, P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire; Ben Brierley, 2156; W. O. Pettitt, 2156; Geo. Macfarlane, P.M. 1033; and others.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were duly honoured, and

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master," stated how highly the lodge considered itself honoured by his presence on that occasion, for it had been a great disappointment indeed to the members of it when the P.G.M. was prevented from presiding over the Provincial Grand Lodge at the annual meeting at Heaton Norris last May, but it had been a great pleasure and gratification to them to hear that he had fixed that day to visit the Egerton Lodge; he (the W.M.) was only echoing the sentiments of the members of the lodge in hoping the P.G.M. might be long spared to rule over the province, which he did in so able and efficient manner, and that as long as the P.G.M. was their ruler, the members of the Egerton Lodge felt sure that the province would flourish and increase in the way it had done since his appointment as P.G.M.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, after which the song called "The Master's Song," written by Bro. Joseph McKim, J.W., and dedicated to the P.G.M., was sung by Bro. W. O. Pettitt.

The P.G.M., in rising to respond, was received with much cheering. After explaining to the lodge the reasons of his absence from the May meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and his satisfaction with all the arrangements which he had been informed were made for its reception, he thanked the brethren of the lodge for the friendly and fraternal manner in which they had received him on that occasion, and he said that he was quite satisfied with the way the ceremony had been performed, and also with the manner the lodge was conducted. He saw that the brethren had the cause of their Masonic Charities, and more especially their local Masonic Charitable Institution, at heart, and he was certain that so long as the members of the lodge worked together as he had seen that afternoon, it would continue to flourish.

The toast of the "D.P.G.M., Bro. Geo. Mellor, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. C. D. Cheetham, P.J.G.D., and James Needham, P.P.G.D. Cheshire.

Bro. George L. Vaughan, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. James Cookson," who was warmly cheered on rising to respond to the toast.

The toast of "The Newly-raised Brother" was given by Bro. Edward G. Lingard, P.M., and replied to by Bro. Goodfellow.

"Success to the Masonic Charities" was also proposed by Bro. Lingard, and the toast was ably responded to by Bro. Alfred E. Ferns, P.M., C.R.

"The Health of the W.M. elect, Bro. Preston, S.W.," was given by the W.M., and suitably acknowledged.

The toast of "The Visitors" was most warmly received, and replied to by nearly the whole of the visiting brethren, who paid the W.M. a justly-earned compliment on the excellent working they had heard from the chair and from the officers.

The toasts of "The P.M.'s" and "Officers of the Lodge" were duly honoured, the J.W.'s toast bringing to a close one of the most successful meetings of this lodge.

Musical assistance was very well rendered by many brethren, including Bros. Pettitt, Maclean, and Bickerton.

and admirable recitations were given by Bros. Ben Brierley, McKim, and H. Smith.

The total amount subscribed or voted to the local Masonic Charity on this occasion exceeded the sum of £60.

**LEWES.**—Pelham Lodge (No. 1303).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. Wm. Wright was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. W. W. Turner, the retiring W.M., assisted by Bro. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec., and Bro. T. R. White, P.M. The newly-elected Master appointed as his officers, Bros. G. Wilson, S.W.; Snelgrove, J.W.; W. W. Turner, I.P.M. and Sec.; T. R. White, Treasurer; R. Weston, S.D.; Woolgar, J.D.; J. C. Berry, I.G.; and H. Hall, Tyler. Among those present were Bros. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec., P.S.G.D.; Farncombe, P.M. 311, Prov. J.G.W.; Wright, W.M. 1184; Dowell, P.M. 1465; G. Holman, P.M. 311; J. H. Every, P.M. 311; S. Tanner, P.M. 311; Whitelock, 1303; R. H. Ellman, 1303; S. Stone, W.M. 311; Higham, 1829; and others.

The banquet took place at the Bear Hotel, an elegant menu being provided by Bro. Whitcomb, comprising many delicacies of the season. The W.M., Bro. Wright, presided, and in eloquent terms gave the leading loyal and Masonic toasts. Several others of a complimentary nature relating to distinguished members of the Craft were proposed, and heartily responded to, and the enjoyment of the evening was materially added to by the excellent vocalisation of Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss A. Freeman. Mr. A. J. Read, and Mr. Gerard Lloyd. An interesting event during the proceedings was the presentation of a Masonic Charity jewel to Bro. W. W. Turner, for his able assistance as W.M. of the lodge for the second time.

**BARNET.**—Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).—The last regular meeting before the summer recess was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on Friday, the 26th ult. Bro. T. H. Martin, W.M., presided, and there were present Bros. W. Lewis, I.P.M.; S. Tryon, acting J.W.; C. Gray, P.M., D.C.; G. B. Abbott, A.D.C.; Thompson and Collingwood, Stwds.; Goddard, Tyler; J. Brittain, P.M.; Oldfield, Wenzlein, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Oldfield was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremony being very ably performed by the W.M. and his officers. A vote of sympathy with the widow of a recently deceased member having been agreed to, lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together.

**LEICESTER.**—Commercial Lodge (No. 1391).—The annual festival and installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 26th ult. There was a large attendance of the members of the lodge and visiting brethren, amongst whom were Bros. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M., P.A.G.D.C. England; Geo. Toller, P.D.P.G.M., P.G.S.B. England; F. J. Baines, 523; J. H. Marshall, 1007; T. Colman, 1265; T. A. Wykes, 523; B. A. Smith, 523; T. G. Charlesworth, W.M. 523; E. P. Steeds, 2081; Thomas Carter, W.M. 1560; C. Olive, 1007; W. Maurice Williams, W.M. 279; G. Jessop, W.M. 2081; G. C. Oliver, W.M. 1007; C. J. Wilkinson, P.M.; S. Knight, P.M.; J. Harrison, P.M.; J. E. Beazeley, P.M.; E. Watson, P.M.; and many other brethren and officers of lodges in the neighbouring provinces.

The lodge was opened, and the officers present were Bros. A. B. Starkey, W.M.; W. W. Vincent, S.W.; T. S. H. Ashwell, J.W.; Rev. J. Wright Willson, M.A., Chaplain; J. Harrison, Treas.; Henry Howe, Sec.; Andrew Ferguson, S.D.; J. W. Beazeley, J.D.; J. E. Beazeley, P.M., D. of C.; G. O. Marshall, Org.; Thos. Harrold, I.G.; and A. Chambers and A. Page, Stwds. After the usual business the W.M., Bro. W. W. Vincent, was installed by the retiring Master, Bro. R. B. Starkey. The various addresses were delivered by Bros. Starkey and Beazeley. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. B. Starkey, I.P.M.; J. G. Bower, S.W.; T. S. H. Ashwell, J.W.; Rev. J. W. Willson, Chap.; J. Harrison, P.M., Treas.; H. Howe, Sec.; A. Ferguson, S.D.; J. W. Beazeley, J.D.; S. Knight, P.M., D. of C.; G. O. Marshall, Org.; A. Chambers, I.G.; and G. J. B. Woolley and G. Scampton, Stwds. A pleasing feature of the succeeding business was the unanimous election of a joining member and also three candidates. Also several joining members were proposed, amongst them being Bro. Dr. J. Clifton, an old P.M. of the lodge, and Bro. T. K. Tapling, M.P., 1330.

The lodge was closed, and the W.M. and brethren, to the number of more than 80, dined together at the close of the lodge. The W.M. was supported by Bros. Partridge and Toller, and many P.M.'s of the province and also of Derbyshire.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. C. J. Wilkinson, P.P.G.D.C., in flattering terms.

The Worshipful Master responded in a very feeling and hearty speech.

"The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Brown, 731, the mother lodge of the W.M.

Music was rendered by Bros. H. Nicholson, 523; W. H. Barrow, 523; T. B. Laxton, 1007; A. Page, 1391; and J. H. Marshall, 279 and 1007; and a recitation by Bro. J. B. Waring, S.W. 523.

**DUNMOW.**—Rosslyn Lodge (No. 1543).—A meeting was held on the 17th ult. at the Saracen's Head Hotel. Bro. H. Dehane, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., presided as W.M., in the absence through illness of the Rev. Bro. Shepherd, P.P.G. Chap., the W.M. There were also present Bros. Dr. R. C. Lyle, S.W.; F. J. Snell, P.M., P.P.G.R., J.W.; G. D. Clapham, P.M., P.P.G.R., Sec.; D. Millbank, S.D.; J. M. Welch, J.D.; J. Wright, I.G.; F. W. Warner, Tyler; W. Rowe, P.M.; J. P. Lewin, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; C. Bint, Bentley Shepherd, W. E. Hoskins, F. J. Carter, and S. Cooper.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot having proved unanimous in favour of Messrs. G. E. Cockman and W. Jones, they were initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. Bro. Lewin having assumed the chair, Bros. Hoskins and Carter were passed. It was decided that emergency meetings should be held, in order that the F.C.'s and E.A.'s

should be in a position to attend Provincial Grand Lodge, which is to be held at the Prov. Grand Master's seat, at Easton Lodge, under the banner of the Rosslyn Lodge. Bro. Cooper thanked the brethren for their letter of condolence, received by him on behalf of the family of the late Bro. Gustavus Pery, who lost his life by the foundering of the steamship Cuseo a short time ago. Bro. Reakes, through illness, was unable to be present to be raised.

After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, followed by that of "The W.M.," in which Bro. Dehane alluded to the great services rendered by Bro. Clapham, which was acknowledged very appropriately.

"The Initiates" was next given, and was responded to by Bros. Cockman and Jones, who were much impressed by the ceremony they had gone through, and hoped to become good Masons.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which had been enlivened by songs from Bros. Dr. Lyle, Lewin, Cockman, and Jones. Bro. Snell sang the E.A.'s song.

**TEDDINGTON.**—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This prosperous lodge met at the Clarence Hotel, on the 24th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. Porter, W.M.; Simmonds, S.W.; Barns, J.W.; R. W. Forge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; W. Middleweek, J.D.; J. E. Ruffell, Org.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.W., P.M., and B. Muller, Stewards; J. Finch, I.P.M.; E. W. Warner, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; F. Chandler, P.M. 1656; J. Barns, jun., T. Middleweek, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. Robert Goff, and it proving to be unanimous, he was impressively initiated by the W.M. Bro. Riverhall having been passed to the Second Degree, it was resolved unanimously "That the sum of five guineas each be placed on the lists of Bros. W. R. Plaford and W. J. Porter, respectively representing this lodge at the 1889 Festivals of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys."

Bros. J. Piller, P.M., Treas.; R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M.; H. Room, P.G. Sec.; and others sent apologies for non-attendance.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The W.M. proved to be a genial and efficient chairman.

The toasts were curtailed in order to give the brethren an opportunity of enjoying an excellent programme of music, which was furnished by Bros. J. E. Ruffell, J. Hall, E. Hall, F. Riverhall, and Mr. F. Ruffell; the latter gentleman has a voice of fine quality and compass.

The proceedings of this, the last meeting of the season, were eminently successful.

**YORK.**—Agricola Lodge (No. 1991).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Lodge, Castlegate, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., when a large number of members and visitors assembled to do honour to the W.M. elect, Bro. J. H. Taylor. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. A. M. White, P.A.G.P. After some preliminary business was transacted, the W.M. resigned the chair to Bro. Capt. Hewson, P.M., P.D.S.G.D. Malta, who acted as the Installing Master, and who was ably assisted by the W.M., Bro. A. M. White, the ceremonies being worked in a very impressive manner. Bro. Taylor afterwards invested Bros. A. M. White, P.A.G.P., as I.P.M.; John Eccles, as Treas.; and E. Osborne, as Tyler; and appointed and invested as officers of the lodge for the ensuing year: Bros. J. E. Wilkinson, S.W.; W. H. Wigham, J.W.; C. Garrood, Chap.; Thomas Laverack, Sec.; Geo. Manton, S.D.; T. N. Lathom, J.D.; D. Young, I.G.; J. W. Dow, D. of C.; W. H. Lumley, Org.; and G. Epworth, J. Colahan, and E. Atkinson, Stwds. Among those present in addition to the officers were: Bros. Lieut.-Col. A. H. H. McGachen, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. Balmford, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. Blenkin, P.M.; Capt. J. Thomson, J. Booth, T. Boutell, J. Riley, A. Sample, P.P.G.O.; Robt. A. Young, G. McFarlane, C. S. H. Brooke, P. Pearson, W. H. Atkinson, R. Spence, A. Sollitt, A. F. King, P.D. G.O. Malta; J. Tomlinson, F. Bucktin, J. Menell, 1611; E. Hunt, Milner, 1611; and others.

Letters expressing regret at inability to attend were read from several brethren, and the lodge was closed.

The W.M., supported by nearly 40 brethren, afterwards dined together at the house of Bro. Booth, of the Lowther Hotel, who supplied an excellent dinner, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

The following was the toast list: "The Queen and the Craft" and chorus, "God save the Queen." "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the rest of the Royal Family," proposed by the W.M.; song and chorus, "God bless the Prince of Wales." "The Three Grand Lodges," proposed by the W.M.; trio, "Life's a bumper." "The Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," proposed by the W.M., responded to by the I.P.M., Bro. A. M. White, P.A.G.P.; song, "My sweetheart when a boy," Bro. Dow. "The W.M. of the Lodge," proposed by the S.W., Bro. J. E. Wilkinson; song, "Fine old English gentleman," Bro. J. E. Wilkinson. "The Installing Master," proposed by Bro. G. Balmford, P.M., P.P.G.O.; song, "A warrior bold," Bro. Wigham. "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. W. H. Wigham, J.W., responded to by Bros. Balmford, P.M. 236, P.P.G.O., Milner, 1611, and McGee, 190 (S.C.); quartette, "Of the airts." "The I.P.M.," proposed by the W.M. Bro. White, in responding, wished the W.M. and the lodge a successful and happy year, and said he felt sure the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year would be as punctual and regular in their attendance as the officers during his year had been. Song, "The white squall," Bro. Laverack; trio, "Mynheer Van Dunck." "The Officers of the Agrícola Lodge," proposed by the W.M., responded to by the S.W., Bros. Eccles, and Garrood; glee, "Strike the lyre." "The Ladies," humorously proposed by Bro. Hewson, P.M., P.D.S.G.D. Malta, and responded to by Bro. Wigham, J.W.; song, "Gipsy Jack," Bro. Sample. "The Host and Hostess," proposed by Bro. Geo. Manton, S.D., responded to by Bro. Booth; and the Tyler's toast.

The songs were effectively accompanied by Bros. A. Sample, P.P.G.O., and W. Child, P.G.O., honorary members of the lodge, the former acting as Organist during the ceremony of installation.

**RHYMNEY.**—St. David's Lodge (No. 2226).—On Thursday, the 13th ult., the installation ceremony in connection with the above lodge took place at the St. Matthew's School Church (kindly lent for the occasion). The following were present: Bros. Capt. S. G. Homfray, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M.; W. B. Barnett, W.M. 683, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. C. Brook, W.M. 1429; D. E. Davis, J.D. 1429; G. F. Harris, P.M. 110, P.A.G.D.C.; J. T. Deaton, 110; G. Dean Burdett, P.M. 1822, P.P.G.D.C.; J. P. Fowler, W.M. 1098; Giles Golding, P.M. 1098; Rev. Thos. Theophilus, Chap. 1098; Jas. Johnston, 1098; C. Widdowson, P.M. 1098; C. Peaty, 1098; G. Arthur Brown, P.M. 998; Jno. Lewis, P.M. 1098, P.P.S.G.D.; S. Davis, 683; G. Hazel, 1429; Nicholl Bradley, W.M.; R. W. Jones, S.W.; J. J. Williams, J.W.; W. Lloyd Marks, Sec.; Thomas Thomas, S.D.; Rees T. E. Davies, D.C.; Jno. Llewellyn, Jno. Randall, E. Jones, R. Swedenbank, Thos. Jones, T. Acland, F. C. Williams, T. B. Yendole, J. B. Jones, and G. T. Evans.

The installation of Bro. Roger W. Jones, B.A., S.W., was very ably performed by Bro. Nicholl Bradley, assisted by Bro. G. F. Harris. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Nicholl Bradley, I.P.M.; J. J. Williams, S.W.; D. F. Pritchard, J.W.; W. Pritchard, Treas.; Rev. T. Theophilus, Chap.; W. Lloyd Marks, Sec.; Rees T. E. Davies, S.D.; Isaac B. Jones, J.D.; Jno. R. Williams, D.C.; F. C. Williams, I.G.; E. Jones, Org.; Thos. Davis and R. Swedenbank, Stwds., and J. Aish, Tyler.

At the close of the lodge, the whole of the members retired to the Royal Hotel, where the banquet was served by Bro. and Host Fred. C. Williams, in splendid style.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and songs sung by the different members present.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 25th ult., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Jackson, W.M.; Faulkner, S.W.; Varrall, J.W.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Prior, S.D.; Penrose, J.D.; Leaphard, I.G.; G. Bolton, P.M.; Davis, P.M.; Penney, P.M.; Cook, Emblin, and others.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and, after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The lodge was called off, and, on resuming, the usual questions leading to the Second Degree were ably answered by Bro. Penrose. The lodge was advanced to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Cook, 147, was elected a member of the lodge. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W. Present: Bros. W. J. Stratton, W.M.; W. T. Dillon, S.W.; W. J. Mason, J.W.; J. J. Thomas, W.M. 753, Sec.; C. Coleman, S.D.; V. Shaw, J.D.; T. W. Manktelow, I.G.; C. Stallbrass, Stwd.; J. W. Cuff, P.M. 1608; A. G. Boswell, P.M. 1339; J. W. Harvey, P.M. 25; N. Turner, P.M. 72; J. Page, S.W. 753; A. Pozzatti, E. Wehrle, R. T. Redfearn, J. R. Hill, W. Chapple, J. Hutchings, L. N. Nerwich, J. Tapping, A. E. Carter, A. Barroddell, and R. Dillon, P.M., acting Preceptor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Tapping candidate. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. W. T. Dillon was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The Secretary read the balance-sheet and report of the working of the lodge during the past year, which showed an increase in the number of attendances to that of previous years. The report and balance-sheet were unanimously adopted, and directed to be entered on the minutes. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on the 22nd ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, Present: Bros. W. W. Williams, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; W. G. Coat, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; A. Williams, S.D.; E. Fox, J.D.; J. Cummings, I.G.; D. Stroud P.M.; and J. Davies.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Davies being the candidate. Bro. Cummings having given proof of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The W.M. having risen, Bro. Craggs was elected W.M. for the next meeting, Bros. A. Williams and D. S. Long were re-elected Treasurer and Secretary respectively, and a vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes for the efficient services rendered in the past. Bros. Coat, Davies, and Craggs were elected Auditors. The lodge was then closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 29th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Allman, W.M. 1425, W.M.; W. Mathews, S.W.; J. Crutenden, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; J. Goslin, S.D.; C. A. Milnes, J.D.; E. R. Buckwell, I.G.; J. Corrie, Stwd.; W. Craig, P.M. 1425; W. J. Hakim, W.M. 141; J. H. Wood, P.M. 1642; W. Death, W.M. 511; Major Ferris, O. W. Battley, J. C. Conway, N. Spyers, and J. Smith. Bro. A. C. Jones, S.W. 1441, was a visitor.

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. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Battley being candidate. The ceremony of installation was then rehearsed. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Hakim was duly installed. Bro. Allman, after investing the officers, gave the addresses in a very able manner. Bro. Jones was unanimously elected a member, and acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms. A vote of congratulation to Bro. C. A. Bond, W.M. elect 1425, on the occasion of his marriage, was unanimously passed. A vote of condolence was unanimously passed with the family of the late Bro. F. G. Baker. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. C. M. Coxon, W.M.; J. Petch, S.W.; A. Wolter, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; J. E. Sheffield, acting Sec.; A. Giddings, S.D.; H. B. Harding, J.D.; C. G. Gray, I.G.; R. Loomes, G. Wheeler, C. Weber, and T. Caseley, sun.

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. Loomes acting as candidate. Bro. Weber answered the necessary questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Weber candidate. Bro. Loomes answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when Bro. J. Petch was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and thanked Bro. Sheffield for so kindly undertaking his duties as Secretary for the occasion. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 25th ult., when there were present Bros. A. Clark, W.M.; F. Kedge, S.W.; G. H. Foan, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, acting as Preceptor; F. M. Noakes, acting as Sec.; E. D. T. Rymer, S.D.; J. Rowe, J.D.; W. Barringer, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; Ira Bowman, 33, U.S.A.; Frenguelli, C. Thompson, P. S. Holmond, J. S. Cater, and A. F. Bullen.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. S. Cater having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. C. Thompson offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. Bro. W. Barringer answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. On rising for the first time, the W.M. proposed that Bro. Ira Bowman, 33, U.S.A., be elected a joining member of this lodge, and in doing so said he was pleased to see American brethren amongst them, and to give them a welcome. Seconded by Bro. E. C. Mulvey, and carried unanimously. Bro. Ira Bowman, in thanking the brethren for having elected him a member of this lodge, said he had enjoyed the working, although somewhat different from that of America, and that he would be delighted to see any of the brethren in his country. On rising for the second time, Bro. F. Kedge, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. F. M. Noakes, acting Secretary, read a letter from Bro. T. C. Seary, Org., thanking the brethren for their vote of condolence in his illness, conveyed by a letter from Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary, and that he hoped soon again to be with them. He was pleased to say that he was making progress towards recovery. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Earl of Lonsdale Hotel, Archer-street, Bayswater, W. Present: Bros. J. C. Conway, W.M.; M. J. K. Dundas, S.W.; C. Bye, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M.; Preceptor; W. J. Mason, Sec.; J. J. Mackay, S.D.; M. Rosenberg, J.D.; J. C. Taylor, I.G.; E. Rogers, P.M.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; E. T. Notcutt, J. Powell, M. Peters, R. H. Hatton, H. Guntrip, Gardner, and J. Neville.

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. Hatton being candidate. The charge to the initiate was given by Bro. G. Davis, Preceptor. The 1st and 4th Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. E. Rogers, P.M., assisted by the brethren. Bros. E. T. Notcutt, 1365, and J. J. Mackay were unanimously elected joining members of the lodge. Bro. Dundas was unanimously elected to occupy the chair on the 10th inst., the next meeting being officers' night. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Dresden, W.M.; Turner, S.W.; Woods, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; Treas.; Hubbard, Sec.; Turner, S.D.; Marsh, J.D.; Hatt, I.G.; Read, P.M.; Preceptor; Sims, P.M.; Stroud, P.M.; A. Williams, Haynes, Robinson, Sidders, Betts, Swann, Craggs, Neville, Boyce, and Fayers.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Keene, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Swann being candidate. The questions leading to the Second Degree were answered by Bro. Turner, S.W., for the benefit of Bros. Haynes, Boyce, and Robinson. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hubbard was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).**—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 29th ult. Present: Bros. C. E. Everett, W.M.; W. C. Williams, P.M.; P. G. Std, Br. Middx., S.W.; P. Skar, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M.; Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. B. Cory, S.D.; T. W. Heath, J.D.; C. Woods, I.G.; James Sims, P.M.; and Arthur Williams, W.M. 2090.

The lodge having been opened, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sims acting as candidate. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. W. C. Williams acting as Installing Master, Bro. Sims, D.C., and Bro. Everett as W.M. elect, lodge being opened and resumed in the various Degrees, as necessary. Bro. W. C. Williams gave the addresses in a concise and impressive style. Bro. Sims worked the 7th Section of the First Lecture, the questions being put by the Preceptor. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Everett for the manner in which he had performed the duties of W.M. for the first time in this lodge. Bro. P. Skar was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. J. Davies, W.M.; E. Fox, S.W.; H. Purdue, P.M.; J. W.; J. Sims, P.M.; Preceptor (pro tem); G. Gardner, P.M.; Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem); T. W. Biggs, S.D.; T. Wilcox, J.D.; D. S. Long, I.G.; P. Burton, P.M.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; W. W. Williams, R. H. Wimpey, and H. Clark.

The lodge was duly opened. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Sims, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed in Bro. Davies' well-known manner, Bro. Burton acting as candidate. Bro. Fox was elected W.M. for the next meeting, when the election of Auditors will take place. The lodge was then closed.

**LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 29th ult., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. Spencer, W.M.; Hudson, S.W.; Sandals, J.W.; Cochrane, acting as Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Steele, S.D.; Mitchell, J.D.; J. Wright, I.G.; Chapman, Livett, Ellison, Taylor, Poole, Folkard, Russell, Harvey, Winny, Langdon, F. Hill, King, Templeman, and Weeks, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Ellison answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, with Bro. Ellison as candidate. Bro. Harvey being a candidate for raising, answered the questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Harvey duly raised to the Degree of a Master Mason. The W.M. gave the full traditional history. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second and third times, and the Secretary announced a balance from the supper, and the lodge was closed.

**MANCHESTER.—STARBUCK INSTALLED MASTERS' LODGE.**—A meeting of this lodge, under the warrant of St. George's Lodge, No. 1170, was held on Monday, the 29th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall. There was a good attendance of members, the W.M.'s chair being occupied by Bro. Jas. Newton, 37, P.P.S.G.D., Prov. A.G. Sec.; Bro. N. Dumville, acting as S.W.; and Bro. George Cookson, as J.W.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. McClelland, P.M. 287; Walsh, W.M. 992; Cosgrave, P.M. 1723; and Ogden, W.M. 1170, were balloted for, and elected as joining members. The W.M. of the evening, Bro. Newton, had on exhibition for the inspection of the brethren a selection of rare Masonic books and medals from his collection, and read a paper explanatory thereof. The books included a fine copy of the first Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England, 1723; "Long Livers," by Eugenius Philalethes, 1722, with the curious dedication to the "Grand Master, Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the Most Antient and Most Honourable Fraternity of the Freemasons of Great Britain and Ireland;" "Pine's List of Lodges, 1734," originally belonging to Bro. Edward Entwistle, first W.M. of present No. 37, and first Prov. G.M. of Lancashire, and which has recently been reproduced in facsimile by Bro. Hughan, with

sketches of the old lodges, and interesting information as to these old lodge lists; "Pocket Companion for Freemasons, London, 1735;" "MS. Sections, 1797, Craft, Arch, and K.T.;" "Masonic Funeral Sermon," preached at Rochdale, 12th July, 1807, by Bro. Rev. Jno. Rutter; Marvin's "Masonic Medals;" Lodge Histories; &c., &c. The selection of Masonic medals comprised 75 specimens from Bro. Newton's cabinet, and included English, Scotch, American, French, Belgian, Dutch, German, and Italian medals, many being exceedingly rare and curious. In the course of his remarks, Bro. Newton referred to the Masonic exhibitions held within the last few years at York, Worcester, Shanklin, and Plymouth (catalogues of which exhibitions he exhibited). By means of these exhibitions principally he attributed the greater interest now taken by the brethren in the study of Masonic archaeology. Another great impulse was given by the establishment, in 1884, of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, and its Correspondence Circle, now numbering upwards of 600 members. He heartily recommended such of the brethren who wished to know something of the past history of the Craft and its antiquities to become members of the Correspondence Circle. The lecturer then referred to his forthcoming work on the "History of Freemasonry in East Lancashire," and gratefully acknowledged the co-operation given him by numerous brethren in supplying information for the purpose. He had to deplore one unfortunate fact, and that was, that the greater number of old lodges did not seem to possess any old records, or, at all events, very fragmentary ones, and impressed upon the brethren present the absolute importance of carefully treasuring up their old minute books and other records in fire-proof depositories. Bro. Newton also pointed out the great service which would be rendered to Masonic Students by the publication of histories of the older lodges; much valuable information would thereby be gained as to Masonic life in years gone by, which could not fail to be highly interesting. He also referred to the valuable services rendered in the cause of Masonic literature within the last 20 years by many distinguished writers, notably Bros. Hughan, Gould, Woodford, Murray Lyon, Whytehead, Lane, Yarker, Riley, Sadler, and others. His own library embraced nearly 250 volumes of Masonic literature, and he might say that no part of his Masonic work had given him more pleasure than that of the study of Masonic archaeology, save, and except, the Masonic Charities. Bro. Newton then proceeded to explain his principal exhibits. The lecture and explanation were listened to with marked attention, and were evidently highly appreciated. At the close, a cordial vote of thanks was moved to the lecturer by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.J.G.W., which was seconded by Bro. E. W. Irving, P.G. Stwd., and carried by acclamation. In acknowledging the vote of thanks, Bro. Newton said, if his lecture and exhibits had the effect of inducing a deeper interest and research into Masonic antiquities and history, he would feel himself amply repaid. A vote of condolence was passed to Bro. W. J. Cunliffe, P.P.G.D., on the heavy bereavement he has recently sustained in the loss of his wife. Bro. N. Nicholson, Prov. S.G.D., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, which was fixed to be held in September. Several brethren were proposed as joining members, and the lodge was closed.

## Royal Arch.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM CHAPTER (No. 753).**—The companions of this chapter, on their assembling at Lord's Hotel, on the 24th ult., were painfully shocked by the announcement that their Secretary and oldest member, Comp. F. G. Baker, P.Z., had died the day before, after a short illness, from congestion of the lungs and feeble heart. It is impossible to describe the consternation experienced. Comp. Baker had by his great energy and continuous labour raised the chapter from one of common place to the highest pitch of Masonic working. He established a chapter of instruction many years since, and weekly acted as Preceptor. He never lost an opportunity of enforcing on the officers the dignity and high importance of their official duties, and would devote hours of labour in teaching others, his own store of Masonic ritual being perfect. As Secretary, he so managed to win the affection of companions and Principals, that a resignation after passing the first chair was unknown, and it would be difficult to find higher trained Masons than the Past Principals of this chapter, all due to his unselfish love and energy. A better illustration could not be found than that caused by his death, which suddenly threw the working of the chapter out of its usual order, and the M.E.Z. was absent through illness.

Comp. Rowe, P.Z., exalted four candidates with unflinching accuracy, and Comps. Duffin, Kempton, and Thomas were equally perfect. Then followed the installation of Principals, which Comp. Hill, P.Z., at the shortest notice undertook, and well proved his mastership over difficult ceremonies by the perfection of his working. A letter of condolence to Comp. Baker's family was ordered to be sent. Comp. Slyman, P.Z. and Treas., proposed, and Comp. Hill, P.Z., seconded, that the following should be recorded on the minutes of the chapter, which was carried amidst universal grief and gloom:—

"The members of the Prince Frederick William Chapter desire to have placed on their minutes the universal grief with which they heard of the death of their oldest member, Comp. Frederick George Baker, P.Z., which took place on the 23rd, at Elm Lodge. His irreparable loss has shed a gloom over all their proceedings, and they feel it impossible to record their regrets in sufficiently powerful terms to perpetuate his merits. They have lost the father of the chapter—their talented Preceptor, their constant companion—their guide and their friend. His business habits and rectitude of conduct as Secretary constituted a rock which was unassailable, and his gentleness of manner and untiring energy as a teacher established his fame not only amongst the members of the chapter, but throughout the N.W. district. He was always ready and willing to impart from his marvellous store of Masonic knowledge, and never more pleased than when his pupils were successful. Officers, Principals, and companions all mourn the loss of one they can never hope to replace.—24th April."

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A convocation was held on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. There were present Comps. H. E. Dehane, M.E.Z.; Joseph Brandon, H.; J. B. Cumming, J.; J. H. Baxter, acting S.E.; F. H. Atkins, P.Z.; Treas.; H. Wilkie Jones, P.S.; Candlerier, 2nd A.S.; J. J. West, P.Z.; W. H. Holroyd, and Lachland.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was read, adopted, and entered on the minutes. The ballot was taken, and proved unanimous, in favour of Bro. C. A. Bond, W.M. elect 1425, but he was unable to be present. The ballot was again unanimous in favour of Comp. Holroyd. Comp. Dehane then installed Comps. Brandon, M.E.Z.; Cumming, H.; and H. Wilkie Jones, J.; and the officers for the ensuing year were invested. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

After the banquet, the M.E.Z. gave "The Queen" and "H.R.H. the Grand Z. and the other Grand Officers." The I.P.Z. gave "The M.E.Z.," who, in replying,

hoped he should prove deserving of the honour that had been conferred upon him.

The M.E.Z. then proposed "The Installing Principal and I.P.Z., Comp. Dehane," alluding to the eminent qualities he possessed as a R.A. Mason, and the manner in which he had performed his duties the whole time he had belonged to the chapter, and more especially during the past year, and, as a token of the esteem and regard of the companions, he (the M.E.Z.) had great pleasure in affixing to his breast the handsome P.Z.'s jewel of the chapter, and hoped he might live many years to wear it.

Comp. Dehane, in reply, thanked the companions for the great kindness and assistance he had received from them all, and felt highly flattered at the compliment they had paid him by voting him the handsome jewel of the chapter, which he should always prize as a souvenir of their good wishes. He was pleased to say he handed over the affairs of the chapter—as evinced by the report of the Auditors—in a prosperous condition, and so left a fair field for his successor.

Comp. West responded on behalf of "The P.Z.'s," and regretted that, through illness and other causes, there were so few present, but was sure all were ready to afford assistance and instruction when required. He also alluded in terms of considerable pride to Comp. Dehane, who, he said, had followed in the footsteps of the last four or five P.Z.'s, and installed his successor. With such companions to guide the M.E.Z., he felt the chapter would go and prosper.

The toast of "The H. and J." was responded to by Comp. Cumming, and "The other Officers" by Comps. Baxter and Candlerier.

The Janitor's toast followed, and concluded the proceedings.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—This chapter met on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at the Ship, Greenwich, when there were present Comps. J. Addington, M.E.Z.; F. Hilton, P.Z., acting H.; Crook, J.; Capt. C. W. Williams, P.Z., S.E.; Benedetti, S.N.; Carl Fleck, P.S.; C. Meierhoff, 1st. A.S.; C. Woods, 2nd A.S.; Elliott, P.Z.; T. Grummant, P.Z.; Towers, C. H. Stone, Dr. Makeham, C. N. M. North, and Patrick, Janitor.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. Addington, M.E.Z., presented Comp. Elliott with a P.Z.'s jewel (manufactured by Comp. George Kenning), on behalf of the chapter, for his able services during the past year. Other business having been transacted, the chapter was closed.

At the banquet which followed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Comp. Elliott, P.Z., proposed in eulogistic terms "The Health of Comp. Addington, M.E.Z.," saying, however, that the fact of his unanimous election to the chair would of itself be sufficient reason for all to receive the toast with enthusiasm.

Comp. Addington responded. The M.E.Z. proposed "The P.Z.'s," enumerating all they had done for the chapter, and Comps. Elliott, Hilton, Williams, and Grummant responded.

Comp. Crook, J., responded to the toast of "The H. and J."

Comp. Elliott proposed "The Treasurer and S.E.," expressing, in a very flattering manner, the great respect in which their Treasurer, Comp. Major Williams, P.Z., and his son, their S.E., Comp. Capt. C. W. Williams, P.Z., were held by all the members. They were pleased that their Treasurer was able to be absent, and in a warmer clime, for it was very wise for him to guard his health, and so ensure the continuance of his very valuable services. Their S.E. was a worthy son of a worthy father.

Comp. Capt. Williams responded, as did Comps. Benedetti, S.N.; C. Fleck, P.S.; C. Meierhoff, and Charlie Woods to the toast of "The Officers."

Songs and recitations were given by Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z.; Meierhoff, 1st A.S.; Towers, North, Benedetti, S.N.; and C. H. Stone.

The Janitor's toast closed a very happy evening.

**ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).**—This chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 23rd ult. Among those in attendance were Comps. F. Farrington, M.E.Z.; J. H. Dodson, P.Z., acting H.; H. Clemow, I.P.Z., acting J.; T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P. G.P.S. Middx., S.E.; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. W. E. Farrington, H.; Farthing, J.; G. Manners, C.C., P.Z., Treas.; and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. A few toasts followed, and were duly honoured.

## INSTRUCTION.

**ANDREW CHAPTER (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Comps. J. Davies, M.E.Z.; J. Sims, H.; J. H. Wood, J.; D. Stroud, P.S.; F. Craggs, S.E.; and others.

The chapter having been opened, the exaltation ceremony was rehearsed in a remarkably clear manner, to the entire satisfaction of the companions. Comp. Sims was duly elected M.E.Z. for the next month. A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Stroud for his excellent performance of the P.S.'s duties. The chapter was then closed.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A convocation was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Forchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Comps. G. March, P.S. 733, M.E.Z.; W. H. Chalfont, S.N. 975, H.; W. C. Williams, J. 733, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; M. Spiegler, 833, P.S.; J. Cruttenden, 779; and J. Smith, P.S. 890.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Cruttenden being candidate. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and the chapter was closed.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. There were present Comps. J. G. Neeld, P.Z. 169, M.E.Z.; T. Grummant, P.Z. 1275, H.; F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, Preceptor and J.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Stone, S.N.; C. Woods, A.S. 1275, P.S.; and Addington, M.E.Z. 1275. The chapter was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, with Comp. Addington as candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The M.E.Z. rose for the second time, and Comp. Grummant was elected M.E.Z. for to-day (Friday). The M.E.Z. rose for the third time, after which the chapter was closed.

### Mark Masonry.

#### PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).—

This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel on the 23rd ultimo. Among those present were Bros. F. H. Clemow, W.M.; T. O. Harding, M.A., P.M., acting S.W.; Nelson Prower, M.A., J.W., W.M. elect; Chauffrier, J.O.; Richards, S.D.; F. Farrington, P.P.G.O., P.M.; W. E. Farrington, P.P.G.D., P.M.; T. Richnell, G.S., P.P.G.S.B., P.M., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B., P.P.G.W., P.M., Sec.; and T. Poore, P.G.I.G. (Hon. Mem.) Among the visitors were Bros. F. W. Driver, P.M., P.G.S., &c.; F. Graves, P.M.; and W. Farrington.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls, having assumed the chair, installed Bro. Prower as W.M. (by dispensation.) Among the officers appointed were Bros. E. A. Harris, S.W.; J. Harris, J.W.; Chauffrier, M.O.; Richards, S.O.; Richnell, Treas.; Walls, Sec.; and Goddard, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the installing Officer.

Among the numerous apologies for non-attendance were communications from Bros. C. H. Driver, G.M.O.; H. J. Lardner, P.G.D.; Dr. Lott, P.G. Org.; G. Graveley, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Vincent, P.G.I.G.; T. W. Coffin, M.D.; P.G.S.B.; H. H. Shirley, P.P.G.O.; and others.

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

The usual toasts followed, and a most agreeable evening was passed, thanks to the instrumental and vocal harmony of Bros. W. Farrington, F. Farrington, and others.

#### BARNESLEY.—Portal Lodge (No. 127).—

The installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Eastgate, on Thursday, the 25th ult., Bro. C. W. Fincken, W.M., P.G.D.C., in the chair. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the Treasurer read his annual report, which proved to be of a very satisfactory nature. The W.M. then, in very appropriate and feeling terms, proposed that a vote of sympathy be forwarded to the family of the late Bro. the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, after whom this lodge was named, and who was also an honorary member thereof. This was seconded by Bro. E. J. Massie, P.M., P.G.S.O., Sec., who read some letters from our late Bro. Portal, which he received from him at the formation of the lodge, and which showed the very great interest their late brother took in the lodge. The P.G. Master of West Yorks then entered the room, and was saluted. Bro. Edwin Billington was then presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and, in due course, placed in the chair of A., and saluted. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. B. Smith, S.W.; W. Senior, J.W.; S. C. Alderson, M.O.; C. Lingard, S.O.; J. Sutton, J.O.; W. R. Massie, P.M., P.P.G.O., Chap.; J. H. Gration, P.M., P.P.G.W., Treas.; T. W. Embleton, Reg.; E. J. Massie, P.M., P.G.S.O., Sec.; Fountain, J.D.; Browne, J.D.; T. Braithwait, Org.; Fincken, P.M., P.G.D.C., D.C.; Squire, I.G.; and Wood and Davies, Stewards.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where a very pleasant evening was spent, under the presidency of the W.M., who was supported by the P.G. Master and many members of the Prov. G. Lodge.

The P.G. Master, during his speech, called the attention of the brethren to the admirable manner in which the Mark Benevolent Fund is worked, and asked the brethren to give that Charity their consideration.

### Royal Ark Mariners.

#### PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).—

This lodge met on the 23rd ult., at Anderton's Hotel. Among those present were Bros. T. O. Harding, M.A., W.C.N.; T. R. Richnell, J.; F. Farrington, S.; W.C.N. elect; W. E. Farrington, S.D.; F. H. Clemow, J.D.; Capt. T. C. Walls, Scribe; N. Prower, Chauffourier, Richards, F. W. Driver, T. Poore (Hon. Member), and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. T. Poore assumed the chair, and in a most masterly manner elevated Bro. Frederick Graves to the Degree. Subsequently he impressively installed Bro. F. Farrington as W.C.N. Among the officers appointed were Bros. T. R. Richnell, J.; W. E. Farrington, S.; F. H. Clemow, S.D.; N. Prower, J.D.; Chauffourier, G.; Richards, W.; Walls, Scribe; and Goddard, O.W. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the veteran, Bro. T. Poore, for his valuable aid. Bro. W. Vincent, also an excellent exponent of the ritual of this interesting Degree, was unavoidably prevented from attending.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren dined with the members of the Prince Leopold Mark Lodge.

### Allied Masonic Degrees.

#### METROPOLITAN COUNCIL (T.I.).—

This old council met at the Masonic Hall, 8A, Red Lion Square, W.C., on the 26th ult. Among those present were Bros. R. Loveland Loveland, J.P., W.M.; G. Graveley, C.E., acting S.W.; McDowall, acting J.W.; George Powell, Treas.; H. J. Lardner, Sec.; Shilcock, as C.; Pigeon, Org.; Brittain, E. Sweny, Capt. T. C. Walls, I.P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; Nelson Prower, M.A.; Mills, Tyler; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. the Rev. R. Peek, M.A., P.M., P.Z., P.P.G. Chap., &c., and it being unanimous, he was impressively inducted into the four Degrees, viz.: St. Laurence the Martyr, Knight of Constantinople, Red Cross of Babylon, and High Priest. In consequence of indisposition, Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, W.M. elect, was unable to be present, and it was unanimously agreed that a dispensation be applied for to install him in May. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and a vote of thanks passed to Bro. G. Powell, Treas., for his services during the past year. The I.P.M. then presented Bro. Loveland with the jewel which had been voted to him at the last meeting. The W.M., having duly acknowledged the same, letters plead-

ing inability to attend were read from Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, Capt. W. B. Williamson, J.P.; T. Cubitt, R. Roy, H. H. Shirley, and others. A vote of condolence was passed to the family of the late Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal.

The council was then closed, and the brethren adjourned. There was no banquet.

### Scotland.

#### INSTALLATION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF THE GLASGOW PROVINCE.

On Friday evening, the 26th ult., the Grand Master of Scotland and a deputation of Grand Lodge office bearers paid a visit to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Pillar Hall of the Queen's Rooms, Bro. W. J. Easton, D.P.G.M., presiding, and the Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bro. J. Kelso Hunter, R.W.M., 27, acting as P.S.G.W., and Bro. G. H. McNaught, P.J.G.W.

The ACTING P.G.M. then called upon the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. David Reid, to produce the Grand Lodge commission appointing Bro. John Graham, C.A., of Broadstone, as P.G.M. of the province.

The deputation from Grand Lodge was then admitted with full honours, and the Grand Master was at once desired to occupy the throne. The Grand Master was accompanied by the following distinguished brethren, who all wore the whole of their full dress, insignia, and jewels, and together made a most imposing assembly: Bros. R. F. Shaw-Stewart, Past Sub. G.M.; Col. J. Clark Forest, P.G.M. Lanark (Mid Ward); Capt. H. F. MacLean, P.G.M. Lanark (Upper Ward); F. E. Villiers, P.G.M. Dumfriesshire; Major F. W. Allan, Proxy G.M. Gibraltar; J. Fleming, Proxy G.M. South-East Africa; J. T. S. Elliot, S.G.W.; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; Rev. R. Henderson, M.A., and Rev. T. Somerville, Joint G. Chaps.; Rev. W. Tulloch, B.D., Prov. G. Chap.; James Dalrymple Duncan, S.G.D.; J. McIntyre Henry, G. Architect; D. Reid, G. Bible Br.; Emile Berger, G.D. of Music; Colin Galletly, G.I.G.; J. Melville, President of Grand Stewards; and John Davidson, Vice-President of Grand Stewards.

The GRAND MASTER thanked the Prov. Grand Lodge for doing him the honour of occupying their throne, and expressed the great pleasure it gave to himself and the Grand Lodge deputation to find the books of Prov. Grand Lodge, which they had just thoroughly examined, so excellently kept, and to find the Prov. Grand Lodge doing their work so heartily and in full conformity with Grand Lodge constitutions. He then called upon Bro. John Graham to assent to the various charges peculiar to the office of Prov. G. Master's office, and then conducted him to the throne.

The GRAND MASTER then addressed the brethren, and in the course of his remarks spoke of the valued service which had been rendered to the cause of Masonry by the late Sir Wm. Pearce, by whose lamented death the vacancy just filled had been caused. He had no doubt, however, that Bro. Graham, who had already done yeoman service to the Craft, would maintain the dignity of his office, and carry on the good work.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, after thanking the brethren for the great honour conferred upon him, then closed the lodge.

The deputation was thereafter entertained by the Prov. Grand Lodge to a banquet, in a hall adjoining the lodge-room. Bro. John Graham, P.G.M., acted as Chairman.

After dinner, the CHAIRMAN gave the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," which was enthusiastically received. The next toast, also from the Chair, was that of the "Prince of Wales, Patron of the Grand Lodge." The Chairman remarked that that toast had a double claim on their acceptance, as the Prince was not only the Grand Master Mason of English Freemasonry, but he was also an affiliated member of Scottish Masonry.

The CHAIRMAN then gave the toast of the evening—"The Grand Lodge of Scotland"—coupled with the name of the Grand Master, Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, of Blythswood, who in the course of his remarks, which were received with frequent interruptions of applause, said: "The Grand Lodge of Scotland was erected in 1736, and St. Clair of Rossline was elected first Grand Master, having previously renounced any hereditary right that he or his heirs had to that position. Since then Masonry had extended very much over the whole of Scotland, and from time to time illustrious noblemen and gentlemen had filled the chair of the Grand Lodge, but none more worthily or acceptably than the present Grand Master—our honoured guest this evening. Among the earliest visitations by the Grand Master to Glasgow was that of the late Duke of Athole, about 40 years ago, for the special purpose of installing that eminent lawyer and historian, Sir Archibald Allison, as Provincial Grand Master. The next visitation to Glasgow was by the late Bro. Whyte-Melville, who made a grand visitation to St. Mark's Lodge on the occasion of a centenary celebration. In the following year the late Earl of Dalhousie made a visitation. Afterwards Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, also the late Earl of Mar and Kellie, and now Sir Archibald Campbell. At a stage in the history of Grand Lodge there was discovered some very serious mismanagement, involving very large pecuniary loss; but he was proud to think that after the loss had been wiped away, Grand Lodge at the present moment stood clear of all debt, with heritable, movable, and charitable funds of over £40,000. The reformation took place in 1877, when Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart was Grand Master, but much of the laborious work fell upon their present Grand Master, who took an active part in bringing about a proper settlement of affairs. Since then, in his position as Substitute Grand Master, Depute Grand Master, and now Grand Master, they owed in a great measure the present position of the Grand Lodge, and the Glasgow City Province esteemed it both a privilege and an honour to entertain Sir Archibald Campbell as the Grand Master Mason of Scotland. Had it been possible, they should have been equally pleased to have entertained Lady Campbell, whose favour for the Craft was well known, and whose services and interest in the approaching grand Masonic bazaar in aid of our annuity fund will be fraught with great good to that Charity. He was pleased indeed in having had the honour that day of being installed as Prov. G.M. of Glasgow by Sir Archibald Campbell, whose

forbears have been long and intimately connected with this great city. Through his paternal ancestry, the Douglasses of Main, that connection dated back to the middle of the 14th century, and through the Campbells of Blythswood since the 17th century. The town house of Blythswood was situated in the Bridgegate, and, although given up for about 100 years as a town house, it was not so very long ago since the house and gardens were all destroyed, and are now occupied by the City Union Railway Company. Sir Archibald's name in Glasgow was as a household word. He was ever ready to forward any scheme which might be for the good of the people, and we have proof of this in the success of last year's Exhibition, which must have taxed his energies to the utmost, but which was a grand success. May he be long spared as a county magistrate and as a member of Parliament to perform his arduous duties, and, should further honour be conferred upon him, the Glasgow City Province of Freemasons would heartily rejoice.

Bro. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, in acknowledging the enthusiasm with which the toast had been received, said he thought the reason why the toast had been so well received was due to the fact that they reckoned him as one of themselves, and that they knew he had the interest of the great city at heart. There was one thing he desired to refer to at this meeting, and that was that the rivalry which seemed to exist between the lodges in the east and west of Scotland should be buried. They were an imperial people—not parochial—and speaking for himself he rejoiced in belonging to an imperial race that had girdled the world. It was their duty to uphold the tenets of their Order and to carry from one end of the world to the other that civilization that was freedom but not license. He wished every man to speak out, but he also wished them to take broad views, and he asked those who had so much power to take a deeper interest in Masonry and Grand Lodge.

Bro. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL then gave "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," coupled with the name of its Prov. Grand Master. The Province of Glasgow was one of the largest under the Grand Lodge, and with the 34 lodges under its jurisdiction was a great power for good. The duties of Prov. Grand Master over such a large province might be very irksome under some circumstances, but he thought Bro. Graham need have no cause for fear, as he had as strong a set of office bearers as any Grand Master could desire to reign over. He congratulated the brethren on having chosen such a worthy man and Mason as Bro. Graham as their chief, and trusted he would long be spared to fill the office with honour to himself and dignity to the Craft.

The toast was pledged amidst great applause.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in replying, said he was sorry that his esteemed superior officer, up till that day, the Depute Master, Bro. Easton, did not see his way to accept of the position of Prov. G.M. In his opinion he was more suitable for the office, and had greater experience of the working of the province than he had. The City Province of Glasgow had been up till now a thoroughly united province. It had not the largest number of lodges, but in point of number of members and representation of all grades of society, manufactures, trades, and professions, it was second to none in importance. It was interesting to note that although the office of Prov. G.M. was created two years only after the erection of Grand Lodge, it was not till the beginning of the present century that we find Prov. Grand Lodges mentioned as organised bodies under Prov. Grand Masters. The Glasgow lodges were at first (1739) placed under the jurisdiction of the brother having charge over the "west country lodges." This province embraced Glasgow, Hamilton, Dumbarton, Lesmahagow, Greenock, Lanark, Kilmarnock, Inverary, and Kirkintilloch. In 1756, Hamilton of Dalserf succeeded Collector Mollison as Prov. G.M. In 1769 an ex-provost of Glasgow (Murdoch) was made Prov. G.M. over the counties of Lanark, Renfrew, Ayr, Dumbarton, and Argyll. On Provost Murdoch's death, Houston of Jordanhill was, in 1795, appointed as Provincial Grand Master. Then, early in the century, the provinces were re-arranged, Glasgow being placed in Under Ward of Lanarkshire, with Sir John Stewart of Allanbank as Provincial Grand Master. In 1806, Sir John laid the foundation stone of the Nelson monument in Glasgow Green. In 1813, the designation of this province was again changed to "Glasgow and Under Ward of Lanarkshire," with Bro. Maxwell, younger, of Pollok, afterwards Sir John Maxwell, as Provincial Grand Master. In 1826, Sir John was appointed Provincial Grand Master of East Renfrewshire, and his successor was Bro. Monteith of Carstairs, commissioner in 1827. In this year the Lodge Thistle and Rose got into grief for having, as a lodge, walked in procession to a theatre and patronised a play. Then, nearer our own time, they had had as Provincial Grand Masters Sir Archibald Allison, the Historian of Europe, appointed on Bro. Monteith's resignation in 1847. Then the designation of the province was again changed to "Glasgow Province." On Sir Archibald's death, Bro. Spiers of Elderslie, was appointed, and on his death Col. W. Montgomery Neilson of Queenshill, and on his resignation the late Sir William Pearce, during whose reign the foundation stone of the new Municipal Buildings was laid by ex-Lord Provost Ure under his supervision.

Bro. ANDREW MCNAIR, R.W.M. No. 4, gave the next toast, which was that of "The Sister Provincial Grand Lodges," and expressed the great pleasure it gave the hosts to see such a large gathering of visiting brethren from the outlying provinces.

Bro. Captain H. F. McLEAN, Prov. G. Master Lanark Upper Ward, made a suitable reply, and thanked the Prov. Grand Lodge for inviting his colleagues and himself to be present at such an impressive and important gathering.

The other toasts were

"The Retiring Commissioned Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge," proposed by Bro. R. F. SHAW STEWART, and responded to by Bro. WM. J. EASTON.

"The Grand Secretary," proposed by Bro. Colonel P. STIRLING, of Kippendavie, and replied to by Bro. D. MURRAY LYON.

"The Provincial Grand Secretary of Glasgow," proposed by Bro. F. E. VILLIERS, of Closeburn, and responded to by Bro. DAVID REID.

"The Unofficial Guests," proposed by Bro. Rev. W. W. TULLOCH, and replied to by Bro. JAMES BOYD.

After singing "Auld Lang Syne," the company separated, everyone expressing their great satisfaction at having been present.

It deserves to be noted that the purveying was in the hands of Bro. Thomas White, of "His Lordship's Larder."

### THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF YORKSHIRE ON THE "THREE HOURS' SERVICE."

Dr. Bourne, Vicar of Christ Church, Doncaster, in response to the wishes of the Rev. E. Barbett, Vicar of Carleton, conducted the "three hours' service" in that church from twelve to three o'clock, on Good Friday. The Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. T. W. Tew, D.L., was present during nearly the whole of the service.

The church was all but filled with a devout congregation, and the Provincial Grand Master has since expressed gratitude for the service, both on behalf of himself and all in Carleton.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER intimated that the preacher's simple, touching language and feeling manner were most appropriate to the solemn occasion, and that the service made a deep impression on the minds and hearts of the congregation, who, as one of the agricultural communities (he further adds), often wish that the beaten track of the Prayer Book could, as in this instance, be departed from, and such services as the "three hours" be more frequently adopted, by which they would understand better the beautiful lessons of Holy Writ.

### THE WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

The *Liverpool Courier* has the following article on the above Institution:

The really excellent and tangible work which is being accomplished in this district through the medium of that well-organised and most efficiently and economically managed Charity, the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, is at once apparent by a casual glance at the annual report which, together with the statement of accounts and subscriptions, has recently been placed in the hands of the brethren in the province by the Secretaries, Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., Captain J. MacNab, R.N., W.M., and T. H. W. Walker, P.G.T., and the Treasurer, Bro. J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T. This beneficent organisation, which is the principal Masonic Charity in the Province of West Lancashire, and is perhaps the most prominent of any of the numerous charitable movements conducted by the Craft out of the Metropolis, has now entered upon its 38th year. It was founded in 1850, the object sought after being the education, clothing, maintenance, and advancement in life of the children of distressed and deceased Freemasons.

The President of the Institution is the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., P.G.M. The Committee, in their report, congratulate the supporters of the Institution upon another year of continued prosperity and usefulness. The income derived from donations and subscriptions for the past year amounted to £906 3s. 4d. The annual ball produced no less a sum than £208 9s. 3d., interest on invested capital yielded £727 4s. 6d., making, with a few other small receipts, a total income from all sources of £1862 3s. 4d. This amount, large though it be, is less by £600 than the total realised during the year 1887, although this abnormally large income was derived on account of her Majesty's Jubilee. The promising activity displayed by several of the youngest lodges in the endowment of their chairs is commented upon. During the year two further rights of presentation to public institutions, for 21 years each, were purchased at the cost of £700, making seven of such rights available. The benefits of the Institution had been extended to no fewer than 224 children—namely, 196 on the Educational Fund at an outlay of £1286 3s. 10d., and 19 on the Combined Fund (which educates, clothes, and maintains them) at a cost of £676 19s. 8d., besides which the sum of £40 was expended for the advancement in life of nine recipients who had gone off these Funds. The rigid economy which had ever characterised the conduct of the management continued to exhibit itself in the smallness of the working expenses, and it is stated to be quite unique in the administration of large Charities. During the past year applications were made to the Institution on behalf of 36 children, all of whom were found to be duly qualified, and all of whom were elected.

Twenty-eight children ceased to be on the Foundation, which has now 236 beneficiaries.

During the year the Committee had had to deplore the loss of two Vice-Presidents, Bro. H. Younghusband and Bro. J. Cobham, whose truly Masonic zeal and munificence had rendered their names household words among the brethren.

A number of Life-Governors had also passed away, but on the other hand it was gratifying to note the accession to the list of many worthy Freemasons.

### THE WEST LANCASHIRE ALPASS BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution, which has for its object the relief of the distressed widows of brethren who had been Masons for nine years, or who had been subscribing members to lodges in this province for five years, has also been accomplishing a good work, although, of course, on a much humbler scale. The necessity for its existence and for increased support of its funds is dwelt upon in the annual report given by the Hon. Secretaries, Bro. J. H. Barrow, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. Foote, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; and W. C. Erwin, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec. This, together with the financial statement prepared by the Hon. Treasurer, Bro. Robt. Wylie, P.M., P.G.D. Eng., P.P.G.W., has also been issued recently. The number of annuitants on the foundation of the Institution has been increased from five to seven; while there are two candidates waiting election as soon as provision can be made for them.

The extraordinary effort made last year on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls materially affected the income of the Alpass, as well as the other Charitable Institutions throughout the province, but as the Masons of West Lancashire had shown their willingness to support the Metropolitan Masonic Institutions whenever occasion called for it, the Committee felt sure that they would do the same for local Institutions, and make liberal contributions at the present juncture, in order to secure the success of the two candidates now appealing for election. It was

hoped that the festival to be held at Southport in June, under the presidency of Bro. Col. Tomlinson, M.P., P.P.G.W., would be productive of such results as to justify the Committee in at once recommending the election of both candidates.

The brethren have not yet received copies of the annual report of the management of the other important local Masonic Charity—the West Lancashire Hamer Benevolent Institution for Aged and Distressed Freemasons. This will probably be issued in the course of the next month, as the last of the financial statements from the various lodges has now been audited and passed.

### MASONIC PRESENTATION AT READING.

At the installation meeting of the Leopold Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 235, held on Monday afternoon, under the presidency of Bro. Henry Creed, P.P.G.I.G., a handsome testimonial, subscribed for by the lodges and individual members of the Province of Berks and Oxon, was presented to Bro. T. J. Pulley in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him in the formation and subsequent development of this province, in which he ably fulfilled the duties of Provincial Grand Secretary, until failing health compelled him to vacate the office about 12 months since. The testimonial consisted of a handsome illuminated address, enclosed in a splendid morocco case, the address being accompanied by a purse of money.

The presentation was made by Bro. CHAS. STEPHENS, Dep. Prov. Grand Master, who read a letter he had received from the Earl of Jersey, Prov. Grand Master, regretting his inability to be present, and conveying his best wishes for Bro. Pulley's health and happiness. Bro. Stephens said he felt confident the brethren shared in the mingled feelings of regret and pleasure with which he came forward to perform the duty assigned to him. They all regretted that impaired health, caused by overwork, had compelled Bro. Pulley to retire from the office of Provincial Grand Secretary, which he filled for some nine years with so much credit to himself and advantage to the province; and it gave him great pleasure to be the medium of offering to Bro. Pulley some slight testimonial in recognition of the long and valuable services he had rendered to Mark Masonry in the province. It was in a large degree owing to Bro. Pulley's untiring energy and perseverance that the Leopold and several other Mark Lodges, as well as the Provincial Grand Lodge, had been formed, and although Bro. Pulley had retired from the active duties he had so well discharged for some years, the brethren entertained the hope that he would be spared to be amongst them, and be blessed with health and happiness for many years to come, and that the beautiful address, which he had the pleasure of presenting to Bro. Pulley, would descend to his children, and be treasured by them.

Bro. EDWARD MARGRETT, P.M., then read the address, which, with the purse, containing cheque, was handed to Bro. Pulley, who, in reply, said that words failed him in his attempt to convey his thanks to the brethren for this beautiful and substantial token of their esteem and regard. It caused him great regret to be compelled to resign the office of Prov. Grand Secretary through ill-health, and he certainly never expected such an ample and pleasing recognition of his services. What he had done in connection with Mark Masonry, had, indeed, been a labour of love, and he was glad to know that the province was in such a satisfactory state, and he had every confidence that his successor, Bro. Ravenscroft, would do his utmost to assure the continued prosperity of the province.

The address was as follows:

"It having come to the knowledge of this Prov. G. Lodge that the health of Bro. T. J. Pulley, P.G.S.D., Prov. G. Sec., P.M., &c., was impaired, and he having intimated his desire that he should not be re-appointed as Prov. Grand Secretary in consequence; at the annual meeting held in Reading, on the 17th July, 1888, it was unanimously resolved on the proposition of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Jersey, seconded by W. Bro. Jno. Tomkins, P.G.S., P.P.G.W., Provincial Grand Treasurer:

"That this Provincial Grand Lodge conveys to W. Bro. T. J. Pulley its cordial thanks for the valuable services rendered by him in the formation and subsequent development of this province, and expresses the hope that by the blessing of the G.O.O.T.U. he will speedily be restored to health."

"It was unanimously resolved on the proposition of W. Bro. E. L. SHEPHERD, P.G.S., Prov. G.W., seconded by W. Bro. F. J. FERGUSON, P.P.G.W.:

"That in recognition of the services rendered to Mark Masonry in this province by W. Bro. T. J. Pulley in the office of Prov. Grand Secretary during nine years, a presentation shall be made to him, and that the following brethren be appointed the Committee for the purpose: The R.W. Prov. G.M., the V.W. Deputy Prov. G.M., the W.M. of each lodge in the province, W. Bro. W. W. Ridley, P.M., 235, P. Prov. G.W., W. Bro. Edward Margrett, P.M., 235, P.P.G.W., Treas. and Sec."

"In pursuance of these resolutions and in token of the cordial sympathy with them expressed by the brethren of each Mark lodge in this province, the Committee have much pleasure in presenting to Bro. Pulley, together with this record, a purse containing 100 guineas, accompanying the same with the heartiest best wishes of the brethren for his restoration and future prosperity."

"JERSEY, Prov. G.M.M.M.

"C. STEPHENS, D. Prov. G.M.M.M.

"E. MARGRETT, P.M., Treas. and Sec."

Both the D.P.G.M. and also Bro. PULLEY thanked the Testimonial Committee, and particularly the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. Margrett, for the time and trouble they expended in the matter.

The presentation ceremony was followed by the installation of Bro. Ravenscroft as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year.

The officers appointed and invested by Bro. Ravenscroft for the ensuing year were Bro. H. Creed, I.P.M.; Rev. J. M. Guilding, Chap.; C. H. Tench, S.W.; W. Hickie, J.W.; C. B. Tubbs, M.O.; C. Slaughter, S.O.; J. W. Lindars, J.O.; J. T. Stransom, Treas.; F. Brown, R. of M.; H. Creed, Sec.; B. W. Bennett, S.D.; J. Miller, J.D.; J. E. Sydenham, D.C.; H. G. Sherwin, Org.; C. E. Hewitt, I.G.; G. S. Smallwood and J. W. Martin, Stewards; and W. Hemmings, Tyler.

A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. H. CREED, the I.P.M., who suitably acknowledged the compliment.

In the evening the brethren sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Flanagan, at the Great Western Hotel. Bro. Ravenscroft presided, and the usual Mark Masons' toasts were honoured, and some capital songs were sung by Bro. Couzens and others.

The attendance included the following: Bro. C. Stephens, P.M., D.P.G.M.; Henry Creed, P.P.G.I.G.; W. Ravenscroft, Prov. Grand Sec., W.M.; W. W. Ridley, P.M., P.P.G.W.; E. Margrett, P.M., P.S.G.D., P.P.G.W., D.C.; T. J. Pulley, P.M., P.G.D., P.P.G. Sec.; Rev. H. Wells, P.P.G. Chap.; C. H. Tench, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Hickie, P.P.G. Org.; J. T. Stransom, P.P.G. Treas.; C. B. Tubbs, P.P.G.I. of W.; J. W. Lindars, P.P.A.G. Sec.; J. Slaughter, P.P.G.S.; B. W. Bennett, P.P.A.G.D.C.; F. J. Cozens, P.G.O.; J. Miller, P.P.G.S.; G. S. Smallwood, P.P.G.S.; F. Brown, C. E. Hewitt, W. Hemmings, W. G. Flanagan, P.M., P.P.G.W.; W. Bonny, W. Treverton, W. G. Miller, J. W. Martin, N. F. Wells, Rev. J. M. Guilding, Reginald Bird, P.M. and W.M. elect 55; John Tomkins, P.M., 225, P.G. Treas.; H. J. Mount, P.M., 257; G. J. Cosburn, P.M., 27, P.P.G.M.O.; Woollett and A. Turner, of 376; Couzens, P.M.; and others.

### BRO. AND MRS. HIGGS' BALL.

On Monday evening last some 300 guests assembled in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole in response to the invitation of Bro. and Mrs. W. A. Higgs, of Willenhall Park, New Barnet, the occasion of the ball being the celebration of the "coming of age" of their third son, Mr. Edwin Higgs.

The palatial Whitehall Rooms were well decorated with tall palms and flowers, and the floor of the ball-room was in capital condition, the guests being sufficiently strong in numbers to amply fill the rooms without causing any crowding or inconvenience to the dancers. Bro. and Mrs. Higgs received their guests in the drawing-room.

Dancing was entered upon with considerable spirit, the scene in the ball-room during some of the more popular "rounds" being extremely animated and interesting.

Shortly after midnight supper was served in the spacious dining-saloon of the hotel.

Mr. EDWIN PALMER proposed the toast of the evening, that of "Mr. Edwin Higgs," and spoke in high terms of his amiability and steady perseverance in the profession which he had chosen, adding that in the recreation of life he is also making his mark, his two hobbies being music and cricket, in the latter of which amusement he is especially proficient.

Mr. EDWIN HIGGS responded in a few words, well chosen and to the point.

Alderman Sir H. E. KNIGHT proposed the toast of "The Host and Hostess," and

Bro. W. A. HIGGS responded, meeting with a most enthusiastic reception.

Bro. Sheriff NEWTON proposed "The Ladies," and Mr. WALTER HARRIS replied briefly in a few neat sentences, which just suited the taste of his auditory.

Dancing was resumed after supper, and continued until after three o'clock. The guests on entering the ball-room had each received an invitation to sit for their portraits during the evening, and to accept a copy of their photographs as a souvenir of the occasion. This graceful act on the part of the host and hostess was much appreciated, no less than 260 of their guests being photographed during the course of the evening. Mr. Young, of Messrs. Fradelle and Young, 246, Regent-street, W., took every one of these portraits with the aid of the "flash light," and a very busy time he had for some hours. Examples of portraits taken under similar conditions were shown in the temporary studio, and reflect great credit upon the operator; indeed, it is difficult to understand how some hundreds of sitters can be dealt with in the course of a few hours.

### Obituary.

#### BRO. F. G. BAKER.

The brethren of the Prince Frederick William Lodge, 753, have within the last few days sustained another severe bereavement by the death of Bro. F. G. Baker, who expired after a short illness at his residence, Elm Lodge, High-road, Kilburn, on the 23rd ult. The long association of our departed brother with the Craft, and the invaluable assistance he at all times rendered the lodges with which he was connected, combined to render his name widely known in Masonic circles. Although an honorary member of the Robert Burns Lodge, 25, and Preceptor of their lodge of instruction, S.E. of the John Hervey Chapter, 1260, and also for many years Preceptor of the Kilburn Lodge of Instruction, 1608, it is with the Prince Frederick William Lodge, 753, that the name of Bro. F. G. Baker will generally be associated. He was P.M. and Secretary of the mother lodge, founder of the lodge of instruction, and its Preceptor for the long period of 25 years. Bro. Baker was likewise P.Z. and S.E. of the Prince Frederick William Chapter, as well as Preceptor of the Chapter of Improvement. It is not surprising, therefore, that a large gathering of the brethren assembled in the old Willesden Churchyard on Monday, the 29th ult., to pay a last tribute of respect to the memory of an honoured elder brother whose loss they so sincerely deplore. Amongst those present were Bro. J. J. Thomas, W.M., W. J. Stratton, J.W., C. R. Wickens, I.P.M., W. D. Slyman, P.M. and Treas., J. Stephens, S.D., R. T. Hill, P.M., J. F. Wuest, P.M., J. Powell, P.M., S. B. Nightingale, I.G., R. T. Redfeary, Steward, W. F. Stiles, and C. Stallibrass, of 753; C. Hunt, P.Z. 753. There were also gathered round the grave Bro. J. W. Harvey, P.M. 25; N. Turner, P.M. 72; Kew, P.M. and Preceptor 167; C. J. Biorn, I.P.M. 733; O. Latreille, P.M. and P.Z. 1260; C. Kempton, P.M. 1287; J. Mickelburgh, P.M. 1425; R. H. Dillon, P.M. 1567; J. W. Cuff, P.M. 1608; A. E. Carter, S.W. 1423; W. J. Mason, S.W. 2246; C. Coleman, J.W. 1425; G. Flint, S.D. 1287; W. T. Dillon, 1567; L. N. Nerwich, 158; and many others. Previous to the coffin, upon which many splendid wreaths, conspicuous amongst which was the offering of the Prince Frederick William Lodge, being lowered into its last resting place, the brethren present

reverently laid sprigs of acacia upon the lid, thus paying a last and mournful token of respect to him, who was not merely a brother in name, for Past Master Baker was loved as such by all who knew him intimately in Masonry. His simple, though unshaken adherence to what he considered was the proper working, his unostentatious attention to his varied duties, and his ever ready cheerfulness and desire to assist his younger brethren, combined to create in our departed brother a personal magnetism which was irresistible. And finally it may be said, to the honour of our lamented brother, that he literally died in harness. Upon the last occasion on which he ventured out of doors he attended at Great Queen-street to pay certain dues that were owing, and the last act of his life, previous to receiving his summons from the Great Architect of the Universe to the Grand Lodge above, was to prepare the books of the Prince Frederick William Chapter for the brother who had promised to act as S.E. on his behalf. Bro. F. G. Baker's place it will, indeed, be hard to fill.

**BRO. CARL ROSA.**

In the musical world, but more particularly in the operatic portion of it, the news of the unexpected death of Bro. Carl Rosa has been received almost with a feeling of dismay. One day we heard of the arrangements which Bro. Augustus Harris and he had made for the coming operatic season, and immediately afterwards, as it seemed, that he had been taken ill and was dead. What makes our sense of regret still more poignant is that our deceased brother was quite a young man of about 43 or 44 years of age, from whom, much as he had done in the cause of music, and especially for English Opera, still more and still brighter triumphs might have been expected. However, death has claimed him prematurely as a victim, and we, who were looking forward to his becoming an able and active member of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127—in which he was initiated only three weeks ago—have nothing left us but to mourn his loss. The funeral will take place at Highgate Cemetery on Monday next, and, irrespective of the many brethren who will attend on the sad occasion out of respect for their deceased brother's memory, the Drury Lane Lodge will be represented by Bros. Admiral Sir E. A. Ingfield, W.M.; Sir John E. Gorst, O.C., M.P., I.P.M.; Alderman Sir H. Isaacs, S.W.; Fernandez, J.W.; and A. M. Broadley, Past Dep. Dist. G.M. Malta, Secretary.

**Bro. DEAMER.**

It is with much regret we have to record the death of Bro. Dr. Deamer, one of the oldest medical men at Christchurch, N.Z. While at a meeting of the Medical Society, on March 12, he was seized with a fit of apoplexy, and falling suddenly to the ground, died immediately. By this sad occurrence Masonry in New Zealand has suffered a great loss, for Bro. Dr. Deamer was a prominent Mason, and in fact the only one in Christchurch who had received the 33rd Degree, this being conferred on him by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales during a visit to England ten years ago. In celebration of her Majesty's Jubilee he was appointed P.A.G.D. of C. to the Grand Lodge of England; he was also admitted to the Order of the Knights Templar, and opened the first preceptory at Christchurch. The late brother was only 59 years of age, and arrived in the colony in 1863, but his quarter of a century residence there has been much to the good of the place, both as regards Masonry and in every other respect. The funeral took place with full Masonic rites, on March 15, at the English Cemetery, Christchurch, and a large number of Oddfellows, Foresters, and medical men attended to pay their last respects to one whom they so worthily honoured.



There were not wanting those who predicted a short run of Gilbert and Sullivan's newest opera. But "The Yeomen of the Guard" has run now nearly seven months and is likely to remain in the bills for the whole season, though we shall not be astonished if Mr. D'Oyle Carte, before he removes to his new theatre in Shaftesbury Avenue, were to revive several of the old and ever-popular operas by the same master hands. "The Yeomen of the Guard," we believe, draws as greatly as any of its successors. The music may not be as easy to commit to memory as "The Mikado," but everyone who goes to the Savoy spends a delightful evening, and soon wants to go again to see Mr. Grossmith as the Jester, to hear Miss Jessie Bond and Miss Geraldine Ullmar, and the rich bass voice of Mr. Richard Temple. It is almost superfluous to add that "The Yeomen of the Guard" is mounted in the usually exquisite style and taste which have always been prominent features in all Mr. Carte's productions.

The Avenue, after a week's closing for rehearsal, re-opened on Monday week for the performance of Richard Henry's (Messrs. Butler and Newton) burlesque called "Lancelot the Lovely." Mr. John Crook, the composer and conductor, put everyone in a good humour by playing such bright music as the overture. When the curtain rose to a full house, it was soon evident that the burlesque was going to take. It is in two acts. Its story is not over intelligible, but its fun is great. The lover of Tennyson's poems need not be shocked that our Laureate is to be made a parody of. The names of the characters but little else resemble the "Idylls of the King." In the first act we see Arthur draw the sword out of the stone and so lay claim to the throne of Britain. Lancelot, who appears first in a steam launch, is prompted by his mother to steal the sword, so that he may sit on the throne, which is recovered by the magician Merlin. Bro. Arthur Roberts has been furnished by the authors with plenty of material for his ingenuity, and on Monday kept the house in roars of the most innocent laughter, and in a week or so we are sure the piece will be much further worked up by this original burlesque actor. His imitation of the professors who perform feats under water is most ludicrous. The very grave may object to Stonehenge being turned into a source of banter. The huge monoliths become automaton

machines for Bro. Roberts to get a cigarette and matches from, whilst another becomes a punch and Judy show. Bro. Roberts has several good songs; the one about "The Masher Eye" was encored again and again, as was the clever parody on "Who's that calling?" responded to by some from the wings. Mr. E. D. Ward does good service as Merlin. His song in the first act is sure also to become very popular. Mr. Alec Marsh, as Arthur, is very dignified, and sings several times in his usual splendid voice. Mr. Joseph Tapley well deserved his encore for his carefully rendered tenor song. Madame Vanoni is a desirable help-meet to Bro. Roberts in pulling the piece along. She never seemed tired of doing her best, and worked throughout with a right good will. Miss Carré Coote had a solo dance which she had to repeat three times, and we must say her dancing was graceful and very effective. We would rather the programme had stated that the music had been arranged by Mr. Crook than composed by him, for it is not altogether original, not that it is any the worse for that. The dresses are pretty, and the scenery in harmony with the Avenue traditions. Altogether "Lancelot the Lovely" is quite a success, and should run for months.

A magnificent theatre and a most noble play, such in a few words is our opinion of Mr. Hare's latest venture. The space at our disposal will not permit us, this week, to give any detailed account of the beautiful and comfortable Garrick Theatre which Mr. Emden, the architect of the Court and Terry's Theatre, has built. There is plenty of room between the rows of seats to pass out and in without treading on the toes of those in the same row, and without knocking the heads of those in the row in front. The pit has cushioned seats with arms, and the stalls have under them a locker large enough to hold a light coat and a hat, so that one is independent of cloak rooms. There are no fees anywhere, and the whole of the building is lighted by electricity. Some people think it unwise in opening a new theatre to commence with a play which has not already been a success. But Mr. Hare has ventured otherwise, and has gauged well the public taste, the result being that Mr. Piner's play "The Profligate" has been received with every possible commendation, and is as likely to be playing at Christmas as not. We believe that the first object of the play is to amuse, but we have always held that if it can combine teaching a good moral lesson, then the stage is more elevating. We have often pointed out plays which have in them as noble a lesson to be learned as one would get from many a sermon from the great preachers. "The Profligate" is a play which could do no one any harm, but might effect much good in the callous, indifferent, and even immoral man. For years the pulpit and the platform have tried to convey the doctrine of equality in the morals of either sex, but we think Mr. Piner is the first author who has boldly transferred this to the stage. We have had many plays in which the weakness of woman prior to marriage has wrecked the happiness of the innocent husband. Now we have the reverse, for it is the husband's early vices which follow him when he marries a pure confiding girl whom he really loves, but who comes to despise him when she learns his career in youth. Dunstan Renshaw, whom one can hardly call a roué, for there is a lot of good in him, has, before the play begins, ruined a young woman, Janet Preece, and deserted her. He marries a school girl, Leslie Brudenell, not because he is in love with her so much as that she is spotless and innocent, but she loves Dunstan, and very soon exercises her power for good on her husband. He comes to love and worship her with the most perfect affection a woman can want from a man. Much against her will they are married at the registry office. Her guardian's partner and solicitor declines to go to the ceremony, for he himself loves her, but does not declare it, and he feels that she is being sacrificed to Renshaw, whose character he knows something of. Whilst the marriage is taking place the victim of Renshaw's lust comes to Murray, the solicitor, for professional advice to endeavour to find one "Lawrence Kenward," for that is the only name she knows him by. From her description, but above all by a drawing she makes of him, Murray is sure that Kenward is Renshaw, and when the couple return from the registrar man and wife Murray accuses Renshaw of being the seducer of Janet Preece. The scene is transferred to Italy, where the honeymoon takes place. Renshaw is profuse with his charity to the poor in the neighbourhood, hoping by good actions, taught by the love of his wife for him, to blot out and amend the past, but "be sure your sin will find you out" comes only too true for him, for Janet, who has been dismissed as lady's maid to a society mother and daughter, flies to Leslie for protection. Mrs. Renshaw has pity on her, and takes her into her service. The daughter, Irene, confesses to Mrs. Renshaw that her mother has sold her in marriage to Lord Dangars, a divorcé, whom she hates, and who says of himself that he "has been everything in a divorce suit, but never the petitioner." Renshaw and Dangars, who knew each other in bachelor life, are seen approaching. Janet, with a shriek, sees her seducer. Leslie, believing in the goodness of her husband, and knowing the career of Lord Dangars, of course, supposes Janet intends Dangars. To aid Irene to escape, she denounces Dangars in the presence of the whole company, and (we think in a not very tasteful way) holds up the girl as his victim to endorse what she has said. Then comes the most thrilling scene in the play. Janet relieves Dangars of the charge, and Leslie's eyes begin to open, for there is no one left but her own husband, whom she has held up before the company. Man and wife are left alone. Dunstan implores her forgiveness. In her agony she cries out "Deny it, deny it!" When he says he cannot, she replies "Then go." The sword of Damocles has fallen on the man, and the wife falls down in a swoon. The husband returns to England a broken-down penitent. He seeks out his wife, but she will not see him. He is about to take his life, but overcomes the cowardly temptation. Murray advises Leslie to forgive, and so they are reconciled. It is all through a very lachrymose sort of play. There is a side love plot between Leslie's brother Wilfrid and Janet, and a very interesting sketch by Mr. Hare of Lord Dangars, whose make-up is almost unrecognisable. Miss Olga Nethersole, as Janet, is not half as good as she was in "The Dean's Daughter" or "The Silver Falls." Mr. Forbes Robertson, who, with Miss Kate Rorke, bears the burden of the piece, never has been seen to greater advantage. Of Miss Kate Rorke it is not possible to speak too highly. She rises in the third act to a pinnacle of

acting which completely subjugates every one. We have known this young lady intimately (we mean only on the other side of the footlights) since she went on the stage, and acknowledge to being prejudiced in her favour, but we believe every one allows that in "The Profligate" Miss Kate Rorke has never done anything to equal this superb bit of acting. Mr. Lewis Waller, as the Solicitor, seems a little too sentimental. Bro. Sydney Brough, as Wilfrid, is most refreshing, and gives promise of being a worthy addition to the family. Miss Lamb, as Irene, speaks with much expression, and plays well a somewhat difficult part. Mrs. Gaston Murray, always a sound actress, represents a woman of the world, always on the look out for a big match. She reminds us too much of Miss Victor's Mrs. Gilfillian in "Sweet Lavender." "The Profligate" is artistically and pecuniarily a big success.

Mr. H. A. Jones' new play "Wealth" at the Haymarket, though not so good as his "Saints and Sinners," is a fine piece, and like "The Profligate" of Mr. Piner, has a fine moral, that he who runs may read. It teaches without preaching. The plot, in a few words, is of a Yorkshireman whose mother died in the workhouse, who, by scraping together and working hard for years, becomes a millionaire. But he makes money his God. Mr. Jones shows his audience how wretched it is to live for the amassing of riches for their own sake, and how such men should be despised and even pitied. To keep the business in the family he wishes his only child to marry her cousin, but she refuses. He then strikes her out of his will, leaves all his wealth to the nephew, and bids her marry the man she has chosen, but never to see her father again. The old man goes mad and fancies himself a pauper. He becomes in his demented state reconciled to his daughter, and is about blessing her the day before her wedding day to the noble man of her choice, when he dies, having of course bequeathed his all to her. It is a one part play, written for and round Bro. Tree, who adds another link to his long chain of representative characters. His make-up is a master piece, as is also his acting. But it must not be understood that the other parts are not of interest. All the fault we find in them is that they have not a chance of more than half developing themselves. Mrs. Tree plays with all that grace and charm with which this lady abounds. Bro. Macklin, as the lover, acts in his usual straightforward style. Bro. Brookfield is the nephew—a thankless part. A most refreshing little comedy part is played by Miss Norreys and Mr. Maurice, who serve to enlighten the doleful story; and Mr. Weedon Grossmith, if a little exaggerated, gives a capital rendering of a brainless City swell. Some of the smartest lines in the piece fall to him. The verdict has not been unanimous in favour of "Wealth," but we hold to our opinion that it is such plays as this we want on our stage.

- WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.**
- ADELPHI THEATRE.**  
Every Evening, at 8, THE HARBOUR LIGHTS; at 7.15, Farce.
  - GAIETY THEATRE.**  
Every Evening, at 8.30, FAUST UP TO DATE; at 7.30, FIRST MATE.
  - VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.**  
Every Evening, at 8.50, THAT DOCTOR CUPID; at 7.50, THE POET.
  - OPERA COMIQUE THEATRE.**  
Every Evening, at 9, THE REAL LITTLE LORD FAUNTLEROY; at 8.15, HER OWN RIVAL.
  - COURT THEATRE.**  
Every Evening, at 8.30, THE WEAKER SEX.
  - COMEDY THEATRE.**  
Every Evening, at 8, A HIGHLAND LEGACY; at 9, TENTERHOOKS.
  - TOOLE'S THEATRE.**  
Every Evening, at 8, THE DON; after which ICI ON PARLE FRANCAIS.
  - SAVOY THEATRE.**  
Every Evening, at 8.15, THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD; at 7.20, MRS. JARRAMIE'S GENIE.
  - AVENUE THEATRE.**  
Closed. Easter Monday, at 8, LANCELOT THE LOVELY, or, THE IDOL OF THE KING; at 7.45, QUILTS.
  - PRINCE OF WALES'S THEATRE.**  
Every Evening, at 8.15, PAUL JONES; at 7.30, JOHN SMITH.
  - TERRY'S THEATRE.**  
Every Evening, at 8.30, SWEET LAVENDER.
  - LYRIC THEATRE.**  
Every Evening, at 8.15, DORIS.
  - ROYALTY THEATRE.**  
Every Evening, at 8, MIGNONETTE.
  - OLYMPIC THEATRE.**  
Every Evening, at 8, EAST LYNNE.
  - GRAND THEATRE.**  
Every Evening, at 7.30, THE SILVER FALLS.
  - SURREY THEATRE.**  
Every Evening, at 8, FOR A LIFE.
  - ROYAL AQUARIUM.**  
Open 12 (noon); close 11.30 p.m. Constant Round of Amusement.
  - ALHAMBRA.**  
Every Evening, at 7.30, Variety Entertainment, Two Grand Ballets, &c.
  - EMPIRE.**  
Every Evening, at 7.30, Variety Entertainment Grand Ballet, DIANA, &c.
  - LONDON PAVILION.**  
Every Evening, Grand Variety Entertainment.
  - CANTERBURY THEATRE OF VARIETIES.**  
Every Evening, at 7.30, Variety Entertainment, Humorous Sketches, &c.
  - MADAME TUSSAUD & SONS' EXHIBITION.**  
Open 10 a.m. till 10 p.m. Portrait Models of Past and Present Celebrities.



The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold its next regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 8th instant.

Bro. J. M. Scarlett has been unanimously elected W.M. of the Arnold Lodge, Walton-on-Naze.

Among the candidates for the May election of Old People to the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is Mrs. Mary Cooke, 40, Wilson-road, Camberwell, the widow of Bro. Charles J. Cooke, a well-known London journalist. This is the second application. The case is urgent, and the subscribers cannot do better than send their votes to Mrs. Cooke, who is supported by the Gallery or Press Lodge, No. 1928, and other brethren.

The Masonic Charities Association connected with the Barnato Lodge of Instruction will be commenced on Monday evening next, the 6th inst., at 7 o'clock, at the Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse-street (corner of Farringdon-road), when the attendance of brethren wishing to join is requested.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STIRLINGSHIRE.**—A deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, headed by Sir Archibald Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., M.P., Grand Master of Scotland, met on the 25th ult., in the lodge room of Lodge St. John, No. 16, for the installation of Bro. Michael Hugh Shaw Stewart of Carnock, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master of Stirlingshire, in succession to the late Earl of Mar and Kellie. There was a large attendance of the brethren. A number of office-bearers were also installed in the Provincial Grand Lodge.

A well-known marksman, Bro. Colour-Sergeant W. H. Hobbis, of the South Middlesex R.V., and formerly of the Bromsgrove Company of 2nd Worcester, was, on the 25th ult., installed W.M. of the South Middlesex Lodge, 858. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Major C. H. Reid-Todd. There was a good muster of visitors, principally representatives of Metropolitan corps. "Hearty good wishes" were forwarded from Bro. A. L. Shackelford and other brethren of the Leigh Lodge, Birmingham.

The members of the Ubique Lodge will hold their regular quarterly meeting on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Café Royal, Regent-street, when Bro. W. R. Arnold, R.A., S.W., will be installed W.M., Bro. Major J. Ritchie, R.A., P.M., being the Installing Officer. Bro. W. Arnold, P.S.W. 13; J. Thorne, 1449; and Lieut. J. C. de K. Bruce-Kingsmill, 25 (I.C.), will be balloted for as joining members. Capt. W. V. Faber, R.A., A.D.C. to the Commandant at Woolwich, will be initiated, if approved. Bro. Capt. T. Y. Osmond will be passed, and Bros. R. J. Wilson, W. Dickson, and F. Myers will be raised. This being the regimental lodge of Royal Artillery, a large attendance may be expected.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Prince Frederick William Lodge of Instruction, No. 753, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., the Secretary received notice of the death of the esteemed Preceptor, Bro. F. G. Baker, P.M., P.Z., which melancholy event took place at 2.30 p.m. that day, and the members present passed a vote of condolence with the family of the deceased brother, and the lodge was closed.

We have been requested to place our readers on their guard against a person giving the name of Edward Clarke, engineer, who describes himself as having been initiated in St. John's Lodge, No. 70, Plymouth, in 1865, and who is going round the country gathering whatever he can from unwary charitable Masons. A brother who has been visited by this impostor is our informant, and he writes to the effect that he has communicated with Lodge No. 70, and has been told that there is no such name as that of Edward Clarke, engineer, on the books.

On Monday evening, Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained at dinner in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House a large number of distinguished guests, including the Chinese, Greek, and Brazilian Ministers, Bro. T. M. Waller, Consul-General of the United States, and many other Consuls and Consuls-General, Bro. Sir T. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., and Bro. Alderman Sir H. A. Isaacs.

A portrait of the late Bro. King-Harman, Under Secretary for Ireland, and first member of Parliament for the Thanet Division of the County of Kent, was presented to the Corporation and Burgesses of Ramsgate on Monday.

We understand that the office of Provincial Prior of Kent and Surrey, which has been rendered vacant by the lamented death of General Brownrigg, C.B., is about to be conferred on Col. Haldane, the Prov. Sub-Prior.

We regret deeply to hear that Bro. Eckersall, W.M. 217, has been confined to his bed, through meeting with an accident while taking a little exercise in his garden on Saturday, the 20th ult., and trust that he will soon be restored to health again.

The annual meeting of the Crescent Lodge of Instruction was held on the 25th ult., at the King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, under the presidency of the Treasurer, Bro. J. M. Stedwell, P.G.S. The Auditors' report, showing a balance in hand of £4 18s. 6d., was received with much satisfaction. The winter session will commence on Thursday, October 3rd.

**THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.**—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's Matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages, and large numbers of the unemployed of East London would thus be provided with work, instead of swelling the ranks of pauperism.—ADVT.

At the regular meeting of the Vigne Rose Croix Chapter, held on Friday last, at Bournemouth, two candidates were perfected, after which the P.M.W.S., Bro. W. H. Miles, was presented with a P.M.W.S.'s jewel by the members of the chapter in recognition of his having resuscitated the old chapter, and as its M.W.S. for the past year. The jewel was extremely pretty and unique, and manufactured to special design by Comp. George Kenning, London.

The Prince of Wales visited Newmarket on Tuesday, for the purpose of attending the races, and on Wednesday the Two Thousand Guineas was won by Enthusiast, Bro. the Duke of Portland's Donovan, who was first favourite, being beaten by a head, while Pioneer, only three parts of a length behind, was a good third. There were nine runners.

The benefit to Mr. Riccardo Gallico at the Avenue Theatre, on the 9th inst., will be under the immediate patronage and presence of General Boulanger, who has promised to attend on this occasion.

Bros. the Hon. G. Allsopp, M.P., Spencer Charrington, M.P., and Sir T. Robertson, M.P., were among the members of the deputation which waited upon the Chancellor of the Exchequer on Tuesday on the subject of the new tax upon beer.

The negotiations for a race for the America Cup are announced to have fallen through, the conditions as set forth by the New York Yacht Club being so different from those which governed the race between the Volunteer and the Thistle, that Bro. the Earl of Dunraven has withdrawn his challenge.

There was a singular May-day celebration at Birmingham. The brewers had organised a procession of drays and carts about a mile in length. Closely on its heels followed several thousand Temperance children. Their banners bore these devices: "What has the trade done for us?" "Our fathers support the brewers and we starve." "The brewers are not our friends."

It is officially announced that her Majesty will hold a drawing room at Buckingham Palace this day (Friday), and another on Tuesday, the 14th instant, and that one will be held by the Princess of Wales, on her Majesty's behalf, on Wednesday, the 29th inst. The last-named being a collar-day, the Knights of the various Orders will appear in their collars.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at the 62nd anniversary festival of the Printers' Pension, Almshouse, and Orphan Asylum, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday. The donations and subscriptions, including his lordship's list of £741, amounted to £572.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, and Bros. Alderman Gray and Newton, Sheriffs, will visit Paris next week in connection with the Paris International Exhibition and will take part in a series of entertainments. On Thursday they will dine with the President and Madame Carnot; on Friday Bro. Sir P. de Keyser, as the Executive President of the British Section, will give a *déjeuner* in their honour; and the following day they will be the guests of the Prefect of the Seine and the Paris Municipality. His lordship and party will return to London on Tuesday, the 14th inst.

The Duke of Edinburgh, who has returned home from the Mediterranean suffering from a sharp attack of Malta fever, has been visited by Bro. Sir Oscar Clayton, and is pronounced to be progressing favourably. The Prince of Wales, who returned to Marlborough House on Monday, has also visited his brother.

*The Colliery Manager* for the 19th ult. contains an interesting biographical sketch of Bro. W. Fairley, F.G.S., Mining Engineer and Mineral Estate Agent, of Gentshaw, near Rugeley. Bro. Fairley is a member of St. Augustine's Lodge, No. 1941, Rugeley, and his numerous Masonic friends will be glad of the opportunity of perusing his memoir.

It may not be generally known to professional Freemasons that Herr Unthan, the marvellous performer who was born without arms, is one of the Craft. At the Paragon, last Saturday week, Bros. Barwick and Eaton put him to the test, and not only did he prove himself a proficient Craftsman, but he also gave all the grips accurately with his right foot. It would interest and surprise a Masonic brother to see Bro. Unthan give the signs, which he does satisfactorily and clearly, in a manner that is, of course, entirely his own.—*The Era*.

Mr. John Coleman has placed the Olympic Theatre at the disposal of the Committee organised for the purpose of arranging a matinee performance for the family of the late Mr. John Vollaire, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. Among the artistes who will appear are Mr. Herman Vezin, Mrs. Bernard Beere, Miss Muriel Campbell, Miss Mary Collette, Miss Amy Roselle (Mrs. Arthur Dacre), Bro. E. J. Lonnen, Miss Grace Pedley, Miss Violet Cameron, Mr. John Tresahar, Miss Lillian Price, Bro. Arthur Roberts, Miss Florence Levey, Mr. E. Haslaem, Mr. Harry Parker, Miss Eva Greville, Mr. Charles Collette, Miss Maude Wilnot, Bro. John Maclean, Mr. Yorke Stephens, Mr. Herbert Standing, Bro. James Fernandez, Mr. E. S. Willard, Mr. W. H. Pennington, and the Moore and Burgess Minstrels. Selections from the "Merchant of Venice," "The School for Scandal," and a number of miscellaneous items will form the programme, further particulars concerning which will be duly announced. Bro. Lord Lonsdale, Bro. Irving, Mr. Beerbohm Tree, Bro. J. L. Toole, Mr. Kendal, Mr. Charles Wyndham, Bro. Terry, and about 20 of the leading members of the theatrical profession form the Committee, and in this way show their respect for the whilom excellent Shakesperian performer. Mr. F. J. Potter, of the Gaiety Theatre, is Treasurer to the fund. Seats may now be booked at the Box Office of the Olympic Theatre.

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

The Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction has removed from the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, to the Earl of Lonsdale Hotel, Archer-street, Bayswater, W. This lodge meets on Friday evenings at 8 o'clock.

The First Annual Supper of the Ebury Lodge of Instruction is arranged to take place at the Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, on the 9th inst., at 7.30 p.m., when it is hoped that a goodly number will attend. Bro. W. Fowles, W.M. of the mother lodge, has consented to take the chair.

Bro. Edward Terry has now entirely recovered from his recent indisposition, and is again appearing with his usual success as Dick Phenyl, in "Sweet Lavender" at Terry's Theatre.

**GOULD TESTIMONIAL.**—The following have become subscribers to the Fund: Bros. Robert Grey, Pres. Board of Ben.; Sydney Shorter, P.M. 92; J. T. L. Street, J.D. 328; E. W. Carus-Wilson, Bertram Noakes, and J. Coleman Hughes, P.D.G. Registrar Hong Kong and South China.

H.H. the Maharaja of Kuch-Behar, G.C.I.E., P.G.W., has joined the Committee of the Gould Testimonial Fund.

The installation of Bro. Col. Foster-Gough as P.G.M. of Staffordshire took place at Stafford on Tuesday, the 30th ult., in the presence of a large and distinguished company of members of the Provincial Grand Lodge and visitors. We regret our inability to present our readers with a report of the proceedings this week, but it will appear in the next issue of the *Freemason*.

The Empress Frederick will have something to remind her of home at her palace at Kronburg. A large English garden is to be laid out, surrounded by terraces, on the plan of the East Garden at Windsor; and the park is to be stocked with a herd of West Highland cattle.

The Stockwell Lodge of Instruction and the Stockwell Chapter of Improvement, formerly meeting at Masons' Hall Tavern, have removed to the White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C. The former will meet every Monday at 6 p.m., and the latter on alternate Friday's at the same hour.

One of the most interesting matinees of the season will be given by Mr. George Alexander on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at Terry's Theatre. The play is an English version of "Le Filibustier," one of those delightful little idylls which only Frenchmen like Jean Richepin and Théodore de Bauville know how to write. It is a story of humble life, told with humour, and dramatic force—just the kind of story which will enlist the domestic sympathies of an English audience, and at the same time appeal to the most fastidious literary sense. The chief success of the original production at the Théâtre Français was M. Got's impersonation of an old man, a type of simple, dignified, and pathetic character, unfortunately not common on our stage. For this part Mr. Alexander has engaged Bro. Fernandez. The heroine will be played by Miss Calhoun, who has a great opportunity for her very fresh and truthful method, and the other characters by Mr. Fred Terry, Miss Carlotta Leclercq, and Mr. Alexander. Mr. Jacob Hood has designed the dresses for this performance. There will be new scenery, and everything will be done to give a complete representation to a charming play.

The Administration have conceded to Mr. Seymour Wade, of London, permission to erect in the grounds of the Paris Exhibition, near the foot of the Eiffel Tower, an "International Theatre," for the purpose of performances being given therein by the people of all nations. The theatre, which has been contracted to be opened on the 10th June, will hold 2000 persons, and will have attached to it a smaller theatre for about 300 for experimental purposes. The whole building will be lit by the electric light.

The Countess Crosy, a lady who belongs to one of the oldest Austrian families, has just started on a tour as directress of a travelling circus. For some time past she has been perfecting herself in riding under Elisa, in Vienna, some of her lessons being taken in the company of the Empress of Austria. The Countess intends visiting Paris with her troupe during the Exhibition.

Bro. Carl Rosa is said to have left a large fortune. His income is averred to have been about £10,000 a year—earned, of course, principally by the troupe in the provinces.

A Special Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees has been convened by the Grand Secretary, Bro. C. F. Matier, for Thursday, the 9th inst., for the purpose of electing a Grand Master in place of the late Rev. Canon Portal.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Blackwater Institute, the Secretary announced that Mr. J. Passmore Edwards, proprietor of *The Echo*, a native of Blackwater, Cornwall, had most munificently offered to build rooms for the institution, and to furnish the library with books, an instalment of 250 volumes being already dispatched, together with a present of 150 volumes for the institution at St. Agnes towards the 1000 volumes promised by the same liberal donor. A resolution was passed warmly thanking Mr. Edwards for his great liberality, and the President was directed to communicate with Lord Falmouth with a view to obtaining a suitable piece of land for the building.—*West Briton*.

R.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Canada, is paying a series of visits to the central points in the jurisdiction, and is at the same time delivering a particularly interesting and instructive lecture on "The Craft History of the Past Hundred Years," with incidents and reminiscences of the early lodges. The lecture is compiled from an extensive collection of Masonic MSS. and original papers which Bro. Robertson has collected during the past eight years. The R.W. Bro. lectured in Belleville on Wednesday evening, the 6th of March, to one of the largest and most enthusiastic Masonic audiences ever assembled in that district. On the following Thursday he favoured the Craft at Port Hope, and on Friday the Craft at Brockville, to very large and appreciative gatherings. At Belleville, the eldest Mason in Canada, Bro. Hinke, initiated over 70 years ago, was present. He is now in his 97th year, and is hale and hearty. Bro. Robertson has also lectured in Strathroy, Sarnia and Brampton, and will, it is understood, visit the central sections of all the districts.—*Canadian Craftsmen*