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WE remind our readers that the annual general meeting of the R.M.B.I. Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held at Freemasons' Tavern to-day (Friday), when, after the transaction of the regular business, the elections to fill vacancies on the Male and Widows' Funds will take place. When the voting papers were issued, there were on the Male Fund 14 immediate and three deferred annuitants to be elected from a list of 62 approved candidates, and on the Widows' Fund seven immediate and three deferred to be elected from a list of 81 approved candidates. Since then, however, other vacancies have been caused by death, while sundry of the approved candidates have also died, so that the disproportion between the vacancies and the candidates will not be so great as was originally announced. Still it will be sufficiently marked to cause the struggle to obtain places among the successful candidates to be an exceptionally keen one, especially in the case of the Widows' Fund, for which the vacancies are fewer and the candidates more numerous. Those brethren, therefore, who are interested in obtaining the success of particular candidates will have to bestir themselves in order to achieve their purpose. The regular business, which will be disposed of before the poll opens, will include the presentation of the annual report of the Committee of Management, and the election of a Treasurer, the usual proportion of the Committee of Management, and the three Auditors. We may add that the chair will be taken punctually at the hour of noon, and that the poll will close at 3 p.m.

WE must warn our readers against expecting anything like the Returns they have been accustomed to for the last twelve or fifteen years, at the 101st Anniversary Festival, on Wednesday next, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. We stated last week that the Board of Stewards numbers only about 150 brethren, and though it is possible, and indeed very likely, that a few more names will be added to the list, their Returns, being chiefly personal, will not to any appreciable extent affect the total. We further explained that the amount which may be looked for will probably not exceed £6000 in the event of the majority of the Stewards being lodge and chapter representatives, while if a fair proportion of them are Unattached the chances are in favour of the total being considerably less. As, however, there will remain a surplus from the Centenary Returns—after providing for the cost of the Centenary Memorial Scheme—of a few thousands of pounds, there is no reason why the friends and supporters of the Institution should exert their full strength on this particular occasion, especially as, if they refrain from doing so, they will give the Boys' School the opportunity of recovering the ground it lost in 1888 by the overwhelming attractions of the Girls' Centenary. However, if the limit of £6000 which we have suggested as probable be surpassed on Wednesday, we dare say the authorities will regard the overplus with their wonted philosophy, and accept it in the spirit of generosity with which it is offered. We are sure it will be found useful by-and-bye, if not immediately. As regards the arrangements for next week's celebration, they will be found pretty much the same as in ordinary years. The distribution of prizes is fixed for Tuesday, at the Institution, Wandsworth, and the programme will include the usual piano recitals, part-singing, and calisthenic exercises; and on Wednesday the banquet will be held in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, Past G. Chap., Dep. Prov. G. Master Suffolk, who will act as the representative of Lord HENNIKER, Prov. G.M., the latter being unable to fulfil his engagement to preside as Chairman owing to the death of his mother, the Dowager Lady HENNIKER. This change, coming as it does almost at the last moment, when the Stewards have very nearly completed their canvass, is not likely to affect the Returns, but we should be wanting in our duty, and in the respect which belongs to so distinguished a Mason, if we did not take this opportunity of tendering to his lordship our sincere sympathy with him and his family in the bereavement they have just suffered. With this single deviation, the necessity for which is everywhere regretted, the programme, as long since announced, will be followed, and we trust that next week it will be our privilege to record a result that may be described as successful in proportion to the efforts which have been put forward.

WE are inclined to think that the Committee of the Educational Fund which has recently been established in the Province of North and East Yorkshire, and of which the first anniversary festival was held in the City of York on Wednesday, the 8th inst., have been somewhat unjust towards the members of their Province. It is quite true that some years back N. and E. Yorkshire was not as frequently represented at the annual Festivals of our Institutions as might have been expected, or as its strength and importance might have demanded. But, since then, it has amply atoned by the frequency and on special occasions by the generosity of its contributions for its previous shortcomings, and it certainly does not accord with our usual ideas of fairness that an old sore, which had been for so long and so comfortably closed, should be re-opened. However, even if the allegation had been well founded, the meeting at York, which we reported in our columns last week, would have served as a counterpoise and adjusted the balance between the Province and its duties considerably in favour of the former. These local Charitable and Educational Funds are growing in favour with our Provincial brethren, and, as a time must come when it will be necessary to impose a limit on the extension of our Central Charities, it is to our local Associations that we shall have to look for such relief as may be needed from the ever-growing pressure upon the former. Hence our satisfaction at the great success of the York meeting, when Bro. PECK, P.G. Std. Br., and Prov. G. Sec., the Honorary Secretary of the Educational Fund of the Province, was able to announce a total of subscriptions, raised by a Board of 102 Stewards, amounting to £1000. Such a beginning augurs well for the future of the new Association, and we congratulate the Prov. G. Master, the Province, the Committee of the Fund, and Bro. PECK on having achieved in so short a space of time a result which is so honourable to themselves, and will be productive of so much good to the children of their indigent members.

THE Special General Court of Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which had been summoned to meet at Freemasons' Hall at 3 p.m. on Thursday, for the purpose of considering the extended Centenary Memorial Scheme, was held, as arranged, under the presidency of Bro. CHARLES HAMMERTON. The amended scheme was laid before the Court, and unanimously agreed to, the Building Committee being authorised to accept a tender not exceeding £31,000—subject, of course, to the approval being confirmed in the usual way. Thus the new works, and in particular the erection of the Centenary Hall, will be commenced forthwith, and we trust—for the sake of the Institution and its inmates—will be completed with all possible speed.

WE have heard so much of late about the desirability of supplanting the old system of concurrent jurisdiction which has heretofore existed in so many British Colonies by united and independent local Grand Lodges that many of our readers must have begun to think that there is no longer anything to be said in favour of the old system. There is now a South Australian Masonic Constitution, where a few years ago there were the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions working side by side together, more or less amicably, in the Colony of South Australia. Last year, the dissensions which had existed among the Craft in New South Wales, owing to the establishment of a local Grand Lodge some ten years before, were put an end to by the constitution of a United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, with a Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England in the person of Bro. Lord CARRINGTON, as M.W. Grand Master; while to-day we publish a full report of the constitution of a United Grand Lodge of Victoria under Bro. Sir W. J. CLARKE, Bart., who was already at the head of three out of the four systems existing in the Colony, as Grand Master. In these cases we have welcomed the changes which have taken place and have expressed our earnest hopes that the newly-established Grand Lodges will have a long and prosperous future before them. We have done this in the case of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, because, though there were no pre-existing jealousies and dissensions that we had ever heard of, the desire for a union of the concurrent systems appeared to be practically unanimous; and in the cases of New South Wales and Victoria, because the change has put an end to the discord which prevailed among the brethren of the different Constitutions in the two Colonies. But it does not follow that, because we have seen fit to commend the changes which have taken place in these three Colonies, we consider a similar change should be made in all our other Colonies and Dependencies where there is concurrence of jurisdiction among the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland. Wherever such a change is made, and on equally valid grounds, we shall receive it in the same spirit as we have shown towards our South Australian, New South Wales, and Victoria brethren; but so long as there is an evident desire on the part of the brethren of any Constitution to remain in their old allegiance, so long shall we strenuously support them in that desire. Some time since, for instance, we

announced that a movement was on foot in the Colony of Queensland with a view to establishing a Grand Lodge in lieu of the District and Provincial G. Lodges which now exist. But it is clear from the proceedings which took place at the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge (E.C.) on the 6th March last, that the bulk of the English brethren are desirous of retaining the connection with their Mother Grand Lodge, and while this feeling is as clearly and unmistakably expressed as it was at that meeting we shall uphold them in their views to the utmost of our ability. The leading English Masons in Queensland are of opinion that it is better they should remain under the oldest and most influential Constitution in the world than have a Constitution of their own which would be practically incapable of exercising any influence whatever outside the limits of the Colony. They are proud of being a part of the Grand Lodge of England. They consider it gives them a position and influence above what they would enjoy as an independent Grand Lodge, and we on our part are proud to know that the feeling of respect and affection they bear us is so deeply implanted in their hearts. Nor, apart from this, are we aware of any reason why a change in the present position of the Craft in the Colony should be made. There is no dissentient Grand Lodge to contend with as there was in New South Wales and Victoria; and if there is any dissatisfaction on the part of the Irish and Scotch lodges towards the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland, it does not follow that the English lodges, which are contented enough with their present position—and which, moreover, are considerably more numerous than the Irish and Scotch lodges taken together—should become dissatisfied with their Mother Grand Lodge. We shall take an early opportunity of laying before our readers the views of our Queensland brethren on this subject, so that they may understand as fully as we do ourselves that the movement we recently referred to is the work of a few individuals only, and is very, very far from commanding the sympathy of the great body of English brethren in the Colony.

#### THE REPORT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY.

It must be clear to every one who has read the Report of the Committee which Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., was authorised by the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on the 27th July, 1888, to constitute, and to which the said Quarterly General Court gave full powers to inquire into "the discipline, expenditure, and administration" of the Institution, that the brethren composing it have discharged the important duty with which they were entrusted most exhaustively, nor is there the slightest reason to believe, or the smallest scrap of evidence to show, that they have performed this duty otherwise than with the most complete impartiality. They devoted 15 days to taking such evidence as they considered necessary in order to enable them to arrive at a just opinion on the several branches of the inquiry, such evidence being taken indiscriminately from members of the various Committees, the Secretary, the members of the educational and domestic staffs at Wood Green, from the medical officers, from former pupils and their parents, and from sundry brethren who were desirous of giving testimony before them. A most careful digest of this evidence is furnished, interspersed with such remarks and expressions of opinion as have seemed necessary or desirable, and at the end are given, first of all, a series of the conclusions at which the Committee consider they are justified in arriving, and then a series of recommendations, which they consider it will become the duty of the Governors to adopt, in order that the School may be wisely and economically administered in the future.

As to the conclusions which the Committee have adopted with complete unanimity, after an investigation which we have described as most thorough and scrupulously impartial, there cannot be the slightest doubt that they are most unfavourable to the system of administration as it has hitherto been conducted, though we do not gather from any remark or opinion contained in the Report that any blame is considered to attach to any individual officer or member of the Committees. "The Educational Staff" is pronounced to be "satisfactory, the teaching good, and the School discipline well maintained," but the School itself is declared to be "in an unsatisfactory state as regards its management;" it is affirmed that "the expenditure is extravagant, and not properly regulated;" that "the feeding and clothing of the boys are not such as are represented by the expenditure, and their health and comfort are not satisfactorily attended to by the Domestic Staff;" and that "the Accounts are not kept on a proper system, and those published are misleading." The grounds on which this wholesale condemnation is based are the "antagonism between the Educational and Domestic Staff, which seriously impairs the usefulness of the Institution;" the facts that "the effective control has fallen away from the House Committee;" that "the Finance Committee exercises no real check on the expenditure;" and, lastly, and above all, that "the Secretary has engrossed the control of the Institution into his own hands, and to this and the friction between him and the Domestic Staff on the one side, and the Head Master and his adherents on the other, the great part of the present evils is to be attributed."

The principal recommendations which the Committee offer, with a view to remedying or removing the evils they consider exist in the present system of government, are that "there should be but one head authority, (viz., the Head Master) at Wood Green; and the entire establishment there be subject to him;" that "the House Committee should be able and willing to take and keep the control in its own hands, must be in touch with the daily life of the School, and give more personal attention, and exercise an intelligent authority in the Institution;" that "the Finance Committee should regulate the expenditure under the House Committee, and not rest its efforts after merely checking the vouchers and books put before it;"

that "the accounts should be kept, as recommended, by a qualified public accountant, and annually published as audited and approved by the Finance Committee;" and, lastly, that "the Secretary's duties should be strictly limited to the office, and he should not interfere at Wood Green save as the mere official channel of communication with the Head Master."

Taking the digest of evidence as it is presented in the Report—which, however, it is an act of justice to the House and Audit Committees to state they consider is contrary to the minutes of evidence as taken—it is impossible to arrive at any other conclusion than that, as a whole, it fully justifies the opinions at which the Committee have unanimously arrived, and, as a consequence, that the recommendations they make are, as a whole, if not in each individual case, the natural outcome of the opinions they have expressed. Or, to put the matter more distinctly—if the digest of evidence is correct, the opinions expressed by the Committee are justified; and if the opinions of the Committee are justified, their recommendations follow as a necessary consequence. The Report, however, in its entirety is so important, and its several branches so full of details, which require to be sifted in order that their values, taken separately in their relations to each other, may be understood, and that it will be necessary we should give it and them further and more minute consideration than is possible in a single article. But we may as well take this opportunity of suggesting that the House and Audit Committees which acquiesced in, if indeed they did not invite, the appointment of this Committee of Inquiry, will, if they are well advised, accept the result with as little demur as possible. It is, perhaps, too much to expect that they should receive in silence a series of opinions which so strongly condemn the system it has been their duty to administer; but they will not gain in public estimation by resenting those opinions because they are unfavourable; neither will it be to their advantage to plant themselves firmly in opposition to a Committee which is composed of men of such undoubted ability and experience, so qualified to pass judgment on the questions submitted for their consideration, and of such recognised independence of everything in the nature of bias or prejudice. At the same time, we must call the attention of the Committee to the fact, of which we cannot suppose them to be ignorant, but to which, as being no doubt outside the scope of their inquiry, they seem to have attached no weight, that it is owing to the energy and ability of the Secretary, who, they affirm, "has engrossed the control of the Institution into his own hands," that our Boys' School has made such unexampled progress in so short a space of time. It is only such a man as this same Secretary, who, in the brief period of 28 or 29 years, could have raised it from the position of a Charity School of 70 boys to a firmly established middle-class Institution providing for almost four times that number. In our haste to condemn a system, we must not lose sight of the brilliant services of this veteran officer.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE GEORGE GARDNER LODGE, No. 2309.

The consecration of this new lodge took place at the Village Hall, Datchet, Bucks, on Monday, the 13th inst. The ceremony was performed by Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, who was assisted by Bros. A. E. Craven, P.M., P.G.S., as S.W.; J. E. Bowen, W.M. 1894, J.W.; H. Bradley, P.G.D., P.G.S., D.C.; and A. Williams, W.M. 2090, I.G.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Porter, W.M. 1793.

The brethren having assembled in the lodge room, the Consecrating Officer took the Master's chair, and appointed his officers "pro tem.," as above.

The lodge having been opened in the three Degrees, the brethren sang the hymn "Through the night of doubt and sorrow."

The CONSECRATING OFFICER then addressed the brethren on the object of the meeting, saying they had met on an interesting occasion and one of great import, viz., to bring into existence a new Masonic lodge to add one more to the roll of lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. The lodge had been started by Bro. G. Gardner, and under their first Master, who had worked diligently for a long time in Freemasonry, he had no doubt would attain to high rank in the province.

The PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN then gave the customary prayer, the D. of C. then addressed the Consecrating Officers, and afterwards placed the brethren in the centre of the lodge room; he then read the warrant, and the CONSECRATING OFFICER demanded of the petitioners whether, having heard the petition read, they still approved of the officers therein named.

Those brethren signified their assent, whereupon the CONSECRATING OFFICER addressed the brethren, and said the object of Freemasonry was to embody a class of men who would watch over the interests of their brothers, and act in a honourable and straightforward way to each other. He could not but regret to say that among the great number ranged under the banner of the Craft there were many black sheep, but that among the vast majority there were those who strove to do unto others as they should be done by. Such, he thought and hoped, would be the character of the members of this new lodge—that they would strive to admit men who would study the tenets of the Order, and by so doing assist in the great cause that was so noted for its good deeds of Charity, Relief, and Truth. He would strongly recommend the first Master, and in those who followed him, to pay strict adherence to all constituted authority, and careful attention to detail, and the lodge would rank, he had no doubt, among the first in the Order.

The oration was followed by the hymn "To this temple where we call Thee."

The CONSECRATING OFFICER then delivered the first portion of the dedication prayer, and the lodge was dedicated and constituted. The brethren then sang the hymns "Praise my soul the King of Heaven" and "Grant us Thy peace."

Benediction following, the D.C. presented Bro. G. Gardner to the Presiding Officer as the W.M. designate, for the benefit of installation, whereupon he was duly installed into the chair of K.S. in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters.

Bro. Gardner then proceeded to install his officers as follows: Bros. W. D. Fendick, P.M. 1321, S.W.; B. A. Skinner, J.W.; E. B. Cox, P.M. 1563, Treas. (elected); and T. C. P. Bellerby, P.M. 2021, Sec. The rest of the officers were left over, but the election of Tyler was proceeded with.

The Consecrating Officer then brought the ceremony to a close with the three addresses to the Master, Wardens, and the members of the lodge.

The names of five gentlemen were handed in for initiation, and five brethren for joining.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then rose, and said he had a most pleasing duty to perform. They had been kindly and ably brought into existence as a lodge by Bro. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, D.P.G.M., assisted by Bros. Craven, Bowen, and Bradley, P.G.S., and as a mark of their appreciation of these services he begged to propose that they, the worthy brethren, should be enrolled as honorary members of the George Gardner Lodge.

This was seconded by the J.W. and carried unanimously.

Bro. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, in reply, said for himself and his colleagues he thanked the W.M. and brethren for the compliment they had paid them, which they received with pleasure, and hoped to have the pleasure of witnessing the progress and success of the lodge.

The lodge was then formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Manor Hotel, close by, for dinner, where a very sumptuous banquet was set before them.

The customary toasts were proceeded with, that of "The Queen" being received with enthusiasm.

The toast of "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," was given by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who said it needed no words from him, for they all knew how well he performed every task set him. This was also warmly responded to.

"The Health of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was responded to by Bro. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, P.G.C.

The toast of "The Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir D. Gooch, the D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," followed, and was responded to by the D.P.G.M. and the P.G.S.

The D.P.G.M. then gave the toast of the evening—"The W.M., and Success to the George Gardner Lodge"—saying the lodge, which was named after its first W.M., he had no doubt would prosper, and soon become one of the best lodges in the province, because he knew what sort of a brother was at their head—one who had founded the Chiswick Lodge, where he had the privilege to be present on Saturday last, a lodge which had made rapid strides, and done through the fostering care of Bro. G. Gardner so much good Masonic work. There he had got the S.G.W. at the head of affairs, which was a very great honour, as the lodge was only in its sixth year, and now Bro. G. Gardner had come into the province to do more good work, and as he had procured for one lodge a S.G.W., why he could not do better than go about the country founding lodges and finding S.G.W.'s. However, he was sure that under his care and guidance the lodge, brought into excellence that day, would do honour to the Craft, and he wished it all success, and hoped they would join him in drinking the Master's very good health.

The toast was received by the brethren with applause, and was drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. GARDNER, in reply, thanked them heartily for the kind manner they had drunk his health, and thanked them for the great honour they had done him by asking him to be their first W.M. When he first became a Mason he was determined not to be a lay brother, but to be an active brother in the Craft; he had worked hard, and he hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would give him health and strength to continue hard at it. It was a great reward to him to have a lodge named after him, and he should never forget it. Brethren knew to what perfection one lodge with which he was connected had attained, to what a size it had got, on Saturday last the 96th member having been initiated, and this its 6th year. Well, he did not hope to see the George Gardner Lodge get any such large number, because they intended to have a small and select lodge, one that would do its work well. He was to be assisted by no less than four P.M.'s, all of whom knew their work, so that there was every prospect of prosperity. He again thanked them most heartily.

The next toast was that of "The Visitors." Each one, Bro. GARDNER said, he would like to hear in response, but would leave it to them. Some had come a long way—the extreme other side or end of the county. He and the members of the lodge were glad to see them, and trusted to have the pleasure soon again of renewing their acquaintance. This toast, like the rest, was received in a very cordial manner.

Bro. MILLER, W.M., and others responded, saying they wished every success to a lodge started on such good foundation.

Bro. Dr. LAWRENCE, P.M. 2012, also desired to say there was no doubt that this lodge would sure to go on in the right way, because he knew Bro. Gardner to succeed in anything he undertook. He had spent a most enjoyable day, and hoped to be privileged to come again.

Bro. A. WILLIAMS, W.M. 2090, also replied, wishing all the success the brethren could wish themselves.

"The Officers" toast being next, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said there was little left for him to say with regard to those who had to assist him in the work. He was confident no W.M. could have better officers than those he had appointed that day.

The S.W. responded, as did the J.W., both saying that they intended carrying out all that they were expected to do in a perfect manner.

The toast of The "Treasurer and Secretary" followed, and the meeting was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast, and the brethren were enabled to catch the 8.40 p.m. train to town.

We must not forget to express the delight of all present at the beautiful furniture of the lodge room, also the banner, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

## SUPREME GRAND COUNCIL A. AND A. RITE.

A meeting of the Supreme Grand Council was held at 33, Golden-square, on Tuesday, the 14th inst. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, 33°, Prov. Grand Master for East Lancashire, took his seat as a member of the Council, in succession to V. Ill. Bro. Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., deceased.

The following candidates were advanced:—

To the 32°—Ill. Bros. Ralph Gooding, M.D., 1; Baron de Ferrieres, 49; and Captain Charles Henry Garnett, 52.

To the 31°—Ill. Bros. George Mickley, M.B., 10, and Dep. Insp. Gen. T. B. Purchas, R.N., 72.

To the 30°—Bros. George Beech, 5; Lennox Browne, M.R.C.S., 10; Wm. Robert Palmer, 10; Col. Edward Stock Hill, 34; Henry Daily Marshall, 42; W. Silver Hall, 63; Alfred Eugene Craven, 67; Wm. Henry Bull, F.R.C.S., 67; Captain Robert Roach, 68; Captain Robert Watson, 68; Frederick West, 79; Edward Lukey, 82; Wm. Alfred Scurrah, 97; Jabez Church, C.E., 97; and the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, 101.

Also—in extenso—Ill. Bros. J. C. Macglashan, 48, and Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, 108.

The brethren dined together at the Café Royal, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Sov. G.C., when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A convocation of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the Queen Hotel, Harrogate, on Wednesday, the 1st inst., by the invitation of Chapter Harrogate and Claro, No. 1001, under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Thomas William Tew, J.P., P.Z. 495, Past G. Prin. Soj., when there were present—

Comps. Isaac Booth, P.Z. 61, P.P.G.H., as Prov. G.H.; T. Bateman Fox, P.Z. 208, P.P.G.J., as Prov. G.J.; R. I. Critchley, P.Z. 208, P. Prov. G.H.; William Gaukroger, P.Z. 61, P. Prov. G.J.; Frederick Laxton, P.Z. 275, P. Prov. G.J.; Henry Smith, P.Z. 302, Prov. G.S.E.; W. Ridgard Massie, P.Z. 1513, Prov. G.S.N.; Chas. Lowrey, P.Z. 304, P. Prov. G.S.N.; James Bedford, P.Z. 304, P. Prov. G.S.N.; George Henry Locking, P.Z. 495, Prov. G. Treas.; George Marshall, P.Z. 521, P. Prov. G. Treas.; Thomas Harrison, P.Z. 296, P. Prov. G. Treas.; Wm. F. Smithson, P.Z. 289, P.P.G.D. of C., as Prov. G. Reg.; John C. Malcolm, P.Z. 306, P. Prov. G. Reg.; Hugh S. Holdsworth, P.Z. 448, Prov. G. Prin. Soj.; Wm. Charles Ellidson, P.Z. 306, Prov. G. 1st Asst. Soj.; C. Tait Rhodes, P.Z. 448, P.P.G. 2nd Asst. Soj., as Prov. G. 2nd Asst. Soj.; Robert Craig, P.Z. 304, P. Prov. G. Soj.; James Lawton, P.Z. 337, P. Prov. G. Soj.; Jesse Arthur Thornton, P.Z. 1019, Prov. G.S.B.; James Wright, P.Z. 600, Prov. G. Sid. Br.; J. W. Monckman, P.Z. 600, P.P.G. Soj., as Prov. G.D. of C.; Davis R. Glover, P.Z. 289, Prov. Asst. G.D. of C.; Henry France, P.Z. 1019, P. Prov. G.D. of C.; Joshua Paget Priestley, H. 600, Prov. G. Org.; Herbert G. E. Green, P.Z. 154, Prov. Asst. G.S.E.; Samuel Barrand, Janitor 304, Prov. G. Janitor; Richd. Carter, J.P., P.Z. 1513; George Brooke, P.Z. 242; John William Bailey, P.Z. 304; and Fredk. Cleaves, P.Z. 904, Prov. G. Stewards; and Principals, Past First Principals, and companions of the following chapters, viz.: 61, 139, 154, 208, 242, 264, 263, 275, 289, 290, 296, 302, 304, 306, 307, 337, 380, 387, 448, 495, 521, 600, 837, 904, 1001, 1019, 1042, 1462, and 1513.

Apologies for absence were received from the following Prov. Grand Officers:—Comps. Capt. E. T. Clark, P.Z. 458, Prov. G. Reg., and John Shaw, P.Z. 139, Prov. Asst. G. Soj.; as well as 122 other companions.

Visitors: Comps. Wm. Brown, Z. 1611, P.P.G. Soj.; and F. W. Hallewell, 1611, N. and E. Yorkshire.

The Grand Superintendent and officers having opened Provincial Grand Chapter, the minutes of the meeting held at Bradford, on Wednesday, November 21st, 1888, were read and confirmed, and the roll of Royal Arch chapters and Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers called.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then delivered the following address:

To Principals and companions, and to all the enlightened our brethren of the Royal Craft, but more especially to those citizens of the world and servants of the "Omnipotent" who have been honoured by exaltation to this Sublime Degree, "Health, peace, and goodwill." May these blessed words be carried over the surface of the earth. What, indeed, could be more appropriate aspirations from the hearts of the members of this Convocation of West Yorkshire, than to endeavour to understand the symbolical signification of these four letters which compose the tetragrammaton, the sacred name of the only true and living God! As Apprentices we were first employed in hewing rude material from the quarry; we were instructed in the principles of geometry and to prepare ourselves for the service and convenience of mankind; as Fellows we were instructed in adjusting and squaring this rude material; we were made proficient in the liberal arts and sciences, and by this increase of knowledge, our minds were polished and adorned by education to fit us for our next preferment. As M.M. we were trained in the use of the skirret, pencil, and compasses, we were taught how to mark out the ground for the foundations of intended structures; to delineate plans for the guidance of the workmen, and by geometric precision to ascertain the limits and proportions of their several parts; and our minds, from these tools, were then directed to act according to the laws of our Divine Creator. In the P.M. Degree we were placed in possession as workmen masters of our profession, and as excelling in sculpture, with the letter "G" or "C," to prove that we were eligible to superintend, in future, this noble Order of Craftsmen. We were admonished by the Holy Writings how to form our own bodies into temples of happiness, by practising the whole duty of man; and that as we had increased in knowledge we were to improve in virtue, so as to still further promote God's honour and glory. Then, by the union of brother to brother, by the cement of love, peace, and concord should characterise all our labours in this world and earn for us a place in the eternal habitations of the next, where the everlasting Father of Love lives and reigns for evermore. The Masonic system thus far exhibits a beautiful, symbolic, and philosophic fabric, founded on universal wisdom from the Volume of the Sacred Law, unfolding its gates one after another to receive a worthy Mason possessed of genuine religion and knowledge, who has passed the outer portals of the previous Degrees. In allegorical order we proceed to the Royal Arch Degree, where before the Grand Sanhedrim we have entered into a solemn obligation, that sincerity and truth should accompany the future undertakings of our lives. Thus, companions, have I reminded you of the various symbolical appellations by which the progress through the several Orders and Degrees in Masonry (so called) are distinguished and made known to Royal Arch Masons, I have led you up from the Lodge of the E.A.P. to the Chapter of the Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, under whose banner the convocation of Provincial Grand Chapter is this day assembled, and I ask you to contemplate the beautiful and symbolical surroundings and appointments which do such infinite credit to the taste of this chapter. Every emblem and symbol speaks to us of the sacred law and God's holy, sublime, and comprehensive precepts of civil and religious polity, by which Israel was a chosen vessel for this service and an example to us for all time. Here are the ensigns of the twelve tribes; figuratively denoting the peculiar blessings bequeathed to each by the Patriarch Jacob; also the standards of the four leading divisions of the Army of Israel, a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle. Here is the most effectual working model of the Catenarian Arch, from which the three keystones may be removed by the crow (the gift of Comp. J. Richardson); here also are the sceptres, the collars, and pedestal (the gift of other companions). Here are the three grand lights, the three lesser lights, the three Sojourners, the three Grand Masters, the three Principals, the triple Tau, the Sacred Word, He who is and always existing;

symbolisms accurate and perfect in the minutest particular of Him who is the Apocalypse, and who is described as "He who was and is and shall be," with other matters illustrative of Sacred truths. I ask you to contemplate these symbols so well arranged in this chapter, and to think out for yourselves the marvellous significance of the past, the present, and the future, and to utter in your hearts the opening prayer of the Holy Royal Arch. Companions, I exhort you to cultivate this grand universal science, in hopes thereby the more to extend your aid to, and to promote the happiness of, all our brethren, and to link mankind together by the indissoluble bonds of friendship, peace, and harmony. Accept my thanks for your kindly greeting and salutation.

Comp. Geo. Hy. Locking, P.Z., Z. 495, Prov. G. Treas., presented his balance sheet, which showed the balance in the W. R. U. Bank, Dewsbury, on 30th April, to be £208 13s. 9d.

Moved by Comp. LOCKING, Prov. G. Treas.; seconded by Comp. SMITHSON, and resolved, "That the balance sheet be adopted."

Proposed by Comp. G. H. LOCKING, Prov. G. Treas.; seconded by Comp. WILLIAM GAUKROGER, P.Z. 61, P.P.G.J., and resolved, "That Comp. Henry Oxley, P.Z. 495, be elected Prov. G. Treas. for the ensuing year."

The Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Comp. Richard Carter, J.P., P.Z. 1513	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" George Brook, P.Z. 242...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Henry Smith, P.Z. 387	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" William C. Lupton, P.Z. 302	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Henry Oxley, P.Z. 495	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Frederick Cleaves, P.Z. 904	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Joseph Dobson, P.Z. 289	...	...	Prov. G.P. Soj.
" John Wm. Bailey, P.Z. 304	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" Thomas Riley, P.Z. 1001	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" J. E. Darling, P.Z. 139...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Joseph Hartley, P.Z. 7019	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Tudor G. Trevor, P.Z. 306	...	...	Prov. D. of C.
" Wm. Greaves, P.Z. 287	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Geo. Fredk. Carr, Org. 289	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Herbert G. E. Green, P.Z. 164	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" J. R. Welsman, P.Z. 600	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" John Gerrard, P.Z. 154	...	...	
" H. C. Pickersgill, P.Z. 837	...	...	
" Thomas Richards, P.Z. 208	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
" Samuel Barrand, Janitor 304	...	...	

Comps. LAXTON, P.Z. 275, and Capt. TUPMAN, 837, on behalf of their chapters invited the Grand Superintendent to hold the November Convocation under their respective banners.

The Grand Superintendent said he would shortly decide.

It was moved by Comp. T. BATEMAN FOX, P.Z. 208, P.P.G.J.; seconded by Comp. J. C. MALCOLM, P.Z. 306, P.P.G. Reg., and resolved, "That the heartiest vote of thanks be accorded to the Z. and companions of Chapter No. 1001, for their excellent arrangements for the comfort of the companions."

Dinner was afterwards provided in the dining-room, and was partaken of by 80 companions, the Grand Superintendent presiding.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The half-yearly meeting of Mark Masons of the Province of West Yorkshire was held under the banner of the Prince Edward Lodge, No. 14, at the Masonic Hall, Eastwood, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., when the following brethren assembled:

Bros. C. Letch Mason, Prov. G.M.; Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain of England, Deputy Prov. G.M.; Francis Smith, Prov. S.G.W.; J. W. Monckman, P.P.G.W., as Prov. J.G.W.; J. A. Thornton, Prov. G.M.O.; Richard Nelson, as Prov. S.G.O.; Henry Smith, Prov. J.G.O.; Rev. J. H. Evans, Prov. G. Chap.; George Normanton, P.G. Inspector of Works England, Prov. G. Treas.; Thomas Gaukroger, Prov. G. Reg.; William Cooke, P.S.G.O. of England, Prov. G. Sec.; Wm. Ackroyd, Prov. S.G.D.; J. E. Craven, as Prov. J.G.D.; Thomas Myers, Prov. G. Inspector of Works; W. F. Tomlinson, P.P.G.O., as Prov. G.D. of C.; John P. Hewitt, Prov. A.G.D. of C.; John G. Green, Prov. G.S.B.; A. F. Fitzpatrick, Prov. G. Std. Br.; G. F. Carr, Prov. G. Org.; Henry Oxley, as Prov. G.I.G.; Kendall and Collinson, Stwds.; Thomas Marshall, P.P.G.O.; Barrand, and Thos. Hodgson, as Prov. G. Tylers.

The Prov. G. Lodge was duly opened, and the Prov. G.M. and Dep. Prov. G.M. were saluted.

The PROV. G. MASTER, in replying to his salutation, said: Accept my very sincere thanks for the hearty reception you have accorded to the Prov. G. Lodge this day. It has been our privilege to assemble under the banner of "Prince Edward" several times—first in August, 1872, and again in August, 1875, September, 1879, and September, 1882, and this is the first occasion on which we have met here during the time I have had the honour of being your Provincial Grand Master. The Lodge of Prince Edward, No. 14, has the proud distinction of being high on the roll of lodges in this province, a position, I feel sure, it does not in any degree undervalue. Bro. Craven, in his "History of Freemasonry at Bottoms," states, "The Mark lodge is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, in the province. At the time of the formation of the Grand Mark Lodge, it was a disappointment to 'Prince Edward' that it was not given No. 1 on the list of the Grand Mark Lodges, as it had been led to expect such a distinction. The date of its creation is not known." "Several Mark lodges have sprung up from the 'Bottoms' Mark lodge. I am assured that at one time it was considered the chief and most important Mark lodge—that brethren came to it from all parts of the county, and that it had between 80 and 90 members. I can recollect when it was attended by Mark Masons from Leeds, Bradford, Wakefield, Huddersfield, Halifax, Rochdale, and Oldham." Such, brethren, are the words of one well-known to you, and who can speak much more confidently of the past of "Prince Edward" than I can. I see at the end of 1887 you only had 18 members, since then I understand you have had several additions, and I trust that the lodge will go on adding good men and true, till we see it one of the strongest and most active in the province. It is not my intention to address you at any length to-day, my worthy and esteemed Deputy, the Rev. Dr. Smyth, P.G. Chap. England, has kindly consented to deliver an address, to which we are all looking forward with pleasure. I must, however, trouble you with a few matters of detail. On the 20th January last, with the assistance of Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., A.G. Sec.; Robert Berridge, P.G.O., G.D. of C.; and R. R. Bryant, I had the pleasure of consecrating the Danum Lodge, No. 398, at Doncaster. This makes the eleventh lodge on the roll of West Yorkshire. Since we last met at Wakefield in October last we have lost our much respected Bro. F. Barber, of the Brit-

annia Lodge, Sheffield. At that meeting he was appointed Junior Warden of the province. Bro. Barber left immediately Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, as he was proceeding to America the next day. None of us who then saw his happy face, and bade him a safe and prosperous journey, thought it was the last time we should meet on this side of the grave. To fill the vacancy thus caused I appointed Bro. William Delancy, the first Master of Danum Lodge, and I am sure you will all join with me in wishing him long life and happiness, and success and prosperity to the junior lodge of the province. Grand Mark Lodge has recently taken a most important step in securing the lease for 49 years of Bacon's Hotel, adjoining the Freemasons' Hall, in Great Queen-street, London. The importance of this step is hardly realised in the provinces. Those of us who know the present head-quarters of the Grand Mark Lodge will not fail to see the great advantage that will accrue to Mark Masonry, and I believe it is the one step of all others that will tend to the greater prosperity of the Order, and raise its prestige still higher. To no one does Mark Masonry owe so deep a debt of gratitude as it does to our lamented and highly esteemed Bro. the late Canon Portal, whose recent loss we are mourning. Canon Portal was a Past Grand Master of the Order, and up to the day of his death the President of the Board of General Purposes. He took a most active interest in all that concerned the welfare of Mark Masonry, and in losing him we have lost a "good brother and true." I have just issued an appeal on behalf of our Masonic Charities. I do not ask any large contributions, but I do ask that each lodge will endeavour to do something. I firmly believe that hereafter our Charities will form a prominent feature in the Masonic Charities of England, and that their benefits will be as highly esteemed as those of the larger ones. Let us, therefore, gradually strengthen our voting power, so that when the hour of necessity arrives we may be able to assist a brother in distress, or help in the education of the orphans of our less fortunate brethren. One word more and I have done. According to the laws of Mark Masonry and the terms of my appointment as your Provincial Grand Master, it will devolve on you to-day to nominate a brother for the office of Provincial Grand Master for the ensuing three years. Whoever that may be rests entirely in your own hands. One object alone we all have—the welfare and prosperity of Mark Masonry in West Yorkshire.

The roll of lodges being called, all were found represented with the exception of two.

The PROV. GRAND REGISTRAR read a report of the state of the several lodges in the province.

The P.S.G.W., Bro. F. SMITH, proposed, and the P.J.G.W., Bro. MONCKMAN, seconded, and Bro. the Rev. T. C. SMYTH, D.D., Past Grand Chap., supported, "That this meeting recommends to the M.W.G.M.M.M. the re-appointment of the Provincial Grand Master for a further period of three years," which was carried unanimously.

Bro. the Rev. T. C. SMYTH, D.D., Past Grand Chap., Dep. Prov. G. Master, then read the following address:

I have often spoken, on occasions like the present, of Freemasonry as a source of edification apart from the social enjoyment involved in it, and the tie of the brotherhood by which it binds together the various nations of the world. At the present time I would touch, in few words, on the lessons which are taught through the journey of life by its different Degrees, especially alluding to those truths which Mark Masonry tends to inculcate. The neophyte in the Order is first directed to make himself acquainted with the principles of moral truth and virtue as a sure foundation upon which to "erect a superstructure perfect in all its parts, and honourable to the builder." The Craftsman is next admonished on this basis to "extend his researches into the hidden mysteries of nature and science," for no knowledge of the liberal arts and sciences can avail to make him a genuine Mason, acceptable in the sight of God and man, if his mental attainments do not rest on the sure ground of truth and virtue. In the Third Degree, with a mind well constituted and a life that has been squared on the principles taught to the Entered Apprentices, he is led to reflect on the close of existence, and is shown that "to the just and upright man death can have no terrors, compared with the sting of falsehood and dishonour." Some may be present who have not been exalted to the Holy Order of Royal Arch Masonry, and therefore I confine myself now to observing that he who has been so privileged is conducted on to reflections upon that eternity, of which death is the portal, to the thought of Him, with whom one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as but one day. "The Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last, who was, and is, and shall be, the Almighty," and with whom the faithful Mason may hope to inherit everlasting life and happiness. Between the Second and Third Degrees comes our Honourable Order, affording us a striking dramatic illustration in regard to the practical duties of this life, and a proof that patient continuance in well doing, though it may for a time be despised and unrecognised, will, sooner or later, receive a recompense. And I cannot but observe on the present occasion that those who estimate the work of Mark Masonry as teaching this great and cheering lesson must feel how lasting a debt of gratitude is due to him who has recently passed away from amongst his fellow workmen to receive his wages at his Master's hands. As the Editor of the *Freemason* has justly observed—"It is given to few men to make trial of their ability in so many varied spheres of Masonic labour, and to win very high distinction in them all," as was granted to Bro. Canon Portal. Only preferred to his highest honours a short while since in constitutional Masonry as Grand Chaplain and Principal Sojourner in the Supreme Grand Chapter, he may well be considered the reviver of the Mark Degree in the form which it has now assumed, and to him T.G.O.O.T.U. was pleased to grant the satisfaction accorded in his life to very few—of seeing his labours well rewarded and his work appreciated. But above all, and crowning all with a halo of never-failing brightness, is the sure reward in another world awaiting one, who, up to the extent of opportunity given him, has thought well and laboured well for God and man. How often it happens that men like our noble Grand Master are not permitted to see the happy consummation of their life work with mortal eyes in accordance with the rule that "one soweth and another reapeth," but a state there is in which "he that soweth and he that reapeth shall rejoice together," and "every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour." No feeling will there be of failure, no bitter cry "Alas! alas! my labour is lost;" but we shall obtain a recompense for things that were done when we have been buried for centuries, the fruit of the outermost branches of the tree which we had planted and had left a sapling. Brilliant as has proved the success of Mark Masonry even already, as revived by him whose loss we deplore, its grandest prosperity has yet to come; the work goes on although the worker has passed away. Let us take our share then in striving to advance it, although it may not be given to us, as it was to him, to act a great part in promoting its interests. We may not, like him, be privileged to witness the fruit of our labours, but if in following his bright example we strive to work as faithful Craftsmen we shall not fail, sooner or later, to receive the Great Overseer's approving smile and approving mark, as fitted for a place in the spiritual structure, even the "House not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

On the conclusion, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Prov. Grand Master, also to the brethren of Prince Edward Lodge for arranging for the provincial meeting.

Invitations were given from Bradford, Sheffield, and Halifax for the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards sat down to tea, and spent an enjoyable evening.

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## UNITED GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

In accordance with the arrangements which have been described from time to time in these columns, the United Grand Lodge of Victoria was formally constituted at Melbourne on Wednesday, the 20th March last, the chair at the inaugural proceedings being taken by Bro. John James, P.D.S.G.W., President of the United Executive Committee. On this occasion, the Articles of Union, as agreed to, were read, and Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., was proposed and elected M.W.G.M. Grand Lodge shortly afterwards adjourned, to meet again the day following in the Melbourne Town Hall, for the purpose of completing the work thus begun by formally installing in office their Grand Master elect and appointing and investing the officers of the new Grand Lodge.

At 11 a.m., when Bro. James, Chairman of the Executive Committee, entered and took his seat for the purpose of opening Grand Lodge, the large Hall was crowded in every part, it being estimated that quite 3000 brethren were present to witness the important ceremony of the day. Lodge having been opened, and representatives from the District and Provincial Grand Lodges of New Zealand and Tasmania having entered and been greeted, Lord Carrington, M.W.G.M. of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, accompanied by his Deputy, Bro. Col. Stokes, and other Grand Officers, and the Hon. the Chief Justice Way, M.W.G.M., with his Grand Officers, entered in succession, and having been conducted to their seats amid loud cheers, were saluted in accordance with ancient custom.

His lordship, on the invitation of Bro. James, then took the chair, and the certificate of Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke's election as M.W.G.M. having been read, a deputation of eight P.M.'s was appointed to introduce the G.M. elect. A procession was formed, and entered in the following order, preceded by trumpeters, and to the accompaniment of a grand march finely played on the organ by Bro. G. Peake, acting G. Organist:

Two Stewards.

Two Masters of Lodges.

The gauntlets and apron of the Grand Master, on a cushion, borne by the Master of a Lodge.

The collar and jewel of the Grand Master, on a cushion, borne by the Master of a Lodge.

Deacon.

Deacon.

Two Masters of Lodges.

## THE GRAND MASTER ELECT.

Two Masters of Lodges.

The acting D.C., Bro. W. B. Edwards, having presented the G.M. elect to the Installing G.M., a hymn, to the tune of "Moscow," was sung, followed by an appropriate prayer by Bro. the Rev. W. W. Mantell, acting Grand Chaplain.

Lord CARRINGTON next called upon Sir William Clarke to take the obligation of office, at the conclusion of which the Grand Master was invested with his insignia, and placed on the throne, amid great cheering.

Lord CARRINGTON then said: I now hail you, Bro. Sir William Clarke, Baronet, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria. Brethren, behold your Grand Master.

The proclamations and salutations, preceded by sound of trumpet, were respectively given in the east, west, and south, interspersed with verses of a suitable hymn sung by all present.

Chief Justice WAY, the G.M. of South Australia, then addressed the newly-installed Grand Master. He said: Most Worshipful Grand Master,—It is impossible to witness this great spectacle unmoved. This noble hall transformed into a Masonic lodge—floor and galleries occupied by serried ranks of Masons, in their distinctive dress, who have come from all parts of Victoria and of Australia, and from distant countries of the world—is in itself a striking sight. With all its imposing surroundings this impressive ceremonial can never be forgotten by any one of us. But it is only when we penetrate behind these externals, to the meaning which they embody, that we appreciate the real significance of this great gathering. At the moment, Most Worshipful Grand Master, when you were installed in that chair, the United Grand Lodge of Victoria became a complete and perfect organisation, bearing rule over the whole of the Masonic fraternity in Victoria. It became a fully constituted Grand Lodge, one of the supreme ruling Grand Lodges of the world, with co-equal rights and authority within its own jurisdiction to the most venerable of them all. And, at the same instant, the four Constitutions into which Masonry has long been divided in this colony were united into one common Brotherhood. If the hearts of all who participate in this ceremonial are stirred within us, how profound, Most Worshipful Grand Master, must your emotions be when you reflect upon the change that has now taken place in your relations with the Craft on both sides of the world. You had the honour to be the depository, in this colony, of the authority of three Grand Lodges. Your experience is, so far as I am aware, unique in Masonic annals—to have been the District, or Prov. Grand Master of the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions, at the same time, and in the same territory. Those high offices were a sacred trust, a trust which you were incapable of betraying, a trust which you have worthily fulfilled. It was a remarkable distinction to enjoy the confidence and to be the representative in this great colony of H.R.H. the Grand Master of England, and of the noble and distinguished Grand Masters of Ireland and of Scotland. But to-day you are not the subject, you are not the representative—you are the Masonic peer, the fellow ruler, of those illustrious Grand Masters, their equal in Masonic power and in Masonic rank. Hitherto, yours has been a subordinate authority, conferred upon you from afar by leaders of the Craft acquainted with you by good repute, or as a passing visitor. To-day your Masonic authority in this land is supreme; it proceeds from the ampler knowledge of those amongst whom you have lived; and it is based (as the sovereign authority in Masonry all over the world is based) upon the suffrages of your brethren. It is an established custom amongst Masons that immediately upon his installation—at the moment when his possession of the highest dignity in Masonry is complete and fully acknowledged—every Grand Master shall be reminded (as I remind you) that he is the servant of the Great Architect of the Universe, and the brother of the humblest member of the Craft. Your experience relieves me from addressing you as to your duties, which will, I doubt not, be discharged in accordance with the solemn obligation into which you have entered. If, with characteristic diffidence, you hesitate to undertake, your

brethren will not hesitate to urge you to accept, the responsibilities of your high office. They have seen the manner in which you have administered your District and Provincial Grand Masterships—how faithful, how conscientious, how considerate your rule has been. They remember your other great services to the Craft. They know also that the active philanthropy which is the practical outcome of the teachings of Masonry has been signally illustrated in your career, and that with you the liberal hand has ever been ready to give effect to the impulses of the generous heart. Many of the brethren who have now come under your authority as Grand Master have been members of the local Constitution which has for years looked forward to that complete union amongst Masons in Victoria which has to-day been happily attained. They are entitled to, and will receive from you, the same fraternal consideration as the brethren with whom you have been longer associated, and on their part they will as loyally support your government of the Craft. It is a satisfaction to us all that the work in which we are engaged is not only in accordance with Masonic law, but has the sympathy and approval of the Grand Lodges in the mother country, from which Australian Masonry has sprung. They have rightly insisted that Masonic union and Masonic independence (which are the manifest destiny of the Craft in all these great southern colonies) are not in the gift of any external authority, and must, in each case, be wrought out on the spot. When, however, the task has been completely achieved they give ready recognition to its accomplishment, and cheerfully substitute the new bond of alliance for the old tie of protection. Former associations must make it peculiarly gratifying to you, M.W.G.M., to have had the honour of being installed by the noble and distinguished brother who, as G.M. of New South Wales and P.G.W. of England, is (as we all hope he will continue to be) a living link between English and Australian Masonry. We may also be assured that the most eminent Mason of our time—H.R.H. the G.M. of England—who has graciously granted his patronage to the Grand Lodges of Scotland, of Ireland, of New South Wales, and of South Australia, will not deny the same boon to his loyal brethren of the Craft in Victoria. Any natural regret at the changes which the inevitable law of development forces upon us should cease, when we remember that Masons all over the world, though arrayed under different Constitutions, are members of the same brotherhood. As Australian Masons we will never separate ourselves from the great traditions of English Masonry. It will be our endeavour to reproduce in Australia the splendid Charities which are the glory of the Craft in the dear old country. Here, as well as there, Masonry will continue to be a social, as distinguished from a political, organisation, but we, like our brothers across the sea, shall always be found on the side of law and order; and we will not yield to them in loyalty to the Crown, or in devotion to the person of our Queen. The Craft Masons of the Middle Ages, whose secret mysteries we have inherited and transmuted into a system of speculative and practical morality, often worked for successive generations, century after century, in the erection of some cathedral pile, the finished plan of which only became apparent as the structure approached its full proportions. From base to summit, from crypt to heavenward-pointing spire, their task was faithfully done. Every stone was perfectly wrought, whether it was to be buried in the earth or carved into the tracery of an eastern window. The builders' names are forgotten; but their work remains—beautiful, imperishable, compelling wonder and reverence for all time. Does not the work of these old buildings prefigure the history, past and future, of the Craft in Victoria? It is less than 50 years ago that the first Masonic lodge was opened in Melbourne. The early workers in the English, Scotch, and Irish Constitutions did not foresee the development which Masonry would attain from its small beginnings in this southern land, or its happy comprehension under one local United Grand Lodge, any more than they foresaw the amazing growth of this great colony and of this magnificent city. They worked, nevertheless, with the same faithfulness, and with the same dependence on the Divine Architect, as animated the old Craftsmen. And if you, the Masons of Victoria, still standing by the ancient landmarks and true to your obligations, continue a united Brotherhood, this land shall be inter-penetrated with the piety, the benevolence, and the loyalty which are the lessons of Freemasonry to mankind, and your work, like that of the mediæval builders, though it may have its foundations on earth, will rise to Heaven. And now, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I congratulate you and the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, and all the brethren of the Victorian Constitution, on your being completely installed in the Grand Master's chair, which I trust you will long occupy with distinction to yourself and for the lasting benefit of the Craft.

Sir WILLIAM CLARKE, in reply, said: Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of South Australia, and Most Worshipful Grand Master of New South Wales, and brethren,—The brilliant address delivered by the Grand Master of South Australia has pointed out to me what my duties are, and I will do my very best to perform what lies in my power. I have no fear that in the future, with such true and intelligent officers as I have had in the past, I shall make any mistakes. When the question of forming a United Grand Lodge of Victoria came up I sent a circular round amongst the Fraternity asking that brothers should not exert pressure on each other, or that the District Grand Lodges should not bring pressure to bear on the lodges. The opinion on the subject was so unanimous that when I was asked whether I would accept the position of first Grand Master I was perfectly satisfied in acceding to their wishes. I feel it a great honour, and I have great pleasure in appointing one of my Provincial Grand Lodge Officers to be my Deputy. The United Grand Lodge of Victoria now numbers 140 lodges, containing about 7000 Masons, whilst there are also 10,000 Masons in Victoria who are not affiliated. The immense progress the lodges have made in the past four years leads me to believe that it will be even greater in the future. I am sorry to say that two lodges have not come our banner, but I hope that before very long they will see the wisdom of joining our ranks. We will be able to visit them; so I trust if they do not join there will be brotherly love between us. The Provincial and District Grand Lodges of this colony have from time to time expended some £20,000 in Charity among distressed brethren from all over the world, and have erected almshouses which, by the wisdom of the founders of the Craft in Victoria, were built on a piece of land liberally

granted by the Government. I have again to thank you for the spontaneous manner in which you have attended from all parts of the colony to do me honour.

The M.W. GRAND MASTER then appointed Bro. George Baker as his Deputy Grand Master, and in doing so spoke in cordial acknowledgment of the valuable services contributed by that brother as Deputy Prov. Grand Master of the Irish Constitution. Bro. Baker was duly obligated and invested with the insignia of his office by the Grand Master of South Australia, after which he was placed in the chair to the right of the Grand Master, proclaimed, and saluted. After an anthem the Grand Master announced his intention to confer Past Grand Rank on the following brethren, in recognition of their Masonic services: Bros. H. St. John Clark, George Baker, and Major C. R. Martin, Past Grand Masters; John James, Joseph Cahill, W. Scott, H. W. Lowry, Angell Ellis, and T. H. Lempriere, Past Deputy Grand Masters; E. Edwards, jun., C. B. Finlayson, T. H. Henderson, W. Elms, and J. A. Cantor, Past Grand Senior Wardens.

The following brethren, who, according to the basis of Union, had been elected by the Executive Committee for confirmation by the Grand Lodge, and appointment by the M.W.G.M., were then invested as Grand Officers for the year:

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The following were invested as Stewards: Bros. C. J. Davies, A. Clack, G. R. Reeves, C. M'Dowall, W. N. Hall, W. T. Simpson, R. Bissett, M. Phillips, C. C. Simpson, P. J. Kitz, H. A. Derham, and M. Terry.

An interesting feature of the ceremonies was here interpolated, namely, the presentation of a life-size portrait of Sir William Clarke, in full regalia, by the artist, Bro. Jas. C. Waite, Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371 (E.C.), member of the Royal Society of British Artists, to the United Grand Lodge of Victoria. The unveiling of the canvas brought forth loud applause, at the conclusion of which Bro. JOHN JAMES, P.D.G.M., formally made the presentation, on behalf of the donor, stating that many years hence it would be a historical memento of the opening of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria. He moved the thanks of the Grand Lodge to Bro. Waite for his graceful liberality, and the motion being seconded by Bro. P. BLASHKI, was put, and carried with acclamation. The picture is to be reproduced in lithograph, so that lodges and members of lodges will be enabled to secure a portrait of the first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria.

Bro. W. F. LAMONEY, P.S.G.W., moved, and Bro. C. H. BAYLEY, P.P.B.G.P., seconded the following motion:

“That their Excellencies Lord Carrington and Chief Justice Way, Most Worshipful Grand Masters of New South Wales and South Australia, be hereby elected honorary members of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, in recognition of their invaluable services.”

The motion, on being put by the GRAND MASTER, was carried with much cheering, after which the two GRAND MASTERS acknowledged the compliment.

A number of representatives from sister Grand Lodges were then presented to Sir William Clarke, congratulating him on his assuming the reins of office as the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria. The representatives were headed by Bro. Geo. Coppin, P.G.M. for the Grand Lodge of Columbia, that brother being greeted with rounds of applause on his advancing to the throne.

The proceedings, which had necessarily been prolonged, came to a close shortly after 2 o'clock, when the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, the whole of the assemblage finally singing the National Anthem with great spirit and effect.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. George Peake, Grand Org.; the Clarke Lodge choir giving their services. Bro. W. B. Edwards, the G.D. of C., deserves every credit for the perfect and complete manner in which he went through the details of an exceedingly arduous and responsible ceremony.

The Mayor, it may be mentioned, courteously granted the use of his rooms and the council chamber during the proceedings.

The scene in the grand hall was successfully photographed by Messrs. Barker and Farquhar, Austral Works.

In the evening a grand banquet was held in the Town Hall, in order that the successful proceedings of the day might be appropriately celebrated. About 500 brethren were present, and Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., M.W.G.M., presided, Bros. Lord Carrington, M.W.G.M. New South Wales; G. S. Coppin, P.G.M. Victoria; G. Baker, D.G.M. Victoria; and Major Martin, P.G.M. Victoria, supporting him on the right; and Bros. Chief Justice Way, M.W.G.M. South Australia; D. Munro, P.G.M. Victoria; and the Revs. C. J. Goddy and H. J. Wilkinson, G. Chaps., on the left.

After dinner the usual toasts were drunk with the utmost enthusiasm, the G. Master and the visiting G. Masters each of them receiving an ovation. And so this eventful day in the history of Victorian Freemasonry was brought to a most satisfactory conclusion, the brethren separating at a late hour, in perfect peace and harmony.

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The following communications unavoidably stand over:

**CRAFT**—Wilton Lodge, No. 1077.  
**INSTRUCTION**—Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834.  
Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012.  
**A. AND A. RITE**—Kingston Chapter, No. 86.  
**OBITUARY**—Bro. William Wells.  
Presentation to Bro. G. F. Barrell, P.M. 469, P.A.G.  
D. of C.  
Ashmole as a Freemason.

### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Report of the Punjab Masonic Institution for the Maintenance and Education of the Children of Deceased and Indigent Freemasons, 1888," "La Revista Masonica del Peru," "New Zealand Masonic Journal," "South African Freemason," "The Freemason" (Toronto), "Victorian Freemason," and "Keystone." &c.



SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1889.

### Original Correspondence.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

[COPY]

"To the W. Brethren F. W. Ramsay, M.D., Rota Chairman of the House Committee, and Chas. Fred. Hogard, Rota Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

"Lamb Building, Temple,  
13 May, 1889.

"Sirs and Brothers,  
"I have to acknowledge your letter of May 9th, received by me after it had appeared in the columns of the Freemason of 11th inst.

"In that letter it is stated that—  
"Without unrestricted access to those notes (i.e. the shorthand writer's notes of evidence before the Committee of Inquiry), it is manifestly impossible to draw up an exhaustive reply" to the report of that Committee.

"You thus plainly suggest that 'unrestricted' access to these notes had not been afforded to you.

"I now call your attention to the following facts: On 29th April, the Secretary (Bro. Binckes) by your instructions 'applied' to me for these notes.

"I replied, full access could always be had here, and, instructions, if more convenient, I offered to lend them you, to be returned to me when required.

"Accepting the offer I thus made, his clerk called and took all 15 vols. of the notes, on 3rd May, and signed the receipt for them, which I now hold.

"They have since remained in your possession. It is difficult to conceive how you could have allowed yourselves to sign a letter, thus directly suggesting an inference the reverse of the truth, had the Secretary informed you of these facts.

"I observe, however, that the letter of May 9th, down to the actual signatures, is entirely in the Secretary's handwriting.

"Brother Binckes well knew when he penned that letter that he then held these notes on your behalf, and that he had so held them for six days, at the moment he put that letter before you to affix your signatures thereto.

"I forbear comment on that which speaks for itself.  
"Nor shall I enter into correspondence on the report which my colleagues and myself have presented to the Quarterly Court.

"If that body thinks right to publish these notes, the Committee of Inquiry cannot entertain the slightest objection—at least, so far as I am concerned, or may speak beforehand for the other members.

"Only the evidence must, in that case, appear in its entirety as given, and no part be suppressed. It will then be seen that it fully justifies every conclusion to which the Committee of Inquiry came.

"As, desiring 'to avoid any want of courtesy' to any member of the Committee or to myself, you sent your letter to the Freemason for publication before I received it, you will not complain that I am sending a copy of this letter for insertion in that newspaper.—Yours faithfully,

"FREDERICK A. PHILBRICK,

"Chairman of the Committee of Inquiry."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
Kindly give Insertion to the accompanying letter.—  
Yours fraternally,

JOYCE MURRAY.  
CHAS. FREDK. HOGARD.

V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Chairman Committee of Inquiry.

V.W. Sir and Brother,  
Your letter of the 13th has been considered by a Special Meeting of the Committees of this Institution held this day. We regret that our expression "unrestricted access" to the shorthand writer's notes of evidence was misapprehended by you. We—the House and Audit Committees—were given the fullest access to them for our own information, but as they were to remain for the present with the papers of the Committee of Inquiry (see your letter of 30th April, 1889), and as the inquiry was private and confidential, we felt that we could not, without the sanction of your Committee, have "unrestricted access" to them for publication. From your letter of 13th May, 1889, we gather that we must wait authority from the Special or Quarterly Court before we can have what we intended to convey by the term "unrestricted access" to the notes. The letter sent to you in the handwriting of the Secretary of the Institution was drafted at a Special joint meeting of the Committees by members of those Committees on behalf of the whole.—We are, V.W. Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

JOYCE MURRAY,

On behalf of the House Committee.  
CHAS. FREDK. HOGARD,  
On behalf of the Audit Committee.

16th May, 1889.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
In the Report presented by the Committee of Investigation, I regret to observe that there are some surprising assertions which I have no hesitation in saying are unjustifiable and misleading. If the Committee of Investigation had been perfectly cognisant with the working of the Institution and not dependent upon hearsay evidence, they would not have propounded opinions so fallacious. I am at a loss to devise upon what basis such resolutions rest, but of this I am certain, that they do not represent a true state of things relating to the Boys' School. It is not, however, my present purpose to discuss the general tendency of the Report, but I do desire, in the interest and welfare of the School, to draw attention to two matters. One being the opinions expressed in the Report that the boys are low in physique; the other, that Mr. Jabez Hogg, the eminent honorary Surgeon Oculist to the Institution, is made to say in his very interesting description of the boys, "that double the ordinary percentage of defective sight occurs amongst the pupils." He did not say this; what he said was, "that the injury to the sight was not a bigger percentage than we get in such like schools; and in Germany it is double what we get in England." As applicable to the physique of the boys, Mr. Hogg stated "they were quite up to the average and very well nourished indeed." I select these subjects from many more which struck me in reading the Report, because of the vital importance which they bear on the character of the School, and to prevent a wrong impression being formed if they are left uncontradicted. It is not for me to dwell upon the style which characterises the composition of the Report; but having been Treasurer of the Institution for upwards of 16 years, and on the House Committee previously; and knowing by experience the invaluable services of brethren who have given their time on the Committees with the sole object of making the Institution as perfect as possible, and to correspond with the wishes and intentions of the Subscribers, my mind is impressed by the omission of any mention in the Report of the good which they have so successfully accomplished.—Yours fraternally,

GEORGE PLUCKNETT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
The letter of remonstrance addressed to Bro. Philbrick, Chairman of Committee of Inquiry, by Bros. Ramsay and Hogard on behalf of the House and Audit Committees of the above Institution, which appears in your columns of to-day, is in many respects a remarkable document, and it suggests at least the two following points which seem to me to demand immediate attention and explanation.

1. Had not Bros. Ramsay and Hogard, with each and all the members of their respective Committees, ample

opportunity and every facility afforded to them of assisting in the recent investigations by the Committee of Inquiry? And if they had, how is it that they announce so much ignorance of the nature of the evidence then submitted?

2. If Bros. Ramsay and Hogard, or any, or either of the members of their respective Committees, heard, or knew anything of, this evidence; and if they have NOT "subordinated their views to any official influence whatever," nor "failed to maintain the most steady allegiance to the important interests entrusted to their care," how comes it that they so positively and "unanimously concur in entering a protest against decisions" which have been arrived at by an impartial Committee of Inquiry selected from different provinces?

It appears to me, then, that the two simple issues which present themselves for consideration in regard to this matter are, in the first place, that the members of the House and Audit Committees, individually as well as collectively, have been guilty of maladministration and neglect of a very reprehensible character, or they are not guilty. And in the next place, that the "conclusion" of the report of the Committee of Inquiry, are either in accordance with the "insight of evidence," or contrary to it.

In other words, that the Inquiry Committee have reported on facts, or they have invented them, as Bros. Ramsay and Hogard would seem to imply.

Thus, this "remonstrance" by the Chairmen of the House and Audit Committees, becomes nothing less than a very serious charge against the Committee of Inquiry, and the Craft can only a true verdict find, on appeal, after knowledge of the "Shorthand writer's notes of the evidence."

I, therefore, strongly urge the prompt and full publication and circulation of these "notes," together with the Inquiry Committee's Report; and pending these, I, for one, shall be content to hold over my judgment.

Nevertheless, I cannot help repudiating the suggestion that the Inquiry Committee have deliberately forewarned their Masonic integrity for the base purpose of gratifying feelings of personal animosity of any kind or degree by the issue of a Report *contrary to evidence*; more particularly when I remember that its members are all of them well known brethren and honourable gentlemen, and that many of them, like Bro. Malcolm, the Coroner for this Borough, possess special judicial experience and ability.

In conclusion, may I add the hope that you will permit a full and free discussion in your columns of this very important matter, involving, as it does, not only the welfare of a Royal and most useful Institution, but also the character, official and personal, of those to whom the management of its affairs has been confided; and further, that all communications may be signed in full, so that no masked batteries may be brought into use during this inevitable conflict, which must now, unfortunately, ensue.—Yours fraternally,

TUDOR TREVOR,  
P.M. Prudence, 2069.

Leeds, 11th May.

Dear Sir and Brother,

We all know that the inhabitants of a certain mythical world consist of boojums and non-boojums.

The Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, are now, for the first time, and by the kindness of Bros. Ramsay and Hogard divided into Binckesians and non-Binckesians.

This result has been achieved by delay in the issue of the Philbrick Report to the Subscribers, while that report has been considered by the existing Committees of the School; and those Committees have sent to you for publication a letter, dated the 9th May, addressed by them to Bro. Philbrick, which, seeing the report itself had not yet become public, I am amazed they should have ventured to ask you to publish, and against the publication of which, by these Committees, I venture now to enter my most energetic protest.

Every one who, having read the letter of the Committees, now reads the Philbrick Report, will read it with a predisposition in its favour, or against it, according as he is a Binckesian or non-Binckesian. Here then we have the foundation for a war of speeches and letters, every one of which will do more or less injury to the School.

The Philbrick Committee, from its constitution, commanded the full confidence of the Craft, and before those to whom it is addressed know what their report contains, the Committees whose administration that Committee was appointed to investigate, have pronounced that confidence to have been misplaced, and the report to be an unfair statement of the evidence upon which it rests, evidence those Committees admit they have not been able to peruse.

Can anything be more monstrous?

Can anything be more calculated to damage the School which, whether well or ill managed now, has, beyond question, done good work in the past, and, for all its subscribers yet know, may be doing it still?—I remain, yours fraternally,

HUGH H. RIACH,  
P.M. 874, 1118, and 1523.

May 11th.

P.S.—Since the above was written, a friend has told me his report reached him to-day. Mine has not yet arrived.  
May 12th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The result of the inquiry of the Philbrick Committee into the general condition and management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is now published in the form of a carefully compiled book which is intended for circulation among the Governors and Supporters generally of the Institution.

The Committee was composed of men of most exceptional business and legal ability, and the recommendations of such a body must merit the earnest consideration of the Governors and Subscribers.

The report discloses a state of things which calls for an immediate and thorough re-organisation; nor can this be effected too soon, for, if in the face of such disclosures matters are allowed to drift on, or are only patched up, there must inevitably be a falling off in that charitable support for which this Institution has hitherto come in for so large a share.

The discipline and educational arrangements of the School leave nothing to be desired, but the feeding, clothing, and medical supervision of the boys is most unsatisfactory, notwithstanding that the charges per boy per annum under each head are from 20 to nearly 50 per cent. higher than those of other similar Charities, as shown by a tabulated analysis published with the report.

The fault of the administration lies chiefly in the fact that there are two authorities at Wood Green where there should be only one. Dr. Alfred Barry laid stress on this some years ago, when he pointed out that the Head Master of a school must be also the principal, and entirely responsible for the conduct of the Institution domestically as well as educationally. No one who looks over the progress of the Institution during the last few years, and who understands the way in which it has been effected, can fail to look with admiration upon the indefatigable activity and constant hard work by which its Secretary has raised it from a small Charity to perhaps the most prominent position among the unendowed institutions of this country. There have been totals of annual collections which have fairly caused astonishment, and it is well known how much this is due to the energy and tact of Bro. Binckes.

But the duties of the Secretary are, without doubt, in the office, as distinct from the School, at which place the Head Master must have entire and untrammelled control.

It may be doubted whether the present system of government can be effectually altered without the removal of some of the chief causes of friction, but on this point the Report of the Committee is silent, as indeed it is characterised throughout by the moderation with which its radical opinions are expressed. Even if these changes should be necessary, history, from Caesar, downwards, offers many examples of cases when men have had to be sacrificed to the causes for which they have laboured so long, and the retirement may obtain no less honour, because, perchance, it obtains some sympathy too. Whoever fills the respective posts, it is clearly the duty of the Secretary to adopt a system of accounts fitted to the magnitude of the sums in his charge, so that detailed balance sheets can be annually before the notice of those interested in the Institution, and to leave Wood Green to the Head Master, whose duty it is, as adviser of the School Committee, to propose, and of that Committee to sanction such changes in staff and arrangements as will enable the Head Master of Wood Green to obtain the proper and responsible control of the establishment.

LIFE GOVERNOR.

#### PROPOSED CONFERENCE OF PRECEPTORS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It has been thought desirable that a conference of Preceptors in Freemasonry should be held at some convenient and central part of London within a short time. In the furtherance of that object, the Secretary of the St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction will be glad to receive communications from Preceptors on or before Monday, the 27th inst., addressed to the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington.—Yours faithfully,

FREDK. CRAGGS.

#### THE HEROES OF "THE MISSOURI."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Sir,

On behalf of the Committee of the "Captain Murrell Testimonial Fund," of which the Lord Mayor is President, I beg to solicit your indulgence for the insertion of this letter, in order to call attention to the efforts we are making for the presentation of a testimonial to the gallant captain and devoted crew of the Missouri, in recognition of their bravery and humanity in the rescue of nearly 800 lives from the sinking Denmark, a Danish vessel, in the Atlantic during a storm in April last. The King of Denmark promptly recognised Captain Murrell's services in thus preventing a great calamity to many a Danish household by conferring on him the Order of the Dannebrog; the citizens of Baltimore and Philadelphia, whither the Missouri was bound, and the rescued passengers landed, have right nobly shown their appreciation of the worth of British seamanship; whilst at Cardiff, his native town, preparations are making for a public banquet, under the auspices of the Mayor, in honour of Captain Murrell's heroic conduct. My Committee feel strongly that London should not be wanting in its recognition of the noble conduct of Capt. Murrell and the brave sailors of the Missouri. Barely £400 has as yet been subscribed towards the fund, which it was hoped might have reached £1500, so that, from the captain to the humblest member of the crew, each man of the Missouri might have had a worthy souvenir of an incident unique almost in the annals of seamanship. It is with these feelings that my Committee believe an appeal in your columns may not be in vain in eliciting a fitting response.

Amongst those already contributing I may mention the Danish Ambassador and the Lord Mayor to guineas each; the members of Lloyd's, £125; Messrs. Rothschilds and Sons, £26 5s.; the Corporation of the Trinity House, £21; and the Skinners' Company, £5 5s.

Contributions may be paid into Messrs. Dimsdale and Fowler's Bank, 50, Cornhill, E.C., to any member of the Committee, or to myself.—I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

WM. CONOLLY.

Botolph House, Eastcheap, E.C.,  
May 14th.

P.S.—The date for the presentation has been arranged for the 24th inst.

#### A MASONIC IMPOSTOR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

A man named Robert Bain is soliciting relief, and will probably be heard of in the Midland Counties. He states he was, until recently, a member of Lodge 1393. I have made inquiry, and find his statement to be entirely false.

I am satisfied that if brethren who relieve these wanderers would make a practice of making inquiry as to character to the Secretaries of the lodges to which they profess to belong, the result would be such as to speedily extinguish the Masonic tramp.—Yours fraternally,

SECRETARY 1410.



#### Craft Masonry.

##### ROYAL ATHELSTAN LODGE (No. 19).—

An ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present the W.M., Bro. W. Nicholson, and the following brethren: Bros. A. Wormull, S.W.; G. Sneath, P.M., as J.W. (pro tem.); H. R. Ramsey, S.D.; H. Poston, J.D.; A. D. Green, I.G.; W. M. Bywater, P.M., P.G. S.B., Treas.; C. B. Barnes, P.M., Sec.; G. H. Hoyle, I.P.M.; H. Glenn, P.M.; W. Pound, P.M.; F. E. W. Collard, P.M.; E. A. Corderoy, P.M.; W. S. Pound, S. S. Stracker, Milton Smith, E. G. Young, J. A. Davies, A. E. W. Gwyn, Org.; G. R. Carsberg, F. P. Hinckel, and A. W. Hillier. The visitors were Bros. A. Sandberg, A. Britten, J. Piper, and C. A. Crook.

The lodge being duly opened, sundry business was transacted, and votes for the Charities collected and appropriated.

"Hearty good wishes" having been offered, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, at which the W.M. presided, and gave the usual toasts. These were briefly and pleasantly responded to.

Amongst others, Bro. Pound, P.M., replied for "The I.P.M.," Bro. Collard, P.M., for "The P.M.'s," Bro. Ramsay for "The Officers," and each of the visitors made a few genial remarks.

Bros. Corderoy, P.M., W. S. Pound, two of the visitors, and others, gave songs and recitations, and thus helped to pass a very pleasant evening.

##### FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—

This old lodge held its last meeting of the session at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 30th ult. Among those present were Bros. W. J. Hakim, W.M.; W. Carter, P.M., Treas., acting S.W.; Wetzlar, J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Langdale, S.D.; Bye, J.D.; Shepperd, I.G.; C. Dairy, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.W. Middx.; Coop, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There was no regular business on the agenda, but a long and harmonious discussion took place upon various matters in connection with the general prospects of the lodge. Numerous letters from absent members having been read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren separated.

##### CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).—

The usual monthly meeting of the above prosperous lodge—which is a Patron of one and Vice-Patron of the other Charities—took place on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, Bro. C. D'Oyley Mears, W.M., presiding, assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. H. B. Holliday, P.M.; J. Dorton, P.M., Treas.; P. McCarthy, P.M.; F. Brien, P.M.; W. Nivins, P.M.; W. H. Harris, P.M.; W. Watkins, P.M.; A. T. Dale, S.W.; J. Tytheridge, J.W.; W. Ware, Sec.; W. C. Crow, S.D.; J. White, J.D.; F. C. Ward, I.G.; C. Sayers, D.C.; M. Sherwin, Org.; J. Hillier, N. Stockvis, J. Thompson, E. Keymer, J. Oakes, W. Robinson, J. Foster, G. Buttery, B. Spencer, and T. H. Maple. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Gieg, P.M. 299, P.P.G.P. Kent; T. Jenkins, S.W. and W.M. elect 299; G. Brown, P.M. 169; G. Wood, W.M. 1681; C. Powling, S.D. 1472; B. Wake, 2030; G. Horner, 749; C. Jolly, P.M. 1472; and others.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, Bro. G. Hillier was raised to the Sublime Degree, and Bro. Buffery passed to the Degree of F.C., both ceremonies being admirably worked by the W.M. and his officers. A notice of motion by Bro. Dale, S.W., "That it is desirable to organise a summer outing," was then discussed, and a Committee was formed to arrange the same, and from what we know of the liberality of this most hospitable lodge, when it is arranged, it will be on a scale of munificence not often equalled and never surpassed among the metropolitan lodges. The lodge was then closed.

The banquet was, as it ever is at the "Guildhall," splendidly served, and the cloth having been cleared, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts in brief but well-chosen sentences, and the response of the brethren was equal to the occasion.

Bro. Watkins, in the unavoidable absence of the I.P.M., Bro. Temple, proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in so doing, said he had no doubt they knew what he was about to do, seeing that the gavel had been temporarily placed in his hands by the W.M. It was to propose the toast of Bro. Mears' health. Of course he never anticipated having the honour of proposing such a toast after serving his time as I.P.M.; nevertheless, it gave him great pleasure to have the opportunity of proposing the health of so worthy and excellent a Mason as their W.M. He felt sure they must have noticed and were proud of the admirable manner in which he had not only performed the ceremonies of passing and raising, but conducted the discussion afterwards. It showed them that Bro. Mears had the interest of their lodge at heart. Unfortunately, Bro. Mears not been so well of late, but now that their recess had arrived, he trusted that he would recruit his health, so that when they resumed business they would have him among them in the best of health and spirits. Let them however show him that they could do without him just for that once, and drink the toast of his health in bumpers.

Bro. Mears, in response, said he could only say that he was doing his best both in the working and for the welfare of the lodge. So far as the words used by Bro. Watkins were concerned, "let us show him that we can do without him," he could tell them at once that he did not intend that they should do without him, for he had arrived at the summit of his Masonic ambition, and meant to stay there till he was turned out by his successor, and when he came among the Past Masters he should do as they were doing, and ever had done—all that was in their power to promote the prestige of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren. He hoped they would do their best in its entirety for the success of their summer outing,

and so make it both a memorable and enjoyable one. That was the last meeting before their summer session, but he wanted to tell them that if either of them desired to introduce a good candidate, he would only be too happy to meet them at a lodge of emergency, and initiate such candidate or candidates into Masonry. Now he could safely say that they had a good and comfortable lodge, and he trusted that every member would do his best to keep it such; in fact, he was sure they would, and would now conclude by thanking them most heartily for their kind reception of the toast.

The toast of "The Initiate" followed, which toast, the W.M. said, should have been drunk at their previous meeting, but was reserved for this. Bro. Buffery had showed his desire for Masonic preferment by the admirable manner in which he had answered the necessary questions, and from that he augured a useful member to the lodge in Bro. Buffery.

Bro. Buffery having suitably responded, the toast of "The Visitors" followed, and Bro. Brown, in response, said that was the second time he had had the pleasure of visiting the Capper Lodge; the first time being shortly after its consecration at Canning Town. He complimented Bro. Mears upon his good working, and as an old Mason who had gone through the chair more than once, and knowing something of what the working should be, he had no hesitation in saying that both the W.M. and his officers were second to none in the Metropolis. He thanked Bro. Watkins for his kind invitation, and the lodge for its splendid hospitality.

Bro. Wood also responded. Bro. Holliday, in responding for "The Past Masters," thanked them on behalf of himself and brother Past Masters for their hearty reception of the toast. He was sure that it was a great pleasure to them to do their duty to the lodge, and he could say without egotism that they had not only tried to do so, but had succeeded. Most of them knew what had of late years been done in the lodge, and those who remembered the lodge in its ancient days, some twenty or twenty-five years ago, must allow that there had been a vast improvement in it in every shape and form. It was the great desire of himself and the Past Masters to make the lodge worthy of its name, and to maintain it in its place among the foremost lodges in the Metropolis for its continued support of the Charities. He again thanked them, and resumed his seat amid cheers. The other toasts were "The Officers," responded to by Bros. Dale and Tytheridge, and the Tyler's toast.

The proceedings, which were most enjoyable, were interspersed with some excellent songs and recitations.

**KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 7th instant. Among those present were Bros. Foalè, W.M.; Westley, S.W.; Ruffie, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Lundie, I.G.; Arter, Hon. Org.; Koch, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.M.; P.G.W. Middx.; Cockburn, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, P.M.; Lingley, P.M.; Reinardt, Tyler; and Bros. Hills, P.M., and Pitt, P.M., were visitors.

Bros. T. J. Townsend and C. Chisholm were raised, and Bros. W. Chamberlain, T. Davis, and W. W. Luckin passed, both ceremonies being ably performed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. E. Richards, but he was prevented from attending.

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

A few toasts followed.

Bros. Hills and Pitt, in responding on behalf on "The Visitors," paid a high compliment to the lodge upon its working capabilities.

Bro. Lingley, I.P.M., acknowledged the toast of "The P.M.'s."

In responding to "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," Bro. George Everett thanked those members of the lodge who were present for their kind support during the recent election of the Grand Treasurer. He was pleased to say that he had quite got over the disappointment, and sanguinely looked forward to 1891, when he hoped that the verdict of the Craft in 1889 would be reversed. Since the annual contest for the Grand Treasurership first commenced he felt convinced that no election had been carried out with greater harmony than the recent one. Bro. Edward Terry had behaved in a true Masonic spirit; and he (the speaker) heartily congratulated him upon the success which had crowned his efforts.

Bros. Arter, Burn, Davis, Everett, Lundie, and others, instrumentally and vocally, entertained the brethren, who separated at an advanced hour.

**SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE (No. 1602).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Friday, the 10th inst. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, accounted for by the fact that the newly-installed W. Master is a brother of considerable popularity, and also by reason of a rare event, viz., the initiation of eight candidates, a special dispensation having been obtained allowing the ordinary maximum to be exceeded. The members present included Bros. F. F. E. Heyse, W.M.; C. Dearing, S.W., W.M. elect; G. Brown, J.W.; J. Weston, P.M., Treas.; J. Osborn, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, Sec.; R. Garner, S.D.; W. H. Dresden, J.D.; F. C. Everitt, I.G.; A. Baker, D.C.; A. J. Cave, A.D.C.; J. D. White and J. G. W. James, Stwds.; W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.; J. Greenfield, P.M.; G. W. Larter, P.M.; R. A. Homan, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. H. Lovegrove, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; J. Finch, P.P.G.S. of W. Berks and Bucks; O. J. von Holtorp, W.M. 1847; R. S. Merrifield, P.M. 282; C. Weeden, P.M. 813; J. Hughes, S.D. 1897; J. N. Hubbard, J.W. 463; T. Taylor, Sec. 1677; J. O'Connor, 1339; J. Towell, P.M. 1489; J. Kew, P.M. 179; L. Rumsey, 1816; T. E. Green, P.M. 715; W. Perrin, P.M. 1056; A. Brown, W.M. 1567; A. Combes, W.M. 820; A. Hughes, I.P.M. 179; H. J. Turner, P.M. 1608; C. H. Spiller, P.M. 49; H. E. Turner, J.W. 1693; H. A. Huntley, 1424; C. L. Clark, 228; C. F. Quicke, S.D. 1531; A. Cook, S.D. 1366; W. Gray, P.M. 1489; E. Barr, 1305; C. Townley, 2190; Spiller, P.M. 49; Hughes, S.D. 1897; Batho, 733; Hindhaugh, S.W. 861; Probyn, 172; Clark, 228; Potter, 1693; Brett, 1471; Rennie, 1891; Patient, 1489; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Stickland was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Bro. J. Osborn, P.M. and Sec., who initiated, passed, and raised Bro. C. Dearing, the W.M. elect, then assumed the chair for the purpose of performing the installation ceremony, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Dearing was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. G. Brown, S.W.; R. Garner, J.W.; J. Weston, P.M., Treas.; J. Osborn, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Dresden, S.D.; F. C. Everitt, J.D.; A. Baker, I.G.; A. J. Cave, D.C.; J. D. White, A.D.C.; J. G. W. James, Steward; and C. Thomas, Tyler. The usual addresses were impressively rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. J. Osborn, P.M. The following gentlemen, having been balloted for, were initiated by the W.M. in an able manner: Messrs. J. Brewer, W. C. B. England, E. Lloyd, G. T. Knight, J. J. Franklin, B. Cohen, J. Weibking, and F. F. Dainton. The W.M. presented Bro. Heyse, I.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel, and expressed the hope, which was shared by all the members, that he would be spared many years to wear it, with pleasure to himself and pride to the lodge. Bro. Heyse, I.P.M., returned thanks, and expressed the gratification that his weak efforts to perform his duty had been appreciated. That was the greatest reward he could have, and he should always regard the jewel as a reminder of his pleasant year of office.

The W. Master said he had another pleasing duty to discharge in presenting Bro. Willie Wright, Org., with a handsomely illuminated testimonial, unanimously voted by the lodge, in recognition of the esteem in which he is held by the members, and of the ability with which he has discharged his duties. In addition to this, he had to present Bro. Wright with a gold jewel, which the members individually had subscribed for, and which they hoped to see him wear for many years to come. He hoped that in years to come Bro. Wright would look upon the testimonial as one of the greatest gifts they could bestow upon him.

Bro. Willie Wright, Org., in returning sincere thanks, said it had always been a great pleasure to him to preside at the piano or harmonium, and it would in the future be his delight to do all he could to render the duties of his office in a manner satisfactory to all the brethren.

A photograph of the Secretary was presented to the lodge by Bro. Turner, who also presented Bro. Greenfield, P.M., with a photo of himself.

Several propositions were made, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to Bro. Probyn's spacious dining hall, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and where an excellent banquet was admirably served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. James.

At the conclusion of the repast, the usual toasts were heartily given and received.

Bro. Heyse, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W. Master," said there was an old English saying that "every dog has his day." He had just finished his day, and the W.M. was just beginning. He was glad to see Bro. Chas. Dearing in the chair, and congratulated him upon reaching the goal of his ambition, which he was naturally impatient to attain. Bro. Dearing would prove a worthy successor to those Masters who had gone before, and would fulfill the duties of the office as they should be fulfilled, and uphold the traditions of their lodge. He therefore asked the brethren to rise, and heartily drink to the health of their W. Master.

Bro. Charles Dearing, W. Master, said his reply seemed to him the most difficult part of that day's work. The work in the lodge had seemed a matter of little indifference, although he had initiated eight candidates into Masonry, for he had felt quite capable of performing that important ceremony; but the duty which now devolved upon him of responding to the kind proposition and reception of the toast seemed a much more difficult task. He had to thank the I.P.M. for the very flattering remarks made in reference to him, and could not but help remarking that it seemed easier to pass flattering remarks on another than to reply to them. He sincerely hoped he should justify all the I.P.M.'s kind allusions. He had had the pleasure that evening of initiating eight gentlemen into Masonry, and believed there were four candidates for the next meeting, and hoped to do similar work during the remainder of his year. He had now reached the summit of the ambition of his life, for he made up his mind on the first night of his Masonic career that he would leave no stone unturned until he occupied the chair of the lodge. He felt grateful to the Past Masters for their kindness during the time he had been a Freemason. He was pleased to see many dear friends present that evening, including Bro. Weeden, the Preceptor of the lodge of instruction, who had spared no pains to make him efficient, and it was due to that brother, in conjunction with others, that he had discharged his duties as well as he had. He trusted that when the ceremonies of passing and raising had to be performed, he should render them with pleasure to himself and gratification to the brethren. It would be his study to do all he could for the furtherance of the best interests of the lodge, and to render it a success. He had been told that evening that he should be courteous in his behaviour, and he trusted he had always been so, and that no brother in the future would be able to say he had acted discourteously. In the appointment of officers he had done his best, and trusted it had been to the satisfaction of all the members. And if the officers whom he had appointed would cordially assist him, they would have a great success during his year of office. At the end of his term in the chair, he hoped it would be said of him that he had worked zealously and faithfully. He begged to again thank the I.P.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received the toast.

In giving "The Health of the I.P.M.," the Worshipful Master remarked that it was a toast which he was proud to have the honour of proposing, for Bro. Heyse had discharged his duties during the past year in the most creditable manner, and to the satisfaction of the brethren. Their I.P.M. had done as much as any member could expect from a W.M., and they sincerely hoped he would live many years to be a Past Master.

Bro. F. F. E. Heyse, I.P.M., returned thanks for the kindly manner in which his health had been given and received, and also for the kindness he had during his year. He had likewise to thank Bro. Homan, P.M., for his kind help, for that brother had been his guide. He was more than repaid for his exertions, as the brethren appeared to be satisfied with his conduct and the performance of his

duties. He could only again thank them, for his heart was full of thanks.

"The Initiates" was next given, and having been responded to, the Worshipful Master proposed "The Visitors," and said the members felt very proud to see such a large number of visiting brethren present.

Bro. Hy. Lovegrove, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Middx., in reply, said it was the first time he had visited the lodge but he had experienced very hospitable treatment. He was pleased to have had the opportunity of seeing Bro. Dearing installed in the chair, and also to hear him go through the almost unprecedented task of initiating eight candidates. It was a remarkable start for the W.M., and he was convinced they had been careful to get quality as well as quantity. Freemasonry introduced them to many people in its social side and they saw many whom they met in other places, and this was one of its greatest charms. That lodge had a good reputation, and he felt sure the present W.M. and officers would do their best to continue and maintain those traditions. If the members supported the officers, the lodge would go on from year to year, and from strength to strength, increasing its reputation, and progressing in every way satisfactorily.

Bro. J. Finch, P.P.G.S. of W. Berks and Bucks, said he had worked with the W.M. in the province from which he came, and nothing, therefore, gave him greater pleasure than to see him installed in the chair that evening. He was convinced Bro. Dearing would be a good W.M., for whatever he took in hand was carried to success. He hoped to see the W.M. wear the purple in Berks and Bucks. He had to return thanks for the treat in the lodge room, and also in the dining hall, for nothing had been spared on the part of the caterer for their entertainment.

Bro. Chas. Townley also replied. He said his memory took him back further than those who had responded, for he could recall a wretched night on which a ball in connection with this lodge was held. He approached the hall with some trepidation, and with the full design of finding out as much of Freemasonry as possible. He congratulated the lodge on its comfortable surroundings, first in the lodge room, where he saw working that would be creditable to any lodge. He could see in this lodge the nucleus of one of the best lodges in London. He never felt happier than when he went amongst Masons, and especially local Masons.

Bros. Paine, Weeden, and others also replied.

The Worshipful Master said the arrangements for their comfort had been carried out with such success that he should ask the brethren to drink to "The Health of Bros. Probyn and James." Everything possible had been done to render the event a success, and no effort had been spared by those brethren.

Bros. Probyn and James having returned thanks, and expressed gratification that their efforts had been appreciated, and other toasts having been given, the Tyler's toast closed a successful and pleasant evening, the remembrance of which will cling to those brethren present for many years to come.

The musical arrangements, which left nothing to be desired, were carried out under the able direction of Bro. Willie Wright, Org., assisted by Miss Marianne Fenna, Madame Nellie Cave, Messrs. J. H. Mullerhausen, Sam Wright, and Bro. James Bayne.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—The above lodge held an emergency meeting at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Saturday, the 11th instant, when Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, S.G.W. of England, and Worshipful Master of the lodge, presided. There were also present Bros. Dr. Lawrance, I.P.M.; W. A. Dowling, S.W.; John Brown, J.W.; George Gardner, P.M., Sec.; R. H. Wimpfen, S.D.; F. Walden, J.D.; J. Rowling, D.C.; C. F. Hughes, I.G.; and Kenyon and Dicksey, Stwds.; and a considerable number of lay brethren. The visitors from other lodges included Bros. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks; Fredk. Binckes, G. Sec., P.G.S.B., Secretary of the R.M.I. for Boys; Hy. Venn, P.M. 23; Geo. J. Westfield, W.M. 2184; Edwin Moore, 1671; F. G. Doughty, 1287; and E. C. Massey.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Lord George Hamilton, W.M., and the ballot was taken for Mr. Richard James Steel, which was unanimous, and he was afterwards initiated. Bro. Dr. Lawrance, at the request of the W.M., then took the chair and passed Bros. John Slater, Albert Flint, and William Carver Miller to the Degree of F.C. The Worshipful Master then resumed the chair, and the brethren saluted him as S.G.W. with five, whereupon his lordship rose and thanked the brethren for the compliment they had paid him, at the same time saying that the fact that he had been appointed by H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. to the office of S.G.W. was due to the lodge having elected him their Master, without which position he would not have been able to take the highest rank. The lodge was then closed.

After the dinner which followed the lodge meeting the usual list of toasts was proposed from the cross table, and all were very heartily received by the brethren.

After "The Queen and the Craft" had been drunk with the usual honours, the Worshipful Master in proposing "The Health of the Grand Master," said perhaps the brethren would not consider it out of place if he referred to a personal matter. Any distinction conferred on a member of the lodge was a mark of distinction and appreciation of the lodge itself. This mark of appreciation had been conferred upon them because the Prince of Wales had selected his S.G.W. because he was the Master of the Chiswick Lodge.

Bro. Gardner, P.M., Sec., said it was unusual for him to have to give the next toast, but as that toast was "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," it was a toast which their W.M.'s exalted position in the Craft precluded him from proposing. It was a great honour the lodge enjoyed, that one of the present Grand Officers belonged to their body, and their W.M. appreciated it as much as the other brethren did. They had also with them that evening Bro. Brownrigg, Deputy Prov. G.M. of Berks and Bucks, over which province he ruled with ability, and in whose jurisdiction he (the speaker) was about to take a certain place which he trusted he should fill with distinction. They had also Bro. Binckes, P.G.S.B., whom they often had among them. The lodge was always glad to welcome the visits of the Grand Officers, and on that

occasion he should associate with the toast the name of Bro. Brownrigg.

Bro. Brownrigg, in reply, said it was difficult to make a short speech and say nothing; but brief as were the speeches of the W.M., they were made up of short sentences that contained the matter of a long speech. But he would not, himself, inflict upon the brethren a speech longer than their Master had made. He (Bro. Brownrigg) was not there so much as a dead lion as a living dog, because he was visiting them in the capacity of Dep. P.G.M. of the neighbouring province to welcome into it an offshoot of their lodge, which would be inaugurated on Monday.

Bro. Dr. Lawrance, I.P.M., said he rose to ask them to drink the health, most heartily, of "Their W.M., the Senior Grand Warden of England." They were all glad to have their Master in Grand Lodge, and especially glad to see him in the position next to that of the G. Master himself. They were proud of the honour, as an honour done to the lodge, and he was sure their Master was pleased with the honour conferred upon him. He asked them to drink the W.M.'s health because it was Saturday night. Saturday was the only day in the week on which their Master got any leisure until two or three o'clock in the morning. Being Saturday, he had arranged to spend the evening with the lodge. He had worked that evening, and that in an admirable manner. They would be glad to see him as often as he could come, but were ready to make every excuse when he could not come on account of the work he had to do in Parliament. They had already congratulated him on being in Grand Lodge, and it now only remained for them to drink his health as their W.M., which he hoped they would do with the cordiality of the Chiswick, and that emphasised.

The toast, which was received with acclamation and drunk with enthusiasm, was followed by a song from Bro. Rowling, D.C., who gave "They all love Jack," in capital style, and, in responding,

The W.M. said that he thanked the brethren for the compliment they had paid him, which had received additional force from the song which Bro. Rowling had sung so well, telling of the love they all had for Jack in that service in whose interests he was engaged. His lordship went on to say that he told the brethren at the time they were good enough to select him to be their Master that he thought it was a mistake to appoint anyone who had not got the necessary knowledge, but they had been kind enough to make allowance for his non-attendance, and for his other deficiencies. He should always look back to his association with the lodge as being one of the most memorable epochs of his life. Every man's life had certain landmarks, and in his life the landmarks had shown themselves during the last three months, and much during the last three weeks. They had selected him because he held a certain political office which they thought might not bring discredit on the lodge, and being Master, his Royal Highness conferred a still higher distinction upon him, and, therefore, during the past week, and through their kindness, he had been associated with two events—he had been able to carry a vote through the House of Commons by which £21,000,000 would be spent upon strengthening the Navy, and he had been installed S.G.W. of England; and he hoped the fact that their Master had been associated with these two incidents, more by luck than anything else, would not reflect any discredit upon the lodge. He was proud to be Master of that lodge, because he believed that in England no lodge had brought in a better class of brethren, or whose finances were in a more prosperous condition. He was glad to see so excellent a representative of initiates as Bro. Steel, and he felt that if the affairs and finances of the lodge were managed as well in the future as in the past, this lodge would be looked upon as a model lodge for others to copy. With those few remarks he should associate the name of Bro. Steel, the initiate of the day.

Bro. Steel having replied, a number of other toasts followed, including "The Visitors," for which Bro. Venn replied; "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and the Secretary," to which Bros. Lawrance and Gardner responded, and "The Officers of the Lodge," which was acknowledged by the S.W.; and then the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

**THE ABBEY LODGE (No. 2030).**—The installation meeting of this eminent lodge was held at the Town Hall, Westminster, on Monday last, when Bro. Robert E. H. Goffin, S.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Goffin is already a P.M. of 1572, and a G.D.C. for the Province of Surrey. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. James Gibson, P.M. 1604, and a considerable programme of business was transacted by him prior to the installation ceremony. The business included the balloting for Bro. W. Fisher, P.M. 834, 1828, and S.D. 1512, as a joining member; the raising of Bros. A. Cameron and W. Bex, and the passing of Bro. W. Pinto, and also the reception and adoption of the Audit Committee's report. Bro. Goffin was then presented for installation by Bro. Baker, P.M. The W.M. addressed the lodge in the customary terms and the ceremony proceeded, and Bro. Goffin was duly installed in the presence of a numerous Board of Installed Masters, by whom he was heartily saluted and congratulated. He then proceeded to invest his officers, of which the following is a list: Bros. James Gibson, I.P.M., Treas.; H. M. Dunstan, S.W.; C. C. Piper, J.V.; R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chap.; J. E. Shand, P.M. 1563, Sec. (sixth time); F. J. Smith, S.D.; W. Bonwick, J.D.; Henry Hambling, I.G.; Thomas Bull, P.M. 145, D.C.; F. B. Wyatt, A.D.C.; H. E. Pole, Asst. Sec.; J. Hayler and E. J. Smith, Stwds.; J. Bartlett, Org.; and W. Walkley, P.M. 391, Tyler. Bro. James Gibson then delivered the customary addresses to the Master, Wardens, and lay brethren, and brought to a conclusion his work, the whole of which he had performed with precision and impressiveness.

The lodge was then closed. A very large company had assembled to see Bro. Goffin installed, and between 120 and 130 brethren at the conclusion of business adjourned to the banquet room, where a sumptuous dinner was given by the lodge, at the conclusion of which the W.M. proceeded to deal with a lengthy list of loyal and Masonic toasts.

The W.M. rose and said the first toast he had to submit was that of "The Queen and the Craft."

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and after the National Anthem, which followed it, had been sung,

The W.M. gave the toast "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H.

the Prince of Wales," without comment, as he was unable to find anything new to say about it.

That toast was also very heartily received, and was followed by "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

The W.M. said he had now to propose the toast of "The Grand Officers of England—the Pro G. Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Dep. G. Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." Whatever might be the case with the G. Officers past, they had a trio of Grand Officers present, and they said in the classics that a live donkey was better than a dead lion. To-night they had the President of the Board of General Purposes with them—one of the most important of the Grand Officers; because, as they knew, where there were high minds and inferior minds and mediocre minds there would always be disputes; and the Craft had disputes which if they could not settle were referred to the Board of General Purposes, and the Craft abided by their decisions. Then they had the Past G. Chap., Bro. Simpson, who had long been a member and Chaplain of the lodge, and who had always been at hand to give a word of warning or a word of sympathy whenever that word of warning or of sympathy was required. He was the same gentle-hearted, God-fearing being that they knew so well in other lodges and chapters also, and he (the W.M.) was glad to have him here in one of the lodges under his control. Then they had another Grand Officer—the first Master of the Abbey Lodge, but he should not ask him to respond for that toast. Without further preface, he would ask them to drink the toast, with which he should couple the name of Bro. Fenn, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes.

Bro. Fenn, in reply, said that when he found that Bro. Simpson was to take the place at table at his left hand, he put it down that he (Bro. Fenn) should not be called upon to respond to this or any other toast. He had, however, heard a little conversation that had been going on, and he now understood that Bro. Simpson relinquished this toast in his favour. He had noticed that Bro. Simpson had been drinking only Apollinaris water, and supposed he was not equal to the task, or, being a Past Grand Officer, he was, perhaps, somewhat touched by the remarks of the W.M. as to the dead animal. He (Bro. Fenn) had been drinking wine, and was, therefore, inspired with more generous sentiments, and was under the impression that Bro. Simpson was under the good-natured delusion that at all events he was doing him a service. Both of them were present at the consecration of the lodge, but this was the first time he had been present since that auspicious occasion, and, therefore, Bro. Simpson thought that he (Bro. Fenn) ought to respond to the toast. Bro. Fenn went on to say that he appreciated the compliment which gave him a right to reply on this occasion. Every man who attempted to do his duty in whatever station of life, and especially when those duties were gratuitously performed, appreciated highly the approval of his fellow men, and the Grand Officers appreciated the approval of their brother Masons. He was very proud that evening to see standing as a Grand Officer a brother whom he thought he might call the founder of that lodge—an honour which had been very deservedly conferred on him last year. He was sure he would quite appreciate the duties that devolved upon him as a Grand Officer, and that he would be seen very frequently in Grand Lodge to give them the assistance when the words of a man of standing and eloquence were needed. Bro. Fenn concluded by thanking the W. Master for the compliment paid to the Grand Officers, and for the very hospitable entertainment given them that evening.

Bro. Burdett Coutts, M.P., Past G.D., said he felt that in rising to propose the next toast he was depriving the brethren of the services in that capacity of one who would be better qualified than himself to do it justice. It was a toast that should rightly fall to the hands of Bro. Gibson, I.P.M., who had, however, asked him to take this duty upon himself, which he would not otherwise have done, and therefore he willingly accepted the duty, which was that of proposing the toast of the evening—"The Health of the W.M." He must first speak of the pleasure which it gave him to be among so many familiar faces—faces to which he had had to say before, and to which he said now, he hoped often to have the pleasure of making the remark again, were associated with his earliest connection with Westminster. He ought perhaps to apologise to the lodge for appearing in that somewhat overpowering costume. He must confess that it was due to accident, but he thought a somewhat happy accident, that he should have an opportunity of showing to the brethren of the lodge what their kindness and their support had succeeded in gaining for him in Grand Lodge. He felt very grateful to the members of the lodge, who, by enabling him to found the lodge, and selecting him for its first Master as they did, gave strength to the lodge and growth to the lodge, and the credit which all this gave to its representative, merely as its representative, had secured for him the honourable office he had assumed in Grand Lodge. He thought that in the brother whose health he was about to propose the Abbey Lodge had secured one of its most worthy members. The W.M. was no stranger in Westminster. He had lived 16 or 17 years in Westminster, a period, at any rate, long enough for them to know what that life was that he had lived in the light of day while he had lived among them all. It was a life attended by a marked and honourable success which he had erected out of almost dead and forgotten institutions. Lost as the foundations were of those four schools of Westminster which had come to a condition which he might almost say was discreditable, it was upon those foundations that the Worshipful Master, by the most intense and unceasing devotion to duty, had built up one of the finest educational structures. This alone would entitle Bro. Goffin to their warm and hearty welcome on attaining the position of Master of the lodge. But there was something more in their W.M., there was a thoroughly straight and honest character upon which the light of day was constantly let in; for no man could be brought into relation with 800 young people without a very close examination into his life and character, on the part of those who were responsible for the life of those young people. He had never heard a single word—and he did not think anyone else had—which would throw the slightest discredit on Bro. Goffin. More than that, he had heard words which had tended greatly to Bro. Goffin's honour and credit. Then there was their W.M.'s position as a friend of many of those present who belong to Westminster—as a friend with whom many present were brought into contact—he (Bro.

Burdett-Coutts) would venture to say that there were few men, if there was even one in Westminster who had inspired a greater sense of trust, or more warm affection for his personal character than their Bro. Goffin; and he looked forward with hope and confidence to the period in the history of the lodge, during which it would be under the direction of the present W.M. He would therefore conclude without further addition, by proposing "The Health of the W.M." He was the right man in the right place, and he proposed his health in the earnest hope that in his year of office, he would have the same experience that he (Bro. Burdett-Coutts) had had during his term of office, of the warm sympathy and constant support of every brother in the lodge.

Bro. Goffin, in reply, said: Bro. Burdett-Coutts and Brethren,—One hardly knows how to reply to such an impeachment as has been made upon myself by the last speech. As a founder of the Abbey Lodge, as a member of it, and as having attained to the honourable position of the head of it, we can but feel that the responsibility is great. When he determined to form a lodge with the venerable name of the Abbey of Westminster, we undertook a great responsibility, a responsibility which should weigh heavily on every Master who has preserved the traditions of the lodge, because to take that name is to take the responsibility of all who are connected with that name, and who shall say who they are. The mighty dead, crumbling to dust, but whose fame has always been precious, whose names can but inspire in us all that is holy, all that is good, in connection with that venerable pile? Besides that, connected as the first Master is with the donor of a considerable portion of the property of the lodge—a name which will be venerated after we have passed away—a name venerated at the present moment in connection with all that is good, benevolent, and charitable; all that is good in the limitation of the poor's sorrows, and all that connects the prosperity of the human race with the Abbey. Those who were privileged at the consecration of this lodge to witness the beautiful ceremony and listen to the interesting speech made by one of the greatest ladies in the land, who in simple, and humble, and eloquent language portrayed all that was good, all that was honourable in human nature, would remember that she handed down to the friend on my right to carry on (as I recollect she said) when she could no longer assist in carrying it on. Brethren, your first Master has alluded to myself in terms which I will not characterise at all. He knows best what he feels; you know best how to accept what he has said, and to sift from all that he has said that which you can appropriate as right and proper. From the day on which I was made a Freemason I became profoundly impressed with the importance of Freemasonry. I have no notion that Freemasonry consists in banqueting and so forth, but I believe in Freemasonry as it existed in the days of Abraham, Moses, and Zoroaster, and had been continued down to the days of Goffin, containing principles that must be accepted as those which lead up from the human to the divine—principles which, if carried out, will make us all that we ought to be, all that we hope to be—men! men! Brethren, I remember that in my youth I was taught that man was made in the image of his Maker, and that it is because we have degenerated that we have gone back, that we have found ourselves in the position we now are; but at the same time I remember that man fell from his first estate; but I believe that Masonry is one of the grandest institutions, tending to bring back humanity more or less—and a good deal more than less—into its original position; and if the Abbey Lodge holds fast to its principles, we may be brought back so as not to forget that we are responsible beings and to regard ourselves, not as living for our own aggrandisement, or luxury, or ease, but also for the alleviation of the distress of the poor and helpless. I am quite sure that the Abbey Lodge will forget the past and begin a new life, true to the traditions of those who have gone before us, by doing which we shall be conferring honour and dignity upon a society of men spreading from pole to pole, and from one side of the equator to the other. I thank you Bro. Burdett-Coutts for all you have said in flattering terms of myself; I thank you because it enables me to take up a position I have laid out for myself of endeavouring to guide the Abbey Lodge during the time I have power in it, to all that is valuable, to all that is powerful in Freemasonry, and all that is good in the human kind. Before I sit down I will propose to you "The Health and Prosperity of our Immediate Past Master" who has ruled over you for the past 12 months' so honourably, so genially, and kindly. I have very great pleasure in appending to his breast the token of your sentiments towards him and of your approval. Bro. Gibson has presided over the lodge for the past 12 months' in the most admirable way. The ceremonies had been performed as perfectly as a human being could perform them. He has had a task difficult to perform. He is like a good physician who starved your constitution, in a state of fever, to make it healthier, and I am not quite sure that I shall not follow a good deal in his footsteps in that direction. At all events until I see a good deal of provender stored up for the future, I shall not allow you to eat and drink of the fat of the land.

Bro. Gibson, I.P.M., acknowledged in a few words the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received, and tendered his thanks for the jewel presented to him.

The W.M. then proposed "The Past Masters" toast, to which Bro. Baker replied, saying that the Past Masters had the interests of the lodge at heart, and would do all in their power to support its honour, reputation, and welfare.

"The Health of the Visitors" was coupled with the names of Bros. Ascher, Watson Thomas, Duckett, and Spinks, all of whom responded.

"The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" was then proposed, and both those officers replied.

"The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" was acknowledged by the S.W., and then the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Among the visitors present were Bros. W. Cessford, P.M. 199, P.P.G.P. Kent; J. Duckett, W.M. 893; H. Richards, I.G. 79; J. Paige, W.M. 1572, Sec. 2100; G. Spread, 482; H. W. Smyth, W.M. 1238; A. Head, 901; J. S. Stacey, P.M. 1572; W. Smith, 917; Geo. Briggs, P.M. 1572; W. Brindley, P.M. 1604; C. A. Bond, W.M. 1425; S. C. Harrison, P.M. 132; W. Fowler, 1728; E. A. Badderley, 1624; W. H. Bolt, I.G. 1563; G. Evans, W.M. 172; J. Russell, P.M.

1572; G. A. Potter, P.M. 1964; A. J. Gray, 1604; A. F. Ascher, P.M. 1395; W. J. Hale, Org. 101; W. Pierpoint, P.M. 813; J. F. Hunter, 1589; J. Edwards, point, P.M. 177; W. D. Church, J.W. 1365; 1305; H. B. Spink, P.M. 177; W. D. Church, J.W. 1365; S. G. Vaughan, S.W. 2006; W. H. Arber, P.M. 206; A. J. Bignold, J.D. 1624; J. Dotterill, 1624; W. G. Devey, I.G. 231; Geo. Ridout, I.G. 1287; J. Watson Thomas, P.M. 1, 905; G. K. Baker, 1641; W. Rossiter, 1858; W. S. Whitaker, P.M. 1572; H. Beasley, 1604; J. A. Stock, P.M. and Sec. 1586; Hy. Ball, 1974; Joseph Brickwell, 683; W. J. Kennedy, I.P.M. 1420; S. Pope, 1624; F. Whiting, P.M. 1772; Percy C. Feltham, P.M.; Hy. Yate, 2182; J. J. Wharton, Stwd. 65; E. C. Moore, I.G. 181; W. Bellamy, 1627; J. J. Cantle, P.M. 1791; W. Poole, Treas. 1572; W. Sexton, 1321; E. C. Massey, and others.

**RICHMOND LODGE (No. 2032).**—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on Tuesday, the 7th inst. The members, of whom there was a good attendance, included Bros. E. Dare, W.M.; J. P. Houghton, I.P.M.; H. Sapsworth, S.W.; J. M. Marjason, J.W.; W. F. Reynolds, Treas.; G. C. Rowland, Sec.; A. Crew, S.D.; A. Aldin, J.D.; R. Messum, D.C.; S. Covill, I.G.; J. Aldridge and J. H. Ford, Stewards; B. E. Blasby, P.M.; C. J. Digby, P.M.; W. R. Phillips, P.M.; T. Skewes Cox, P.M., P.G. Stwd., W.M. S., and many others. Visitors: Bros. Edward Terry, G. Treas.; S. Brooks, P.M. 1608; T. Neal, 1348; G. Brown, P.M. 169; A. E. Adams, 1767; J. E. Shand, P.M.; J. T. Briggs, P.P.S. G.D. Middx.; J. H. Jarvis, P.P.G. Stwd. Surrey; W. D. Young, S.D. 1872; F. Hunt, 1196; J. W. Rogerson, 1196; R. R. Collick, P.M. 1585; R. W. Forge, P.P.G. D.C. Middx.; F. C. Austin, I.P.M. 1733; W. Goldstein, 1563; A. Loft, P.M. 946; A. Tucker, P.M. 1733; A. Collins, P.M. 1733; W. J. Stratton, 186; H. C. Lansdown, J.D. 1542; W. J. Long, 209; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were confirmed, and Bro. Young passed to the Second Degree. Bro. H. Sapsworth was next presented as W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was installed into the chair by Bro. E. Dare, I.P.M. The following officers were appointed: Bros. J. M. Marjason, S.W.; F. A. Crew, J.W.; W. F. Reynolds, Treas.; G. C. Rowland, Sec.; A. Aldin, S.D.; T. Covill, J.D.; J. Aldridge, I.G.; R. Messum, D.C.; S. Abell and H. F. Nash, Stwds.; and F. G. Mitchell, Tyler. The customary addresses were effectively rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. Edmund Dare, I.P.M., who, at the conclusion of the ceremony, was presented by the W. Master with a P.M.'s jewel as a token of the appreciation of the members of his excellent working during the past year. Bro. E. Dare, I.P.M., returned sincere thanks for the gift. He told them a year ago that he should endeavour to carry out the duties to the best of his ability, and it was gratifying to him to find he had given satisfaction. He hoped he should be spared to wear the jewel and meet the brethren for many years to come.

There being no further business for transaction, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous repast, served under the personal superintendence of the worthy host, Bro. Moulet.

After the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts received due notice.

Bro. Skewes Cox, P.G. Stwd., replying for "The Grand Officers," after thanking the W. Master for his kindly proposition of the toast, said the G. Officers worked hard, and the young Masons could not but be impressed with their active Masonry. Lords Carnarvon and Lathom were by no means cyphers as might be supposed, but worked hard and devoted a great deal of time and attention to the Order.

Bro. Edmund Dare, I.P.M., said that for the first time the gavel had been placed in his hands as the I.P.M. for the purpose of proposing a toast which he had much pleasure and pride in submitting—"The Health of the W. Master." He was only sorry that it had not fallen into other hands to propose the toast. He had known the W.M. from the formation of the lodge, and was aware he had shown his good qualities in Freemasonry in the other offices he had filled. The members had now conferred upon Bro. Sapsworth the highest honour it was in their power to bestow, and there was no brother more deserving of that honour than he. Bro. Sapsworth, W.M., had shown them that evening what they might expect during his year by the admirable way in which he had invested his officers. It was an especial pleasure to him (the I.P.M.) to install the W.M., as they both joined Freemasonry at the same time in the same lodge, and were working in their mother lodge side by side; and he hoped to have the pleasure 12 months hence of installing Bro. Sapsworth into the chair, as he had done that night, in the Richmond Lodge.

Bro. H. Sapsworth, W.M., after thanking the I.P.M. and brethren for the cordial reception given the toast, said he felt it a great honour to be elected unanimously by the members as their W.M. During his year it would be his endeavour to make them as happy and comfortable as possible. It had been his ambition ever since he signed the petition for a warrant for that lodge, to attain the chair he occupied that night. He was glad to announce that there would be a summer outing of the lodge, when he hoped to be supported by the brethren. He felt flattered at the manner in which the toast had been received, and trusted he should have the support of every member during the year.

"The I.P.M." was next given by the W.M., who said the brethren attending the lodge during the past year were aware of the very able and agreeable manner in which Bro. Dare, I.P.M., had conducted the affairs, for that brother had worked with a correctness and ability that reflected credit on himself and the lodge. It was their earnest hope that their I.P.M. would be spared for many years to be with them, to join in all their undertakings and assist by his advice and support.

Bro. E. Dare, I.P.M., in response, said he was more than gratified to arrive at the position of I.P.M., and to have attained that with the satisfaction and good feeling of every member. He had done his duty to the best of his ability, endeavouring to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors, which, however, was not an easy task, considering the efficient P.M.'s before him. He was proud of his present position. He was proud that time last year, but was still prouder that night. He hoped he should be spared, as

the W.M. had remarked, to wear the jewel and meet the brethren for many years to come.

Bro. Blasby, P.M., replying for "The Past Masters," said the brethren generally were highly delighted to see the W.M. installed that evening, being assured that he would carry out his duties in an admirable manner. It was also gratifying to the P.M.'s to see the good officers coming on, and working with that love and harmony characteristic of the lodge. The first initiate—Bro. Aldin—was now S.D., and that would be an incentive to those following him. In moving to their present meeting place a year ago they were perfectly satisfied that under Bro. Moulet they would be comfortable and satisfied.

Bro. J. T. Briggs, P.P.G.D. Middx., responded for "The Visitors." He had visited the lodge before, and had seen the admirable manner in which the W.M.'s had carried out their duties. The progress made under the care of the P.M.'s had been great, and the lodge had now arrived at a high state of distinction, being thoroughly localised throughout the neighbourhood. He had seen many of the members working in lodges of instruction and could therefore endorse the words of Bro. Blasby, P.M., that they had the right men in the right place for the next year.

Bro. R. W. Forge, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., also replied, and returned thanks for the kind proposition of the toast. It was his pleasure a few years ago to assist at the initiation of the W.M. and the I.P.M., and it was also his privilege to exalt them in the Royal Arch.

Bros. Collick, P.M.; Shand, P.M.; and Mellor also responded.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" having been given in cordial terms and appropriately responded to, the Tyler's toast closed a successful gathering. An excellent programme of music added considerably to the enjoyment of all present.

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 2033).**—The installation meeting of this successful lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 9th inst. The members present included Bros. A. E. Sansom, M.D., W.M.; J. Curnow, M.D., S.W.; W. G. Lemon, LL.D., Treas.; W. J. Spratling, B. Sc., Prov. G. Treas., Sec.; E. Owen, M.B., S.D.; F. E. Lemon, M.A., J.D.; Chas. Gross, M.D., Prov. G.D. Berks and Bucks, D.C.; P. Horrocks, M.D., Org.; F. E. Pocock, M.D.; W. Craifoot Fooks, LL.B., and A. T. Norton, Stwds.; and others. Visitors: Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; C. Banfield, 1572; H. Robinson, P.M. 236; J. Hodges, I.P.M. 1592; A. H. Bowles, P.P.J.G.D. Surrey; J. P. Ingoldby, W.M. 1601; J. Jackson Gawith, P.M. 708; C. Stevens, 1329; E. E. Cooper, P.P.G.W. Middx.; I. Zacharie, P.G.M. California; H. G. Thompson, P.P.S.G.W. Surrey; W. Stevenson Hoyte, P.M. 4; B. Gardener, 1261; D. Hills, 185; A. Williams, P.G. Stwd., P.M. 14; W. H. Turner, W.M. 2000; W. Johnson Smith, Ralph Gooding, P.G.D.; G. Lansdown, S.W. 1328; H. F. McGill, P.P.S.G.D.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.W. Middx.; W. Matthews, 33; Hugh R. Beevor, S.D. 2000; Thos. Walkley, S.W. 2233; G. Amos Duke, 733; F. S. Eve, W.M. 657; Rev. H. Bromley, Chap. 1768; Carmalt Jones, 859; T. Beale, 201; Bottomley, Prov. G. Sec. Antrim; and W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Ballot was successfully taken for Mr. Henry Hills, B.A., as a candidate for initiation, and, being in attendance, he was impressively initiated into the Order by the W.M., the ancient charge being effectively rendered by Bro. E. Owen, S.D. The installation ceremony was next proceeded with, and Bro. John Curnow, M.D., having been presented as W.M. elect, was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Sansom, the retiring Master. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. A. C. Maybury, D. Sc., S.W.; Edmund Owen, M.B., J.W.; W. G. Lemon, LL.B., Treas.; W. J. Spratling, B. Sc., Prov. Grand Treas. Middx., Sec.; F. E. Lemon, M.A., S.D.; Chas. Gross, M.D., Prov. G.D. Berks and Bucks, J.D.; Peter Horrocks, M.D., Org.; F. E. Pocock, M.D., I.G.; W. Craifoot Fooks, LL.B., D.C.; A. T. Norton, D.C.; J. F. Buckley, LL.B., and G. E. Halstead, Stwds.; and John Freeman, Tyler. Bro. A. E. Sansom, I.P.M., completed the duties of Installing Master by delivering the customary addresses. The W.M., on behalf of the brethren, presented Bro. Sansom, I.P.M., with a P. Master's jewel in recognition of the ability he had displayed as W.M. during the past year, a compliment for which Bro. Sansom, I.P.M., appropriately returned thanks. The sum of ten guineas was voted to the R.M. Institution for Boys, to be placed on the list of Bro. Gross. Several apologies for non-attendance were received, including one from Bro. Philbrick, G. Reg., who was prevented by indisposition from attending. Propositions were made, and other business transacted, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where, at the conclusion of an excellent banquet, the usual toasts were given.

In proposing "The Health of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," the W.M. said he considered it a great pity that on the preceding day, when his Royal Highness unveiled a statue of her Majesty the Queen at the London University, their lodge was not allowed to participate in what would have been an appropriate opportunity of exhibiting the special bond uniting Freemasons.

The W.M. then gave "The Grand Officers," and said the members of that lodge owed an especial debt of gratitude to the Pro G.M., for it was just five years ago since he not only consecrated the lodge, but also gave his hearty good wishes for its success. There were present that night Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary, and Ralph Gooding, P.G.D., whose names he coupled with the toast.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., said he would lose no time in rising to thank the W.M. for the kind way in which he had proposed, and the brethren had received, the toast. It was one which was always so kindly given that there was nothing new to be said, and more especially was it unnecessary to dilate upon the merits of the Grand Officers, for the members of that lodge had so many good examples amongst them. That lodge amongst its five W. Masters numbered the late Lord Chancellor, Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler and Philbrick, the G. Reg., and, therefore, the merits of the Grand Officers had been practically acknowledged and accepted. He could only say, on behalf of the Grand Officers, that they were always gratified at the reception received at the hands of their less fortunate

brethren. On the day of the consecration he was on a bed of illness, and always regretted he had not the honour of installing the W.M. He had, however, watched the career of the lodge, and thoroughly endorsed the remark of the W.M.—that this lodge had borne the best possible fruit of the promise made at the consecration. With such a field the lodge could not but have a successful future, and it would be their own fault if they were not the grand success they were.

Bro. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D., also replied.

Bro. A. E. Sansom, I.P.M., said that having assumed the gavel, he felt it was the signal which meant prosperity to the London University Lodge and hearty good wishes to their W. Master. It meant that the members of the lodge drank to the health of the new W. Master with cordiality and with a firm conviction that during his year the lodge would progress. They all knew the work Bro. Curnow, W.M., had done, and knew that he would carry on that work as it should be done. They wished their W.M. long life and everything he could possibly desire to render his year a pleasant one, and in drinking his health they also drank prosperity to the London University Lodge.

Bro. John Curnow, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for their kindness and assured them that, although he was not so skilled in talking as his predecessors, still his devotion and loyalty to their lodge was every whit as strong, and so far as he could he would advance and promote its interests. He felt more than grateful to them for the honour conferred upon him that day and for the additional claim it afforded him of pointing to the fact that he was the first member of the lodge who had worked up from I.G. through the various offices to the chair. He had, therefore, only to thank the brethren most sincerely for the distinguished position he occupied.

"The Initiate" was next given, and replied to by Bro. Hills.

The W. Master, in proposing "The Installing Master," said he had learned for the first time that day of the qualifications necessary for candidates for the Master's chair, and he appealed to the brethren whether the compiler of the ritual had not an ideal Master in his head such as their I.P.M. had been. They all knew the excellent manner in which the work had been performed by Bro. Sansom, I.P.M., and had heard his impressive rendering of the installation ceremony. Knowing how fully the time of the I.P.M. was occupied, they could not but be astonished at his working.

Bro. A. E. Sansom, I.P.M., returned thanks for the kindness shown him, not only that night, but at all times in the lodge. He felt very acutely that to his faults they had been a little blind, and to his virtues very kind, and could not adequately express his thanks. He remembered very well a distinguished man—Russell Lowell—saying that the best after-dinner speech he ever made was in the cab going home. He (the I.P.M.) felt that he should perform the installation ceremony much better when he arrived home than he had done that day. He thanked the brethren most cordially for their kindness, and assured them that the pleasing reminiscences of the Master's chair would remain with him while life lasted. He also thanked them for the delightful friendships made in the lodge, and for the good feeling which had culminated in the presentation of the P.M.'s jewel, and for which he thanked them from the bottom of his heart.

In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. remarked that two of the great features of Masonic life were Charity and hospitality. The members that evening had the pleasure of extending hospitality to a large number of Masons, amongst whom were several distinguished brethren from the provinces and other parts of the world. The visitors included Bros. Dr. Zacharie, Cooper, P.P.G.W. Middx.; Bottomley, P.G. Sec. Antrim; and Bowles.

Bro. Bottomley, Prov. G. Sec. Antrim, said he considered it a high compliment that his name should be coupled with the toast of the visitors, and felt it the more that Ireland should have been placed before England on that occasion. He came as a stranger from a strange land, the reason he used that expression being that those who had studied the course of public events for the last few years must have come to the conclusion that Ireland was a strange place. He had attended as a stranger, but found himself quite at home, which he owed to the kindness of a very distinguished brother on his left (the Grand Secretary), who introduced him, and whose name was as well known in Ireland as in the Metropolis. It would be a very bad return for their hospitality if he detained them by making a speech, but at the same time it might be of interest to Masons here to know something of the progress of Masonry in Ireland, which was pursued in various parts of the south and west under the greatest difficulties. The brethren from those parts had often told him when visiting Dublin that they found the greatest consolation in meeting the brethren there. The province from which he came was rather a prosperous one, numbering 84 lodges and chapters. Referring to the charitable side of Masonry in Ireland he could tell them the Girls' School was an entirely new building, of which the debt was paid off, and although the work of Charity was small, yet it showed that Masonry was struggling along. He begged to return sincere thanks to the W.M. and members of the lodge for their hospitality, and he only wished that English Masons would visit Ireland more frequently, for they would always be sure of a fraternal greeting and such hospitality as they afford.

Bros. Bowles and McGill also responded.

Bro. Carmalt Jones, 859, replying for "The Sister University Lodges," said the lodge which he represented was in a highly efficient and solvent state, and doing an enormous amount of work, sometimes meeting at two or three o'clock and continuing working until nearly eight. The meeting place was not quite satisfactory, but subscriptions were being raised, and in course of time they would have a Masonic Hall, and he should be pleased to see any members of the lodge at the opening ceremony.

Other toasts having been given, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

During the evening Bros. Stevenson Hoyte, Thurley Beale, and Cooper rendered an excellent selection of music in an admirable manner.

**DERBY ALLCROFT LODGE (No. 2168).**—This lodge met on Thursday, the 9th inst., for the first time in their new home, the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, which in point of general arrangements, attendance, and comfort leaves nothing to be desired. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. James P. Fitzgerald, assisted by Bros. H. Harold Halliday, S.W.; Wm. Thomas, P.M.,

acting as J.W.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M., Treas.; Cummings, Sec.; Harding, S.D.; Lord, J.D.; Dixon, I.G.; Garcia, D.C.; and Haskins, Org. There was a very good programme of business, including one raising, two passings, and three initiations, and "de facto" all three ceremonies were worked, Bro. Webb being raised, Bro. Coke being passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. Wm. Lawrence and W. J. Paynton being initiated. Apart from the manner in which the actual working of the ceremonies was done, which it may at once be said was perfect, the manner in which the Master conducted the business of the evening was beyond praise.

The visitors from other lodges included Bros. F. J. Potter, J.W. 1321; W. A. Scurrah, W.M. 167, P.P.G.S. of Wks. Middx.; Thomas E. Taylor, W.M. 101; R. Pittam Stevens, I.P.M. 901; A. J. Bolton, P.M. 862; J. G. Glover, J.D. 1677; J. R. Brown, 1364; B. G. Elliott, 2020; J. Fisher, 1184; J. H. Ross, J.W. 1964; and E. C. Massey.

After the lodge meeting, the members entertained their guests at a sumptuous dinner, arranged and served in a manner that must have been highly satisfactory to the lodge. The usual list of loyal and Masonic toasts was then proceeded with.

In proposing the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," the Worshipful Master referring to the prestige the Craft had gained by the number of the Royal Family who had become Freemasons said that the Craft had a right to look upon her Majesty as a mother of Freemasonry.

In proposing "The Health of the Grand Master," the Worshipful Master said the head of the Craft was noble in himself as being the Prince of Wales, and doubly so as M.W.G.M.

Both toasts having been drunk with enthusiasm, and the toast to "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been similarly well received,

The Immediate Past Master rose and said that the next toast which it was his pleasure and pride to propose was that of "The W.M. of the Derby Allcroft Lodge." He was sure it would be received with the unanimous approval of all present. Those visitors who saw the working of the W.M. would agree with him in saying that everything he could do he did, and he did all things well. Those who were outside while he was working the ceremonies were to be pitied, for they lost a Masonic treat. He had had the pleasure of knowing the W.M. before he became a joining member of that lodge, and he had never heard a Master, or a Past Master perform the ceremonies better than they had been performed that evening.

Bro. Fitzgerald, in reply, said he thanked the I.P.M. very sincerely for the kind way in which he had proposed that toast, and the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received it. He entertained his own opinion of the way in which the work should be done, and if there was anything which had fallen from him that evening which indicated strictness, it was to be attributed to the sense he entertained of the high importance of the ceremonies. It was to be understood that his fellow workers, the officers of the lodge, entertained the highest opinion of the solemnity of the work, and though that toast was appropriated to the W.M., the proper working of the ceremonies depended upon the efficiency of the whole body of officers, and in that ceremony of the First Degree, if even the I.G., the lowest officer in the lodge, blundered, the beauty of the ceremony was marred. Although, therefore, the Master of the lodge took this toast to himself, he depended very much upon the way in which the officers did their duty. It would be his endeavour during the time he fulfilled the duties of that particular office to promote good work and uphold the dignity of the Master's chair.

The W.M. then proceeded to propose "The Health of the Initiates." The brethren, he was sure, would agree with him that it was the most important toast of the evening. Initiates were the nucleus of their prosperity. He recollected, when the lodge was constituted, that the Consecrating Officer recommended them not to fly after members, but to be particularly careful as to the quality of the initiates they introduced. Up to now, the career of the lodge had been most satisfactory, and he was sure he might congratulate the brethren upon the introduction of Bro. Lawrence, who had impressed him very much by the way in which he studied every word that was uttered either by the Master or his officers. As regarded Bro. Paynton, he was suffering from nervous anxiety, but he (the W.M.) had been assured that Bro. Paynton had long been a Mason at heart, and this being the first opportunity of coming in contact with actual Freemasonry, he had been a good deal overcome. During a time of grief and despair, a Mason's hand should be extended to his fellow. He was quite sure that no circumstance of the ceremony the brethren had witnessed would ever be obliterated from their memory. The brethren, he was sure, were ready and anxious to extend the right hand of fellowship to Bro. Paynton, and to make him as bright an ornament to the Craft as was to be found in the Derby Allcroft Lodge.

Bro. Lawrence said he hardly knew how to reply. He was quite unprepared for the flattering language which the W.M. had addressed to him. It was all so new and strange that he scarcely knew where he was at present. He had long wanted to be a Mason, and was glad he was one. He would try what he could do, and hoped they would receive what he did in the best spirit. He thanked them for the way in which he had been received.

Bro. Paynton said if he might be allowed to say a few words, he should be glad to do so. He had always thought Freemasonry a thing that a man should join, and he explained that though the nervous excitement of his manners had attracted the attention of the W.M., he (Bro. Paynton) was very much impressed with the solemnity of the ceremony, there was no part of it escaped him, and, although finely-strung nerves had played him a trick that day, he submitted that he was well qualified to be a Mason.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which was heartily received, and was responded to by Bros. Scurrah, Bolton, Rev. Rose, and Harrison.

The Worshipful Master then introduced a new toast, "The Lay Members of the Lodge," which was responded to by Bros. Wettenall and Bolton, after which, "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" was disposed of, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

**ARGONAUTS' LODGE** (No. 2243).—A regular meeting of the lodge was held on the 13th inst., at the Cromwell Hall, Putney, S.W., when there were present Bros. J. C. Radford, W.M.; J. F. Savory, S.W.; G. D. Lister, J.W.; Gordon Smith, Sec.; T. W. Willis, S.D.; E. T. Smith, J.D.; J. P. Houghton, I.G.; C. W. Mapleton, Stwd.; Eugene Monteuis, G. Swd. Br., I.P.M.; W. H. Brayshaw, F. E. Williams, C. W. Hughes, H. J. Hill, F. Sturgeon, J. A. Drake Smith, and F. G. Mitchell, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. F. Stillwell, 187; W. Cuming, W.M. 1593; Lieut.-Col. H. B. Adcock, 84; J. Maple, P.M. 144; J. Hastie, 1305; A. Thorn, 91; and G. Booth Heming, P.M. 256.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Brayshaw was raised to the Third Degree. The names of several candidates for initiation and joining were handed in.

All business being ended the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner, where the usual toasts were duly honoured, the hearty congratulations of all being accorded to Bro. Monteuis on his accession to the dignity of the purple as G. Swd. Br.

Bros. Cuming, W.M. 1593, and J. Hastie responded to "The Health of the Visitors."

**SOUTHEND.**—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. G. J. Glasscock, P.M. 1817, P.P.G.S.B., W.M.; W. E. Bridgland, P.M. 933, S.W.; J. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.R. as J.W.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; B. Thomas, S.D.; A. Vandervord, J.D.; Capt. E. E. Phillips, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; C. W. Cooke, I.G.; C. W. Barnard and H. Cogill, Stwds.; A. W. Martin, Tyler; C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, P.P.A.G.P.; G. R. Dawson, P.P.G.D.; J. A. Hobday, J. Pritchard, G. F. Vandervord, R. J. Smith, Dr. R. G. Demster, F. J. Cumine, and C. H. Bowmaker. Visitors: Bros. R. Cleghorn, 1747; G. Minett, S.W. 1672; and John Morgan, Sec. 1530.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Robert John Smith was raised. The sum of two guineas was voted from the Benevolent Fund to the widow of a late member of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1817.

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

**MIRFIELD.**—Mirfield Lodge (No. 1102).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, King-street, on Friday, the 10th inst. The lodge was opened in the presence of Bros. F. H. Hare, W.M.; A. A. Stott, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., as S.W.; J. H. Simpson, P.M., as J.W.; W. Beaumont, Sec.; Joshua Milner, I.G.; W. Booth, Tyler; John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; T. B. Fairclough, P.M.; James Womack, and H. M. Smith, 521.

After the minutes of the last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Barker read a short account of the "History of the Nelson of the Nile Lodge, No. 264, Batley," referring more particularly to its sojourn in Mirfield from 1816 to 1831; which will be continued next lodge night. These extracts have been taken by the permission of the Nelson of the Nile Lodge, to whom the best thanks of the brethren of the Mirfield Lodge are due.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren (who were joined by several other members) sat down to a slight refreshment, and spent a pleasant hour with each other.

**SALFORD.**—Newall Lodge (No. 1134).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Adelphi House. The business was to confirm the minutes of the last regular meeting, to pass Bro. Geo. Ruscow, and to raise Bro. E. M. Williams. The lodge was opened by Bro. S. Ayland, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was performed by the W.M., and that of raising by Bro. John Barker, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., both ceremonies being rendered in an exceptionally precise and perfect manner, and were well supported by every officer. The two Degrees were full choral, and were given in a most capable manner with the valuable assistance of Bros. N. Dumville, W. Dumville, A. Lewtas, and G. E. Hall, who were visitors on this occasion, and kindly consented to take part. After all business had been dispensed with, the lodge was closed.

The following brethren were present: Bros. S. Ayland, W.M.; J. Waring, I.P.M.; T. McClelland, S.W.; A. H. Duffin, J.W.; J. Holroyd, P.M., P.G.S. of W., Treas.; J. Barker, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Sec.; G. S. Smith, P.M., S.D.; E. Webb, J.D.; B. Eckersley, Org.; C. Driver, I.G.; J. B. Kirk, Tyler; G. Ruscoe, A. K. Boothroyd, J. Green, W. Flett, J. Simpson, R. C. Gray, E. M. Williams, H. Waterhouse, R. W. Martin, and J. Ogden. Visitors: Bros. A. Lewtas, I.P.M. 1588; W. Dumville, P.M. 1011 and 2156; N. Dumville, P.M. 152 and 2156, Past Prov. Grand Steward; E. Entwisle, 999; T. Sawyer, P.M. 204; J. Lees, 1345; T. Radford, 563 (East Indies); E. Holland, 1773; F. R. Bowley, 2216; and S. Statham, P.M. 1773, P.P.G. Treas.

**MALVERN.**—Roid's Lodge (No. 1204).—The festival of St. John was celebrated by this lodge on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall. The W.M., Bro. H. E. Dixey, M.D., after initiating Mr. R. N. Tovey, F.R.C.S., installed his successor, Bro. H. Wilson, M.A., P.M., in the chair of K.S. The Board of Installed Masters numbered 18, including Bros. J. Bodenham, Past A.G.D.C. Eng.; G. H. Piper, Dep. Prov. G.M. Herefordshire; R. P. Hill, P.M., W. Barkley, P.M., and R. C. S. Carington, P.M., of 280; J. Mossop, P.M. 377; G. J. Westbury, P.M., and W. B. Williamson, P.M., of 529; W. J. Grant, W.M. 571; Thomas, W.M. 2034; and H. E. Dixey, M.D., P.M., T. Pike, M.D., P.M., S. L. Haynes, M.D., P.M., T. E. Lucy, P.M., F. G. Russell, P.M., W. Ottley, P.M., W. M. Ward, P.M., of 1204. Bro. E. J. Chambers, Prov. G. Charity Sec., was also present. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. A. O. Fraser, S.W.; C. P. Green, J.W.; W. Ottley, Treas.; W. M. Ward, Sec.; J. H. L. Thompson, S.D.; S. L. Haynes, J.D.; A. E. Baker, I.G.; T. E. Lucy, D.C.; F. G. Russell, Stwd.; G. H. T. Foster, Org.; and W. J. Gwynn, Tyler.

The brethren, to the number of 30, afterwards partook of a banquet, under the presidency of the W.M.

**TORQUAY.**—Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., when there were present amongst other brethren Bros. T. Morgan, W.M.; T. Prust, I.P.M.; T. H. Wills, S.W.; J. McKellar, J.W.; John Taylor, J.D., as S.D.; S. Wills, I.G.; Fred. Hex, P.M., Sec.; J. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas.; Jno. Chapman, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Jno. Lane, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. Eng.; Edward Macbean, of Lodge, 3bis (S.C.), and 2076 (E.C.), W. Winget and Geo. West, Stwds.; W. Hersey, D.C.; C. A. Snow, W. Hill, and V. Lawzell.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last regular lodge and an emergency lodge were read and confirmed. The W.M. vacated the chair, which was occupied by Bro. John Lane, P. Prov. G. Reg., who proceeded to raise Bro. C. A. Snow to the sublime degree of M.M., the whole of the ceremony being performed with that faultless accuracy and impressiveness which particularly characterises any work our esteemed Bro. Lane undertakes. Bro. Hughan then introduced to the W.M. and brethren his friend and brother Edward Macbean, noted for his lectures and researches on Scottish Freemasonry. A cordial reception greeted that brother upon his rising to express the pleasure he had in being present that evening, to see the efficient working of the lodge, and at the rapid progress the lodge was making as shown by the reports he had read in the *Freemason* from time to time. On the motion of Bro. Lane, seconded by the Treasurer, the lodge unanimously voted a guinea to the "Gould Testimonial Fund." The W.M. then brought up the report of the Library Committee, whose recommendation that a suitable cupboard, at once an ornament to the room and a credit to the lodge, be forthwith erected, was approved of. It was intimated that at the next regular meeting of the lodge a lecture would be given "On some ancient Masonic obligations and modes of recognition" (esoteric), by Bro. Jno. Lane, author of "Masonic Records, 1717 to 1886." Apologies were then tendered on behalf of several brethren who were unable to be present, and the lodge was closed.

**NORTH WOOLWICH.**—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The last meeting previous to the vacation of the above lodge took place on the 7th inst., at the Three Crowns Hotel. Bro. C. H. Canning, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by the following officers and others: Bros. E. West, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts; C. Lewis, P.M., P.P. G. Std. Br. Essex; A. T. Ives, P.M.; J. Savage, P.M.; Dr. W. Vance, P.M., Treas.; C. Jolly, P.M., Sec.; C. Wood, S.W.; A. Knight, J.W.; C. Towling, S.D.; B. Curtis, J.D.; J. Glading, I.G.; J. Delo, D.C.; and a number of the brethren of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Aillud, P.M. 615, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; G. J. Westfield, W.M. 2184; C. Tjouw, P.M. 1804; J. McHugh, 2184; H. Allen, 1804; W. Shoebridge, 13; T. Cheshire, 13; G. W. Trickey, 336; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, Bros. Barwick, Howe, and Robbins, of the lodge, and Bro. Allen, 1804, were passed. It was then decided that a summer outing, or ladies' day, should be held at Brighton, and a Committee was appointed to arrange matters.

Then occurred one of the most interesting episodes of the year, no less than a presentation to Bro. Savage, the I.P.M., of a handsomely framed and mounted address, beautifully illuminated, with the photographs of the Past Masters and officers, for the admirable manner in which he had in March last installed his successor. It was presented by the W.M., who, in so doing, assured Bro. Savage that with it went the best wishes of every member of the lodge for his future health and happiness. Of the many Past Masters who had been presented with installation testimonials in that lodge none had been more worthy of it than he (Bro. Savage) had. He wished Bro. Savage many years of life, and when he got to be old that he might always remember with pride and satisfaction his connection with the Henley Lodge.

Bro. Savage, who is exceedingly popular in the lodge, briefly replied, and, in so doing, assured the W.M. and brethren that he should look upon the presentation that night with a life long pleasure. He trusted to be spared to be with them and assist in promoting the best interests of the lodge and the brethren for many years to come.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren dined, and afterwards drank the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with enthusiasm.

Some good singing and reciting were enjoyed during the proceedings.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—Bro. Lieut. T. Cooper, R.A., the popular W.M. of the above lodge, met with a very hearty and cordial reception when he assumed the chair on Friday, the 10th inst., at the new Masonic Hall, there being a goodly array of the brethren to welcome him from his present station, Preston, in Lancashire, a long cable tow to be well within reach of. He was assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent; W. Moulds, P.M.; R. Gooding, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); W. Seager, J.W.; W. Gee, Treas.; A. Ware, Sec.; W. Sayle, D.C.; W. Wheeler, I.G.; and W. Whiteheart and Quartermaster Rankin, Stwds. Among the visitors were Bros. A. H. Standley, P.M. 1962; G. Hutchinson, 68; J. Gannon, 147; A. White, 1331; G. Browne, 700; J. Bowell, 1307; and T. Scot, 730.

The only business before the lodge was the raising of a brother, which the W.M. and his officers carried out with all due impressiveness and solemnity, and then the lodge was closed, and around the social board the brethren spent a few hours in toast and song, the usual loyal, Grand Lodge, provincial, and personal toasts being drunk with enthusiasm.

**CATERHAM VALLEY.**—Caterham Lodge (No. 2095).—The annual installation meeting of this very flourishing little lodge was held on Saturday last, in the Masonic Hall, and was a highly successful function. In the absence, through indisposition, of the W.M., Bro. J. E. Street, the Master's chair was filled by Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, who ably installed Bro. F. A. Guimaraens, P.M. 416, P.P.S.G.W., into the chair. The W.M. afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. W. C. Webb, S.W.; F. W. Mansell, J.W.; H. E. Stenning, Treas.; Hugh D. Sandeman, Sec.; P. Hall,

S.D.; E. L. Balcombe, J.D.; R. T. Hawes, I.G.; and Holman, Tyler.

Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet in the hall attached to the lodge room, where a capital repast was provided by Mr. Lovitt.

After dinner, Bro. Sandeman announced that he had always been anxious for the establishment of a fund of benevolence, and would present the lodge with a handsome carved oak Charity box in the shape of a broken pillar. It would be immediately sent round.

The result was a contribution of £8 10s. 6d., including a "piece of paper" from the S.W., and the announcement was received with cheers.

The loyal and Craft toasts were heartily received, and, in responding for "The Prov. Grand Officers," Bro. Fred. West, acting Prov. G.M., intimated that, although older lodges in older towns had great claims on the Prov. Grand Lodge, it had been decided that the next meeting should be held at Caterham, it being felt that the manner in which the Caterham Lodge, and Masonry generally, had extended in the district, largely owing to the influence of Bro. Sandeman, ought to be recognised. With regard to the rumour in reference to the son of their G.M. and the Province of Surrey, all he could say to them at the present time was—"Please say nothing more about it." Let the wish be father to the thought, and let them wait until the appointment had been made. They all hoped sincerely such would be the case, but at the present time it was not good policy to say anything about it.

Bro. Sandeman, in felicitous terms, gave "The Health of the W.M.," who, after expressing deep regret at the absence of the I.P.M., said he should endeavour to follow in the footsteps of the distinguished men who had preceded him.

It was only four or five years ago that the lodge was consecrated, and there were then only a small number of members. Now there were 20 or 21, and he thought that was very satisfactory progress.

Bro. Dr. Eady responded for "The Past Masters."

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Sir George Harris, who holds high colonial rank, and Bro. C. Attersoll Smith, 416; and that of "The Press" by Bro. George Ralling, 51, who was wished a hearty *bon voyage* to the Cape, where he proceeds at the end of the present month to take up a newspaper appointment.

The visitors present included Bros. Fred. West, acting Prov. G.M.; C. Attersoll Smith, W.M.; G. E. Pym, P.M.; T. F. Lloyd, P.M.; Ernest Morrison, P.M.; and Gerald Harrison, of 416; W. Abbotts, P.M. 985; S. L. Webb, 1397; Thos. E. Garrard, S.D. 2047; W. G. Fenn, W.M. 538; Sir G. D. Harris, P.S.G.D. 1365; Thos. E. Cusper, P.P.G.D.; A. Morton, W.M. 2033; A. Milne, 840; P. E. Campbell, I.G. 1607; R. V. Kearney, I.G. 15; T. Robins, P.M. 25; George Ralling, 51; Robert Grant, P.M. 21; P. Lyon, P.M. 162; and R. Birkett, 569.

It should be added that mainly through the efforts of Bro. Sandeman, the lodge-room, which has just been built by the owner of the Masonic Hall, has been beautifully furnished, and that the usual silver goblet was provided for the I.P.M. as an acknowledgment from the brethren of the excellent way in which he had fulfilled his duties.

The recent death of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, was alluded to with deep regret by several of the speakers. Bro. Cox, who has left the neighbourhood, in sending in his resignation, has presented the lodge with Gould's "History of Freemasonry" in three handsome volumes.

**MANCHESTER.**—Arthur Sullivan Lodge (No. 2156).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Old Boar's Head, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. A. Averson, W.M.; A. H. Williams, I.P.M.; C. Turner, P.M.; W. Dumville, P.M.; W. Booth, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; F. W. Lean, S.W.; N. Dumville, P.M., Treas.; E. N. Irving, P.M., Sec.; R. Morley, Org.; Mark Stafford, P.M.; Lawrence Lord, J. Simmons, E. Mercer, R. Robinson, H. Sedgwick, J. Haworth, P.M.; Ben Brierley, J. E. Ashton, J. Grimshaw, and T. Matthews. Visitors: Bros. G. E. Williams, P.M. 152; G. Sam Smith, P.M. 1134; B. Halliwell, P.M. 1496; F. R. Bowler, 2216; E. Mercer, sen., 1868; J. Edwards, L. T. Kendal, 1774; T. P. Alcock, 852; R. W. T. Hatch, 613; H. Newman, 613; W. Wilkinson, 2295; W. Stanley, 1144; Prestwick, 1011; and T. E. Rigby, 1055.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Avison, W.M., proceeded to raise Bro. E. Mercer. The whole ceremony was carried out efficiently throughout, and the full musical service gave a grand and impressive effect.

All business being transacted for the benefit of the lodge, and for Masonry in general, it was closed.

The brethren, with their visitors, afterwards dined together. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced, and a rare treat given to all, by the rendering of several glees and songs, the brethren taking part being Bros. N. Dumville, W. Dumville, Mark Stafford, W. Booth, C. Turner, J. Grimshaw, W. Wilkinson, E. Mercer, and others. Bro. Ben Brierley gave one of his original recitations, which was most amusing and greatly enjoyed.

The treat of the evening was a selection of music on the viola, rendered in a most masterly manner, and full of life and brilliancy, by Bro. Avison, W.M.

**EAST MOLESEY.**—Frederick West Lodge (No. 2222).—The first installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Castle Hotel, on Tuesday, the 14th inst. There was a good attendance of brethren, the members including Bros. R. T. Elsam, P.M. 201 and 889, P.P.G.D. of C. W.M.; John Hughes, P.M., S.W.; John Pillar, J.W.; J. Pritchard, Treas.; Thos. Weaver, P.M., Sec.; David Hughes, P.M., S.D.; Daniel Hughes, P.M., J.D.; Wm. Lane, I.G.; Wm. Thomas, P.M.; C. R. Bennett, R. Kerr, J. H. Mayo, John Ellinger, John Mayo, Geo. J. Tagg, J. T. Mayo, and Wm. Lane, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.B.; J. Pulling, P.M. 144; H. W. Humphreys, W.M. 1638; R. Clinch, 901; John Clarke, 901; C. Clarke, D.C. 228; Alfred Ginger, P.M. 901; Pittam Stevens, P.M. 901; G. Basset, P.M. 969; W. Stuart, P.M. 141; A. H. Smith, P.M. 56; Edwin Faux, 77; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; Geo. Moorman, Prov. G.P., W.M. 1981; J. E. Swanson, S.W. 700; F. C. Croaker, 1981; C. Oldridge, 1638; C. H. Adkins,

2146; F. C. Wake, P.M. 185; Chas. Beaumont, P.P. A.G.D.C. Essex; John Drewett, W.M. 889; W. H. Sharp, 889; W. Drewett, P.M. 889; A. Naylor, 186; J. H. Jarvis, P.P.G. Stwd.; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes having been confirmed, J. W. N. Le Feuvre was passed to the Second Degree. The ceremony of installation was next proceeded with, and Bro. John Hughes, the respected P.M. and Treas. of No. 901, was presented as the W.M. elect, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Elsam. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows, having the peculiar satisfaction of placing his two brothers in the Warden's chairs: Bros. David Hughes, P.M., S.W.; Daniel Hughes, P.M., J.W.; J. Pritchard, Treas.; Thos. Weaver, P.M., Sec.; W. Thomas, P.M., S.D.; R. Kerr, J.D.; J. Ellinger, I.G.; John Mayo, jun., D.C.; Lockett, Stwd. and W. Lane, Tyler. The customary addresses were effectively rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. Elsam, I.P.M. Ballot was successfully taken for Mr. Wm. Lane, as a candidate for initiation, and he was impressively initiated by the W.M. A Past Master's jewel and a founder's jewel were presented to Bro. Elsam, I.P.M., by the W.M., who, in making the presentation, said he was sure that amongst the many jewels which adorned the I.P.M., none would be valued more highly than those from the Frederick West Lodge. Bro. R. T. Elsam, I.P.M., returned thanks in an appropriate speech, and expressed his intention of exerting himself in the future, as he had in the past, for the benefit of their lodge. A letter was read from Bro. Frederick West, Deputy Prov. G.M., in charge of the province, explaining that his absence was caused by his having to take the 30<sup>th</sup> that day. Other business was transacted, propositions for initiation received, and the lodge was formally closed.

The brethren then partook of an excellent banquet, provided by the worthy host, Bro. Mayo, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts were heartily honoured.

In giving the toast of "The Dep. Prov. G.M. in charge of the Province, Bro. Fredk. West," the W. Master said he was obliged to associate with it a somewhat mournful ceremony, which was to express their regret at the decease of their late Prov. G. Master, Bro. Gen. Brownrigg. In consequence of that sad occurrence, the duties of Prov. G.M. had devolved upon the Dep. Prov. G.M., whose health he asked them to join him in drinking. Although he regretted Bro. West's absence, which had been explained in the lodge, it was due to that brother that he should say a few words in commendation of him. All who had the honour of being present at the Prov. G. Lodge last year must have been struck with the able manner in which Bro. Fredk. West conducted the onerous duties of his important office. They in that lodge must always regard this as the toast of the evening, as he had been kind enough to assist them in every possible way and guide them with his good advice, and as he had moreover adorned their lodge with an honourable name. This lodge must, therefore, always give great prominence to this toast, for his name was like music to every Mason in the province, and every brother who had knowledge of him was proud to speak in his praise. Although Bro. West was not present, he was with them in spirit, and they would, therefore, drink his health with cordiality.

"The Prov. Grand Officers" was next given in cordial terms from the chair, and responded to by Bro. Moorman, Prov. G. Purst., who remarked that, being a very young Prov. G. Officer, the brethren could not expect any lengthy remarks. Referring to the ability displayed by their late Prov. G. Master, he said that, although that distinguished brother had passed away, they should remember him for many years to come.

Bro. R. T. Elsam, I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the W. Master," said it was the first time in that lodge that he had had the opportunity of acting as a Past Master and of proposing a toast, but he could assure them he did it with the greatest amount of pleasure possible. In proposing the health of Bro. John Hughes, their W.M., he must say it afforded him the most lively satisfaction to have the opportunity of honouring that brother. In leaving the chair, he might have felt regret, except that he had a worthy brother to follow him. The brethren knew and had seen the work Bro. Jno. Hughes was capable of on going into the chair, and there was no doubt he was the right man for that position.

Bro. John Hughes, P.M. 901, W.M., said he felt a certain amount of diffidence in responding to that toast, for the I.P.M. had referred to him in such flattering terms that he could not adequately return thanks. He was glad to find that any services he had rendered to the lodge had met with Bro. Elsam's approbation, for theirs was a young lodge, and they must regard the I.P.M. as the father. He hoped that as the year went on he should meet with the approbation of every brother. If he could only perform his duty, as the I.P.M. had done, to the satisfaction of the members, he should consider himself very fortunate indeed. He was very proud to occupy the position of W.M. for, although a young lodge, as far as it had advanced it promised well for the future. They had done remarkably well, and could congratulate themselves on their first birthday. He trusted all would rally round him and his officers, for they were gathering new blood into the lodge, who were the sort of men to make good Masons. Nothing should be wanting during his year in the interests of the lodge, he could assure them from the bottom of his heart, so that they would commend him at the end of his year of office.

The W.M. next said that "The Health of the I.P.M." required no recommendation from him, for Bro. Elsam was one of the oldest P.M.'s in the Province of Surrey, and one of the most experienced, being a well-known member of the Craft. The ability of their I.P.M. was acknowledged by all who knew him, and all were prepared to say he was a good, earnest, and true Mason. Anything Bro. Elsam could do to further the interests of the Craft, and especially of their lodge, would be found at the bottom of his heart.

Bro. R. T. Elsam, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, I.P.M., in reply, said he could not find words in which to thank the W.M. for the very kind and cordial manner in which the W.M. had proposed the toast. He was only afraid the W.M. had over-rated his qualities. It had been a great pleasure to him to fill the chair of that lodge during the past 18 months, and he felt great gratification at its success during that period. He had had the pleasure of initiating six brethren into Masonry, and their numbers had also been increased by three joining members, which was a good start for a new lodge. He sincerely hoped the W.M. would

have as successful a year as he had had, for he knew him to be anxious to show what work he was capable of performing. He (the I.P.M.) was in his 21st year of Masonry, and had been a P.M. for 18 years, and a Past Provincial Grand Officer for 14 years, and was therefore not new to the work. He felt somewhat diffident in becoming the Worshipful Master of a new lodge, but as he had discharged the duties to their satisfaction, it afforded him great gratification. He sincerely trusted the lodge would go on and prosper as it had done in the past, and he could assure them that so long as he had health and strength and was able to be amongst them, it would be his greatest pleasure to attend as the senior Past Master. He hoped the day was far distant when he should not be with them. He thought that would be a good opportunity of explaining that Bro. Pillar, who was his worthy J.W., during his term in the chair, had for a considerable time past been suffering from ill-health, and that was the reason why he did not go on to the S.W.'s chair. He again thanked the W. Master and brethren for the kind proposition and cordial reception of the toast.

"The Initiate" was next given by the W.M., who said that Bro. Lane had been on the brink of Masonry for some time past, and he (the W.M.) therefore counted himself fortunate in being the one to initiate him. Bro. Lane had been holding back, reluctant to take the fatal plunge, but he trusted that in time their initiate would attain that which was the wish of every Mason, the chair of W.M.

Bro. Lane, in response, thanked Bro. Thomas, S.D., for the kind assistance rendered during the ceremony. After some years of reflection he had made up his mind to become a Mason, and having assumed the honourable name of a Mason, he was determined to assist the lodge, which he was sure would become one of the most successful in the province.

"The Visitors" was next proposed by the W. Master and responded to by Bros. Lee, Moorman, Prov. G. Purst., and Chas. Beaumont, P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex.

Other toasts were given, and the Tyler's toast closed a pleasant meeting, which was considerably enlivened by some excellent songs from Bro. Bassett.

**ELSTREE.**—Kingswood Lodge (No. 2278).—The first regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. R. Kelley, P.P.G.W. West Yorks, W.M.; J. Petch, I.P.M.; J. France, P.P.G.S.B. West Yorks, S.W.; J. G. Cobb, J.W.; W. Pheasant, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, S.D.; J. F. Bell, J.D.; W. H. Aplin, I.G.; H. T. Nell, P.M., D.C.; G. Couchman, Tyler; and others; and the following visitors: Bros. G. T. Chretien, J.D. 1328, and Scott-Young, W.M. 226.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the consecration ceremony, which was performed by Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M. Herts, in February last, and the lodge of emergency held in March, were read and confirmed. Bro. V. L. Tapling having been passed to the Degree of F.C., Messrs. A. J. Robinson and A. H. Moore were initiated. Bro. V. L. Tapling was appointed by the W.M. Steward of the lodge, and invested with the collar of his office. The by-laws, as prepared by the Committee appointed for that purpose, were read and confirmed, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge. Several proposals for initiation and joining members were then made. It was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. Petch—"That Bro. G. E. Lake, P.P.G. Reg., P.M. 404, late Prov. Grand Secretary Herts, be elected an honorary member of the lodge, in recognition of the valuable assistance which he rendered to the founders, and the unfailing courtesy and kindness which he showed them during the time when arrangements were being made to add another lodge to the roll of the Province of Herts." The proposition was seconded by Bro. Cobb, J.W., and carried unanimously.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to the gardens and grounds adjoining, where various amusements were soon in progress. The country being in the perfection of its spring beauty, these few hours of labour and pleasure combined were evidently appreciated by all, and the prospect of many other meetings during the pleasant months of the year was looked forward to by the brethren. Indeed, it was remarked that when the picturesque and enjoyable surroundings of its place of meeting became known to London brethren the lodge would have an influx of joining members.

All were prepared to do ample justice to the modest repast provided.

Bro. V. Tapling, with his well-known liberality and large-heartedness, asked to be allowed to inaugurate his office as Steward by paying the wine bill for the evening.

It is needless to state that the wants of the brethren were most admirably attended to, and the supply was not only plentiful, but profuse.

The usual toasts were given.

The W.M., in replying to the toast of his health, expressed the pride he felt in being selected as first Master of the lodge, and rejoiced in the promise of success, which was evident.

"The Initiates" was proposed by the I.P.M., who said he had no doubt they would prove a credit to Freemasonry and the lodge.

Bros. Moore and Robinson replied, thanking the brethren for the kind reception accorded them.

The toast of "The Visitors" was replied to by Bro. Scott-Young, W.M. 226, who expressed in well-chosen words his enjoyment of this, the second visit to the lodge, and Bro. G. T. Chretien, J.D. 1328, who said that was also his second visit, and he liked the lodge so well that he was prepared to submit his name as a joining member, which announcement was received with much applause, evincing, in a marked manner, the respect in which Bro. Chretien is held by those who know him.

"The Treasurer and Secretary," to which Bro. W. Pheasant, Treas., replied, and "The Officers of the Lodge" closed the toast list and the proceedings.

Carriages were in waiting to convey the brethren to the railway station.

The brethren have to acknowledge the courtesy of Bro. W. Wharton in placing at their disposal a saloon carriage on this, as on the previous occasions.

Bro. General Sir E. Hamley, M.P., as Colonel of the 2nd Middlesex Artillery Volunteer Brigade, laid the foundation stone of the new Brigade headquarters in Leonard-street, City-road.

## INSTRUCTION.

**EBURY LODGE (No. 1348).**—The first annual supper of this lodge of instruction was given on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, when there were present Bros. James Terry, P.M., Sec. of the R.M.B.I., as W.M.; Fowles, W.M. 1348, as S.W.; Spicer, J.W.; James, Ingram, Bevan, Atkins, Wotton, Warren, and many others.

Lodge was duly opened in the Three Degrees. Bro. Terry rehearsed the ceremony of consecration and installation in his usual masterly manner. Several new members were elected, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to supper. About 22 sat down to a repast provided by Bro. James, the host of the hotel. The usual toasts were given.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Portchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. Crutenden, W.M.; N. Spyer, 104, S.W.; O. Battley, 2246, J.W.; Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Asst. Preceptor; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; J. R. Allman, I.P.M. 1425, acting Sec.; C. J. Wetzlar, J.W. 141, S.D.; J. Corry, 205, J.D.; T. A. Parker, 115, I.G.; Woodman, 1425, Stwd.; Wood, P.M. 1642; Hatton, 1642; Major Ferris; Jackman, 1425; Matthews, S.W. 2029; and Gosling, S.D. 1326.

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. Jackman being candidate. The W.M. gave the charge in a very able manner, likewise the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Spyer was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. J. Petch, W.M.; A. Wolter, S.W.; C. Hiller, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; A. Giddings, S.D.; H. Hunt, J.D.; C. G. Gray, I.G.; C. Weber, W. G. Hiller, R. Loomes, J. E. Sheffield, and J. M. Scarlett.

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. W. G. Hiller as candidate. Bro. Weber answered the 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. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. vacated the chair for a short time in favour of Bro. Scarlett, W.M. elect 1799, who invested officers. Bro. W. G. Hiller was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. Bro. A. Wolter was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. Bro. John Petch, Treas., W.M., was unanimously elected an honorary member as a mark of appreciation of the valuable services he has rendered to the lodge. 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 9th inst., when there were present Bros. G. H. Foan, W.M.; J. Rowe, S.W.; F. M. Noakes, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas., and Sec.; E. J. D. Rymer, S.D.; J. D. Graham, J.D.; G. Stacey, Org.; W. Barringer, I.G.; F. F. Weeks, Tyler; S. Moss, C. Mitchell, F. Buxton, S. Litchfield, W. Hancock, A. Clark, G. H. Reynolds, John Skinner, John S. Cator, W. Higgins, and T. C. Seary.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. T. C. Seary having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. W. Brindley, Preceptor, worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. Brindley worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. S. Litchfield offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bro. C. Mitchell, S.W. 586, was unanimously elected a joining member of the lodge. On rising for the second time, Bro. James Rowe was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**STUART LODGE (No. 1632).**—At the weekly meeting, held at the Victoria Hotel, Farringdon-road, E.C., on Tuesday, the 14th inst., Bro. H. Baldwin, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., occupied the chair as W.M.; C. Frien, S.W.; C. Linsey, J.W.; Edward Pettit, W.M. 1632, acting as I.G.; C. Stuart-Barker, P.M., Sec.; Maurice Spiegel, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; and others.

The 1st Section of the Third Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of raising was very ably performed by Bro. Baldwin, Bro. Barker giving the traditional history. Bro. Charles Frien, S.W., was duly elected W.M. for the 4th of June, Tuesday next, the 21st inst., being at the disposal of the W.M. and officers of the mother lodge.

The 28th inst. being the last meeting this month, the usual smoking concert will be held at the close of the lodge. The joining fee is but one shilling, and all brethren are cordially invited to attend, and will receive a hearty welcome.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Earl of Lonsdale Hotel, Archer-street, Bayswater, W. Present: Bros. G. Davis, W.M.; O. W. Battley, S.W.; C. J. By, J.W.; W. J. Mason, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; J. Bartlett, J.D.; J. Powell, I.G.; E. Rogers, P.M.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; C. Robinson, E. T. Notcutt, H. Guntrip, and W. J. Millington.

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. W. J. Millington being candidate. The charge to the initiate was given by the W.M., Bro. G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor. Bros. W. J. Millington and E. T. Notcutt answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the W.M., Bro. G. Davis, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. J. Millington, 2246, was elected a joining member. Bro. O. W. Battley, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C. Present: Bros. Brewer, W.M.; Marshall, S.W.; C. W. Webb, J.W.; Hobbs, Preceptor; Mapleton, Sec.; Hall, S.D.; De Paiva, J.D.; Godfrey, I.G.; Burne, and Leaver. Bro. Wood was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Leaver acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed in the Second Degree. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Burne acting as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Marshall, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Marshall gave notice that the work would be the ceremony of passing and the explanation of the tracing board. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Wood was elected a member of the lodge. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Dresden, W.M.; Turner, S.W.; Wiggins, J.W.; Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., Treas.; Hubbard, Sec.; Keene, S.D.; Roberts, J.D.; Sidders, I.G.; Betts, Boyce, and Fayers.

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. Betts being candidate. Bro. Boyce answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. Bro. Fayers was entrusted, and the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Keene 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 13th inst. Present: Bros. John Davies, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; J. Sims, P.M.; J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; W. Fayers, S.D.; and T. Jobson, I.G.

The lodge was opened in the several Degrees, and many Sections of the Lectures were worked under the guidance of the Preceptor and the W.M. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. F. Craggs was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Cotton, W.M.; Cox, S.W.; Jennings, J.W.; J. Davies, Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; Austin, P.M., Treas.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Whitell, S.D.; Love, J.D.; Cavers, I.G.; Allman, P.M.; Josey, P.M.; Craggs, Walker, Woodard, Klien, Arnott, Higginson, and C. Rawley Cross, W.M. of the mother lodge. Bro. Jobson was a visitor.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was called off and on. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Jobson, 834, was elected a joining member of the lodge. Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to the W.M., Bro. Cotton, for his excellent working in the chair for the first time in any lodge of instruction. The lodge was then closed.

**LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. Poole, W.M.; Folkard, S.W.; Mitchell, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Harvey, S.D.; Beaven, J.D.; Ellison, I.G.; Cochran, Partridge, F. Hill, H. Mitchell, J. Wright, Smith, Russell, Windsor, Evans, Livett, Donaldson, Spencer, Langdon, King, Beardmore, Coe, and Weeks, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by the Secretary, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Donaldson answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Donaldson duly passed to the Degree of F.C. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the First Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time. Bro. H. Mitchell was elected a joining member. Bro. Mitchell returned thanks, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Folkard, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Folkard, returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and a ballot was taken for £5 ss., surplus funds of the lodge, to be allocated to a life subscription to one of the Charities. The ballot was in favour of Bro. Russell. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**CROYDON.—EAST SURREY LODGE OF CONCORD (No. 463).**—The last meeting of the above lodge for this session took place on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, before adjourning until September next. Present: Bros. Burn, W.M.; Ransom, S.W.; Hooper, J.W.; H. M. Hobbs, Preceptor; Streeter, Treas.; Hawes, Sec.; Lambert, S.D.; Fenn, J.D.; Edridge, I.G.; Bye, Harley, Dyrall, Lloyd, Symmons, Vickers, Dr. Nicols, Budd, Ridpath, Kilvington, Down, Buckley, A. Smith, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bye being the candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Ransom was elected W.M. for the meeting to be held on the 3rd September. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Ridpath, P.M. 2096, W.M. 1799, Prov. G. Stwd., rose, and claimed the indulgence of the brethren for a few minutes as he had a pleasing duty to perform. Some time ago it was suggested that a recognition of something more than the usual vote of thanks should be accorded to Bro. Hobbs, Prov. J.G.W., for his able services as Preceptor, and a small Committee was formed, with Bro. Kilvington as Secretary and himself (Bro. Ridpath) as Treasurer, to carry out this suggestion. He then introduced Bro. J. S. Streeter, P.M. 463, P.P.G.R., who rose, and said that the object of his rising was to second and endorse everything which had fallen from Bro. Ridpath, and that, although this lodge was called No. 463, many members of other lodges took advantage of it to learn their duties, and that when Bro. Hobbs undertook the office of Preceptor he had no easy task before him, knowing full well how much time he must devote to the work. They all knew how well and how ably Bro. Hobbs had done the work in all times and in all weathers; his attendance had been constant—all must appreciate that—and the time and trouble Bro. Hobbs has given to his duties have been recognised by the D.P.G.M. in charge of the province. Bro. Streeter, continuing, said Bro. Hobbs had done his duty in a most unflinching manner, and conferred great and lasting benefits on Masons. He had made the lodge of instruction a most popular institution, and created Masons of a high order, and the good he had done was incalculable. They appreciated the hearty good will with which he had acted as Preceptor. Might he live long, and continue to act in that capacity. Bro. Streeter, in concluding, said he had great pleasure in asking him to accept a gold pencil-case, and also a vellum, and he called upon Bro. Kilvington to read the inscription. Bro. Kilvington then read the inscription on the vellum (illuminated and engrossed by Bro. George Kenning): "Presented to Bro. H. M. Hobbs, P.G.J.W. Surrey, by the brethren of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, Lodge of Instruction, together with a gold pencil-case, as a token of their esteem, and in recognition of the great ability and assiduous attention displayed by him for several years past in his capacity as Preceptor to the lodge. At the same time they tender him their cordial wishes for his prosperity and welfare; and further, trust that he may continue for many years to come to hold that office, which he has hitherto filled with such credit to himself and advantage to those who have attended the meetings of the lodge." The names of all the subscribing members were engrossed on the vellum, headed by Bro. Fred. West, D.P.G.M. in charge of the province. A letter was read from Bro. West, regretting his absence. Bro. Hobbs, in accepting the testimonial, said that the work was initiated in his absence, and it showed that when their Preceptor was away they did not confine their attention to Masonic work. Sometimes, when a Preceptor relinquished office a similar presentation was made, but he hoped, in that case, they did not mean it as "Good-by," for he felt he had yet some years of work before him, and he should esteem it an honour and a privilege to officiate there as Preceptor, and he trusted he might have health and strength to perform the duties. If anything could add to the pleasure he felt in accepting those marks of their esteem, it would be in the fact that Bros. Streeter, Ridpath, and Kilvington were so intimately connected with the matter. Bro. Hobbs, continuing, said Bro. Streeter was quite right when he said that his work had been noticed in high quarters. He was some time ago appointed P.J. G.D., and last year the D.P.G.M., in appointing him P.J.G.W., commented on his duties there. He accepted their gifts, and felt sure they would remind him of many happy hours spent amongst them. The attendance had been very numerous during the session, and it must be deeply gratifying to the Secretary, Bro. Fox Hawes, to see that the care he gave to his work was so much appreciated. He noticed that nearly all those whose names appeared on the vellum were either Past Masters or officers of their respective lodges. Bro. Hobbs' remarks were much applauded. Bro. Edridge proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Streeter—seconded by Bro. Fenn, W.M. 538, and carried. Bro. Streeter briefly acknowledged the compliment, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Testimonial Committee. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

A meeting was afterwards held of the subscribers to the Old England Masonic Benevolent Fund. There were two ballots for Life Governorships drawn, which were in favour of Bros. Edridge and Fox Hawes.

## Royal Arch.

**FIDELITY CHAPTER (No. 3).**—This old chapter met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 3rd inst. Among those present were Comps. J. Heming, M.E.Z.; Pearce, P.Z., acting H.; W. J. Collins, J.; Weeks, P.Z., Treas.; Lieut. W. Williams, S.E.; Birch, S.N.; Radcliff, P.S.; Stevens and Larcol, Assts.; Kinsey, D.C.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P. G.P. Soj. Middx.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Samuel Osborn, F.R.C.S., 1635, and, it proving to be unanimous, he was most impressively exalted. The M.E.Z. is to be congratulated upon the admirable manner in which he conducted the whole ceremony. Comp. Birch made the chapter a handsome and interesting present, being a highly-finished and framed photograph of "The Procession of Scald-Masons," taken from a rare print of George the II.'s time. The gift was received with acclamation, and a vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Comp. Birch. Communications from Comps. Amos, P.Z.; Graves, P.Z.; C. Greenwood, H.; and others were read.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the M.E.Z. eloquently proposed the numerous toasts, which were duly honoured by the companions.

**JOHN HERVEY CHAPTER (No. 1260).**—A meeting was held at the Holborn Restaurant on the 8th inst., when there were present Comps. Jabez Hogg, Treas., as M.E.Z.; D. Glass, H.; H. Frost, J.; Latreille, acting S.E.; J. C. Franks, S.N.; Rev. R. C. Lewis, Chap.; Reep, A.S.; Hill, P.Z.; Carter, P.Z.; Halsey, P.Z.; and Dangerfield.

The chapter being opened, Comp. Jabez Hogg, P.Z., acting as Z., alluded in feeling terms to the death of Comp. F. G. Baker, P.Z., S.E., when it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously—"That this chapter have heard with deep regret of the death of Comp. F. G. Baker, and desire to express their sincere sympathy and condolence to his family in their bereavement." The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows: Comps. Glass, Z.; Frost, H.; Franks, J.; Jabez Hogg, Treas.; O. Latreille, S.E.; F. Taylor, S.N.; J. Heaton, P.S.; Reep, 1st A.S.; Dangerfield, 2nd A.S.; and Whiting, Janitor. Comps. Dangerfield and Godwin were elected Auditors. A P.Z.'s jewel was voted to Comp. Salmon on the completion of his year of office.

Comp. Hill, P.Z., addressing Comp. Jabez Hogg, said it was a source of great gratification to the chapter that Grand Chapter had selected Comp. Jabez Hogg to be a Grand Officer, and the companions had taken that opportunity of making a small tribute of their esteem for his valuable services as Treasurer by presenting him with his Grand Chapter regalia, which had been subscribed for amongst the companions. He hoped he would be spared many years to wear it.

Comp. Hogg replied, and said he felt very much the kindness the companions had shown in presenting him with that tribute of their esteem. It was very gratifying to him to find such a kindly spirit prevailing amongst the companions, and he always looked forward with pleasure to the meetings of the chapter. The present they had given him would be much prized, and he hoped that for many years he might be associated with the companions of the chapter.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet, a very enjoyable evening being spent.

**FARRINGTON WITHOUT CHAPTER (No. 1745).**—This prosperous chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 29th ult. Among those present were Comps. J. Young, M.E.Z.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.Z., P.G.O., acting H. (Hon Member); T. Simpson, J.; T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P. Soj., Middx., S.E., acting P.S.; Webber, S.N.; G. Herbert, F.S.; Nelson Prower, M.A., 1st A.S.; Lane, acting Org., and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot having been taken for Bro. Herbert, 1745, he was impressively exalted by the M.E.Z. The following elections then took place: Comps. J. Lister, M.E.Z.; T. Simpson, H.; G. Herbert, J.; T. C. Walls, S.E.; H. J. Lardner, Treas.; Webber, S.N.; N. Prower, P.S.; Lane, 1st A.S.; Dr. Lott, Org.; and Mallett, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to the M.E.Z. The resignation of Comp. W. Malt-house, C.C., was received with regret. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Comps. H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; J. Lister, H.; and J. Strugnell, P.Z.

The chapter was then duly closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet. The toasts were few, but an excellent programme of instrumental and vocal music was gone through, under the direction of Comp. Dr. Lott, and Comp. Lane.

**SALFORD.—Starkie Chapter (No. 935).**—The regular bi-monthly meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Adelphi-street, on Thursday, the 9th instant. There were present Comps. Evan Williams, Z.; Charles Turner, H.; F. Armstrong, J.; W. Dumville, P.Z., P.P.G. Org.; Thomas Southern, P.Z., Treasurer; F. W. Lean, S.E.; W. H. Malkin, P.S.; Grice, 1st A.S.; W. Craig Royle, 2nd A.S.; and several others. The visitors included Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.D.G.D.C. Eng., P.G.H.; Col. J. L. Aspland, P.P.G. Reg.; Arthur H. Jefferis, P.P.G. Asst. Soj.; N. Dumville, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Blakie, P.A.G.D.G.; E. W. Irving, H. elect 152; and others.

After the chapter had been opened and the ordinary routine business disposed of, Comp. Sillitoe, at the request of the M.E.Z. assumed the First Principal's chair, and exalted Bro. John Ramsbottom, P.M. 325, to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Masonary and afterwards delivered the Historical Symbolic and mystical Lectures in his well known faultless manner. The musical portion of the ceremony was under the direction of Comp. W. Dumville, who presided at the Harmonium, and as there were so many able vocalists present the effect was most pleasing, and could not

fail to make a lasting impression upon the Candidate. At the conclusion of the ceremony a vote of thanks was heartily accorded to Comp. Sillitoe for his attendance and services, after which the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the festive board, where, with so much musical talent present, an enjoyable evening was spent.

**HAMPTON COURT.**—Burdett Chapter (No. 1293).—The May convocation of this chapter was held on Saturday last at the Mitre Hotel, the members present being Comps. Roberts, M.E.Z.; Bilby, H.; Duret, P.Z., as J. (pro tem.); Pearse, P.Z., S.E.; Nilson, S.N.; Walthens, 2nd A.S.; Col. Gordon, P.Z.; Cubitt, Moon, and Francis. Visitors: Comps. Hooper, J. 1326; Richardson, J. elect 720; Dr. Best, P.S. 1549; and Warner, 5. Bro. Milton Smith, of Lodge No. 19, having been balloted for and approved, was exalted to the Supreme Degree by the M.E.Z., the ceremony being performed throughout with great ability and impressiveness, affording pleasure to all the companions present. Comp. Maple, P.Z. and Treas. (who intended proposing two other candidates) was absent on account of the sudden death of his wife, and the companions expressed their deep sympathy for him in his grievous trouble, which was put in the form of a vote of condolence, entered on the minutes of the chapter, and forwarded to him.

Other formal business having been transacted, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to an admirably well served banquet presided over by the M.E.Z. The customary toasts having been proposed and responded to by Comps. Duret, Pearse, Best, the exalte, and others, a very pleasant evening was ended, and most of the companions returned to town.

**BARNSELY.**—Friendly Chapter (No. 1513).—The annual festival of the above chapter was held on Thursday, the 9th instant, in the Masonic Hall, Eastgate. The chapter was opened by the M.E.Z., Comp. T. W. Embleton, assisted by Comps. E. J. Massie, H.; and C. F. Seward, J.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Comp. C. L. Mason, P.P.G.H., P.Z., very ably and impressively installed Comp. E. J. Massie, H., in the chair of Z., and Comp. C. F. Seward, J., in the chair of H., and Comp. B. Smith, P. Prin. Soj., in the chair of J. The M.E.Z. then appointed his officers as follows for the ensuing year: Comps. E. Billington, H. elect 1462; W. H. Tallents, S.N.; W. Senior, Prin. Soj.; Chas. Lingard, 1st A. Soj.; H. Fountain, 2nd A. Soj.; A. W. Gratton, Treas.; Jas. Wood, D.C.; C. W. Fincken, P.P.G. Org., Org.; J. H. Smith and T. Braithwaite, Stewds.; and Thos. Rogers, Janitor.

Apolgies having been read from several companions, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. C. L. Mason, P.P.G.H., for his kindness in attending, which was replied to in very feeling terms.

A banquet was afterwards held in the beautiful dining room of the hall, presided over by the M.E.Z., ably supported by Comps. C. L. Mason, P.P.G.H.; Brook, P.G.J.; J. H. Gratton, P.Z., P.P.G.S.; T. W. Embleton, P.Z.; and others, when a very enjoyable evening was spent.

## INSTRUCTION.

**ANDREW CHAPTER** (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Comps. James Sims, M.E.Z.; W. C. Williams, H.; J. Davies, J.; F. Craggs, S.E.; W. M. Stiles, S.N.; George Read, P.Z., P.S.; and others.

The chapter having been opened, the exaltation ceremony was rehearsed in an excellent manner by all concerned. Votes of thanks were passed to Comps. Sims and Williams, and the chapter was adjourned till the 22nd instant, Comp. Sims being the M.E.Z. elect.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER** (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington. Present: Comps. E. Child, P.Z. 538, M.E.Z.; W. C. Williams, J. 733, H.; W. H. Chalfont, S.N. 975, J.; J. T. Mickelburgh, P.Z. 884, Treas.; H. E. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. March, P.S. 733, S.N.; J. Mickelburgh, P.Z. 834, P.S.; J. R. Allman, 890; 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. Allman being candidate. An interesting discussion took place as to the proper designation being chapter of improvement or chapter of instruction, and the S.E. was requested to obtain an opinion from those qualified to give one on such matters. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

**STAR CHAPTER** (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. There were present Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor and M.E.Z.; T. Grumant, P.Z., H.; Stone, J.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; C. N. M. North, S.N.; C. Woods, P.S.; H. Martin, A.S.; Towers, and Whitby, P.Z.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Towers personating 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. Grumant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The M.E.Z. rose for the third time, and a notice of motion was given that the chapter do adjourn at the end of the present month until September. The chapter was then closed.

## Mark Masonry.

**DERBY.**—Derby Lodge (No. 302).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. C. Webster, W.M.; A. Woodiwiss, Prov. A.G.D.C.; S. W.; R. L. Homer Mole, J.W.; John Walker, M.O.; W. B. Woodforde, J.O.; Rev. Thos. Orrell, Chap.; J. O. Manton, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C., Treas.; Severn Taylor, Reg. of Mk.; C. D. Hart, Sec.; J. P. Fearfield, J.D.; E. J. H. Hoskyns, I.G.; W. Stone, Tyler; Thomas Cox, D.P.G.M.; Percy Wallis, P.G.D. England, P.P.S. G.W.; James Bland, P.M.; and Frank Iliffe.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Abraham Woodiwiss (Mayor of Derby) was elected W.M.; Bros. Manton, P.M., and W. Stone were re-elected Treasurer and Tyler; and two candidates for advancement were balloted for and duly elected, after which an interesting and pleasing little episode occurred. It having been reported that Provincial Grand Lodge had accepted the invitation of the lodge to hold the annual meeting under its banner, Bro.

Woodiwiss, W.M. elect, rose, and in graceful terms begged the lodge's acceptance of a magnificent banner, which called forth the admiration of the assembled brethren, and a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the donor, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by the D.P.G. Master, which Bro. Woodiwiss suitably acknowledged. The banner, which is of rich blue corded pale silk, with the ribbon and fringe of the Degree, has also the name and number of the lodge, the Mark emblems, and a large and well executed painting in the centre of the Derby arms, the "Buck in the Park," and was supplied by Bro. George Kenning.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the lower hall for refreshment, and a pleasant evening was spent.

## Knights Templar.

**HULL.**—Antient York Conclave of Redemption (T.I.).—The installation meeting took place on Tuesday, the 7th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Dagger-lane. Sir Knight Walter Reynolds, P.E.P., P.G. Aide de Camp; occupied the throne, and there were also present Sir Knights Thos. Weatherill, as Constable; F. Blackburn, Marshal; W. C. Whiteside, Chaplain; J. W. Burton, Capt. of Guard; Thomas Oates, P.E.P., Org.; Edward Kipps, P.E.P.; Thomas Thompson, P.E.P.; Lieut.-Col. H. F. Pudsey, Robt. Hudson, G. W. Leng, J. Campbell Thompson, and others.

The preceptory was opened, and a ballot was taken for Comp. John Chappell, De la Pole Chapter, which proved unanimous. The installation of E.P. was then proceeded with, and Sir Knight J. Campbell Thompson was duly installed by Sir Knight Walter Reynolds, after which he appointed his officers as follows: Sir Knights Major W. H. Wellsted, P.E. Preceptor; Lieut.-Col. H. F. Pudsey, Constable; Lars Brekke, Marshal; R. Hodgson, Chap.; Walter Reynolds, Registrar and Treasurer; J. W. Burton, Sub-Marshal; F. Fullerton and J. R. Forman, Heralds; Thomas Oates, Org.; G. W. Leng, Capt. of Guard; and Frater W. Clayton, Equerry. Sir Knight Thomas Oates then gave the final addresses. Comp. H. H. Briggs, of the Kingston Chapter, was proposed as a candidate for ballot at the next meeting.

The preceptory was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to a recherché banquet, presided over by Sir Knight J. Campbell Thompson.

The toasts of "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Grand Officers" having been drunk, Sir Knight Walter Reynolds proposed "The Health of the Eminent Preceptor," who, in responding, observed that he had a special reason for thanking the preceptory for the honour done to him, as he had previously held no high office in the Craft. He said that he had a special and historical interest in the chivalric Degrees, which, in a workaday world, still objectively reminded men of the days when the warrior strength of Christendom found its expressions in the defence of the weak, and the adorations of the pure, and of the time when the sight of an empty sepulchre was the reward of thousands for a life of danger and denial. It had been asked, he said, in the prints of the day, "if chivalry was possible." He believed it was. In ruder times their knightly predecessors laid down its forms, and to-day their followers, if not in the stress of battle, at least in the strain of life, could practise its spirit, and to such practice the memory of their beautiful ritual was no small aid.

Other toasts followed, interspersed with some excellent singing, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**INVICTA CHAPTER** (No. 10).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 3rd instant, at 33, Golden-square, W., when there were present Ill. Bros. Jno. Read, 30°, M.W.S.; C. H. Heard, 30°; E. and P. Bros. H. H. Shirley, 18°; Geo. Powell, 18°, P.M.W.S., and Recorder; Rev. Hirsch, James Shillock; Ill. Bros. Keyser, 30°; Woodford, 30°; Ward, 30°; E. and P. Bro. Spratling, 18°; and Ill. Bro. George Mickley, M.A., M.B., 30°, P.M.W.S. Visitors: V. Ill. Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, 32°; E. and P. Bros. C. B. Cooper, 18°, and Felix Weiss, 18°; and others.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Communications from the Supreme Council were read and received. A ballot was taken for Bros. William Henry Fraser, M.A., Septimus Croft, and A. G. Lacy, which proved to be in their favour, and these brethren, after the necessary intermediate Degrees had been conferred, were perfected as knights of the 18°, the ceremony of perfection being performed by the M.W.S. Consequently upon the death of Genl. John Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., 30°, this chapter is in mourning for 60 days, as a mark of respect for that illustrious brother.

Nothing further offering, the chapter was closed, and the meeting adjourned to Friday, 18th October.

## Allied Masonic Degrees.

### GRAND COUNCIL OF ENGLAND AND WALES, &c.

This distinguished Council met at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on Thursday, the 9th instant. Among those present were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, A. Williams, P.D.G.M.; R. Berridge, P.D.G.M.; C. Driver, P.D.G.M.; C. F. Matier, P.D.G.M., G. Sec.; R. Loveland Loveland, J.P., S.G.W.; T. Cubitt, as J.G.W.; Church, as G.D.C.; Pigeon, Org.; Major Cook; Heard; F. W. Driver, M.A., S.G.D.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, Dr. E. Pocock, M.D., Capt. T. C. Walls, P.A.G.D.C.; C. Belton; Scurrah; Mills; Tyler; and others.

The G.M. in the chair having formally announced that the Grand Council had been specially convened that day to elect a Grand Master, in the place of the late Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., whose demise had created such a wide-spread feeling of sorrow, the election was unanimous in favour of Bro. Col. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, who, having been presented, was ably obligated and installed by Bro. C. F. Matier.

The Grand Master having been saluted, moved a vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal.

This having been seconded, was carried, and a copy ordered to be sent to the bereaved family. The Grand Council was then closed.

## Cryptic Masonry.

### GRAND COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select and Super-Excellent Masters of England, Wales, &c., &c., was specially convened at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 9th instant, when there were present among others, the Rt. Ill. Comp. Col. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, D.G.M., in the chair; Comps. Capt. T. C. Walls, R.P.P.D.G.M.; Alfred Williams, P.G.I.M.; C. Driver, P.G.I.M.; R. Berridge, P.G.I.M.; C. F. Matier, Grand Recorder; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Major Cook, R. Loveland Loveland, J.P.; T. Cubitt, J. S. Cumberland, E. Pocock, M.D.; Carman, Scurrah, Heard, Mills, G.S.; and others.

The R.I.D.G.M. having stated the special object of the meeting, vacated the chair and retired. The election of a M.I. Grand Master, vice Comp. the Rev. Canon Portal, deceased, then took place, and resulted unanimously in favour of Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, who was then presented by Comp. Capt. T. C. Walls, Past. Dep. G.M., to the R.P. Comp. C. F. Matier, who duly obligated and installed his lordship as Grand Master. The G.M. then appointed Comp. Frank Richardson, P.G.I.M., as Dep. G.M. A vote of condolence to Mrs. Portal and family having been passed, the G.M. announced that as the Grand Council of America had abolished the office of Grand Illustrious Master, he was of opinion that it should also cease to form part of the English Grand Council. This was formally put as a motion, seconded, and carried unanimously. The G.M. then stated that he should confer the honorary rank of P.D.G.D. upon all those companions who had held the office of G.I.M., and who would rank after the Immediate Past Deputy Grand Master, Comp. Godson, M.P. The council was then closed.

### THE STAR AND GARTER, RICHMOND.

At the invitation of the proprietor of this famous house, Bro. A. Mella, a numerous company of guests assembled in the grand saloon, on Tuesday evening, to celebrate the re-opening of that portion of the building which was destroyed by fire in the autumn of last year. Special saloon carriages had been provided by the 5.42 train from Waterloo Station, as well as carriages from Richmond Station to the house. On arriving, the company spent a most enjoyable half-hour before dinner in viewing the restored portion of the building, the arrangements and decorations of which reflect the greatest credit on the artists and architect, the large hall and pavilion being perfect in harmonious colouring and furnishing; the view to be obtained from the windows of the grand saloon, or from one of the numerous private dining rooms leading out of the grand central pavilion of the wide spread of woodland, meadow, and river is of unsurpassed beauty and grandeur. Notwithstanding that this favoured spot has been so often sung by the poet and limned by the painter, it never palls on the view, and remains ever fresh and satisfying. In the presence of so much natural beauty, it would have been a misfortune if the grand old house had fallen into the hands of a less capable and energetic proprietor; but Bro. Mella unites artistic feeling with capacity for business, and we have no fear that he will succeed in his enterprise.

The chair at the dinner was occupied by Bro. Broadley, and all who know our worthy brother's talent in word-painting, when he has a worthy subject to inspire him, will not be surprised that he expatiated most eloquently on the historic associations of "Royal," Richmond, and its connection with distinguished persons. Coming to the toast of the evening, he declared that the very name of Richmond was suggestive of feasts at the Star and Garter, of dainty maids of honour, of bright sunshine, of brakes and four-in-hands, and of holiday making. About 1738, there existed on the spot where the hotel now stood an ancient house, which had a pent-house of wood, and which was always given to hospitality. Some time later, a building of two storeys arose, and 89 years since Christopher, the cook of the Duke of York, celebrated the opening of the establishment. The beneficent régime of the family of Ellis followed, and they prospered exceedingly. There were received a great many Royal exiles, and Louis Philippe sojourned there during the first year of his residence in this country. The building was consumed by fire, but, like the mythological bird—the phoenix—the Star and Garter rose triumphant from its ashes, and an edifice very much like the present was the result. Then came the disaster of last year, and it redounded to the credit of Mr. Antonio Mella that he had the courage, assiduity, and good fortune to rebuild the spacious palace. In a few days, within its walls, would be celebrated the Silver Wedding of the Comte de Paris, who had alighted on a spot most intimately connected with his family. Mr. Antonio Mella was not new to enterprises of this kind. He worked hard to sustain the reputation of the Hotel Danieli at Venice; he was manager of the Hotel Meurice, Paris, and he had presided over the culinary destinies of the East Room of the Criterion.

Bro. MELLA responded to the toast, and said he did not despair of making the hotel worthy of its celebrity, and he hoped that his patrons would not only use it for Sunday dinners, but as a general resort.

We may add to this our own hope that his Masonic brethren may as freely use it for their meetings, especially their summer gatherings, where ladies can share in the pleasures of the day.

Mr. WOODFALL afterwards replied for "The Visitors." During the evening the Bandurria quartette played a selection.

The celebration of the 40th anniversary of the accession of his Majesty King William III. to the throne of the Netherlands was celebrated with the utmost enthusiasm throughout the country on Monday, the number of congratulatory addresses received by the King at the Loo from all parts being very great.



In consequence of the severe domestic bereavement of Lord Henniker, V.W. Bro. Charles J. Martyn, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Suffolk, will take the chair at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on Wednesday next.

Bro. Frederic Topham announces his first Dramatic Recital in London, on Monday afternoon next, at 3 p.m., at the Steinway Hall. He starts under distinguished patronage, and we wish him all success.

The new Prince's Club, Knightsbridge, will be formally opened to-morrow (Saturday), when the Prince of Wales and others will be present. Bro. Sir W. Hart Dyke is President, and among the members of the Committee are Bros. Lord Brassey, the Earl of Fife, and Colonel Kennard.

**GOULD TESTIMONIAL.**—The following brethren have recently joined the Committee of this Fund:—H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; Col. R. Townley Caldwell, M.A., G. Supt. Camb.; J. Lambert Sim, P.P.G.W. Surrey, K.C.T.; R. McCoskay Graham, 33, New York; J. B. Mackey, P.M. 257; Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.A., M.P., P.M. 1, P.G.W.; Rev. W. Ronaldson, D.S.G.W. Otago, New Zealand; W. Mattieu Williams, 2076; R. Temple, D.J.G.W. Burma; J. W. Whitmarsh, G. Purst.; W. E. Stewart, F.R.C.S., P.A.G.D.C.; Lord George Hamilton, M.P., S.G.W.; H. Homewood Crawford, J.W. 1, P.G.S.; Josiah Houle, P.M. and Sec. 92; and Harold Carter, P.M. 92.

**WELCOME TO KIMBERLEY.**—A Kimberley newspaper has the following: Among the passengers by the steamship Moor was Bro. Joseph Da Silva, accompanied by Mrs. Da Silva. Bro. Da Silva is well-known in London, particularly in Masonic circles, for in addition to his being the first W.M. of the Barnato Lodge, No. 2265, and one of its Founders, he is a P.M. of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, one of the Founders of the Israel Chapter, No. 205, and a Life Governor of the three Masonic Institutions, besides having served Stewardship for each. Bro. Da Silva intends settling in Kimberley in the share-market, and bears with him the good wishes of all his London acquaintances, in addition to having had several valuable testimonials presented to him prior to his departure.

On Wednesday, H.R.H. the Duchess of Edinburgh opened a bazaar at the Riding School, Knightsbridge, in aid of the Postmen's Rest Houses, in connection with the Jubilee of the Penny Post.

Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead, accompanied by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Gray and Sheriff Newton, arrived at the Mansion House at the conclusion of their visit to Paris, whither they went to visit the International Exhibition. The reception extended to our civic authorities by President Carnot and the Paris municipality was most cordial, while the entertainment given by his lordship in acknowledgment of his hospitable reception appears to have quite won the hearts of the Parisians by its splendour.

Bro. Lawson, M.P., presided at the 17th anniversary festival, held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Monday evening, in aid of the Provident Surgical Appliance Society, which was started for the purpose of enabling the working class to obtain surgical appliances at low rates of provident payment. Subscriptions amounting to £850 were announced in the course of the evening.

Great preparations are being made for the fête which will take place at Calais, on the 3rd June, when President Carnot will visit the town and open the new docks and harbour. Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs are expected to be present, and invitations have been issued to the Mayor of Dover, as representing the Cinque Ports, and a large number of the officers of the Dover Garrison.

Bro. John Aird, M.P., presided at the 19th annual general meeting of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association, in the smaller St. James's Hall, Regent-street, on Tuesday evening, when the report for the past year, which showed that £10,000 was invested, and a further sum of £2000 was lying at the banker's ready for investment, was unanimously adopted.

The Levée on Tuesday was a full one. "George Ranger" and H.S.H. of Leiningen, stood on the left of the Prince of Wales, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimer officiated as Gold Stick, and the proceedings lasted just one hour and five minutes. Freemasons will be interested to learn that "Brother" Sir Albert Woods duly presented "Brother" Fenn; and one of the most striking features of the afternoon was the filing past in an unbroken line of nearly all the officers of the Lotharians and Berwickshire Regiment of Yeomanry Cavalry, headed by their Colonel, the Earl of Haddington. Many of the oldest families in the South of Scotland were represented on the occasion, such as Hope, Baillie, Johnstone of Alva, Hamilton, and Maitland—the last-named family furnishing Lord Lauderdale—who was "presented" on his appointment to a captaincy in the corps. This regiment was formerly affiliated to the 2nd Life Guards, and still wears, with a few modifications, the same uniform as that used by the parent regiment in the days of the Georges, including the tailless jacket so trying to some noblemen and gentlemen. The exceptional privilege of wearing gold lace instead of silver lace was, we believe, granted to the regiment by the first Duke of Wellington, after an extremely favourable inspection. At any rate, the parade of Scotch warriors at St. James's Palace on Tuesday was both picturesque and impressive.—*The World*.

**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, to the great injury of our own working people, 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.—*ADVT.*

On Wednesday, the 8th inst., a meeting of Lodge Prudence and Industry, No. 1953, was held at the Masonic Hall, Chard, Somerset, when Bro. A. P. Judge, S.W., was installed as W.M. The ceremony was performed by Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M., P.J.G.D. Eng. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. H. Warren, I.P.M.; F. Harris Mitchell, S.W.; F. G. England, J.W.; Rev. H. Kilburn Law, Chap.; S. Toms, P.J.G.W., Treasurer; L. G. Derrick, P.M., Sec.; Dominy, S.D.; Plank, J.D.; Hockey, D.C.; George Gawler, I.G.; Drower, Org.; and J. Symes and R. F. B. Coling, Stwds. The usual banquet followed the installation.

We are requested to announce that the Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction now meets at Jupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, on Tuesday evenings. Bro. James Hemming is the Preceptor, and Bro. R. J. Harnell, Secretary.

We recently came to the conclusion that nothing new was possible in the way of exhibitions, from fairs to male beauty shows, but we reckoned without the directors of the Alexandra Palace and the enterprising proprietor of Brooks' Soap, who have arranged for a great monkey show on the 1st June.

Bro. F. A. Jewson has been instructed to make the musical arrangements for the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The seventh annual festival of the Vectis Lodge of Instruction, held under the warrant of the East Medina Lodge, No. 175, was held at the Masonic Hall, Ryde, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., when the Fifteen Sections were worked. It proved a very successful meeting, and several visitors from island lodges were present.

Bro. R. H. Blatchford, P.M. 1196, has been elected on the Vestry of St. Saviour's, Southwark. On the same day he was also elected H. of the Stanmore Chapter, No. 1549. We congratulate him on the double event, which took place on the 8th inst.

The Queen held the third Drawing Room of the season at Buckingham Palace, on Tuesday, having left Windsor Castle for the purpose in the morning. The attendance was much more numerous than usual, and when the ceremony was over her Majesty took a drive along the Thames Embankment in order to see the improvements which have been made, and afterwards in Hyde Park, her reception everywhere being most cordial.

Bros. Viscount Powerscourt, the Hon. F. S. A. H. Tracy, M.P., Lord Hothfield, C. C. Cotes, V. A. Williamson, Lord Herschell, and Lord Burton were among the members present at the third meeting this season of the Fox Club at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Saturday evening last.

To-morrow (Saturday), the Queen will lay the memorial stone of the new school buildings at Eton, which are being erected in Keate's-lane. Her Majesty will be received by the provost and head master, and an address of welcome read by the captain of the school. The new buildings include a museum, lecture hall, drawing school, and chapel, and their erection will cost about £23,000.

The English Horse Show Society have organised a fine exhibition of hunters, hackneys, carriage horses, and fast-trotting cobs and ponies at Olympia, Kensington, which was opened on Wednesday, and will remain open till Tuesday next. Among the exhibitors are Bros. the Earl of Shrewsbury, Earl of Lonsborough, Lord Brooke, M.P., and W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P.

We regret to hear that, owing to a chill caused by the recent cold winds and a return of the fever contracted while in India, Bro. the Earl of Jersey has been confined to his rooms for some days, and it is possible his lordship may be prevented for a time from presiding over the Lords' Committee on Private Bills, of which he is Chairman.

The Princess of Wales sent a contribution of glass and china ornaments to the French sale of work which has been held this week in the Kensington Town Hall, in aid of the unendowed French Protestant Institutions in London.

Bro. Lord Robartes presided at the third annual dinner, held in Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Monday evening, in aid of the Blind Pension Society, Bro. the Earl of Haddington being one of the principal guests. The Duke of Grafton thanked the Chairman for his services, and announced that several legacies, including one for £1000, had recently been left to the Charity.

In the absence of Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead, in Paris, Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., presided at a meeting held at the Mansion House, on Tuesday afternoon, on behalf of the London Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the Lady Mayoress, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and the Countess of Aberdeen being among those present on the platform.

**THE ROYAL FOREST HOTEL, CHINGFORD.**—Now that we are having something like spring weather, and the country everywhere offers so many attractions, we must remind our readers that some of the prettiest scenery within easy access of London is to be found in and around Epping Forest, and those who may be inclined to vary the routine of business by a day's outing in the country will find this locality as well adapted as other suburban pleasure resorts for this purpose. There is a cheap and frequent train service which will take them to Walthamstow and Chingford, and from the latter of these places it will not be difficult for them to take incursions into the Forest, visiting places of special interest on the way. If they prefer it, they can enjoy a few hours' drive through the Forest on the Royal Forest Hotel Four-in-Hand, full particulars about which and its times of departure and return will be readily furnished by the proprietor of the hotel. Or, if they wish to go together in a party to dine or breakfast, or for an evening assembly, they will find the Royal Forest Hotel will be glad to provide them excellent accommodation, and that all their wants and tastes will be studied with the utmost care. In particular, we can recommend it as an hostelry, at which a lodge may hold its summer banquet. The rooms are commodious and well appointed, the cookery and wines excellent, and the country all round most attractive.

The 31st Anniversary Festival of the Home for Incurables was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday, when subscriptions amounting to £3784 were raised for the charity.

H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, accompanied by their Royal Highnesses the young Princesses and Prince George of Wales, witnessed the performance of "Sweet Lavender" at Terry's Theatre last Saturday evening.

Mr. Wm. Sapte, jun., is to produce a new four act play of his own at the end of the month at a matinee, probably at the Haymarket. Amongst the artistes engaged are Miss Mary Collette, Miss Schubert, and Bro. Fuller Mellish.

The East Surrey Lodge of Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 463, has closed for the season.

We regret to announce the death, on Saturday last, quite suddenly, at the Westminster Palace Hotel, of Bro. Robt. Paulson Spice, M.I.C.E., at the age of 75. Bro. Spice was well known in Masonic circles in London, and he took special interest in the Mark Degree. His genial qualities and varied experience of men and things at home and abroad made him an enjoyable companion, and he will be greatly missed for a long time to come.

The funeral of Bro. Walter McDougall took place on Saturday at Lower Norwood Cemetery, the principal mourners being Mr. Percy McDougall (the eldest son), Mr. Isaac McDougall, Mr. Fred McDougall, and Mr. Archibald McDougall (brothers). The chapel was filled with old friends, amongst whom were many representatives of the London Rifle Brigade, the Norse Rowing Club, North London Rifle Club, the City of London Rifle Association, and the London Rifle Brigade Lodge. The Rev. G. Streatfield (vicar of St. Emanuel, Streatham Common) officiated. The deceased, it may be mentioned, joined the Rifle Brigade in the year 1870. He was well known as an enthusiastic and successful rifle shot. He gained the "Sixty" badge in 1877, finishing well up for the Queen's Prize in the final stage. As a member of the Middlesex Rifle Association, and as a member of the county team, he held a leading place; last year he won the Aggregate Bronze Badge of the Association.

We are asked to announce that Bro. Binckes, P.G.S.B., &c., will work the ceremonies of consecration and installation, at the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, 1044, to be held at the East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, Wandsworth, on Tuesday next, May 21st, at 7 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

"Mignonette" at the Royalty is an instance of trying to make bricks without straw. If the author and composer, Messrs. Oswald Brand and H. Parker, think the London public will put up with such inferior stuff for comic opera they have found out their mistake. The less said about such a work the kinder. The artistes are all of them capable. Mr. J. S. Robertson's splendid tenor voice never has a chance. The same can be said for Mr. Pope, the bass singer. Miss Ada Lincoln helps as best she can to pull the opera (?) through, and Miss Agnes Oliver is very vivacious with her singing, and worthy a much better work. Not even that clever comedian, Bro. Lionel Brough, can hope to run the piece. Certainly he is, as always, funny, but is entirely thrown away on such sorry stuff. There is a bevy of prettily dressed choristers, but we cannot see anything but the closure to put on "Mignonette."

Bro. Lord Brassey's yacht, the Sunbeam, arrived at Portsmouth from Gibraltar on Sunday, and his lordship immediately proceeded to Normanhurst Court, where his son, the Hon. T. A. Brassey, is lying ill of typhoid fever, though, happily, the patient is progressing satisfactorily.

**PRESENTATION TO A SECRETARY.**—At the regular meeting of the Southgate Lodge, No. 1950, held at the Railway Hotel, New Southgate, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., the members of the lodge, through the W.M., Bro. W. Lewis, presented their Secretary, Bro. A. Trewinnard, with a very handsome Secretary's jewel. In making the presentation the W.M. alluded to the ability which Bro. Trewinnard had brought to bear on his Secretarial duties, and the assiduity with which he had discharged them. The W.M. also spoke in the highest terms of the esteem and respect in which their Secretary was held by all the members of the lodge. Bro. Tibbets, P.M., in endorsing the remarks of the W.M., referred to the unselfish devotion to his duties which Bro. Trewinnard had always displayed, and reminded the brethren with what skill he had advised the management of the lodge, during a temporary period of trouble through which it had passed a year or two ago. Bro. Trewinnard (having had the jewel pinned to his breast) in a very few words thanked the brethren for their acknowledgment of his services, and expressed the wish that he hoped to wear it, and to be amongst them for many years to come. The jewel, which was of solid gold, bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. A. Trewinnard by the brethren of the Southgate Lodge, in recognition of valuable services rendered as Secretary, also as a founder. May 2nd, 1889."

The Medical Battery Company, Limited, in order to make further important advancements in the practice of medical electricity, and to obtain power to carry out Mr. Harness' idea of establishing a Free Electropathic Hospital, have found it necessary to alter their Memorandum and Articles of Association. To meet the requirements of the Joint Stock Companies' Acts the Directors have had to conform to the legal formality of re-registering the company. Mr. C. B. Harness has been appointed President of the Company, and the title, capital, directors, and shareholders, remain the same as before. It is intended to still further extend the spacious premises of the company, known as the Electropathic and Zander Institute, 52, Oxford-street, London, W., so as to meet every possible requirement for the perfect treatment of disease by electricity.

**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 to 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 escaping from suffering when afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other chest complaints, by which the health of so many is seriously and permanently injured in most countries.—*ADVT.*