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The approaching Festival of the R.M.I.B.

It is to be hoped that, now the affairs of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys are for the time being in the hands of an influential Committee which, at the earliest possible opportunity, will report to the Court of Governors the steps they consider necessary and desirable to restore its administration to something like order, we shall hear no more of Stewards withdrawing and lodges refusing to contribute to the funds of this Charity. It is perfectly well known that, quite apart from the difficulties which have been directly caused by the recent attacks on the management, the funds of the Institution were very seriously affected by the desire of the Craft generally to celebrate the Centenary of the Girls' School in a manner worthy of the Institution and of the Society which had founded and supported it with such conspicuous success. No one has ever had the slightest idea of grumbling at this desire to benefit the senior Charity on so important an anniversary; but it would be absurd to ignore the fact that the occurrence of the Boys' Anniversary last year within three weeks of the Girls' Centenary was detrimental to its interests, and we have all been anxiously looking forward to this year's Festival on behalf of the Junior School, in order to restore its funds to a condition of equilibrium. Till lately, we believe, the efforts made in this behalf had been fairly successful, and even now, notwithstanding the few defections that have taken place, and the angry comments which have been rife as to the incompetency of the administrative Committees, the Board of Stewards, mainly owing to the exertions of Bro. BINCKES, the Secretary, is upwards of 300 strong—we believe it was 310 on Saturday last—while there is ample time for other brethren to come forward and give the services which are so sorely needed. Last year, it must be remembered, the subscriptions and donations announced at the Festival were under £8700, which, quite apart from any question as to the rate of expenditure having been too high or the money having been extravagantly disbursed, is not a sum sufficient for the maintenance of a School of 260 boys. Therefore, the deficiency of means, owing to the smallness of last year's Festival receipts, to defray the expenditure of last year must be made good, while enough must be raised in order to supply the ways and means for the year which is current. There should be no difficulty about the accomplishment of this task with a Board of Stewards, which, as we have said already, exceeds 300 brethren, and as there is an excellent Chairman, whose interest in all our Charities is recognised everywhere, we trust Bro. BINCKES will have the satisfaction of announcing a result more nearly approaching to those of his most successful years than was the result of last year's Festival.

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The Government of the Boys' School.

We have every reason to be satisfied with the result of the proceedings, if not with the manner in which they were conducted, at the Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 6th inst. We had previously expressed our belief that it was desirable, and indeed necessary, that the Report of the PHILBRICK Committee of Inquiry should be adopted, and it was adopted at the Court referred to. And afterwards, when sundry insane proposals which would have had the effect, as we have already described it, of abolishing everything and everybody connected with the Institution, were brought forward, there opportunely appeared on the scene a *deus ex machina* in the person of Bro. BEVIR, P.G. Sec. Wiltshire, who moved the appointment of a Provisional Committee, consisting of about 20 influential brethren in whom the Governors generally have the most implicit confidence, which should watch over and protect the interests of the Institution, administer its affairs, and consider and report to a subsequent General Court the steps which, in their opinion, seem necessary in order to give effect to the recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry. This motion was at once carried, and we understand this Provisional Committee has already held one, if not two, meetings for the purpose of making the requisite arrangements to carry out the duties they have undertaken. But our readers must not imagine that because, under the pressure of moderate counsels, matters have thus far gone smoothly, and the Provisional Committee have begun their task of restoring

something like the semblance of order to the government of the Institution, there are no further difficulties to contend with. The situation, as it now is, bristles as it were with difficulties, and it will need the exercise of all the ability and ingenuity, as well as of all the patience and forbearance, which the governing authorities, both permanent and provisional, may possess in order to place the School on its old footing of prosperity. One of these difficulties is the question of House Committee or no House Committee, to which we referred at length in our article of last week, and though towards the close of that article we remarked, "Of course the position has been altered by the result of the Special General Court of Thursday, and the management of the Institution may be said, at the present moment, to be as it were 'in Commission,'" we are very certain the appointment of a Provisional Committee has not removed and, in the event of friction arising between the Provisional and the regular Committees, will be found to have aggravated this difficulty. We are of opinion that, as the House Committee elected in June, 1888, completed its year of service on the 1st inst., there is not at this moment any such body in existence, but we are likewise of opinion that as the General Committee, which elects the House Committee, has the power of adjournment, and in the exercise of its discretion did adjourn the business appointed to be done on the said 1st instant till the first Saturday in July, it will be the duty of the General Committee to elect 12 of the brethren nominated in accordance with the law at the regular meeting in May, either on the first Saturday in July, to which the business appointed for the first Saturday in June now stands adjourned, or at some subsequent meeting to which it may be further adjourned. Thus, in the event of the General Committee exercising its powers and electing a new House Committee, either on Saturday, the 6th July, or some subsequent day, there will be two rival managements, one by the House Committee regularly appointed by the law, and one by a Provisional Committee appointed by a Special General Court, which does not possess the power to make a new law or abrogate or alter an existing one, and which is therefore incompetent to appoint a Committee which shall provisionally administer the affairs of the Institution in place of, or at all events in opposition to the will of, the regular House Committee. On the other hand, there are those who maintain that the House Committee elected at the General Committee in June, 1888, remain in office until their successors are appointed, just as the W.M. of a lodge remains in office not only for the year for which he was elected but until his successor has been installed. This is distinctly provided in the Book of Constitutions, but the absence of any such distinct provision in respect of the House Committee from the laws and regulations of the Institution for Boys, is, in our opinion, a fatal objection to the view of these brethren. If, however, we accept their view, for the sake of argument, that the House Committee of last year are still in office, the difficulty will be even greater. In that case we already have a Provisional Committee, which has no legally defined status as regards the government of the School, and a House Committee, the nature and extent of whose duties are clearly defined by the laws of the Institution, and which cannot be superseded or abolished until a law to that effect, of which due notice must be given, has been passed by a General Court, and confirmed by a subsequent General Court. We have placed both these opinions thus lengthily before our readers—(1) our own opinion, that there is not at present a House Committee; (2) the opinion of others, that the House Committee elected in June, 1888, remains in office till a successor has been appointed—in order to give them some idea of one of the chief difficulties by which the Institution is surrounded. Then there is the Finance and Audit Committee, which consists of nine members of the General Committee, and is elected annually, in the same manner and on the same day as the House Committee. In this case the same brethren as served last year were nominated this, so that the question whether there is or is not a Finance and Audit Committee does not arise, or, at all events, is not so pressing. Six of this Committee have announced their intention of resigning, and the law provides for the filling up of the vacancies thus caused, as it does for vacancies on the House Committee. There is, therefore, nothing to prevent the Finance Committee—whether complete or incomplete—from discharging its appointed duties, and nothing to compel it to pay the slightest attention to the wishes of the Provisional Committee. To crown all, there is in the midst of all this uncertainty and the very pronounced antagonism which exists between sundry of the officials and a section of the Governors and Subscribers, the annual Festival rapidly approaching, and unless matters are reduced to something like ship-shape between now and then, the chance of a very poor Return to meet the heavy expenditure of the year is probable. However, the difficulties on which we have laid particular stress are not insuperable. Assuming our view that there is no House Committee is correct, then the General Committee can keep on adjourning the election of a new one till the Provisional Committee have reported what they consider necessary to be done. If there is a House Committee, then let the members accept the position, and, effacing themselves for the time, leave the management in

the hands of the Provisional Committee till the latter have made their report. Let the Finance Committee follow the example of the House Committee, and when the scheme of reform is ready there will be ample time to grant a legal indemnity to both those who may have done more than their prescribed duty and those who may have done less. In the meantime, let all combine together in order to secure the success of the Festival on Wednesday, the 3rd July.

Since the above article was written, the news has reached us that the remaining members of the House Committee held a meeting on Wednesday at Freemasons' Tavern, and resolved to hand over the entire management of the Institution to the Provisional Committee appointed at the Special General Court of Governors and Subscribers on Thursday, the 6th inst. We cannot avoid expressing our satisfaction at the adoption of one of the alternative courses we recommend above, and at the consequent avoidance of all possibility of friction between the Committees.

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Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. WE understand that a joint conference has been held between the House and Audit Committees of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, with the object of seeing if any improvements can be introduced for the benefit of the Institution.

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The Punjab Masonic Institution. WE congratulate Bro. E. WOODALL PARKER, Dist. G.M., Punjab, President, and the Vice-Presidents, Governors, and Subscribers generally, of the Punjab Masonic Institution for the Maintenance and Education of the Children of Deceased and Indigent Masons, on the very satisfactory position to which the Institution has attained during the past few years. It is evident that very great care is exercised by the authorities in the management of the Charity, nearly the whole of the expenditure being incurred on behalf of the children who are elected to the Charity. Of these the number in 1888 was 27, an increase of one annually having taken place since 1884, when it was only 23, and as the funds are in a healthy condition, it was determined, at the annual meeting in February, that it should be further increased by the election of all the candidates—who were seven as against three vacancies—to 31. The receipts for 1888 amounted to upwards of 13,831 rupees, of which all but about 2250 rupees, representing interest on investments, consisted of subscriptions and donations from the Craft. The expenditure was over 6272 rupees, of which 5838 was disbursed for the children in school fees and board, travelling expenses, and clothing, the bulk of the small remainder consisting of 263 rupees for printing and postages, and 120 rupees for the Clerk's pay. Thus, there remained at the close of 1888 a large balance in hand amounting to considerably more than one-half of the Receipts, and this, in accordance with the rules of the Institution, will be invested, raising the total of investments from 61,600 rupees to 68,809 rupees. It appears also that the Rules and Regulations have been carefully revised and approved, and only await the necessary confirmation in order to become operative, so that we may reasonably look for a further period of still greater prosperity under the new régime, seeing how much has been done under the old. In any circumstances, great credit is due to our Punjab brethren for having organised and maintained so successfully a Charity which is conferring so large an amount of good on the children of poor and deceased brethren, and we trust their annual reports will never prove to be less satisfactory than that we have had the pleasure of reviewing for the year 1888.

REVIEW.

ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM.

We are pleased to greet the first part of the second volume and to acknowledge that the indomitable Secretary, as the editor, still gives an immense amount of valuable material for the careful digestion of his numerous readers.

The annual report and balance sheet are of a very favourable character, better indeed than we had anticipated, after publishing so much during the past year; so that all things considered, and though the four figures of members has not been reached, the Quatuor Coronati Lodge continues as great a success as ever, and the importance of its meetings, the value of its papers, and the influence of its literature generally, are such as to amply repay its founders.

The permanent and Audit Committee did their work thoroughly, the result being a very full statement of all the accounts under their several departments of 1, Library; 2, Reprints; 3, Transactions; 4, Medals; 5, Correspondence Circle; 6, Lodges; and 7, Cash Account.

The chief paper is on "The Worship of Death," by the gifted W. Master, Bro. William Simpson, R.I., his illustrations being numerous, most suggestive, and all of a special character: beyond question, the elaborate essay is a very valuable contribution to a very curious inquiry, but we do not think it quite suitable for a full discussion of the numerous points raised in our columns, much as we admire the research, ability, and ingenuity displayed in its production. The discussion was of a peculiarly interesting character. We quite take the view of the matter propounded by Bro. Gould as a justification of the paper. "The one great and pressing duty of the Freemasons was, he thought, to try and recover the lost meanings of many Masonic symbols, and to do this effectually it would be desirable to ascertain whether the symbolism they possessed became theirs by inheritance, or was the accidental product of adoption (or assimilation.) If their symbolism was inherited, then the analogous customs of remote antiquity should form the subject of their study and investigation."

The W.M. was able to hold his own, notwithstanding the stiffness of the discussion, and the lodge owes him a debt of gratitude for the pains he has taken with respect to the subject.

Bro. W. H. Rylands has concluded his "Word on the Legends of the Compagnonnage," and like all that brother undertakes the paper is thoroughly done. The result of his exhaustive researches are noted in the conclusion to his paper. He states that the legend of Maître Jacques is of Provençal origin, and considers the legend of Mary Magdalene (also of Provençal) was the original, so to speak, of that of the Compagnonnage, but, though cleverly contrived, "is of comparatively late date." Even its prototype was not of remote antiquity, and almost certainly "not earlier than the 17th century." Finally, after having spent a considerable amount of time on the subject, and though he has given an immense quantity of detail and facts in the paper, now completed, his material is still far from being exhausted, so we may yet be favoured with more interesting matter. He unhesitatingly affirms that

While admitting that the Society, with a *devoir*, and perhaps some legend from the Temple of Solomon (though I think this unlikely) may have existed for several hundred years, I cannot help thinking, in the present state of our knowledge, and the materials we present, that it is quagmire, if not a quicksand.

The valuable Paper should be read most carefully and critically, side by side, with Bro. Gould's great history and Bro. Speth's admirable addresses on the Compagnonnage, so that the matter might be well considered from all of the numerous standpoints.

In the Reviews is a capital notice of Bro. Norman's "History of the Royal Union Lodge," Cheltenham, by Bro. G. W. Speth, and two critical examinations of Bro. Hughan's last work—"Engraved List of Lodges, A.D. 1734," by Bro. Lane and Bro. Gould. Two more competent brethren could not be found to write on the question, and as both are lavish in their praises, we may take it for granted that this souvenir is deserving of all that has been so kindly expressed about its contents. Bro. Lane's review especially is particularly descriptive, and will doubtless prove most welcome to students of this important branch of Masonic literature.

The Secretary, also, has a very friendly notice of Bro. Finlayson's "Symbols and Legends of Freemasonry," commending it highly as introductory to a more massive work on the subject, so that, what with Papers and Reviews, there is no lack of material, and, as all bears the stamp of careful preparation, No. 2076 may be congratulated once again on the conspicuous merits of its publications.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at Tewkesbury. An interval of eleven years had elapsed since a similar meeting had been held in the old town, the occasion then being the re-opening of the Abbey Church after its extensive restoration, in which restoration the Masons of the province had taken part by contributing to the repair of the Chapter House. The previous visit had been a memorable one, from its association with a work national in its importance. On the present occasion the Tewkesbury brethren sought to make the occasion worthy of remembrance by those who took part in it by the thoroughness of the welcome offered to their visitors. Provincial Grand Lodge had been called for half-past two o'clock, but accompanying the summons to the meeting a circular had been sent in the name of St. George's Lodge, No. 900, notifying the fact that the brethren of that lodge had arranged to hold a Lodge of Recreation, in the shape of a water trip on the Severn, in the steamboat Ceres, which Bro. W. Rice had kindly lent for the occasion; and they intimated that they would be pleased to have the company of the brethren proposing to attend Prov. Grand Lodge. In response to this invitation, and under the genial encouragement of glorious summer weather, nearly 100 of the brethren had joined the Ceres when, shortly before 11 o'clock, she steamed from the town quay on her way down the Severn. Many of the guests had already driven a fair day's journey to join the party, and others had travelled by rail from the southern extremity of the province, and to such the opportunity for refreshment, which the hospitality of the Tewkesbury Lodge had provided on board, was especially acceptable. The programme provided for a trip down the river as far as Wainlode-hill, with a short halt en route at Deerhurst; but the stay at Deerhurst was so far extended that Wainlode was not reached. Those who have visited Deerhurst, and who can appreciate the attractions of its pre-Norman chapel and church, will scarcely be surprised at the departure from the programme which was thus caused. Those who availed themselves of the opportunity of going over the old buildings were courteously met by the vicar, the Rev. G. Butterworth, who took evident pleasure in briefly telling what is known of the history of the abbey of which the old buildings formerly formed a part, and describing and explaining their architectural details. On the return passage up the river, time permitted for the extension of the trip a little beyond Tewkesbury, past the in-take of the Waterworks owned by the Cheltenham Corporation at the Mythe, and under the graceful bridge, designed by Telford, which 70 years ago was opened by the then Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. Quarington, "in the presence," as the reporter of the day tells us, "of an incalculable assemblage of well-dressed persons."

The water party found a large number of brethren who had not been able to join in the morning's excursion awaiting their return at Tewkesbury, and when Prov. G. Lodge opened there was a very large attendance, including, as a visitor, the Prov. G. Master of Worcestershire, Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere. Those of the Provincial Officers present included: Bros. the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M., presiding; R. V. Vassar-Smith, D.P.G.M.; T. G. Seymour, P.M. 1363, Prov. S.G.W.; P. Millman, P.M. 855, Prov. J.G.W.; T. Nelson Foster, P.M. 839, P.P.G.W., Prov. G. Treas.; J. B. Winterbotham, P.M. 82, P.P.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.; E. Denning, W.M. 951, Prov. S.G.D.; E. Wittichell, P.M. 702, Prov. G.D.C.; W. Kenwick, I.P.M. 493, Prov. G.S.B.; J. A. Matthews, 82, Prov. G. Org.; and B. London and J. Nichols, Prov. G. Stwds.

Prov. Grand Lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last annual meeting at Stow-on-the-Wold, and of the special meeting at Cheltenham, in December last, having been read and confirmed, the report of the Prov. G. Treas., Bro. Nelson Foster, was presented. Notwithstanding some exceptional items of expenditure, the report showed a balance in hand of nearly £100. The report was received and adopted with a vote of thanks to the Treasurer. Then the report of the Prov. Charity Secretary, Bro. Vassar-Smith, D.P.G.M., was also submitted and adopted. It showed a steady year's work and a balance of £138 in hand upon the Provincial Benevolent Fund. The report of the Brook Smith Memorial Fund Committee was similarly presented. It contained a record of the ceremony of unveiling the memorial window in the Parish Church of Cheltenham, in March last, and conveyed an expression of thanks to the Parish Churchwarden and sidesmen for their co-operation. There was a balance of a few pounds in the hands of the Treasurer, which it was determined to apply to the Provincial Benevolent Fund.

The election of a Prov. Grand Treasurer was the next business, and Bro. Nelson Foster was unanimously re-elected.

Bro. Phillips was re-elected Prov. Grand Tyler.

The usual Charity votes having been passed, Bro. Nelson Foster withdrew a resolution, of which notice had been given, in favour of discontinuing the printing of a summary of the proceedings of Prov. Grand Lodge.

The roll of the lodges of the province having been called, the P.G.M. proceeded to the appointment of the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers for the ensuing year, explaining that in the case of the appointment of the Prov. S.G.W. he had departed from the rule which required the personal attendance of the recipient of office, under especial circumstances, and because he had desired to pay a compliment to Bro. Lord Fitzhardinge, as W.M. of Lodge 270, in the year of its centenary.

The following are the officers appointed :

Bro. Right Hon. Lord Fitzhardinge, P.M., W.M. 270...	Prov. S.G.W.
" F. Moore, P.M. 900 ...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. E. H. Hawkins, 702...	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. H. C. Fisher, P.M. 702 ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Nelson Foster, P.M. 82 ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. B. Winterbotham, P.M. 82 ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. L. Bretherton, P.M. 839 ...	Prov. S.G.D.
" F. Fenner, W.M. 246 ...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. C. Ferris, I.P.M. 1005 ...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" A. R. Grieve, I.P.M. 702... ..	Prov. G.D.C.
" E. C. Cripps, W.M. 592 ...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" S. W. Woods, I.P.M. 1067 ...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" J. Brend Batten, P.M. 82 ...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Henry Perrett, P.M. 855 ...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. A. Matthews, 82 ...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Weston, P.M. 839 ...	Prov. G. Purst.
Bros. H. Luker, 1005; D. Chandler, 900; and G. C. C. } Pike, 839	Prov. G. Stewards.
Bro. H. Phillips	Prov. G. Tyler.

The remaining business having been disposed of, P.G. Lodge was closed. The brethren subsequently sat down to banquet at the Swan Hotel.

Between 6.30 and 7.30 Bro. Hemingway gave a recital on the organ of the Abbey, which was attended by a large number of the brethren, and afterwards the old bowling green was visited, and a friendly game of bowls played between several of the lodges.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

The meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, at Grimsby, on Thursday, the 6th inst. Bro. W. H. Smyth, D.L., Prov. Grand Master, presided, and was supported by a very large number of Present and Past Prov. G. Officers. Every lodge in the province was represented, about 260 brethren being present.

The statements of the Prov. G. Treasurer, Bro. C. M. Nesbitt; the Prov. G. Reg., Bro. H. Watson; the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. B. Vickers; and the Prov. G. Steward, Bro. H. E. Cousens, having been received, the P.G.M. announced that the office of D.P.G.M. had been rendered vacant by the resignation of Bro. Major E. Locock, whose failing health compelled him to relinquish the duties. He had intended investing Bro. Sissons with the office, but a family bereavement had rendered that impossible, and he had therefore selected Bro. James Fowler as his Deputy.

Bro. J. FOWLER having been duly installed into the office, was presented with "The hearty good wishes" of all the lodges in the province. It was resolved to present Bro. H. E. Cousens with a jewel, in recognition of his services as Charity Steward during a period of two years. Bro. C. M. Nesbitt was re-elected Treasurer. It was decided that the Girls' Institution should be the Charity to receive the support of the province during the year, and Bros. H. F. Bellamy and J. Ward were elected Prov. Grand Stewards.

The Prov. G.M. then appointed and invested the Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year.

It was announced that Prov. G. Lodge would next year be held at Sutton Bridge.

The lodge was opened by Bro. J. B. Morton, W.M., and the officers of the Pelham Pillar Lodge, who entertained the visiting brethren in a most hospitable manner.

By permission of the Prov. G.M. the brethren were subsequently grouped and photographed in their Masonic clothing.

The usual banquet took place in the Town Hall, 178 brethren being present.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. ALKMUND LODGE, No. 2311, AT WHITCHURCH.

On Thursday, the 6th inst., a Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Town Hall, Whitchurch, by Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., when an addition was made to the roll of lodges by the consecration of the St. Alkmund Lodge, No. 2311, to meet at Whitchurch.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, when letters of apology were read for unavoidable absence from Bros. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., P.S.G.W.; H. E. Roberts, P.J.G.D.; J. Sewell, P.P.G.O.; J. Machin, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. C. Royle, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Drew, P.P.G.D.; L. E. Wollstein, P.S.G.D.; J. H. Williams, P.P.G.D.; W. J. Ogg, P.G. Stwd.; W. Westcott, P.G. Stwd.; H. G. U. Elliott, P.G. Std. Br.; L. A. Manning, P.G. Std. Br.; T. J. Barnett, P.G. Purst.; Col. G. G. Warren, P.P.G.W.; A. Marston, P.P.G.D.; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; J. B. Meredith, P.P.G.C.; E.

J. Webb, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. C. W. Lister, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Deedes, J.W. 262; R. King, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. D. Andrew, P.S.W. 336; T. C. Bird, P.G. Stwd.; P. M. Berkley, W.M. 262; A. C. Spaul, P.P.G.R.; F. R. Spaul, P.P.G.R.; T. Collins, P.P.G.W.; W. L. Southwell, P.P.G.W.; and others.

There were about 80 brethren present, representing the whole of the lodges of the province, amongst whom were

Bros. Rowland G. Venables, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M.; E. C. Peele, P.J.G.W.; the Rev. J. T. W. Claridge and the Rev. Dr. R. Lucas, P.G. Chaplains; V. C. L. Crump, P.G. Treas.; E. A. Hicks, P.G.R.; W. H. Spaul, P.G. Sec.; Thomas Whitefoot, jun. (Mayor of Bridgnorth), P.G.D.C.; A. T. Akeroyd, P.A.G.D.C.; Frederick Cox, P.G.S.B.; W. Belton, P.G. Org.; A. B. Townsend, P.A.G. Sec.; J. Avery, P.G. Purst.; H. Major and S. Bennion, P.G. Stewards; George Bonner, P.G. Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. Salmon, P.G. Treas. North Wales; H. C. Lisle, P.P.G.D. Cheshire; W. Dunning, P.P.G.O. Cheshire; Robert Fendelow, P.P.G. Std. Br. Cheshire; L. H. Iait, P.P.G. Steward Cheshire; J. H. Cooksey, P.P.G.R. Shropshire; Thomas Roberts, P.P.G.D. Shropshire; T. Pratt, P.P.G. Std. Br. Shropshire; T. Warren Thompson, P.P.G.D.C. Shropshire; John Ginders, P.P.G.D.C. Shropshire; James Smart P.P.G.O. Shropshire; W. Norton, P.P.G.P. Shropshire; and W. Putman, P.P.G.D. Shropshire.

The founders of the lodge were Bros. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., V. C. L. Crump, P.G. Treasurer, W.M.; M. H. Davenport, S.W.; John Brayn, J.W.; T. B. Stevens, Treasurer; Barrow Jones, Secretary; W. Belton, P.G.O., D.C.; W. A. Powell, S.D.; Arthur Joyce, J.D.; T. T. Chubb, I.G.; Walter C. Joyce and W. Adams, Stewards; Thomas Evans, Tyler; W. Baxter, Charity Representative; Frank Maddox, C. B. Bulkley, P. W. Godsall, and C. H. Hines.

The Prov. Grand Lodge business having been disposed of, the ceremony of consecration was performed by Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, assisted by Bro. W. H. Spaul, Past A.G.D. of C.

The brethren of the new lodge were then arranged in proper order, and the CONSECRATING OFFICER addressed the assembly as follows:—We are assembled upon an occasion at all times most interesting to Freemasons, namely, the consecration and formation of a new lodge, for which it has pleased the M.W.G.M. to grant a warrant. I shall now proceed to perform the requisite ceremony. I now call upon the Past A.G.D. of C. to read the petition and the warrant.

This being done, the brethren of the new lodge signified their approval of the officers named therein.

An excellent oration was delivered by Bro. Dr. LUCAS, P.G. Chaplain.

After this the 133rd Psalm was sung, and the ceremony was then proceeded with, Bro. the Rev. J. T. W. CLARIDGE, acting as Prov. Grand Chap., repeating the prayers necessary and duly censuring the Lodge.

The ceremony of consecration being ended, and the Prov. Grand Lodge closed, the W.M. designate, Bro. V. C. L. Crump, was installed as Master of the new lodge by Bro. R. G. Venables, D.P.G.M. Bro. Crump, having been duly installed, then invested the officers as given above amongst the founders.

Six joining members and five gentlemen for initiation were proposed.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Consecrating and Installing Officers, and the various brethren who had so ably assisted them.

The transaction of the remaining business having been completed, the members and friends, numbering about 70, sat down to a banquet at the Fox and Goose Hotel, when, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured,

The W.M., in proposing the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," said that Freemasonry possessed many watchwords, and that amongst the foremost was loyalty; as Freemasons they yielded to none in cordial and loyal devotion to their Queen and Country, and by none would the prayer of "God save the Queen" be more fervently uttered than by the loyal-hearted brethren then assembled.

The brethren were then called upon to honour the toast of "The M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." The W.M. said that under no previous Masonic government had Masonry so flourished as under the happy rule of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. His genial, frank, and open-hearted disposition had gained the fraternal love and admiration of all brethren who had had the honour of coming in contact with him. He had abundantly proved himself worthy of his high position; and when in course of time he would be called upon to take a still higher station, he would undoubtedly prove himself a worthy son of a worthy sire—an honour to himself and an honour to the nation over whose destinies he would be called upon to preside.

The W.M. next proposed "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, Dep. Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said if there was one thing more than another that the Grand Master could be congratulated upon, it was on the exceedingly happy and wise selection of his Grand Officers. One and all possessed high qualities, whether they judged them as men or Masons, and the highly successful manner in which the business and duties of Grand Lodge were carried out called for their warmest admiration. As Shropshire Masons they were proud to have amongst them representatives of Grand Lodge, in the persons of their P.G.M., Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart.; their D.P.G.M., Bro. R. G. Venables, P.A.G.D.C.; Bros. W. H. Spaul, P.A.G.D.C.; and Bodenham.

Bro. W. H. SPAULL, P.A.G.D.C., responded.

The toast of "The R.W.P.G.M. of Shropshire, Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart.," was very heartily received. The W.M. said the reception that the brethren had given at the bare mention of the toast testified more than words of his could express as to the regard and esteem that Shropshire Masons entertained towards their Provincial Grand Master. The satisfactory manner in which Sir Offley discharged the arduous duties of the various offices with which he was connected in Masonry, sufficiently proved the great interest that he took in all that related to the welfare of the Craft in general, and this province in particular. In him they, as Masons, had an example worthy of imitation, for whatever amount of labour the requirements of his high station demanded, he never shrank from it, not even when called upon to preside over one of their great Masonic Festivals, which they would recollect he so successfully did in 1887; or as they had seen him that day actively engaged in the work of consecrating a new lodge. Such conduct would always ensure, not only the homage and respect due to his exalted rank, but also the goodwill and fraternal affection of all Shropshire Masons.

The P.G.M., in reply, expressed his sincere thanks for the hearty and cordial reception given to him, and stated how delighted he was to see Freemasonry increasing and flourishing in the Province of Shropshire. Since he had the honour of being appointed Provincial Grand Master this was the second lodge added to the list, now making in all one dozen lodges. He thought from what he had heard that day that the prospect of Masonry in Whitchurch was a very good one, and personally he was exceedingly pleased that the efforts made to establish a new lodge had been so successful.

The S.W., Bro. DAVENPORT, next rose, and proposed the toast of "The Dep. P.G.M., Bro. R. G. Venables, P.A.G.D.C., and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," coupling with it the name of the D.P.G.M., who briefly replied on behalf of the P.G. Officers.

The P.G.M. then proposed "The W.M., Bro. V. C. L. Crump, and Success to the St. Alkmund Lodge, No. 2311." He heartily congratulated the brethren of St. Alkmund Lodge on the selection of their first W.M. He had known Bro. Crump for many years in connection with Masonry, and how actively he had always been engaged both in lodge work and also in the necessary and important work that had to be done out of lodge. He could not say in which department of work he excelled most, but he could truly say that he excelled in both. Under the able management of so zealous and experienced a Mason, and from what he had heard that day, he believed a very successful future would be the

result. It afforded him much pleasure to propose the health of the W.M., and success to the St. Alkmund Lodge, No. 2311.

The W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said that words failed to express the deep sense of gratitude that he felt for the exceedingly kind and flattering terms which the P.G.M. had used in proposing the toast. Speaking of himself, the W.M. said that the one object, the one aim, of his Masonic life, had been to endeavour to render himself useful in the cause of Masonry, and that it was a source of great satisfaction to him to think that his humble services had been so appreciated, otherwise he should not be occupying the proud position that he now enjoyed. To be the first Master of a lodge was an honour that fell to the lot of very few Masons. He had accepted the trust with a full sense of the responsibilities attached to the office, and with a full determination to try and discharge the duties of the Master's chair to the best of his ability, looking for no other reward than the knowledge that he had merited the confidence of the brethren of St. Alkmund Lodge, and to prove to them that their first choice had not been an unworthy one. The prospects of the lodge were certainly of a most satisfactory and inspiring character, for that day they started with 16 founders, six joining members, five initiates, and two hon. members, and all must admit that that must be considered a very fair commencement. In concluding the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visiting brethren," and, on behalf of the lodge, bade them a hearty and cordial welcome, expressing the hope that No. 2311 would be honoured on many future occasions with their presence.

Bro. SALMON, P.G. Treas. North Wales, responded.

The other toasts were "The Founders and Officers of the St. Alkmund Lodge," proposed by Bro. AVERY, and responded to by Bro. BRAYN; "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. NEWMAN, and responded to by Bro. BAXTER; the concluding being the Tyler's toast.

During the evening songs were sung by Bros. Dunning, H. Major, Edisbury, Chubb, and Powell in a very admirable manner.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held—by invitation of the Drifelt Lodge—in the Temperance Hall, Driffield, on Tuesday afternoon, the 28th ult. There was a large attendance of members, who were mourning for the late Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, P.G.M. The Prov. G.M., Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W., accompanied by Bro. R. G. Smith, P.G.D., D.P.G.M., and the Present and Past Prov. G. Officers, entered the lodge, and opened the proceedings.

After the minutes had been read, and other business transacted, the Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested the following Provincial Grand Officers:

Bro. H. O. Piercy, W.M. 291 ...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. B. Dyson, P.P.S.G.D.	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" J. Sugdon, W.M. 281 ...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" T. M. Goldie, W.M. 277...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" R. Wilkinson, W.M. 276...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. E. A. B. Pitman, 277	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. Marshall, 277 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. W. Walker, 277 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. R. Dippie, W.M. 95 ...	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" D. W. Dixon, York T.I. ...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Captain Coster, 281 ...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" T. H. Dunn, 95 ...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" H. Cowper, P.S.W. 276 ...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" H. C. Pickersgill, S.W. York T.I.	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" G. H. Potts, 291 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. Lackenby, York T.I....	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Rennison, 337 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. J. Marshall, 277 ...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" J. Verity, 95 ...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" R. Braithwaite, 276 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" E. H. Spiegelhalter, 277 ...	...	...	
" W. R. Lane, 281 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" Jos. Kirby, 291 ...	...	...	
" W. Stockdale, 277 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The minutes of last Provincial Grand Lodge showed that the strength of the province was then as follows: York, T.I., 68 subscribing members; Star in the East, No. 95, 45 subscribing members; Middlesborough, No. 276, 29 subscribing members; Fitzwilliam, No. 277, 31 subscribing members; Beverlac, No. 281, 32 subscribing members; Drifelt, No. 291, 24 subscribing members; Streonshalh, No. 337, 20 subscribing members; grand total 249.

The brethren afterwards, to the number of about 40, attended a banquet at the Bell Hotel, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master.

The list of toasts was as follows: "The Queen and Mark Masonry;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M.;" "The Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past;" "Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Prov. G.M. North and East Yorks.;" "Bro. R. G. Smith, P.G.D. England, Deputy Prov. G.M., and the Newly-Appointed Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge;" "Bro. J. Woodall Woodall, P.P.G.M.;" "The W.M., Past Masters, and Brethren of the Drifelt Lodge, No. 291;" and "The Visiting Brethren."

CONSECRATION OF THE SWINDON KEYSTONE MARK LODGE, No. 401, AT SWINDON.

The above lodge was consecrated on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Swindon, the Consecrating Officer being the Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W. M.M.M. Eng., assisted by Bros. Pierrepont Harris, P.G.D., as S.W.; Leon, P.G.D., as J.W.; Rev. John A. Lloyd, P.G. Chap.; Robert Berridge, G.D. of C.; W. Bambridge, Org.; and Surgeon-General Ringer, W.M. 177, I.G. There were also present Bros. John Chandler, P.M. 178, W.M. designate; Henry C. Tombs, S.W. designate; J. Campbell Maclean, J.W. designate; Cope-Procter, P.M.; Prower, H. Bevir, W. Lovegrove, Northam, H. Kemble, A. Plummer, R. Merriman, E. Jones, A. Barns, W. E. N. Browne, and J. H. Chandler, P.M. 178.

Previous to the consecration ceremony, a meeting was held, at which the following brethren were balloted for as joining members: Bros. W. J. Lovegrove, 259, and W. T. Bambridge, 178; also for advancement to the Degree of M.M.M.: Bros. A. Plummer, H. Kemble, R. W. Merriman, E. Jones, A. Barns, F. E. Streeten, W. E. N. Browne, and W. H. Kinneir, with the exception of Bros. Streeten and Kinneir, who were unavoidably prevented from being present, the brethren before named were ably advanced by Bro. J. Chandler, P.M. 178, acting as W.M., who also advanced Bro. J. Dean to act as serving brother.

The lodge having been called off, there was an interval until three o'clock, the hour fixed for the ceremony of consecration, shortly after which time

The CONSECRATING OFFICER addressed the brethren assembled on the object of the meeting, congratulating the founders on the prospects of an excellent future for the lodge, which started under auspicious circumstances. He lamented the death of one of those who had signed the petition praying for the warrant of constitution—Bro. William Nott, a P.G.D. of England in the Mark Degree, so well-known in the cause of Charity in Wiltshire—and he proceeded by calling upon Bro. Berridge, G. Dir. Cers., to read the petition and warrant.

The founders having signified their approval of the officers named in these documents, and an interesting oration on the details of the building of the First Temple having been given by Bro. Rev. JOHN A. LLOYD, the lodge was solemnly dedicated and constituted in the usual form.

Bro. MATIER then placed the W.M. designate, Bro. John Chandler, in the chair, and subsequently gave the addresses in his customary able manner.

The Worshipful Master thereupon invested the following officers: Bros. Rev. John A. Lloyd, I.P.M., acting Chap.; H. C. Tombs, S.W.; J. C. Maclean, J.W.; H. Bevir, M.O.; W. Lovegrove, S.O.; W. Bambridge, J.O.; H. Kemble, Treas.; A. Plummer, Sec. and Reg. of Mks.; R. W. Merriman, S.D.; E. Jones, J.D.; John H. Chandler, P.M., D. of C., Org.; A. Barns, I.G.; and Dean, Tyler.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the Consecrating Officer and other Grand Officers for their assistance, and to Bro. J. A. Lloyd for his oration.

A Committee was appointed to frame the by-laws, "Hearty good wishes" were given by various visiting brethren, amongst whom Bro. Leon, P.G.D. Eng., Prov. G. Sec. Jamaica, West Indies, and Bro. Pierrepont Harris, P.G.D. Eng., M.M.M., were warmly greeted, and the lodge was closed in the usual manner.

The brethren then adjourned to the Goddard Arms Hotel, where a capital banquet was served. Bros. Bambridge, Northam, and others contributed to the harmony of the entertainment, which closed at an early hour, many present having to catch trains to London and elsewhere.

The usual loyal and other toasts were duly honoured, and three brethren consented to serve as Stewards at the next Mark Benevolent Festival.

MASONIC BROTHERHOOD.

From an address by Rev. Bro. J. B. Muir, Grand Chaplain, before the Grand Lodge of Quebec, January 30th, 1889.

The great fundamental principle of Masonic brotherhood is belief in, and reverence for, God, the Great Architect and Governor of the Universe. This is its primordial doctrine, its keystone and life's blood. Its two guide books, as to knowledge and conduct, are the light of Nature in matter and man, and the Volume of the Sacred Law. In the full sweep of its kindly and fraternal sympathy, Masonic brotherhood is interested in man, as man wherever he is found. Being diffused, as the light is diffused, all over the globe, it recognises no geographical, no ethnic, and no sectional boundaries. But while it implies and asserts the universal brotherhood of man, Masonic brotherhood emphasises the inner and closer brotherhood of its own members, not in a union merely, but in a unity of good fellowship and mutual helpfulness. Its two poles are, therefore, spirituality towards God and morality towards man. A good Mason, in the nature of the case, cannot possibly be a bad man. Further, the Masonic brotherhood enjoins the duty of cultivating the liberal arts and sciences. It seeks, therefore, not merely the guiding of the conscience, but the education of the intellect. Our lodges should, therefore, be not only rallying centres, where members of the mystic tie may meet for mutual recognition and encouragement, but radiating centres, whence flow out streams of benignant light upon the paths of knowledge, and virtue, and benevolence.

With this summary of the principles of our Order as Masons, I now come to consider the duties of the Masonic brotherhood. The first duty I notice is that we should be loyal to the Order, its customs and ancient landmarks; the second is, that we should be kind and considerate to all the members of the Craft. "Behold," says the Volume of the Sacred Law, "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." As some of our brethren are in difficulties and distress, we should be ready to assist them with our counsel, and, if need be, with our substance. Here is presented to us a widely extended field for the cultivation of the finer sentiments of our hearts. Indeed, brotherly love, relief, and truth are amongst the most precious and the most prominent possessions to be found in the ark of Masonry. The Volume of the Sacred Law contains these words—"We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves." This doctrine, although it antagonises the well-known statements about "the weak must go to the wall," and "the survival of the fittest," is, nevertheless, at the basis of that beautiful blossoming of Masonic charity, whose fragrance, I trust, is felt and enjoyed in every lodge of Masons throughout the world. The third duty is to be loyal to the country where its members reside. I have had no acquaintance with the Free and Accepted Masons of continental Europe, and cannot, therefore, see anything about their political views and aspirations. From my knowledge, however, of the brethren of this continent and of the United Kingdom, I am warranted in affirming that there are no men in the neighbouring republic more loyal to the constitution and flag of the United States, and there are no men in the empire of Great Britain more loyal to their Queen and the flag of their country, than are the members of our Masonic Brotherhood.

I notice, fourthly, and in few words: It seems to me that when we consider the wealth, intelligence, virtue, and number of Freemasons all over the world, they might be an important factor in preventing unrighteous wars. Ruskin, the great art critic of England, says in effect in one of his works, that if the women of that country were to use their great influence in the interests of peace, they could overturn any jingo policy of the government. Whether that be so or not, I cannot dogmatically affirm; but, tentatively, if the members of the Masonic brotherhood the world over were to combine, and to give no uncertain sound in regard to the cruelty and injustice of any contemplated war, they could do something to prevent the breaking out of hostilities. "Peace and good will" is our motto to all the sections of the scattered family of man.

The last duty I notice is that the Masonic brotherhood should be in the van in promoting universal brotherhood. When in ancient Rome the poet Terence used this expression, "*Homo sum humani nihil a me puto*," it was received with hearty applause. And why? Because there was a touch of nature in it, and that makes "the whole world kin." In these days men are being brought together as they never were before, and, as a consequence, a mighty impetus has been given to the progress of universal brotherhood.—*Voice of Masonry.*

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New Zealand.

MASONIC RECEPTION OF BRO. LORD ONSLOW.

The brethren of Auckland have given Bro. Lord Onslow a reception worthy of his high rank in the Craft, and his deserts as an enthusiastic Freemason. At the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge, held on 5th March, it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. W. P. Moat, P.B.G.P.—“That the Board of General Purposes be instructed to make proper arrangements for the fitting reception of our future Governor, Lord Onslow, and that an address be prepared for presentation to him, welcoming him to our shores, and expressing our unabated loyalty to the throne and to the Grand Lodge of which he is so distinguished a member.”

As soon as it was known that his lordship had landed in Australia, a meeting of the Board of General Purposes was held, when it was resolved that an address should be presented to him on his arrival, and that he should be invited to a banquet. A cablegram was accordingly dispatched, and his Excellency at once accepted the invitation.

The Provincial Grand Masters of the Irish and Scottish Constitutions were invited to concur in making the address a joint one from all the Freemasons of Auckland district, a proposition to which they at once consented. The brethren of the Mark Degree, who seem to have a peculiar affection for his lordship, on account of his antecedents in connection with their Order, determined also to present an address. It was further arranged that the brethren, in regalia, should line the approaches to Government House on his Excellency's arrival on 22nd April, closing in as his Excellency passed through, and that the addresses should be presented by the District and Provincial Grand Masters at the door, so that he might really be welcomed on his arrival at his home in the midst of his brethren. This programme was carried out, the Mark Masters being stationed close to and within the entrance.

THE MASONIC RECEPTION.

The brethren of the three Constitutions assembled in the Freemasons' Hall, shortly after nine o'clock, and here they were suitably arranged in their respective orders and lodges, and proceeded to Government House, lining the entrance in open order up to the verandah. The English Grand Lodge was represented by Bros. G. S. Graham, D.G.M.; W. Lodder, D.D.G.M.; H. G. Wade, D.G.S.; Rev. C. M. Nelson, Rev. W. Tebbs (the latter also appearing as P.G.C. of Somerset); Clark, and Warren. The Irish Constitution was represented by Bros. G. P. Pierce, P.G.M.; Powley, Mitchell, Dr. Kidd, and A. Brock. The Scottish Constitution was represented by Bros. the Hon. Sir Frederick Whitaker, P.G.M., and M. Niccol, D.P.G.M.; the other officers of the Grand Lodge taking up their positions with their respective Craft lodges.

The bands and troops marched past Government House without stopping, and when his Excellency's carriage arrived a halt was made, and the viceregal party having alighted, were greeted with cheers, and Lord Onslow was at once received on the verandah by the District and Provincial Grand Masters, and Bro. G. S. GRAHAM, advancing, addressed his Excellency. He said that to him had been entrusted the pleasing duty of presenting an address from the Freemasons of Auckland. He then read the address, which was handsomely bound in blue and gold, and ornamented with Masonic emblems. The text was as follows:

“To the Right Worshipful Brother the Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow, P.G.S.W. of England: Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—On behalf of the Freemasons of Auckland, we beg to offer you a cordial and fraternal welcome to New Zealand. We hail with great pleasure the advent of so distinguished a brother in Freemasonry as yourself, and we cannot but feel that your residence amongst us will tend to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Craft throughout the colony. With hearty good wishes for the health and happiness of yourself, Lady Onslow and family, and trusting that your sojourn amongst us may be every way agreeable and enjoyable. We have the honour to subscribe ourselves, Right Worshipful Sir, yours truly and fraternally—G. S. Graham, D.G.M. (E.C.); G. P. Pierce, P.G.M. (I.C.); and Fred. Whitaker, P.G.M. (S.C.).”

His LORDSHIP read the following written reply:

“Worshipful Brethren,—It has afforded me sincere pleasure to receive in your name, representing as you do the important District Grand Lodge of Auckland, so cordial and fraternal a welcome on landing on the shores of New Zealand. It shows, if proof were wanting, that brotherly love, the first principle of Freemasonry, is as strong in this important province of the Empire as in the heart of the Grand Lodge of England itself. As a Grand Warden of that lodge, it will be a pleasure to me to express to his Royal Highness the Grand Master the satisfaction which I feel in learning that Freemasonry in New Zealand does not yield in vigour, in prosperity, or in loyalty to any of her sister colonies in Australasia.—ONSLow. Auckland, April 22nd, 1889.”

The Rev. C. M. NELSON then advanced to his excellency to present the address from the Mark Master Masons. He said in the absence of the P.G.M., Bro. F. W. F. Dawson, who was on duty at the Easter encampment, it was his pleasing duty as D.P.G.M. to present this address from the Mark Master Masons of Auckland:—

“To the R.W. Bro. the Hon. the Earl of Onslow, K.C. M.G., P.G.S.W. Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—It affords us great pleasure, on behalf of the Mark Master Masons of Auckland, E.C., to welcome you to New Zealand. The great interest you have always taken in Mark Masonry, and the exalted position you occupy in connection with the Degree, is already well known to and highly appreciated by us. You come amongst us, worshipful sir, not as a stranger, but as a brother, who has made such a mark in our Order as can never be effaced; and whilst we honour you as the representative of our Gracious Majesty the Queen, we would beg you to accept our most sincere and fraternal regards as a representative of that Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of which we have the honour to be humble but loyal members.—(Signed) F. W. E. Dawson, P.G.M.; C. M. Nelson, D.P.G.M.; W. P. Moat, P.G.D., P.G. Treasurer; T. W. Kitt, P.G. Swd. Br., P.G. Secretary.”

Lord ONSLOW replied as follows:

“Worshipful Brethren,—I have received your friendly and fraternal address with feelings of no small gratitude. To be welcomed, not as a stranger, but as a brother, in a

land where I am not personally known, adds another proof of the value to all men of being included within our Degree. Cemented by this common bond, I am led to hope that my brethren of the Craft, who are so numerous, so influential, and so widely spread throughout the colony, will be favourably predisposed towards my humble efforts worthily to represent her Gracious Majesty; that they will not readily mark whatever may be done amiss, but will rather seek to interpret all actions in the spirit suggested by the principles inculcated by our Order.—ONSLow. Auckland, April 22, 1889.”

Lord ONSLOW then retired into Government House, and the brethren, re-forming procession, returned to Freemasons' Hall, where, after disrobing, they separated for the day.

THE BANQUET.

given by the District Grand Lodge, took place in the Auckland Choral Hall, on the 23rd.

His Excellency, accompanied by Capt. Saville, A.D.C., arrived, and was received by Bro. W. P. Moat, P.B. of G.P., and Chairman of the Reception Committee, and escorted to his seat by Bro. G. S. Graham, Dist. G.M., who was accompanied by Bro. G. P. Pierce, P.G.M., I.C., and Bro. Sir Fredk. Whitaker, P.G.M., S.C., and attended by six Stewards, &c.

Bro. Graham presided, and on his right was Lord Onslow (the guest of the evening), Bros. Sir F. Whitaker, Rev. C. M. Nelson, and M. Niccol. On his left were Bros. G. P. Pierce, Rev. W. Tebbs, and W. Lodder. The vice-chairs were occupied by Bros. Clark and Skinner. There were about 140 brethren seated at the tables in regalia, and on the stage were about 30 ladies.

Bro. B. J. Esam officiated as Director of Ceremonies and Toast Master, and performed his duties in a most satisfactory manner.

At half-past nine o'clock, just before the speaking commenced, the Countess of Onslow arrived, and was received by the brethren upstanding. She was escorted to the platform, and took her seat beside Miss Whitaker, Mrs. Graham, and Mrs. Pierce.

The CHAIRMAN proposed the toast of “Her Majesty the Queen,” which was loyally drunk, the band playing the National Anthem.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed the toast of “The Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England and Grand Patron of Irish and Scottish Freemasons.” He said that they all experienced the care and recognition that they had received from the Grand Lodge of England presided over by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. This was, of course, so far as the English Constitution was concerned, but he was also Patron of the other Orders, and his loyalty and fealty extended to the Craft amongst the whole human race. The interests of Masonry here were as carefully looked after by their Grand Master as if they were not 16,000 miles away from where he resides.

The toast was responded to with Masonic honours, the band playing “God bless the Prince of Wales.”

Bro. GRAHAM, on rising to propose the toast of the evening, was received with cheers. He said: Brethren, at my initiation into the mysteries of our ancient Order, some 31 years ago, it never occurred to me that I should have such an important and pleasant duty imposed upon myself as that of having, on behalf of the Freemasons in this province, to propose the toast which I am about to do. In doing so, I trust the brethren of the three Constitutions will make all allowances for any errors of omission or commission. We have assembled this evening to welcome our noble guest, who is a worker in the Craft. I cannot help looking back to the earliest recollections I have of Auckland, and comparing the reception we afforded yesterday to that of our first Lieutenant-Governor, Captain Hobson, in 1840. My memory is but that of early childhood, and I think there are some, my seniors, here, who may have to speak this evening, can set me right if those memories of an infantile period are incorrect. However, brethren, I give them to you as I can. In that early date there was a reception, and the whole of the inhabitants made a special holiday of it, and welcomed with the same loyalty as we do this day the representative of our beloved Queen and country. I cannot say that so far as guard of honour, triumphal arches, or the ladies they could bear comparison with the present; still, they were there; and though we had not the excellent band of to-day, and guard, we had a few soldiers and a drummer and fifer. If my memory serves me correctly, Governor Hobson was so escorted to the tune of “The King of the Cannibal Islands,” and the ladies, principally represented by aboriginals, were, though dressed in a primitive manner, still in the fashion of the time. Brethren, you may say, “What has this to do with Masonry and the subject?” It is simply to illustrate that in that early stage there were germs of making this a glorious country—a Britain of the South. The early settlers had their vicissitudes, those remaining amongst us reaping the rewards of their labours. Concurrently with this our Order was established, and has progressed until we have attained that proud position of having District and Provincial Grand Lodges for the three Constitutions, with interest held conjointly for the benefit of the Craft, and whilst emulating each other in their working, still do so with all brotherly love and harmony. We see around us to-night the results. We are favoured with the presence of ladies, and especially Lady Onslow, supporting us in our proceedings. Though we have had several Governors heretofore, we have not had the privilege to welcome one who has taken such an interest in the Craft. You have no doubt noticed, as I have, the number of farewell banquets given to our illustrious brother before his departure from England, and the expressions of regret which were given, but their loss is our gain. But, brethren, words fail me to express on your behalf our feelings towards him. I can only say we hope his identifying himself with this, the land of our adoption, will be conducive to his and Lady Onslow's health and happiness. He can be fully assured we, as Masons, will be all ready and willing to assist him with the right hand of fellowship, and with the heartiest good wishes of the Craft. I propose the toast of “Our Guest.”

The toast was responded to with Masonic and musical honours.

The CHAIRMAN said he had received a communication from the Grand Lodge of Westland, containing hearty good wishes and welcome to Lord Onslow, and he had also received a similar communication from Te Awamutu Lodge.

Lord ONSLOW, on rising to respond to the toast of his health, was received with loud cheers. He said: Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—I need hardly tell you how gratified I felt when I learnt of the early steps which you

took to welcome me on my arrival as a Mason, for although I was assured of your loyalty, and knew that when fully invested I would not fail to meet with manifestations of loyalty, yet I felt some misgivings as to the manner of the reception which would be given to the humble individual who for the next five years is to do his best to represent her Most Gracious Majesty in this colony. When I found such an influential section of the community prepared to accord me such a welcome, it gave me encouragement to proceed with my task, and it proves, if proof were wanted, how the Craft gives welcome help when required. I recollect when I was initiated, I asked some of my elder brethren what was the use of Freemasonry. Of course I understood all about the dinners given at Oxford and Cambridge, but my elders then told me that the time would come when I would appreciate the benefits of belonging to the Masonic body, and, brethren, that day came to me on the 22nd of April, 1889, in the cordial welcome which I received from you and the citizens of Auckland. Your kind invitation by cablegram seems to have induced other public bodies to send similar ones, for it was shortly followed by one from the Auckland Racing Club, and at their meeting I for the first time saw that ingenious machine you call the totalisator, and if I continue on the same favourable terms on which I commenced, I shall have no reason to regret my acquaintance with it. Let me thank you and the citizens generally for the great kindness I have been met with. I have met with offers of sports and amusements from all quarters, but all my life I have been a man of business, and my duty is to proceed without delay to the seat of Government and take office. I have seen your magnificent town and harbour, and I learn that it has one characteristic with Wellington in that it possesses a Government House. I think wherever Englishmen are found they will continue the same, whether under the Northern Star or the Southern Cross, and none will be more anxious to lend help to each other than the brethren of the Craft. We all know the great interest which is now being manifested in drawing the mother country and the colonies together. Let us not overlook one of these bonds which has for its principles good fellowship and federation, which are those of the symbols and emblems of Freemasonry, and which shall combine throughout the whole Empire of our Empress Queen.

Lord ONSLOW, on rising to propose the next toast, was received with renewed cheering. The toast was “The Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, and their representatives in this colony.” He said: Wearied as you must all be with the sound of my voice, I have to propose this toast. I confess I feel in a somewhat difficult position as a member of the Grand Lodge in proposing what might appear to be my own health. But I have been at Grand Lodge meetings when this toast was proposed, and when there were fewer to drink it than those who sat down. However, I obey the commands of the W.M., and ask you to drink the toast of the Grand Lodges and their worthy and able representatives in this colony.

Bro. GRAHAM, on behalf of the District Grand Lodge (E.C.), remarked that it was now 12 years since the Grand Lodge was formed in Auckland. He was pleased to see the cordial welcome which had been accorded to their guest, and might add that the District Grand Lodge had risen to success, and had achieved the object for which it was instituted. He thanked them for the manner in which they had responded to the toast.

Bro. G. P. PIERCE said, as representative of the smallest constitution in New Zealand, it afforded him great pleasure to rise and return thanks. There was one peculiarity about it, however, and that was that it was the first constitution of Freemasonry established in New Zealand, for Lodge Ara was the first lodge established, and Sir Frederick Whitaker was its first Master. The fact of its being the first lodge was disputed by the Pacific Lodge in Wellington, but by records which had been exhumed it was now found that the Ara was the first lodge of Freemasons in New Zealand. The Irish Constitution, as he said, was the smallest in New Zealand. It had only one Provincial Grand Lodge, and one P.G.M., and he was not an Irishman. It afforded him great pleasure to visit the lodges in the South, and he could assure their guest that from Invercargill to Auckland he would find the same loyalty and devotion to her Majesty, and also to their mother constitutions of the old country. An abler speaker was to follow him, and, without further remarks on his part, he thanked them for the manner in which they had responded to the toast.

Bro. Sir F. WHITAKER was received with applause. He had two duties to perform—first, to return thanks for the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and next for himself as P.G.M. He might say that he had met with every consideration from the Grand Lodge, and the most satisfactory relations existed between the Grand Lodge and the Provincial Grand Lodge. With regard to himself, allusions had been made by Bro. Pierce about his (Sir F. Whitaker's) experience as a Mason. He was an English Mason, and he became an Irishman, and now he was a Scotchman, and reference was made to how they got along, but it so happened that the D.G.M. of the English Constitution was a Scotchman, his friend, Bro. Pierce, the P.G.M. of the Irish Constitution, was an Englishman, and he himself, the P.G.M. of the Scotch Constitution, was an Englishman. This showed that they were not exclusive. Whether the Ara or the Pacific Lodge was the oldest was a matter of dispute, but he was the first Englishman who was Master of an Irish lodge in New Zealand. He had now been a Mason since 1838, and if there were any older present he would like to see them. He felt obliged for the manner in which the toast had been responded to, and expressed his great pleasure with the cordial reception which was always accorded to him, not only by his Masonic brethren, but by the public of Auckland on all occasions.

Bro. M. NICCOL, S.P.G.M. (S.C.), proposed the toast of “The Ladies,” and referred to the gratification which they all felt in having so many of their lady friends present; above all, in seeing amongst them the Countess of Onslow, and he trusted it was not the only occasion on which they would see her the guest of Auckland, and that they would see her ladyship and Lord Onslow housed in Government House, that commodious establishment which was prepared for them.

Bro. BROCK, P.M., responded for the ladies.

The band then played “Auld Lang Syne,” and as Lord and Lady Onslow retired they played the National Anthem.

This brought the proceedings to a conclusion, and the Caterer and Managing Committees were warmly congratulated on all sides.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

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June 15th, 1889.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

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AT THE TOWN HALL, TWICKENHAM,

On SATURDAY, JUNE 29th,

At Three o'clock p.m.

By command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master,
HOWARD H. ROOM, P.M.,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

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tary on or before June 26th, otherwise it will be impossible
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There will be a short Service at the Parish Church,
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MORNING DRESS.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

Provincial Grand Lodge of London and the
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1889, at 2.30 for 3 p.m. precisely, and the R.W. Prov.
G.M. desires the attendance of all duly qualified Brethren.Names and addresses of Candidates with name of Lodge
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July next.The ANNUAL BANQUET will be held at the Zoological
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To Correspondents.

W.M. No. 72.—While agreeing with much that our
correspondent writes, we think nothing is now to be gained
by attacks on individuals. The Provisional Committee,
composed as it is of brethren who possess the entire con-
fidence of the Craft at large, can be trusted to protect the
interests of the Subscribers on the one hand, and on the
other to see that no injustice is done to individuals.

Several communications unavoidably stand over.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Tyler," "New Zealand Freemason," "Proceedings of the
Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, 1889," "Key-
stone," "Masonic Chronicle" (Ohio), "Liberal Freemason,"
"Revista Masonica," "Freemasons' Journal," "Victorian
Freemason," "South African Freemason," "Masonic World,"
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"Boletín Oficial," "The Freemason" (Toronto), and "Masonic
Advocate."

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1889.

Original Correspondence.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL INQUIRY COMMITTEE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I extremely regret I was not able to be present
at the meeting on the 6th instant. From what I have read
and heard, I fear that on that occasion any appeal to the
sense of justice of the meeting, or any defence of the House
Committee of 1888-9, would have received scant hearing.
It is impossible, in any letter that I could expect you to
print, to go into one-tenth of the points raised by the
Report of the Committee of Inquiry. Still, with your
permission, I propose to touch upon some few of the most
important matters therein advanced.We, the House Committee of 1888-9, are blamed for
the sins of omission and commission of all our predeces-
sors, while no praise is given us for what we and they have
effected in the last few years. The improved educational
tests and discipline in the School, the establishment of a
New Hall and Preparatory School, the improved heating,
&c., are all passed by without a sign of recognition.It is well the Craft should understand that, owing to the
fact that the members of the House Committee are en-
gaged in business, and that the Inquiry Committee
naturally consulted their own convenience as to the time of
sittings, it so happened that more than one witness gave
his evidence in the absence of any representative of the
House Committee. The Secretary appeared for himself.
It would, therefore, have been fairer and more in keeping
with ordinary justice if, when I offered, on behalf of the
House Committee, to give any explanation or information
on any point the Inquiry Committee might wish for, that
questions should have been put to me on all the points on
which they have reported so strongly against us and our
predecessors. Most confidential communications respect-
ing the future government of the Institution passed at that
interview, no reporter being present during a great part of
the time. Had any hint been given me that censure wouldbe attached to any member of the House Committee, past
or present, I should have asked for time to produce
evidence to rebut the charges now fulminated against us.
Unfortunately, I was completely deceived; and, at the
next meeting of the House Committee, I stated that no
charge had been formulated against us by the Inquiry
Committee. The few notes that were taken will show that
I was justified in so believing. I may therefore claim to
deal as shortly as I can with the most important among
the many points raised.1st. The Inquiry Committee state (Report, p. 17, par. 3)
that our conduct in dismissing all the Assistant Masters at
once, in June, 1887, subjected the discipline of the School
to a severe strain. Now, on p. 18, par. 6, they state that
—"The Masters who inflicted corporal punishment,
against the rules, were dismissed, and the rules are now
adhered to." They forget to state that several of the Mas-
ters the House Committee dismissed (as mentioned on page
17) were those who broke through such rules. They conse-
quently blame us and praise us for the same thing. We
supported the Head Master in the dismissal of three of
these, but we found that others he did not dismiss had also
broken through the School regulations. We applied an
equal measure to all. That we were right is proved by the
admission of the Head Master—"That he never had so
good a body of Assistant Masters as he has now, and that
the discipline of the School has much improved since they
came."2nd. We are accused of being a "one-man" Com-
mittee. This is not complimentary; in fact it is equivalent
to saying of a barrister that his clerk writes his opinions.
One telling instance to the contrary can be deduced in the
calling into existence of the Inquiry Committee itself.
This, although it is not mentioned in the Report, was
brought about by a resolution proposed by me, on behalf
of the House Committee. There were differences of
opinion in our Committee, and the Secretary was appealed
to in several of the points raised. The Secretary there-
upon gave his opinion, and though that coincided with the
adverse views previously expressed, yet the proposal was
carried. Had the "one-man" prevailed, the Inquiry
Committee would never in all probability have been called
into existence. Not one instance of the House Committee
allowing their opinions to be over-ruled has ever been
proved.3rd. The great "vermin" question (Report, page 21,
paragraph 1.) "We had evidences of neglected heads
—cases of vermin." As I read the evidence, only two
cases are suggested. It is difficult to say what number of
cases the evidence refers to, inasmuch as no witness
could give any time, date, or name of boy affected, nor
was any boy produced who suffered, and so it was impos-
sible to test this evidence.The Masters (two) who said they detected the cases were
among those dismissed by the House Committee. Until
the Inquiry Committee sat, the House Committee had not
heard a word of any such thing happening. It was every
Assistant's duty if he saw such a thing to at once com-
municate with the Head Master. These dismissed Masters
never pretended that they had said a word to him, and the
Head Master denied that he knew of any such cases.The next witness on this point was also a Master. The
vermin case, therefore, as reported upon against the House
Committee, depends upon the evidence of one dismissed
Master, which was ordered to be struck out, and of one
other dismissed Master. Both these were examined by
the House Committee, "before their services were dis-
pensated with," and the then unanimous conclusion arrived
at was that any statement of theirs was absolutely unre-
liable. The Inquiry Committee agree with us as to the
"unreliability" of one witness; we now ask the Craft
to agree with us as to the other, and call upon our
brethren to conclude that the Inquiry Committee have
committed an error of judgment in putting the weight of
their authority to this unfounded stigma upon our boys and
the Institution.4th. The Inquiry Committee report (page 21, par. 6)
that though many complaints were made about the bad
heating of the schoolroom, "nothing was actually done
until July, 1887." Let the Craft compare with this asser-
tion the following accounts (laid before the Inquiry Com-
mittee) of monies actually expended in improving the
heating apparatus during the time that "nothing was
done." Up to 1884 about £2000 had been spent upon the
heating apparatus. In 1884 we spent £136, and in 1885
£468. In 1886 we spent £300. Again, it was known
to everybody concerned that the old boiler power was
weak and worn out, and that until the new boilers for
the new School and Laundry could be put in the system
of warming the School, &c., could not be perfected. This
was accomplished in 1888 at a final expenditure of
£374. And yet it is asserted "that nothing was done up
to 1887." Moreover, these amounts do not include the
sum of £1700 expended with the same object in connec-
tion with the New Buildings.5th. As to the bad sight prevalent among the boys.
Complaint was brought to the House Committee on this
subject, and immediately we heard of this the Medical
Officer was instructed to make inquiries and report to the
House Committee. This was done, and then new lights
were put in, and in some of the rooms the lights were
lowered. The boys complained that this caused great
heat to their heads. I may add, further efforts were under
consideration.But a most damaging and erroneous statement has been
circulated in the Report, which has been brought before
the notice of the Inquiry Committee in a letter of our
Treasurer a fortnight ago, but to which no answer has
been attempted. The Report asserts (p. 14, par. 2) "that
the Hon. Surgeon Oculist told us that double the ordinary
per centage of defective sight occurs among the pupils." During the last few days I have been obliged to consult
Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg professionally, and I learnt that this
assertion of the Committee had "astonished him." As he
allows me to refer to his evidence given to the Inquiry
Committee, I will quote what he did say:—Question:—There was a larger per centage (of short
sight) than you would expect in boys in such a school?Answer:—Just so; the shortness of sight was not a
bigger per centage than we get in such like schools, and
in Germany it is double what we get in England.That is a very remarkable thing, and he explains the
amount of bad sight prevalent as partly due to consti-
tutional causes, to which causes he more especially refers.I have now examined cases which show that—1st, some
of the Inquiry Committee's conclusions are negated by

convincing proofs; 2nd, in other cases their conclusions have been founded upon rotten and tainted evidence, contradicted by all who could testify to facts; 3rd, in others assertions are contradicted by documentary evidence; and 4th, in another case the authority they quote in support of their conclusion directly negatives that conclusion.

One word as to the bathing arrangements. The Head Master should have seen that the boys had their baths in divisions, on different nights, and then there would have been plenty of water for all.

So much for the past. As to the future—in my opinion, expressed to the House Committee and others—that if the Inquiry Committee did their duty they would report in favour of an expenditure approaching £10,000 to bring the Institution up to modern requirements.

They have done so, and more, inasmuch as their recommendations will, unquestionably, in addition to this capital sum, entail an increased annual outlay of some £400.

The House Committee have for a long time considered the necessities referred to, and are glad to find that their views have been generally accepted by the Inquiry Committee.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

A. F. GODSON.

NEW GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your very fair leader of March 23rd last you have failed to quite interpret my letter on the above subject, no doubt owing to your not knowing "the whole circumstances" of our particular case. Believe me that, so far as the Cambrian Lodge, No. 656 (E.C.), is concerned, there is no heartburning over the change, and I have clearly stated in the second and fourth paragraphs of my letter of February 4th last, the opinions of those members, upwards of 20 of the regular attendants at lodge, who are with me in this matter.

I have shown your article to several of these brothers, and, whilst we are pleased with it, we would like to say that the only rivalry which we wish to know will be to excel in our work, to carry out the tenets of the Craft, and to make ourselves still more worthy of our Mother Grand Lodge.

We are sorry that you did not reply to the three questions submitted in the letter alluded to in your leader, but we expect long ere this reaches you it will have been dealt with in your columns, and we will read with interest the opinions expressed therein. Whilst agreeing, to a certain extent, with your remarks anent the "higher interests, &c." (and here I may be permitted to say that it was only at the last moment that I went into opposition—forced, by the conduct and action of a certain few who improperly gave away our charter), we are still determined to remain loyal and true to our old Constitution, and when you become fully acquainted with the treatment we have received, you will freely say, "Well done, good and faithful servants."—Yours fraternally,

GEO. ROBINSON,
No. 656, E.C.

Sydney, May 1st.



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Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead's Fund for Equipping the Volunteers of the Metropolis is making rapid progress, some £40,000 out of the £90,000 required having been already paid or promised. Bros. the Marquess of Hartington, Alderman Sir P. de Keyser, Sir S. Waterlow, Bart., Lord Alcester, Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., and Augustus Harris are among those who have recently joined the Mansion House Committee of the Fund.

His Majesty the Shah of Persia has already arrived at Berlin, and will very shortly be amongst us, and the arrangements for his reception are already in an advanced stage. They include a State Reception and State Ball at Buckingham Palace, a visit to the Royal Italian Opera House, Covent Garden, a concert in the Royal Albert Hall, and a visit to the City, where an address of welcome will be presented to his Majesty in the Library, and a dejeuner will afterwards be served in the Guildhall.



Craft Masonry.

OLD ENGLAND LODGE (No. 1790).—The installation meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath, on Thursday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. F. T. Ridpath, P.G. Stwd. Surrey, W.M.; Jonathan Kilvington, S.W., W.M. elect; Hugh M. Hobbs, P.J.G.W. Surrey, P.M.; W. H. Ransom, P.M.; F. C. Pascall, P.M.; H. Baier, P.M.; J. Sergeant, P.M.; R. G. Fleming, J.W.; G. S. Horsnail, Sec.; W. Foulsham, P.M., Treas.; P. Budd, J.D.; E. C. Symmons, I.G.; C. Tarry, Stwd.; J. Buckley, J. S. Mortimer, W. Turpin, A. J. Ryball, W. A. Andrews, W. Shakespeare, A. Wilmot, and others. Visitors: Bros. G. T. Crockford, 1905; A. W. Smith, J.D. 1044; G. Milton, 1987; W. Prince, 1278; W. G. Edridge, 538; T. Morey, 1578; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, after which Bro. Dr. Julius Klein was admitted as a re-joining member, and Bro. Rev. R. Patterson elected a joining member. The following candidates having been duly balloted for were impressively initiated into the Order—Messrs. Geo. Hampton, William J. Day, and C. Norwood. The W.M. elect, Bro. Jonathan Kilvington, was next presented, and regularly installed into the chair by the retiring Master, Bro. Ridpath. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. G. Fleming, S.W.; J. S. Horsnail, J.W.; Rev. R. Patterson, M.A., Chap.; W. Foulsham, P.M., Treas.; J. Buckley, Sec.; P. Budd, S.D.; E. C. Symmons, J.D.; W. Turpin, I.G.; J. Bolton, D.C.; C. Tarry and H. C. Sherry, Stewards; and Lane, Tyler.

The Installing Master, Bro. Ridpath, I.P.M., delivered the usual addresses in an effective manner, after which the Audit Committee's report was received and adopted, and the lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet followed, presided over in a genial manner by the W.M., and the usual toasts were subsequently duly honoured.

Bro. Ridpath, I.P.M., said it was his peculiar province to propose a toast which had always been received with acclamation and respect in their lodge, and that night would be no exception to the rule. It was "The Health of the W.M." The brother whom they had installed to preside over them was well known to every brother present. Bro. Kilvington, W.M., was initiated some years ago, when some of the P.M.'s on his left were present, and they witnessed his installation by one of the initiates of the lodge. He was sure he need not say much in favour of the W.M., as they all felt sure he would prove himself to be a man and a brother worthy of the position with which he had been entrusted.

Bro. Jonathan Kilvington, W.M., who, on rising met with a very hearty reception, said he was exceedingly obliged for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. His installation was one of the greatest honours he could receive, and had afforded him a great deal of pleasure. Did he not feel competent to perform the duties he should not have undertaken the position, but he felt satisfied he should carry out the wishes of the members, and give satisfaction to the lodge generally. It was seven years since he was initiated, and at that time had no idea of filling the chair. He hoped to do his duty as W.M., and would leave no stone unturned to give them satisfaction. He had filled every office, being appointed in his first year as Assistant Steward, and he hoped to fill his present position in as creditable manner as he had the minor offices. With the assistance of the brethren and the officers he was convinced that when he left the chair he should have nothing to complain of, and the brethren would reciprocate that feeling. He again thanked them one and all, but before concluding he wished to say how pleased they all felt at seeing Bro. Shakespeare present, for it was not that brother's fault that he had not been with them more frequently, and they hoped to see him with them for many years to come.

The W.M. next gave "The I.P.M., Bro. Ridpath," and said that no words of his could adequately express the able manner in which the I.P.M. had performed his work. He had heard Bro. Ridpath, I.P.M., for years past in various offices, but never to more advantage than when he filled the chair, for he had filled that position with honour to himself and credit to the lodge. In their I.P.M. they had a worthy Mason and a good brother. He had a very pleasing duty to perform in presenting Bro. Ridpath, I.P.M., with the P.M.'s jewel so cordially voted by the brethren, and if ever anything was deserved for merit and ability it was the jewel he now presented to the I.P.M. That gift was well earned, and would be appreciated as a kindly recognition by the lodge in which the I.P.M. was initiated. He hoped Bro. Ridpath would live for many years to wear it.

Bro. F. T. Ridpath, I.P.M., in response, said it was a proud moment in any man's life, and especially a Mason's. It was one he did not have in view when he joined the lodge, but when he was placed in office he looked forward to it with a degree of pleasure that had never been excelled by his feelings at that moment. He hardly knew what to say to thank the W.M. for his kind expressions or the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast. During his year he had much to be thankful for, having received unlimited kindness from the Past Masters, and from the I.P.M. in particular he received great attention. It was only due to the manner in which the officers carried out their duties that he was enabled to perform his duty to the satisfaction of the brethren. Words failed him to adequately thank them, but they must take the will for the deed and accept his best thanks for the great honour done him in presenting him with the handsome jewel. He hoped he should live many years to wear it in their lodge, and trusted he should never lose his interest in Masonry, for he regarded it as one of the greatest Institutions in existence. If a man was a good man it would tend to make him better, and it would not make a bad man worse. Whilst the principles of Masonry were carried out as they were in that lodge, he could only hope it would spread, for it would not only be of advantage to the brethren, but to the community in general.

"The Past Masters" was proposed by the W.M., who expressed the pleasure of the brethren at seeing such a good display of P.M.'s present. Bro. Foulsham, P.M., was the father of the lodge, and one whom they all respected. The P.M.'s had all worked hard for the lodge, and the members owed a great debt of gratitude to Bro. Hobbs, P.M., in particular, for he was a perfect man, and a perfect Mason, and one of the most energetic brethren they could know.

Bros. Foulsham, P.M., and Hugh M. Hobbs, P.M., replied.

"The Visitors" was given in cordial terms by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Edridge and Lee, after which "The Initiates" was duly honoured, and appropriately replied to by Bros. Hampton, Day, and Norwood.

"The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," were honoured, and the Tyler's toast closed a pleasant evening.

An excellent programme of music was arranged by the W.M., and ably carried out by Bros. F. Laughlin, Grew, Wilmot, Rayner, Buckley, and others.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

ST. PANCRAS LODGE (No. 2271).—The election meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th inst., at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler, P.G.W., the Master's chair was taken by Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex, and among the other brethren present were Bros. John Powdrell, S.W.; H. R. Graham, J.W.; H. Longman, S.D.; W. T. Kelly, J.D.; P. R. S. Chatty, I.G.; H. Wilcox Lawrance, Org.; and Richard Whiting, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. E. Storr, P.M. 167; Geo. Lewis, S.D. 2206; E. C. Mulvey, P.M. 179, W.M. 2446; W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507; E. M. Weston, 1764; Hy. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; T. B. Williams, W.M. 227; F. W. Hearn, 2206; and James Hemming, W.M. 1287.

Bro. Scurrah raised Bro. H. S. Samuel, passed Bro. H. E. Jay, and initiated Mr. Robert Chatty. Bro. H. Rutley, 55, was elected a joining member. Bro. Dr. Powdrell, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. H. E. Jay, Treasurer; and Bro. R. Whiting, P.M. 87, Tyler. Bros. Dr. Smith, Chatty, and Jacob were elected Auditors, and, on the motion of Bro. Scurrah, seconded by Bro. H. R. Graham, J.W., a P.M.'s jewel, of the value of 10 guineas, was voted to Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler. The Organist, Bro. H. Wilcox Lawrance, presented the lodge with a large number of copies of opening and closing hymns and the music, of his own composing, and Bro. Dr. Powdrell proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Scurrah for his services to the lodge, during the past year in performing the duties of Secretary as well as the duties of W.M. in the absence of Bro. Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler. This motion, however, Bro. Scurrah prevented being seconded, stating that nothing of the kind was required, that what he had done had been done simply from a sense of duty, and from a desire to act for the best in the interests of the lodge.

All Masonic business being concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet, over which Bro. Scurrah presided.

The usual toasts followed.

Bro. Stiles proposed "The W.M.," stating that Sir R. Fowler had rendered great services to the lodge in allowing himself to be chosen as its first Master. For Bro. Scurrah, who was a very assiduous Mason, he must say, as one who had the pleasure of seeing him initiated, he had watched his progress for some years, and had seen him rising by little and little, until he had arrived at the proud position of being returned third on the poll at the election of members on the Board of General Purposes.

Bro. Scurrah, replying for Sir R. N. Fowler, said that very worshipful brother was so much engaged during every week of the year that it was impossible for him at all times to attend the St. Pancras Lodge. He was sure that when he informed Sir R. Fowler of the heartiness with which his health had been drunk, he would be delighted to hear it. With regard to himself (Bro. Scurrah), he was, so to speak, on his last legs. During the past year he had acted as I.P.M., as W.M., and as Secretary, and he had made it a special study to do all he could for everything to go on comfortably in the lodge. But he knew all the brethren who had joined it were thorough good Masons, who were conscientious in every respect, and desirous of acting up to their obligation. Understanding those circumstances, he had made more than special efforts to do everything he possibly could to make the work in the lodge a success, and had endeavoured whenever an initiate had come forward, to perform the ceremony perfectly and impressively, so that the beauty of Freemasonry might be fully shown to the candidate; and this, also, he had endeavoured to do in the passing and raising. Several of the brethren had told him how they were impressed with the ceremonies, and that was sufficient for him to know that he had in some little sense succeeded in doing his work to the satisfaction of the brethren and the candidates who had been presented. In addition, he had not forgotten the comfort of the brethren. The lodge had met now some five or six times, and he had been at special pains—as the S.W. would bear him out—in providing a dinner acceptable to all the brethren that none of them would be ashamed of, and with which they were all satisfied, and which they thoroughly enjoyed. All this, too, while he had been very careful of and jealously guarded the funds. He had tried to be generous and liberal at the same time, in order that there might be no dissatisfaction. They might, perhaps, think him a little selfish in referring to these matters, but he was that night acting as the W.M. for the last time, and he might be forgiven if he brought these little matters before the minds of the brethren to show them that he had not been unmindful of the work in the lodge, of the comfort of the brethren, and of carrying out the duties of deputy Master to the best of his skill and ability. If the brethren were satisfied with what he had done, he was sufficiently rewarded, and he hoped to live many years to be connected with the lodge, and to retain the esteem and respect of every brother belonging to it.

The initiate (Bro. Chatty), in responding to the toast proposed in his honour, expressed the pleasure he had felt in joining the Brotherhood, and trusted that in the time, whether it were long or short, that Providence might allow him to be with the lodge he might show himself to be a good Mason.

Bro. Scurrah proposed "The W.M. Elect," trusting that, if Sir Robert Fowler did not instal Dr. Powdrell, he

(Bro. Scurrah) might have the pleasure of doing so. He was quite sure that Dr. Powdrell would perform the duties of W.M. with credit to himself and advantage to the brethren.

Bro. Dr. Powdrell in replying said it had been one of the ambitions of his life in Masonry to arrive at the position of W.M. occupied so well on all occasions. He would not endeavour to fill the chair, but he would try to occupy it with distinction, credit, and honour. He had been brought up in Masonry with a considerable number of the brethren who were around him that evening, and he could assure them he thanked them very sincerely for having elected him as their W.M. He trusted he should see them with him when he was installed; if they were not it would be their own fault. He hoped his year of office would be as successful as the past year had been. He must thank Bro. Scurrah very much for what he had done. Although he would not allow him to thank him formally in lodge, he trusted that as Secretary he would not forget to put it on the minutes that he made the motion.

Bro. Scurrah next proposed "The J.W., Bro. Graham," who had been away travelling for the benefit of his health. He wished to tell the brethren an anecdote of Bro. Graham, which showed the truly Masonic spirit which animated him. There was a brother who for a considerable time before Bro. Graham went away was in a very sad state of health, but Bro. Graham, one or two days before leaving, said he could not go away without showing him some sympathy and his kindly regards. The brother was far below him in social position, but Bro. Graham went to him and shook him by the hand, and spoke kindly words to him, and trusted he should see him in better health when he came back. That brother however died in another two months. He (Bro. Scurrah) did not judge of a man by what he said, but by what he did, and he mentioned this fact about Bro. Graham, to show he was a true Mason. If every one of them acted in the same spirit they would do well. It was a pleasure to welcome back such a brother after a long sojourn in foreign climes.

Bro. Graham, after saying he felt he had not done his duty as an officer of the lodge, owing to extraneous circumstances, congratulated the brethren on having, as a member of the lodge, such a thorough Mason as Bro. Scurrah, who was the right hand man of the lodge.

To the toast of "The Visitors" Bros. Mulvey, Williams, Hemming, Stiles, and Storr replied.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge (No. 119).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., when, being the meeting for election of W.M., there was a large muster. Bro. T. Allinson, W.M., P.G. Purst., presided, and was supported by the following Past Masters and officers, viz.: Bros. J. Barr, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; R. W. Moore, P.M.; W. C. Johns, P.M., Treas.; W. Pajen, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Thos. Studholme, P.M., P.P.G.P.; E. Tyson, P.M., P.P.S.G.B.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G.D.C.; Rev. Jas. Anderson, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Cant, S.W.; Geo. Starkey, J.W.; S. Broadbent, Sec.; S. Hinde, S.D.; J. Thompson, J.D.; Thos. Mitchell, D.C.; Dr. Harris, D. H. Cook, P.G. Org., Organist; H. McGreen, I.G.; J. Musgrave and W. Gaffney, Stwds.; Thos. Richardson, Tyler; R. L. Nutsford, J. C. Todd, E. Thornburrow, B. Cowie, J. Atkinson, J. Dalzell, J. P. Bennett, W. Boyle, J. W. Taylor, J. Ramsay, J. Roan, W. W. Mulcaster, Jas. Lachlison, J. McArthur, W. H. Chapman, R. D. Metcalf, A. Henderson, H. Burns, R. Miller, Thos. Steel, 349, Malta; J. S. Moffatt, S.W. 872; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Two candidates were balloted for and accepted. The ballot was then taken for the W.M. and Treasurer, when Bro. Dr. Harris was, by a unanimous vote, declared W.M. elect, and by a similar vote Bro. W. C. Johns, P.M., was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Thos. Richardson, Tyler. One candidate was initiated, and Bro. J. Lachlison was passed to the Second Degree. Both ceremonies were worked by Bro. Allinson, W.M., who, as his year of office is near an end, has done the work of the lodge in an admirable manner.

The lodge, with "Hearty good wishes," was closed, and the brethren subsequently spent an hour in the banqueting hall, very agreeably, with toast and song.

HEATON NORRIS.—Egerton Lodge (No. 1030).—The installation meeting was held at the George Hotel, on Monday, the 20th ult., when Bro. R. B. Preston, S.W., was installed W.M. by Bro. Jas. Cookson, the retiring W.M., in an able and efficient manner, assisted by some of the Past Masters. The following officers were invested by Bro. Kenneth Maclean, P.M., viz.: Bros. J. McKim, S.W.; W. A. Vaughan, J.W.; Rev. Addison Crofton, Chap.; A. Pemberton, P.M., P.G.D.C., Treas.; Walter H. Vaughan, P.M., P.G.R., Sec.; Thos. Knott, S.D.; Henry Smith, J.D.; James Abbott, P.M., P.P.G. D.C.; H. Wilson, I.G.; and H. Dawson, P.M., Tyler. Bro. A. E. Ferns, P.M., was re-appointed Charity Representative. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Cookson on his retirement from the position of W.M., the new Master remarking that the lodge had been most successful under Bro. Cookson's rule.

The following visiting brethren were present: Bros. G. R. Brady, P.M. 322, P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Maxfield, W.M. 1057, P.P.G.O.; C. Walworth, W.M. 1459; P. B. Welch, W.M. 992; Charles Dawson, W.M. 287; H. H. Royle, W.M. 322; John Smith, W.M. 323; J. W. G. Coombes, S.W. 44; W. O. Pettitt, I.P.M. 1055; A. F. Williams, I.P.M. 2156; T. Whalley, P.M. 323; G. McClelland, P.M. 287; and J. E. Ashton, 1147.

Letters of apology were read from the Prov. G.M. and other distinguished brethren.

The company afterwards partook of an excellent dinner, provided by the host, Mr. Parish, in his usual satisfactory style.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were observed, and a musical programme was rendered.

BIRMINGHAM.—Forward Lodge (No. 1180).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, New-street, on Monday, the 3rd inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. William F. Tolladay, W.M., and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. H. Cooper was passed Bro. J. T. Collins,

D.P.G.M., was then announced, and received by the brethren. The D.P.G.M. acknowledged the salutation of the lodge, and expressed his pleasure at being present. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Chas. Henry Bees, which proved unanimous, and he was initiated in a very efficient manner by the W.M., who was ably assisted by his officers, the J.W. giving the charge.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed, and an adjournment was made to the banqueting room, where the brethren, to the number of 50, sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. G. F. Bolton, P.M. and Hon. Steward.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" having been honoured,

The W.M. proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and remarked upon the immense strides Masonry had made during the 15 or 16 years H.R.H. had presided over the Craft, the last warrant being No. 2311.

Honour was paid to the toast in a very enthusiastic manner.

"The Health of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was received very heartily, and the W.M. in proposing the toast mentioned that the D.P.G.M. was Grand Sword Bearer at the time H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was installed Grand Master.

The D.P.G.M., in replying, said it was pleasant to look back at the length of time he had been connected with Masonry. The W.M. had referred to the money grants made by the Grand Lodge, and the number of warrants issued for new lodges. The Board of Benevolence in recommending that Grand Lodge should give a distressed brother £50 or £100, was often the means of giving him a new start in life, and the number of warrants issued gave proof that Masonry was making itself felt in the world.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of Lord Leigh, P.G.M.," and said he was the oldest P.G.M. in England.

"The Health of the D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was then proposed by the W.M.

The D.P.G.M., in responding, said there was an old saying that union is strength, and the popularity of Lord Leigh was due to the strength of Masonry in the Province of Warwickshire. In every lodge he had visited, the toast of the P.G.M. was always honoured, and received a flattering reception. The W.M., in the course of his remarks, had made some allusions to the by-laws of the province, but they had been now so amended as to meet with general approval.

Bro. G. H. Rooker, P.M., P.G.S.B., also responded to the toast, and stated that was his first visit to the Forward Lodge. He would take the opportunity of congratulating the W.M. on the way the work in the lodge room had been conducted, and he would especially refer to the manner in which the Deacons had performed their task. The charge to the newly-initiated brother was also splendidly given by the J.W. He strongly urged all brethren to send their votes for the elections for the Masonic Schools through the Charity Stewards of their various lodges, as non-compliance with this at the last election for the Girls' School had resulted in the Province of Yorkshire returning only two girls, when they might easily have returned three. He also asked for more support for the Warwickshire Pupils Aid Fund, which was doing splendid work.

Bro. Burton, P.M., also briefly responded.

Bro. W. Winfield, I.P.M., in very felicitous terms proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said they had one who always did his work in a most creditable manner.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for his very flattering remarks, and the brethren for their cordial reception of the toast. It was very gratifying to have one's efforts appreciated, and it would be his greatest ambition to continue to give satisfaction, and to leave the chair with their hearty good wishes and esteem. He also expressed the hope that he should have the pleasure of meeting all of them at their next meeting after the vacation in October next.

In proposing "The Health of the Newly-Initiated Bro. C. H. Bees," the W.M. expressed the pleasure he had had in initiating a brother who came so well recommended to the lodge.

The toast was heartily received, and Bro. Bees thanked the brethren for receiving him amongst them.

The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Visitors," which was responded to by Bros. Robert Barber, W.M. Machen Lodge, and W. Tidmarsh, S.W. 1031. Both complimented the W.M. and officers on the splendid manner they had worked the Masonic ceremonies.

The toast of "The Past Masters and Officers of the Forward Lodge" was then given by the W.M. He was pleased to say that the Past Masters always stood by the lodge, and helped it in every way they could. With reference to the officers, it was not his intention to mention any one in particular, but he should be happy to hear them all respond. However, he could assure them that he highly valued their services; they had all done their work splendidly, and they had been complimented by the visiting brethren.

Several of the Past Masters, the S.W., J.W., S.D., and J.D. responded; also the Secretary, who said that, although at times his work was difficult, it was made pleasant to him by the kindness he received at the hands of the brethren.

The Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

The toasts were interspersed by some excellent songs rendered by the brethren, the accompaniments to same being given by Bro. T. N. Bladon, P.M., P.P.G. Org.

The following visitors and brethren were present: Bros. J. T. Collins, D.P.G.M.; Geo. H. Rooker, P.M. 1018, P.G.S.B.; Arthur Shackelford, W.M. 887; R. Barber, P.M. 1782; Geo. N. Milward, W.M. 1163; W. Bloomer, Sec. 1520; A. E. Wellidge, J.D. 254; J. Goodman, W. Tidmarsh, S.W. 1031; W. Glydon, 74; S. M. Share, 1993 and 2156; and W. Baggust, 1031; and W. F. Tolladay, W.M.; E. T. Burton, P.M.; E. P. Cole, P.M., Charity Steward, W. Winfield, I.P.M.; Rev. R. Rigdin, Chap.; W. J. Meredith, S.W.; Thos. H. Simpson, J.W.; F. Hobday, P.M., Treas.; E. A. Smith, Sec.; T. W. Siddaway, S.D.; J. T. Harcourt, J.D.; W. Hillman, P.M., D.C.; T. N. Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; W. Price, I.G.; J. M. Daffarn and A. J. Norton, Stwds.; Cooper, Morgan, Read, Dollman, Bolton, Thornton, Cheshire, Kitching, Butcher, Myers, Clulee, Southall, Grove, Stephens, Webb, and Auliff, all of the lodge.

TORQUAY.—Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on the 11th inst., when a numerous gathering of brethren were present, amongst them being Bros. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. Eng., &c.; T. H. Morgan, W.M.; T. Prust, I.P.M.; Jno. Lane, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Jno. Chapman, P.M., P.P.G.D., Chap.; Jno. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas.; T. McKellar, J.W.; T. H. Wills, S.W.; Jno. Salter, P.M. 328, as S.D.; J. Taylor, J.D. and Sec.; S. Wills, I.G.; W. Hersey, D.C.; G. West, Stwd.; E. J. Pratt, as Org.; W. Taylor, P.M. and Sec. 328; R. L. Mugford, I.P.M. 328; W. Hill, S. Snow, and visiting brethren from the surrounding lodges.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting and lodge of emergency read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. W. J. Nosworthy, a candidate for initiation, who was initiated by the W.M. with his accustomed ability, the charge being given to the candidate by Bro. Jno. Chapman in a very impressive and eloquent manner. Some matters of purely lodge interest were transacted, and Bro. Jno. Lane proceeded to give his lecture "On some Ancient Masonic Obligations and Modes of Recognition" (Esoteric). In a few prefatory remarks he pointed out that being esoteric of course the subject matter, in many of its details, could not be put in writing.

Commencing some 200 years back, he gave an account of the early lodges to the formation of the G. Lodge in 1717, "the Premier Grand Lodge of the world," proceeding in chronological order through the 18th century to the formation of the G. Lodge of 1813; the Sloane MS., 1720, No. 3329, in the British Museum, and various workings were ably reviewed. He then dwelt upon the relation of the "Ancients" to the "Moderns," and some of their distinguishing characteristics, maintaining the same views expressed by the lecturer in the various articles and letters which have so recently appeared in the *Freemason*, at the same time, in his search after truth and light, any evidence which would throw fresh light on the subject would be welcome, concluding an eloquent and able lecture by finally expressing a hope that the interest of the brethren would be aroused in matters relating to Craft history, that each attempting to get, if only a little, our knowledge might be increased the more. The lecturer resumed his seat amidst applause.

The W.M. briefly moved a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Bro. J. Chapman, and supported in a lengthy speech by Bro. W. J. Hughan, who reviewed the lecture almost from the beginning.

The visiting brethren desired that Bro. Lane would at an early date repeat the lecture under the banner of either the sister lodge of St. John, 328, or some other lodge in the neighbourhood.

FRIZINGTON.—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. Jas. Routledge, W.M., when the minutes were read and confirmed, and one candidate balloted for and accepted. Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G.D.C., was then invited to take the chair, when Bro. Henry Hartley, W.M. elect, was presented and duly installed in the chair of K.S. in the presence of 17 P.M.'s, and invested the following as his officers: Bros. J. Routledge, I.P.M.; J. Wilkinson, S.W.; J. Wakefield, J.W.; G. Dalrymple, Treas.; B. Craig, Sec.; A. Cross, S.D.; W. Robinson, J.D.; T. Pickering, D.C.; J. Webb, Org.; W. Simon, I.G.; J. Maleham, J. Warren, and J. Singers, Stewards; and J. Gordon, Tyler. The customary addresses were delivered by Bro. Craig, P.M., in his usual able manner. Two candidates were proposed, when Bro. Routledge, P.M., said he had a little duty to discharge on behalf of the members of the lodge, and he had no doubt it would also be well received by the many visitors, as one and all could not but be aware of the valuable services rendered to Masonry in general, and that lodge in particular, by Bro. Craig, P.M., and Bro. Dalrymple, P.M.; and, on behalf of the lodge, he now had great pleasure in asking them to accept, as a small token of their esteem, each a P.M.'s jewel, with a suitable inscription.

Bros. Craig and Dalrymple replied, and briefly expressed the pleasure it gave them to be the recipients of such handsome jewels, and further assured the brethren that the presentation would only be an incentive to work for the lodge, and make it to be respected, not only in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, but in every land where her sons had migrated to.

With "Hearty good wishes" from Lodges 119, 872, 1002, 1267, 1400, and 1939, the lodge was closed.

The following members and visitors were present: Bros. Dr. J. I. Lace, P.M., P.S.G.D.; Jas. Harper, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. J. Smith, J. Burns, Thos. Allinson, W.M. 119, P.G. Purst.; Rev. Jas. Anderson, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Rothery, W. Munroe, W. Lowrey, Thos. Brackenridge, P.M. 872, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. Rose, P.M.; J. Matthews, P.M.; J. Nelson, W.M. 1267; J. J. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Tyson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Armstrong, W.M. elect 1267; J. Kitchin, J.D.; Jas. Lowery, S.D.; J. McHarry, W.M. 1939; R. Walker, I.P.M.; Chas. Gowan, P.M., P.P.G. S.B.; G. Starkey, J.W. 119; J. Dickinson, S.W. 1689; C. Bland E. Pattinson, Sec. 872; H. Armstrong, 1267; H. Ward, P.M. 1939, P.P.A.G. Purst.; and others.

Bro. Hartley, the newly-installed Master, invited all to accompany him to the refreshment table, where an excellent spread was prepared, and duly served.

With a long toast list and a few charming songs from Bros. Starkey, Rose, Matthews, and Armstrong, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The jewels were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

CROYDON.—George Price Lodge (No. 2096).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel. The members present included Bros. J. S. Fraser, W.M.; Frederick Cambridge, P.P.G. Org., W.M. elect; J. Kilvington, W.M. 1790, acting S.W.; J. C. Leaver, Treas.; J. D. Langton, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Sec.; W. G. Goode, S.D.; Hugh M. Hobbs, P.M., P.J.G.W.; F. W. Leaver, D.C.; C. Holden, Stwd.; F. T. Ridpath, P.G.S., I.P.M.; E. C. Leaver, J. Wright, J. G. Edridge, and others. Visitors: Bros. F. C. Atkinson, P.M. 2182; H. E. Vickers, P.M. 1632; W. Burn, J.W. 858; J. S. Stevens, S.W. 306; F. Carter, 14; H. L. Balfour, 2182; F.

Knight, 1185; S. Horsnail, J.W. 1790; W. H. Gates, 463; W. E. Fenn, W.M. 538; J. Kilvington, W.M. 1790; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, after which Bro. Dr. J. Wayte was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. F. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org., was next presented as W.M. elect, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. J. S. Fraser, I.P.M. The officers were appointed as follows, the investiture of those unavoidably absent being deferred: Bros. W. G. Goode, S.W.; E. C. Holdsworth, J.W.; Rev. E. D. Lennox Harvey, M.A., P.P.G.C., Chap.; H. M. Hobbs, P.M., Treas.; J. D. Langton, P.M., Sec.; J. C. Leaver, S.D.; F. W. Leaver, J.D.; C. Holden, I.G.; E. C. Leaver, D.C.; F. T. Ridpath, P.M., Stwd.; and Lane, Tyler. The addresses having been effectively rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. Fraser, I.P.M., and routine business transacted, the lodge was closed.

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

The W.M. said he had very much pleasure in submitting the toast of "The Prov. G. Master for Surrey in charge, and the Prov. G. Officers," as Bro. Frederick West was not only one of his best friends in Croydon, but was also his introducer into Freemasonry, having proposed him and acted as J.D. at his initiation. He (the W.M.) was sorry Bro. West was not present, but that brother having been slightly indisposed had gone away for the good of his health. Having the honour to be a Prov. G. Officer, he felt diffident about speaking of them.

Bro. Hugh M. Hobbs, Prov. J.G.W., after returning thanks, said he was quite sure they all regretted Bro. West was unable to be present, and that brother had told him how sorry he was to be absent, having been present at the consecration and at every installation meeting since. He regretted that the brother who had arrived (Bro. Dr. Lott, P.G. Org.) was not present when the preceding toast was proposed, for he would no doubt have told them that the members of Grand Lodge took the deepest interest in everything connected with the prosperity and success of the lodges, and they in the provinces were equally delighted to do all they could for the same object, and in visiting lodges and seeing that the work was carried out as in that lodge. He would say a word as to the success of their lodge. They had every reason to congratulate themselves on what they had done in the past, and to look forward with hope to the future. It was always a pleasure to see a brother installed, but it was a special pleasure when they saw one of their own members a Prov. G. Officer, and one who was deservedly respected in the province. Bro. Cambridge, the W.M., was not only a Past Prov. G. Officer, but was also a past and the present Prov. G. Org. of the Prov. G. Chapter. They congratulated him on attaining the dignity of the chair, and wished him health and success, and prosperity to the lodge under his rule.

Bro. J. S. Fraser, I.P.M., said the duty he had to perform for the first time in that lodge was to propose "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Cambridge had been a member since the commencement of the lodge, and was a first class member of it. After the remarks made by Bro. Hobbs he would simply ask the brethren to drink the toast.

Bro. F. Cambridge, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. He was quite aware that he had a difficult task to perform in filling the chair that had been so well filled since the formation of the lodge by the four P.M.'s, who were all excellent workers—in fact, some of the best workers he had ever heard. It was a very difficult matter to follow the I.P.M., but he trusted that, with the help of the P.M.'s, and the sympathy of the brethren, not to discredit the reputation of the lodge.

"The Health of the I.P.M." was well given by the W. Master, who observed that they had not all had an opportunity of seeing Bro. Fraser, I.P.M., perform a good deal of work, but, having seen him work in another lodge, he was quite sure that if there had been more work he would have proved his ability to do it. He had the pleasure of presenting the I.P.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, and hoped he would be spared many years to wear it.

Bro. J. S. Fraser, I.P.M., responded, and said he felt that during his year he had not done that for the lodge which he ought to have done. The fact was he had been some years in the Craft in another lodge, and all his old friends had gone into that lodge, and therefore he had, unfortunately, been unable to introduce any fresh blood. If, however, he had the chance in the future, this lodge would have the first opportunity. He had to thank them for the jewel they had been kind enough to present to him. He did not know if he had deserved it, but he had done his best for the lodge, and hoped to do better in the future.

The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," cordially welcoming the visiting brethren, and expressing his regret that there was not a larger number, which was owing to their meeting falling on the eve of the Whitsuntide holidays. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Fenn, W.M. 538; Stevens, S.W. 306; and W. W. Lee, 1897, who returned thanks for the hospitality they had received, and paid a high tribute to the working and efficiency of the lodge.

Bro. Ridpath, P.G. Stwd., P.M., replied for "The Past Masters," and said there was little he could say in their behalf that had not already been said in that lodge. Those who had preceded their esteemed W.M. were well known, and it was therefore unnecessary for him to recapitulate their merits. The principal point he would like to mention was the practice which had been carried out in their lodge of the P.M.'s representing the lodge for the Masonic Charities. He did not think they would find in the province any lodge which had in so short a time taken up to the various Charities such large amounts. Without mentioning the names and amounts, he thought the total amount exceeded £1100 in four years. He hoped their future W.M.'s would see that this line which had been laid down was carried out to the benefit of the Charities, which was the principal feature of Masonry.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was next given, and Bro. Hugh M. Hobbs, P.M., Treas., having replied,

Bro. J. D. Langton, P.P.J.G.W., Secretary, responded, and said that having been the first W.M. of the lodge he was glad to be the Secretary. He had received other honours, but he felt none greater than having been the first W.M. of the George Price Lodge. He was followed by Bro. Hobbs, who had shown he was appreciated by having received Provincial Grand Honours as Prov.

J.G.W., which he most richly deserved. Reference had been made to the contributions coming from their lodge towards the Masonic Charities, and he was sure nobody was more delighted than he that they had been prominent in taking up good lists. There was one Charity which had during the past few months been greatly discussed, namely, the Boys' School, and, as perhaps most of the brethren were aware, a Provisional Committee had been appointed to carry on the management of that Institution. He had the honour to be the Hon. Sec. of that Committee, and he attended a meeting on the previous day, when the feeling was expressed that the great desire of that Committee was that the utmost should be done for the benefit of the boys, and he was sure, speaking in the presence of Subscribers and Governors, that they would join in the earnest endeavour to make the coming Festival a success. While they might entertain certain feelings as to the past management, still they must not forget that the interests of everybody ought to be the benefit of the Institution. He trusted that those who could become Stewards would come forward, and those who had not become Subscribers would subscribe, for if any Institution required support at this moment, it was the Boys' School. He felt rather deeply on this subject, and would not detain them further, except to thank them for the manner in which the toast had been received.

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. H. L. Balfour, assisted by Bros. F. C. Atkinson and C. J. Balfour, and Mr. Harry Gent.

EAST MOLESEY.—Cyclist Lodge (No. 2246).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th inst. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. E. C. Mulvey took the chair, and there were also present Bros. W. J. Mason, S.W.; C. A. Iiter, J.W.; T. Clarke, S.D.; J. K. R. Cama, W. R. Hatton, O. Enderline, S. Parkhouse, N. Goodchild, C. Sheppard, W. J. Millington, A. S. Lyons, and D. P. Cama, P.G.T. and P.S.G.W. Visitors: Bros. J. Mayo and W. Wentrope.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, and Bro. Millington was passed to the Degree of F.C. It was proposed by the S.W., and seconded by Bro. Lyons, that the summer outing take place on the second Saturday in September, and that the W.M., P.M.'s, and Wardens be the Committee to arrange the same. The acting W.M. read a letter received from the P.G. Secretary of the Province of Surrey of the death of the G.M. for the province. Bro. D. P. Cama proposed, and the S.W. seconded, that a vote of deep regret be recorded on the minutes. Bro. Mulvey read a letter received from the W.M., Bro. H. Holmes, informing the lodge of the death of Bro. R. Trunice, and proposed that a letter of condolence be written to the widow of the heartfelt sympathy of the brethren of the Cyclist Lodge in her bereavement, which was seconded by Bro. Mason. Bros. D. P. Cama and Parkhouse supported the same, and expressed deep regret. Bro. Mulvey proposed, and Bro. N. Goodchild seconded, that a R.A. chapter be attached to this lodge, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Wickess tendered his resignation, which was accepted with regret. All business being ended the lodge was closed.

INSTRUCTION.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 7th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. It being "officers' night," there was a goodly muster of the brethren—all members of the mother lodge—under the able guidance of the W.M., Bro. W. J. Coplestone, assisted by the esteemed Preceptor, Bro. James Sims, P.M.

The lodge having been opened, the ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed in a very perfect and impressive manner, to the credit and satisfaction of all present. Bro. Arthur Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

It is pleasing to note that the Benevolent Fund attached to this lodge of Instruction is being well supported by its members.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. F. Buxton, W.M.; G. H. Foan, S.W.; Wright Barringer, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; J. D. Graham, acting as Sec.; A. Bullen, S.D.; E. D. F. Rymer, J.D.; F. Jackson, I.G.; T. C. Seary, Org.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; R. E. Cursons, W. Hancock, E. Morrison, W. Hoggins, G. H. Reynolds, F. W. Cash, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. F. Buxton vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. Clark, W.M. 2191, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, with the charges, installing into the chair Bro. F. Kedge, W.M. elect 2191, who appointed and invested his officers, both brethren performing the work in a most admirable manner. Bro. F. Buxton resumed the chair as W.M. Bro. W. Brindley, Preceptor, worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the second time, Bro. G. H. Foan, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. W. Brindley proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. A. Clark, W.M. 2191, for the able way in which he had worked the ceremony of installation—seconded by Bro. Wright Barringer, and carried unanimously. Bro. A. Clark made a suitable reply. Bro. W. Brindley expressed the pleasure of seeing the Deputy Preceptor, Bro. J. Greenway, present after his long and serious illness, and hoped that he would be able to be amongst them again regularly, in which he felt sure the brethren concurred. To which Bro. J. Greenway replied. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1612).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Earl of Lonsdale Hotel, Archer-street, Bayswater, W. Present: Bros. E. Rogers, W.M.; W. R. Hatton, S.W.; J. Powell, J.W.; G. Davis, Preceptor; W. J. Mason, Sec.; J. Bartlett, S.D.; J. H. Taylor, J.D.; J. C. Conway, I.G.; G. Gardner, J. Neville, M. Peters, J. French, R. H. Broom, and H. Foskett.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. R. H. Broom answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Broom being candidate. Bro. Broom answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. Bro. G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor, worked the 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Second Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. W. R. Hatton was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. R. H. Williams, P.M.; W.M.; Knight, S.W.; Wiggins, J.W.; Hubbard, Sec.; Fayers, S.D.; Woods, J.D.; Swann, I.G.; Dresden, Turner, Neville, Marsh, Boyce, Morrice, and Blott.

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. Dresden being candidate. Bro. Neville answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lecture on the tracing board was given by the W.M. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree. Bro. Knight was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. A letter was received from Bro. H. C. Rayner in reply to a letter of condolence sent from this lodge to him on the death of his father, and was ordered to be entered on the minutes. The lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. G. E. Higginson, W.M.; F. Woodard, S.W.; T. Jobson, J.W.; John Davies, Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); L. Cox, S.D.; P. Bick, J.D.; Jennings, I.G.; James Sims, P.M.; R. H. Rogers, P.M.; E. Child, P.M.; H. D. Aslett, W. Hillier, T. J. Head, A. Cavers, H. Nash, and H. Cotton.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Hillier offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in a very clear and impressive manner. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. H. D. Aslett was elected a joining member. Bro. Woodard was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

Royal Arch.

BOLTON.—St. John's Chapter (No. 221).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Comps. W. Duncan, M.D., P.G. Treas., M.E.Z.; John Barrett, H.; T. B. Tong, J.; W. H. Brown, S.E.; J. Walker, S.N.; E. G. Harwood, Prov. G.S.N.; J. H. Greenhalgh, P.P.G. Treas.; J. W. Taylor, P.P. G. Org.; C. Crompton, J. Dickinson, J. Miles, and G. H. Whittaker. Also as visitors Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. 645; Prov. G.H.; J. Newton, P.Z. 37; Prov. A.G.S.E.; and W. Forrest, S.N. 37.

The chapter was opened and the minutes read and confirmed, and a ballot was taken for Bros. D. W. Stevenson, W. Townsend, and Joshua Orrell as candidates for exaltation, and being unanimously elected, they were admitted and exalted to the R.A. Degree, the M.E.Z., Comp. Duncan, performing his duties in an admirable manner, whilst the duty of P.S. was ably fulfilled by Comp. Dickinson. The M.E.Z.'s chair was then taken by Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, Prov. G.H., who, in his usual excellent style, proceeded to install the Principals and officers elect, viz.: Comps. John Barrett, (Mayor of Bolton), Z.; T. B. Tong, H.; J. Walker, J.; W. H. Brown, S.E.; Dr. Cosgrave, S.N.; J. Dickinson, P.S.; C. Crompton, 1st A.S.; G. H. Whittaker, 2nd A.S.; J. H. Greenhalgh, Treas.; John Miles, Org.; and T. Higson, Janitor. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Comp. Sillitoe for his kind attendance and valuable services. The congratulations of the chapter were tendered to Comp. E. G. Harwood, Prov. G.S.N., and Comp. W. Duncan, Prov. G. Treas., on their recent preferment to those offices in Prov. G. Chapter. A grant of £5 was made from the chapter funds towards the cost of furnishing the Freemasons' Hall. Comp. Sillitoe, Prov. G.H., congratulated the chapter on the admirable way in which the ceremony of exaltation had been carried out that evening, which reflected great credit on the officers, particularly Comps. Duncan and Dickinson.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting companions, and the chapter was then closed.

Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.

PREMIER CONCLAVE.—A meeting of this conclave was held at 16a, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Monday, the 3rd inst. The members present included Sir Knights H. J. Lardner, M.P.S.; W. Lake, V.E.; H. C. Heard, J.G.; Thos. Cubitt, Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.S., acting Recorder; Nelson Prower, Prefect; C. E. Keyser, Std. Br.; H. H. Shirley, P.S.; J. G. Marsh, P.S.; Jno. Purrott, R. Steele, W. A. Scurrah, W. W. Codd, and Harrison, Sentinel. Visitors: Sir Knights G. J. McKay, P.G.H.P.; and W. W. Lee.

The conclave having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Ballot was successfully taken for Bro. J. Fry, P.M., and he was impressively installed into the Order by the M.P.S., the historical lecture being excellently well rendered by Sir Knight Shirley, P.S. Sir Knight W. Lake was next enthroned as M.P.S., and Sir Knight Heard consecrated as V.E., the ceremonies being impressively rendered by Sir Knights Lardner, I.P.S., and Shirley, P.S.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Recorder, Sir Knight John Mason, through illness, and the absence of the minute book, the following appointments were made on the understanding that mistakes in seniority, if any, would be rectified at the next meeting: Sir Knights W. Carter, S.G.; Nelson Prower, J.G.; Thos. Cubitt, P.S., Treas.; John Mason, Recorder; Captain T. C. Walls, P.S., Asst. Recorder; C. E. Keyser, Prelate; E. A. Harris, Prefect; J. J. Pakes and E. Storr, Heralds; J. Purrott, S.B.; G. Gray, Std. Br.; and Harrison, Sentinel. Sir Knight W. Lake, M.P.S., said it was an excellent arrangement that the most pleasing duty devolving upon a new occupant of the chair was to present to his predecessor a token of the esteem in which they held him, and a mark of their appreciation of the manner in which he had carried out the duties during the past year. On this occasion it was particularly pleasing to the sir knights, as they had had in Sir Knight Lardner an excellent Sovereign, and it was with more than ordinary pleasure that he invested the I.P.S. with a P.S.'s jewel, as nothing he could say would add to the estimation in which Sir Knight Lardner was held.

Sir Knight Lardner, I.P.S., in returning thanks, said the jewel would remind him of many pleasant evenings. He had done the best he could, and if he had merited their satisfaction he was gratified.

The acting Recorder was instructed to forward a letter to Sir Knight John Mason, expressing the sympathy of the sir knights with him in his illness, and wishing him a speedy recovery.

The conclave was formally closed, and the sir knights adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent repast was enjoyed, the usual toasts and complimentary speeches following.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The regular meeting of the Committee of Management was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution, presided, and there were present Bros. James Brett, P.G.P.; G. Bolton, W. Masters, W. T. Daniell, Hugh Cotter, W. G. Bolton, Geo. E. Fairchild, T. H. Hubbert, E. West. Chas. Smith, J. J. Berry, Charles Daniel, W. H. Perryman, Lacey, J. J. Strugnell, Charles Kempton, John M. Sted. P.G.P.; Charles J. Perceval, George Mickley, M.A., Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; S. C. Haslip, Fred. Mead, C. H. Webb, A. H. Tattershall, A. Durrant, T. Dixon, H. M. Hobbs, J. S. Cumberland, E. M. Money, J. Newton, Thomas Y. Bullen, T. B. Purchas, W. H. Making, H. Maudslay, P.G.D.; W. A. Scurrah, and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary.)

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary read a list of the Committee of Management for the year, and reported the deaths of two male annuitants and one widow annuitant.

The Warden's report for the past month was read, and the receipt of cheques for £29 5s. from Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, in respect of the John Hervey Memorial Fund for distribution amongst four highest unsuccessful candidates (two men and two widows), and Bro. Thomas Fenn, in behalf of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, for £10 for division between the next highest unsuccessful candidates, was reported, thanks to Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton and the Emulation Lodge for the remittances being unanimously passed.

Bros. Tattershall, Murlis, Hogard, Brooks, and Lacey were re-elected to serve as a Finance Committee for the ensuing year; and Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, J. A. Farnfield, C. J. Perceval, T. Cubitt, and J. Newton were re-elected as the House Committee.

It was resolved that the summer entertainment to the residents of the Institution at Croydon should be left in the hands of the House Committee, the cost to be defrayed by the Institution.

Eight petitions (five men and three widows) were duly considered and accepted, and the names ordered to be entered on the lists of candidates for the election in May, 1890.

The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

MASONIC BAZAAR IN LEICESTER, IN AID OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

On Monday, the 27th ult., a bazaar was opened by the Mayor, Alderman E. Wood, at the Masonic Hall, Helford-street, in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green, London. His Worship arrived at three o'clock, accompanied by the Mayoress, and was heartily cheered.

The proceedings were opened by Bro. Alderman T. WRIGHT, who, on behalf of the Craft, gave the Mayor and Mrs. Wood a cordial welcome, and expressed sincere thanks for their presence that afternoon.

The MAYOR then said he was very pleased to be there to assist in what he was quite sure was a very good and useful work. He believed that, since its establishment in 1798, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys had been one of the most valuable institutions of the country. The cost of it had been something like £85,000, and 1838 boys had passed through it during the time it had been in existence. When they remembered the fact that all these boys had been fed, clothed, and educated, and placed in positions in which they would be independent of any other aid in life, he thought they would at once realise that the Institution had been doing a most useful work. At the present moment, no less than 263 lads were being prepared to contend with the difficulties and undertake the duties of life. Leicester, he thought, had been particularly fortunate in the number of boys sent up for admission; there were several Leicester lads in the Institution already, and last year he was informed that the candidate from Leicestershire was elected at the head of the poll, showing the position the province held in the estimation of the brotherhood generally. He thought the fact that the ladies had come forward to contribute to the work showed that they appreciated what Freemasons had been doing. He knew that sometimes ladies had had doubts as to the benefits of the brotherhood, but he was quite sure that, when they knew the history of such a charitable Institution as the one in question, all doubts would be removed from their minds. He hoped that those who had initiated the present movement would have the gratification of sending up to the funds of the Institution a very much larger sum than they had at first anticipated, and having spoken of the satisfaction those who spent money at the bazaar, and those who had worked to contribute articles for sale, would have in helping forward such a work as that of educating fatherless, and, in many cases, orphan boys, his Worship warmly commended the undertaking to the hearty consideration of all present. They had met for a practical purpose, and he should therefore declare the bazaar open. He trusted that the results would be very gratifying, and worthy of their good old town.

"God save the Queen" was then played, followed by "The Entered Apprentice's song," after which Miss F. Marshall presented to the Mayoress a handsome bouquet. The stallholders then commenced their duties, and a brisk trade ensued. The bazaar remained opened on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The major portion of the room was taken up by four stalls devoted to the sale of useful and fancy articles. The ladies presiding at them were as follows: No. 1, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Bennion, Mrs. Pearson, and Miss Wallace; No. 2, Mrs. Duns, Mrs. Billings, Mrs. Horn, and Miss Kemp; No. 3, Mrs. Jessop, Mrs. Michie, Mrs. West, and Mrs. Kidney; No. 4, Mrs. Ashwell, Mrs. Hamerton, Mrs. Vary, and Miss Staynes. Stalls for the sale of flowers were arranged on either side of the platform, and were superintended by the Misses Bruce, Minnie Cleaver, Clara Cleaver, Duns, Edith Lakin, and Florence Marshall. The refreshment department was attended to by the following gentlemen:—Messrs. M. Cook, George Billing, James Cleaver, Henwood, Thomas Paget, W. Bream, and Samuel Cleaver, jun.

The General Committee was as follows: Messrs. W. M. Williams, President, George Jessop, Vice-President, Chas. Bennion, W. D. Grant, S. Knight, J. Kidney, Charles Lakin, W. H. Lead, George C. Oliver, M. H. Pearson, W. H. Staynes, J. C. Vary, J. L. West, J. B. Waring, W. Wallace, J. Herbert Marshall, Hon. Sec., and Frank Birch, Asst. Sec.

The committee were greatly indebted to Mr. W. H. Lead, Secretary to the stallholders, who worked hard throughout.

The musical arrangements were under the able direction of Messrs. Henry Nicholson, T. B. Laxton, W. H. Barrow, Mus. Bac., W. H. Scott, Charles E. Birch, A. Page, and J. Herbert Marshall.

Mr. Nicholson's string band gave two concerts each day, while "drawing-room entertainments" were provided by Mr. Sydney Pridmore and Mr. Frank Pierpoint.

The net amount realised by the bazaar, for the three days, was about £350.



Bro. Thorne is giving matinees on Wednesdays and Saturdays of a new farcical comedy, "Angelina," which we can recommend as worth seeing to laugh at, and its fun is of the harmless order. If it played a longer time no doubt the lessee would put it in the evening bill. Bro. T. Thorne is furnished with a very rich part, but so are Messrs. Fred Thorne, Frank Gillmore, and Bro. Gilbert Farquhar. Miss Gladys Homfrees and Miss Banister are delightful as the mother and step daughter. Mr. Cyril Maude has added another to his somewhat large repertoire of character sketches. This time he is a young philosopher who has read Herbert Spencer, and bores every one with his knowledge. His is one of the most amusing parts in "Angelina." Mr. Cyril Maude always plays in a subdued manner, and as he never forces his humour his parts consequently stand out prominently. We can promise a most pleasant afternoon if any of our readers visit the Vaudeville.

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We cannot understand the reason of opening the Novelty Theatre for a week only for the purpose of producing another adaptation—this time by Mr. Archer—of Ibsen's well known play. The title of it now is "The Doll's House." It is highly interesting, but possibly chiefly owing to the splendid acting of Miss Janet Achurch, upon whom falls the whole burden of the play, and who is scarcely ever off the stage. She was ably supported by Mr. Royce Carleton, Mr. Charrington, Miss Warden, and Mr. H. Waring. We think the public would have supported "A Doll's House" with such a good cast, but as Miss Achurch sails for Australia next week we repeat we cannot comprehend the reason for this tentative opening.

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The London Pavilion have issued a strong programme for Whitsuntide. The artistes comprise Miss Alice Yeamans, the favourite ballad singer; Miss Billie Barlow, Miss Marie Loftus, Mr. Charles Coborn, who was engaged by Princess Louise to sing at Kensington Palace; Miss Jenny Hill, Mr. Macdermott, Miss Addie Conyers, The Two Macs, Miss Lottie Collins, Miss Bessie Bellwood, and that wonderful Torikata Troupe from Japan. We are sure it would be impossible to beat this programme, and now that the seating accommodation has been changed on the floor of the house, this excellent bill of fare ought to swell the dividends for the shareholders. The smiling and ever courteous Bro. Edward Swanborough (P.M. 1319) reigns as manager.

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The French plays at the Gaiety continue to attract large audiences, which, considering that the charges of admission to most parts of the house are doubled, is a most conclusive proof that modern comedy and drama are more attractive than Molière. M. Coquelin has appeared nightly, and has more than sustained his reputation as a true artiste and the greatest living exponent of the French school of dramatic art. Mme. Jane Hading has also worthily sustained her reputation, although she has not been so happy in one or two of her impersonations as we should have expected. All the pieces are admirably mounted, and Mme. Hading's dresses are a sight to see. Many pieces selected, although in the highest degree amusing and attractive, have not been of a healthy tone from an English playgoer's point of view, and it is to be hoped that they have been but imperfectly understood by the young persons who have been present in such large numbers.

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Messrs. Willard and Lart, on taking the Shaftesbury, have done both wisely and well in not risking—considering the time of year—beginning their joint management by the production of a new play. When "Jim the Penman" was played at the Haymarket some two years ago, its popularity was not by any means worn out on its withdrawal. On Saturday it was received with hearty applause in, we regret to say, a not too full house. Mr. Willard must have been particularly gratified with the "send-off" he obtained on beginning as manager. In a short time we shall have every theatre in London in the hands of an actor if the increase continues. We do know that that is desirable for the sake of art on the stage, but in the present instance we are sure no one grudges this favourite actor trying his hand as manager as well. Sir Charles Young's play has been put on as if destined for a good run, the scenery by Messrs. Bruce Smith and Hann being very beautiful. The cast is a good deal changed since the Haymarket days, as far as we remember only Mr. Willard and Lady Monckton retaining their old characters, in which they are seen to greater perfection than before. At the time of its production we narrated the plot, so that we need not go over it again. We will just say that the story is of a successful forger, who is a member of what is known at the Old Bailey as the Long Firm. This man marries, but neither wife nor children ever know of his occupation further than that he is "something in the City." He makes his way into good society, and marries his daughter to a peer, and when at last his crime of years is found out and traced home, he dies of heart disease after

the wedding breakfast. Mr. Tree's place is filled by Mr. Mackintosh, who plays the Baron Hartfeld with every satisfaction. Mr. Elwood, as Captain Redwood, the swell detective, makes himself appear as a cavalry officer. Mr. Fred Terry, as Lord Drelincourt, is excellent, both in dress, appearance, and manner. This young actor has made much progress in his art during the last couple of years. Mr. William Herbert's Louis Percival is manly, and all that can be desired; of the ladies—Miss Brooke and Miss H. Lindley were very acceptable in their respective parts, but Miss Hardinge is decidedly weak as Lord Drelincourt's fiancée. Mr. W. H. Griffiths acts in front, so that all the patrons of this lovely theatre are well cared for.

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM HILTON.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of Bro. William Hilton, and whose funeral took place on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at Brompton Cemetery. He had been many years a resident in Acton, and was held in the highest esteem among Freemasons, owing to the great interest he has always evinced in the welfare of the Craft for more than 20 years. He was Secretary and a Past Master of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew, for 19 years, and continued to hold this office up to the time of his death. Bro. Hilton was also Treasurer of the St. Clement's Danes Lodge from its formation, and he further held a like office in the United Pilgrims' Chapter. He was Queen's tax collector and assistant overseer of the parish of St. Clement's Danes for a long period, and by his invariably courteous treatment gained the highest respect of the inhabitants of the district. The deceased brother has also been a guardian and a member of the vestry for the parish of St. Clement's Danes. The cortege consisted of a hearse drawn by four horses, and three mourning coaches, and amongst the numerous body who attended to pay the last mark of respect to one whom he had been so highly esteemed in life were the following members of St. Clement's Danes Lodge: Bros. Henry Osborn, W.M.; Livett, P.M.; Peters, P.M.; Buckney, Cove, Croft, P.M.; Diprose, P.M.; Wilson, Kindell, Folson, and Andrews. United Pilgrims Chapter: Comps. Hunt and Pratt. Royal Alfred Lodge: Bros. W. Rowe, W.M.; C. J. Coombes, I.P.M.; B. E. Blasby, P.M.; W. D. Beckett, P.M.; W. Eydmann, Treas.; E. Eydmann, Stwd.; and John Brill. It may just be added that the deceased brother (well-known throughout the western suburbs) was at various times the recipient of tangible proofs of the appreciation felt at his successful efforts in the cause of Freemasonry.

WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday Evenings,
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HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday Evenings,
ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.

ADELPHI THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8, THE HARBOUR LIGHTS; at 7.15,
Farce.

GAIETY THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8.30, FRENCH PLAYS.

VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8.50, THAT DOCTOR CUPID; at 7.50,
THE POET.

OPERA COMIQUE THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 9, THE REAL LITTLE LORD FAUNT-
LEROY; at 8.15, HER OWN RIVAL.

COURT THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8.30, A WHITE LIE; at 8, IN THE
CORRIDOR.

COMEDY THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8, A HIGHLAND LEGACY; at 9,
TENTERHOOKS.

TOOLE'S THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8, COMEDIETTA; at 8.30, ARTFUL
CARDS; after which, THE BIRTHPLACE OF PODGERS.

SAVOY THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8.15, THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD;
at 7.20, MRS. JARRAMIE'S GENIE.

PRINCE OF WALES'S THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8.15, PAUL JONES; at 7.30, JOHN
SMITH.

TERRY'S THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8.30, SWEET LAVENDER.

LYRIC THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8.15, DORIS; at 7.40, FUNNIBONES'
FIX.

GRAND THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 7.30, MIGNONETTE.

SURREY THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 7.30, THE WORLD AGAINST HER.

ROYAL AQUARIUM.
Open 12 (noon); close 11.30. p.m. Constant Round of
Amusement.

ALHAMBRA.
Every Evening, at 7.30, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand
Ballets, &c.

EMPIRE.
Every Evening, at 7.30, Variety Entertainment Grand
Ballet, DIANA, &c.

LONDON PAVILION.
Every Evening, Grand Variety Entertainment.

CANTERBURY THEATRE OF VARIETIES.
Every Evening, at 7.30, Variety Entertainment, Humorous
Sketches, &c.

MADAME TUSSAUD & SONS' EXHIBITION.
Open 10 a.m. till 10 p.m. Portrait Models of Past and
Present Celebrities.

NIAGARA IN LONDON.
Open 10 till 10. Colossal Picture of the Great Falls.



Bro. Joseph D. Langton, who has been appointed Hon. Sec. of the Provisional Management Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, is J.D. of Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1; P.M. and Secretary of the Langton Lodge, No. 1673, and P.M. and Secretary of the George Price Lodge, No. 2097; also Z. of the George Price Chapter, and Z. elect of the Asaph Chapter, No. 1319. Bro. Langton was at the last meeting of Grand Lodge elected a Member of the Board of General Purposes, and he is P.P.J.G.W. of Surrey, and P.P.G.A.S. of the Provincial Grand Chapter.

The Prince of Wales has expressed his intention of being present at the Henley Regatta, on each of the three days on which it will be held, namely, on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th July.

The town of Harrogate will be extensively decorated on the occasion of Prince Albert Victor's visit, on the 18th July, for the purpose of opening the new bath, hospital, and convalescent home. The mayors of the principal Yorkshire towns will be invited to lunch with his Royal Highness.

The fashionable event of the week has been the marriage at St. Peter's, Eaton-square, on Tuesday, of Bro. the Duke of Portland with Miss Dallas-Yorke. The church was filled, but not overcrowded, with the friends of the bride and bridegroom, among those present at the ceremony and the breakfast which followed being the Duchess of St. Albans, the Marchioness of Headfort, Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Bury, Bro. Lord and Lady Wantage, Bro. Lord and Lady Muncaster, Bro. Lord and Lady Harlech, Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, Bro. Sir Oscar Clayton, Lady Edward Pelham Clinton, and Bro. the Right Hon. George and Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck. After the breakfast the Duke and Duchess started for Welbeck Abbey, where they will spend the honeymoon.

The Horse Show at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, opened on Saturday last, when there was a large attendance, and the work of judging was proceeded with.

The bad weather had a most disastrous effect on the arrangements made by railway companies and proprietors of popular pleasure resorts for Bank Holiday, the Crystal Palace, however, which celebrated the 35th anniversary of its opening on the day in question, being one of the few exceptions. Here the visitors mustered to the number of 61,000, or about 7000 above the average on such occasions. At the Alexandra Palace, Muswell-hill, and the Royal Aquarium, Westminster, there was also a full attendance, but the railway service to the usual pleasure resorts by the sea was patronised to a far less extent than usual.

The Cart Horse Parade Society held its fourth Whit-Monday show in the Regent's Park, on Monday, the attendance of spectators being very limited on account of the weather. However, the entries, after several ineligible horses had been sent back, numbered 342, and these in groups of two-wheelers, four-wheelers, singles, doubles, unicorns, and wheels-in-hand, filed past the stand in which the judges, Bro. Lord Hothfield, the Hon. Cecil Parker, and Mr. Jacob Wilson, were placed. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., and several other gentlemen, together with a sprinkling of ladies, for whom the rain had no terrors, witnessed the parade.

HUGHAN'S FACSIMILE OF ENGRAVED LIST OF LODGES, A.D. 1734.—Bro. Wm. James Hughan has favoured us with a copy of this, his latest work, published by Bro. George Kenning, and dedicated to Bro. Samuel C. Lawrence, of Massachusetts. The facsimiles are phototypes, and occupy twelve plates. These are explained and commented upon by Bro. Hughan in thirty-four pages of text. Few of our readers will appreciate the interest which Masonic students take in these lists, but those who do will covet this volume for their libraries. For instance, the important question of whether Philadelphia was the mother city of Masonry in America may be settled by an engraved list. The lists themselves are very quaint, each lodge showing the sign of the tavern at which it met, and most of the lodges being named from the tavern, as No. 2, Bull and Gates; No. 7, Rummer—the design being a goblet; No. 8, Devil Tavern—the design being a picture of the Devil; the name of this last, however, was Union Lodge. The earliest American lodge in this list is No. 126, St. John's Lodge, at Boston. It met at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern at that time, but the sign is not given. It is on account of this lodge that the work is dedicated to Bro. Lawrence. A few copies of this volume can be had of Bro. Wm. James Hughan, by addressing him at Torquay, England, and enclosing five shillings or 1 dol. 25 cents, and will be sent post paid. We hope they may be secured for American libraries.—*Masonic Token*, Portland, U.S.A.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Princes Albert Victor and George, and the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, left London by special train for Dover en route to Paris, where their Royal Highnesses have been spending the week at the Hotel Bristol, their object being to see the Paris International Exhibition.

The Kennel Club's Summer Dog Show will be held this year at Olympia, Kensington, on the 9th July and three following days, this being the 33rd Show held under the auspices of the Club. The entries will be arranged in some 245 classes, and the prizes awarded will amount in value to about £2500.

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.*

The Warner Lodge of Instruction has adjourned until the first Monday in October.

A new feature in Masonic entertainments comes under our notice from South Africa. The brethren of one of their lodges recently held a Children's Evening. About 150 children with their parents attended at the Addington Masonic Hall, Durban, and divided the time between refreshments, the time-honoured Punch and Judy show, the excitement of a Christmas tree, and the attractions of a magic lantern. Happy thought! Here is an ingenious means of appealing to the best sympathies of mother-familias, and completely revolutionising her views about "these horrid Masons."—*New York Dispatch.*

The Cecil Royal Arch Chapter, No. 449, for which a warrant has been recently granted, and which will be attached to the Cecil Lodge, No. 449, Hitchin, will be consecrated by Comp. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Grand Superintendent of Hertfordshire, on Thursday next, the 20th inst., at the Sun Hotel, Hitchin.

The annual festival supper of the Ravensbourne Lodge of Instruction was held at the George Inn, Catford, on the 29th ult., and was well attended, the W.M. of the mother lodge, Bro. J. Ingoldby, occupying the position of president, and Bro. James Stevens, P.M., that of vice-president. The evening was devoted to social enjoyment, and what few toasts were given were introduced and responded to with commendable brevity.

Dr. Hohegger, an official of the University Library of Innsbruck is said to have discovered a copy of the original edition of Donatus. Great importance is attached by German scholars to this find, which will probably be made use of in the controversy between Germany and Holland regarding the priority of the invention of the art of printing.

The Royal Military Tournament in aid of the various military charities will be held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, the opening day being fixed for the 20th instant. The programme will be of a similar character to those of former years.

The annual regimental dinner of the 2nd Life Guards was held at 34, Dover-street, Piccadilly, on the 7th instant, the Prince of Wales as Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, and Bros. Sir M. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., and Sir George Prescott, Bart., being among the guests.

Messrs. W. and A. Gilbey have contributed £500 to the Volunteer Patriotic Fund at the Mansion House, Bro. Augustus Harris £100, Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie £21, and Bro. Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., £21.

Bro. Rev. T. Barton Spencer, M.A., Vicar of St. James's, Preston, Grand Chaplain England, has been appointed acting Chaplain to the 1st Volunteer Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

At a dinner given on Friday to Mr. D. Christie Murray on his departure for Australia, Bro. Edmund Yates presided and delivered one of those post prandial orations for which he is so famous. Bro. Parkinson was also there and proposed "The Houses of Parliament," to which Bro. Sir George Elliot, M.P., responded.

Probate of the will, dated June 15, 1888, of the late Bro. Carl Rosa, of 17, Westbourne-street, Hyde-park, who died on the 30th April last, at the Grand Hotel, Paris, has been granted to the acting executors, Mr. Henry Alex. Bruce, of the Court Theatre, Liverpool, theatrical manager, and Mr. Charles Edward Horte, of Northbourne, Lower Common, Putney, secretary, probate having been renounced by Mr. John Hayward Evans, solicitor, also named as an executor in the will. The value of the personal estate has been sworn at £78,758 12s. 4d.

Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead has issued a special appeal to the Stock Exchange, the Baltic, the Corn Exchange, and other Exchanges in London, as well as to the leading bankers to make special collections for the hospitals and dispensaries of London through the agency of the Hospital Sunday Fund, the collections for which will take place on Sunday, the 23rd instant.

We are pleased to notice that the movement to establish a United Grand Lodge of New Zealand is taking definite shape. Branches of the Masonic Union are being formed in the different provinces, and meetings held in the principal cities to discuss the question, and the proposal has met with a very fair share of favour and support. We are informed that it is intended to nominate Bro. Lord Onslow, P.G.W. E.C., the Governor-elect, as the first Grand Master of that colony. Queensland is also moving in the same direction, and taking the initiatory steps to follow suit, and declare herself sovereign and independent. We shall welcome her most cordially among the Australasian United Grand Lodges.—*New Zealand Mail.*

Nearly one hundred years have elapsed since the business of Messrs. Hepburn and Cocks, of 93, Chancery-lane, London, was founded, the books and papers of the firm relate business transactions as occurring in the year 1790, so that the foundation of their house is famous for antiquity. In their line of deed, ballot, cash, dispatch box, judicature form case, and "Rob Roy" cuisine manufacturers, they are doing a large trade all over the country. They have large premises situated as above named, for the purposes of their extended trade. These consist of extensive basement and ground floor measuring some 100 feet by 20 feet. This firm is very widely known for the manufacture of their boxes and other metal enclosures for protection against theft or fire. They also carry on a large trade as wrought iron door makers, bell-hangers, gasfitters, locksmiths, &c. They have at all times a very large stock in their show rooms very skillfully arranged. Messrs. Hepburn are thorough men of business, punctual in all their appointments, and are most particular as to the style, quality, and durability of any work or manufacture turned out of their premises.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Health or Wealth.—No sane person would hesitate an instant in the choice between these two conditions. Now is the season to secure the former, either by restoring or confirming it. These Pills expel all impurities from the system which fogs, foul vapours, and variable temperatures engender during winter; this medicine also acts most wholesomely upon the skin by discharging the liver of its accumulated bile, and by exciting the kidneys to more energetic action; it increases the appetite for food and strengthens the digestive process. The stomach and liver, with which most disorders originate, are fully under the control of these regenerative Pills, which act very kindly yet more efficiently on the tenderest bowels.—*ADVT.*

At a meeting of Lodge Sincerity No. 189, held (by dispensation of the D.P.G.M.) at the Sincerity Masonic Temple, Stonehouse, on Monday evening, the W.M., Bro. Frank R. Thomas presiding, Bro. J.B. Moulcer, S.W., was elected W.M. for the year ensuing, and Bro. George Hawken, P.M., Treasurer.

The Prince and Princess of Wales since their arrival in Paris, have been busily engaged in visiting the various sections of the International Exhibition, the Fine Arts Department having received a large share of their attention and also the British section. Their Royal Highnesses are constantly on the move, dining at various restaurants, visiting theatres, and seeing whatever of interest is to be seen in the French capital.

In our few remarks last week on the Lennox Browne Lodge, which is about to be added to the roll of lodges in the Province of Essex, we stated that the number of lodges would be thereby increased to 28, whereas we should have stated it as 29, Essex being already in a position to boast of the former number.

THE FORTHCOMING MASONIC BAZAAR IN EDINBURGH.—In connection with the bazaar organised by the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in Scotland, with a view to providing funds for their new endowment scheme, Bro. W. A. Davis, accountant, Edinburgh, has been appointed secretary. Bro. Davis is well known in Masonic circles, and is one of the original founders of the new Dramatic and Arts Lodge of Edinburgh, which is rapidly assuming the position of one of the principal lodges in Scotland. He is also secretary to the Albert Hall Company, and secretary to the company for the projected Southside theatre, so that his appointment cannot but be regarded as a fit compliment, at the hands of the Grand Lodge, to all who are interested in art and the drama.

Thursday, the 30th ult., being Ascension Day, the Rose Croix and Knights Templar bestowed their usual alms at All Soul's Lodge, the recipients being ten males and ten females, all of whom were over 60 years of age. Tea was also given to the aged people, Mrs. Allan McLean presiding at the table. Bros. H. T. George, Pelly Hooper, Z. Milledge, and Dr. McLean were present, as were also the Rev. J. L. G. Hadow and the Rev. R. E. Tanner, both of whom gave some sound counsel to the guests.

The Academy says that Baron Nordenskiöld has now passed through the Press the great work upon which he has been engaged for some time—a Facsimile Atlas to the Oldest History of Cartography. It is a folio volume containing reproductions of fifty-one maps, printed before 1600, with descriptive letterpress and other illustrations. There is also included the MS. map of Northern Europe (circa 1467), recently discovered by the Baron in the library of Count Zamoiski, at Warsaw.

"Two Friends" on Wednesday made the London Society for Promoting Christianity amongst the Jews the munificent gift of £1000.

Bro. the Duke of Portland has forwarded £20 as a wedding gift to the Epsom Cottage Hospital, which is to be opened next month by the Duchess of Teck.

It is stated that the Empress Frederick and her daughters will visit Potsdam to-morrow (Saturday), which is the first anniversary of the Emperor Frederick's death.

The Worshipful Company of Salters has kindly given a donation of ten guineas to the Church Society for Homes for Waifs and Strays.

The "Joseph Maas Memorial Prize" has this year been awarded to Mr. Frank L. Ohare. The competition took place at the Birmingham and Midland Institute, and the examiners were Dr. Swinnerton Heap, Dr. R. Winn, and Mr. W. C. Stockley.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.—Bro. Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire, has appointed Bro. James Reid, Greenock, to be Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in room of Bro. M. Hugh Shaw Stewart of Carnock, who resigned that office on his election as Provincial Grand Master of Stirlingshire. Bro. David J. Dunlop, Port-Glasgow, has been appointed Sub-Provincial G. Master; Bro. Provost Binnie, Goorock, Provincial Senior Grand Warden; and Bro. Rev. John Frew, Greenock, one of the Provincial Grand Chaplains.

PRESENTATIONS TO BRO. GEORGE RALLING.—A few days since, the past and present members of Short-hand Classes in connection with the Reigate Youths' Institute, presented their teacher, Bro. George Ralling, of Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester, and brother of the P.G. Sec. of Essex, formerly of the *Essex Standard*, with a travelling writing case as a parting gift, Bro. G. Ralling having accepted the sub-editorship of the *Cape Argus*, the leading paper of Cape Colony. The managers of the Reigate Institute also passed a special vote of thanks to Bro. Ralling for his services to the Institute. The composing staff of the *Surrey Mirror*, of which Bro. Ralling was editor, have presented him with a handsome dressing case and an address, and the machine-room men also made him a presentation. He was also the recipient of a cheque from the inhabitants of the district, of all classes, and his brother journalists from all parts of the county met at Redhill, to make him a handsome presentation, and to wish him *bon voyage*. Bro. Ralling sailed for the Cape on the 5th inst.

A most appalling railway accident occurred near Armagh, on Wednesday morning, by which about 70 persons are reported to have been killed and as many more injured to a greater or lesser degree. The train to which the accident occurred was crowded with children and their teachers and attendants, the day having been chosen for the annual excursion of Dr. Lynn's Methodist Sunday School to Warren Point, a pretty watering-place on the shores of Carlingford Lough. How the accident happened is not yet known, but a portion of the train freighted with these young holiday makers became detached, and dashed down a steep incline into an outgoing train; several of the carriages being smashed to atoms and the occupants killed. The deaths have occurred mostly among the adults, the children, it is said, being mostly in the fore part of the train, while every assistance that could possibly be given was rendered by the medical men and others in the neighbourhood. An inquest was opened almost immediately.