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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Nothing could have been more satisfactory than the manner in which the proceedings at the Quarterly General Court, on Friday, the 31st ult., were carried out. There was a tolerably full attendance of Governors and Subscribers, and, what is still more important, the bitterness of feeling which has been exhibited at many of the later Courts and Committees on this occasion was, to use a conventional expression, conspicuous by its absence. It was originally the intention of the Provisional Committee to recommend that a pension of £250 per annum for life should be granted to Bro. BINCKES on retiring from the office of Secretary, in substitution for one of £350 which had been carried only by a very narrow majority at the previous Court. But the proposal was not pressed, as the same Provisional Committee had, in the interval between its declaration of this intention and the day appointed for this meeting of the Court, given its sanction and approval to a scheme which, while it would secure to Bro. BINCKES a life annuity of equal value, would, at the same time, not trench upon the resources of the Institution. By this scheme, as our readers have already learned, it is proposed to raise by subscription among the Craft generally such a capital sum—£2500—as will suffice to purchase for Bro. BINCKES a life annuity of £250. This sum, indeed, has already been advanced by a very distinguished brother, on the understanding that it shall be reimbursed by subscription in the manner indicated, within a period of six months, and that any excess that is obtained over and above the necessary £2500 shall be handed over to the funds of the School. Under these circumstances, the General Court unanimously endorsed with its approval the scheme to which the Provisional Committee had lent the weight of its sanction, and the necessity for considering the motion which the latter had, in the first instance, intended to submit no longer existed. As regards the motion to award Bro. Dr. MORRIS a sum of £450 as a kind of honorarium for his services, it was defeated almost unanimously, the late Head Master having, as Bro. EVE, Past Grand Treasurer, announced, given a receipt for £255 paid him in full of all demands. Thus the two great difficulties with which the brethren were confronted on the eve of last week's General Court have been satisfactorily disposed of, and it only now remains for the members to use their utmost influence among the Craft generally in order to raise the £2500 in reimbursement of the sum advanced for the purchase of Bro. BINCKES's annuity. That the scheme for obtaining this sum is a good one, and reflects credit on the brethren who conceived and worked it out, cannot be doubted. The amount is large of itself, but seeing that it is only proposed to invite the lodges in town and country to contribute at the rate £2 10s. per lodge towards its realisation, we apprehend there will be little or no difficulty in obtaining it. Moreover, the idea is such an excellent one of relieving just this particular Charity, which has the smallest permanent income, of what undoubtedly would prove a considerable permanent charge, and at the same time of recognising the very long and meritorious services which Bro. BINCKES has rendered, that we cannot bring ourselves to believe there will be any hesitation on the part of any of the lodges in voting their respective quotas. It is not often we hear of a scheme, cleverly devised as this has been, to effect the double purpose of enabling the Craft to suitably recognise the services of a valued public servant without trenching upon the funds of an Institution, which, at all times, but more especially now, stands in need of all the support that can be obtained for it; and we say again, the Craft is

under a deep debt of gratitude both to the brother—Bro. W. F. SMITHSON, Honorary Secretary of the West Yorkshire Charity Association—who reduced it to practical working order, and “the distinguished brother” who originated it, for affording the Governors and Subscribers an honourable mode of escape from a very serious dilemma.

ATTENDANCE OF PAST MASTERS.

It appears from the report, to which we referred last week, of the proceedings at a regular communication in June last of the District Grand Lodge of the Eastern Division of South Africa, that a long discussion took place on a motion submitted by Bro. Dr. DARLEY-HARTLEY, Past D.G.D., to the effect that the Secretaries of lodges, in making their annual returns to the District Grand Secretary, should include a return of the several stated and emergency meetings which each Past Master had attended. Bro. DARLEY-HARTLEY argued that there were Past Masters and Past Masters. There were those who never ceased to take an active interest in the work of the lodge, who were regular in their attendance, and who were always ready to undertake any duty from that of W.M. to Tyler. On the other hand, there were those who, having once passed the chair, never troubled themselves further with the business of the lodge and rarely, if ever, attended its meetings. He maintained that the return he proposed should be made, was necessary in order that the District Grand Master, in his distribution of District honours, might know what manner of men they were who were entitled to receive them and make his awards accordingly. Bro. DARLEY-HARTLEY deprecated the idea that in proposing his motion he was in any way desirous of trenching upon the prerogative of the District Grand Master, his object being to place him in possession of that information respecting the Past Masters in his District, which it was impossible for him to have under existing circumstances. In spite, however, of Bro. DARLEY-HARTLEY'S eloquent speech, the motion was decisively and, we think, wisely rejected. We are well aware that our worthy brother's classification of Past Masters is correct, and that there is hardly a lodge holding under the Grand Lodge of England, which is old enough to have a fairly numerous array of Past Masters, of which it cannot be said that many of these worthies are as invariably absent from, as others are invariably present at, its meetings. But what then? The absent Past Masters have done their share of work, they remain subscribing members in order to be able to retain their status in the Craft, and they very naturally leave the bulk of the work to be done by the younger brethren. Bro. DARLEY-HARTLEY admitted that there were Past Masters who accepted office as Treasurer, Secretary, or what not, and were diligent in attending to their duties, while, on the other hand, he failed to show that there were any lodges which had suffered any detriment by reason of the absence of their Past Masters who had no duties to perform. His main contention in behalf of his motion was that occasionally some Past Master who never went near his lodge obtained District honours. Well, we like to see Past Masters supporting their lodges by their attendance, as well as by their subscriptions; but we consider it is far better that a District honour should occasionally be bestowed on a Past Master who is generally absent from his lodge, and who, for that reason and that reason only, is supposed to be less worthy of it than others, than that the whole body of Past Masters of a District should be annually called upon to give an account of themselves. There are lodges which suffer by the

apathy of their Past Masters, but they are exceptional cases, and it would be absurd on the face of it to enact a law or regulation that would annoy one or two hundred brethren who in their day had done good work just for the sake of keeping two or three, or it may be half-a-dozen, of their number up to the mark. In Freemasonry especially, we do not want to be troubled with a multitude of laws, and rules and regulations, so that whichever way we turn we are confronted, as it were, by a sign-post covered with full instructions as to what we must and what we must not do if we follow that particular path or road. We have our Book of Constitutions, which is framed for the conduct of the Craft generally, and the bye-laws which regulate the conduct of our lodges, and anything beyond these is superfluous and annoying.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, when the following companions were present :

Comps. Rev. H. Adair Pickard, G. Supt. Oxon, as M.E.G.Z.; Col. R. Townley Caldwell, G. Supt. Cambridge, as G.H.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, G. Supt. Cheshire, as G. J.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; Sir Robert N. Fowler, as G.S.N.; Robert Grey, President of Committee of General Purposes; Sir Bruce M. Seton, G.P. Soj.; James Glashier, as G. 1st A. Soj.; Rev. Thos. Robinson, as G. 2nd A. Soj.; Frank Richardson, Dr. Jabez Hogg, G.S.B.; C. Belton, P.G. Std. Br.; R. G. Venables, G. 3rd Std. Br.; George H. Haydon, G. 4th Std. Br.; Eugene Monteuis, Dep. G.D.C.; Henry Garrod, A.G.D.C.; A. Pendlebury, A.G.C.E.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.A.G.S.; Thomas Fenn, P.P.B.G.P.; T. B. Purchas, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Matier, P. Dep. G.D.C.; Brackstone Baker, E. J. Barron, P.G. Std. Br.; Dr. W. R. Woodman, P.G.D.C.; Charles H. Driver, P.G. Std. Br.; F. Sumner Knyvett, W. M. Bywater, P.G. Std. Br.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.S.B.; Herbert J. Adams, P. Dep. G.D.C.; Fred. West, P.A.G.S.; Charles Frederick Hogard, P.D.G.D.C.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.A.G.S.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.C.; C. Harding, P.G. Std. Br.; E. H. Baylis, P.G.S.B.; W. Edward Stewart, P.G.S.B.; Henry J. P. Dumas, P.G.S.B.; E. Mallett, P.Z. 1623; Albert Lucking, P.Z. 1000, P.G.D. Essex; F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275; J. G. Garson, J. 1691; J. Hayward Ballyse, P.Z. 321; Arthur Betts, J. 1624; L. G. Gordon Robbins, P.Z. 10; George A. Ames, Z. 2; T. Durtnall, Z. 1614; E. St. Clair, J. 2060; William Dodd, P.Z. 1194; Adolphus Clark, P.Z. 1524; J. Wilson, P.Z. 1365; D. Legg, J. 1365; J. K. R. Cama, Z. 2202, E. W. Stanton, P.Z. 181; G. S. Recknell, P.Z. 73; H. Massey, P.Z. 619, P.Z., and Z. 1928; A. Berry, H. 1524; W. G. A. Gilbert, Z. 257; J. Henry Hoit, J. 1524; George L. Wingate, P.Z. 1423, P.P.G.S.; Henry Wright, Z. 1617; E. A. Bamber, J. 1615; Frederick Thomas Rushton, Z. 771; Lennox Browne, Z. 2108; Carl T. Fleck, J. 1275; and H. Sadler, Grand Janitor.

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

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 16th October, 1889, to the 14th January, 1890, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows :

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£150 8 4	By Disbursements during the	
" " Unappropriated		Quarter...	£299 16 10
Account ... 190 18 1		Balance ...	239 12 0
" Subsequent Receipts ... 386 14 0		" " Unappropriated	
		Account ... 188 11 7	
	£728 0 5		£728 0 5

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

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

1st. From Comps. Harry James Sparks, as Z.; William Smith, as H.; John Upchurch Martin, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Sondes Lodge, No. 996, East Dereham, to be called the Harry Sparks Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, East Dereham, in the county of Suffolk.

2nd. From Comps. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., D.L., Grand Superintendent for Durham, as Z.; Robert Shadforth, as H.; George Washington Bain, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Williamson Lodge, No. 949, Monkwearmouth, to be called the Williamson Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, No. 6, North Bridge-street, Monkwearmouth, in the county of Durham.

3rd. From Comps. Thomas Preston, as Z.; Henry Croasdale, as H.; George Handel Openshaw, and 11 others for a chapter to be attached to the Fidelity Lodge, No. 269, Blackburn, to be called the Fidelity Chapter, and to meet at the Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn, in the Eastern Division of Lancashire.

4th. From Comps. Carl Theodor Fleck, as Z.; Charles Meierhoff, as H.; James Cooper, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, London, to be called the Old Concord Chapter, and to meet at the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, London.

5th. From Comps. Adolphus Clark, as Z.; James John Woolley, as H.; Herbert Charles Lambert, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, to be called the Anglo-American Chapter, and to meet at the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, London.

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

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a Memorial from the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, reporting that they were regularly established on the 30th September, 1889, and asking recognition by the Grand Chapter of England, and that fraternal communication may be established between the two Grand Chapters.

The Committee recommend that inasmuch as the Grand Lodge of New South Wales has been duly acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Chapter of New South Wales be also recognised.

The Committee have received memorials, with extracts of minutes, on the removal of the following chapters :—

The Alexandra Chapter, No. 993, from the Midway Hotel, Levenshulme, to the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.

The Grand Master's Chapter, No. 1, from Willis's Rooms, St. James's, to the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland-avenue, Charing Cross.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of these requests, recommend that the removals of the above-named chapters be sanctioned.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

15th January, 1890.

Grand Chapter approved of the above recommendations, on the motion of Comp. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Comp. F. RICHARDSON, and the companions afterwards closed Grand Chapter.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., Past G. Treasurer, occupied the chair. There were also present Bros. Robert Grey, H. A. Hunt, F. Richardson, C. Hammerton, C. H. Webb, H. Massey, Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire; Stanley J. Attenborough, J. Bodenham, E. M. Money, J. K. R. Cama, J. M. McLeod, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), and others.

After the reading and verification of the minutes of the Quarterly Court of October 25th,

Bro. HEDGES read a letter from Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D., expressing his wish to retire, on account of ill-health, from his trusteeship of the General Fund of the Institution.

Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.D., President of the Board of Benevolence, in moving that Bro. Rucker's resignation be accepted with regret, said he thought it would meet the wishes of the brethren if the Secretary were to write a letter to Bro. Rucker, acknowledging the many services Bro. Rucker had rendered to the Institution for many years past, and expressing the brethren's very great regret that the state of Bro. Rucker's health necessitated his tendering his resignation.

Bro. HENRY SMITH seconded the motion, which was put and carried *unanimously*.

Bro. ROBERT GREY said he was sure the Secretary would put the letter in such terms as would be acceptable to Bro. Rucker and satisfactory to the Court.

Bro. C. H. WEBB, V.P., moved that the name of one girl be omitted from the list of candidates for the April Election, and said he thought the case should receive serious consideration, for several reasons. The case had been recommended by the Petitions Committee by the narrowest majority. When first considered by that Committee it was decided not to recommend it; but, after some further correspondence, by the casting vote of the Chairman of the Committee the General Committee recommended it to place it on the list. In this case there were seven children of the deceased brother, but some were grown up. The father was described as a "gentleman." When the mother died, £6000 capitalised was left for the children, who were now all living together; one acting as housekeeper of the family; the others were of an age which should justify them in seeking to obtain their living. The invested £6000 brought in £190 a year, which in the provinces was equal to £300 or £350 in London. Therefore he thought the case was such as ought not to come forward for this Institution. The father did not appear to have done anything for the Institutions. Whatever his resources were there were £6000 invested, and those who were possessed of property should not be allowed to drive their children into the Masonic Schools. It was disgraceful to parents who occupied that position. If this case was elected a stronger and much more deserving case would be kept out, and if the brethren supported such cases they encouraged similar cases to come on.

Bro. MONEY, in seconding the motion, said it was shown to the Enquiry Committee that two or three of the girls of this family were over 20 years of age. If they were not working they had had a good education and they ought to teach the younger children and not come for charity. The object of the Committee was not to have too large a list of candidates.

Bro. HEDGES said he communicated with the brother who brought forward the case after Bro. Webb gave notice to the General Committee, and that brother telegraphed back—"No further information. Was afraid the income would be fatal." The father of the child was initiated in Warwickshire, and joined a lodge in Berks and Bucks.

Bro. HENRY SMITH said that the qualifications of the father and of the child being correct the General Committee could not help putting the child on; but it was for the Quarterly Court to say whether or not it should be kept on.

Bro. ATTENBOROUGH, in supporting the motion, said the reason he acted as he did on the Committee was that there were a large number of children who were totally dependent on their parents or on one parent, who had no income whatever. In one case there were ten children dependent on one woman; and when they considered this case, where they were able to support themselves he thought it ought not to be put on. Bro. Richardson on that occasion in giving his casting vote pointed out that cases which nearly approached this case had been accepted, and he did not think he would be justified in giving his casting vote against it. He thought they would be amply justified in opposing the case.

It was then decided that this name, together with one other, be omitted, and the list of candidates for election next April was declared to be 43, while the vacancies will be 21.

Bro. C. HAMMERTON, P.G.S.B., brought forward the following motion as Chairman of the Centenary Committee: "Any lodge, chapter, or society having contributed upon the list of a Steward at the Centenary Festival of the Institution shall, in recognition thereof, be entitled, on payment of the sum of £13 to cover the cost, to place (under the superintendence of the architect of the Institution) a memorial in one of the lights of the windows or on the wall framing of the Centenary Hall. And shall be further entitled, in respect of the same, to two votes in perpetuity, or to four votes in perpetuity, should the lodge, chapter, or society be a Vice-President of the Institution prior to the time of such payment. The right to place a memorial under this resolution shall cease at such time as the Centenary Committee by resolution shall determine." He said there was a desirability in having windows decorated with coats of arms from different lodges, as they would materially assist the beauty of the building. The hall itself, no doubt, when finished, would look very handsome, but painted windows would add to the effect. What was worth doing at all was worth doing well, and putting these windows in at such a cost would be a very moderate way of finishing it off. Many lodges had already intimated their desire to put in windows, but he wished now to alter his proposition as printed, because as it now read it excluded some lodges which he was of opinion should be included. A letter had been received, which stated that it precluded some coming in because the money did not come out of the lodge on to the centenary list, one lodge sending something like £300 contributed by the members of the lodge, and not by the lodge, so that it would exclude them. Bro. Hammerton then altered his motion to the following form: "Any lodge, chapter, or society having been represented by a Steward at the Centenary Festival of the Institution shall, in recognition thereof, be entitled, at the discretion of the Centenary Committee, on the payment of the sum of £13 for each memorial light to cover the cost, to place (under the superintendence of the architect of the Institution) a memorial in one or more of the lights of the windows or on the wall-framing of the Centenary Hall. And shall be further entitled, in respect of the same, to two votes in perpetuity for each sum of £13 so paid, or to four votes in perpetuity, should the lodge, chapter, or society be a Vice-President of the Institution prior to the time of such payment. The right to place a memorial under this resolution shall cease at such time as the Centenary Committee, by resolution, shall determine."

Bro. C. H. WEBB seconded the motion. He thought the proposition quite correct. It would not prevent the completion of the work or the opening of the hall when finished, which he hoped would happen at no distant period. It would enable every lodge to contribute.

In answer to questions, Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON said if they had more applications than space, the Committee would have to decide when to stop. If there was a lodge which had never contributed a penny piece, it ought to stand out.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, in supporting the resolution, said the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire would be one of those bodies which would have been

excluded but for Bro. Hammerton's suggested alteration in the wording of the resolution, although altogether, West Yorkshire contributed about £3000.

The resolution, as altered, was then carried.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Patron, moved—"That the Trustees of the Institution be and are hereby requested and authorised to sign a petition to each House of Parliament against the 'Various Powers Bill' presented by the London Brighton and South Coast Railway, so far as the same relates to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and to make such opposition thereto as Counsel may advise, or may be necessary for the protection of the property of the Institution." The bill of the Brighton Railway was a very important one. They had scheduled the new gates which had been put up at a cost of £100 facing the common; they proposed to take 12 out of 18 feet of land at the side of the main building, and half of the Junior School itself and the whole of the frontage to the high road. The House Committee had retained Bro. Samuel Pope, Q.C., and he (Bro. Richardson) thought they should be on the safe side, and petition against the Bill, for, if carried, the railway would come within 6 feet of the building. It would be in a cutting 25 feet deep, and it would be absolutely dangerous to the structure. If the railway damaged the place like that, they would have to take it altogether, and it was worth a quarter of a million. He then moved his resolution, which was put and carried, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT.

The Quarterly General Court of the Subscribers to this Institution was held on the 31st ult., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Hants and the Isle of Wight, presiding. There were over 200 brethren present from all parts of the country.

The minutes of the Quarterly General Court of October having been read by Bro. BINCKES,

Bro. RICHARD EVE, Past Grand Treasurer, said that before the question was put that the minutes of the last Quarterly Court be confirmed, he was deputed by the Provisional Committee to make a statement to the brethren. On the minutes was a motion for granting £350 a year as a pension to Bro. Binckes on his retirement from the office of Secretary. It had been felt by the Provisional Committee that the Institution's money might be saved if that proposition be not confirmed, and he was entrusted by that Committee not to press the confirmation of the minutes in that respect. Probably some of the brethren might not be aware that they were going to propose that the sum should be £250 a year, but it was not now their desire to make that proposition. (Applause.) He made that statement with a great amount of pleasure, and it was made in order to bring about a re-union among the Subscribers to the Institution, and to place the Institution on the firm basis of past years, and consolidating the good feeling of all the Subscribers. They were not going to propose that the £250 be granted, and therefore they withdrew both propositions, while trusting to the generous impulses of Masons to do their utmost for the Institution. They believed thoroughly in the good feeling of the Subscribers and in their liberal desires generally, and therefore they did not propose to the Quarterly Court to give anything like a pension to Bro. Binckes. They had propounded a scheme by which they believed that the feeling of the Committee would be carried out liberally, and that they would be able to have placed at their disposal a sum of money which they could give to Bro. Binckes. By the next Quarterly Court they hoped everything would be settled. He therefore proposed that those minutes be confirmed, with the exception of that part giving the pension to Bro. Binckes.

Bro. JONES said that, as one who proposed that Bro. Binckes ought to resign without any pension at all, it was with great pleasure he seconded the proposition of Bro. Eve that the minutes be confirmed, with the exception of that part referring to the pension of Bro. Binckes. The party who led the opposition had gone through a disagreeable course. They had been charged with acting with bitterness and malignity, but he thought they ought to be credited with as much honesty in favour of Bro. Binckes claimed for themselves. The outcome of the opposition had brought about a great difference of opinion, and it had been alleged that the constitutions under which the Charities were founded did not allow of the application of their funds to the granting of pensions. However, matters had been now arranged, and therefore he had great pleasure in seconding the proposition of Bro. Eve.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Court were then confirmed, with the exception of that portion proposing a pension to Bro. Binckes.

The recommendation of the General Committee that the list for the election in April should consist of 68 candidates, and that 30 vacancies be declared, was then confirmed.

Bro. JAMES LEWIS THOMAS moved to alter the existing Law No. 71 in the third paragraph thus—"No candidate shall be eligible for the office of Secretary unless he be a Master Mason and under the age of 45 years," &c. He said his motion was intended to widen the field for candidates for the Secretaryship by increasing the age at which they could be accepted from 40 to 45. He had heard it said that there should be no limit at all, but he could not agree with that proposition; but it had also been thought that the rules should not be altered too extensively, but that an opportunity should be given for selecting good men, which could be done by extending the age from 40 to 45. Seeing the marvellous things that were done by men who were really of very old age, they could not say that 45 was at all too old to start with. He could not sit down without expressing his sincere wish that whoever might be selected to the honourable and onerous post of Secretary of the Institution would do as much justice to it as the present Secretary had done.

The motion having been seconded,

Bro. DR. WOODMAN said he had sent in an amendment to the original motion, but it did not appear on the agenda. His amendment was to do away with the rule altogether, and leave the age unlimited. He thought he might claim the privilege of bringing it forward now, either as an original motion or an amendment to Bro. Lewis Thomas. He moved that the by-law be abrogated entirely, and that there should be no restriction whatever as to the age of candidates. It would be easy for the Committee to eliminate from a list of candidates those of great age, whom they might think incapacitated. After the discussion that had taken place on pensions, he could not think there was any objection to the Committee appointing a man who was capable of doing his work. If they look to the officers of the State, to the Church, or the law, they saw plenty of people occupying most important positions, and doing their work well when they were of considerable age. A good man might be found at 46 or 47.

The motion having been read by the CHAIRMAN, together with the amendment,

Bro. SCURRAH said as it was in contemplation, he believed, by the Provisional Committee that the whole of the by-laws of the Institution should be revised and altered, he would ask the brethren present if they did not think it would be a wise thing to let the by-laws remain as they were at present, and in the future go for a thorough revision of the whole of them, as it had been found that this was absolutely necessary. (Cries of "No, no.")

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND protested against the matter being left an open question. It was all very well to say that old men were as good as young, but

sometimes it was not so good for an interest of this kind. Sometimes they were indebted to aged men, but in an Institution like this they had a right to look for a number of good years of work in a man. If they got an aged man they could only count on a certain number of years being left in him for his work, but if they brought in a young man they expected a far longer number of years of good work in him. Well, that was a question for the brethren whether the limit should be 40 or 45 years, but he did not think it would be well to make the limit 50, 60, or 70, or they might go on as far as 80.

Another BROTHER said it appeared to him that they should leave the question open to the Committee. They would not be likely to select a man of 60 or 70 years. He thought the arguments of extending it from 40 to 45 were good, men of that age had more experience than a man of 25. A man of 45 was not open to those objections that a man of less experience was.

A division was then taken, and there appeared

For extending to 45 years of age	...	...	...	...	108
Against ...	...	...	...	...	83
Majority for	...	...	...	...	25

Major DURRANT said that in rising to propose his motion he did so with a deep sense of responsibility, and he should approach it in the same spirit as Bro. Eve had shewn in the proposition he had made with respect to Bro. Binckes' pension, and no one would have cause to make any unkind remarks. He moved "That in consideration of the 14 years' Head Mastership of Dr. Morris at the Boys' School, this Committee do vote a sum of £450 in recognition of his valuable services to the Institution." Every one would agree with him that the educational condition of the School was in all respects satisfactory. He took that as his stand point on which he asked the Committee to award £450 to Dr. Morris. When Dr. Morris became the Head Master he was 43 years of age; he was now 56; 14 of the best years of his life had been spent in the interest of the Boys' School, and he was sure the Craft would not begrudge an award such as he now asked them to make to Dr. Morris. They knew the educational state of the School when Dr. Morris first became Head Master, and they also knew what it was when he left it. The School had made rapid strides. (Cries of "No, no.") He hoped and trusted there would be a large number of supporters of his motion; it was not an extravagant one, and when the brethren considered it in all its bearings they would not think it was introduced in an extravagant spirit.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND wished to draw attention to the circumstances that the Provisional Committee recommended £500 to Dr. Morris in full satisfaction of all claims Dr. Morris might have upon the Institution, and some of Dr. Morris's friends thought that that was not sufficient. They proposed £750. They came before the Provisional Committee, and Dr. Morris said they had given him six months' notice, three months of which would terminate on the 31st December, and it was desired that Dr. Morris should go on that date. Dr. Morris came before the Committee and said that he thought that as he had to leave his house on the 31st December, and the notice would expire on the 31st March, he ought to have six months' notice from the 1st January instead of from September. Ultimately he accepted a cheque for £255 in full discharge of all claims he might have against the Institution, and he signed a receipt for that cheque. Therefore he did not see what claim Dr. Morris had upon the Institution. If the recommendation of the Provisional Committee had been carried out he would have received £500, though his friends thought he could get £750. That, however, fell through, and therefore he took £125 less than the Provisional Committee were prepared to give him. As the motion for the pension to Bro. Binckes had been withdrawn he did not see why one gratuity should be paid out of the funds of the Institution when anything of the kind was withdrawn in the other case. Major Durrant's scheme was plausible as far as it went, but he thought it was right they should have all the facts before them.

Major DURRANT said he never mentioned £750. As to the £500, Bro. Cumberland put it in his way and not in his (Major Durrant's). He had nothing to do with £750, and he did not think it had been mentioned in any way.

Bro. HENRY SMITH did not know how this motion got on the agenda paper, for it ought not to have been there at all. When Dr. Morris retired he was satisfied with the gratuity he got, and the Institution ought not to entertain any such idea as that suggested by Major Durrant.

Bro. SCURRAH said at the General Meeting when this matter was brought forward, Dr. Morris was no longer a servant of the Institution. He had signed a receipt, and was satisfied with what he got, and on that ground he (Bro. Scurrah) objected to this notice of motion.

The CHAIRMAN said the notice was quite in order, whether Dr. Morris was now Head Master or not. It was entirely competent for a member of the Court to move that Dr. Morris be granted something in recognition of his past services. The question of the propriety or not of granting it was a different matter. Dr. Morris had signed a receipt in full of all demands. This ought to be stated to the Court that they might judge and determine whether a further gratuity be granted.

Bro. BINCKES, by request, read the following receipt: "Received of the Provisional Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the sum of £255 in settlement of all my claims and demands upon the Institution. (Signed) Richard Morris, 31st December, 1889. Witness, George Corble."

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS said he seconded the motion of Bro. Durrant as a matter of grace. He also had given a notice of motion in consequence of the vast improvement in the educational condition of the School, but his notice was not put before the brethren. No man had worked harder for the Boys' School than Dr. Morris, and no institution could show a master of greater position in the educational world. Dr. Morris did not ask this sum. It was asked by friends as an act of grace, and in consideration of past services. It would be too bad to allow Dr. Morris to go away without some solatium.

Bro. BRACKSTONE BAKER, P.G.D., said it appeared to him that this was an appeal *ad misericordium*, but he could not reconcile such an appeal with the position just confirmed, taken up with respect to Bro. Binckes. He would like to know whether this was a recommendation of the Provisional Committee. ("No, no.")

A BROTHER said it had been announced by the Secretary reading Dr. Morris' receipts, that £355 was paid to Dr. Morris. How much of his salary was due?

Bro. HENRY SMITH. None whatever.

Bro. RICHARD EVE said he would make a statement. The receipt that had been read was for £255 in settlement of all claims by Dr. Morris, he having been paid the whole of his salary due to the end of last year. He (Bro. Eve) was one of the Committee appointed to meet Dr. Morris in reference to his claims. They asked him if he could show them any precedent where a brother had received compensation for the loss of 14 years' service, and he could show none. They proposed £500 in lieu of everything, salary and all. The General Committee did not accept it. No doubt the friends of Dr. Morris thought he ought to get more, but the £500 was not to be got. They conferred with Dr. Morris on his strict legal rights, and they found that he was entitled to six months' notice. Three months of the notice had expired, and he was entitled to something in lieu of salary and house rent for the other three months. But instead of taking that narrow legal view, they gave him, in addition to his full salary to Christmas, £255. They told him that it was more than they considered he was legally entitled to, but, if he would give them a receipt in full of all claims he might think he had upon the Institution, they would give him that amount, and they did not anticipate there would be any further objection to it. Those were the simple facts of the case, and the Provisional Committee endorsed what had been done.

The motion of Major Durrant, was almost unanimously rejected amidst cheers.

Bro. E. V. GREATBATCH, Life-Governor, said that in face of what Bro. Eve had said, and the decision come to with regard to the pension of Bro. Binckes, he would not persevere with his motion "That the Provisional Committee are hereby empowered to give Bro. Binckes such honorarium as they may deem expedient, not exceeding £1000, out of the funds of the Institution on his retirement from the office of Secretary." It had been amicably settled between West Yorkshire and Staffordshire, both of which provinces had consulted together, and they had agreed to guarantee the whole sum that was required from the provinces. But he would persevere with his motion No. 4, "That in Law 35, page 9, in the Book of Laws, the words 'elect, suspend, or remove the Secretary' be rescinded," as that had reference to the election of the new Secretary. Some of the brethren, from the remarks they had made that afternoon, seemed to have overlooked the fact that the appointment of the Secretary under the existing laws was vested in the General Committee and the Life-Governors who were spread all over the country, and consisted of ladies and Lewises, who knew nothing of the duties of the office or of anything else except paying their own subscriptions. His proposition was that this rule should be rescinded, and that the appointment of a new Secretary should be vested in the Provisional Committee, who had appointed everyone else in connection with the Institution, and in whose hands the position of the Institution now stood, and they had done their duty in a way that was perfectly satisfactory. He knew in his own province they had decided to adopt the candidature of one person, and there was no one of the electors who knew him or anything of him except his testimonials, and no one of them knew the duties the Secretary had to perform. It was decided to support him because he was proposed by the prominent men in the town. They were asked to support men they knew nothing of, and could know nothing, except their testimonials. The Provisional Committee, who knew the requirements of the Institution, and who knew what was wanted of the man who was appointed Secretary, could go behind the testimonials, and see what the man's real worth was. It was a time when all officials had to have the confidence of those who were governing the Institution, and while the Provisional Committee had been governing the Institution they had had a very good opportunity of doing so properly since last July. They ought to know everything that was required, and they ought to be put in a position to see the candidates, and select the best man that could be got. The present mode of voting was not conducive of getting the best man that could be got, and in the interests of the Institution he had to propose the resolution which was set in his name. It might be said that this could not have effect for many months, and it would be better to have a man that could do the Institution good rather than get a man elected who might be of little or no value to the Institution. The Provisional Committee took charge of the Institution; if they thought it desirable they could take preliminary steps so as to secure the election of Secretary immediately after these resolutions were confirmed, if they were confirmed. In the interests of the Institution he hoped the best man might be got, and not obtain a man who was voted for simply because he was a friend.

Bro. TUNNCLIFFE seconded the motion.

Bro. EVE suggested that it should be "Provisional or General Committee."

Bro. J. H. HAWKINS said one member of the Provisional Committee was chairman of the Committee of one of the candidates—"No, no,"—and he should oppose the alteration in consequence.

A BROTHER said it was very easy to give up a right, but it was more easy to let it slide and hand it over to a small body of gentlemen. The Committee could sift the candidates out, say to four or five, but he warned the Governors against giving up to the Committee the power the Subscribers ought to possess.

Bro. RICHARD EVE said the gentleman who had been referred to as being chairman of one of the candidates' Committee was not now a member of the Provisional Committee.

Another BROTHER said Sir Robert Fowler had never attended a meeting of the Provisional Committee.

Bro. HENRY SMITH said when the brethren appointed the Provisional Committee they had confidence in them to discharge the duties of their office, and he trusted they had done so. If they were not competent to select a Secretary, who was? It was impossible for the Subscribers to examine the qualifications of the candidates, and when the medical man was selected it was stated by a very eminent member that it was quite possible that the general body could sift the claims and qualifications so well as the Committee could. Two or three were then brought forward and the Committee selected Mr. Porter. He thought the best way was to select three or four candidates from whom one could be selected.

A BROTHER said it was usual in all Institutions to send the names down to a Committee. They appointed a small Committee, who made a selection which was sent up for election.

Another BROTHER thought it best to leave it as it was.

Bro. GREATBATCH's motion was then put and lost, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

An especial Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex was held in the Music Room, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 1st inst., when Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Judge Advocate-General, Past Grand Steward, and Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden, was installed as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. There was a large gathering of Sussex Freemasons and distinguished visiting brethren. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, deputed by the Provincial Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught, presided. The Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bros. Lieut.-Gen. C. W. Randolph and T. Billing, the Provincial Grand Officers present also including:

Bros. Crawford J. Pocock, Prov. J.G.W., and Prov. S.G.W. elect; J. Puttuck, Prov. G. Chap.; R. Pidcock, Prov. G. Reg.; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; W. H. Causton, Prov. S.G.D.; W. Balchin, Prov. G.D. of C.; H. Beaumont, Prov. A.G.D. of C.; F. J. Sawyer, Prov. G. Org.; B. Burfield, Prov. A.G. Sec.; T. Berry, Prov. G. Purst.; G. E. Chapman, Prov. A.G. Purst.; L. R. Styer, A. Brazier, W. Botting, Graham Edwards, E. T. Cooksey, and W. E. Morrison (Mayor of Eastbourne), Prov. G. Stwds.; and H. H. Higher, Prov. G. Tyler.

Among the Grand Officers present were:

Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, Past Grand Warden; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Reg.; Lieut.-Col. Somerville Burney, Past Grand Deacon; J. S. Eastes, Past Grand Deacon, Dep. Prov. G. Master Kent; F. West, Past Grand Deacon, Dep. Prov. G. Master (in charge) Surrey; E. Letchworth, Past Grand Deacon; C. F. Matier, Past Grand Std. Br.; A. H. Moyes, Past Grand Std. Br.; Dep. Prov. G. Master Cambs; Augustus Harris, Grand Treasurer nomine. The distinguished visitors also included Bros. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Henry A. Isaacs, W.M. 2127, and Lord Walter G. N. Lennox.

The following Past Provincial Grand Officers were present, viz.:

Bros. W. R. Wood, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D.; R. Clowes, P.P.S.G.W. Essex; C. F. Lewis, P.P.S.G.W.; O. N. Wyatt, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. Montague Worloe, P.P. J.G.W., P.P.G. Sec. Bristol; W. Marchant, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Adames, P.P.S.G.D.; L. W. Langwater, P.P.A.G.D. of C. Monmouth; E. Carpenter, P.P.S.G.D.; C. Briscoe, P.P.A.G.P.; H. E. Price, P.P.G.W.; J. Hammond, P.P.G.P.; J. St. Clair, P.P.J.G.W.; T. C. Woodman, P.P.G.D. of C.; E. Collings, P.P.G. Std. Br.; C.

H. Haine, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; C. Tomkinson, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. W. Hudson, P.P. J.G.W.; C. Powell, P.P.G.W.; C. J. Corder, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Packham, P.P.G. Purst.; W. Smith, P.P.G.S.B.; A. King, P.P.G.O.; R. Hughes, P.G. Std. Br.; T. R. White, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; W. A. Tooth, P.P.G. Chap.; L. D. Dowdall, P.P.G.C.; S. R. Legg, P.P.G.S.B.; H. A. Dowell, P.P.G.D.; G. S. Godfree, P.P.G.S. of W.; E. Walker, P.P.G.C.; F. Holford, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; Edmund Yates, P.P.S.G.W. Middx.; G. Gatehouse, P.P.G.D.; F. Daniel, P.P.J.G.D.; S. H. Soper, P.P.J.G.D.; G. Cole, P.P.G.O.; Lennox Browne, P.S.G.W. Essex; J. T. Whatford, P.P.S.G.W.; A. T. Long, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; C. Nye, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. M. Reed, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. Davey, P.P.J.G.W.; and W. Newsome, P.P.G.S.B.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been formally opened,

The ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER, who was supported on the right by Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W., and acting Deputy Prov. Grand Master, having called upon the Prov. Grand Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting, said that three years since he presided over the Provincial Grand Lodge—on the death of the late Bro. John Henderson Scott. He then had the high honour of installing as their Deputy Prov. Grand Master their late excellent and worthy Bro. Gerard Ford, whose services for three years were beyond all praise. He was happy to feel that those services were duly and gratefully recognised by resolutions lately passed in the Provincial Grand Lodge, and he would add his own humble, personal testimony to the zeal of one whose whole time had been devoted to the advancement and prosperity of Freemasonry in Sussex. Bro. Gerard Ford had been called away to his last rest, and, again, he (Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke) by the gracious appointment of their Provincial Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught, was in the chair to install yet another good brother, Sir W. T. Marriott, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. He felt sure that the latter appointment would meet with general approval, and that their distinguished brother would bring to bear upon his office all those various attributes of zeal and energy which had so amply characterised his work in other departments outside Freemasonry, and as years rolled on he believed he would prove a worthy successor to his eminent predecessors.

The patent of Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott's appointment having been read, he was duly obligated, invested, and installed, and took the chair amidst hearty applause.

Addressing the brethren, the newly-installed DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed his deep feelings of thankfulness for the kind manner in which his appointment had been received. Many words were not expected from him. All he would say was that two feelings affected him—gratitude to their Provincial Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught, for having deemed him worthy of the high office conferred upon him, and fear lest he should not be found equal to the duties which that office required. He would, however, do his utmost to merit the confidence reposed in him, and to perform the various duties entrusted to him. He then invested Bro. Crawford J. Pocock as Prov. S.G.W.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an excellent banquet, served up in admirable style by Bro. J. Sayers. The newly-installed Deputy Prov. Grand Master presided, and was supported by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of London and the Officers of Grand Lodge.

The CHAIRMAN opened the toast list by proposing "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." He then gave "The M.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." It was well-known, he said, how admirably the Grand Officers performed their duties, and he was pleased to see so many present. He wished to couple with the toast the name of Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., whom he had known as a friendly opponent for 20 years, and who, at great inconvenience, had only just arrived—too late for the banquet. In Bro. Philbrick they had one who had always been ready to exert himself and to make sacrifices for the good of Freemasonry.

Bro. PHILBRICK, in responding, said the Chairman, like an experienced huntsman, had acted upon the old advice, "Hunt your hounds hungry." Their Deputy Provincial Grand Master could, however, do no wrong, particularly on the first occasion of his occupying his throne. The choice made by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was, he believed, a good one, and he wished Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott health, happiness, and prosperity in his reign of office. He trusted it would be a long one, and that under his care the province would continue to make substantial progress.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught." He said he had no need to sing the praises of one who, they all knew, had the interests of Freemasonry in Sussex thoroughly at heart. In the Jubilee year their Provincial Grand Master embraced the opportunity of visiting Sussex, and of assisting in the consecration of the Earl of Sussex Lodge. The Duke was coming home this year, and, though it was dangerous to predict, he (Bro. Marriott) felt that one of the first things he would do would be to pay a visit to the Freemasons of Sussex; and they, he was sure, would give him the warmest and heartiest of the receptions he would experience in England.

Bro. Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE then proposed "The W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master-in-Charge, the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Judge Advocate-General, P.G. Stwd." In submitting the toast, he said he did so with mingled feelings, for he could not help casting his thoughts and memories back to old days. The past was, however, gone, never to return; and as men of the world they must look to the future. Occupying the proud position of Installing Officer in the afternoon, he had great pleasure in proposing the toast—a toast which would come home to the hearts of the Freemasons in Sussex. The worthy brother appointed by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was, he said, in many phases, a distinguished man. He was a member of her Majesty's Privy Council; a counsel learned in law; Senior M.P. for Brighton; and, in Masonry, had served as Provincial Senior Grand Warden. Some 20 years since Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott had been initiated into one of the most distinguished of lodges, and, 12 years ago, had received the appointment of Grand Steward. He had secured the appreciation of Sussex Masons, and was a member of three Sussex Lodges. It was such a worthy and distinguished man and Mason that had been appointed to preside over them. They had heard his promise to perform to the utmost the duties of his high trust, and he (Bro. Clerke) believed that promise to be sincere. All present would, he was sure, join him in congratulating Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott upon his appointment to the high office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. Sir W. T. MARRIOTT, on rising to respond, was received with hearty and prolonged applause. He said he could not find words to thank the brethren sufficiently for their kindness towards him. He esteemed highly the honour conferred upon him by the Duke of Connaught, and appreciated sincerely the cordial manner in which that appointment had been accepted by the Masons of Sussex. The Duke, doubtless, had not relied upon his own judgment, but had consulted the Grand Officers, whom they were all glad to see that evening. Humorously alluding to his many duties, he said the Grand Officers had imagined that he had positively nothing to do, and that as he had led an idle life until 1890 they had determined that he should now enjoy life by having some real work to do. He thanked them, therefore, for their care, and his Royal Highness for being guided by their advice. Speaking seriously, he said he had not the leisure time which their late Bro. Gerard Ford had enjoyed. He had many calls on him, but what spare time he had should be devoted to the Province of Sussex. He relied on their kind forbearance. No one believed more firmly than he did in the real principles of Freemasonry—brotherly love and affection, which he wished were more frequently practised out-

side Masonry. He was pleased by his appointment to have another close connection with Brighton, and would, to the best of his ability, carry out the duties imposed upon him.

Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON said he had been honoured in acting at the installation meeting as Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and was further honoured in being asked to propose "The Prov. S.G.W., Bro. Crawford J. Pocock, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." He was very pleased to offer his felicitations to Bro. Pocock. He well remembered his father, than whom a better Mason never wore badge or collar—one who installed him in the first chair he ever held. He was therefore especially glad to welcome Bro. Pocock in his new and exalted position. Speaking of the remaining Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers, he said he had visited many lodges, but had never known any brethren who had better carried out their duties than those of the Province of Sussex.

Bro. CRAWFORD J. POCOCK, Prov. S.G.W., responded, and, on behalf of the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, thanked Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton sincerely for the manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received it. On behalf of the officers, he promised that they would do their utmost heartily, cheerfully, and willingly, to discharge their duties. He gracefully acknowledged the personal allusion to himself and father, and pledged himself to do his best to fulfil the duties of his own high office.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER next submitted "The Visitors." That evening they had the rare pleasure of being honoured with the presence of the Lord Mayor of London, who had come amongst them at great sacrifice to himself.

Bro. the Right Hon. the LORD MAYOR of LONDON responded. There was, he said, an affinity between the Corporations of London and the Queen of Watering Places. Both Corporations appreciated the duties which devolved upon them, and both studied how they could best serve the interests of those whom they represented. He gave his personal experiences of the many duties appertaining to the office of Lord Mayor, and referred to the antiquity of the office and the good works which emanated from the Mansion House. It had, he said, given him great pleasure to be present and assist at the installation of that afternoon, and, by the courtesy of Bro. R. Clowes, who had placed his miniature Mansion House at his disposal, he had been enabled to stay and join them at their festive board. He congratulated Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott on his appointment, remarking that he had never seen a Prov. Grand Lodge comparable to that which assembled in the afternoon, and that the banquet was one which would not make any occupant of the Mansion House blush. On behalf of himself and the remaining visitors, he tendered his heartiest thanks.

Bro. H. DAVEY, P.P.G.W., proposed "The W.M.'s of, and Success to the Lodges in the Province." The W.M.'s had been selected, he said, for their good qualities. He hoped they would shew consideration and leniency to their newly-elected Deputy Provincial Grand Master if, from the pressure of his many duties, he found himself unable to visit the lodges so frequently as their late Bro. Sir Walter Burrell had done.

Bro. L. STYER responded, remarking that the W.M.'s did all they could to support the Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

The toast of "The Stewards," given from the Chair, was acknowledged by Bros. W. BOTTING and W. E. MORRISON.

The Tyler's toast completed the list.

During the evening a programme of music, arranged by Bro. Dr. F. J. Sawyer, Prov. G. Org., was pleasantly sustained by Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Edith Hands, Bros. J. P. Slingsby Roberts, F. Clements, with Dr. F. J. Sawyer, and Mr. Alfred Neall as accompanists; recitations being also given by Bros. Eric C. Williams and Thilthorpe.

SAVAGE CLUB LODGE, No. 2190.

The installation meeting of the Savage Club Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Thomas Catling, W.M. The brethren present were

Bros. W. J. Ebbetts, S.W.; T. Burnside, J.W.; John Paige, P.M. Sec.; W. J. Fisher, S.D.; J. Northcott, J.D.; E. Rosenthal, Dir. of Cers.; A. L. Oswald, Organist; H. D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S., Installing Master; E. Monteuius, G.S.B.; George Cooper, P.G.D.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; C. Martin, P.A.G.D.C.; Maj.-Gen. Burnett Ford, P.G.D. Bengal; Augustus Harris, P.M.; Sir Somers Vine, P.M.; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; T. Fenn, P.G.D., Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps.; Robt. Grey, Pres. Bd. Benevolence; Capt. Philips, P.G.D.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; C. Belton, D.G.D.C.; J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Ganz, P.G.O.; Col. Gerald Noel Money, C.B.; Major G. D. Giles, W. Hogarth, T. T. Fillan, Hawes Craven, L. Delmard, Lieut. Dan Godfrey, H. Petherick, T. B. Hardy, Alfred Dixon, W. L. Barrett, W. S. Penley, W. Nicholl, Edgar Lee, J. L. Cross, P. Soman, Guedella, E. Bending, E. N. Alpe, Hedgcock, Dalgety Henderson, Allison, Pearce, Crawford Wilson, J. Hambleton, Courtice Pounds, Benjamin Bailey, B. Holmes, Harry Nicholls, Anderson, E. Barnett, W. Sharp, J. L. Toole, Tito Mattei, C. Townley, L. P. Ashmead, H. S. Wellcome, R. C. Sudlow, P.M.; Van der Weyde, Sydney Brough, Romano, Bennett Burleigh, J. McIntyre, J. Gibbs, Sir W. L. Young, Bart.; J. P. Fearfield, P.M.; E. Hind, Daves, P.M.; Alfred Emden, Patten, P.M.; F. Rogers, P.M.; W. S. Fendick, P.M.; Pinches, P.M.; A. W. Orwin, L. P. Thomas, H. Wright, P.M.; B. W. Levy, A. G. Salamon, D. Anderson, H. Lumley, T. Huggett, R. Gordon Smith, R. E. Coffin, P.M.; G. Hatch, P.M.; J. Catling, Frost, John McLean, Mostyn, Perley, Lobb, W. J. Spratling, P.M.; E. H. Bramley, J. C. Whiddington, J. Terry, W. M. Terrott, Fairchild, P.M.; Thomas, W. R. Baskcomb, Massey, P.M.; J. S. Wood, J. E. Turner, P.M.; Graham Keith, E. J. Wade, W. T. Tegettmier, W. Rowley, Herbert Johnson, Andrew Levy, Heather Higg, Col. Ward, C. E. Bernard, Campbell Praed, W. Bohm, P.M.; Atherley Jones, M.P.; Sir J. D. Linton, W. H. Pike, P.M.; Hale Hilton, W. R. Ingram; Russell, Franklin Clive, A. J. Caldicott, Herbert Thorndike, Dawson, W. Lake, W. Woodfall, T. Fillan, P.M.; H. Maitland Coffin, P. L. Simmonds, P.M.; J. J. Brown, Theo. Drew, E. J. Odell, H. S. Matthews, W. Senior, H. Frederic, A. M. Hay, Evans, Raymond Tucker, P.M.; A. H. Haig, F. W. Hunt, P.M.; Lovett King, E. Jones, T. Nelson McLean, J. Meredith Ball, M. Call. Chambers, A. Thompson, James Budd, Sackville Evans, Dunthorne, C. W. S. Collins, Org. 172; D. Law, and others.

After the opening of the lodge and the formal business had been transacted, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., at the request of Bro. Catling, and with the consent of Bro. Sir J. R. Somers Vine, took the chair, and Bro. Catling presented to him Bro. William Eugene Chapman, S.W. and W.M. elect, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. Col. Clerke having duly installed Bro. Chapman, the new W.M., was saluted, and he invested his officers as follows: Bros. Thos. Catling, I.P.M.; Walter J. Ebbetts, S.W.; Thomas Burnside, J.W.; Edward Terry, G. Treas., Treas.; John Paige, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Fisher, S.D.; John Northcott, J.D.; J. D. Beveridge, I.G.; Edmund Rosenthal, D. of C.; A. L. Oswald, Org.; P. Soman, Dr. Maitland Coffin, Harry Nicholls, and David Law, Stwds.; and G. F. Swan, Tyler.

A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Catling.

Before the lodge was closed the following letter was read by Bro. PAIGE, the Secretary.

Snow Hill Buildings, London, E.C.
3rd February, 1890.

My dear Bro. Paige,

Enclosed please find Bank of England Notes, No. 88—w 48504, for £20, and No. 2—x 62447, for £5. These notes were stolen from our late Bro. Archibald McNeill by, I believe, the same cruel hand that caused his death. After the numbers had been published and negotiation thus rendered impossible they were sent to the French

authorities at Boulogne, enclosed in an anonymous letter, intended to divert suspicion from the real criminals. The stains and mutilations in these notes are evidently caused by the culprit concealing them in his boot and carrying them thus hidden for a considerable time. I acquired the notes by purchase for the purposes of the investigation, and now being no longer required in this connection I have considered that they should be disposed of. I feel that they are far too sacred for me to deal with or use as my personal property, and have therefore decided to give them to the Savage Club Lodge Benevolent Fund, to be regarded as coming from our late brother rather than from myself. McNeill's large heartedness is well known to all, and that he would part with his last penny to help a brother in need. It seems, therefore, to me, that this money which was the last in his possession could not be applied in a manner that would have been more gratifying to him than that it should go into the Benevolent Fund of the lodge, to which he was so devotedly attached and of which he was one of the founders and the first Secretary, a position he held at the time of his death.—I beg to remain, yours fraternally,

HENRY S. WELLCOME.

To Bro. John Paige, Secretary Savage Club Lodge, London.

The notes as well as photos of them were shown to the brethren, and it is almost needless to say that great interest was manifested both in the information conveyed by the letter, which had been kept from every one up to the time of reading, and in the notes themselves.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to an excellent banquet. The usual toasts followed.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said the toast, which was the first given in every assemblage of Englishmen, was one which was given in the Savage Club Lodge not as a mere compliment. It was given not only on account of the brethren's loyalty, but because on the list of members of the lodge there were the names of a son and a grandson of the illustrious lady who reigned over the empire. Masonry had made great progress, and it was on account of the sympathy and interest of the Royal Patroness of Freemasonry that it had made such progress.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in giving the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H R.H. the Prince of Wales," said that this lodge had a special pride in having his Royal Highness upon its books as a member. It was not often that a lodge had such a privilege, and he asked the brethren to drink most enthusiastically "The Health of the M.W.G.M., and the rest of the Royal Family."

The next toast was that of "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing the toast, said there was no harder working body of officers in any Society than those who filled the offices in Grand Lodge of England, and not only was their work performed in lodge and in their office rooms, but they went out often at night to lodges. It seemed to him that it was imposing on good nature to ask them to come and visit so young a lodge as this. However, they were here, and the Savage Club Lodge was glad to see them, and there was not a Grand Officer present who had not before visited the lodge, and not one whom they would not be delighted to see again whenever they were able to come either to the lodge or the banquet.

Bro. H. D. SANDEMAN, P. Dist. G.M. Bengal, in reply, said it was with the greatest pleasure he responded to this toast, given in such kind and hearty words. For a toast like this, which was given hundreds of times in the year, it was impossible to say anything new. One did say something new sometimes, and perhaps something exceedingly clever; but it was only to find that 20 men had said the same thing before. Therefore, without attempting to say anything new, he would simply venture to remark that the Grand Officers were as a body fully alive to the responsibility of their position, whose wish it was to emulate those who had gone before them, and at the same time to set a good example to those who would come after them. For himself, he gave his hearty thanks for the opportunity of being present that evening. He came into the lodge in a little fear and trembling, because he thought from the nature of the lodge he might find tomahawks and boomerangs, and at the banquet table roasted babies, and other things not tempting to an Englishmen, but he thought, as a Mason who had gone through awful trials, that he might stand in the lodge without any fear of meeting with anything unsatisfactory in the Savage Club Lodge. Instead of savages he had found brethren most decidedly pleasant and delightful, and he might speak for all of the visitors when he said he thanked them, the lodge, most cordially for the kindness with which it had received the visitors.

Bro. Sir J. R. SOMERS VINE, P.M., then rose and said he considered it a great honour that to him had been entrusted what he might justifiably term, and that without derogating from those which had preceded it, the toast of the occasion. That duty devolved by custom upon the I.P.M., but his esteemed Bro. Catling had passed it on to him, so he trusted they would excuse the paucity and imperfection of the remarks he had to submit for their generous acceptance. "The Health of their newly-installed Master, Bro. William Eugene Chapman." It was generally difficult at short notice to fittingly say in a man's presence all that the impulses of warm friendship and the dictates of common agreement might reasonably demand, but he felt that he could discharge the task allotted to him without in any way offending the modest sensibilities of the W.M., or unduly exaggerating the compliment which the brethren were most anxious to pay him. Bro. Chapman had a most excellent Masonic record, and he would bring to the duties of the honourable office to which he had been chosen, an enviable acquaintance with its ritual, an intimate knowledge of its work, and a steady determination to maintain the high character of Masonry. To these qualifications, which might be particularly said to be identified with the position he now held, might properly and fairly be added a professional reputation of no mean degree, an amiability of nature which compelled attachment, and a sincere earnestness which insured esteem. Hence it was that he could safely prophesy, and the brethren could confidently anticipate, that the coming year would be marked by accumulated renown in the Mastership of the Savage Club Lodge. It might not be out of place here to mention that Bro. Chapman had enjoyed the rare distinction of participating in the ceremonials of the Order upon the very site of that wonderful Temple which was erected by the wisdom of King Solomon, aided by the genius of Hiram Abiff. In his public and private and every day life Bro. Chapman worthily typified those lofty characteristics which were inseparably associated with the community of which they all were concurrent brethren. He therefore felt that they had an encouragement to accept this toast with every cordial manifestation of their approval, and that they were stimulated to believe that the duties which attached to the office Bro. Chapman now held would be discharged with fidelity and credit. He therefore submitted to the brethren, feeling sure that it would be received in a spirit of most warm applause, the health of the newly-installed W.M.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in reply, said it was with mingled feelings of gratitude, hope and fear, that he rose to attempt to respond to the too kind remarks made so eloquently by Past Master Sir Somers Vine; of gratitude, which they could all easily understand, for the high honour the brethren had that day conferred upon him; of hope, that he might at some time during the year do something for the good of Masonry in general and this lodge in particular; of fear that he should fall far short of the high duties of the office which were demanded and expected of its holder. It was nearly 19 years since he first took vows, and he assured the brethren that he fully realised the responsibilities attached to the government of a lodge like the Savage Club Lodge. Like a few other lodges in the Craft, the Savage Club Lodge was composed of the literary and artistic portion of the world's workers. Among its members were to be found men who held the mirror up to nature, and who by a knowledge of their art were expected to pourtray the manners and customs not only of the men of to-day, but of those of the past, of those who with facile brush would hand down to posterity the scenes amidst which the painter had moved; of the chronicler of the hour, as well as he who penned thoughts which would live long after the penner had passed away. It was of such men the Savage Club Lodge was composed, and

standing there that night as the representative of those men, it was an honour to be appreciated, and he should appreciate it as long as he had life or reason left, but that very feeling forced upon him a sense, an innate sense of his own unworthiness. But if the brethren would be satisfied with his best endeavours, if they would accept the best that he could do for them, if by working for their best interests in every way as far as God had given him talent to do so, they would be satisfied with his working, he should be proud and happy, and if during the year he was asked to do something for this lodge or for Masonry, he should be prouder when he had laid down the gavel than even he was that night.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed "The Installing Officer, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke," and referred to the great assistance the founders of the lodge received from him. At that time they were very young with regard to knowledge of the requirements in the formation of a lodge, and all of them knew it was only necessary to ask Bro. Col. Clerke a question to receive from him the greatest kindness and cordiality. He had to-day added to their obligations by installing him as Worshipful Master.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, in reply, said he was very grateful to the W.M. for the kindness in which he had introduced the toast, and for the very fraternal expressions he had been good enough to use. He was the officer of the Order, and it was his pleasure as well as his duty to do all he could to further Masonry in every possible way. But beyond that it was an exceeding pleasure to him to afford any assistance in his power to promote such excellent bodies as the Savage Club Lodge had turned out to be. He looked back with very great pleasure and satisfaction to the events of the last few years with regard to this lodge. He remembered well the preliminary steps on its formation. He had the high honour of consecrating the lodge. He had also had the honour of installing three out of four W.M.'s, and, therefore, he need scarcely say he felt deeply identified with the lodge, and watched most anxiously and narrowly its prosperity. He rejoiced to say that that prosperity was entirely assured. The lodge had simply to go on in the course it had followed, and it clearly would be second to none. It was a great pleasure to him to be there that night and to instal Bro. Chapman, who had given them a foretaste of what his powers were and would be in the chair, and he was confident that under Bro. Chapman's rule the lodge would prosper still further. The prosperity of the Savage Club Lodge would always be of great concern to himself (Col. Clerke).

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, G. Reg., in proposing "Prosperity to the Savage Club Lodge," said the savage state of mankind was depicted by those distinguished brethren who, in various artistic lines, charmed and delighted and alleviated those present, not merely us brethren, but they elevated the tone of society and taught them in every day hard working life that there was something which was better, and which lent a charm to existence. These brethren had felt that connected as they were with the Savage Club, there was still a need of another and a higher organisation among those who recognised the great tie which made the hearts of savage men to communicate. Met to commemorate the fourth annual meeting for the installation they were proud to see the lodge in the state in which it was, and whether they happened to be Savages or not, they all felt the great tie that Masonry possessed. The idea in the Savage Club of starting the Savage Club Lodge was a good one, and it took root and produced a tree. No lodge had ever set forth with better auspices than with such a Master as it now had in the chair. The idea in which the lodge was founded was that Masonry was general, and many lodges restricted were not. This lodge abundantly showed that the idea of a lodge had amply vindicated the principles on which it was founded. The lodge had been successful. That had been shown by the succession of its Masters and by the accession of its numbers, which was something like 100. There had been a good accession to its ranks announced that night, and he thought the past progress of the lodge amply confirmed the sanguine views of those who founded it. In matters financial the lodge stood well to the fore, and in all matters Masonic, as became the Savage Club Lodge. They had even been remarkable as a young lodge, and he trusted they would still continue to keep the lodge in that true Masonic light. Therefore, because the lodge had been founded on principles that were true, because it had been worked by worthy brethren, and had met a real want in the profession—the noble profession which was so happily alluded to by the W.M. in his speech—it had been a great and a deserved success, and he trusted that that success might be long continued, and that he might have the pleasure and the privilege, as he had now, of asking the brethren to drink "Success and Prosperity to the Savage Club Lodge." He coupled with the toast the name of the I.P.M., Bro. Thomas Catling.

Bro. THOMAS CATLING, I.P.M., in reply, said it was a great honour to him when the brethren elected him to be Master of the lodge. He found it during his year of office a great honour to serve the brethren to the best of his ability; and he might say now with the utmost candour that this was a crowning honour to be permitted to respond before that distinguished assembly for the Savage Club Lodge. He did it with the greatest pleasure, as he was in the presence of his Masonic father, Bro. Augustus Harris, who introduced him to Masonry. He owed that brother a debt of gratitude for introducing him, and to Col. Shadwell Clerke for the kindness he showed him on every occasion when they were consulting about the formation of the Savage Club Lodge; for the advice he gave him and two older Masons with whom he was associated in that work. The idea of the lodge was due to Bro. Chapman, and Bros. Burnside and Sir Somers Vine took it up. When they proceeded they found Bros. Ebbets, Fisher, and Northcutt worthy Savages, who would go on and assist them in every possible way, and Bro. Henry Irving gave to the subject his kind sympathy, and it was only the pressing duties of his stage profession that kept him from assuming a more important part. He was their first Treasurer; he was followed by Bro. E. Terry, the present Grand Treasurer, whose absence that night they regretted, more especially as it was on account of ill-health. To that cause they had also to attribute the absence of Bro. Beveridge, who was on a voyage to Naples with the hope of restoring his voice. For the Savage Club they had much to be grateful to the Craft in general, and at the same time they felt that they had done their best to add something to Masonry in general. They had brought into it men who would never have been Masons but for the peculiar and unique circumstance of a club being the nucleus of a lodge. Brethren like Bro. Tegetmier, whom he had the honour of initiating, passing, and raising; the vocalists, Dalgety Henderson, who had charmed them that evening, and associated with him a brother of his (Bro. Catling's) own profession, Bennett Burleigh, who had carried the credit of it to every part of the world where the British arms had been, were men who would not have come into Masonry but for the Savage Club Lodge. It had been said that the Savages were growing too civilised. He did not know whether that was a compliment or a touch of satire of Bro. Philbrick, but he might venture to say that there were phases of the savage character that the brethren had that night not seen. Even so eloquent and distinguished a brother as Sir Somers Vine, when he appeared in the glory of his war paint, in his allegories that night was a different person. He did not invite them to come and see him, but they might have a different opinion of savages; at any rate the Savage Club Lodge would never fail in its duty to Masonry, because he was sure of this, when they enjoyed the pleasure offered that evening there was at the root and base of the Savage Club Lodge the sternest desire to obey in every degree its different principles, and to bear aloft those greater principles of love and Charity and general good fellowship, and it was due to those courses the Savage Club had flourished rather than to the external additions which they had been able by exceptional circumstances to offer. On behalf of the Savage Club Lodge he could assure the brethren on behalf of those who had passed the chair and those who would come on to that office, they would always

be delighted to do their best to maintain at the same time in all their integrity the deepest, the highest, and the holiest principles of Freemasonry.

Bro. CATLING here read the following telegram received from Osborne in answer to one sent to the Queen informing her that the Savage Club had drunk her Majesty's health. "The Queen thanks the members of your Society for their good wishes. PONSONBY."

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing "The Visitors," said in the course of a somewhat eventful life he had visited Masonic lodges in many climes and amid far different surroundings; in places where the cultivation of Masonry led to rather evil than good report; under the scorching sun of India, or in the West Republic; and among our brethren in far off Australia. In all these places he had tested the universality of Masonry, and felt that tie which bound men's hearts together. In the forests of America, on the sands of Egypt, and in the Holy City of Jerusalem he had visited Masonic lodges, and tasted the sweets of hospitality; and it was therefore with peculiar feelings that he, who had responded to that toast in very different scenes to that, had the proud privilege of, for the first time, being able to propose it. They could quite easily understand that it was to him one of the most important toasts, as he thought it should always be in every lodge. What would Masonry be without visitors? What would the lodges be unless they held out the hand of fellowship to brethren? A visitor who entered the Savage Club Lodge would always find its doors wide open to him; he might always expect, and he would never be disappointed in finding, a warm, fraternal, and homely greeting.

Bro. GOFFIN said it was at all times a pleasure to respond to the toast of the visitors, and especially in the Savage Club Lodge. He had had the high honour and privilege of visiting the lodge, and he was pleased on all occasions, not only with the bountiful hospitality, but with the cordial, kind, happy, hearty friendship he had always experienced in the lodge. The visitors were delighted at all times to attend under the kindly influence of song, of culture, and of all that was elevating. He begged permission of the W.M. to congratulate him on the high position he had attained in Freemasonry, and asked whether they saw in his bright beaming eye, his facile pen, and his expanded heart a reflection of that happy, bright little paper launched upon the greater London, which arrogated to itself the smaller name of *London*. If they saw in the W.M. an ethereal reflection of that bright eye and that happy, bright heart, they were content to learn from it, for they saw in it that which could but elevate the soul; make one's life, at any rate, a life of happiness day by day. In the refined, artistic work produced by the Savages, under whose auspices they were now met, they enjoyed a privilege that was lost to many, but which the visitors very highly appreciated. Masonry as carried out in the Savage Club Lodge could only tend to strengthen the bond of friendship which should at all times exist among men, where they found the grasp of the hand of a brother; when they did so they found at the same time the heart.

Bro. DAVID ANDERSON said: Worshipful Master, Grand Officers, and brethren, —I must confess to a feeling of surprise, not unmixed with satisfaction, at being called on suddenly, and without a moment's previous notice, to return thanks for the visitors, in an assembly so remarkable and illustrious for the gifts of genius and the graces of oratory. It is a task which might well repay the pains of preparation. At the same time, I am not displeased to be left to the spontaneous impulse of a mind gratified by your hearty and kindly reception of a toast always honoured in the proceedings of the Craft; and permit me to add that he who would lack for simple words of thankfulness on such an occasion, and in such a bright fellowship, would be a very poor Freemason indeed. We all love and reverence the bond of brotherhood which binds us together in willing service and useful work, and next to the pleasure of joining to promote the welfare of our several lodges, is the satisfaction we feel in taking part in the labour and refreshment of kindred centres, in the capacity of visitors. Only to-day, Worshipful Master, I was reading a remarkable book, apparently the work of one who is not a Freemason. It is called "Looking Backwards," written by Mr. Edward Bellamy, an American, and draws an imaginary picture of society in the closing years of the 20th century. The author describes a happy and fortunate social scheme, formed on brotherly love, relief, and truth, a society in which all the men are tall and well set-up, and all the women handsome; where the prizes and courtesies of life are not confined to a class, but are the common property of the commonwealth. In this Utopia of a purified socialism no brother is allowed to be in need—all are provided for by what I will call the grand lodge of a far-seeing and merciful government—and all are virtuous, contented, and cheerful. As I laid upon the table the closed book, eagerly read to its last page, I was filled with wonder to think that this writer, possessed of a large heart, great penetration, ingenuity, and understanding, with all history for his model, and the wide realms of imagination at his command, could find nothing better to teach concerning the perfect life than what we Masons know full well is contained, formulated, and complete, in the sublime body of our ritual. Such knowledge, so curiously confirmed, without collusion, and from an outside source, cannot fail to comfort and sustain us in propagating far and wide the blessings of our creed and Craft, as now it emboldens me to speak on behalf of the flower of Freemasonry here present, and to thank you, Worshipful Master, Grand Officers, and brethren of the Savage Club Lodge, in the name of my fellow guests, one and all.

Bros. SUDLOW, FAIRFIELD, and FROST also replied.

Bro. THOMAS CATLING, I.P.M., responding to the toast of "The Officers," said he should not risk another speech at that late hour; he should simply thank the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast. If during the year the W.M. might demand his services they would willingly be given. He could not allow the opportunity to pass without expressing a word of special gratitude to the officer who had done his duty with assiduity, and as far as lay in his power: he must express their special thanks to Bro. John Paige, Secretary, who had looked after all the active business connected with the meeting, without which aid the Savages could not entertain their visitors with any hope of success.

Bro. EBBETTS, S.W., and Bro. BURNSIDE, J.W., also responded, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

During dinner the band of the Grenadier Guards (by permission of Col. Trotter), and under the direction of Bro. Lieut. Dan Godfrey, played a beautiful selection of music. The entertainment following the banquet was contributed to by Bros. W. L. Barrett, E. Bending J. Budd, A. J. Caldicott, Herbert Campbell, Franklin Clive, Theodore Drew, T. T. Fillan, W. Ganz, P.G.O.; W. W. Hedgecock, J. Dalgety Henderson, W. Hogarth, Tito Mattei, W. Nicholl, Harry Nicholls, A. L. Oswald, Courtice Pounds, Sandamere, Geoffrey Thorne, and Herbert Thorndike.

Bro. George Meads was toastmaster.

Her Majesty the Queen has, we understand, consented to give her patronage to the bazaar which the Grand Lodge of Scotland is to hold towards the end of this year in aid of the Annuity Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence. At the January meeting of the board in charge of the Annuity Fund, there were 43 applications, and 16 annuities of £10 each were granted to decayed Freemasons or the widows of Freemasons.

The second annual meeting of shareholders of the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Hall and Club Company (Limited), held at Plymouth, on Friday, the 31st ult., was not largely attended. Bro. F. B. Westlake, chairman of directors, presided. The report stated that after charging everything up, there was a small balance to the credit of the revenue account. To place the company in a satisfactory financial position it was necessary to place the 2578 unallotted shares. Bro. S. Harvey, the Steward, and his wife had carried out the duties admirably. Messrs. Westlake, F. R. Goodyear, and R. Causey were elected directors, and Mr. J. W. Cornish was elected in the place of Mr. J. Griffin, who did not seek re-election. Messrs. T. Gibbons and T. Goodall were elected auditors.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

A Special Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on the 30th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M., the occasion being the installation of a new Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in room of the late Bro. Frederic Davison. The lodge was draped. The brethren present were—

Bros. H. Lovegrove, P.S.G.W.; Dr. J. T. Griffith, P.J.G.W.; J. H. Thomson, P.S.G.O.; N. Prower, P.J.G.O.; Rev. J. Cater, P.G. Chap.; C. Hammerton, P.G. Treas.; P. Saillard, P.G.R.; W. G. Brighten, P.G. Sec.; J. H. Clare, P.J.G.D.; W. Lloyd Wise, P.G.I. of W.; T. C. Edmonds, P.G.D.C.; F. R. Hales, P.A.G.D.C.; R. J. Chitson, P.G. Std. Br.; C. Lee, P.G. Org.; H. Burgess and J. T. Callaway, P.G. Stewards; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec.; F. Richardson, G. Reg.; G. Gardner, P.G.D.C.; J. W. Hobbs, P.G.O.; C. J. Axford, P.A.G. D.C.; L. G. Gordon Robbins, P.P.S.G.W.; C. Belton, P.G.M.O.; R. J. Mure, P.G.O.; J. C. Collier, P.P.S.G.D.; W. H. Kempster, P.G. Steward; J. K. R. Cama, P.P.J.G.D.; S. C. Dibdin, P.G.D.C.; J. H. Cureton, J.W. 333; G. Dickinson, J.O. 355; W. Clowes, W.M. 357; S. P. Catterson, P.M. 234; F. W. Huddleston, J.O. 355; C. Handley, J.W. 284; J. Moon, P.G.T.; S. Green, J.W. 361; T. W. Richardson, S.W. 355; and E. Storr, W.M. 234. Visitors: Bros. H. Weston, P.P.G.I. of W. Kent; H. A. Hunt, Reg. 363; Major Ritchie, P.G.S.B. Kent; and H. Massey, P.G. Steward.

After the Provincial Grand Lodge had been formally opened, Bro. BRIGHTEN, Prov. G. Sec., announced the death of Bro. Frederic Davison, and also the death of Bro. the Rev. G. W. Weldon, G. Chap., and said that the Prov. Grand Lodge would have to pass votes of condolence and sympathy with the families of the two deceased brethren. He added that he had not waited for the meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge before writing letters of condolence to the two families, but had sent them when the melancholy events took place, and he had received replies.

25th November, 1889.

Dear Madam,

The melancholy intelligence of the death of our distinguished Bro. Frederic Davison, our esteemed Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master, has been received with extreme regret. Our late brother was universally respected by all the Craft, and therefore his loss will be severely felt. By the command of the Prov. Grand Master (Colonel Sir Francis Burdett) a special circular has been sent out to all the Mark lodges in the province for the lodges and brethren to go into mourning as a mark of respect for our late brother. A copy of the circular is enclosed for your information.

On behalf of the Mark Master Masons of this province we tender this imperfect tribute of affectionate remembrance, and trust you may bear with fortitude the trial and affliction with which you are now visited.—Yours faithfully,

W.M. G. BRIGHTEN,

Prov. Grand Sec.

Mrs. Davison.

Bro. LOVEGROVE, in moving the votes of condolence and sympathy, said Bro. Davison was beloved by all the brethren. For many years he ably filled the position of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and they all felt now that they had lost a friend. After the letter which had been sent by the Prov. Grand Secretary any votes could not add to their effect, but still it was usual to pass votes of condolence in Prov. Grand Lodge, and it was a proper thing to do, as it showed that the deceased brother was respected and not forgotten by his brother Masons. He therefore moved that such a vote be recorded by the Prov. Grand Secretary. As regarded Bro. Weldon, every one thought from his fine figure and physique he would be with them for many years, and they were much shocked when they found he had been cut off in his prime. The brethren would unanimously agree in passing those two votes, as they had lost in the two brethren he had named men who were excellent Masons in every way.

The P.J.G.W. seconded the motion.

The PROV. G. MASTER wished to add how much he with the other brethren respected the loss of Bro. Davison, who had been Deputy Prov. G.M. ever since this Prov. G. Lodge was formed. Bro. Davison always took the greatest interest in the working of the Prov. G. Lodge, until at last he was obliged to give way; but he was as anxious then for the prosperity of the lodge as he was at the first. With respect to the late Prov. G. Chaplain, they also received the intelligence of his decease with great regret.

The motion was put, and carried unanimously.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY read the letters he wrote when Bros. Davison and Weldon died, and said he should now write other letters stating that the vote had been passed. The Prov. G. Secretary also announced the resignation by Bro. Charles Hammerton of the office of Prov. G. Treasurer.

Bro. HAMMERTON rose, and said that, as the Prov. G. Master had honoured him with the appointment of Dep. P.G. Master, he could do nothing less than resign his Prov. G. Treasurership, and, as he had expressed in his letter, he returned his best thanks for the assistance all the brethren had given him during his term of office.

On the motion of the PROV. G. SECRETARY, seconded by Bro. LOVEGROVE, Bro. Hammerton's resignation was accepted, the PROV. G. MASTER adding that all the brethren felt much indebted to Bro. Hammerton for the labour he had bestowed on the financial matters of the Prov. G. Lodge.

Bro. Hammerton having retired from the lodge,

The PROV. G. MASTER said that, although the brethren greatly regretted that they had lost their late Deputy Prov. G.M., they felt much gratified in being able to find a brother as able as Bro. Hammerton to fill that important position—a brother who would do the work with earnestness and good will. He would be supported in his duties by the good wishes of the brethren. Bro. Hammerton had been with them ever since the Prov. G. Lodge had been formed, and he had performed the duties of Treasurer for eight or ten years to the satisfaction of the brethren. He (Sir F. Burdett) was pleased that he now had the opportunity of asking Bro. Hammerton to fulfil the duties of Deputy Prov. G.M., because he knew he would perform them thoroughly. Bro. Hammerton had accepted the office, and would render him the same assistance as did the late Bro. Davison.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY having announced that Bro. Hammerton was in attendance outside the lodge, a deputation was directed to conduct him into the room. The deputation having retired they re-entered with Bro. Hammerton, who was then presented to the Prov. Grand Master, and the obligation was administered. Afterwards Bro. Sir F. Burdett invested Bro. Hammerton with the insignia of his office. The warrant of appointment dated 30th January, 1890, was read by Bro. BRIGHTEN, and the new Deputy Prov. Grand Master was duly saluted.

The next business was the election of Prov. G. Treasurer, and the candidates were Bro. J. Yates Collyer, proposed by Bro. C. Belton, and Bro. Leopold G. Gordon Robbins, proposed by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master. Bro. Robbins was elected by 20 votes against 16.

Bro. L. G. GORDON ROBBINS having been invested and congratulated by the Prov. Grand Master, thanked the brethren for electing him. It had been a very close contest, but he might inform those brethren who attached great importance to the experience which bankers had in matters of finance, that he was already Treasurer of two lodges, and had been so for one of them for some time. Therefore he was not at all new to the work. He assured the brethren that he would perform his duties in a manner satisfactory to all.

Bro. MURRAY HAYNES was then presented to the Prov. G. Master to be invested as Assistant Prov. Grand Secretary, and the Prov. Grand Master invested him.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER informed the brethren that a warrant had been granted for a new Mark lodge at Bisley, and that the High Cross Mark Lodge

had been moved to the Liverpool-street Hotel. He said that he hoped to have a summer lodge of the Prov. Grand Lodge on the same day as the Bisley Lodge was consecrated. When the Percy Lodge was consecrated at Guildford, the Provincial Grand Lodge held a summer lodge, and it was such a successful day that he hoped that they would have a similar gathering at Bisley.

Letters of apology and regret from Grand Officers who were unable to attend were announced by the Secretary as having been received by him, and Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a delightful banquet. The customary toasts followed.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, G. Sec., responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said the toast had been so often proposed in that Grand Lodge, and had been so well responded to on many previous occasions, that little was left for him to say. Although he was one of the latest of those who had responded, he trusted they would not deem him one of the least grateful to the Prov. G. Master for having proposed it. The Grand Officers of the present time were as anxious as the Grand Officers of any time past to promote the well-being of the Order. He could tell them one little bit of news which had only come to him that afternoon. He had received a letter from Marlborough House, which stated that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been pleased to appoint as Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Sussex, his brother, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. The brethren would be most delighted to hail the junior member of that splendid body of Provincial Grand Masters as one of that number, and it was a distinct pleasure to every member of the province of Sussex to hail his Royal Highness in his new position of honour and responsibility. For the Grand Officers, he might say, that those brethren had a large amount of executive work to do, and in support of this assertion he might refer to Bro. Frank Richardson, G. Reg. of the Order, and President of the Board of General Purposes. That that work was well done the brethren would all agree in declaring.

Bro. C. HAMMERTON, D.P.G.M., proposed "The Prov. Grand Master," and said it was not necessary to enter into all Sir F. Burdett's virtues and worth, for they had known him many years. His desire in Freemasonry, whether Craft or Mark, was to do for it everything he possibly could. Not only did he try, but he did it most effectually, always ready, always willing, to advance Freemasonry, and to do it to the utmost of his ability. But the brethren knew as much about the Prov. Grand Master as he (Bro. Hammerton) could tell them, and therefore he should content himself by asking them to drink his health heartily.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, replying, said he felt grateful to the brethren for their kindness to him ever since he had held his present position. It was only held for three years, but he had been six or seven times re-appointed, and had thus been their Prov. Grand Master 20 years. He first had the honour of appearing as Prov. Grand Master at Guildford in the Percy Lodge, in 1870, and he had always been kindly treated by the brethren, and had received from them every assistance. He could not thank the officers more heartily than he thanked them now for their support, and he could assure them he would do whatever he could in the future for any brother in the province.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, G.R., in proposing "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master," said that by the applause the brethren had already given, his task had been made the easier, because it proved to him that the Prov. Grand Master had put the right man in the right place. He had had the pleasure of the personal friendship of Bro. Hammerton for a great many years past. He had been associated with him in many places, but in none more closely than in the Masonic Institution for Girls, where he had sat and worked with him on the House Committee. He had always found Bro. Hammerton a real, true Mason, good at his work, good at the banquet, good in social life, and good in every walk of life. Although in his province there were a many good Masons indeed, and many competent to fill his place, no one among them could have been found more worthy or more qualified than Bro. Hammerton. Bro. Hammerton was a modest man, and therefore he would not further dilate on his merits.

Bro. HAMMERTON said he rose with some mingled feelings of pleasure and regret to respond to the toast and hearty good wishes expressed. With regret at the cause of his being in his present position—the death of Bro. Davison—of course as the sands of life ran, so all the brethren approached that period. With pleasure he responded to the toast, feeling as he did the honour the Prov. G.M. had done him in appointing him as his Deputy, which the brethren had so cordially seconded by welcoming him that night. There were reflections in every man's mind, and to-day was a red letter day to him in Mark Masonry. Looking back on the years he had happily spent in Masonry, he could not help thinking that at one time doing much more work in the Craft and in the Mark. But having so much to do at one time he was about to resign. He had been associated with this provincial lodge from its birth. He was elected by the lodge at its first organisation; he held the Secretaryship some years, and he then resigned it because his health would not allow him to keep on with it. He was afterwards appointed Treasurer, which he held with very great pleasure from that time to this. He felt some reluctance taking his responsibility, but he gladly and joyously accepted the honour the Prov. Grand Master had done him. They had all known the Prov. G. Master many years, but probably not so long as he (Bro. Hammerton) had known him, which was half a century, as lieutenant in the 17th Lancers. He was not sent to Coventry, but he was ordered there by her Majesty's Commander of the Forces, and he could see him galloping over the fields and the hedges. Consequently to be his Deputy was to him (Bro. Hammerton) a great honour. Again thanking the brethren for their hearty welcome he hoped he should be able to do the duties which devolved upon the Deputy in attending to what was beneficial to the Degree in this province, and trusted he should meet those present and members of other lodges during his term of office.

Bro. BRIGHTEN, Prov. G. Sec., Bro. LOVEGROVE, and others responded to the toast of "The Officers."

Bro. RITCHIE and others replied for "The Visitors," and the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings.

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THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL

of the Lodge will take place

AT FREEMASONS' HALL,

On Friday Evening, the 28th of February, 1890,

on which occasion

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR,
Has kindly consented to preside.The Lodge will be opened at Six o'clock p.m. precisely.
Bro. THOMAS FENN, Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps., Treas., as W.M.

THE SECOND LECTURE WILL BE WORKED.

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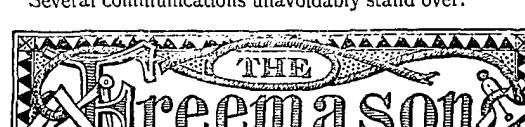
TICKETS for the SUPPER, including admission to the Lodge, 5s. each, may be had of the Stewards, or of the Secretary, Bro. W. G. KENTISH, Suffolk House, Laurence Pountney Hill, E.C.

To Correspondents.

CARLTON HILL.—It is open for the W.M. to ask any member present to explain the tracing boards, either when there is work or at any other time.

G. ELLIOTT.—The duties of Director of Ceremonies are not set forth in the Constitutions, but the title of the office is self-explanatory. In all cases of ceremonial such as installations, reception of distinguished visitors, &c., the D.C. is the official responsible for the carrying out of the programme.

Several communications unavoidably stand over.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly General Court of the Girls' School on Saturday last, disposed of the business brought before it satisfactorily. The candidature of a child was rejected on the ground that the family of which she was a member possessed an income of £190 per year, derived from an invested capital of £6000 which had been left them by the father. The name of another candidate was also removed from the list, and, therefore, in April next, the number of candidates will be 43, while the number of vacancies will be 21. There is an excellent opportunity, therefore, for the friends of cases which command a fair amount of influence to carry them through successfully at the next election.

The proposal to afford the lodges and chapters which contributed to the Centenary Festival the opportunity of having their arms, in stained glass, inserted in the windows of the Memorial Hall or on the wood covering of the walls, in consideration of a money payment of £13 each, for which votes would be allowed, was passed without the slightest objection. The idea is an excellent one. It will help to beautify the hall, it will cost the Institution nothing, and those which pay for having their arms inserted will obtain a very handsome equivalent in the shape of permanent votes.

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The one unpleasant incident of the meeting was unavoidable. Bro. Frank Richardson moved that the Trustees of the Institution should be empowered to present a petition to both Houses of Parliament against the "Various Powers Bill" of the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Company, and the motion was agreed to at once, Bro. Richardson having fully explained what the railway company were desirous of obtaining power to do, and how seriously it would encroach on the School premises, and especially the Preparatory School. Bro. Richardson certainly deserves the hearty thanks of the Governors and Subscribers for his prompt attention to the interests of the Institution on this particular occasion, as well as generally, and we are glad to know from him that Bro. Samuel Pope, Q.C., has been retained to render such legal services as may be necessary.

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Bro. J. L. Thomas, P.A.G.D.C., was successful in carrying out his motion to the effect that the maximum age of candidates for the Secretaryship be raised from 40 to 45 years. We think it would have been better to do away with the limit altogether. There was reason in fixing it at 40 years, when the question of awarding a pension to a Secretary on retiring from office through age, ill-health, or other cause was likely to arise; but now that pensions to officers of this Institution appear to have received their quietus, we see no reason for the retention of a limit. The only change which Bro. Thomas will have effected will be this, under the present rules, a good man of 41 is excluded from being a candidate; under the proposed rule, a good man of 46 will be shut out. Abolish the limit altogether, and no man, good, bad, or indifferent, will be excluded.

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Bro. Greatbatch does not appear to recognise the force of the objection we made last week to his proposal to take the power of electing the Secretary out of the hands of the General Committee, and entrust it to the Provisional Committee. Societies do not, as a rule, enact laws for particular occasions, but for general. Had our brother's motion been accepted, then, whenever the Provisional Committee came to an end, it would become necessary to pass a new law to transfer the power of electing future Secretaries from a body that was defunct, either to the House or General Committee, or to the General Court. Or it may be that Bro. Greatbatch considers the present Provisional Management Committee likely to remain permanently in charge of affairs. But, even in that case, a further change in the law would become necessary, as what is permanent cannot be provisional. However, Bro. Greatbatch's motion was lost, and we need not, therefore, trouble ourselves about difficulties which will never arise.

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We have much pleasure in announcing that it has been arranged that the 102nd Festival of the R.M.I. for Girls—at which, by the way, Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middx., has kindly undertaken to preside—will be held on Tuesday, the 20th May next.

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We rejoice to find that considerable headway has been made during the week by Bro. Terry in adding to the strength of his Board of Stewards for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Wednesday, the 26th instant. This time last week the number of brethren who had undertaken to give their services as Stewards was 244, now it is 268. There has, therefore, been an increase of two dozen in the one week. This is capital news, and we trust we shall be able to record a further and still more substantial increase in the Board between now and the Festival. Happily, those who have come forward lately have still not far short of three weeks in which to carry on their canvass, and, as Bro. Terry well knows, a good deal may be done even in three weeks, especially by those who have had experience in the office.

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We congratulate our Sussex brethren on the appointment of Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., as their new Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in succession to

the late lamented Bro. Gerard Ford. Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott is a Mason of long standing, a Past Grand Steward, and P.P.S.G.W. of Sussex. He is also a man of tact and ability, and we do not doubt that he will soon be on the best of terms with all the various lodges in the province. It must also be to them a source of satisfaction to know officially that the Duke of Connaught has accepted the office of Prov. Grand Mark Master of Sussex, which has been conferred upon him by his brother the Prince of Wales, Grand Mark Master of England.

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Bro. Butler Wilkins, Dep. P.G.M. Northants and Hunts, deserves very hearty thanks for his suggestion that the brethren of Northampton should inaugurate the New Year by giving a tea and entertainment to the aged and poor of the town, independent of creed or party. Nor are we surprised to hear that the 800 people thus entertained in the Corn Exchange, Northampton, were most grateful for the kindness and attention thus shown them by the brethren, and especially by Bro. Wilkins.

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The *Melbourne Evening Standard* says the Victorian Freemasons have decided to create Grand Trumpeters. While they are in a musical vein, they might also create Grand Drummers, Fifers, and what not.

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Now that the scheme for raising a fund in lieu of granting a retiring allowance to Bro. Binckes is fairly launched, would it not be well for the London brethren to form a committee for the purpose of bringing it before the various lodges in the Metropolis. The circular of the Provisional Committee is issued to town and country lodges alike, but London lacks the organisation possessed by Provincial Grand Lodges, and there is some danger that the Metropolis may not contribute its proper portion unless steps are taken to follow up the issue of the circular by some practical method of collecting subscriptions.

Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

LODGE PRESENTATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am a member of the lodge referred to by "West Yorkshire," and I, along with a Past Master, took the presentation movement up. I, therefore, ask you to allow me a few words. In "West Yorkshire's" first letter he attempted to represent that the jewel was only subscribed for by a very small number of the members of the lodge, and your leaderette is written assuming this to be the fact. This is not so. The members of the lodge number close on 50, and there are only about three who did not heartily support the movement. These dissentients are Past Masters. As to two of these Past Masters—one of them (the brother of nerve referred to in "West Yorkshire's" second letter) and another—were asked to contribute and they both expressed their willingness to do so and requested to be put down for the limit, 5s. each. But they changed their minds, and it may be interesting to know how this came about. The P.M. who was working with me asked a Bro. P.M., in the presence of the two above referred to if he would subscribe to the presentation fund. The Past Master referred to asked his questioner if he had received a Past Master's jewel, and eventually characterised the whole affair as "monstrous." What a splendid illustration of the dog in the manger policy; but this argument was strong enough to convert the brother of nerve and his follower, and they withdrew their support. Several P.M.'s, the W.M., P.S.W., and all the officers and junior brethren are in hearty unison on this question.—I am, dear Sir and Brother,

ALSO WEST YORKSHIRE.



HULL MASONIC CALENDAR, 1890.

This is a neat, unpretending-looking publication of but four pages, but so well is the information arranged and packed that the pocket directory for the Craft in Hull is literally a *multum in parvo*. In fact, we are inclined to call it "The Indispensable" for the brethren of that truly Masonic district. On two pages are to be found the day in each month, for the year 1890, that the five lodges assemble, as also that most useful body, the Installed Masters Lodge of Instruction; also similar particulars for the five R.A. chapters, the three Mark lodges, the K.T. preceptory, and the Rose Croix chapter. The installation days are also noted in each case, and the several places of

meeting, as duly chronicled. The first page is devoted to the title, and the fourth to a table, containing the names, places of meetings, days, &c., of some 20 lodges, nine chapters, and five Mark lodges in the neighbourhood, so that the useful character of this little brochure is quite manifest. The typography is all that might be expected from the atelier of Bro. M. C. Peck, the indefatigable Prov. G. Sec. of N. and E. Yorkshire.

Notes and Queries.

866] CONSTITUTIONS, 1738.

I shall feel obliged if owners of the *Book of Constitutions* 1738, who have not already done so, will kindly communicate to me the size of such copies—not the text, but the full page, inclusive of the margin. Also to carefully note as to the frontispiece being bound up with these volumes, or otherwise. I shall be glad to have similar particulars as to the copies having the new title page of "5746;" the replies not being restricted to private owners, information as to lodges, &c., being equally welcome, only in each case, as soon as possible.

W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Royal Savoy Lodge (No. 1744).—The installation meeting of this very sociable lodge took place on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, when there was as usual on such occasions a very large gathering of members and their visitors. Bro. W. H. Borling, the W.M., has, like so many others, been suffering from the fashionable complaint, and though sufficiently recovered to be present found it necessary to find a substitute to act as Installing Master. Our ever ready brother, Bro. W. M. Stiles, came to the rescue and installed Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx. (who had been unanimously elected by the lodge), in the admirable manner in which he performed all his Masonic work. The list of officers is as follows: Bros. Holland, S.W.; Ross, J.W.; James Willing, Treas.; H. Dickey, Sec.; Knightley, Asst. Sec.; Morley, S.D.; Roziska, J.D.; Dr. Powdrell, I.G.; Stiles, D.C.; H. Cole, Asst. D.C.; Jeffreys and Chattey, Stwds.; and R. Whiting, Tyler. All were invested by the W.M. except Bro. Willing, who was absent through indisposition.

It turned out that there was no other business but the installation (with the exception of receiving the Auditors' report) for though an initiation was expected the candidate did not put in an appearance.

The following brethren were among the visitors to the lodge: Bros. J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753; H. Wilson, Org. 147; J. T. Rowe, P.M. 167; H. T. Stiles, P.M. 1507; J. Kilvington, W.M. 1790; G. R. Bolton, 1314, P.J.G.W. Kent; B. Kaufman, P.M. 1732; W. T. Petty, J.D. 2271; G. W. Meacock, 742; Robt. Seeker, P.M. 453; C. S. Mote, W.M. 1732; T. C. Edward, P.M. 1597; John W. Ray, I.P.M. 1624; James Thom, W.M. 2331; G. T. Knight, 1602; John Vicary, 1428; John S. Ganner, 147; Arthur H. Scurrah, S.W. 2206; A. W. Garrard, 2048; Frank C. Joseph, J.D. 2048; Robt. Burleton, P.M. 860; H. R. Graham, S.W. 2371; R. Chatty, 2271; J. C. Saunders, D.C. 1507; G. Emblin, P.M. 147; Jas. Hemming, I.P.M. 1287; J. W. Towershield, P.M. 171; Jas. W. Cain, J.W. 179; E. C. Massey, P.M. 1297; John P. Cloake, 55; F. F. Dennis, 1563; Webster, M.P., J.W. 2271; Hoare, 1907; Joseph Potter, Arthur Strugnell, 2264; Roach, 569; Tucker, 913; Butters, 282; Silvester, 193; Lawrence, Org. 2271; Faulkner, 463; and P. Blatchford, 704.

After the lodge had been closed, the members and their guests dined together in the Dome Room, in the adjoining building, where an excellent banquet was served, covers being laid for some 98 brethren, there being 47 members and 51 visitors.

After dinner, the customary list of loyal and Masonic toasts was dealt with, commencing, of course, with "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," both of which were most heartily received.

In proposing the next toast, Bro. Scurrah said it was a very important one, being that of "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The Grand Officers were all men and brethren who were worthy of the offices they had been appointed to. Who that knew anything of the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom could say otherwise than that they were the right men in the right places; and he himself knew that all those who were appointed to Grand Office were men who had taken the greatest interest in Freemasonry, and had been rewarded in that manner for what they had done. He regretted that they had no Grand Officers present on that occasion. Several had promised to come, but had been prevented, including the Grand Secretary and Sir Robert Fowler, who over a week ago promised to be present. From a letter received that evening from Sir Robert Fowler, it appeared that he was very ill in bed, and would not be able to leave the house for two or three days. Bro. Scurrah said he had received the greatest kindness and brotherly consideration from Sir Robert Fowler, who was a brother who not only acted up to his obligation as a Mason, but acted up to his position as a citizen of our Metropolis, and assisted not only his brother Masons, but his brother citizens in whatever station in life they belonged to. From what he had said, he thought the brethren would join with him in saying that the Grand Officers had been appointed for the sole reason that they were good men and good Masons, having done their work in Masonry to the satisfaction of everyone.

G.D.; W. H. Dutton, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. Drinkwater, P.M.; W. J. Cotsworth, P.M.; F. Holliday, P.M.; A. Haughton, P.M.; D. Barlow, P.S.W.; T. George, F. Johnson, W. Spear, J. J. Tinker, R. Garbutt, J. Kitson, J. Sidebottom, W. Rushton, and H. M. Coxworth. Visitors: Bros. R. Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; H. Chadderton, P.M., P.G. Stwd. West Lancashire; Councillor Marshall, and numerous P.M.'s, W.M.'s, and brethren from neighbouring lodges.

The hall was handsomely decorated for the occasion, the lodge furniture, &c., showing to great advantage in the large and spacious hall. Bro. F. Broadsmith, P.M., P.G. Reg. (who is well known in the province as one of the best exponents of Craft ceremonies, as well as of the superior Degree of the Royal Arch), performed the ceremony of installation in his well known style, whilst Bro. W. H. Dutton, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., assisted and invested the officers. It is not often that two such capable Past Masters can be seen at Craft working, and the greatest satisfaction and enjoyment was afforded to the brethren present from the splendid working of those brethren.

After the ceremony had been concluded and the lodge closed, the brethren adjourned to the lodge room at the Commercial Hotel, and celebrated the Festival of St. John. The banquet provided by Bro. Morley was of a high class character.

The usual Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to.

It may be mentioned that the ceremony of installation was performed with full musical service, the musical arrangements being under the control of Bro. S. E. Jupp, of Manchester, who was assisted by Bros. M. Stafford, Bowley, Lewtas, Butty, and the excellent music discoursed by these brethren during the ceremony and at the festive board was in every respect worthy of the occasion.

KENDAL.

Union Lodge (No. 129).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, St. George's Hall, on Thursday, the 30th ult. Bro. C. E. Paget, P.P.G.S.B., was installed as W.M. by Bro. Herbert Moser, P.M., P.P.G.R., the working tools being presented by Bro. J. H. Braithwaite, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. A. W. Cozens Hardy, S.W.; T. A. Argles, P.P.G.S.B., J.W.; W. Middleton, P.M., P.A.G. Sec., Treas.; A. Milne, Sec.; R. Fisher, S.D.; R. Lenning, J.D.; J. H. Braithwaite, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; H. Moser, P.M., P.P.G.R., Org.; J. R. Illingworth, I.G.; W. Bradley and J. J. Addison, Stwd.; and W. Thompson, P.P.G.T., Tyler. The addresses to each officer were delivered by Bro. J. Copland, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., and the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren by the Instilling Master, Bro. H. Moser. After the transaction of the ordinary business of the lodge, the newly-installed W.M. presented to the lodge a very beautiful set of gavels for use at lodge banquets.

The brethren, after the closing of the lodge, adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided.

The chair was taken by Bro. C. E. Paget, the W.M., and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to.

MANCHESTER.

Strangeways Lodge (No. 1219).—The Festival of St. John was celebrated at the Masonic Hall, Withy Grove, on Wednesday, the 29th ult. About 60 brethren, including several officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, were present. Bro. Robert Hughes was installed W.M., and Bros. Battye and Savage were invested as S.W. and J.W. respectively. The balance sheet showed total receipts for the year, with balance in hand, £328 1s. 9d.; £35 10s. had been granted to the East Lancashire Systematic Benevolent Institution; £20 to the widow of Bro. Dawson, deceased; and £2 10s. to the fund for Bro. Binckes' annuity. A jewel was presented to Bro. Williams, I.P.M., and a decoration given to Bro. W. T. Schofield, P.M., P.J.G.D., by Bro. Leech, P.M., in recognition of his past valuable services to the lodge and to Freemasonry.

At the banquet an efficient musical programme was rendered by Bros. Walker, Robinson, Wilkinson, Baron, and Reers. A fine-toned new American organ has just been added to the property of the lodge, which is regarded as one of the most prosperous in the province.

YORK.

Albert Victor Lodge (No. 2328).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, on Tuesday, the 28th ult. The W.M., Bro. the Dean of York, presided, and there were also present Bros. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., S.W.; H. L. Swift, J.W.; C. E. Wright, Sec.; W. Lawton, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Jones, S.D.; C. G. Padel, P.M.; and others.

The business consisted in the initiation of Mr. F. Shaun, and of Mr. J. R. Parker as a serving brother, at the conclusion of which the charge was given by the J.W. The report of the By-laws Committee was read and adopted. Bro. Padel, P.M., was invested Organist of the lodge. On the motion of the S.W., seconded by the J.W., the scheme for the commutation of a pension of £250 a year to the Secretary of the Boys' School was approved, and the Treasurer was empowered to pay the suggested amount from the funds.

Royal Arch.

Robert Burns Chapter (No. 25).—A meeting of this chapter was held on the 27th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Comps. J. W. Harvey, M.E.Z.; John Kay, H.; G. Deaton, J.; F. Hatton, Treas.; W. Land, S.E.; W. Wingham, S.N.; A. A. Frigout, P.S.; W. H. Baker, P.Z.; Cormon, Frigout, and others. Visitor: Comp. J. A. Gartley, 142.

The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, the by-laws were also read. The following companions were then elected to fill the various offices: Comps. John Kay, M.E.Z.; George Deaton, H.; Waller Wingham, J.; A. A. Frigout, S.N.; and F. Frigout, P.S. Auditors having been elected, the companions adjourned to banquet, when the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured, and an agreeable evening was spent.

Star Chapter (No. 1275).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Ship, Greenwich. There were present Comps. Addington, M.E.Z.; Crook, J.; Benedetti, S.N.; Major Williams, P.Z., Treas.; Capt. Williams, P.Z., S.E.; Fleck, P.S.; Meierhoff, 1st A.S.; Woods, 2nd A.S.; Grumann, P.Z.; F. Hilton, P.Z.; Dr. Makeham, Stone, North, Towers, and H. Martin. The visitors were Comps. Capt. R. J. Vincent, P.Z., M.E.Z. 1829, P.G. S.B. Middx.; R. J. Voisey, P.Z., S.E. 1829; Lyon, P.Z. 1829; and Folkard, 1829.

The minutes were read and confirmed. The dispensation from the Supreme Grand Chapter for the installation of Comps. Crook and Benedetti into two chairs each was read. Comp. Crook was installed as H. and M.E.Z., Comp. Benedetti as J. and H., and Comp. Fleck as J., the work being excellently rendered by Comps. Hilton, P.Z., and Grumann, P.Z. The officers invested were Comps. Major Williams, P.Z., as Treas.; Capt. C. W. Williams, P.Z., as S.E.; Meierhoff, S.N.; Woods, P.S.; and Dr. Makeham, A.S. In the correspondence was a letter from the G.S.E. apologising for absence, and promising to attend on a future occasion. Comp. Addington, I.P.Z., was presented with a P.Z.'s jewel, and responded in suitable terms.

At the banquet which followed, the M.E.Z. proposed "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," which was received with much enthusiasm.

In proposing "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.Z.," the M.E.Z. said that he was truly the king of Masonry.

The M.E.Z. next proposed "The rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and this toast was also well received.

Comp. Addington proposed "The M.E.Z.," and said how glad he was to see Comp. Crook in the position he could so well fill, and for which he had had a race with him.

Comp. Crook, M.E.Z., said that he was glad to be in that position, which, as the regulations compelled, he had had to wait for. He felt it a very high honour to be installed in two chairs at once, and said he would try to do his duty as M.E.Z.

In proposing "The Visitors," the M.E.Z. pointed out that they were all from one chapter. They were heartily welcome, and he hoped they would enjoy themselves.

Comp. Capt. Vincent, in reply, said they had had a very great treat in hearing five installation ceremonies. The banquet also was equally good. He was glad that his chapter was so well represented, and was sure all would spend a happy time.

Comp. Voisey said that he should hesitate to speak after his worthy chief. He had many times visited the Star Chapter, and hoped to do so many times more. South London owed much to the Star Chapter, for Comp. Hilton, P.Z., was busy spreading Royal Arch knowledge at the Star Chapter of Instruction.

Comp. Lyon was very pleased to be present and enjoy such a delightful evening.

Comp. Folkard said this was his first visit, but he had thoroughly enjoyed it. He was sorry not to be able to attend the chapter of instruction, but he appreciated the good work that was being done.

The M.E.Z. proposed "The P.Z.'s," referring to the services rendered by each of them to the chapter.

Comp. Addington, P.Z., said he had tried to follow his worthy predecessors. He should prize the jewel he had received that day and hoped his children would prize it after he was gone.

Comp. Grumann, P.Z., said that as one of the first exaltees of the chapter he was glad to say that he had never known one piece of discord in the chapter. The Principals had so carefully guided it that it was always in a harmonious state.

Comp. Hilton, P.Z., said if the chapter was not large it certainly was good. He had been highly spoken of as the Preceptor of the chapter of instruction, but he must say that Comp. Grumann was the best first lieutenant that any captain could wish for in the chapter. The Sphinx Chapter too had heartily supported it, and Comp. Voisey was its Treasurer.

The M.E.Z. next proposed "The H., J., and Officers," and referred to the work done by each in the post.

Comps. Benedetti, H.; Fleck, J.; C. Meierhoff, S.N.; Woods, P.S.; and Dr. Makeham, 1st A.S., responded.

The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Lay Members," to which Comps. Stone, Martin, and Towers, responded.

The Janitor's toast closed a very pleasant evening, which had been enlivened by songs and recitations from Comps. Stone, Meierhoff, Addington, Voisey, Benedetti, and F. Hilton.

Bayard Chapter (No. 1615).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at 33, Golden-square, W., when there were present Comps. Capt. Henry Wright, Z.; Sauerbrey, H.; Bamber, J.; Lieut.-Col. Haldane, S.E.; J. Hunt, S.N.; Morice, Asst. S.; Surgeon-General Jessop, and Baron de Bush. Comp. Churchill was a visitor. Bro. Westcott, 1827, was exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch by Comp. Wright. Comp. Haldane kindly acted as P.S., and with his perfect knowledge of the ritual made the ceremony very impressive to the candidate. Comp. Bamber gave the historical lecture, Comp. Sauerbrey the symbolical, and Comp. Capt. Wright that of the mystical, which were in all cases delivered without hesitation. The election of officers for the ensuing year took place, the result being that Comps. Sauerbrey was elected as Z.; Bamber, H.; Hunt, J.; Wright, S.E.; Rev. C. J. Wilson, P.S.; Col. Bailey, S.N.; Lieut.-Col. Somerville Burney, P.G.S., Treas.; and Austin, Janitor. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Haldane gave notice that he would move that a P.Z.'s jewel be presented to Comp. Wright, for the very efficient way in which he had presided over the chapter during the past year. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Haldane, who has held the office of S.E. for 10 years, wishing to be relieved of the duties, the M.E.Z. gave notice of proposition that a jewel be prepared and presented to Comp. Lieut.-Col. Haldane, as a mark of appreciation by the companions for the way in which he had always performed the duties of S.E. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Haldane has endeared himself to every member of the chapter, and it is a source of deep regret that he is about to give up the post. Bro. Ex-Sheriff T. Clarke, 1827, was duly elected a member, but not being able to be present, his exaltation was deferred.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the Café Royal, where justice was done to the banquet prepared for them.

Regret was expressed that neither Comps. Col. Burney Lieut.-Col. Haldane, P.G. Std. Br., Frank Richardson, or Purchas were not present to respond for the Grand Officers. Comps. Westcott and Jessop respectively replied for the toast of their health as the newly-exalted and joining members.

Comp. Morier replied for "The Officers," and Comp. Churchill for "The Visitor."

Comp. Westcott enlivened the proceedings by singing "Sigh no more, ladies," and Comp. Wright sang "Johnny Jones and his sister Sue."

HARROGATE.

Harrogate and Claro Chapter (No. 1001).

This chapter held its annual meeting at the Masonic Hall, on Friday, the 31st ult., when the Three Principals installed their successors in office for the ensuing year, viz., Comps. J. Richardson, Z.; A. J. Bodman, Z. 289, H.; and T. A. Marsh, J. A full staff of efficient officers having previously been duly elected, were now invested in the presence of a large convocation of members and visitors. Of the latter Comps. F. Smith, P.Z. 837; S. Jacob, J. 837; J. Millington, A.S. 289, were special guests. Bros. A. B. Booty and W. W. Stennett, of 1001, were exalted to this Supreme Degree.

The proceedings terminated in a banquet, served under the direction of Comp. C. N. Goode, and the voluntary choir was accompanied by Comp. W. Davey, Organist. The Provincial Grand Chapter was represented by Comps. R. Carter, P.Z., Prov. G.H., and Thomas Riley, P.Z., Prov. A.G.S.

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BRIDGWATER.

Friendship, Unanimity, and Philanthropic Lodge (No. 191).—On the 20th ult., a goodly muster of brethren of this lodge assembled at their headquarters, 7, Royal Clarence Hotel, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. J. T. Dunsford (who was unanimously elected by ballot at the last meeting) as W.M. of the lodge, as successor to Bro. E. Fry Wade. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by the P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, and the W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. E. Fry Wade, I.P.M.; G. B. Laffan, S.W.; G. Strawbridge, J.W.; C. Lucette, P.M., Treas.; F. J. Saunders, Sec.; Dr. Kemmis, D.C.; T. Floyd Norris, M.O.; B. C. Board, S.O.; Dr. F. W. S. Wicksteed, J.O.; A. Basil Cottam, R.M.; T. H. Railton, S.D.; Dr. Peskett, J.D.; J. B. Sincock, I.G.; T. L. Laxton, Chap.; and W. Webber, Tyler. On the proposition of the W.M., the Secretary was directed to forward a vote of sympathy to Bro. Dr. Kemmis, who is now slowly recovering from a severe illness, together with an earnest hope that he will speedily be restored to his former health and strength.

Afterwards the brethren partook of a capital repast, under the presidency of the W.M., and the customary toast list was gone through.

FROME.

Portal Lodge (No. 155).—On Thursday, the 30th ult., Bro. A. G. Hayman was installed W.M. of the above lodge. The ceremony took place in the Masonic Hall, and in the unavoidable absence of Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.M., it was conducted by Bro. A. Duckett, P.M. 191, P.P.G.M.O. The W.M., Bro. A. G. Hayman, appointed as his officers for the ensuing year Bros. F. H. Woodforde, I.P.M.; T. H. Holroyd, S.W.; F. Bendale, J.W.; W. Mason, M.O.; R. T. Williams, S.O.; E. Olive, J.O.; F. Bendale, Treas.; A. W. Moore, Reg. of Marks; F. E. Pearse, Sec.; G. R. Wilson, S.D.; G. W. Wiltshire, J.D.; S. Spill, D.C.; J. D. Pulham, I.G.; and H. Haley, Tyler.

After the ceremony the brethren, to the number of 30, adjourned to the Crown Hotel, where Bro. W. R. Bow provided an admirable dinner.

Bro. A. G. Hayman, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. F. H. Woodforde, A. Duckett, Instilling Master; T. H. Holroyd, F. Bendale, W. Mason, John Baily, E. Olive, G. R. Wilson, G. W. Wiltshire, S. Spill, J. D. Pulham, H. Haley, J. M. Rattray, P. Edinger, and W. R. Bow. The visitors included Bros. W. G. Vowles, H. Wilkinson, T. Harris, and E. J. Grubb, all of Canyng Lodge; T. H. Norris, Creed, E. Horwood, L. J. Watson, Rozea, G. E. Dunsford, A. W. Dalby, and Brittain.

WHITEHAVEN.

Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 31st ult., Bro. Rev. Jas. Anderson, P.J.G.W., W.M., presided, and having been elected W.M. for the second time at the previous meeting, after the confirmation of the minutes, invested his officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. Thos. Brackenbridge, I.P.M.; H. Burns, S.W.; S. Broadbent, J.W.; D. Atkinson, M.O.; J. Casson, S.O.; J. W. Clarke, J.O.; Geo. Dalrymple, Treas.; J. Ramsay, R. of M.; Geo. Starkey, Sec.; B. Taylor, S.D.; Thos. Mitchell, J.D.; W. Gaffney, D.C.; H. D. Cook, Org.; R. D. Metcalf, I.G.; Jas. A. Fowler and J. Thompson, Stwd.

Three brethren were presented with their grand lodge certificates, and with other routine business and "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

S. JAMES' UNION LODGE (No. 180).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the St. James' Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance), on the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. Bullen, W.M.; Brander, S.W.; Blythe, J.W.; Farwig, Preceptor; Blum, Treas.; G. Reynolds, acting as Sec.; Dipley, S.D.; Lichtenfeld, J.D.; Bayfield, I.G.; Cater, Sedgwick, Leatherby, Cursons, Bonham, Evenenden, Dodson, Forscutt, Haslett, Corby, Sykes, McQueen, Bateman, Osborne, Valeriani, Tilling, Dilley, Matthews, Bolton, and Kirk.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Tilling having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Corby worked the

the 1st Section; Bro. Cursons worked the Fifth Section; the Preceptor worked the Sixth Section; and the W.M. worked the Seventh Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, Bros. Dodson, Leatherby, and Bolton, 1631, were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge. On rising for the second time, Bro. Brander, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. Hazlett proposed "That a hearty vote of thanks be given to their worthy Preceptor, Bro. Ernest Farwig, for his handsome present of a large tin box in which to keep the working tools of the lodge of instruction. It was a most graceful and kind act. The vote to be recorded on the minutes"; seconded by Bro. Curson, and carried unanimously, to which the Preceptor replied, thanking the brethren for the kind support he had always received, and hoping that the brethren would be happy and the lodge of instruction prosperous in their new home at the St. James' Restaurant. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry the lodge was closed and adjourned.

JOPPA LODGE (No. 188).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Present: Bros. Emanuel, W.M.; Liscombe, S.W.; Samuel, J.W.; S. Dancyer, Preceptor; H. Saqui, Sec.; Frank, S.D.; Lys, J.D.; Rosenberg, I.G.; Cohen, and A. Botibol.

The lodge was opened, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cohen being candidate. Bro. Emanuel was assisted by the brethren to work the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Liscombe was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting of this new and prosperous lodge of instruction was held on Thursday, the 30th ult., at Tupp's Restaurant, S. Tottenham Court-road, when there were present Bros. W. Rowley, P.M. 1924, W.M.; Fendick, S.W.; Corp, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; Freemantle, Sec.; Sykes, S.D.; Spilling, J.D.; Imley, I.G.; and other brethren, making in all an attendance of about 20.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ceremony of passing was rehearsed in a most able and correct manner by the W.M., Bro. Bulling acting as candidate. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Second Lecture were then worked by Bros. Sadler, P.M., and Kirby, Preceptor, respectively. Bros. Henry S. Wellcome and J. W. Drysdale were unanimously elected as joining members. The W.M. for the ensuing week being elected, appointed his officers in rotation, and announced that the work would be a rehearsal of the Third ceremony at the next meeting.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. W. J. Stratton, Treas., W.M.; A. Pozzati, S.W.; R. H. Dillon, P.M. 1567, J.W.; G. Wood, Preceptor; S. W. Manktelow, Sec. *pro tem.*; J. Reed, S.D.; W. T. Dillon, J.D.; R. J. Rogers, I.G.; A. G. Boswell, P.M. 1339; C. J. Biorn, 733; R. S. Cursons, J. Griffin, W. Chapple, J. R. Hill, and A. E. Carter. Visitors: Bros. Reed, 1910, and O. L. Ogilby, 46.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Carter was examined and entrusted. The lodge was next opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Carter candidate. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of installation rehearsed by the Preceptor, Bro. G. Wood, who duly installed Bro. Stratton into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The brethren having saluted the W.M. in the three Degrees, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers, after which the Preceptor impressively delivered the three addresses. Bros. Reed and Ogilby were elected joining members. The S.W., Bro. Pozzati, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed and entered on the minutes to Bro. G. Wood, the Preceptor, for rehearsing the ceremony of installation for the first time in this lodge of instruction. Bro. G. Wood suitably responded. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. W. G. Coat, W.M.; T. Jobson, S.W.; H. Wade, J.W.; D. S. Long, Sec., acting Preceptor; R. Reid, S.D.; A. Williams, J.D.; G. H. Webb, I.G.; D. Stroud, P.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; and G. Fox.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. R. H. Williams offering himself as a candidate for passing, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Reid having given proofs of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in the W.M.'s usual able and efficient manner. The brethren expressing a wish that the ceremony of installation should be rehearsed, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Long. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Coat duly presented, and took the obligation as W.M. elect. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and Bro. Coat resumed the chair. Lodge was resumed to the Second and First Degrees respectively, Bro. Long acting as Installing Officer, and rendering the addresses in a very able and perfect manner, Bro. R. D. Williams acting as D. of C. The W.M. having risen, Bro. Jobson was elected W.M. for the second Friday in February, the next and following being the Preceptor's and officers of the mother lodge night. Bro. D. Stroud, P.M., proposed, and Bro. A. Williams, W.M. 2090, seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Long for his able and efficient services as Installing Master for the first time, especially being called upon unexpectedly to do so, and also for the perfect and impressive manner in which he rendered the addresses—carried unanimously. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the above was also held on Friday, the 31st ult., at the same place, when there were present Bros. J. Sims, P.M., W.M.; E. Lucas, S.W.; T. Jobson, J.W.; D. S. Long, Sec.; J. Davies, S.D.; A. Williams, J.D.; J. Woods, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; H. P. Gilbert, C. J. C. Walker, and H. Tatlow.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The First Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren under the direction of Bro. Davies. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Lucas was presented as W.M. elect and duly obligated. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Lucas installed. Lodge was resumed in the Second and First Degree respectively, Bro. J. Sims, P.M., acting as Installing Master, Bro. Lucas investing the officers in a very able and efficient manner, Bro. J. Sims, P.M., rendering the addresses in his usual able and impressive manner. The W.M. having risen, the Secretary informed the W.M. that the next meeting would be officers of the mother lodge evening. Bro. Stroud proposed and Bro. T. Jobson seconded "That a very hearty vote of thanks be given to the Preceptor and the W.M. of the evening for his very able services as Installing Master, and for the very able manner he had rendered the addresses," which was carried unanimously. After "Hearty good wishes" were given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Allman, I.P.M. 1425, W.M.; J. Cruttenden, S.W.; J. H. Belchamber, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Sec. *pro tem.*; J. H. Taylor, S.D.; E. Coleman, J.D.; W. J. Stratton, I.G.; J. C. Conway, Steward; Hakim, P.M.; Whitehead, P.M.; Wetzlar, W.M. 141; Northcroft, Campbell, Windeatt, Hillier, and Chaundler.

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. Chaundler being the candidate. Bro. Chaundler then retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hillier being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Cruttenden was elected W.M. for next meeting. It was unanimously agreed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Bro. Dehane upon his illness, with a sincere wish that he might be speedily restored to his usual good health. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 30th ult., when there were present Bros. R. E. Cursons, W.M.; G. H. Foan, S.W.; W. Hoggins, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; F. M. Noakes, Asst. Sec.; J. D. Bromley, S.D.; H. Evenden, J.D.; J. Rowe, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; Charles Lambert, Cater, A. Bergholz, W. Hancock, J. Woodward, and C. O. Burgess.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, Bro. Luff offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The Preceptor then worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture, and the Deputy Preceptor the 3rd Section of the Lecture. The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree. On rising for the second time, it was proposed and carried unanimously that Bro. G. H. Foan, S.W., be elected W.M. for the ensuing week. On rising for the third time, Bro. Brindley said he thought the time had arrived when some substantial recognition should be made to Bro. G. Reynolds, their esteemed Secretary and Treasurer, for the eminent service rendered to the lodge for a period of over seven years. He therefore proposed that a committee be formed to carry out the arrangements. This was seconded by Bro. J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor, and carried unanimously. There being no further business the lodge was closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 31st ult., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill. Present: Bros. G. Davis, W.M.; W. Cleghorn, S.W.; E. Rogers, J.W.; W. J. Mason, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; J. Powell, J.D.; H. D. Smith, I.G.; F. L. Chandler, P.M.; R. C. Green, P.M.; D. Belinfante, C. Breitbart, P.M.; J. Bartlett, W. Middleweek, J. H. Taylor, Treadwell, H. Armfield, G. Gardner, M. Rosenberg, G. English, E. Connell, R. H. Broom, H. H. Burrrington, A. F. Scholding, M. J. R. Dundas, S. Ransom, E. T. Edwards, C. Webster, A. B. Northcroft, H. Foskett, W. J. Millington, and E. T. Notcutt. Visitors: Bros. Dr. Loane, P.M. 1412; F. T. Hallet, 907; L. Ascot, P.M. 733; Ransford, W.M. 1512; and J. Jervis, 1425.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Fourteen out of the 15 Sections were then worked by the following brethren: First Lecture 1st Section, Bro. F. L. Chandler, P.M. 1656; 2nd, Bro. W. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287; 3rd, Bro. R. H. Broom, 1558; 4th, Bro. C. Breitbart, P.M. 1828; 5th, Bro. A. F. Scholding, J.W. 1512; 6th, Bro. E. Rogers, P.M. 1238; and 7th, Bro. G. Davies, P.M. 167. Second Lecture: 1st Section, Bro. J. C. Conway, J.W. 1891; 2nd, Bro. W. J. Mason, S.W. 2246; 3rd, Bro. C. Webster, P.M. 1637; 4th, Bro. W. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287; and 5th, Bro. H. D. Smith, S.D. 2045. Third Lecture: 2nd Section, Bro. G. Gardner, 1642; and 3rd, Bro. H. Foskett, 1642. The following brethren were elected members: Bros. L. Ascot, P.M. 733; Dr. Loane, P.M. 1421; F. J. Hallet, 907; and J. Jervis, 1425. It was proposed by Bro. C. Breitbart, P.M., seconded by Bro. R. C. Green, P.M., and carried unanimously—"That a cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M., Bro. G. Davis, for the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of Section Master that evening." It was proposed by the W.M., seconded by Bro. W. Middleweek, and carried unanimously—"That a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the brethren who had worked the Lectures." And the W.M. called upon the S. and J. Wardens to respond for those brethren, which was done in a suitable manner. The officers for the ensuing week were already appointed. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. F. A. Barth, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; G. A. Knight, J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Preceptor (pro

tem); R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas. F. Craggs, Sec.; C. Woods, S.D.; W. T. Marsh, J.D.; N. Foley, I.G.; G. Swann, J. H. Morrish, A. Harris, W. Dresden, George Read, P.M., Preceptor.

The lodge was opened in due form. Bro. Barth vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hillier, and the lodge was opened in the second Degree. Bro. Morrish offered himself as a candidate for raising, and proving proficient on examination, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in a very commendable manner, inclusive of the traditional history. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and the Second Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Sims, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Barth resumed the position of W.M. Bro. Knight was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 30th ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. John Davies, W.M. 169, W.M.; H. D. Gilbert, W.M. 1828, S.W.; B. Browne, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; C. J. Walker, S.D.; J. Arnott, J.D.; W. G. Jennings, I.G.; J. Stevens, Stwd.; James Sims, P.M.; J. B. Colwill, P.M.; E. Fountain, P.M.; E. Child, P.M.; Geo. Davis, P.M.; R. H. Rogers, P.M.; Manning, Stanley, Higginson, Cotton, Woodard, Larter, Phillips, Love, Jobson, Hillier, Dusterwald, and Sansom.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. J. Sims, P.M., assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Higginson candidate. The lodge was then called off and on. The 2nd Section was worked by Bro. Geo. Davis, P.M., assisted by the brethren. The lodge was then closed. Bro. Fountain, P.M., was already elected W.M. for the next meeting.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. Present: Bros. F. Thomas, W.M.; J. Morrish, S.W.; G. McCrow, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; W. Fayers, S.D.; L. Nathan, J.D.; Joseph Cox, I.G.; James Sims, P.M.; R. Ambler, P.M.; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a very praiseworthy manner, Bro. Ambler acting as candidate. The 3rd and 4th Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The 5th Section was worked by Bro. Collings, the questions being put by Bro. Sims. Bro. Morrish was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Thomas for the able manner in which he had conducted the duties of W.M. for the first time in this lodge of instruction. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 1st inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; T. W. Biggs, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; J. Brown, Sec.; J. Davies, S.D.; T. Jobson, J.D.; H. Clark, I.G.; M. Speigle, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; Gilbert, F. Dusterwald, Hiscock, Pyne, and Willcox.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. F. Dusterwald candidate. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. The 1st Section of this Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. Davies. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. On the usual rising Bro. Hillier was unanimously elected W.M. for the 15th inst. Next Saturday being officers' night, the W.M. of the mother lodge is expected to take the chair. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 31st ult., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, when there were present Bros. Gibson, P.M., W.M.; Baddery, S.W.; Piper, J.W.; Brindley, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Harvey, S.D.; Holland, J.D.; Smith, I.G.; Green, Molony, Turner, Edwards, Stutfield, Holland, J. Haylock, Hobbs, Jas. Haylock, Shaw, and Fort.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Turner, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Turner being the candidate. Bro. Fort, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Fort being the candidate. The lodge was closed down. Bros. John and Jas. Haylock, 1624, were unanimously elected joining members. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

ANDREW CHAPTER (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Comps. J. Davies, M.E.Z.; H. Purdie, H.; W. Hillier, J.; Jas. Sims, M.E.Z. 834, S.E.; H. P. Gilbert, S.N.; W. W. Williams, P.S.; and J. H. Wood, A.S.

The chapter having been opened, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, and after the customary business had been transacted, the convocation was adjourned until the 12th inst.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 31st ult., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., when there were present Comps. F. Hilton, M.E.Z. and Preceptor; Addington, H.; Hill, J.; Stone, S.E.; Bannister, S.N.; A. C. Wood, P.S.; H. Martin, and J. Grummitt, P.Z.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, with Comp. Addington as candidate. Comp. Addington was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. It was resolved—"That the chapter has decided to regularly take the *Freemason*, and appreciates the great interest Comp. Kenning has taken in the welfare of the chapter."

ENTERTAINMENT TO ABOUT 800 OLD PEOPLE AT NORTHAMPTON.

As a body, the Freemasons of the country subscribe largely to their Schools and different Institutions, and are also noted for their brotherly and fellow feeling in works which are promoted for the good of the public generally. The members of the Province of Norths and Hunts are not behind their brethren in other parts of the country in this respect, and the town lodges of the body have also kindly lent their assistance on many public occasions in the town of Northampton. About a month since, at a meeting of the brethren, the noble suggestion was broached that endeavours should be made to give a tea and entertainment to a number of the Old People of Northampton, and that subscriptions should be solicited among the members of the different lodges in the town for the purpose of carrying out the project. The suggestion was heartily acquiesced in, and a Committee was speedily formed, consisting of the Worshipful Master and the Wardens and a few other members of the three lodges in the town—the Pomfret, 360; Eleanor Cross, 1764; and Delapré, 1911—to collect the subscriptions and carry out the necessary arrangements. The proposal was entered into with good will by the members, and the result was that an excellent list of contributors was obtained. The distribution of tickets was entrusted to the subscribers *pro rata*, and between 750 and 800 were issued, the recipients being understood to be over the age of 50 years. The Corn Exchange, the only available building for such a gathering, was secured, and was gaily decorated by willing hands with flags, bannerettes, and the banners of the lodges of the province, and also a number of signalling flags, kindly lent by Bro. T. P. Dorman.

The duties of Hon. Secretary to the Committee were carried out by Bro. G. Butcher, and, although of a most arduous character, the arrangements were so perfect that everything passed off without the slightest hitch. About four o'clock on Thursday afternoon, the 23rd ult., the "guests" began to arrive at the Exchange, and many of them were so old and feeble that those who had given them tickets had also generously provided cabs for them. When seated the sight was of a most interesting description, and one which could not fail to arouse kindly and sympathetic feelings in the stoutest hearts. Both men and women presented a most clean, tidy, and, in the great majority of instances, bright appearance, and there were evident anticipations of the good things in store for them. After a selection of music had been played on the organ by Bro. Brook Sampson, and grace had been sung, the old people were entertained to a substantial meat tea, the commissariat department being kindly taken charge of by Bro. Quartermaster Hughes, than whom a better person for such an undertaking it would be difficult to find. There was a plentiful supply of meat, cake, and bread and butter, and the tea was admirably served.

The following ladies kindly consented to preside at the numerous tables, or to act as amateur waitresses, as required, and they took an evident delight in their self-imposed task: Mrs. Airs, Mrs. Ayres, Mrs. Archer, Mrs. Ashdowne, Mrs. Ashford, Mrs. H. Brown, Mrs. S. Barber, Mrs. J. Barber, Mrs. Beesley, Mrs. Beel, Miss Beel, Mrs. Boycott, Mrs. Butcher, Misses Bingley, Miss Clarke, Mrs. Currall, Mrs. S. S. Campion, Mrs. Croft, Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. T. P. Dorman, Mrs. Dainty, Mrs. Ellard, Mrs. Emery, Mrs. Edmund, Mrs. Eunson, Mrs. Fletcher, Misses Frisby, Misses Franks, Mrs. Gibbins, Mrs. Goldney, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Gold, Misses Gibson, Miss Hughes, Miss Hodges, Mrs. Haviland, Mrs. Ingman, Mrs. Jowett, Mrs. Jeffery, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Konow, Mrs. Kellett, Mrs. Merry, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Marden, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Morris, Miss Miles, Miss Nunn, Mrs. Percival, Miss Peirce, Misses Pearson (three), Miss Pendered, Mrs. Robinson, Misses Robinson, Miss Rice, Mrs. Rolfe, Mrs. Snow, Miss Snow, Mrs. Sampson, Mrs. Stanton, Mrs. Sadler, Mrs. Sherwood, Miss Smith, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Thorpe, Mrs. Tebbutt, Mrs. Tipler, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Vials, Misses Wilkins (three), Mrs. Wallis, Mrs. T. Wetherell, Mrs. Whitford, and Mrs. Wilkinson.

A large number of the brethren also lent their aid as waiters, and the wants of everyone of the company were well and readily looked after, and not a single complaint of any character was heard from the large assembly.

Some 200 tickets were issued to visitors to witness the proceedings, and the orchestra was well filled, principally by ladies.

Tea over, grace after meat was sung.

Shortly afterwards, Bro. Rev. Dr. SANDERS mounted a platform erected in the centre of the right hand side of the Exchange, and addressed the gathering. The rev. brother said he wanted, in the name of the Masons of Northampton, to bid them all a very hearty welcome, and to express the hope that they had all thoroughly enjoyed themselves as far as the evening's entertainment had yet gone. He humorously remarked that he was not going to tell them the mysteries of Freemasonry, as there were too many about the room who knew all about them, and perhaps his life would not be safe if he were to tell them all the secrets which they as a body had from the outside world. They, as Masons, naturally, when Bro. Butler Wilkins proposed the scheme, were extremely glad to fall in with it, and the results of the efforts put forward were before them that evening. After again expressing the hope that they had up to that time thoroughly enjoyed themselves,

he said he would express the further hope that they would also enjoy the other good things which were to come. There was plenty of amusement provided for them, and he trusted there would be something with which to cheer not only the mental part of man and of woman, but also the corporal part as well. He would tell them another secret. It was a secret, and there was something in it. When they as Masons met together in those mysterious assemblies which they held, and where their friend Bro. Dean stood outside with a drawn sword in his hand, they talked a good deal about old age and about the chances of poverty in life, and they had it diligently impressed upon them by various speakers to endeavour to cultivate the virtues of submission, of humility, and of resignation. They acknowledged that in life there were many ups and downs. There were many pieces in their journey which had a black shadow across them, and there were many pieces which had the bright sunlight shining upon them; and one of the great lessons they wanted to learn, while taking things as they came, was never to lose their trust in God. Those lessons which they tried to learn for themselves as Masons were just the lessons he should like, speaking as a very unworthy mouth-piece of the Masons of Northampton, to strongly impress upon those who had been selected, for various reasons, to attend that gathering. They had trials, and the Masons had trials. Most of them had poverty, and the Masons might have poverty. They had their share of trouble which age brought with it, and the Masons, God being with them, looked forward to an old age; and it might be that God, in His providence, would give them a share of the troubles they had at that time. By endeavouring to lighten their load that day; by showing them their good-will, their friendship, and their desire to give them solace and relief in the midst of all the troubles of the world outside, they were trying to impress that same lesson upon their own hearts. He felt sure that all the brethren present that evening, who had turned up in such goodly numbers, would not only have the remembrance of that pleasant gathering in their minds, and the pleasure of having done good that day and of having given a cheer and comfort to others, however little, but he trusted they would all go away from that place hoping that in their old age the remembrance of gatherings like that might be a solace and a cheer to themselves. There was no solace and no cheer like that of the heart of the man who had tried to do some good in his day and generation. Though he did not say that which was taking place that evening was a very great piece of good, yet it had been a sort of text for a sermon, which he trusted they would all carry out in their lives. Concluding his remarks, Dr. Sanders said he would then leave them to the solid enjoyment which would be on the tables, on the screen in front of them, and also in the listening to the voices of their talented brethren, and especially that of their talented Bro. Beel.

During the evening cakes and other refreshment and oranges were distributed among the old people, and on leaving each of the old women was presented with a quarter of a pound of tea. The evening's entertainment will long be remembered by all who were privileged to take part in it.

A short concert followed, and an attractive entertainment of a varied character was given, which appeared to give much amusement and gratification.

LIVERPOOL PRESS CLUB.

The annual meeting of the members of the Liverpool Press Club was held on the 24th ult., at the club premises, Hatton-garden. Mr. Hamilton Lee, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. J. A. Wilcox, the president of the club, occupied the chair at the opening of the proceedings.

The committee, in their report, called attention to the satisfactory financial condition of the club, and stated that 29 new members had been enrolled during the year. The report and statement of accounts were adopted, after which the officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Mr. J. B. Mackenzie, chief of the reporting staff of the *Liverpool Mercury*; vice-presidents, Mr. Hamilton Lee and Mr. W. P. Smith; honorary treasurer, Mr. J. Bimson; honorary secretary, Mr. W. Jamieson; honorary auditor, Mr. J. C. Backhouse; committee, Mr. E. D. James, Mr. J. E. J. Holmes, Mr. J. Mason, Mr. James Phillips, Mr. J. A. Wilcox, and Mr. T. J. Brown.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the retiring officers and the chairman of the meeting.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. C. G. SPARROW; P.M. 1743, P.Z. 1471.

A very interesting meeting of the Perseverance Lodge of Instruction, No. 1743, was held on Monday evening, 29th ult., at Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, E.C., when Bros. C. M. Coxon, S.D. 2278, and 1471, occupied the chair as W.M.; J. G. Cobb, J.W. 2278, as S.W.; Daniels, P.M. 1743, as J.W.; C. G. Sparrow, P.M. acting Preceptor; J. Mitchell, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Bridgman, Sec.; Hancock, S.D.; Martindale, J.D.; O'Brien, I.G.; and the following brethren were also present: Bros. Eade, P.M. 1743; Fox, S.W. 1743; Fells, Daunton, Flexman Lloyd, Lonsdale, and Brewer.

The lodge was then opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation having been rehearsed, and Bro. Brewer elected a member of the lodge, the W.M., Bro. Coxon, rose and said that

they met that night for the last time under Bro. Sparrow's kindly rule and direction. They had felt they could not let him leave them without showing, in some form, their appreciation of the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge, first as Secretary, and afterwards as acting Preceptor. The W.M. expressed, on behalf of the brethren, their best wishes for his success in his new home, their regret at losing his services, and as a mark of their esteem presented him with a purse which had been subscribed by the members. The Secretary then read a letter which had been prepared and signed by all the brethren present.

The S.W., Bro. COBB, as a born Australian colonist, tendered his best wishes to Bro. Sparrow, and assured him that he would find in the colony a hearty welcome and true friends.

After a few remarks from Bro. MITCHELL, P.M., Treas., Bro. SPARROW replied, thanking the brethren for the unexpected mark of their favour which he had received. His heart had been, and would continue to be, with the Perseverance Lodge of Instruction, and when far away he should never forget the kindness which had been shown to him by the brethren.

The lodge was then closed, and the meeting was formed into a smoking concert, and a very pleasant evening was spent, terminating with "Auld Lang Syne."

Bro. Sparrow sails shortly for Melbourne, and carries with him the good wishes of a large circle of Masonic friends.

Bro. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., Preceptor of the lodge, was unfortunately unable to be present owing to illness.

THIRD ANNUAL BALL OF THE DOWN-SHIRE LODGE, No. 594.

The brethren of the above lodge held their third annual ball at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on the 30th ult., in aid of the Downshire Lodge Fund of Benevolence. There were about 150 guests present. The ball was under the patronage of Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, E. H. Cookson, Prov. S.G.W., and other Provincial Grand Officers.

The guests were received by the W.M. (Bro. E. R. Latham) and Mrs. Latham.

The following brethren constituted the active Committee: Bros. E. R. Latham, W.M., President; I. Turner, P.P.G.S.B.; J. L. Houghton, P.M.; W. H. Veevers, P.M.; A. Pedersen, P.M.; D. Dunkel, S.W.; B. Allenby, J.W.; J. Phelan, Sec.; J. Edwards, S.D.; E. Smart, J.D.; P. Roose, I.G.; J. Bellingham, J. Hawley, and E. Jefferies, Stwds.

It is expected the ball will result in the addition of a substantial sum to the benevolent fund, which was founded by the present W.M. about two months ago, to which already a considerable amount has been subscribed.

The room was tastefully decorated, and Bro. Swinnerton's band furnished the dance music.

An excellent supper was provided.

Bro. Ernest Smart, as Assistant Secretary and Master of Ceremonies, fulfilled his duties in a most satisfactory manner.

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BOYLE.

Abbey Lodge (No. 242).—The annual festival of this old lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th ult., and proved a most enjoyable gathering. In the absence of the W.M. elect, Bro. Hubert Hamilton, J.P., and at the request of the out-going W.M., Bro. Larminie, the chair for the evening was occupied by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of North Connaught, Bro. Francis E. Clarke, M.D., LL.D., who installed the following as officers, and they were presented to the chair by Bros. Major T. Y. L. Kirkwood, D.L., P.M., and Charles Webb, J.P., P.M.: Bros. Wm. Hamilton, M.B., S.W.; G. W. Jackson, J.W.; Rev. J. G. Digges, M.A., Chap.; Dudley Hill Jameson, S.D.; H. Moore, J.D.; and the Earl of Kingston, H.M.L., I.G. The indefatigable Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. Robert R. Fry, P.M., P.G.I.G., was re-installed in the same position he has so worthily filled for the past year-and-a-half. Mr. Joseph Gillespie, a candidate who had been accepted at the previous communication, was admitted and initiated in a most perfect manner by Bro. T. F. Haskins, who, to the regret of every brother of the lodge, is leaving Boyle for the County Wexford, where doubtless his Masonic light will be duly utilised.

After other business, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

In addition to those already enumerated, a large number sat down, including Bros. W. J. Robinson, P.M., P.G. Steward; Major Carter; Cairn Cross Church, S.S.; P.S.G.W.; David Browne, P.G. Treas.; St. George Harrison, P.G. Sec.; Philip Carter, 223 (E.C.); William Parke, P.P.S.G.W.; Arthur Harrison, P.M. 854; and others.

The loyal toasts were duly and enthusiastically received, after which the usual Masonic ones were given and received with equal enthusiasm.

Responding to his health, the out-going W.M., Bro. S. Larminie, thanked the brethren for the kindness and loyalty he had experienced during his year of office, and concluded by proposing "The Health of Bro. the Earl of Kingston, her Majesty's Lieutenant of the County."

Lord Kingston suitably responded, and thanked the brethren for having elected him to lodge office as Inner Guard.

When proposing the toast of "The Newly-installed Officers," the D.P.G.M. said that the lodge was most fortunate in its selection, and especially alluded to the Masonic knowledge possessed by Bros. W. Hamilton, S.W., and D. H. Jameson, S.D., and the efficiency and zeal of Bro. Fry, of Frybrook, their esteemed Secretary. As to Bro. the

Earl of Kingston, I.G., he reminded the brethren of his Masonic antecedents. His ancestor, James, fourth Baron Kingston, was first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1729, having been previously installed Grand Master of England on December 27th, 1728. The first Earl of Kingston again was Grand Master of Ireland in 1761, and the late Earl had nobly bequeathed £500 to the Masonic Orphan Boys' School. He had also been a member of the Abbey Lodge. So that from the traditions of his house, as well as from his high personal qualities, the brethren might reasonably predict a useful future in the Craft for our distinguished brother installed that evening in the junior lodge office of Inner Guard.

"Provincial Grand Lodge Officers" was responded to by the Prov. G. Treasurer and Prov. G. Secretary; and "Visiting Brethren" by Bros. P. Carter and A. Harrison, respectively representing English and Irish lodges.

"The Health of Bro. Parke, P.P.S.G.W." was separately honoured, with a request that he would convey the good wishes of the brethren to his gallant son, Bro. T. H. Parke, the celebrated sharer of the dangers of recent African exploration with the illustrious Stanley.

The name of Bro. Surgeon Tom Parke was received with tremendous cheering, and responded to by his respected father, an old Prince Mason.

"The Father of the Abbey Lodge, Bro. Major Kirkwood," also a Prince Mason, was proposed, who in turn gave "The Health of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Dr. Clarke, 30°, their Presiding Officer," of whom he spoke in complimentary terms.

"The Newly-initiated Brother," and other toasts having been given, much good music rendered, and a respectable collection taken up for Masonic Charity, "Auld Lang Syne" was sung, and the brethren departed.

MONAGHAN.

Monaghan Lodge (No. 351).—The annual installation dinner of this lodge was held on the 7th ult. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. T. Wilson, W.M.; R. T. Bustard, S.W.; James Mitchell, J.W.; J. Barbour, S.D.; D. Ross, J.D.; R. Hanna, Treas.; J. J. Bryans, Sec.; Ven. Arch. B. R. Young, Chap.; J. J. Bryans, I.P.M.

The customary Masonic toasts were heartily honoured and responded to by the W.M. and officers; Bros. Johnstone, Dr. Bryans, and Breakey, P.J.G.W., &c., and during the evening some splendid songs were sung by Bros. Alderdice, Johnstone, Breakey, Keown, and others. The installing Master, Bro. Patterson, P.M., P.K., P.P., received quite an ovation. He is one of the good old stock of Masons who in days gone by guarded our ancient landmarks when it was harder to do than now. Well do I remember my visit to him. I found him in his parlour, his Masonic library open, and the old gentleman with Mackey's "Cyclopaedia" open on the table beside him. He showed me with pleasure his case of jewels, which would make any Mason proud, and all of them presentations, and offered to lend me any of his Masonic books, and he has some rare works. It is the example of old Masons like this that make Masonry worth living for, and it is his influence that has brought Masonry to its pure working and exalted position in Monaghan.

Australia.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

The Quarterly Communication of the above Grand Lodge was held on Monday, December 16th, 1889, in the Freemasons' Hall, Collins-street, Melbourne. Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., M.W.G.M., presided, supported by Bros. G. S. Coppin, P.G.M.; A. G. M'Combe, P.G.M.; G. Baker, D.G.M.; and several other Present and Past Grand Officers.

The general attendance was only limited, which may be attributed to the inconvenient hour—4 p.m.—but hereafter it is understood that the M.W.G.M. will order the Grand Lodge to be summoned for seven o'clock.

The minutes of the September Communication having been read and confirmed, the roll of lodges was called, about half of the 147 being responded to.

On the motion of Bro. JOHN JAMES, P.D.G.M., seconded by Bro. A. AITKEN, S.G.W., the M.W. Grand Master was nominated for re-election for the second time.

Bro. Angell Ellis, P.D.G.M., was also nominated for re-election as Grand Treasurer.

Communications were read from the Grand Lodges of Canada, South Australia, Massachusetts, and Arkansas, extending recognition to the United Grand Lodge of Victoria as one of the Sovereign Grand Lodges of the world; likewise a letter of congratulation from Bro. Sir Henry Morland, K.C.M.G., M.W. Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India.

The reports of the Board of Benevolence and Board of General Purposes were received and adopted; also the report of the committee for compiling the "Book of Constitutions." The final consideration of the latter was ordered to stand over till a special communication, to be held on the 27th ult. The Grand Treasurer's balance sheet for the past quarter was adopted.

Several notices of motion then came up, the first of which, by Bro. R. Kilpatrick, W.M. 134, referring to an addition to the committee for establishing uniformity of working, was adopted with some amendment.

Bro. THOMAS SMITH, P.S.G.W., moved—"That detailed particulars be given and printed concerning the distribution of the funds of the Board of Benevolence, as the expenditure in the past appears to be excessive." A long and angry discussion ensued, at the conclusion of which the motion was defeated by a large majority.

Bro. SMITH also moved, in accordance with notice of motion—"That the M.W. Grand Master be respectfully requested to confer Past Grand Rank on five members of the late Victorian Constitution, five members of the

late Provincial Grand Lodge (I.C.), five members of the late District Grand Lodge (S.C.), and 15 members of the late District Grand Lodge (E.C.); the respective brethren to be selected and recommended by the Grand Lodges to which they belonged." The motion was agreed to unanimously.

Bro. W. B. EDWARDS, G.D.C., moved—"That the Office of Grand Herald be added to the list of officers appointed by the Grand Master." The word "Trumpeter" having been substituted, the motion, as amended, was adopted.

On the motion of Bro. S. FRANKLIN, P.D.G.M., it was agreed that the Grand Treasurer be a member of the Board of General Purposes.

The Grand Lodge was then closed.

Japan.

KOBE.

Rising Sun Lodge (No. 1401, E.C.).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, November 27th, 1889. There was a large attendance of members of the lodge, together with a number of visitors from the Hiogo and Osaka, No. 408 (S.C.), and other lodges, great interest being taken in the installation of Bro. Laurence L. Abraham as W.M. for the ensuing year. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. Geo. H. Whymark, supported by the following Past Masters and officers of the lodge: Bros. R. Hughes, P.A. G.D.C., P.D.D.G.M.; T. C. Thornicroft, D.D.G.M.; M. Fitzgerald, D.S.G.W.; J. W. Beauchamp, P.D.S. G.W.; R. Home Cook, D.G.D.; C. W. Dimock, P.M.; L. D. Abraham, S.W., W.M. elect; Jume Palmer, J.W.; A. M. Delf, Sec.; F. J. Barden, S.D.; William Kerr, J.D.; and A. Drewell, I.G. Among other brethren present were Bros. J. M. Mur, P.M. (S.C.); J. C. May, P.M. (S.C.); J. W. Gray, P.M. P.Z.; Alf. Woolley, P.M., P.D.G.D.C. (South China); Thos. Larkin, P.M.; C. E. Stephens, R.W.M. 498 (S.C.); F. H. Hunter, S.W., and R.W.M. elect 498 (S.C.); and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed, after which a ballot was taken for Mr. John Lee Thompson, as a candidate for initiation, which proving satisfactory, he was initiated by the W.M. This business having been concluded, Bro. Abraham was impressively installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Whymark, after which the officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. G. H. Whymark, I.P.M.; J. Palmer, S.W.; A. M. Delf, J.W.; R. Home Cook, P.M., P.Z., Treas.; A. Drewell, Hon. Sec.; F. J. Barden, S.D.; W. Kerr, J.D.; W. Keate, I.G.; and C. N. Spottiswoode, Tyler. An unanimous vote of a Past Master's jewel, to be presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. G. H. Whymark, closed the business of the evening.

The brethren then proceeded to the supper room, where full justice was done to an excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. J. Rambert, Hiogo Hotel.

The W.M. proposed the opening toast, "The Queen and the Craft," which, he said, he was sure all present would drink with enthusiasm.

In submitting the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the W.M. said that he regretted to see from recent telegrams that his Royal Highness's health was not of the best, and hoped that better news would soon be forthcoming.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Officers, Present and Past, of the United Grand Lodge of England, and the District Grand Lodge of Japan," which was responded to in suitable terms by Bros. R. Hughes, P.A.G.D.C., P.D.D.G.M., and T. C. Thornicroft, D.D.G.M.

After the toast of "Our Sister Lodge, the Hiogo and Osaka, No. 408 (S.C.)," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. C. E. Stephens, R.W.M.,

Bro. Whymark, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," saying that having been initiated in the lodge a few months prior to Bro. Abrahams, he had watched him through, either acting or otherwise, nearly every office except the honourable one to which he had been elected and installed by the unanimous vote of the brethren that evening, and that while W.M. of the lodge he had found in Bro. Abrahams a hard-working officer, a thorough supporter, and above all, a sincere friend, and that from such a man none need fear that the prestige of the lodge would not be upheld.

The W.M., in responding, said that it would be his object to endeavour to justify the choice the brethren had made, and hoped that at the end of his year of office he would be able to say that the lodge had prospered, and that the work had been well done.

After the toast of "The Initiate," proposed by the I.P.M., and responded to by Bro. J. L. Thompson,

Bro. R. H. Cook, P.M., P.Z., D.G.D., proposed "The I.P.M. and the Out-going Officers," saying that that evening had proved beyond anything he could say how well the work had been done during the past year, as it was but an instance of what any brother who had been present at their meetings could recall. He said that strict attention to the ceremony and ritual of Freemasonry was essential to the well-being of the Craft in general, and one's own lodge in particular; that the I.P.M. had always been particular on that point, and had insisted upon the same strict attention in his officers; hence he had been successful.

The I.P.M., in responding, said that he owed much of what he might be excused for saying had been a fairly successful year to the hearty support he had received from his officers; he need not particularise any, when all had been so good, but he could not refrain from mentioning Bro. Abraham, S.W., and Bro. J. Palmer, J.W. As they all knew "unity is strength," and a lodge were everyone worked with such a will and unison as they had done in the Rising Sun was bound to go ahead.

The other usual toasts having been given and responded to, interspersed with some capital songs, the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to Bro. H. J. Pearce, who had kindly presided at the organ during the ceremony, and had contributed largely towards the enjoyment of the evening.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

PROPOSED COMPROMISE OR PENSION INDEMNITY FUND.

Scheme for raising a fund of £2500 in lieu of granting a Retiring Allowance to Bro. FREDERICK BINCKES, Secretary R.M.I. for Boys. The following is an estimate of the amount to be contributed by each Province at the rate of 5s. per Lodge for 10 years, commuted as set forth below.

MIDLAND AND SOUTHERN PROVINCES.	No. of Lodges	5s. per Lodge per Annum	Commuted at 10 Yrs.' Purchase
Bedford	5	£1 5	£12 10
Berks	13	3 5	32 10
Bucks	11	2 15	27 10
Bristol	9	2 5	22 10
Cambridge	6	1 10	15 0
Channel Islands	12	3 0	30 0
Cornwall	30	7 10	75 0
Devon	52	13 0	130 0
Dorset	13	3 5	32 10
Essex	28	7 0	70 0
Gloucester	14	3 10	35 0
Hants & Isle of Wight	47	11 15	117 10
Hereford	5	1 5	12 10
Herts	17	4 5	42 10
Kent	58	14 10	145 0
Middlesex	40	10 0	100 0
Monmouth	10	2 10	25 0
Norfolk	17	4 5	42 10
Northampton & Hunts	11	2 15	27 10
Oxford	10	2 10	25 0
Somerset	25	6 5	62 10
Suffolk	21	5 5	52 10
Surrey	34	8 10	85 0
Sussex	27	6 15	67 10
Warwick	31	7 15	77 10
Wilts	11	2 15	27 10
Worcester	12	3 0	30 0
South Wales—East	16	4 0	40 0
South Wales—West	10	2 10	25 0
Totals	595	£148 15	£1487 10

NORTHERN PROVINCES.	No. of Lodges	5s. per Lodge per Annum	Commuted at 10 Yrs.' Purchase
Northumberland	22	£5 10	£55 0
Cumberland & Westmldn	22	5 10	55 0
Durham	32	8 0	80 0
Yorkshire—North & East	30	7 10	75 0
Yorkshire—West	74	18 10	185 0
Lancashire—East	100	25 0	250 0
Lancashire—West	97	24 3	242 10
Cheshire	41	10 5	102 10
Derby	22	5 10	55 0
Nottingham	14	3 10	35 0
Lincoln	23	5 15	57 10
Leicester & Rutland	12	3 0	30 0
Shropshire	11	2 15	27 10
Stafford	29	7 5	72 10
North Wales	18	4 10	45 0
Totals	547	136 15	1367 10
Midland and Southern Provinces	595	148 15	1487 10
Isle of Man	7	1 15	17 10
Provinces—Grand Totals	1149	£287 5	£2872 10
London (say)	360	£90 0	£900 0

N.B.—In the event of a larger sum than £2500 being raised the balance to be handed over as a Donation to the R.M.I. for Boys.

Obituary.

BRO. W. D. KEEBLE, I.P.M. 913.

Sympathy, friendship, and brotherly love attracted a rare gathering of the friends and brethren of the late lamented Bro. W. D. Keeble, I.P.M. 913, to his grave side in Charlton Cemetery on Monday, the 27th ult. Bro. Keeble was a victim of the prevailing epidemic; he was taken ill on the Monday previous to his death, and died on the following Thursday. The funeral service was performed by the Rev. J. W. Horsley (of Holy Trinity, Woolwich) and the Rev. R. Jamblin (rector of Wilmington), Chap. 913, P.P.G.C. Among the immense gathering present we noticed Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; A. Penfold, P.M., P.P. S.G.D.; T. D. Hayes, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; H. J. Butter, P.M., P.P.G.R.; W. T. Vincent, P.M.; H. Mason, P.M.; E. Palmer, P.M.; C. H. Lawson, P.M.; F. Barr, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); W. Busbridge, J.W.; W. Sanders, S.D.; J. Mitchell, D. K. Somers, J. Farrier, W. A. Fenn, J. O. Cook, E. Morris, W. H. Pryce, J. J. Collins, J. Turton, E. M. Taylor, W. Stratton, Sedgley, and F. Tyler, all of 913; H. Syer, P.M. 13; F. Nicholls, P.M. 706; G. Mitchell, P.M. 615; Captain Deeves, P.M., and W. Musghin, of 1536; W. Webber, W.M., and S. Southgate, S.W., of 700; and others. The deceased was universally loved and respected.

BRO. H. BARRETT, 913.



Bro. Dr. W. A. Dingle, of Finsbury-square, has been appointed acting surgeon to the 2nd Tower Hamlets Engineers, of which Colonel Sir Alfred Kirby is the commandant.

A handsome organ has been provided for Lodge Nyanza, No. 1197, at Ilminster, in the Province of Somerset.

Comp. Dr. Chas. Gore-Ring, P.G.H., was installed Z. of the Greta Royal Arch Chapter, 1073, Keswick, on Wednesday, the 29th ult.; Comps. J. Hall, H.; and Rev. J. N. Hoare, J.

On Thursday, the 30th ult., Bro. H. S. Foster, F.R.G.S., M.S.R.L., L.C.C., and Mrs. Foster held a conversazione at the Horns, Kennington, which was attended by a large number of his constituents and friends.

Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., and Lord George Hamilton attended the Cabinet Council held at the Prime Minister's residence in Arlington-street, on Wednesday.

Competent officers and proper conduct on the part of the members during all of the ceremonies of a lodge will cause the initiate to become a zealous member of the Fraternity. There is on the other hand no surer way to destroy interest than to have members who are careless and indifferent in the principal chairs.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained Bros. J. L. Toole and Henry Irving at luncheon, in the private apartments of the Mansion House, on Monday last, when a number of his lordship's friends were invited to bid farewell to Bro. Toole previous to his departure for Australia.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon has agreed to the request of the Council of the British Archaeological Association to preside at the 47th annual congress at Oxford in July next. This is the second time his lordship has acted in this capacity, the first having been in 1850, when the congress met at Newbury.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, who has been staying at Devonshire House, was to start for Egypt on Thursday, it being considered that a sea voyage will greatly improve his lordship's health. He will take the opportunity of visiting Tel-el-Kebir, and may possibly make a trip up the Nile. His return to town is not expected till after the Easter holidays.

LODGE FORTITUDE, No. 64.—This Provincial Officers' lodge was held on Friday, the 31st ult., at the Queen's Hotel, Manchester, Bro. Peter Royle, M.D., P.P.S.G.D., the W.M., in the chair. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and Bro. J. W. Taylor, P.M. 221, P.P.S.G.D., the Secretary of the lodge, was elected, Bro. John Halliwell, P.P.G.D., being re-elected Treasurer.

The Freemasons of Otley have for several years past held a ball at Otley in aid of the Masonic Charities, and last Friday week another enjoyable gathering took place in the Mechanics' Hall, which was luxuriously furnished and decorated for the occasion. There was a large and fashionable attendance. Mr. H. Fall's band occupied the orchestra, and the refreshment department was efficiently administered by Bro. M. Hayden.

A very successful concert and entertainment was given at the Westminster Town Hall on Thursday, the 30th ult., in aid of the funds of the Albert Institute (Baths and Wash-houses), Christ Church, Southwark. An excellent and varied programme had been prepared, and there was a very full audience, who heartily applauded the artistes, vocal, instrumental, and dramatic, who gave their services to this deserving institution. The result proved most satisfactory, the net proceeds, amounting to £55, having been handed over to the institute for its Endowment Fund.

The remains of the late Bro. T. W. Headon, of Fenchurch-street, only brother of Bro. N. B. Headon, C.C., were interred in the Forest Gate Cemetery a few days since in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and city friends. Bro. Headon, who was 50 years of age, died from bronchitis, after a brief illness, the sad event having been hastened no doubt by the death from the same disease of his wife on the Tuesday previous. Our late brother was a ship and insurance broker, and the business will be carried on by Mr. C. W. Reynolds for the benefit of the four daughters whom Bro. Headon has left.

The Ubique Lodge, No. 1789, of which Bro. W. R. Arnold is W.M., will hold a regular meeting at the Café Royal, Air-street, Regent-street, W., on Monday next, the 10th inst., at 4 o'clock p.m., when the following business is to be transacted: To ballot for, as joining members—Bros. Major-General A. H. W. Williams, Royal Artillery, Commanding the Woolwich District; Lieutenant-Colonel C. H. Spragge, R.A.; Lieutenants W. Shipman and W. Fairey, and Master Gunners W. Robson and A. Betenson; to ballot for, and, if approved, initiate—Lieutenant H. Coningham, R.A.; Sergeant-Major J. Carnaghan, R.H.A.; and Quartermaster-Sergeant G. W. Cooper, R.A.; to pass—Bros. Major R. H. Murdoch, R.A.; Captains T. Y. Osmond, S. W. Lane, and Lieutenant J. B. H. Askwith, R.H.A.; and to raise—Bros. Captain W. V. Faber, Lieutenants R. J. Wilson, M. J. Long, R. Mark, and Sergeant-Major George Allen. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler will also take place. It is understood that petitions will shortly be put forward for the grant of charters of constitution to form a Royal Arch Chapter and Mark lodge in connection with the above-named lodge.

Among the latest houses supplied with Austin's Sanitary Cylinders, are those of Peers, Judges, Doctors, &c. They are used in Hospitals, Clubs, Hotels. Names will be given on application and Testimonials sent. They are odourless, non-poisonous, and Cheap (a Cylinder lasts a year). Used for all household disinfecting purposes, waterclosets (being automatic in action no attention required), for ozonizing baths, &c. Prices: 1s., 2s. 6d., 5s., 9s., and 18s. A. S. Cylinder Company, 181, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Can be obtained of all Chemists.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, will take place at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 12th instant, at 4 p.m.

The 51st annual ball of the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday, the 12th inst.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, left Marlborough House for Sandringham on Monday.

Bros. Lord Henry Thynne and Lord George Hamilton were among those who attended the obsequies of Lord William Thynne, which took place at Datchet on Tuesday.

Bro. John Aird, M.P., has promised to preside on the 26th March at the seventh anniversary festival of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum for Destitute Boys and Girls.

By command of the Queen, the Prince of Wales will hold a Levée at St. James' Palace, on Friday, the 21st inst., when presentations to his Royal Highness will be considered equivalent to presentations to Her Majesty.

Bro. Lord and Lady Fitzhardinge returned to Berkeley Castle, after a few days' stay in London, on the 31st ult., having been the guests the previous evening of the Misses Ponsonby at their residence in Wilton Crescent.

Bro. the Earl of Zetland held his first Levée as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in Dublin, on Tuesday last, when noblemen and gentlemen from all parts of the country attended for the purpose of paying their respects to his Excellency.

It is said that blue is to the Mason a symbol of universal friendship and benevolence. As it is the colour of the vault of heaven, which embraces and covers the whole globe, we are reminded that in the breast of every brother these virtues should be equally as extensive.

The result of the ball organised by the Snow Hill Division of the City Police, and recently held at the Holborn Town Hall, is that a cheque for close on £95 has forwarded by the Commissioner, Sir James Fraser, to the Treasurer of the Morley House Seaside Convalescent Home.

The installation meeting of the Wellington Lodge, No. 341, Rye, Sussex, was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Cinque Ports Arms Hotel, when Bro. Lieut.-Col. Arthur Montague Brookfield, M.P., for the Eastern Division of Sussex, was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. J. Molyneux Jenkins, the retiring Master. The Provincial Grand Secretary and other brethren in the province were present at the lodge and the banquet which followed.

In a lodge minute of June 20th, 1754, it is stated that a Bro. Cryer was "hauled over the coals," and that the members agreed that he "should not at any time hereafter have any vote in any matter, cause, or thing whatever, for it was thought the said Bro. Cryer behaved extremely ill, and absolutely broke through the laws in refusing to pay one bottle of wine for entering into the holy state of matrimony."

A meeting of the General Committee for raising a memorial in London to the late Lord Napier of Magdala, was held at the Mansion House on Monday, under the presidency of Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs, when an Executive Committee, consisting of his lordship, Lord Alcester, Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., and others, was appointed for the purpose of considering the form the memorial should take.

In connection with the allegations made against the management of the St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, the Duke of Newcastle, as President, has issued a circular giving details of the vindication of the Institution, and the result has been that a grant which had been withheld by the Hospital Saturday Fund pending the inquiry was voted by a large majority. The amount paid over was £59 16s.

On behalf of the Mark Masonic Charities, the Mark Masons of the Three Towns announce their third annual ball to be held in Plymouth Guildhall, on Wednesday next, the 12th inst. The ball will be under the patronage of the Mayor of Plymouth (Bro. H. J. Waring), himself an old Freemason, and as attendance is not, of course, limited to Mark Masons only, it is hoped that the brethren of the Craft will be present in large numbers, and thus help to make the ball a success.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Forfarshire was held on the 28th ult., in Dundee, Bro. James Berry, Provincial Grand Master, presiding. Gratifying reports were received from the various lodges as to what was being done in the provinces for the forthcoming grand bazaar to be held in Edinburgh. The proposal to join Forfarshire and Kincardineshire into one was discussed, but it was ultimately agreed, on the suggestion of the Prov. G. Master, to delay the consideration of the subject for three months. The Prov. G. Treasurer reported that this year he had a balance in his favour of £5 13s. Office bearers were elected for the year, the most of them being re-elected.

A CARGO OF CATS.—There has just arrived from Alexandria at Liverpool, by the steamer Pharos, a consignment of nearly 20 tons of cats, numbering 180,000 feline species, taken out of an ancient subterranean cats' cemetery, discovered about 100 miles from Cairo by an Egyptian fellah, who accidentally fell into this cats' cemetery, which he found completely filled with cats, every one of which had been separately embalmed and dressed in cloth, after the manner of Egyptian mummies, and all laid out in rows. Specimens of these have been taken by Mr. Moore, Curator of the Liverpool Museum, where they can be seen. In ancient times the Egyptian cat was buried with all honours, but those consigned to Messrs. Levington and Co., of Liverpool, after being purchased in Egypt at £3 13s. 9d. per ton, will be used in this country as manure. The Curator of the Liverpool Museum fixes the date of their interment 2000 years before Christ.

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 installation meeting of the Creton Lodge, No. 1791, will take place at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday next, the 13th inst., at 3.30 p.m. punctually.

Bros. Gabriel Lindo and Alfred Brookman have been elected corporate Chairmen on the Officers' and Clerks' and Epping Forest Committees respectively.

The Marquis of Salisbury, who has entirely recovered from his recent illness, completed his 60th year on Monday, having been born on the 3rd February, 1830.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales visited the Khyber Pass on Friday last, and subsequently presented the medals for the Black Mountain Expedition to the men of the Khyber Rifles who took part in it.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon have been staying in town for the last few days preparatory to starting for the Riviera. His lordship has had a slight attack of gout, but is now recovered.

The *Keystone*, in a humorous mood, recently exclaimed: "Have the *ne plus ultra* degrees really been discovered, and are there no more beyond? Happy day! The limit has at last been reached, the *ultima thule* in Masonry. There should be a general celebration in the Craft around the globe. The degree mill has ground its last grind!"

The first conversazione and dance in connection with the Fairfield Lodge, was held in the Jubilee Room of the National Schools, Long Eaton, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult. The room was beautifully decorated and adorned with plants and lace, kindly lent by Bros. J. Orchard and J. E. Fletcher. Much of the success of the evening is due to Bro. Williams, Secretary.

The anthem, specially composed by Bro. Alfred J. Caldicott, for the installation of the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House on Tuesday next, will be sung by Bro. Ben Davies, Charles Chilley, Herbert Thorndike, James A. Brown, W. A. Barrett, and other brethren, under the direction of the composer, who is Organist of Drury Lane Lodge.

The first meeting of the Albert Victor Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviour-gate, York, Bro. the Dean of York, Worshipful Master, presiding. The members met at 6 p.m., and dined together, after which the lodge was opened and two initiations took place. At 9.30 the lodge was closed, and the brethren separated.

Some 50 annuitants of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association, with their wives, assembled in St. James's Hall, on the 31st ult., and there, under the presidency of Bro. John Aird, M.P., enjoyed an excellent dinner, and after that as excellent a programme of music. Bro. Aird gave an account of the progress of the institution and expressed a hope that it would go on receiving more and more support, especially among the cabdrivers themselves, of whom only a very moderate proportion gave it their sympathy and subscriptions.

The restoration of the choir, lantern tower, and transepts of Peterborough Cathedral having been completed, the Dean and Chapter are now in want of funds to furnish the choir. Several stalls have been promised by honorary canons, and as a memorial of the Masonic ceremony which took place on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the central tower, a fund has been opened by the St. Peter's Lodge to present two stalls on behalf of the Freemasons of England. The restoration committee have decided to issue another appeal for funds to proceed with the work.

The new lodge Acacia held its first and introductory social meeting of members and friends at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford, on Thursday evening, the 30th ult. About 50 were present. After a substantial tea, a capital programme of songs and recitations was rendered by several of the members and their friends, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The lodge was formed in the autumn of last year, and differs only from the other lodges in the town and district in this respect—that no intoxicants whatever are permitted to be consumed at the meetings.

On the 27th ult., the funeral of Bro. William Brignal, sen., took place at St. Cuthbert's Cemetery, Durham. The deceased, shortly before his death, had gone to reside at Gosforth, where he died on the 23rd ult. Several beautiful wreaths were placed on the coffin. The funeral was very largely attended by the Freemasons of the city and county, the deceased having been a prominent member. Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Prov. Grand Master, was represented by Bro. W. Logan. Sir Hedworth also sent a letter of sympathy with the relatives of the deceased, who had been prominently connected with Durham Freemasonry for well nigh half a century. The funeral service was read by the Rev. C. H. Fleetwood. Deceased was at one time the leading lawyer in Durham.

The brethren of Dawlish have formed themselves into a building company for the purpose of erecting a Masonic Hall, where they can meet in comfort at their own convenience. A site has been obtained on the Barton estate facing the main road from the Strand to the old Dawlish Church. The structure will comprise on the ground floor an entrance lobby, reception or banqueting room, Tylers' room, and lavatories, with a bold staircase leading to the Masonic Hall, which is practically situated on the first floor. It measures 33 feet in length by 22 feet in width, and has an open timbered roof with a good system of ventilation. It is intended to locate a caretaker's residence at the rear, which is rather a novelty in Masonic architecture. The elevation is of classic design of white Devon brick, with the arches and other ornamental work of fine red Berkshire brick. Mr. G. Soudan Bridgman is the architect, and the lowest tender was that of Mr. W. J. Hatcher for the sum of £614. The work will be completed by August next. Bro. G. B. Avant, P.A.G.S., is the W.M. of the Salem Lodge, No. 1443, which is located at Dawlish, and will occupy the new hall.

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