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THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The second great anniversary of the Masonic year, namely, the One Hundred and Second Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Tuesday next, the 20th instant. Bro. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, has kindly undertaken to preside as Chairman, and as this will be his first essay in this character, we trust that for his sake, as well as that of the Girls' School itself, we shall enjoy the privilege of recording a result not so very far removed in amount as that of last year was from the average of ordinary Girls' Festivals during the last 10 or 12 years. After a storm comes a calm, and after the overwhelming result of the Centenary Festival of 1888 we were fully prepared for—indeed, having regard to the well-being of the other two Institutions, it was desirable there should be—a decided falling off in the totals of the Girls' School Festival, so as to enable the Benevolent and the Boys' School, but more particularly the latter, to recover some of the ground they had lost the previous year. Now, however, it is time that the Girls' Institution should bethink itself of falling into line again and making the same efforts as in ordinary years in order to secure the utmost possible amount of success for its anniversary. We cannot say that the recovery will be as complete as we should like to have seen it, but the number of brethren who have announced their intention of acting as Stewards is 245, as compared with the 156 of last year, and there are still a few days for the Board to be still further strengthened. This is not the number we usually look for, which is nearer to 300 than 200, and not infrequently in excess of the higher figure, but it is undoubtedly a great leap in advance when compared with the final Board of 1889, and we are naturally inclined to augur somewhat favourably in respect of the proceeds of Tuesday's gathering.

For, indeed, as we have said in previous articles, there is great need for a very substantial improvement. Quite £35,000 out of the £51,600 realised at the Centenary Festival will be absorbed in paying for the new Memorial Hall and the alterations and enlargements of the original premises, while the balance and the Festival Receipts of 1889, amounting together to about £22,000, will have about sufficed for the regular expenditure during the two years. Then 20 additional children were admitted in the earlier half of last year, and the cost of clothing, educating, and maintaining these has added some £800 to the regular annual expenditure, so that if the amount required annually before the Festival was (say) £11,000, it must now amount to £11,800. Again, as in the case of the other Institutions, the permanent income when compared with the total annual outlay is very small. Hence the greater necessity there is for a generous subscription at the Festival; for, in that case, if more is raised than is absolutely required, then the overplus can be invested and the permanent income increased. However, most of these things we have said before, and we trust, therefore, that we shall not be deemed over sanguine in hoping that a total of £10,000 or thereabouts may be realised, so that the School authorities may be without care in respect of the financial soundness of the Institution and its ability to fulfil its duties and responsibilities without trenching upon its invested property. There are certainly Stewards enough on the Board to be able to raise not far short of this sum, even with so moderate an average as £40 per list; and as London, though it furnishes the smaller contingent of Stewards, generally includes a fair number of three-figure lists, we may reasonably hope that between it and the Provinces, the sum we have stated, or one not far removed from it, will be announced on Tuesday next by Bro. HEDGES.

FREEMASONRY IN LINCOLNSHIRE.

Three or four weeks since a new lodge, located in the ancient city of Lincoln, was added to the roll of this Province, so that Lincolnshire, which for the best part of the last 100 years has been honoured with a Provincial organisation, is now able to boast of exactly two dozen lodges, three of which meet in the county town, three in Grimsby, two in Boston, and the remaining 16 in the principal townships in the county. Thus during the 12 years that Bro. Major SMYTH has been Grand Master of the Province four new lodges have been constituted, and as there is strong evidence in all directions that Lincolnshire has been for some time past making itself busy in the affairs of Masonry and playing a part worthy of its long association with the Craft, we should not be at all surprised at some three or four more new lodges being founded in the course of the next few years. In the case of the Ermine Lodge, 2351, which, as we have said, was consecrated some three or four weeks since, the ceremony of consecration was performed by the Grand Secretary, who was assisted in his duties by Bros. Capt. N. G. PHILIPS as S.W., J. H. MATTHEWS, Past D.G. Dir. of Cers., as J.W., and FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., as Dir. of Cers. The Prov. Grand Master was also present, though his engagements unfortunately prevented him being early on the scene. Under these auspices it may well be imagined that the ceremony was most impressively performed, and as the lodge starts with Bro. H. E. COUSANS—a prominent member of the Fraternity in Lincolnshire—as first W. Master, and a set of zealous and able brethren under him as officers, we are justified in assuming that the new lodge will quickly find its feet and grow to be an ornament to the Craft generally, and especially to the Province of which it will be a constituent part. In the course of the after-dinner proceedings some excellent speeches were made, the Prov. Grand Master, in returning thanks for the toast of his health, making a special point of describing the progress that had been made in Lincolnshire Masonry during the time he had been connected with it. When he first joined a Lincolnshire lodge there were only 11 lodges in the Province, but there were now 24; then there were only about 300 brethren, but now 1000. Then they had no sort or kind of organisation for Charitable purposes, now they had three special Charitable Funds of their own, named respectively the Oliver, Sutcliffe, and Smyth Funds, each of them with a capital of 1000 guineas, to say nothing of their Benevolent Fund, which amounted to between £500 and £600, while nearly every lodge in the Province had a private benevolent fund of its own. Then, as regards the Central Masonic Charities, these were referred to by no less than three brethren—by Bro. SISSONS, who proposed the toast in their behalf, by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., who replied, and Bro. VICKERS, P.G. Sec. All three spoke in the warmest terms of the value and importance of these Central Institutions, and the admirable manner in which they carried out the work that was assigned them, while Bro. VICKERS pointed out that it was while the Provincial brethren were engaged in establishing these three Funds for educating Lincolnshire boys and girls, and helping the aged and indigent brother and his widow, that they were so infrequently represented at the great Anniversary Festivals, but that latterly Bro. COUSANS and others in the Province had put their shoulders to the wheel and had shown that Lincolnshire was as loyal to our Charities as the other Provinces. It has certainly figured pretty conspicuously during the last two or three years, and we are glad that its successful efforts will be continued. As for the general proceedings they were in every way creditable to the brethren who were charged with the arrangements, and the day passed off most admirably—to the manifest pleasure of the distinguished visitors from London, and to the lasting credit of the Province.

GRENADIERS' LODGE, No. 66, LONDON, 1738-9 TO 1768.

Bro. Asher Barfield, P.G. Treasurer, kindly sent me recently for perusal a curious volume of notes, registers, and minutes of the "Grenadiers" Lodge, No. 66. The book is bound in whole calf, with clasp, and labelled on back and side, the latter being as follows:—

GRENADIERS' LODGE.

ARTICLES AGREED TO ON FORMING A LODGE,

FEB. 26, 1738-9.

MINUTES FROM SEPT. 8, 1755, TO FEB. 10, 1768.

The singular point first to be noted is that the register of attendance begins on Feb. 26th, 1739 (*new style*), whereas the lodge was not constituted until 25th October in that year as No. 189. The by-laws are dated in February aforesaid, an additional code being agreed to in December, as herein noted.

ARTICLES

"To be observ'd By the Brethen Members and Visitors of the Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons held at the House of Brother William Burrige in May Fair."

IMPRIMIS.

"Each new member shall pay for his being made a Brother and member of this lodge the sum of fifteen shillings [Fee erased, and "One Guinea" substituted.]

"3dly. That no person proposed to this lodge shall be admitted until three Lodge nights after proposed (that time being allowed to Enquire into their Character) except it be a Particular Friend of the Master or Wardens well known to the Brethren of the Lodge to have fair character for Honesty, Sobriety, and Good Manners."

"6thly. That no member shall be Rais'd to the Degree of Master without he pay three [altered since to five] shillings."

"Forfeits" are provided for, ranging from 2d. to 6d., in Rules 7 to 11 inclusive, and then the *climax* is reached.

12thly. "That if any member (having so ask'd pardon and been forgiven) should be any more Guilty of the like offences, he shall be immediately seiz'd on by the Rest of the Brethren, and by them Drag'd or Push'd to the door, and then Kick'd or Push'd down stairs, and for ever Expell'd this lodge."

After such treatment, "expulsion" would appear to be superfluous, but it may be noted that this terrible punishment is only to be inflicted when all else fails!

"16thly. That each member or visitor shall on Evry such meeting night pay [three originally] sixpence, to be spent."

"20thly. Every Member shall meet at ye Lodge on the Quarterly Night for Enstalling a new Master and Wardens, and then and there Clear off all Forfeits which shall Remain on the Book Due to ye Lodge, or Be Expell'd ye Society," &c.

After these laws the names are "written and subscribed" by the members who pledge themselves to obey them, "or quietly submit to ev'ry punishment therein mentioned and contain'd. Dated this 26th Day of Feby., 1738-9."

Bro. John Walker was the first Master, and Thomas Pringle and Edward Friend the two Wardens.

Some new Rules were agreed to on 5th December, 1739—ten in number. The first provided for the meetings for the business of the lodge, termed "Private Nights on which no Visitor to be admitted."

The 7th reads: "It is hereby order'd By the Master, Wardens & Brethren of this Lodge who are Master Masons that a *Masters Lodge* be held Ev'ry first Sunday in Each Month, and spend Three pence;" the 8th providing that "A new Master and Wardens of the Masters Lodge shall be Chose each Masters Lodge Night as soon as the Work of the Lodge is over."

I think it likely, from this regulation, that separate minutes were kept of these Masters' lodges, but evidently no past rank was obtained by service on such occasions (as Master and Wardens) as with the regular lodge.

There is no indication whatever that the lodge was named the "Grenadier" at this early date; neither is it stated what house, if any, was kept by Bro. W. Burrige. I should not be surprised to hear that it was the "Grenadier Arms," or some such name, which eventually led to the lodge being so called. The class of members who supported the lodge does not at all suggest such a title, though Bro. John Lane, the best authority on the subject, considers it bore this distinctive title from the first, which, however, I am rather inclined to admit.

The volume contains the Tyler's register of the attendance of members and visitors from 1739 for some years onward, frequent mention being made of the latter brethren as "*St. John's*," "Holy Lodge of St. John," &c.

Accounts are pitchforked in, amidst all sorts of memoranda, and, later on, minutes of the lodge are also written. The holding of a "Masters' lodge" is an important entry, as the meetings were held *apart* from the ordinary ones, and especially as these are so early as the year 1739.

Dec. 5th, 1739.—"It is hereby ordered by the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of this lodge, who are *Master Masons*, that a *Masters' lodge* be held every first Sunday in each month."

The fines were numerous, and brought in a doubtful sort of revenue, so many being inflicted for "swearing," &c.

A second Register, entitled "Tyler's List for the Door," begins April 25th, 1744. No lack of visitors at the meetings, each of whom at that time paid sixpence as their quota.

On May 9th, 1744, it is stated: "No more than the above 5 Appearing before 9: at night, we only Worked as Fellow Crafts."

On January 25th, 1758, "Bro. Deputy Grand Mastr., Brothr. Reevis, and Bro. Spencer, Grand Secty.," attended, and paid one shilling each.

The officers, first of all, only held their collars for three months, but on July 28th, 1759, it was agreed that the "Master be chosen for half a year instead of a Quarter." The officers mentioned are the R.W.M., S.W., J.W., and Secretary. Sometimes the P.M. is noted, but no Treasurer is recorded from first to last, just as with the old minutes I noted recently, of a still earlier date.

There must have been some unpleasantness about the middle of the last century, for on December 26th, 1759, we read—

"That from the reputation & antiquity of this Lodge the Blow that was intended to discredit Masonry in general and destroy this Lodge in particular, by bigotted enthusiasm under the fals veil of Religion; it is the sense and opinion of this Committee to support the Lodge with that Spirit & Decency Becoming the Craft."

Well done, Brethren!

On February 18th, 1759, the visitors were Bros. Spencer, Grand Secretary, Bro. James Bradford, Prov. G.M. for the Bahama Islands, and Bro. Edward Orme, "P.D.G.M." for the City & County of Chester.

Generally the first two Degrees were given the same eve, and the "Master Mason" on suitable opportunities, but on April 30th, 1766, the whole were conferred on a candidate at that meeting, by vote accordingly.

At this same lodge "Br. Cann proposed Mr. William Graham to be *Re-made* a Mason from ye *Antient* to ye *Modern* in this Lodge, which was agreed to *nem. con.*," and later on (1767) another "Ancient" Brother was "Re-made and Raised to ye Degree of Master Mason," the fee being half a guinea.

This book enables us to note new places of meeting, *viz.*,

"White Swan, Mount St., Grosvenor-square," 1764.

"Pytt's Head, Mayfair," 1764.

And in same year the "Albermarle Arms," the latter being two years earlier than Bro. John Lane knew of in preparing his invaluable "Masonic Records, 1717—1886."

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Borough Hall, Stafford, on the 6th inst. There was a very good attendance, upwards of 200 members signing the Tyler's book. Banners belonging to the Provincial Grand Lodge, Noah's Ark, St. Peter's, Honour, Dartmouth, St. Bartholomew, and Staffordshire Knot Lodges were displayed on the walls. Bro. Colonel Foster Gough, Prov. G.M., attended by Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Bindley, D.P.G.M., Bro. F. James, P.P.D.G.M., and other distinguished brethren, opened the Provincial Grand Lodge at 1.45 p.m., Bro. J. Wooldridge, P.P.A.G.D.C., undertaking the duties of Director of Ceremonies in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Stanger.

The officers of Provincial Grand Lodge present were Bros. Dr. Randall, P.S.G.W.; Major F. Walton, P.J.G.W.; J. Bodenham, P.G. Treasurer; Major E. H. Thorne, P.G. Secretary; F. Mountford, P.S.G.D.; H. J. Clarson, P.J.G.D.; J. Powell, P.G. Superintendent of Works; J. T. Eayrs, Prov. Asst. G.S. of W.; J. Stevenson, P.G.S.B.; Dr. E. W. Taylor, P.G. Organist; F. E. F. Bailey, P.A.G. Sec.; S. Watson, P.G. Purst.; Thomas Jones, P.A.G. Purst.; W. D. Batkin, G. Vaughan, E. J. Mousley, R. Longden, and J. Godwin, P.G. Stewards; and W. Twist, P.G. Tyler. A large number of Provincial Grand Officers and brethren were also present.

The Treasurer's accounts were presented by Bro. BODENHAM, and were approved.

Bro. BODENHAM retired from the office of P.G. Treasurer, which he had held for 17 years, and nominated as his successor Bro. C. A. Newnham, P.P.S.G.W.

Bro. Col. BINDLEY seconded the nomination, and expressed great regret at the resignation of Bro. Bodenham, who had brought the accounts into admirable order. Bro. Newnham was unanimously elected.

Bro. Col. GOUGH appointed the following as his officers in Prov. Grand Lodge for the ensuing year:—

Bro. J. Bodenham, P.A.G.D.C.	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" E. W. W. Heelis, I.P.M. 662	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. A. H. Talbot, 726	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. W. F. Bradley, 622	...	...	...
" C. A. Newnham, P.M. 419	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. R. Kimpton, P.M. 482	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Major E. H. Thorne, P.M. 526, 1838	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. B. Ashwell, P.M. 637	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" G. Ashmall, P.M. 1039	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. Tunnicliff, P.M. 418	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" G. H. Stanger, P.M. 419	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" R. A. Willcock, P.M. 419	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" S. W. Page, P.M. 526	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" R. Benbow, P.M. 451	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. D. Batkin, P.M. 726	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Bonner, 546	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" G. W. Walker, P.M. 526, 1828	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" J. Williams, P.M. 539	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" T. Barker, P.M. 1942	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.

Bro. G. Platt, P.M. 696	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. Charlesworth, W.M. 2149 ...	...	...	...
" E. Welsh, W.M. 1587 ...	...	...	...
" F. Skerrett, P.M. 460 ...	...	...	...
" T. Buxton, P.M. 1060 ...	...	...	...
" F. Taylor, W.M. 726 ...	...	...	...
" W. Twist, 526	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. Col. GOUGH, addressing the lodge, said he was exceedingly well pleased with the muster, which, though not quite up to the best form, was yet a most creditable one. He returned his thanks to those officers and brethren who had gathered to assist him on three different occasions since the last annual meeting, when special meetings of the Prov. Grand Lodge had been held at Tunstall, West Bromwich, and Longton. He regretted the absence of his predecessor, Colonel Tudor, from ill health, and also referred to the absence of several other distinguished brethren owing to their presence being required at the levée at St James's Palace or in Parliament. From some 50 visits that he had made to lodges during the past year he was able to state that the province was in a most satisfactory condition, and he was not aware of any want of harmony either in any one lodge or between any two lodges. He had had no occasion to complain of the work of any W.M., and he was glad to know that excellent progress had been made with regard to the formation and working of instruction lodges. He thanked the brethren for the admirable way in which they had seconded his efforts for the establishment of instruction lodges. He congratulated Dr. Randall on the high honour of Grand Chaplain conferred upon him by the Grand Lodge of England, and cordially acknowledged the services of Bro. Bodenham—services which he could not recognise more effectively than by appointing him to the office of P.S.G.W. He also very heartily acknowledged the services rendered to the P.G. Lodge by Bro. Major Thorne, as Secretary. In conclusion, he mentioned the probability of a lodge being formed at Stone, which would bring the total number of lodges in the province up to 30.

On this occasion, owing to the pressure of business, the usual church parade was dispensed with, an address in lodge by the P.G. Chaplain being substituted. Bro. the Rev. A. H. Talbot not being present to undertake this duty, his place was supplied by Bro. Dr. Randall, who, without any previous preparation, delivered an able address. Speaking from the words "Let brotherly love continue," Bro. Dr. Randall said the great institution of Freemasonry was, perhaps, the finest illustration the world ever saw of brotherly love. Political friends very often disagreed, and very much to the detriment, perhaps, of one or another. Men of different religious creeds, he thought, disagreed still more, and there was very little of brotherly love either among politicians or religionists. There they were assembled under the banner of Freemasonry, and he appealed to them whether they had not found in their experience of Masonry the greatest possible aid to brotherly love. Men of different politics and different religious creeds, men of different ranks, could all meet together under that banner to promote those grand principles which were enunciated in their Masonic ritual and practice. That, he was sure, was a grand matter for all of them in their several circumstances to endeavour to promote. He would venture to impress upon them that more attention should be given to their Masonic ritual. He knew that a vast improvement had taken place in this matter, and it was now almost a disgrace to any W.M. on vacating the chair not to be able to install his successor. In the same way they found the working of the different lodges in all its various departments was far better carried out than it was in days gone by. Moreover, the attention given to that ritual ought to be of the greatest possible importance to each one of them in his social life. It should not be imagined that the work in the lodge comprehended the whole work of Masonry; that was but a small part of it. They should be careful to carry out the principles there inculcated, and to show to the outward world the effect of those principles; unless they did that they fell short of the great object of Masonry. One word more. In their lodges, in their ritual, and in all the teachings of their grand Society there was one thing that was especially impressed upon them, and that was the study of the volume of the Sacred Law. He trusted it would not come amiss from a minister whose duty it was not only to study, but to promulgate and teach that Sacred Law, to impress upon his brethren a greater use and practice of that duty than perhaps was the case now among them. They could not expect properly to carry out the true principles of Freemasonry unless they studied the charter under which they had to act. With this study, and loyal to their obligations, zealous in their duties, and obedient to those who ruled over them, they would then, like himself, after 46 years' experience of Masonry, not only not regret being Masons, but would glory in the privilege.

A collection was taken in Prov. Grand Lodge, and amounted to £10 7s. 6d. Of this sum, £5 was given to the fund for the erection of a new infirmary at Stafford; £3 to the P.G. Chaplains' schools at Church Eaton; and £2 7s. 6d. to St. Mary's Day Schools, Stafford.

On the motion of Bro. Col. BINDLEY, Bros. Bodenham, Pepper, and Hales were appointed Auditors.

Bro. FRANK JAMES, P.P.D.G.M., referred so the recent inquiry respecting the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which had been materially assisted by the North Staffordshire Committee, special reference being made to the names of Bros. Greatbach and Tunnicliff. The speaker alluded to the good results likely to arise from the inquiry, which it had been his constant endeavour to obtain during the many years that he occupied the position of President of the Staffordshire Charitable Association. He was very pleased to know that it had at last been held, and he moved that the thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge be accorded to the North Staffordshire Committee, and particularly to Bros. Greatbach and Tunnicliff, for their trouble in the matter.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Bro. GREATBACH, in acknowledging the compliment, spoke of the difficulties they had to contend with at the outset, and although some brethren then looked with a certain amount of discredit upon their endeavours, he felt sure that everyone would now see that the inquiry had been the means of placing the institution upon a sounder basis than before, and that in the future greater confidence would be afforded to the subscribers, which would no doubt increase their donations. He concluded by proposing that the sum of £20 be voted from the funds of the Prov. G. Lodge of Staffordshire to the Binckes' Pension Indemnity Fund, and asked the P.G.M. to declare it a matter of urgency.

The proposition was seconded by Bro. Bodenham, P.A.G.D.C., P.S.G.W., and the P.G.M. having declared it a matter of urgency, the sum was unanimously voted.

The revised by-laws of the Prov. Grand Lodge were brought up by Bro. Bodenham, in draft form, and the Committee originally appointed to revise the same was, with some additional names, re-appointed to complete the revision.

Prior to the Prov. Grand Lodge being closed, votes of thanks were accorded to the Town Council for the use of the Borough Hall, to the County Council for the use of the Shire Hall, and to the Staffordshire Knot Lodge, No. 726, for the use of their lodge furniture and regalia.

A banquet followed in the Shire Hall, which had been kindly placed at the disposal of the P.G. Lodge by the County Council.

The number of brethren who were able to stay for the banquet was 141.

The catering was done by Miss Perks, manageress of the Swan Hotel, and was carried out in a perfectly satisfactory manner.

Bro. Col. Gough presided, and was supported by most of the distinguished Masons who had been present at the Prov. G. Lodge.

The toasts of "The Queen" and "The Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," having been duly honoured,

Bro. F. JAMES proposed "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." He remarked that he could remember the time when Col. Vernon was the only member of the Provincial Grand Lodge who was an Officer of Grand Lodge, but so high was the Masonry of Staffordshire now thought of that there were at this time four Present and Past Officers of Grand Lodge belonging to the province. He thought there had been no appointment in Grand Lodge that had conferred such honour and obligation upon Staffordshire as the appointment of Dr. Randall to the office of Grand Chaplain of England. He (Bro. James) had believed that he was nearly the oldest Freemason in the province, but he found that Dr. Randall could give him three years. It was a subject for the greatest gratification that, having been 46 years a member of the Craft, their reverend brother could look back on his connection with it with such satisfaction, and say, in effect, that if he had seven times 47 years to look a-head he would again be initiated. There were few institutions of which a man could say with regard to them that he had never for a single moment regretted the step he took 46 years ago.

Bro. Dr. RANDALL, in responding, referred to the eminent and distinguished men in all walks of life that were met with at Grand Lodge, and said there was no other institution but Masonry that could possibly bring them together. The tenets of the Craft, he went on to say, were calculated for nothing but good, and any man who lived up to them must be a better man than he could ever be without a knowledge of the principles and tenets of Freemasonry. Dr. Randall concluded by proposing, in terms of the greatest cordiality, "The Health of the P.P.M., Col. Gough," remarking that Col. Gough had by time and study made himself thoroughly acquainted with all the principles, ritual, and everything, that could be known in Freemasonry, and by his activity and punctuality he set them all an excellent example. In these Masonic virtues he stood unsurpassed by any P.G.M. in the kingdom.

The toast having been drunk with every mark of esteem and regard, Bro. Col. GOUGH returned thanks for the warm reception given to the toast and for the exceptional loyalty which was shown to him at all times. He proposed "The Health of his highly esteemed colleague and Deputy, Col. Bindley," to whom he felt greatly indebted for having in the midst of his thousand and one other avocations undertaken the onerous and troublesome duties of D.P.G.M.

The toast having been very cordially honoured, Bro. Col. BINDLEY returned his acknowledgments.

The other toasts were "The Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge," proposed by Bro. F. TAYLOR, and responded to by Bro. BODENHAM; "The Visitors," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Provincial Grand Stewards," special merit being accorded to Bros. Batkin and Mousley, of the Staffordshire Knot Lodge, who, as the local Stewards, had carried out all the arrangements for the annual meeting with singular forethought and ability.

Between the toasts songs, part-songs, and glees were given by brethren of the Noah's Ark Lodge, Tipton, to the great satisfaction of the assembled company.

It should be stated that during the banquet a collection was made on behalf of an athletic sports' fund in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £5 being thus subscribed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A convocation of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Leeds, on Saturday, 3rd inst., under the presidency of Comp. Thomas William Tew, J.P., Grand Superintendent, when there were present

Comps. Richard Carter, P.G.H.; George Brooke, P.G.J.; C. L. Mason, P.P.G.H.; John Wordsworth, P.P.G.H.; Isaac Booth, P.P.G.J.; J. D. Kay, P.P.G.J.; Benjamin Broughton, P.P.G.J.; Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., P.P.G.J.; T. Bateman Fox, P.P.G.J.; Henry Smith, P.G.S.E.; Robert Craig, P.P.G.S.N.; Mark Newsome, P.P.G.S.N.; Charles Lowrey, P.P.G.S.N.; James Bedford, P.P.G.S.N.; Henry Oxley, P.G. Treas.; Frederick Cleaves, P.G. Reg.; J. C. Malcolm, P.P.G. Reg.; J. K. Ibberson, P.P.G. Reg.; Joseph Dobson, P.G. Prin. Soj.; John William Bailey, P.G. 1st Asst. Soj.; Thomas Riley, P.G. 2nd Asst. Soj.; William Schofield, P.P.G. Soj.; George Althorp, P.P.G. Soj.; J. Y. Rideal, P.P.G. Soj.; Jas. Lawton, P.P.G. Soj.; W. W. Macvay, P.P.G. Soj.; T. R. Vaux, P.P.G. Soj.; Major R. W. Moore, P.P.G.S.B. as P.G.S.B.; Jos. Hartley, P.G. Std. Br.; J. W. Monckman, as P.G.D. of C.; Wm. Greaves, P.A.G. D. of C.; H. N. Crowther, P.P.G.D. of C.; W. F. Smithson, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. Read Dore, P.P.G.D. of C.; George Henry Stallard, P.P.G.D. of C.; Edmund Lord, P.P.G.D. of C.; Davis Richard Glover, P.P.G.D. of C.; Thomas Gaukroger, P.P.G. D. of C.; Thomas Barber, P.P.G.D. of C.; Sidney Thomas Steele, P.P.G.D. of C.; George Frederick Carr, P.G. Org.; George Carbert, P.P.G. Org.; Herbert G. E. Green, P. Asst. G.S.E.; Samuel Barrand, P.G. Janitor; John R. Weisman, P.G. Stwd.; John Gerrard, P.G. Stwd.; H. C. Pickersgill, P.G. Stwd.; Thomas Richards, P.G. Stwd.; and others.

Comp. Alfred Scarth, Z., and companions of the four Leeds chapters opened a private chapter at 3.0 p.m., and at 3.15 p.m. Comp. Thomas William Tew, J.P., Grand Superintendent, and officers entered, and Provincial Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The minutes of the meeting held at Huddersfield, 13th November, 1889, were read and confirmed.

The roll of Royal Arch Chapters and of Present and Past G. Officers was called.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then delivered the following address:—

Companions,—I offer you my hearty thanks for the very cordial welcome you have given to me and to the executive of this Provincial Grand Chapter. We are very glad to meet in convocation the companions of the various chapters of this province, not in obedience to the calls of duty only, but in consideration of the ties of friendship. I have duly considered the kind invitations received from Halifax, Ripon, and Leeds for the purpose of holding this annual chapter, and, in the interest of the greater number, have selected Leeds. Of upwards of 400 Masons in Leeds some 150 are members of chapters. I am very wishful that every duly qualified brother should take this Degree. In the province we have 38 chapters, 325 Z.'s, and 1220 companions, and during the past year we have lost 17 members from deaths. The quarterages amount to £69 6s. The Treasurer announces a balance in our favour of £230. This undoubtedly shows progress, but I regret to say that the condition of chapter affairs at Cleckheaton is most unsatisfactory. Perhaps some active and enthusiastic companion will look into this and endeavour to resuscitate active life in this particular district, thus sparing us the humiliating duty of surrendering the charters to Grand Chapter. The chapters have taken up most warmly the proposal of Comp. W. Watson, P.Z. 304, and P.P.G. Soj., that copies of their charters, similar to those of Craft lodges, be obtained for the use of the executive and library at Wakefield. I am most anxious to have this most useful information completed. With a view of making suitable additions to our library, I have ventured to ask you for £5 for the purchase of books. Every donor of books or manuscripts has received a copy of the first print of your library catalogue. It is gratifying to the Leeds chapters to find that the services of Comp. Dr. Spark in the cause of music have met with due recognition both by her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, as well as by his fellow-townsmen. May he long live to enjoy these compliments for his services in promoting musical education in this county and town of Leeds. We deeply regret the recent and unexpected death of Comp. Alfred Williamson, member of Fidelity Chapter. At the last election to the Masonic Schools our West Yorkshire Committee were successful with two boys and one girl, at an expenditure of over 7000 votes. Our second girl candidate, Selina W. Booth, polled 2170 votes, which will be carried over to next election. Prov. Grand S.E. was Chairman of the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School on the 26th April, and was elected Treasurer of that Masonic Institution. He also attended a meet-

ing of the Centenary Council of this School in London, on Monday afternoon last, and has secured one corner of the stained glass memorial window for the Coat of Arms of our Prov. Grand Chapter. May I mention this 3rd of May is the 38th anniversary of the Prov. Grand S.E.'s initiation into Masonry, he having been initiated this day, 1852, into Lodge of Hope, Bradford. Exalted 22nd May, 1854, in Chapter Charity, attached to Hope Lodge, and was Z. in 1860. He joined Moravian Chapter, Shipley, and became Z. therein in 1859. Joined and assisted to revive Wakefield Chapter in 1863, and became Z. in 1864, and finally became a founder, in 1875, of Scarborough Chapter, No. 1214. Such services and many others entitle him to our felicitations on this fresh mark of confidence reposed in him. May we record upon our minutes an expression of congratulation and our respect and love towards him personally. Another good and Royal Arch Mason, who on Monday next, I believe, becomes 77 years of age, deserves our good wishes—Comp. Robert Craig. He has done very much for Royal Arch Masonry in Leeds, and was on the 30th of April presented with his portrait in the rooms of the Philanthropic Lodge. May Jehovah grant him many years of health and life to enjoy this recognition of the esteem in which he is held by every one of us. I have now touched upon matters of immediate interest to the companions of this Provincial Grand Chapter. I have pointed out to you the progress and strength of our chapters, and their weaknesses. I ask you to make the strong ones stronger, and the weaker ones strong. To look beneath the symbols and allegories of this beautiful Degree, and to discover the imperishable truths beyond them. To hold firm and fast the complete doctrines of Jehovah, and to show that this our Order is a fraternity united in the fellowship of peace, the title of brotherhood, the token of hospitality, and the tradition of our faith.

The balance sheet, which showed a balance of £229 1s. 8d., was received and adopted.

Moved by Comp. OXLEY, Prov. G. Treas., seconded by Comp. CLEEVES, Prov. G. Reg., and resolved, "That Comp. John Edward Wordsworth, P.Z. 904, be elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year."

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

Comp. Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., P.Z. 1042	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" R. Kelley, P.Z. 258	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" H. Smith, P.Z. 387	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" F. Whiteley, P.Z. 61	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. E. Wordsworth, 904	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Gerrard, P.Z. 154	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. Richards, P.Z. 208	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" G. Hill, P.Z. 304...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" E. Lee, P.Z. 265...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" J. Hey, P.Z. 387...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" H. C. Pickersgill, P.Z. 837	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. R. Welsman, P.Z. 600	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" S. Denton, P.Z. 264	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" T. A. Marsh, J. 1001	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. G. E. Green, P.Z. 1019	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" J. Thrippleton, P.Z. 306	...	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" J. L. P. Pugh, P.Z. 521	...	...
" H. T. Gardiner, P.Z. 458	...	...	} Prov. G. Janitor.
" J. Jenkin, P.Z. 904	...	...
" S. Barrand, Janitor 304	...	...

Moved by the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, seconded by Comp. WM. WATSON, P.Z. 304, P.P.G. Soj., and resolved, "That a grant of £5 be made to the Library Fund."

The Prov. G.S.E. stated that there were 1000 men's and widows' voting papers still uncollected, and urged Charity Members and companions to send them in without delay to the Prov. G. Secretary.

Moved by the G. SCRIBE E., seconded by the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, and resolved, "That the best thanks of this Grand Chapter be given to the companions of Chapter 304 for the use of the Masonic Hall, and to the Z.'s and companions of the four Leeds Chapters, viz., 289, 304, 306, and 1042, for their excellent arrangements and liberal entertainment."

The M.E.Z.'s acknowledged the vote of thanks on behalf of their respective chapters.

Moved by Comp. J. D. KAY, P.Z. 289, P.P.G.J., seconded by Comp. J. C. MALCOLM, P.Z. 304, P.P.G. Reg., and resolved, "That this Grand Chapter desires to record its appreciation of the high honour accorded to this province in the election of Comp. Hy. Smith, G.S.E., to the Treasurership of the R.M.I. for Girls."

Prov. G. Chapter was then closed.

Tea was provided in the dining room, and was partaken of by 88 companions, the Prov. G.H. presiding.

NATIONAL GREAT PRIORY.

A special meeting of Convent General was held on Friday, the 18th ult., at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when several notices of motion were given for alterations in and additions to the Convent General statutes, and a special meeting of Convent General was arranged to be held on the 9th inst., immediately after the business of the Great Priory meeting fixed for that date.

The meeting of National Great Priory was first held, the following sir knights being present:

Sir Knights Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, V.E. Great Sub-Prior; Capt. N. G. Philips, Rev. E. Moore, M.A., K.C.T.; Capt. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, C. J. Banister, C. Fendelow, Rev. T. W. Lemon, D.D., Major J. Woodall Woodall, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., W. A. F. Powell, Lieut.-Col. J. R. Bramble, V.E. Prov. Priors; Rev. William Mortimer Heath, Prelate; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Chancellor; Right Hon. Viscount Valentia, Constable; General R. S. Simonds, as Marshal; Ralph Clutton, Treas.; Raymond H. Thrupp, Registrar; W. Tinkler, K.C.T., Vice-Chancellor; Geo. Cooper, Sub-Marshal; Rev. E. Y. Nepean, Almoner and Chaplain; Major Geo. Lambert, Warden of Regalia; Abraham Clegg, Herald; Col. F. Gadsden, Standard Bearer (Beauceant); Lieut.-Col. Joseph Hartley, D.L., LL.D., Standard Bearer (Vexillum Belli); R. Loveland Loveland, J.P., as Great Prior's Banner Bearer; W. J. Beck, Great Prior's Banner Bearer; Hy. Maddison, Aide-de-Camp; Geo. Mickley, M.A., M.B., Aide-de-Camp; A. S. Knight Prescott, Dep. Sur.-Gen., Chamberlain; J. R. Fitzjames Claridge, as Captain of Guards; C. F. Matier, K.C.T. (Scotland), Sword Bearer; W. Ganz, Organist; J. Lambert Sim, K.C.T., Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, M.A., Rev. J. N. Palmer, E. Ashworth, Ralph Gooding, M.D., Hamon le Strange, J. E. Le Feuvre, Baron de Ferrieres, Henry Thomas, Reg. Young, W. J. Thomson, B. W. Rowson, Col. Chas. Harding, Major J. R. Pearson, Chas. H. Driver, J. S. Cumberland, J. C. Norman, Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook, T. W. Coffin, Edward Pierpoint, Frank Richardson, Henry Lovegrove, H. Lees Hollingworth, John Chynsworth, Horatio Ward, E. Letchworth, S. G. Kirchhoffer, M.A., C. W. Radway, John Tomkins, Belgrave Ninnis, Sir G. D. Harris, A. A. Czaraccki, F. W. Driver, George Graveley, Capt. F. J. Stohwasser, R. Lawrence Thornton, R. A. Gowan, Harry Tipper, L. G. Gordon Robbins, the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, H. Carman, Henry Holbrook, George H. Brown, J. Du Pré, Wm. Taylor, John Chapman, George W. Page, W. Patrick, G. S. Woodwark, Hugh W. H. Elwes, Alexander Mitchell, Edward Armitage, Bushell Annington, H. E. Cousins, F. Newman, Gordon Miller, W. G. A. Gilbert, Richard Eye, F. W. Wright, Walter Buckler Lethbridge, Frederick Lawrence, Eugene Montenuis, Charles Belton, J. Call Weddell, M.D., A. H. Bateman, George R. Cobham, J. B. Blacka, H. B. Brown, John Halliwell, J. W. Kenyon, John G. Christian, C. Morton Challenger, J. G. Sinclair, Robert W. Bourne, T. A. R. Littledale, Thomas Chorlton, James MacLaren, Joseph Clifton, F. W. Lean, S. Mitchell, F. W. Molesworth, R. G. Brook, S. G. Fairtlough, F. F. Schnitger, Henry Maddison, Col. William Long, Thomas R. Arter, the Rev. W. Trevor Parkins, W. E. Morrison, T. B. Whytehead, J. L. Atherton, and others.

Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke presided in the absence of the Earl of Lathom, who was in attendance at the Queen's Drawing Room. About 120 members were present.

After the reading of the minutes, the following report was presented:

"Very High and Eminent Great Prior,—Your Council begs to report that a special meeting of Convent General was held in London on Friday, the 18th inst., when several notices of motion were given for alterations in and additions to the Convent General statutes. The special meeting of Convent General to consider the proposed alterations and additions will be held on the 9th of May, immediately after the business of the Great Priory meeting is concluded.

"Arrangements have been made for the holding of the present and the future meetings of Great Priory at the Mark Masons' Hall in Great Queen-street, London, which it is expected will be found more central and convenient for the members of the Order generally than the hotel in Cannon-street.

"The Treasurer has drawn the attention of your Council to the growing insufficiency of the General Fund to bear the permanent increase in the expenses, which cannot probably be lessened in the future, and to the necessity of adopting some steps to place the financial affairs of the Order on a satisfactory footing; and as there is at present a capital sum of £1600 invested for the Fund of Benevolence, the interest of which (£60) has hitherto been found sufficient for the demands upon it, your Council is of opinion that, without calling on the Order for an increase in the fees, or resorting to the investments of former years, the gross sum of 3s. 6d. paid annually for members of a preceptory might be allotted to the General Fund instead of being divided as hitherto between it and the Benevolent Fund in the proportion of 2s. 6d. and 1s. This proposal, if adopted, will necessitate an alteration in Sec. 117 of the Great Priory statutes, and notice is hereby given to amend it accordingly.

"Your Council is further of opinion that the sum of 100 guineas, voted in 1887 to the Imperial Institute, should have been debited to the Benevolent Fund instead of to the General Fund, and that the error so made should be rectified, and it recommends that the same be now done accordingly.

"By order of the Council.

"FRED. A. PHILBRICK,

"Chancellor.

"24th April, 1890."

A recommendation was moved by Sir Knight RALPH CLUTTON to carry out Paragraph 3 on agenda paper, which was carried unanimously.

The recommendation in next paragraph, moved by Sir Knight RALPH CLUTTON, and seconded by Sir Knight RAYMOND THURPP, was carried unanimously.

Paragraph 4 was moved by Sir Knight RALPH CLUTTON, and also carried unanimously.

An amendment was made with regard to Paragraph 2 by Sir Knight JOHN CHAPMAN, P.P.G. Reg. Devon, in anticipation of a motion being made and carried in Convent General to give voting powers to the actual Constable Marshal of Preceptories—"That the report of the Council be adopted, with the exception of the second paragraph dealing with the future meetings of Great Priory, and that the Council be instructed to suggest the desirability of recommending the holding of Great Priory and Convent General alternately in York, Manchester, Bristol, and London."

Sir Knight R. W. BOURNE seconded.

This amendment was ruled out of order, on the suggestion of the Chancellor, Sir Knight F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., on the ground that to remove the meetings of Great Priory from London required an alteration of the statutes, of which notice should be given.

Sir Knight Ralph Clutton was re-elected Treasurer.

The officers were appointed for the ensuing year as follows:

Sir Knight The Rev. J. N. Palmer	...	G. Prelate.
" F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	...	G. Chancellor.
" The Right Hon. the Earl of Euston	...	G. Constable.
" Col. W. Long	...	G. Marshal.
" Ralph Clutton	...	G. Treasurer.
" Raymond H. Thrupp	...	G. Registrar.
" W. Tinkler	...	G. Vice-Chancellor.
" George Cooper	...	G. Sub-Marshal.
" The Rev. W. Trevor Parkins	...	G. Almoner and Chaplain.
" Major George Lambert	...	G. Warden of Regalia.
" Lieut.-Col. H. S. Brownrigg	...	G. Herald.
" J. L. Atherton	...	G. Std. Br. (Beauceant).
" Rudolph G. Glover	...	G. Std. Br. (Vexillum Belli).
" H. E. Cousins	...	G. Prior's Banner Bearer.
" John Tomkins	...	G. 1st Aide-de-Camp.
" James McLaren	...	G. 2nd Aide-de-Camp.
" Charles Belton	...	G. Chamberlain.
" Major F. Newman	...	G. Captain of Guards.
" E. Aitken Davies	...	G. Captain of Guards.
" Captain F. J. Stohwasser	...	G.S.B.

The members of the Council were appointed and elected, and the members of the Grand Master's Council were also elected.

The alms were collected, and Great Priory closed.

SPECIAL CONVENT GENERAL.

A meeting of the Convent General was held directly after the Great Priory, Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke again presiding. The notices of motion proposed by Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke at the meeting on the 18th ult. were all carried, the result being that the minimum fee for candidates is reduced from £5 5s. to £3 3s., and the clause requiring a term of service of two years as a Master Mason has been reduced to a minimum service of 12 months, the Royal Arch qualification still to remain. The other propositions were

To alter the law as to rank and precedence, so as to restore past rank after service of 12 months in any office in Great Priory, or in a private preceptory, and to enable the insignia thereof to be worn accordingly as was formerly the case.

To alter clause "Constitutions of Great Priors," page 18, so as to restore membership of Great Priory, with voting powers, to the actual Constables and Marshals of Preceptories.

To alter clause "Insignia," page 23, so as to enable officers of Great Priory and Provincial Priors to wear the former marks of distinction on their sashes, three and one white stripes respectively.

To grant an indemnity for any acts of the two Great Priors which may have from time to time been done by them, and which may appear to have, in any decree, exceeded the powers vested in them by Convent General.

To authorise Great Priors to grant permission for the subscribing members of a preceptory which can prove uninterrupted existence for 100 years to wear a centenary jewel commemorative of the fact.

The design of the jewel to be approved by the Great Priory granting such permission.

Of the motions proposed by Sir Knight ROYDS, and seconded by Sir Knight JOHN CHAPMAN, the first as to past rank and precedence having been carried in three of Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke's motions were dropped, and the others, proposing to revert to the former names and titles, were, after some discussion, withdrawn.

With regard to another proposition, Sir Knight Royd accepted instead a suggestion from Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke to revert to the old arrangement of the Patriarchal Cross and badge of office worn on the cloak.

Of the last three resolutions of Sir Knight Royds, the first two were declared by Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke to be already in the ritual of the Order, and there was no necessity to alter statutes; and the other resolution, to the effect that no candidate shall be incepted as a Knight of Malta for a fee under one guinea, was carried.

The motion proposed by Sir Knight BANISTER was included in Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke's, and was, therefore, dropped.

Convent General was then closed.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on the afternoon of the 1st inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh. There was a large attendance of the brethren from all parts of the country. In the unavoidable absence of the Grand Master, Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, Bro. the Earl of Haddington, Depute Grand Master, occupied the throne. Bro. Dr. J. Middleton acted as Sub. Grand Master; and there also present Bros. J. Dalrymple Duncan, acting S.G.W.; Col. John Campbell, acting J.G.W.; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; David Reid, G. Treas.; Rev. Thomas Somerville and Rev. J. Glasse, G. Chaplains; Dr. James Carmichael, G.S.B.; George Christie, G. Marshal; John Wilson, G. Bard; Robert Nisbet, J.G.D.; Colin Galletly, G. Bible Bearer; G. C. H. M'Naught, G.I.G.; Col. J. Clark Forrest, Prov. G.M. of Lanark (Middle Ward); Major F. W. Allan, Proxy Prov. G.M. of Gibraltar; James Fleming, Proxy Prov. G.M. of South-East Africa; and James Caldwell, P.G.D.

Grand Lodge next took up the report of the Grand Committee, to the effect that the "Grand Lodge fully recognises the inalienable right of all Master Masons to meet in open lodge and discuss Masonic affairs, and in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the constitution and laws to petition Grand Lodge on any matters connected with Masonry, but daughter lodges and brethren, individually or collectively, are prohibited from issuing circulars or other communications relating to proceedings before Grand Lodge or Grand Committee, or on Masonic subjects, special or general, to the public or the Craft without having previously obtained the sanction of Grand Committee."

Bro. MACFARLANE moved the previous question on the ground that should such a resolution be carried it would debar members of the Craft from discussing Masonic affairs in private, and even in Masonic company.

Bro. HUME, in supporting the amendment, traced the history of the cause which had given rise to the recommendation of Grand Committee, and held that brethren were quite entitled to bring subjects under dispute before the respective lodges by circular or otherwise. After discussion the report was adopted by a large majority.

It was resolved to issue charters to the following new lodges: Pollok, Pollokshields, Renfrewshire East; Eden, Aintab, Syria; St. Molios, Lamdash, Island of Arran; Darling Downs, Toowomba, Queensland; and St. James, Bridgeton, Glasgow.

From reports which were submitted it appeared that the income of Grand Lodge for the first five months of the financial year had been £2644, or £193 in excess of that for the corresponding period of last year. The income of the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence for the last three months had been £604; and £150 had been voted as grants to Freemasons or the widows of Masons.

On the recommendation of Grand Committee, Bro. Major WILLIAM D. INNES, was appointed Prov. Grand Master of Kincardineshire.

An interim report was submitted in regard to the Grand Lodge bazaar, the object of which is to raise £10,000 in aid of the annuity branch of the fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence. The report bore: "That the patronage of her Majesty the Queen has been graciously given to the bazaar, which will be held in the Waverley Market, Edinburgh, on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th days of December next. The interior of the market will, as suggested by the G. Master, be laid out in the form of an Egyptian temple, from plans prepared by the Grand Architect, Bro. M'Intyre Henry: A large central court surrounded on all sides by a colonnade, that at the east end representing the porch or portico giving entrance to the inner buildings. Between the columns surrounding the court will be placed the various stalls, 19 or 20 in number, including those for game, dairy produce, parcels, &c., and in the centre of the market area or court will be placed the Grand Lodge stall, measuring about 25 feet square, and representing a small temple. Small Zetland; Haddington and Berwickshires, with Roxburgh and Selkirk; Dumfries and Wigtown and Kircudbrightshires; Upper and Middle Wards of Lanarkshire; Inverness and Ross and Cromarty; East and West Perthshire; India, with China and Japan; the Colonies and foreign parts. Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire East and West have authority to unite in holding an auxiliary bazaar in Aberdeen.

"The Ladies' General Committee are busily engaged in arranging matters of detail. On the suggestion of Lady Campbell, it has been decided that the ladies attached to each stall shall wear distinctive dresses, the proposed colour and character of which to be intimated to Committee before being fixed, so that the stalls may not clash in design or colour. The ladies in the Metropolitan stall, which will be presided over by Lady Campbell, will wear costumes in thistle green, with aprons and badges distinctive of the lodges represented. It has been intimated by Lady Gertrude Cochrane and Lady Octavia Shaw-Stewart that white and gold, and dark blue and gold, will be the distinctive colours in the Ayrshire and Renfrewshire stalls respectively.

The GRAND SECRETARY reported that on a request preferred by representatives of Lodges St. David and Dramatic and Arts, the Grand Master had given his sanction to a Masonic sermon being preached before the Metropolitan lodges in St. Giles' Cathedral by one of the Grand Chaplains, on which occasion a collection would be made for the Grand Masonic bazaar in connection with the Annuity Fund of Grand Lodge. Since it was first mooted the scheme had assumed such importance that its promoters had thought it right to respectfully ask Grand Lodge to take official charge of the matter, and issue invitations to the Metropolitan lodges for their presence and support on the occasion. Grand Lodge Committee had resolved that the proposed service be held under the auspices of Grand Lodge, and that Grand Secretary be authorised to make the necessary arrangements.

This was approved by Grand Lodge.

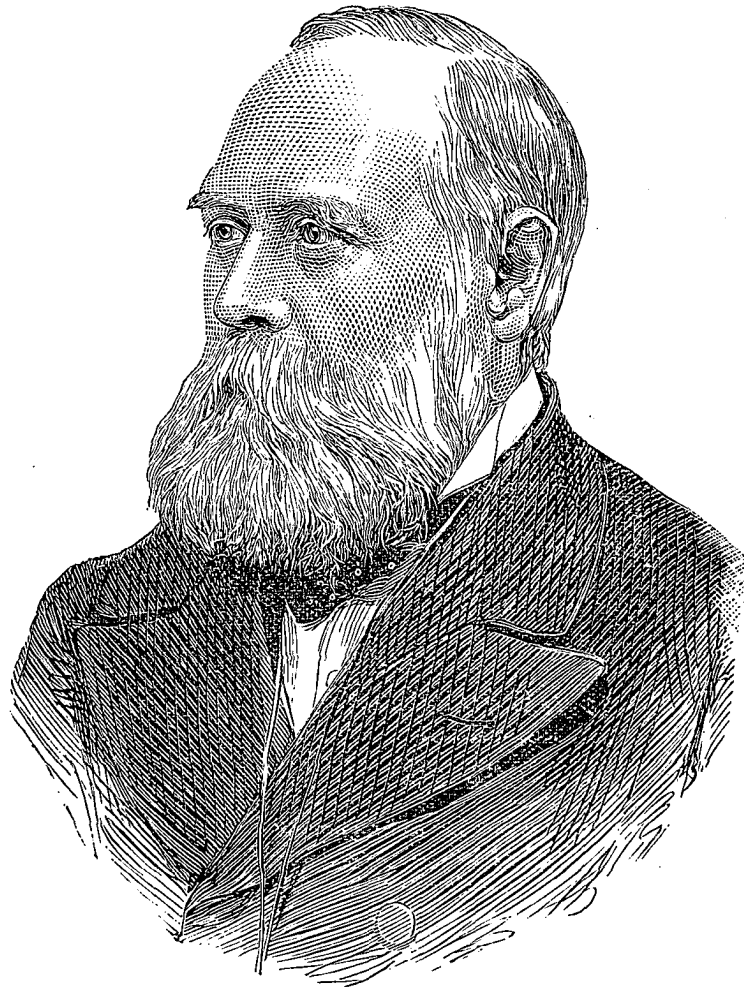
Grand Lodge also considered the motion moved by Bro. JAMES MUIR, R.W.M. 579, and seconded by Bro. Col. J. CLARK FORREST, Prov. G.M. of Middle Ward of Lanark—"That whereas during the past year 17 provinces or thereby in Scotland, in which are comprised 180 daughter lodges, were unrepresented on Grand Committee, it be remitted to said Committee to consider and report what alterations should be made on the present mode of electing members of Grand Committee, so as to secure a more direct representation for each province, and thereby promote a wider interest in the affairs of Grand Lodge and of the Craft generally."

The previous question was moved by Bro. D. DUNCAN, and seconded by Bro. MACFARLANE, but the motion was carried by 82 against 18.

The other business was unimportant.

THE LATE BRO. DRESSER E. ROGERS, P.M.

Bro. Dresser E. Rogers, whose death, after a long and painful illness, occurred on Wednesday, the 7th inst., though a Mason of some years' standing, was far better known in his civic and journalistic capacity, and through his long connection with the late Metropolitan Board of Works. He was born in 1824, and, on reaching manhood, he devoted himself firstly to the profession of architect and surveyor in Southwark, and afterwards to that of journalism, with which latter he remained associated to the very close of his life. During his residence in Southwark, he became in 1846 a member of its Board of Guardians. Ten years later he was elected to a seat at St. Saviour's Board of Works, while in 1852 he became Honorary Secretary of the Surrey Gas Consumers' Committee, Sir John Thwaites being the Chairman, and it was mainly through his exertions that the monopoly of the gas companies, especially in South London, was broken down, and the price of gas reduced to its present level. For these services he was presented with a silver salver and a purse of 100 guineas. In 1868, after being resident in Camberwell for some years, and having done it good service as guardian and vestryman, he became the representative of that district on the Metropolitan Board of Works, and continued to occupy the position, serving from time to time as Chairman of the principal Committee, and for three years as Deputy-Chairman, until the dissolution of the Board last year. Some years previously—in 1862—he had entered the Corporation of London as one of the representatives of Aldgate, and while still a junior member succeeded in inducing the Corporation to promote the City of London Gas Act of 1868, by which the sliding scale was adopted. He also tried to induce the Corporation to bring forward a proposal for buying up the companies, but in these efforts he was unsuccessful. But generally, as regards his civic duties, he filled the chairs of most of the principal Committees, and in 1885 had the honour of being elected to the Chairmanship of the City Lands Committee, the occupant of which is always designated the Chief Commoner, and it was in this capacity that he was one of a Committee which waited on



THE LATE BRO. DRESSER ROGERS, D.L.

the King of the Belgians in reference to the Free State of the Congo, the distinction of a Knight Chevalier of the Royal Order of Leopold being conferred upon him for his services in this respect. Last year, on the death of his old friend and associate, Deputy Burnell, the Alderman of the Ward of Aldgate conferred upon Bro. Rogers the office of Deputy thus rendered vacant. In 1888 the good people of Camberwell being desirous of possessing a memorial of one who had laboured hard and so successfully for their benefit, had his portrait in oils taken and hung in the Vestry Hall, a replica of it being at the same time presented to Mrs. Rogers. In 1859, at the time of the Volunteer movement, he took a very active part in establishing the 1st Surrey Rifles, from which corps, after attaining the rank of Captain, he retired with much credit, being at the same time presented with a testimonial consisting of a sword and a dinner service. In 1867 he took part with the Reform party, but though several times solicited to come forward as a candidate for Parliamentary honours, he steadfastly refused up till 1885, when he accepted the invitation to stand in the Liberal interest for Peckham, and was defeated. In Freemasonry, owing to the heavy demands on his time made by his civic and metropolitan duties, he was unable to take a very active part; but he was a Past Master of the Kent Lodge, No. 15, and also a member of the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, which is connected with the 1st Surrey Rifles.

The funeral of our late respected brother took place on Thursday at Forest Hill Cemetery, the first portion of the service having been celebrated at St. Giles' Church, Camberwell, in the presence of a large gathering of the deceased brother's relations, friends, acquaintances, and colleagues. There was also a large gathering at the grave side to witness the conclusion of the ceremony.

Cross, though for fast approaching 1900 years the special emblem of Christ, is an old religious symbol. It is not a Masonic symbol, that is to say since 1717. As to the Guilds, it would undoubtedly be, and was, as we know, from Halliwell's MS., and, as Mackey carefully points out, familiar as the "Rode," "Rood." Oliver, indeed, states that, according to ancient tradition, the Temple of Solomon had three foundations; the first of which contained seventy stones, five rows from north to south, and fourteen in each row, running from east to west. The centre row corresponded with the upright of a cross, whose transverse was formed by two stones on each side of the eleventh stone from the east end of the centre row, of which the upright is formed, and the fourth stone from the west end of it. —*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

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SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

We are glad to find that our advice of last week has been followed, and that the Special General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution made short work of the insane proposal adopted some time ago by the Committee of Management, that every brother—or, in the case of a widow, that her late husband—must have qualified as a Life Governor at least two years before presenting his petition, or must have subscribed one guinea a year for five consecutive years, in order to render him, or her, eligible as a candidate.

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Had this resolution been accepted by the Special Meeting in the first place, and then by Grand Lodge, the question confronting us in the immediate future would have been not how shall we ever be able to accommodate all this large number of candidates, but how shall we find candidates to fill up all this large number of vacancies?

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And from this state of things there could only be one step further. Without candidates we should be in a position to dispense with the Annual Festivals, and having duly provided means to satisfy such interests as exist already, it would remain for the proper official to shut up the offices of the Institution at Freemasons' Hall, and close the Institution at Croydon.

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This would certainly prove a most efficacious way of keeping the number of candidates within manageable compass. In less than 12 months we should have no candidates beyond those already accepted, and it would not be very long before we should have no Institution. Happily, Wisdom has cried aloud in the streets, and for once in a way she has been listened to.

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But what could our good brother who proposed this plan for reducing the candidates have been thinking about? In order to reduce the number, he

abolishes at one fell swoop the Institution, annuitants, candidates, officials, Committees, Subscribers, Festivals, and everything connected with them. Fortunately the number of those who thought that reform and destruction were not synonymous terms prevailed over those who did, and the R.M.B.I. still lives, and, what is more, is still flourishing and looking forward with increasing interest—firstly, to its Festival in 1891, and then to its Jubilee in 1892.

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We are very glad to hear that Bro. Lord Alcester, who was only appointed and invested as Senior Grand Warden some fortnight ago, and who was knocked down by an omnibus, on Saturday evening last, when crossing Piccadilly, on his way to his chambers in Ryder-street, St. James's, is making good progress towards recovery, is in excellent spirits, and able to sit up in his room. His lordship was found to have had three ribs broken, and his rapid recovery is most creditable to his constitution and the surgeons in attendance.

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One of the most pleasing features in connection with lodge work is the somewhat rare occurrence when a brother has the privilege of occupying the chair for the purpose of initiating his son. It speaks well for the status that Masonry has attained in the family circle, and for the esteem in which the brother is held in his own lodge.

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An event of this kind took place at a special meeting of the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, at the Inns of Court Hotel, on Wednesday, when Bro. G. P. Festa, one of the founders of the lodge and its Treasurer, had the gratification of initiating his only son, Mr. Gulio Festa, into Freemasonry. The ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. Festa, whose personal interest in the work imparted an earnestness and sincerity to the words of the ritual which rendered it more than ordinarily impressive. Afterwards the brethren, including several visitors, sat down to an excellent banquet. The usual toasts were drunk, that of "The Initiate" being received with much heartiness, and all joined in wishing him God-speed in his new home. Bro. Gulio Festa leaves for Brazil to-day (Friday).

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The Court of Governors of Christ's Hospital have appointed Bro. Henri Bué to the chief French mastership, vacant by the death of Bro. the Rev. Dr. Brette. There were 18 candidates, including Professor Spiers (of King's College), M. Boëlle (of Dulwich), and Mr. Gosset (Fellow of New College). Bro. Bué is a son of M. Jules Bué, the well-known Taylorian Reader at Oxford, and is at present French master in Merchant Taylors' School. Bro. Bué is a Past Grand Standard Bearer, and one of the founders of La France Lodge and La France Chapter.

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Among the candidates for the Shrievalty of London is Bro. Major Cockle, who has distinguished himself very greatly in Masonry. He is a P.M. of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, a Past Prov. S.G.W. Middlesex, as well as a member of sundry of our leading London lodges, such as the Prince of Wales, No. 259, the Carnarvon and Florence Nightingale Lodges, as well as of the Apollo and Isaac Newton University Lodges of Oxford and Cambridge respectively. To our great surprise, however, one of our City contemporaries is pleased to describe him as a member of the lodge of the "Nine Nurses." The Lodge of the "Nine Muses," No. 235, we are well acquainted with, but not so that of the *Nine Nurses*, which we imagine must have been invented for the occasion.

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At the centenary dinner of the Royal Literary Fund, held at St. James's Hall, on Wednesday, and at which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales presided, many eminent men distinguished in various walks of life—political, scientific, and literary—were present, amongst the latter Bro. J. C. Parkinson, who, after the very admirable and exhaustive speech of the Prince of Wales, had the gratification of reading a most satisfactory report of the society's operations, which was followed by the announcement of many substantial donations, which included 100 guineas (for the 53rd time) from the Queen, the total amounting to £3800.

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We are pleased to note that the Warner Lodge of Instruction has voted £2 10s. towards the Boys' School Pension Indemnity Fund. This is the first lodge of instruction, we believe, which has contributed to the fund, and we hope the example thus set will be largely followed.

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.]

A PRINTER'S ERROR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your report of the candidates elected to the Correspondence Circle of Quatuor Coronati Lodge on the 2nd inst., you print *F. V. Carew*, W.M. of the Minerva Lodge, Leipsic. As the brother in question is a distinguished man in every way, kindly allow me to state that his name is *F. Victor Carus*, Professor, M.D., Ph.D., D.C.L. Oxon, editor and translator into German of "The Origin of Species," and President of the "Free Union of the Five Independent Lodges of Germany."

Thanking you for the insertion of this correction,—Yours fraternally,

G. W. SPETH, Sec. Quatuor Coronati.

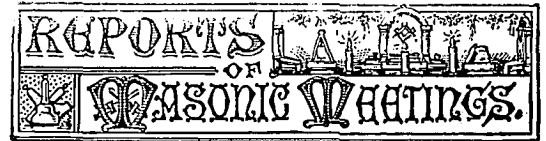


899] OLD MASONIC JUGS.

In my letters upon this subject, which appeared in the *Freemason* of the 5th and 26th ult., I thought that I had fully explained the history and manufacture of these interesting but by no means uncommon objects. If Bro. G. L. Shackles, whose letter hereon appeared in your impression of the 10th inst., will kindly refer to my notes of the 5th ult. on Bro. Carson's jug, he will glean the information he requires. I will, however, give a few more details in connection with these last century *curios* that may prove attractive to those of your readers who are interested in specimens of the ceramic art, more particularly when they bear emblems of a Masonic nature. There is no direct evidence of there being in existence any pottery embellished with designs taken from the tracing boards of the Craft earlier than 1750. All the specimens that I have seen are in black, brown, and violet transfer printing, upon white, cream, and pale yellow ware, or white porcelain. In 1750, a Mr. John Sadler and Mr. Guy Green posed as the inventors of printing on pottery from copper-plate engravings. They were employed by Wedgwood and other potters to decorate their wares down to the end of the eighteenth century, and they were particularly partial to classical subjects and designs. I have an oval dish of pale cream-coloured pottery, with a representation of a landscape in violet transfer printing. With the exception of the figures and Masonic emblems, it tallies with the design on Bro. Shackles' jugs, as it depicts ruins, a river, a bridge, "in the middle distance a fortress or castle on the brink of the river, with a mountain in the far distance." In the foreground there are large-rooted trees that nearly surround the whole picture. The specimen is rendered particularly interesting and rare as it bears on the back the impressed mark "Wedgwood," few pieces of this description being so marked. This fixes the date of my dish, and probably Bro. Shackles' jugs, as being between 1759 and 1768. In the latter year Josiah Wedgwood took a Mr. Thomas Bentley into partnership, when the trade mark became "Wedgwood and Bentley." I may state that the productions of Messrs. Sadler and Green were exceedingly artistic, although not equal to the efforts of Holdship and Hancock, of Worcester. On Leeds pottery of a later date the transfer representations of Masonic emblems are ill-defined and frequently coarse in execution. There are numerous specimens of this old ware bearing the sun, moon, stars, pillars, mosaic pavement, working tools, jewels, the letter G, &c., &c., some with and without emblematical figures of Faith, Charity, and Prudence, the latter, like Justice, blindfolded, with the sword and scales. Bro. Shackles' jugs, by his lucid explanation, appear to be works of art, and as such I take them, as before stated, to be of Wedgwood's early *white ware*, decorated by Sadler and Green. The figures of the Master and Wardens on the jugs are uncommon, and the bracket holding "a pair of crossed pens enclosed by a ribbon" especially so. I venture to hazard a conjecture that the members of the lodge to whom these jugs belonged had a set respectively distinguished by emblems of office. By this I do not wish to infer that the Secretary of the long, long ago and his colleagues each consumed "five pints," notwithstanding it was a hard-drinking age. Bro. Shackles states that one of the jugs holds the latter quantity. (Is it the one decorated with the secretarial jewel of office?) It is the custom at the present time for founders of lodges, being also officers, to wear jewels bearing their respective badges of office. In the last century it may have been the practice for founders of a convivial turn of mind to present their lodges with vessels to contain either the humming ale or more lordly "punch." The legends or mottoes—"Amor honor et justitia" and "Sit lux et lux fuit"—mentioned by Bro. Shackles, were dealt with by me in my letter of the 5th ult. In conclusion, I wish to correct or make clear a statement I made on the 26th ult., and to which my attention has been privately drawn by a member of the Quatuor Coronati. I then stated that I had examined and seen sold two white salt-cellars of Chelsea china marked with a

triangle formerly belonging to Horace Walpole. My correspondent appears to have misunderstood my statement, thinking that I alluded to those mentioned by that distinguished man of fashion and zealous collector of *curios*. In Walpole's catalogue of Strawberry Hill, written in 1784, and which I again quote, he writes of "two white salt-cellars with craw-fish in relief, of Chelsea china, a very uncommon design, which I have found only once, viz., at the Earl of Ilchester's, at Melbury, where are four such salt-cellars, all marked with a triangle." The rare collection of works of art so dearly prized and often mentioned by Walpole in his voluminous correspondence was brought to the hammer in 1842, and fetched the then large sum of upwards of £29,000. Since that time undoubted specimens of the celebrated Strawberry Hill collection figure in sales, with their history duly scheduled, and it was under such circumstances that I had the good fortune of handling the aforesaid two salt-cellars so highly valued by the quondam Lord of Orford. I had a great desire to possess them, but the bidding was general, and the sum realised so far exceeded my modest valuation of their merits as artistic productions that I did not venture to outbid the ultimate purchaser. For the third time I have to apologise for trespassing so much upon your valuable space, but my enthusiasm or craze in matters ceramic must be my excuse.

T. C. WALLS,
Associate Quatuor Coronati.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Faith Lodge (No. 141).—The last meeting of the season of this old lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 29th ult. Among those attending were Bros. Wetzlar, W.M.; Langdale, S.W.; Sheppard, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Welch, S.D.; Ryan, J.D.; Green, P.M.; C. Dairy, P.M.; Rumball, P.M.; Capt. Walls, P.M.; Fromholtz, P.M.; Hudson, P.M.; Hakim, I.P.M.; and others. Bros. Beveridge and Havens were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. O. Sharpley was most impressively raised to the Third Degree. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Mr. Martin Wilson, and it being unanimous, he was ably inducted into Craft mysteries.

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

The usual toasts followed.

The W.M. is an excellent speaker, he shines equally as well at the banquet table as in the lodge room, and it will be a matter of regret to all when he vacates the chair in October next. His year of office has been a most prosperous and happy one.

Leigh Lodge (No. 957).—The installation meeting of this lodge, which has now attained its 27th year, was held on Monday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Frederick Klein, W.M., presiding. The brethren present were Bros. John Diprose, P.M.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M.; F. Marx, P.M.; R. C. Morffrey, P.M.; I. Firth Creswick, P.M.; Thos. C. Butt, P.M.; H. Von Joel, P.M.; W. Woodruff, P.M.; G. H. Bramley, P.M.; Charles Corby, P.M.; and a large number of lay members. The visitors were Bros. H. J. Wicks, P.M. 1269; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; Alfred W. Barker, P.M. 1743; W. Kent, J.W. 1321; E. C. Mulvey, P.M. 179, 2202, 2246, W.M. 2353, P.G.S. Surrey; J. Gammon, 2331; S. Norveckorowski, P.M. 534; J. Blunsdel, P.M. 742; C. Pole, J.W. 1257; C. Comyns, 1739; J. Sandheim, P.M. 225; H. L. Diprose, P.M. 1885; John Sandon, 704; Sam. Morley, I.P.M. 1853; George Browne, 700; A. H. Hawfroy, 1507; W. H. Johnson, W.M. 1820; Henry J. Roberts, 700; Alfred Clark, J.W. 1924; R. Sykes; W. C. Thomas, 65; Charles Gammon, 704; Samuel E. Southgate, S.W. 700; F. Bromley Smith, I.P.M. 1539; J. Braham, S.D. 72; W. J. Bidgood, Org. 700; W. T. West, 1765; Alex. Jones, I.P.M. 2021; G. F. Edmunds, P.M. 766; W. F. Hughes, P.M. 179; George Girling, 1741; J. C. Whittington, 1827; and W. Betts, P.M. 1341.

The W.M. in splendid style raised Bro. James Grose and initiated Mr. Wm. Jenkins. He afterwards installed the S.W. and W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Hewett, and the following brethren were then invested as officers for the year: Bros. F. Klein, I.P.M.; Walter Densham, S.W.; Henry T. Bridges, J.W.; John Diprose, P.M., Treas.; Charles A. Cottebrune, P.M., Sec.; George Hughes, S.D.; Wilson R. Bentley, J.D.; Wm. A. Hetherington, I.G.; F. P. Marx, P.M., D.C.; Wm. T. Woodruff, P.M., and Hy. Sillis, Stewards; James Mitchell, A.D.C.; and Richard Whiting, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Bramley, P.M., gave notice that at the next meeting he should move that the lodge give 10 guineas as the nucleus of a fund, to be supplemented by the private donations of members, for presenting Bro. John Diprose, P.M. and Treasurer of the lodge for 16 years, with a testimonial on his completing the fiftieth year of his age in September next. The W.M. proposed a candidate for initiation, and the lodge was thereafter closed.

The brethren adjourned to the Crown Room, Freemasons' Tavern, and partook of a choice banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M." having been duly honoured,

Bro. Cottebrune, in responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said that was not the first time it had been proposed in that lodge, and when it was first proposed he had a great deal to say on the position of Grand Officers. From time to time he had had to repeat the same thing, but if he did so now it would be tiresome to the brethren. The Grand Officers were good men, and that was acknowledged, and he was pleased that it was. As to the new Grand

Officers they had only just been appointed, and he did not know much about them; but no doubt the Grand Master had been well advised in their appointment, and they would be just as good as the Past Grand Officers. The Grand Offices of Grand Lodge most likely would be always well filled.

The I.P.M. then proposed "The W.M.," and, in doing so, said it was a great privilege for him to have to do so, because he was sure it would meet with great satisfaction, and a very hearty response. The new W.M. would be a credit to his lodge, and while the reins of office were in his hands the lodge would not lose any of its reputation.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for proposing the toast, and the brethren for assisting him to undertake the duties of the chair. He would make it his most earnest endeavour to carry out the duties of his office, and with the assistance of the able Past Masters, and the officers who were coming on, he was sure he would go out of office, at the end of the year, with every satisfaction of the brethren with the way in which he had performed his duties.

The W.M., in giving "The Initiate," said he hoped Bro. Jenkins would become a good Mason and stay in that lodge.

Bro. Jenkins, in reply, said he trusted his action would be such in the future as to warrant his having come into the lodge. He was sure that if he followed out the maxims which had been so well and impressively laid before him that evening, he would do all that was good and neglect all that was bad.

The W.M. next proposed "The P.M.'s and Installing Master," and said all who were present and heard the impressive way in which the I.P.M. worked the ceremonies that evening would admit that they had had a treat. It was a treat, and they might go into many lodges and not witness such working. There was another ceremony now to be performed in proposing that toast—the presentation of a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the lodge to the I.P.M., and he now pinned it on his breast, observing that it had been well earned, and no brother was more deserving of it.

The I.P.M., in response, said the handsome jewel presented to him he appreciated, not merely for its intrinsic value, but for the very many happy moments it called to his memory that he had spent in that lodge, and the kind consideration and indulgence he had received at the brethren's hands. The year had not been quite so successful as he could have wished, but still he had tried his best. For that kind token of their appreciation of his services, and the sentiments which it conveyed to him, he returned his most sincere thanks.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Visitors," hoped that the Leigh Lodge would, as had always been its custom, hold out the right hand of fellowship to all brethren who visited it.

Bro. E. C. Mulvey was the first brother to respond, when he acknowledged the great pleasure it always gave him to visit the Leigh Lodge, a privilege conferred upon him by the kindness of the I.P.M., Bro. Klein. The excellent working of the evening had been a source of great delight and satisfaction to him. The ceremonies of raising, initiation, and installation had demanded of Bro. Klein great exertion, but he had gone through it all in a most admirable way, which any Freemason might envy.

Bro. Johnson replied in somewhat the same terms, saying that the working of the evening was perfectly marvellous, and he congratulated the lodge on having such an able exponent of the ceremonies as Bro. Klein.

Bro. Southgate, 700, said it was his first visit to that lodge, but he had been so struck with the work that he hoped it would not be his last. He had been very much impressed with the work. The present W.M. came from the same town as he (Bro. Southgate), and he hoped to see him and other of the brethren of the Leigh Lodge at 700, where they always extended a hearty welcome to visitors, as the W.M. knew.

Bro. Morley, I.P.M. 1853, also expressed his high appreciation of the way in which the lodge work had been executed, and he begged the brethren to receive his best thanks for the fraternal greeting they had extended to the visitors.

Bro. Edwards, P.M. 766, said that of all the lodges he visited he always felt more comfortable in the Leigh Lodge than any other. He had been a visitor to it ever since he had been a Mason.

Bro. Norveskoroski, P.M. 534, said it was nothing new to him to be well received in the Leigh Lodge. He always remembered the lodge where he had for some years enjoyed the hospitality of the brethren. The work was a credit to the English Constitution. Last time he was present the W.M. bemoaned his fate that he had nothing to do, and seemed to think they were all eating the bread of idleness. Such could not be said to be the case that night, for there had been a considerable amount of work to do, and it had been done in a most workmanlike style. It would always be a pleasure to him to visit the lodge.

Bro. Morffrey, P.M., replying for "The Past Masters," said he had always received the same heartiness from the brethren. The Leigh Lodge had always bestowed great kindness upon him, and he hoped that as long as he lived he would continue to be a Past Master of that lodge, and deserve the many favours conferred on him. He might congratulate the Leigh Lodge on the long array of Past Masters who stuck to it through thick and thin, and gave it the benefit of their services. The Leigh Lodge was fit to take its place with any lodge in the Craft. He hoped that every Master who passed through the chair would be imbued with the same spirit, and if so, there was no fear that while it now celebrated its twenty-seventh year it would live to be a Centenary lodge. The Past Masters set a good example to all those who followed them.

In proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said they were two of the most responsible officers of the lodge, and while they retained the services of the present Treasurer and Secretary the lodge would go on most prosperously.

Bro. J. Diprose, P.M., the Treasurer, responding, said that Bro. Cottebrune, the Secretary, was one of the founders of the lodge, and the only remaining founder after 27 years. It was a pleasure to him (Bro. Diprose) to have so much kindness extended to him, and he desired to do in the future as he had done in the past.

The S.W. responded for "The Officers," and Bro. Whiting gave the Tyler's toast, and the brethren then separated.

Bro. Bramley, P.M., and several other brethren entertained the company with musical and other performances during the evening.

Royal Commemoration Lodge (No. 1585).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the White Lion Hotel, Putney, on Wednesday, the 7th inst. Present: Bros. V. Wing, W.M.; J. W. Harding, S.W.; W.M. elect; Sandalls, J.W.; Watkins, Treas.; W. C. Williams, P.M., Sec.; Oliver, S.D.; Coombe, J.D.; Wright, I.G.; Grundy and Fayers, Stwds.; Collings, P.M., D.C.; Gordon, Asst. Org.; Robinson, P.M.; Pardoe, P.M.; Collick, P.M.; and others, and some 20 other brethren of the lodge. The visitors' list was an unusually lengthy one, even for the Royal Commemoration Lodge, numbering as it did 20 brethren, some of whom were highly distinguished in the Craft. They were as follows: Bros. Bird, P.M. 1567, 1897, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Baldwin, P.M. 1632, 1940, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; Monson, I.P.M. 1194; King, P.M. 172; Pardoe, P.M. 511; Wingfield, P.M. 1360; Dare, P.M. 2032; Tucker, 144; Lyon, 185; Harris, 201; Robinson, Livingstone, and Bletchford, all of 704; Bond, J.D. 889; Brown, 902; Carter, 1507; Fuelling, 1642; Frere, P.S.W. Star of Israel Lodge; Weinel, 1828; and Conquest, 17 (S.C.).

A list of visitors such as the above is very complimentary to the Royal Commemoration Lodge, and shows the high esteem in which the lodge is held among Masons.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the last regular lodge in March and of an emergency meeting in April were read and confirmed. Bros. Richardson, Squires, and Freeman were ably passed to the Third Degree. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Harding, S.W., W.M. elect, was duly installed in the chair of K.S., Bro. Collings, P.M., D.C., taking the duties of Installing Master and delivering the addresses in a masterly style. The W.M., Bro. Harding, then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Sandalls, S.W.; Oliver, J.W.; Watkins (15th time), Treas.; Williams, P.M., Sec.; Coombe, S.D.; Wright, J.D.; Grundy, I.G.; Fayers and Tildesley, Stwds.; Collings, P.M., D.C.; Gordon, Org.; Knight, Asst. Org.; and Walkley, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was submitted and adopted. A letter from Bro. Stacey, P.M., Org., was read asking to resign the post of Organist which he had held since the consecration of the lodge. This resignation was decided to be accepted with regret and a deputation to be sent from the lodge to wait on Bro. Stacey to ascertain what would be the most suitable way to recognise his long and valuable services. Some other matters with regard to the Masonic Charities closed the business, and after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

At the banquet which followed, after discussing the delicacies provided by the worthy host, Bro. Silcock, the W.M., in terse but felicitous terms, proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received with enthusiasm and accorded musical honours.

The I.P.M., Bro. Wing, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," spoke very highly of his ability as an officer of the lodge since he had known it, and stated that on several occasions within his knowledge the present W.M. had shown conspicuous ability, and trusted that during the ensuing year the brethren would rally round their W.M. and render his year of office one of the most successful years in the annals of the Royal Commemoration Lodge.

These sentiments were heartily applauded by the brethren, and the toast was drunk with true Commemoration fire.

The W.M., in his reply, said he was proud to be elected to the chair of his mother lodge, and hoped to be able to emulate his predecessor in the rendering of the ritual, but impressed on the brethren that if they did not bring him the work to do he should have no chance of showing his willingness, let alone his ability.

The next toast was "The Visitors," and after reading over the lengthy list of visitors, the W.M. expressed himself as being proud of an array of such distinguished brethren on the visitors' list, and begged them one and all, if they were satisfied with their reception, not to delay coming again, as it was mainly by the general courtesy and hospitality shown to the visitors that any lodge could hope to attain to popularity, and he coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Bird, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Baldwin, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; and Pardoe, P.M. 511.

The brethren named responded in most eulogistic terms as to the conduct of the Master in the chair, the I.P.M. in the raising ceremony, the Installing Master, and the officers generally, and most especially the working of the Fourth Degree, and wished the Royal Commemoration Lodge many years of usefulness and prosperity.

The next toast, and, in fact, the toast of the evening, was that of the genial and popular I.P.M., Bro. Valentine Wing. In proposing this toast, the W.M. first apologised by saying that he felt ashamed to praise a man before his face, but ended in paying a high—and deservedly high—tribute to the zeal and assiduity with which the I.P.M. had managed the concerns of the lodge, he having had since his installation 20 initiates, of which 19 had taken their Third Degree, and one F.C. only missed his Third Degree by being some 20 minutes late, which was, of course, no fault of the W.M. The Worshipful Master concluded by presenting Bro. Wing with a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted him at the previous meeting, and wished him long life and happiness and a continued career of Masonic usefulness.

Bro. Wing, in his reply, thanked the lodge for the jewel, the brethren for their hearty and cordial acceptance of the toast, the W.M. for the happy way in which he had put it before the company, and, above all, the lodge for the handsome sum of 25 guineas they had put on his list as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

To the toast of the "Treasurer and Secretary," Bro. Watkins responded for the fifteenth year in succession.

Bro. Williams apologised for being a young Secretary of the lodge, but trusted that as an old member, and one who had the welfare of the lodge thoroughly at heart, he would not be found behindhand in his duties.

The toast of "The Officers" was responded to by Bros. Sandalls, Wright, Grundy, and Tildesley, and the Tyler's toast closed the evening at a somewhat early hour, as so many of the brethren had to catch trains to their various residences.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge (No. 1602).—This flourishing lodge held its installation meeting on the 9th inst., at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, when a large number of brethren attended to do honour to the occasion. Amongst those present were Bros. C. Dearing, W.M.; F. E. Heyse, I.P.M.; G. Brown, S.W.; R. Garner,

J.W.; J. Weston, P.M., Treas.; J. Osborn, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Dresden, S.D.; F. C. Everett, J.D.; A. Baker, I.G.; A. J. Cave, jun., D.C.; J. White, A.D.C.; W. Wright, Org.; J. G. W. James, Steward; G. W. Larter, P.M.; R. A. Homan, P.M.; J. Greenfield, P.M.; W. H. Lee, P.M.; A. Meyer, B. Allan, R. Metcalfe, W. Cussens, W. C. B. England, G. Kingsbury, R. W. Galloway, J. Bremer, T. Read, W. W. Hunt, G. T. Knight, D. A. Parkyn, G. H. Fletcher, H. Pickett, H. G. Davenall, G. F. Wheeler, W. Cann, J. F. Franklin, J. F. Hodgson, F. Dainton, G. Tarrant, H. Stickland, R. D. Warner, J. Hiscock, and H. Hermann. Visitors: Bros. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; C. Weeden, P.M. 813; G. Wells, Org. 1017; B. Lavig, 1816; J. Hughes, S.W. 1897; W. A. Tinney, P.M. 1319; E. Kressel, 1897; F. A. Schouten, 1897; W. J. Bath, 733; J. E. Drinkwater, 179; H. Dickey, 1742; J. Kew, P.M. 179; J. Potter, I.G. 1693; W. Lloyd, W.M. 145; E. Roberts, P.M. 917; J. Bayne, S.D. 1897; H. J. Turner, P.M. 1608; B. Rennie, 1891; W. J. Whittington, 1984; H. E. Coffin, P.M. 167; J. Evered, W.M. 1708; W. J. James, J.D. 1708; G. Stephens, 1185; A. Hughes, P.M. 179; C. E. Collins, J.D. 23; J. Jones, 59; J. H. Kew, S.W. 179; C. H. Speller, P.M. 49; F. H. Speller, P.M. 49; H. Herbert, 1745; and A. Probyn, 172.

Bro. Dearing, W.M., in a very able and efficient manner, raised Bros. Metcalfe and Kingsbury, and passed Bro. Hunt. Bro. H. Hermann, 1571, was unanimously elected as a joining member. Bro. Dearing, after a very successful year, was at the previous meeting exceptionally honoured by being unanimously re-elected for a second term of office, and invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. F. E. Heyse, I.P.M.; R. Garner, S.W.; W. H. Dresden, J.W.; J. Weston, P.M., Treas.; J. Osborn, P.M., Sec.; F. C. Everett, S.D.; A. Baker, J.D.; A. J. Cave, jun., I.G.; J. D. White, D.C.; W. Wright, Org.; J. G. W. James, A.D.C.; and H. Pickett and G. F. Wheeler, Stewards. Bro. Osborn, P.M., acted as Installing Master, and Bro. J. Weston, P.M., as D.C. Bro. Greenfield, P.M., alluded in feeling terms to the recent decease of Bro. Thomas, the Tyler of the lodge, and proposed that a letter of condolence should be sent to the family of the deceased brother. He also proposed that Bro. C. Shepperd should be elected to the vacant office. Both propositions were carried unanimously, and Bro. Shepperd was invested accordingly. A handsome Past Master's jewel, together with a Past Master's collar and appendage, was presented to Bro. Dearing, in the name of the lodge, and suitably acknowledged.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Dearing, in proposing the toast of "The Grand Officers," alluded to the eminent services rendered to Freemasonry by the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom, and expressed the pleasure he felt in having as a visitor so distinguished a Mason as Bro. D. P. Cama, Past Grand Treasurer, to whom, in the name of the lodge, he gave a cordial welcome.

Bro. Cama, P.G. Treas., said that he sincerely thanked the brethren for the cordial reception which had been given to the toast just proposed by the W. Master. He considered it a great honour to have his name associated with those two great pillars of Freemasonry, the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom. There were many good men amongst the Grand Officers selected from time to time by the M.W. Grand Master, but personally he considered it a very high honour to have been elected by the voice of the Craft, and felt very much indebted to those Craftsmen by whose aid he had thus been promoted from the House of Commons to the House of Lords. He congratulated the brethren upon the admirable working he had seen in the lodge, and was glad to find by the balance sheet that they had been able to assist the Masonic Charities. The lessons learned in the lodge room and impressed upon them by the beautiful addresses they heard from time to time should not be forgotten, but should bear fruit by the exercise of brotherly love and Charity, never forgetting the three noble Institutions.

Bro. Heyse, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that that was the first time in the history of the lodge that a W.M. had been re-elected, but, owing to very able manner in which Bro. Dearing had carried out the duties of the chair, the lodge was proud to elect that brother for a second term of office. He (Bro. Heyse) was equally proud in serving a second year as I.P.M., and to again have the pleasure of proposing the health of Bro. Dearing as W.M. of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge.

Bro. C. Dearing, W.M., said that when he responded to that toast 12 months since he did so with a great amount of diffidence, although with pride and pleasure at having been elected to such an honourable position, but on the present occasion that diffidence was considerably increased by the additional honour which had been conferred upon him by his re-election. He was exceedingly grateful to Bro. Heyse for the complimentary remarks made by him in proposing the toast, some of which he was afraid were undeserved. He had during the past year done all he could to benefit Freemasonry in general and the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge in particular. He was proud that during the past year the lodge had been able to send 10 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and still retain a surplus. Having served as Steward to each of the three Institutions, to all of which he was a Life-Governor, he cordially endorsed the remarks made by Bro. Cama in reference to the Masonic Charities, and their duties as Masons in connection therewith. He thanked the brethren for their kindness and consideration towards him during the past year, and hoped with the assistance of the officers to carry out the duties of the lodge with the same amount of satisfaction as heretofore.

Bro. Dearing, W.M., in proposing "The Visitors," said that that was a very pleasing duty, as the lodge was honoured by the presence of 29 visitors. To all those brethren he, in the name of the lodge, offered a cordial welcome and the right hand of good-fellowship.

Bro. Lloyd, W.M. 145, in responding, said that he had great pleasure in visiting the lodge and offering his congratulations to the W.M. on his re-election. He thought that the success of the W.M. should act as a stimulus to the officers and brethren.

Bro. Evered, W.M. 1708, also responded, recommending to the officers and brethren a regular attendance at lodges of instruction to qualify themselves for the duties of the chair.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Past Masters," and alluding to the valuable services rendered by those brethren, especially the Treasurer, Bro. Weston,

P.M., and the Secretary, Bro. Osborn, P.M., to both of whom the lodge was much indebted.

Bro. Weston, P.M., Treasurer, thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks and assured the brethren of his continued interest in the welfare and prosperity of the lodge.

Bro. Osborn, P.M., Secretary, in acknowledging the compliment, said that the W.M. well deserved the honour of re-election, as he was sure that the prosperity of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren were his first consideration. During the year the lodge had increased its numbers by 22 initiates and two joining members, owing to the energy and popularity of the W.M.

The toast of "The Officers" was then given, and suitably responded to, after which the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

The proceedings were highly satisfactory and thoroughly harmonious throughout. The banquet was well served, and the kindly attentions of Bro. James to the comforts of the brethren were much appreciated.

An excellent programme of music was provided under the direction of Bro. Willie Wright, Organist, the artistes being Madame Nellie Cave, Bro. Jas. Bayne, Bro. W. Hunt, Bro. W. Stroud, and Mr. Sam Wright. Bro. W. Wright presided at the piano:ite.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

ACTON.

Priory Lodge of Acton (No. 1996).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge room of the Berrymead Priory, High-street, on Monday, the 5th inst. There were present Bros. C. E. Botley, P.M., acting W.M.; E. Monson, jun., I.P.M.; G. Wright, P.M.; F. Botley, P.M., D.C.; C. W. Francis, S.W.; A. J. Phillips, J.W.; J. A. Cammell, P.M., acting Sec.; S. Gissing Skelton, S.D.; B. Hirst, P.M., J.D.; C. T. Sutton, I.G.; A. G. H. Dicker, and C. Pearce. Visitors: Bros. W. Guy, H. Monson, P. Monson, J. A. Craven, B. Eydean, R. Williams, and several other brethren.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A letter was read from the W.M., Bro. J. R. Ward, saying that, owing to continued ill-health, he was unable to be present, which he very much regretted. Bro. C. W. Francis was then presented by the D. of C. to the acting W.M., Bro. C. E. Botley, P.M., as W.M. elect. A Board of Installed Masters having been opened, the W.M. elect was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The W.M. then invested Bro. E. Monson, jun., as I.P.M., for Bro. J. R. Ward. The Board of Installed Masters was then closed. The brethren having saluted the W.M., the Installing Master presented and explained the working tools of the various Degrees. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. B. Phillips, S.W.; S. Skelton, J.W.; Rev. A. G. H. Dicker, Chap.; E. Monson, jun., P.M., Treas.; J. A. Cammell, P.M., Sec.; W. Hirst, P.M., S.D.; and C. T. Sutton, P.M., J.D. The investiture of I.G. was deferred until next meeting. The W.M. having invested Bro. Harrison as Tyler, the Installing Master then gave the usual addresses. The report of the Audit Committee was adopted. The W.M. having received the hearty congratulations of the brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting hall, where justice was done to a capital banquet (provided by Bro. Brooks), which gave general satisfaction, the tables being very prettily decorated with flowers and plants.

On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The acting I.P.M. having taken the gavel, said all the brethren knew for what purpose he rose, and, after warmly eulogising the working of the W.M., who, he said, if only a young Mason, was a very worthy one, and carried out all the duties in a very masterly manner, for he was Secretary of the lodge of instruction acting under the mother lodge, asked the brethren to drink to the very good health of the W.M., wishing him long years of happiness.

The W.M. thanked the brethren for the very kind manner in which the toast of his health had been received, and after referring to the perfect harmony which had always characterised the Priory Lodge of Acton, said of Masonry itself it was difficult to speak in few words; Masonry embraced the whole scope of human experience, both subjective and objective. Its degrees comprised Religion, Morality, every phase of Virtue, Science, Art, Literature, and that most interesting of human studies—the knowledge of one's self. The Freemason was, in the first place, impressed with his duty towards God, and his duty towards his neighbour. Reverence for the Deity had rightly been made a special object in Masonry; indeed, it seemed pretty clear that the great secret of the mysteries of ancient days was the unity of God in times when Polytheism prevailed. The good Mason never failed in his duty to his neighbour; he was a good man in every relation of life—a good son, a good husband, a good father, a good friend; the principles of Masonry imbued all his daily transactions. As a next step the Freemason was urged to cultivate and improve his mind by the pursuit of Science, Art, or Literature. Finally, he was invited to meditate upon those virtues which adorn the inward man. And he who could clearly see their beauty and sterling value as presented to him in Masonry, the perfectly just and upright man would even prefer to die rather than betray the principles of truth and honour.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. J. R. Ward," and was indeed sorry that he was not able to be with them that evening. He knew that Bro. Ward sincerely regretted his inability to be present; from the very serious nature of his ailments he was not permitted to be out in the night air. He (the W.M.) trusted, however, that at the next meeting Bro. Ward would be sufficiently recovered to be with them.

Bro. E. Munson, jun., suitably responded for Bro. Ward. The toast of "The Installing Master" having been given, Bro. C. E. Botley (who had come specially from Hastings for the purpose of installing the W.M.) responded, he being, as he remarked, his (the W. Master's) father in Masonry.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed in a very neat speech from the W.M., who coupled with it the names of Bros. Williams, Monson, Eydean, Guy, and Craven, who suitably replied.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was given, and duly responded to by Bros. Wright and Botley.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was then

coupled with "The Officers of the Lodge," and responded to Bros. E. Monson, jun., J. S. Cammell, and A. B. Phillips.

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

The musical programme was under the direction of Bro. E. H. Sugg, P.M. 452, P.P.G.O. Surrey, assisted by Bro. Rev. A. G. H. Dicker, G. Botley, P.M.; C. E. Botley, P.M.; E. Monson, jun., and Hirst.

BEAMINSTER.

Beaminstor Manor Lodge (No. 1367).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the White Hart Hotel, when the following officers and brethren were present: Bros. J. S. Webb, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., W.M.; C. Toleman, I.P.M.; H. Maunder, S.W.; C. G. Purkis, P.M., P.P.G.P., Org., acting J.W.; the Rev. E. G. Austen, W.M. 976, P.G. Chap., Chap.; J. Andrews, P.M., Treas.; A. Hann, Sec.; O. M. Beament, S.D.; S. R. Baskett, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C., acting J.D.; W. Oxley, I.G.; J. Keech, Tyler; C. Hann, P.M.; R. Toleman, P.M., P.P.G.P.; G. Roberts; H. A. P. Genge; and as visitors Bros. S. Lawrence, P.M. 814, P.P.G.D.C. Somerset, and J. C. Collie, P.M. 1271, P.P.G.O. Wilts.

The lodge having been opened, the ballot was taken for Mr. Francis Parsons Kitson. This proving favourable, Mr. Kitson was initiated in a very able manner by the W.M. and his officers, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

BERKHAMPSTEAD.

Berkhampstead Lodge (No. 504).—A meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall at the King's Arms. Among those present were Bros. S. R. Timson, W.M.; T. Graham Robinson, I.P.M.; A. Prudames, S.W.; A. W. Vaisey, J.W.; F. Q. Lane, P.M., Treas.; C. Bullock, P.M., Sec.; J. I. Rowe, P.M., D.C.; Rev. C. J. Langley, Org.; W. H. Rowe, P.M., and G. Austin, Prov. G.S. of W., Stwds.; A. Pavett, Tyler; H. J. Foster, P.M.; H. Hollis, P.M.; Rev. W. Quennell, P.G. Chap.; W. Lovell, H. Balderson, P.M. 1757; E. C. Knight, P.M. 948; H. J. Burt, Marsh, Sims, H. Kemp, Hill, P.G. Stwd.; Bunker, Gilbert, and E. J. Layton. The visiting brethren included Bros. W. E. Robbins, 90; and E. Gibbs, 591.

Bro. C. J. Gilbert, of the Caradoc Lodge, was duly admitted as a member. Two brethren were raised to the Second Degree, the passing being impressively worked by the W.M. Considerable interest attached to the announcement that the Provincial Grand Master had proposed to hold the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Berkhamstead towards the end of July, and many hopes were expressed that this proposal would be consummated. The W.M. announced with considerable regret, which was shared by the brethren, that he had to leave England for the Colonies in June, and would not be able to perform the duties of his office for the rest of the tenure.

At the banquet which followed, an excellent menu was placed before the lodge by Bro. Kemp.

The first toast on the list was, of course, "The Queen and the Craft," and the other toasts also had reference to the Craft. They were interspersed with songs, accompanied by the Rev. C. J. Langley, in whose hands were the musical arrangements.

BIRMINGHAM.

Temperance Lodge (No. 739).—The monthly meeting of this lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, New-street, on the 8th inst., was well attended. The brethren present included Bros. J. C. Stackhouse, W.M.; T. G. Locker, S.W.; A. E. Parkes, J.W.; J. Lees, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Chap.; F. J. North, Sec.; C. M. Wrighton, S.D.; W. A. Parker, J.D.; W. E. Thomason, Org.; R. Thomson, I.G.; W. J. Bancroft, P.M., D. of C.; C. Lansdale, S. A. Reading, and J. Srawley, P.M., P.P.G.P., Stewards; J. Candelent, I.P.M.; J. Ketley, P.M.; H. Bowley, P.M., P.G.S.B.; A. W. Wilkinson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; G. A. Thomason, P.M.; J. F. Thomason, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. Taylor, P.M.; Brooke, Skevington, Wilkes, Hetherington, Booth, Cox, Morris, Baylis, Gittings, Butler, and Chapman, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Adcock and Hendricks, of 938.

The lodge being opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, Bros. Constantine, Pendleton, and Townshend were raised by the W.M. to the Degree of M.M. The I.P.M. then passed Bros. Hemming and Connolly, after which the ballot was taken for Mr. C. H. Brampton, and, proving unanimous, he was initiated by the W.M., all the ceremonies being performed in a manner which won the approbation of the brethren. On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., the sum of £2 10s. was contributed from the lodge funds to the "Binckes Pension Indemnity Fund," R.M.I.B. The W.M. announced that he intended to attend as Steward at the approaching Festival of the Boys' School, and appealed to the brethren to support him in that capacity, and Bro. G. A. Thomason gave notice that at the next meeting he should propose that the sum of 10 guineas be given to that Institution from the funds of the lodge. The W.M. called the attention of the lodge to the appointment of Bro. W. A. Adams as Preceptor of the lodge of instruction. The Secretary announced that he had just received an intimation of the death of Bro. Jennings, who had been a member of the lodge for more than 30 years, and amidst deep and unanimous expressions of regret it was resolved to convey the sympathy of the lodge to his bereaved family.

Other formal business having been transacted, "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the lodge duly closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet room. The loyal toasts, and that of "The Grand Officers" having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and urged the brethren to support the efforts of the Charity Steward.

Bro. Srawley responded, and in a very able manner set forth the claims of the various Institutions, and gave a short but most interesting account of the history of Freemasonry in England for the last seven centuries, and of its close identity during that period with works of Charity.

The toast of "Lord Leigh, P.G.M., and the Provincial Grand Officers" was proposed by Bro. Bancroft, and responded to by Bro. Wilkinson, who, in feeling terms alluded

to an interview he had with Bro. Jennings during his last illness.

Bro. Locker, S.W., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said that Bro. Stackhouse had for many years done everything in his power to promote the success of the lodge, and had filled the various offices to which he had been appointed with the greatest zeal and courtesy, and now, as Master, his worth was appreciated by the brethren, by all of whom he was loyally and heartily supported.

The Worshipful Master, in his reply, said he was very thankful for the kind way the brethren received him. It was a great pleasure to know and feel that he was bound to them by strong ties of affection.

The toast of "The Initiate" was given and suitably responded to.

The toast of "The Visitors" was most cordially received, as was also that of "The Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge," which was replied to by Bros. Thomason and Parkes.

During the evening, songs, &c., were given by Bros. Skevington, Parker, Taylor, and Hetherington.

BOLTON.

Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 5th inst., in Freemasons' Hall. The lodge was opened, when there were present Bros. R. Nightingale, W.M.; W. Golding, S.W.; W. Forrest, J.W.; Rev. W. R. Clayton, P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; J. Booth, Treas.; H. L. Hinnell, Sec.; J. W. Thompson, S.D.; Thomas Murphy, J.D.; F. W. Briscoe, Org.; Thomas Barnes, I.G.; F. W. Brockbank, F. W. Broadbent, and George E. Greenhalgh, Stwds.; Thomas Higson, Tyler; J. Naylor, I.P.M.; J. Walker, P.P.J.G.W.; E. G. Harwood, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Slater, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Newton, P.P.S.G.D., Prov. A.G. Sec.; J. Booth, P.M.; John Hardcastle P.M.; T. B. Tong, P.M.; H. E. Mason, Spencer, and Walker. Also as visitors: Bros. J. W. Taylor, P.M. 221, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Harwood, P.M. 348, P.P.G.S. of W.; Thos. Morris, P.M. 221; J. Barrett (Mayor of Bolton), P.M. 146 and 1723; R. Hough, P.M. 146; D. W. Stevenson, 221; W. Altham, 1723; and Williamson, 221.

The lodge being opened, the minutes were read and approved. Mr. Arthur L. Briggs, J.P., who was balloted for and elected at the last regular meeting, was initiated into the Order by the Worshipful Master. A notice was read from Prov. Grand Lodge announcing that the annual meeting would be held at Burnley on the 21st inst.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, when a very enjoyable evening was spent.

During the evening the Charity box was passed round, and resulted in the handsome amount of £6 18s. 6d. being subscribed for the Masonic Charities.

CATERHAM.

Caterham Lodge (No. 2095).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Saturday, the 10th inst. The members present included Bros. F. A. Guimaraens, Prov. G.W., W.M.; C. W. C. Webb, S.W., W.M. elect; F. W. Manson, J.W.; H. E. Stenning, Treas.; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal, Sec.; F. W. Ball, S.D.; E. L. Balcombe, J.D.; J. E. Street, P.M.; E. Manson, J. Sawyer, G. S. Elliot, and amongst the visitors were Bros. Fredk. West, Dep. Prov. G. Master in charge; Col. G. Noel Money, W.M. 936; Pierre Tempels, P.M., Grand Orient Brussels; W. Portlock Radford, P.M. 1383; Locock Webb, Q.C., P.G.D.; T. C. Sandeman, S.W. 1383; R. D. Kearney, J.D. 15; H. Ford, P.M. 1181; H. Pearson, 349; W. B. Billinghurst, 522; W. Webster, P.M. 231; C. W. Bedwell, P.M. 452; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, after which Bro. C. W. C. Webb was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Guimaraens. The officers were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. F. W. Manson, S.W.; H. E. Stenning, J.W.; Tomkins, P.P.G.D., Treas.; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal, Sec.; P. Hall, S.D.; Balcombe, J.D.; E. Manson, I.G.; Gamble, Tyler. After the usual addresses, propositions were received, and several letters announced expressing regret for non-attendance, and the lodge was closed.

After an excellent banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, Bro. Sandeman briefly returning thanks on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Locock Webb, Q.C., P.G.D., also replied, and said it was extremely kind of Bro. Sandeman to have left so much to him, but he had nothing to say they had not heard before. He was extremely delighted to be with them, and considered it a great honour, but he did not forget he was with them five years ago, when he also had the honour to sit at their table just after the lodge was founded. His nephew had that evening been put in the highest post of honour it was in the power of the members to bestow. He begged to be allowed to say, although it was some years ago since he occupied the chair, that he had never seen the work of installation better performed than it had been that evening, and he congratulated them very much on that work. He heartily wished them success, and that all those high virtues, to which the Installing Master had referred, would be theirs collectively and individually.

Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal, in proposing the next toast, said he desired to follow in some little way the formula of the installation ceremony by first addressing a few remarks to the brethren generally, and adding a few words to a brother whose name he would couple. The toast was an exceedingly comprehensive one, being "The Sister Lodges throughout the World," wherever Freemasonry was upheld in its simplicity and purity. That toast was one seldom given, except in India, and he believed in the Colonies, because in those places they were generally favoured with one or more brethren of sister jurisdictions, and therefore were in a position to respond. In a small lodge such as theirs—a very happy although small lodge—they had never drunk that toast because they had never been favoured with the presence of a brother to respond. That evening they were so favoured, and in drinking to the health and prosperity of lodges in general, he should ask their particular attention to the Grand Orient of Belgium. They would notice the words Grand Orient, and he would explain that they were synonymous with Grand Lodge. Their constitution and ours was somewhat different, inasmuch as they acknowledged

what we call the High Grades or Christian Degrees, and we do not. In continental countries they found working side by side the Grand Orient and the Supreme Council, working from the First Degree up to the 33 Degree, but respect, brotherly love, relief, and truth were the three great points observed all over the habited globe. He wished to couple the name of their dear friend, Bro. Tempels, who was respected and loved in his own country, not only as a well-known Freemason, but as a high dignitary. Those were not idle words, for two years ago he was present at a banquet in Brussels given entirely in honour of Bro. Tempels, to whom a presentation was made, which was sufficient proof that that brother bore the respect and love of all his confrères in Masonry. Having addressed Bro. Tempels in French, thanking him for the honour conferred by his presence, and tendering him a cordial welcome, he gave a triple "fire," embracing all lodges in general wherever preserving the ancient traditions of Masonry in their purity, the Grand Orient of Belgium, and the health of Bro. Tempels, hoping he would visit them again, and win the hearts of all Masons, as he had already done.

Bro. Pierre Tempels, P.M., Grand Orient Belgium, said he was sorry not to be able to express his feelings adequately. Bro. Sandeman had kindly given him permission to express the devotion of all Masons for English Masonry. He did not know if Bro. Sandeman was the first Mason in England, but he was sure he was one of the best in the world. There was no difference between English Masonry and that of other countries, for it was all one common brotherhood throughout the world. In conclusion, he gave a triple "fire," as given on the Continent—lodges in general, the Caterham Lodge, and Bro. Sandeman.

Bro. Street, Prov. S.G.W., replied for "The Provincial Grand Officers," regretting that Bro. West had been obliged to leave, but expressing the wish of their absent chief for a prosperous year of office for the newly-installed W.M.

Bro. Ford, P.P.J.G.W. Devon, in response to the toast of "The Visitors," said it was quite true, as the W.M. had remarked, that he had travelled a long distance to visit them, but if it had been three times the distance he should have been more than pleased with the result. The Caterham Lodge was spoken of as a young one, but if all young lodges did their work as well, he thought they would shame many a good deal older. He had known the W.M. many years, and it had given him great pleasure to see him installed.

Bro. Guimaraens, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said he had also seen Bro. Webb in the chair of another lodge of which he was a member, and seen him perform the ceremonies, and therefore he could assure them that Bro. Webb would make a most worthy Master.

The Worshipful Master having briefly returned thanks, gave the toast of "The Past Masters," observing that they were brethren loved by all. The I.P.M. had passed through the chair with credit to himself and to the lodge, and as a small token of the esteem of the members he had to present him with a silver cup, hoping he would live long to drink it dry many thousand times.

Bro. Guimaraens, I.P.M., thanked them for the handsome present, which he should hand down to posterity as an heirloom. He had spent many happy days in the lodge, and trusted to be spared to be with them for some time to come. They had only been established five years, but they now had a good muster, and he had no doubt they would continue to be a prosperous lodge. It had always been his aim that it should do as well as any lodge in the province, and he did not think it came far short.

Bro. Manson, S.W., returned thanks for "The Officers," and said they would do their best to support the W.M. during his year. It was a labour of love, and if there was any one brother under whom he would rather serve as S.W. it was the present W.M.

The Tyler's toast closed a pleasant and enjoyable meeting.

DISS.

Montgomery Lodge (No. 1741).—The brethren of this lodge held their annual meeting at the King's Head Hotel, on Monday, the 5th inst., when Bro. David Simpson was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being most ably and impressively performed by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. Suffolk, and P.G.C. England. Bro. Simpson appointed the following brethren as his officers: Bro. G. W. Webb, I.P.M.; Harry Chase Green, S.W.; George S. Panks, J.W.; T. Slack, Treas.; J. Flatman, P.M., Sec.; A. Tyrrell, S.D.; J. J. Rash, J.D.; William Cracknell, Org.; Arnold Bobby, I.G.; Evans, P.M., and Rice, P.M., Stwds.; and Robert Staff, Tyler. Before the closing of the lodge Bro. C. T. Montgomery, P.P.J.G.W., presented to Bro. Flatman, the Secretary of the lodge, a very handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been subscribed for by the brethren, as a mark of their appreciation of the great services which he had rendered to the lodge since its formation 12 years ago. Bro. Flatman, in accepting the jewel, said that he was completely taken by surprise, as he had no idea such a step was contemplated by the members, but the handsome present he had just received would incite him to fresh energy, and he would try and work harder in the interests of the Montgomery Lodge than he had ever done before. He should always value the jewel as a lasting emblem of the kindness of the brethren in their appreciation of his humble efforts. The jewel (which was of a massive and handsome design, consisting of blue enamel, and 15-carat gold) had the following inscription engraved: "Presented to Bro. J. Flatman, P.M., P.P. A.G.P., by the brethren of Montgomery Lodge, No. 1741, May 5th, 1890."

After the closing of the lodge, the brethren celebrated their St. John's Festival by a banquet, served by their esteemed host, Bro. Burrage, in his usual excellent style, about 30 brethren and visitors being present.

Bro. D. Simpson presided, and was supported by Bros. Martyn, D.P.G.M. Suffolk; Webb, I.P.M.; and amongst the visitors were Bros. Tuck, P.M., Simmons, P.M., Beveridge, P.M., and T. A. Simpson, of the Phoenix Lodge (the mother lodge of the W.M.); Martin and Riches, of the Hartismere Lodge; C. Martyn, jun., and Buckenham, of the Faithful Lodge; Offord, of the Perseverance Lodge; and I. O. Green, of the Prudence Lodge.

The Worshipful Master proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were suitably responded to, that of "The Masonic Charities" being ably proposed by Bro. Offord, and responded to by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn,

who, in the course of a long speech, gave a very interesting account of the work carried on by all the Institutions in connection with Masonry, of which he is a most earnest supporter.

During the evening some capital songs were sung by Bros. Burrage, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Bobby, Panks, Martin, and others, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

ELSTREE.

Kingswood Lodge (No. 2278).—The first regular meeting of the season was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bro. John Petch, P.M., acting as W.M.; E. Blinkhorn, as I.P.M.; A. C. Halestrap, P.M., as S.W.; J. G. Cobb, J.W.; W. Pheasant, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, S.D.; J. F. Bell, P.M., J.D.; G. T. Chretien, as I.G.; H. T. Nell, P.M., D.C.; T. Williams, Asst. Tyler; J. W. Rattenbury, W. Sammes, E. H. Moore, W. Kennedy, T. B. Smoothy, and G. W. Parkinson.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting in September and the emergency meeting in April were read and confirmed. Bros. Smoothy, Kennedy, and Parkinson were raised to the Degree of M.M. The election of a W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, the choice of the brethren proving unanimously in favour of Bro. John Petch, P.M. Bro. W. Pheasant was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer, the brethren congratulating themselves on being able to secure his valuable services for another year. An Audit Committee was appointed, and a sum of money voted to Bro. F. Binckes' Pension Fund. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Rawson Kelley, P.P.G.W. West Yorkshire, W.M., for valuable services rendered to the lodge during the first year of its existence. Bro. John L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., was elected an honorary member.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to supper.

GRAVESEND.

Pegasus Lodge (No. 2205).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Old Falcon Hotel (by dispensation), on the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. Rev. Dr. Morris, S.W., W.M. elect; Viscount Dungarvan, Arthur W. Clemow, C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B., Sec.; John Barnett, jun., C. V. Hunter, C. W. Hurst, A. R. Carter, W. Baker, C. H. Chaffourier, and H. A. Saunders. Visitors: Bro. the Earl of Euston, Col. Cooke, R. Berridge, J. L. Mather, C. F. Hogard, H. F. Spencer, Scurrah, T. B. Dodson, C. Quilter, Edwin Storr, J. W. Thomas, W. Lake, T. Pedlar, A. McDowall, R. Glasspool, J. A. Gartley, J. Dennison, G. Cordwell, Jabez Church, R. L. Andrew, Arthur Scurrah, and D. R. Lowe.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. C. F. Matier then proceeded to install the W.M. elect, Bro. Dr. Morris, in the chair, who afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. Viscount Dungarvan, S.W.; Arthur W. Clemow, J.W.; C. F. Matier, Treas.; John Barnett, jun., Sec.; C. V. Hunter, S.D.; C. W. Hurst, J.D.; A. R. Carter, D.C.; W. Baker, I.G.; C. H. Chaffourier and H. A. Saunders, Stwds.; and G. Martin, Tyler. The Auditors' report was received and adopted, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, which was presided over by the W.M.

RICHMOND.

Richmond Lodge (No. 2032).—A large number of brethren attended the installation meeting of this lodge, held at the Greyhound Hotel, on Tuesday, the 6th inst. The members present included Bros. H. Sapsworth, W.M.; J. M. Marjason, S.W., W.M. elect; F. A. Crew, J.W.; W. Forster Reynolds, Treas.; G. C. Rowland, Sec.; A. Aldin, S.D.; T. Covell, J.D.; J. Aldredge, I.G.; R. Messum, D.C.; S. Abell and H. F. Nash, Stwds.; C. J. Digby, P.M.; B. E. Blasby, P.M.; E. Dare, I.P.M.; Skewes Cox, P.G. Stwd.; and many others. Visitors: Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middx.; F. C. Austin, P.M. 1733; Tudor Trevor, P.M. 2069; J. Hill, 975; W. Pittman, P.M. 1181; W. T. Peat, Sec. 1656; W. C. Page, P.M. 1475; J. H. Custance, S.D. 795; W. Courlander, 975; W. J. Hatton, 186; R. W. Forge, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; J. E. Shand, P.M., Sec. 2035; T. W. Briggs, 1275; C. T. Pullen, 749; J. W. Brooking, and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge being opened, the minutes were confirmed, and the Audit Report received and adopted. Bro. Laker was raised to the Degree of a Master Mason, and Bro. Ponting passed to the Second Degree. The principal item on the agenda was then proceeded with, and Bro. J. M. Marjason having been presented, was duly installed as the W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Sapsworth, I.P.M. The officers' collars were distributed as follows: Bros. F. A. Crew, S.W.; A. Aldin, J.W.; W. F. Reynolds, Treas.; G. C. Rowland, Sec.; T. Covell, S.D.; J. Aldredge, J.D.; R. Messum, I.G.; S. Abell, D.C.; H. F. Nash and G. Trinder, Stwds.; and F. G. Mitchell, Tyler. The usual addresses were ably rendered by Bro. Blasby, P.M. The sum of £2 10s. was unanimously voted to the Binckes Pension Indemnity Fund. Bro. Sapsworth, I.P.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented to Bro. Digby, P.M., a Past Master's and a founder's jewel to replace those recently stolen from him. Bro. Digby, P.M., in acknowledging the gifts, said he could ill afford the loss, especially of the jewels for which he had worked so hard and prized so highly, but how much more should he prize the jewels presented to him that evening, which were the practical outcome of that brotherly love, esteem, and regard in which he felt he was held by every member of the lodge.

Routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren subsequently enjoyed an excellent banquet.

The usual toasts were afterwards cordially given and received.

Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. Middx., in response to the toast of "The Grand Officers," thanked the brethren very much for the cordiality with which it had been received. With respect to the Grand Officers, there were few opportunities, during the time they had known what Masonry was, of finding such excellent officers as they had now. He had the honour of investing several of the Grand Officers on the preceding Wednesday, and he could say that they were brethren worthy to be upheld in all Degrees of Masonry. Bro. Lord Alcester had exerted himself as far as possible, and he also had the pleasure of investing Lord A. Churchill, and several others, including Bro.

Whythead, and there were very few brethren better deserving to be brought forward than those invested on that occasion. He had been gratified with what he had seen in the Richmond Lodge that evening, and particularly in the installation ceremony by Bro. Sapsworth, I.P.M. He had had many opportunities of witnessing the working of various lodges, and of W.M.'s, who in some instances had to be coached through the work, but he was happy to say Bro. Marjason, the W.M., would be able to support the dignity of the lodge for the ensuing year. He was happy to find that that lodge—which he had known for a considerable number of years—having seen Bro. Digby, P.M., in the chair, was now holding such a high position in Masonry and in Richmond. He was certain that as time went on the Richmond Lodge would hold a much higher position in Freemasonry than it did now, and he had no doubt there were many members who were looking forward to the position of the chair who would eventually become members of Grand Lodge.

Bro. Skewes Cox, P.G. Stwd., also replied.

Bro. Sapsworth, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said it afforded him great pleasure to propose the toast, having known Bro. Marjason for some years past, and having agreed so well during that period he hoped they would continue to do so in the future. They all esteemed and regarded their W. Master, for he was a genial and kind hearted brother, who would support everything that was right and proper. He (the I.P.M.) was pleased that Bro. Marjason had followed him to the chair, and he was also pleased to have had the opportunity of installing him.

Bro. J. M. Marjason, W.M., in the course of a brief reply, said it was particularly gratifying for a tradesman of Richmond to be Master of that lodge, and he did not know a prouder honour, and could wish for nothing better. He was one of the earliest joining members, and had not missed one attendance. He would say, for the benefit of the younger brethren coming on in office, that he always gave one evening up to a lodge of instruction, which practice he had maintained since he was first made a Mason. Now that he had arrived at the chair, he could only thank them for the honour conferred, and for the way in which he had been received that evening.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," observing that Bro. Sapsworth was one of the most willing Masons, and was ever ready to give information, and do his best to forward the proper performance of a brother's Masonic duties. They had never had a more popular Master than their I.P.M. who had done his work well and willingly, which could also be said of every P.M. in the lodge. In asking Bro. Sapsworth to accept a Past Master's jewel, he assured him it was a token of good feeling and fraternal sentiment from every member, and all trusted he would be spared many years to adorn the lodge, and for the jewel to adorn his breast.

Bro. H. Sapsworth, I.P.M., said that after the grand reception accorded him he was unable to adequately thank them, but he most sincerely thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks and the brethren for their cordiality. From the first moment he was made a Mason he became infatuated with Masonry, and he now belonged to three lodges and three chapters. He found it pleasant to meet so many kind and genial brethren, who were good men and true, and that had induced him to join them. He was initiated with Bro. E. Dare, P.M., and found it very different from what he had thought, as it gave him the impression that it was the right thing for a right thinking man to do. On being one of the founders of that lodge he was received with great kindness and friendship, and he persevered and was now their I.P.M. He thought at first that he should never be able to grasp the ceremonies, but he had gone through, and hoped he had filled the chair to their satisfaction. A year ago he told them he would do his utmost and endeavour to please them, and he trusted that now his year had expired they would consider he had fulfilled the contract. He had to thank them for the unanimous way in which they had voted him a Past Master's jewel, which had been a great delight to him, for it proved they had a good opinion of him. He hoped he should live for many years to wear the jewel and to meet them all in their lodge.

Bro. Blasby, P.M., in returning thanks for "The Past Masters," said he was pleased that evening to see a W.M. installed who had done his work so well in the past, for it was a good omen for the future. It was gratifying to them to be again visited by Sir Francis Burdett, and to know he thought so highly of their lodge. He had no doubt the lodge would continue to prosper, as every member attended and worked with an earnestness that was commendable.

Bros. Digby, P.M., and Dave, P.M., also responded.

Bro. Tudor Trevor, replying for "The Visitors," said it had been a great but unexpected pleasure to him to be their guest that evening. He was visiting Richmond, and naturally asked when the next Masonic meeting took place. After some trouble he was referred to Bro. Forster Reynolds, who gave him a cordial invitation. Although he was a Past Master and founder of a lodge at Leeds, he first saw the light of Masonry in India, where he passed the chair. Immediately previous to his leaving India the first Mussulman's lodge was started, and he was asked to become the first Master of it, but could not accept the honour. The brethren would be surprised to see how well the work was done by Hindoos, Mussulmen, and Parsees, and especially the latter. He had had the pleasure of sitting with Bro. Cama, the P.G. Treasurer, in a lodge in Bombay. It was interesting to him to see the little differences in the working of various lodges, but the working that evening had been as nearly as possible the same as that of Yorkshire. If any of the brethren present ever found themselves in Leeds the Yorkshire brethren would not be behind in offering hospitality, and if they would attend the Prudence Lodge he promised them they would receive a very cordial and fraternal welcome.

Bro. R. W. Forge, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, also replied, and, referring to Sir Francis Burdett's presidency of the forthcoming Festival of the R.M.I. for Girls, said he had no doubt the Masons of England would well support him.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was cordially given, and ably replied to by Bro. Forster Reynolds, Treas., and G. C. Rowland, Sec.

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toast concluded a successful meeting.

A first-class musical programme, which considerably enhanced the enjoyment of all present, was ably carried out by Miss Whitehead, Madame Cora Cardigan, Miss Adelaide Honig, and Bro. Louis Honig.

STAINDROP.

Rose of Raby Lodge (No. 1650).—On the 29th ult., the installation of Bro. M. Bradley, W.M. elect, was performed by Bro. Dr. Hill Drury, W.M. 1379, P.M. 85, and P.P.G. Reg. of Norfolk. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. Fawcett, I.P.M.; C. H. Sharpe, S.W.; T. Wood, J.W.; the Rev. J. M. Shepherd, P.G. Chap., Chap.; J. Robinson, P.M., Prov. G. Std. 'r., Treas.; T. Coates, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., Sec.; W. Swales, P.M., Org.; J. K. Wilkes, S.D.; R. A. Meacock, J.D.; G. C. Midgley, I.G.; J. J. Wilkes, P.M. 111, D. of C.; J. Hartley and R. C. Dunham, Stwds.; and T. Pyburn, Tyler. A number of visitors from neighbouring lodges were present.

After the ceremony of installation and other Masonic business was concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, at which the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In proposing "The Health of the Installing Master," Bro. Lux, P.M., P.P.G. Org., alluded to the fact that Bro. Hill Drury had now installed six successive Masters.

The Tyler's toast brought the interesting proceedings to a close.

TEDDINGTON.

Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This popular provincial lodge met at the Clarence Hotel, on the 30th ult. Among those present were Bros. A. J. R. Simmonds, W.M.; J. R. Barns, S.W.; J. Bonella, J.W.; J. Piller, P.M. 1656, 1793, Treas.; R. W. Forge, P.P.G.D.C., P.M., Sec.; W. Middleweek, S.D.; Dines, J.D.; Windeatt, I.G.; J. E. Ruffell, Org.; B. Müller, D.C.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., and Bennett, Stwds.; Gilbert, Tyler; W. J. Porter, jun., I.P.M.; E. W. Warner, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Finch, P.M.; Wm. Smith, C. F. W. Sage, W. R. Plaford, J. Barns, jun., T. Middleweek, Walter Smith, J. Hall, E. Hall, T. Plaford, F. Rivenhall, H. Ward, C. A. Houghton, H. Hunt, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Ward, Houghton, and Hunt were then impressively passed to the Second Degree. Bro. W. Furze, 1704, was balloted for unanimously as a joining member. The following resolution was then passed: "That the sum of five guineas be voted from the funds to the R.M.I. for Girls, and placed on the W.M.'s list. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M.; H. Room, P.G. Sec.; J. F. H. Woodward, P.P.G.S., P.G.S.B.; and others. Previously to the lodge being closed, Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls gave a notice of motion—"That in future the lodge meets on the last Wednesday in the months of September, November, March, and May, instead of the last Wednesday in the months of September, November, February, and April, and that the by-law be amended accordingly."

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

Previously, however, a very excellent photographic group of the members of the lodge was taken by Bro. Sage, one of its initiates.

The W.M. presided most ably, and an excellent programme of instrumental and vocal music was given by Bros. Ruffell, F. Rivenhall, E. Hall, J. Hall, and H. Cutler.

WALTON-ON-NAZE.

Arnold Lodge (No. 1799).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Clifton Hotel, when there were present Bros. W. M. Scarlett, W.M.; H. Wilkinson, S.W.; H. Finer, P.M., J.W.; Rev. G. Nugee, Chap.; E. Osmond, Treas.; R. H. Scott, P.M., Sec.; W. E. Sutton, S.D.; A. G. Rickarby, P.M., J.D.; T. Andrews, D.C.; T. H. Harman, I.G.; W. Wright, Steward; T. James, Tyler; Dorling, P.M.; G. Canler, P.M.; Wright, Dunn, Schofield, Randall, Purvis, Griffith, Pollard, Dowera, R. Scarlett, and Dwyer. Visitors: Bros. T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C. England, P.G. Sec.; A. Welch, P.M. 57, P.P.J.G.W.; A. Buck, P.M. 453, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. I. hos. Lloyd, W.M. 2342, P.P.G. Chap. Staffordshire; F. Quilter, P.M. 51; F. Horsman, W.M. 51; H. J. Skingley, I.P.M. 697; T. P. Allen, P.M. 263; Page, Starling, Keed, Mann, West, and Davies, 2063.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bros. R. Scarlett and C. Dowera were passed, and the Auditors' report read and accepted. The installation of Bro. H. Wilkinson, W.M. elect, was ably performed by the I.P.M., Bro. W. M. Scarlett, who was subsequently elected to represent the lodge at the Provincial Charity Association. The officers were then invested as follows: Bros. W. M. Scarlett, I.P.M.; E. Grocock, S.W.; W. E. Sutton, J.W.; Rev. G. Nugee, P.G.C. Middx., Chap.; E. Osmond, Treas.; R. H. Scott, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec.; C. P. King, S.D.; J. Harman, J.D.; W. Wright, D.C.; A. Purvis, Org.; T. Andrews, I.G.; Randall and Wright, Stewards; and J. James, Tyler.

A hearty vote of thanks having been passed to the Installing Master, the brethren adjourned to a splendid dinner, well served by the host, Bro. Dorling. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bros. R. Scarlett and Purvis.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE.

Sympathy Lodge (No. 855).—The annual installation festival of this lodge took place at the Town Hall, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., when Bro. Llewellyn White, P.P.S.G.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. F. Millman, P.P.J.G.W., assisted by Bros. R. V. Vassar Smith, D.P.G.M.; G. H. Perrin, P.M.; H. Perrett, P.P.G.S. of W.; and W. T. Gould, I.P.M.; and the following were appointed and installed as officers of the lodge: Bros. E. H. Henly, S.W.; R. M. Worlock, J.W.; A. Perrett, Treas.; F. Millman, Sec.; C. M. Penly, S.D.; W. J. Vigor, J.D.; W. T. Adams, I.G.; H. O. Lansdown, Org.; and W. Windon, Tyler.

The following were the visitors: Bros. E. Gregory, 270; V. P. Hadey, P.M., P.P.G.T.; T. Gullick, P.M. 53; and G. Adams, S. Bloodworth, and W. J. Lister, all of 761.

At the close of the lodge, the banquet was served at the Swan Hotel.

Prince George of Wales is actively engaged in superintending the fitting out of the screw gunboat *Thrush*, to which he has been commissioned, and which will form part of the North-American Squadron.

Royal Arch.

Fidelity Chapter (No. 3).—A convocation of this eighteenth century chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 2nd inst., when there were present, among others, Comps. G. Greenwood, P.G.S.E. Surrey, P.Z., M.E.Z.; W. J. Collins, H.; Colwell, P.Z., acting J.; Birch, S.E.; Radcliff, S.N.; Stevens, P.S.; Heming, P.Z., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey; Withers, Osborn, Mapleton, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, communications from absent members were read. Amongst the absentees were Comps. Graves, P.Z.; F. McDougal, P.Z.; Weeks, P.Z.; Capt. W. Williams, Kinsey, and Cochrane. It was proposed by Comp. Capt. Walls, seconded by Comp. Birch, and carried unanimously, "That the sum of £2 10s. be voted to the Pension Indemnity Fund, R.M.I. for Boys."

The chapter was then closed, and the convocation adjourned to the first Friday in November.

The usual banquet followed.

The M.E.Z. proved to be an able, fluent, and effective speaker.

The toasts were given to the point, and with commendable brevity.

Farringdon Without Chapter (No. 1745).

—This prosperous civic chapter met at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 28th ult. Among those present were Comps. J. Young, M.E.Z.; T. Simpson, H.; G. Herbert, J.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., S.E.; Webber, S.N.; Nelson Prower, M.A., P.S.; B. Lane, Mus. Bac., 1st A.; H. Herbert, 2nd A.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G. Std. B. Surrey, P.Z., Treas.; E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org., P.Z. (Hon. Org.); E. Brenelli, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of Principals and officers for the year ensuing then took place, with the following result: Comp. T. Simpson, M.E.Z.; G. Herbert, H.; Webber, J.; Capt. Walls, S.E.; N. Prower, S.N.; H. J. Lardner, Treas.; B. Lane, P.S.; H. Herbert, 1st A.S.; E. Brenelli, 2nd A.S.; and Mallett, Janitor. Comp. J. Young, having occupied the chair two years in succession, a gold bar to his P.Z.'s jewel to signalise the fact was unanimously voted to him, and a vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, also passed.

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

An excellent selection of instrumental and vocal music was given during the proceedings by Comps. Dr. Lott, E. B. Lane, J. Young, and G. Herbert.

BEAMINSTER.

St. Mary's Chapter (No. 707).—At a meeting of this chapter, held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., with Comps. S. R. Baskett, as Z.; C. Hann, as H.; and R. Toleman, as J., after the chapter had been opened, the ballot for the following candidates for exaltation was taken, and in every instance proved unanimous: Bros. C. Toleman, I.P.M. 1367; A. Hart, P.M. 814; G. Parry, P.M. 814; and S. Pile, P.M. 1181. Bros. C. G. Purkis, P.M. 1367, P.P.G. Purst., and the Rev. E. G. Austen, 1367, W.M. 976, P.G. Chap., were then admitted, and duly exalted. Comp. T. Giles, P.Z., having resigned the office of Treasurer, received the thanks of the chapter for past services, and Comp. J. S. Webb, P.Z., was unanimously appointed in his stead.

Nothing further offering, the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

CARLISLE.

Cumberland Lodge (No. 60).—The annual meeting for installing the W.M. was held in the Masonic Hall, Castle-street, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., when Bro. G. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G. Sec., presided. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Wm. Reed was advanced to the Honourable Degree of M.M. Bro. J. Cook, P.M., then presented Bro. C. J. Nanson, the W.M. elect, and he was duly installed, and afterwards invested the following as his officers: Bros. J. Cook, I.P.M.; T. Ormiston, S.W.; S. Lockyer, J.W.; J. Bewley, M.O.; T. J. Richardson, S.O.; T. L. Thorpe, J.O.; W. Court, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; C. J. Nanson, Sec.; J. T. Liddle, S.D.; W. Reed, J.D.; and T. M. Crompton, I.G. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Installing Master for his services, and Bros. S. Lockyer, H. Court, and Wright were presented with their provincial certificates. With other general business and "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, and the brethren subsequently partook of refreshments.

The following were also present: Bros. H. Court, G. Stevenson, and J. C. Mason, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.

This is the senior Mark lodge in the province, and was warranted about 30 years ago, and possesses many valuable relics. Amongst the many there is one worthy of special mention and interest to Mark Masters, viz., the Masons' marks that were sketched from the stone work of the Cathedral and Abbey buildings, and arranged by W. T. Creed, Esq., during the restoration of the refectory, and other works in the Abbey—1880-1. These marks are from the eleventh to the fifteenth centuries, and are framed in wood taken from the roof of the refectory, which timber was placed there in the time of Prior Condifour. Through the kindness of Bro. J. C. Mason, the marks have also been photographed, and any brother that desires a copy can have it.

The Prince of Wales, as Honorary Colonel of the 3rd Battalion of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (the Royal Cornwall Rangers Militia), has presented Lieut.-Col. the Hon. Charles Elliot and the officers of the battalion with an engraving of himself, which will hang on the walls of the men's quarters at Bodmin.

Bro. and the Baroness Burdett-Coutts entertained Mr. H. M. Stanley at dinner at their residence in Stratton-street, Piccadilly, on Saturday last, the officers of the Expedition and the members of the Emin Relief Committee, of which Bro. Burdett-Coutts is one, being also present. A reception in Mr. Stanley's honour followed the dinner.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, when there were present Bros. Klein, W.M.; Hewett, S.W.; Marx, J.W.; Mulvey, P.M., Preceptor; Blundell, P.M., Treas.; Bonham, P.M., Sec.; Hughes, S.D.; F. Deaton, J.D.; R. J. Harvey, I.G.; Robinson, P.M.; Harvey, P.M.; Dickenson, P.M.; G. Deaton, P.M.; Scheu, and Thompson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Bonham, P.M., answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Scheu as candidate. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of installation. The lodge was resumed in the Third Degree. Bro. Hewett rehearsed the ceremony of investiture of officers. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Hewett was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and he appointed the officers in rotation. It was unanimously carried that the votes of the R.M.B.I. belonging to the lodge be handed to Bro. Robinson. Bro. Mulvey, P.M., was unanimously elected Preceptor for the ensuing year, and Bro. Blundell was re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Bonham having been elected Secretary, it was unanimously carried that Bro. Wood, P.M., be invited to work the Fifteen Sections on the first Tuesday in June. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).

—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. J. Page, W.M.; E. J. Taylor, S.W.; G. H. Wood, J.W.; G. Wood, Preceptor; W. J. Stratton, Treas.; W. T. Dillon, S.D.; R. J. Rogers, J.D.; J. W. Chapman, I.G.; R. H. Dillon, P.M. 1567; N. Turner, P.M. 72; W. Chapple, S. Marks, and J. R. Hill. Visitors: Bros. Lichtenfeld and Lord.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Lichtenfeld having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Lichtenfeld candidate. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Lord candidate. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Lichtenfeld, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Lichtenfeld and Lord were elected joining members of this lodge of instruction. Bro. Taylor was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 2nd inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. J. Snooks, W.M.; D. T. Haylock, S.W.; D. S. Long, Sec. and J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, S.D.; A. Williams, J.D.; Reid, I.G.; E. Fox, E. Lucas, J. Pattison, H. J. F. Williams, and E. F. Nash.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Craggs acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Craggs rendered the 1st Section of the Lecture, Bro. Long putting the questions. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. A. Williams rendered the 2nd Section of the Lecture, under the direction of the Preceptor. The W.M. having risen, Bro. Haylock was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was given and recorded to the W.M. for his efficient services for the first time in the first time in this lodge of instruction. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE (No. 1541).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, on Saturday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Edwards, S.W. 1327, W.M.; F. Stanley, S.W.; A. B. Bayfield, J.W.; J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, 1541, 1987, Preceptor; C. Fruen, W.M. 1632, S.D.; J. Gilbert, Sec. 2345, J.D.; R. J. Davies, I.G.; J. Hampton, I.P.M. 145; C. A. Woods, P.M. 145; E. Farwig, P.M. 180; C. F. Luckhurst, I.P.M. 1604; and J. Lee, P.M. 1541.

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 Bro. Stacey, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Lee having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony in an effective manner. Bro. Farwig, assisted by the brethren, worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture, after which the lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time. On rising for the second time Bro. Fruen, S.D., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers. Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W. Present: Bros. A. F. Scholding, W.M.; J. C. Conway, S.W.; G. Gardner, J.W.; E. Rogers, P.M., G.S., Treas.; W. J. Mason, Sec.; J. T. Haly, S.D.; J. Bartlett, J.D.; E. Connell, I.G.; L. Ascott, P.M.; C. Bye, and A. B. Northcroft.

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. C. Bye being the candidate. The charge to the initiate was given by the W.M. The J.W., Bro. G. Gardner, worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro.

J. C. Conway was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes, was unanimously voted to the Chairman, Secretary, and Committee for their services in bringing the annual lodge of instruction supper, on Friday last, to such a successful issue. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. G. A. Knight, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; C. Woods, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. R. Hubbard, S.D.; T. Jobson, J.D.; J. B. Cory, I.G.; G. Swann, A. G. Talbot, S. Cochrane, W.M. 2345; W. Dresden, and James Sims, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a very careful manner, Bro. Swann acting as candidate. Bro. Hubbard gave the charge at the conclusion. Bro. Cochrane offered himself as a candidate for passing, and being found proficient, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. G. E. Higginson, W.M.; W. Hellier, S.W.; L. Fountain, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; J. Brown, S.D.; W. J. Jennings, J.D.; L. Cox, I.G.; R. H. Rogers, P.M.; F. Woodard; H. D. Gilbert, W.M. 1828; A. Larter, H. Cotton, and A. Love.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. H. D. Gilbert candidate. The 1st Section was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hellier was elected W.M. for next meeting. A letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to Bro. Wilder upon the sad bereavement of the loss of his eldest son. "Hearty good wishes" were given to the W.M., and the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on Friday, the 6th inst., when among those present were Comps. T. Grumant, P.Z. 1275, M.E.Z.; J. Hill, J. 1329, H.; G. L. Moore, P.Z. 169, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, S.N. 172, Preceptor and S.N.; Goodwin, P.S.; Milliken, A.S.; and Addington, P.Z. 1275.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, with Comp. Addington as candidate. Comp. Hill was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and was heartily congratulated for his able work as H. for the first time in this chapter. Comp. F. Hilton, Preceptor, announced that the three installation ceremonies would be worked on the 30th inst.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

A Special General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of taking into consideration a proposed revival of the rules and regulations as already agreed to by the Committee of Management, and of considering any further proposition or motion relating thereto that might then be brought forward. The chair was taken by Bro. J. A. Farnfield, and there were also present Bros. Dr. Jabez Hogg, Thos. Cubitt, Fredk. Mead, David D. Mercer, C. H. Webb, Charles Daniel, Smith, Edward West, George Jones, A. H. Tattershall, W. Daniel, Samuel Brooks, Charles G. Hill, G. Bolton, James Brett, Henry Garrod, J. Newton, George Everett, Charles Kempton, L. C. Haslip, George E. Fairchild, Alex. Mullord, Dr. H. J. Strong, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Henry Cox, C. G. Dille, Alex. Forsyth, E. M. Money, Hugh Cotter, W. J. Crutch, W. H. Making, Stanley J. Attenborough, Robert A. Gowan, W. W. Morgan, jun., Walter Martin, and James Terry (Secretary).

Bro. TERRY having read the advertisement calling the meeting, at the request of the Chairman also read letters from the Prov. G. Sec. of Durham, from Lodge No. 97, Sunderland, and from the Prov. G. Sec. of Lincoln, adverse to the proposed addition to Rule 1: "That no brother or widow of a brother shall be eligible for the annuity of this Institution unless the said brother shall have been a Life Governor of this Institution at least two years, or a subscriber of 21s. annually for five years before presenting his petition or before his death."

The brethren then proceeded to consider the proposed addition to Rule 37. The rule as it appeared on the books was, "Should any candidate be unsuccessful at two successive elections, and have attained the age of 80 years, the Committee of Management shall have the power to place him or her on the list of annuitants; and the proposed addition was "if in their opinion efforts have been made to secure his or her election."

The CHAIRMAN said that when this alteration was mooted the case was discussed of certain candidates being put on the list and being allowed to remain there until they were 80 years of age without any effort being made to secure their election, and it was with the view of preventing that that the words now proposed for insertion were suggested. They left to the discretion of the Committee the taking them on, placing a restriction at the same time on the Committee only to take them on if they thought efforts had been made to secure election. It struck the Committee that that was a very important alteration and would not press hardly upon any one, because it would not affect those who

had made efforts but only those who did not make efforts.

On the motion of Bro. D. D. MERCER, G.P., seconded by Bro. DANIEL, the addition was carried.

The next proposition was to add to Rule 1—"Qualifications for Male Fund"—but it will be observed that widows were included in the proposed alteration. "That no brother or widow of a brother shall be eligible for the annuity of this Institution, unless the said brother shall have been a Life Governor of this Institution at least two years, or a subscriber of 21s. annually for five years before presenting his petition, or before his death."

After Bro. Terry had read the alteration, and before its adoption was moved and seconded,

Bro. D. D. MERCER said he should at once move that the clause be not agreed to. He had consulted a very large number of supporters of the Institution, and they were certain that if that alteration was put before Grand Lodge it would be refused. Therefore, he felt it would be a proper course to move at once that it be not agreed to.

Bro. KEMPTON seconded, being perfectly sure it would not stand. It would, if carried, materially interfere with the Institution. Certainly for the next few years there would be no candidates eligible, or very few, because it was well known that very few candidates were Life Governors of the Institution. If the rule were carried it would prevent several candidates from coming forward for several years. To show that that opposition did not emanate from the provinces, he would second the motion of Bro. Mercer, because London would object to it quite as strongly as the country.

Bro. MULLORD asked whether that alteration had been authorised by the Committee.

Bro. TERRY said yes, and it had been before them for several months.

Bro. MULLORD said he had no further arguments than those they had heard, except that Bro. Kempton had said there would be no candidates. He wished it was so, but he was certain there would be amply sufficient candidates for the next few years or any number of years. Bro. Kempton seemed to take it for granted that the effect of that would be to bring more money to the Institution, but he (Bro. Mullord) did not think anything of the sort. Those who gave did not think they would ever want the annuity. It would not bring a pound to the Institution. They were in a fix now what to do with the candidates for the annuity and how to lessen the number. They must do something; and how were they to do it? Were they going to throw those over who supported the Institution in the days of their prosperity, or throw over those who never gave a penny to it? For his part, he said, throw over those who did nothing for it. They were only just beginning now to pile up the numbers of applicants. By-and-bye they would have double and treble the number. A man now belonged to two or three lodges, and spent all his spare cash on eating and drinking; that was what it meant; a man joined big lodges, and if he applied for the annuity those lodges took up his case. Another brother said he should like to belong to several lodges, but instead of doing so he preferred to belong to one only, and gave his spare cash to the Institutions. He might belong to only a small lodge, but was a good worker. But the one who belonged to several lodges pushed him out at an election, and he had to go on from year to year without getting enough votes. The other had made many friends of the mammon of unrighteousness, and when he failed they took him into their habitations. Charity should begin at home—they all said that—but in cases of that kind it began outside. The Secretary could show that there were ample brethren, even of those who supported the Institution, to become candidates if that resolution was passed.

Bro. JAMES BRETT, P.G.P., took the same view in opposition to the proposition of Bro. Mercer not to send the alteration to Grand Lodge. If it was sent to Grand Lodge they would see whether the brethren would cast it or not. It was said Grand Lodge would never pass it. He did not know that they would not. Let them vote as they chose. Let it go to Grand Lodge and be threshed out there. There were many reasons why it should be passed. It had been spoken of as turning Masonry into a benefit society. No doubt some people joined it for the purpose of its advantages; 900 out of 1000. He thought the alteration would shorten the list by weeding out the unworthy ones and leaving those who were worthy to have that which they were entitled to; having joined Freemasonry when they were in affluence they joined several lodges, and were able to get round them many friends and a large amount of support. They were, perhaps, men who never did anything for the Charities, and when, perhaps, they sank down applied for the charity of the Institution and walked over the head of a poor man, a tradesman, who had made himself a Life Governor of all the Institutions, but had not made himself so popular as to be able to get votes. There was another class who shut them out—Tylers, who tyled many lodges, and were able to get votes merely for the asking. This alteration of the rule would be a test case, and if it passed it would answer every purpose; it would shorten the lists as far as the deserving and undeserving were concerned; it would shut out the undeserving. He hoped the Board would send it to Grand Lodge and give the brethren generally an opportunity of saying whether they would have it or not.

It having been called to the attention of the Chairman, by Bro. S. J. ATTENBOROUGH, that there was no motion yet for the adoption of the alteration, and that an amendment could not be moved till an original

motion had been made, Bro. Mullord moved, and Bro. C. H. WEBB seconded, the adoption of the proposed new rule.

Bro. Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, Prov. G.M. Durham, said he had had that motion put before him by his province, and he might say that the feeling was so strong there against it that almost consternation prevailed in Durham on the point. He gave the alteration his most hearty opposition. Not only did he think it his duty as Prov. Grand Master for Durham to act as far as he possibly could in conforming to the wishes of his province, but it being his own view as well as of the brethren of his province, he had come to express it. If there had not been many expressions from the provinces against the resolution, he believed that only arose from the short notice they had had. He had had private notice from several, and as far as he could see Northumberland, Durham, Yorkshire, and Lancashire were strongly opposed to that alteration, and that was one of the reasons that brought him to that meeting.

On a division the motion was lost by 22 votes against 11.

The next rule proposed to be altered was Rule 1—"Qualifications, &c., for the Male Fund"—which is as follows. The proposed alterations we give within brackets: "No brother shall be eligible to be admitted a candidate for an annuity under the age of sixty years, nor unless he has been a registered Master Mason for fifteen years [these words in italics to be omitted], and a subscribing member to a lodge for at least ten years of that period [these words in italics to be omitted, and the word "fifteen" substituted for them], except the brother shall be afflicted with blindness, paralysis, or other visitation of Divine Providence [the italicised words to be omitted, and the following to be inserted in their place, "certified by two medical men as suffering from blindness, paralysis, or other affliction which in the opinion of the Committee] shall permanently incapacitate him from earning a livelihood, and that the affliction shall have occurred subsequently to his being raised to the Degree of Master Mason: in such case the party [candidate] may be admitted under sixty years of age, if he shall have been five years a registered Master Mason and subscriber to a lodge for that period. Secretaries who have been exempted by their lodges from the payment of subscription, shall not be disqualified from receiving the benefits of this Institution, provided their quarterages to the Fund of Benevolence have been duly paid for at least ten [fifteen] years, and they have been registered for the required period."

Bro. C. H. WEBB proposed the adoption of the alteration. The points were so clear that there was only little necessity to say anything about it.

Bro. BOLTON seconded.

Bro. Dr. FORSYTH said the average age of Masons was 10 years. Very few would be eligible if the Masonic life was to be 15 years, and he thought the alteration ought not to be accepted.

Bro. Dr. JABEZ HOGG, P.G.D., said that the late Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, made a very careful estimate on the life of Masons, which was that it rarely exceeded seven years. The majority left the Masons in seven years after joining. He (Dr. Hogg) did not approve of Dr. Forsyth's objection, because he thought the alteration would be an improvement in the laws of the Institution. The lists grew more and more congested year by year both with male and females, and it was quite evident that unless some intermediate steps were taken they would still go on disappointing a large number of those who came forward and asked to have their necessities relieved. It would be a great pity to encourage brethren to put their names down on the lists unless they had some hope of succeeding. Some had already been 10 or 12 years on the list, and no effort was made to get them elected. That was very much to be deplored. It was more the case in the country than in London, and it congested the lists and paralysed the brethren's efforts. Although they did not subscribe to the Charities they did indirectly, and Grand Lodge met the proposition by altering its rule, and subscribed so much every year to make all members more eligible. They ought to be eligible. They came into the Order in prosperous circumstances, and did not expect to come and ask for Charity. He hoped the better would never make it a benefit society.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Bro. L. STEAN said he had been a Mason 60 years, being made in the Peace and Harmony Lodge in 1830. He did not know of any rule by which they could judge of a man's Masonic life.

Rule No. 2: "No brother having an income of £40 per annum, or who is otherwise in a situation to provide for himself, shall be admitted to the benefits of the Institution." It was proposed to alter this by substituting £32 for £40.

This was carried by 28 against 3 votes.

The following new rule, to be added to Rule 3, page 38, was then proposed: "A candidate having been a Life Governor for five years at the time of presenting his petition, shall be entitled to 20 votes at each election until successful for each Governorship he may have qualified before his petition was accepted: but after his election all future right to such added votes shall cease."

Bro. C. H. WEBB moved the resolution, holding that brethren who had supported the Institution should be first recognised, and that rule would be a recognition.

Bro. MULLORD seconded, and said it was a most excellent rule. What were 20 votes in those days of thousands which were required to get a candidate in,

He only thought the rule did not go far enough, and he would even suggest a larger number.

Bro. W. SMITH preferred that it should be 40 votes.

Bro. BOLTON seconded.

Bro. JAMES BRETT, P.G.P., thought Bro. Webb's proposal a very liberal one. It would be a great pity to make the Institution a benefit society into which a person might buy himself.

The meeting threw out the 40 votes amendment by 19 against 13 votes.

Bro. C. F. MONEY proposed 50 votes, but not to be cumulative.

This was not seconded.

Bro. STANLEY J. ATTENBOROUGH proposed that the 20 be altered to 30. He would be glad to see it 100. How many of the present candidates were Life Governors?

Bro. TERRY: Not one, I think.

Bro. ATTENBOROUGH: What were even 300 or 500 votes among thousands. Let a candidate have a chance to come in, and let an incentive be given to subscribe. Say what they might, it was a benefit society. (No, no.) It was only playing with words to say it was not.

Bro. W. SMITH seconded.

Bro. Dr. STRONG remarked that it was very common for an election to be lost by a few votes. Mrs. Warren lost by three votes. Twenty votes given to her would have carried her in. The general rule on a brother coming into Masonry was to qualify as a Life Governor. Some thought when they had done that that they had contributed their quota to Freemasonry. Others followed a different course, and continued to subscribe. Others gave to other institutions as well.

The amendment was lost by 18 against 16 votes, and the original motion for 20 votes was then carried *nem. con.*

Rule 7: "If an annuitant shall become possessed of an income of £40 per annum, independently of his annuity, the Committee of Management shall have the power to reduce or suspend the annuity, according to the circumstances of the case." It was proposed to alter £40 to £32, and this was carried.

Rule 9 was altered as follows: "On the death of any male annuitant leaving a widow (to whom he was married not less than five [seven] years before his election, and who shall be not less than 55 years of age, or altogether incapacitated from obtaining her support) not otherwise provided for, she shall [may] be entitled, upon making application, and if approved by the Committee, to receive from the Widows' Fund a sum equal to one-half of the pension of her late husband for three [five] years after his death, and if she be a resident in the Asylum, to continue such residence during the same period, in order to give her the opportunity of applying for election on the Widows' Fund." "Subject to the approval of the House Committee" were substituted for the words in italics.

The following alterations were also agreed to:

Omit the whole of Rule 1, qualifications for Widows' Fund, p. 39, and substitute the following:

"1. No widow shall be eligible under the age of 60 years. Nor unless her last husband was qualified in accordance with Law 1, Male Fund. She must have been married to him for at least seven years; and if the widow of an annuitant the marriage must have taken place five years at least previously to the presentation of her husband's petition.

"Subject to these qualifications a widow shall be eligible to be accepted as a candidate at an earlier age, if suffering from blindness, paralysis, or other affliction, certified by two medical men, which in the opinion of the Committee shall permanently incapacitate her from earning a livelihood."

In Rule 3, in fourth and seventh lines, substitute "last" for "late," and at the end add the following:—"A candidate having been a Life Governor for five years at the time of presenting her petition, shall be entitled to 20 votes at each election until successful for each Governorship she may have qualified before her petition was accepted; but after her election all further right to such added votes shall cease."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. A. H. Tattershall occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. James Brett, P.G.P.; H. Garrod, G. Bolton, C. G. Dilly, Chas. G. Hill, Joseph Freeman, F. West, Hugh Cotter, Alex. Mullord, C. H. Webb, David D. Mercer, G.P.; J. Newton, T. B. Baniell, William Smith, Charles Kempton, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.D.; Thomas G. Bullen, P.G.S.B.; George E. Fairchild, George Jones, Chas. Daniel, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; W. H. Making, W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; A. Forsyth, W. H. Hubbert, W. H. Perryman, P.G.P.; A. Durrant, L. Stean, Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; H. M. Hobbs, Geo. Everett, S. C. Haslip, Fred. Mead, P.S.G.D.; Hastings Miller, Samuel Brooks, and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of a male candidate and a widow annuitant. The Warden's report for the past month was read.

The annual report, as prepared by the Committee appointed to draw it up, was read and approved, and it was ordered that Bro. Smith's report should be incorporated in it.

The applications of two widows for half their late husband's annuities were acceded to, and the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman for his services in presiding having been passed *nem. con.*, the Committee adjourned.

THE QUINQUENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHANCERY LANE SAFE DEPOSIT.

The quinquennial anniversary of the Chancery Lane Safe Deposit was celebrated on the 7th inst., and a distinguished company assembled at the invitation of Bro. Ex-Sheriff Thomas Clarke in Chancery-lane. The occasion was taken to open the new extension by Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P. The accommodation added to the existing 5750 safes consists of 250 new strong rooms intended for deed-boxes, &c., and two additional large strongholds for deposits, covering an area of 20,000 feet, and were designed principally to meet the requirements of solicitors and trustees who have the responsibility of valuable deeds and other documents. The strong rooms present a very unique appearance, being built into the very bowels of the earth under the main buildings, and vary in size. They are fitted with the electric light, and present an appearance of stolidity which is confirmed by the fact that they were arranged under the superintendence of the well-known firm of Milner, Limited. The interesting spectacle of these long avenues of strong rooms is heightened by the knowledge that many contain property of public interest. Here we see the large strong rooms in which the books of the Hibernian Bank were kept during the Parnell Commission. Then we notice the door that encloses a valuable collection of antiquities and coins, the result of excavations at Tharros, in Sardinia, the items being principally of the Egyptian and Phœnician Epoch, 600 years B.C.; here, again, another massive apartment preserves in safety the collection of Shakespearian Manuscripts collected by the late Halliwell Phillips. It is evident from these few instances that the public are learning to appreciate the security afforded by this magnificent stronghold, a conclusion which is further emphasised by the fact that during last year the number of renters increased 40 per cent.

After the reception in the inner vestibule and a tour through the maze of iron avenues, the guests assembled at a banquet in the large hall above, which was handsomely decorated for the occasion. Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P. (who when Lord Mayor of London inaugurated the Safe Deposit five years ago), presided, and among the visitors were—Lord Leamington, Lord Strathallan, Sir G. E. D. Sherston Baker, Bart. (Recorder of Barnstaple); Sir Fredk. Abel, C.B., D.C.L., F.R.S.; Sir Henry Berne, K.C.M.G.; Sir Hugh Montgomery, Bart.; Sir Graham Berry, K.C.M.G.; Sir H. Cartwright, M.R.I.A., F.S.A.; W. G. Cavendish Bentinck, Esq., M.P.; G.C.; T. Bartley, Esq., M.P.; H. Byron Reed, Esq., M.P.; Col. Duff Cater; Mitchell Henry, Esq., J.P., D.L.; Robt. Cunliffe, Esq., Vice-President Incorporated Law Society; J. J. Saffery, Esq., President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants; Consul-General Christmas; Mr. Alderman Evans, J.P., D.L.; G. Candy, Esq., O.C.; C. B. Birch, Esq., A.R.A.; Mr. Deputy Creasey; Rev. Canon Hemmans, M.A.; and others.

The CHAIRMAN, in the course of an interesting speech, referred to the institution as being a proof of the wealth and importance of the City of London, and confirmed his opinion of its success since he opened it five years ago. Bro. Ex-Sheriff Thomas Clarke's health was enthusiastically received, and, in returning thanks, he remarked that the Chancery Lane Safe Deposit had more than fulfilled his expectations, and, in spite of Solomon's assertion that there was nothing new under the sun, he claimed for the institution that there was originality in its conception. Besides the advantages to individuals the benefits were often of a public and official character, and the moral influence brought to bear upon the burglar was pronounced; indeed, it had been said his occupation had gone.

The usual loyal and other toasts were discussed, and, in the course of the evening, instrumental music was performed by the Grenadier Guards Band, directed by Bro. Lieut. Dan Godfrey, and an excellent selection of music was well rendered.

Ireland.

MASONIC LECTURE BY BRO. CARSON.

On Thursday evening, the 17th inst., Bro. Joseph L. Carson, associate Quatuor Coronati, and Junior Warden of Lodge 891, delivered a most interesting lecture on Masonic History and Symbolism in the Town Hall, Enniskillen. There was a very large assemblage of the brethren. On the motion of Bro. William Ritchie, W.M. 891, seconded by Bro. R. T. Forde, W.M. 205, the chair was taken by Bro. Dr. Ternan, Prov. G. Sec. Tyrone and Fermanagh, who very happily and felicitously introduced the lecturer and his theme. Bro. Carson gave a very graphic exposition of the earlier origin and character of the system, and of the virtues which it represented and symbolised. His explanation of the various emblems of the Craft was not only a revelation to most of the brethren present, but was made deeply interesting to all by reason of the undoubted research it displayed in Masonic literature and the vivid and graceful style in which the subject was expressed. Coming to later times, he detailed the history of the spread of the

Order in the United Kingdom, and mentioned a number of historic names, kings, statesmen, warriors, politicians, &c., who were ardent and prominent Masonic lights in their day. The lecture occupied over an hour in delivery, and exhibited, in its different branches and aspects, Bro. Carson's earnest and unceasing study of the literature of the Order, his deep regard for its principles, and the strong desire which animates him to see its membership enlarged and its precepts faithfully and consistently carried into practice.

On the motion of Bro. W. F. JONES, 891, seconded by Bro. W.M. GALT, 205, a warm acknowledgment of the grateful feelings of the brethren was conveyed to Bro. Carson by the Chairman, who took the opportunity of contributing, as he so well can, some additional information as to Masonic ethics and rites, while he referred in most complimentary terms to the extensive knowledge displayed by Bro. Carson in reference to the whole great subject of Masonry.

Bro. W.M. C. TRIMBLE, 205, then proposed, and Bro. THOS. ELLIOTT, 205, seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Ternan for presiding, and the brethren separated.

MASONIC BALL AT THE LEINSTER HALL.

On the 25th ult., at the Leinster Hall, Hawkins-street, Dublin, the members of Lodge No. 25 gave a grand ball in aid of the Masonic Charities of Dublin. These include the Girls' and Boys' Orphan Schools, the former situated at Ball's Bridge, and the latter at Clonskeagh. The great cause of Freemasonry is well maintained in these Institutions, but want of means is the cause of many deserving cases being rejected. There was another reason for the effort of Lodge No. 25. The Female Orphan School, in aid of which the ball was given two years ago by this lodge, had been freed from debt, but funds were required for the new boys' school, and, with the idea of giving some aid, the brethren of Lodge No. 25 entered upon the venture of holding a ball.

So far as the general arrangements were concerned they were as near absolute perfection as possible. The decorations were very fine, the hall being panelled with fine mirrors, whilst the galleries were set off with pale blue drapings, here and there being finely designed trophies of flags and bannerettes and artistic arrangements of variously coloured ostrich feathers and Pampas grasses. The platform, or dais, was arranged somewhat in drawing-room style, with a background of mirrors, behind which was a pleasing display of fairy lamps, festoons and flags completing the arrangement of a very pretty picture. It is unnecessary to go into details as to the dresses worn by the ladies. They comprised everything from a meek Quaker-like gown to the more recent fashion of unartistic garment, which is surmounted by the monstrosity known as the "Medici collar." Some of the costumes worn by the ladies, however, were decidedly handsome, and the ladies being handsome also, the effect was good. It must be confessed however, that on this occasion the best show was made by the members of the sterner sex, most of whom appeared in full Masonic regalia, whilst those entitled to wear what has been described as "the Queen's suit," wore their uniforms, the result of the combinations being decidedly felicitous. Notice should not be omitted of the beautiful arrangement of flowers on and around the platform. Some really superb blooms were exhibited, most of them being from the nurseries of Mr. Murphy, of Nassau-street. Mr. Murphy also had charge of the catering arrangements, which he carried out in a most creditable manner, and thoroughly in accordance with the reputation which he holds as a caterer, not only in Masonic, but in public circles. There were 20 dances on the programme, with three "extra." The programme is a most artistic production externally, on the back being miniature pictures of the Masonic Male and Female Orphan Schools. The dance music was supplied by the band of the Seaforth Highlanders, under the direction of Mr. Maxwell.

Australia.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

RE-ELECTION OF SIR WILLIAM CLARKE AS GRAND MASTER.

The United Grand Lodge of Victoria held its second annual communication at the Freemasons' Hall, Collins-street, Melbourne, on Monday evening, March 17th. The M.W.G.M., Bro. Sir William J. Clarke, Bart., M.L.C., having been announced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, entered, accompanied by Bros. George Coppin, M.L.C., P.G.M., the Deputy Grand Master; George Baker, P.G.M.; H. M. Coombs, P.G.M.; and the Present and Past Grand Officers. The M.W.G.M. opened the Grand Lodge in ample form, Bros. A. Aitken, S.G.W., and P. Joske, J.G.W., being in their respective places.

Bro. COVERLID, P.G.R., raised a point as to the recognition of his rank as Grand Representative of Arkansas, to which Bro. S. BUTTERS, P.B.G.P., replied that it had been referred to the Board of General Purposes. The roll of lodges was then called, and over 100 lodges responded to the call.

Bro. J. JAMES, P.D.G.M., proposed that the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., M.L.C., LL.D., Cantab, be re-elected as Grand Master for the

ensuing year showing, in a few words how the M.W.G.M. had in the past furnished ample proof of his high abilities for the office, how his time had always been at the disposal of the brethren, and how he had endeared himself to all Masons by the manner in which he fulfilled the duties of his high office.

Bro. GEORGE COPPIN, P.G.M., seconded the proposition for two reasons. First, because of the universal satisfaction given by the M.W.G.M. to the Craft in that colony, and, secondly, because it was an elective office, the election of Grand Master having been a landmark in Masonry long before Grand Lodges were in existence. Then the lodges used periodically to elect a brother to preside over them. Anyone so elected had much larger powers than the M.W.G.M. now possessed—powers which were now delegated to the Grand Lodge and the Boards of General Purposes and Benevolence. He hoped that in future these boards and the members of the Grand Lodge, who were the advisers of the M.W.G.M., would be elected instead of appointed.

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER then put the motion, which was carried *nem. con.* and with great applause.

The M.W.G.M., Bro. Sir WILLIAM CLARKE, in acknowledging the honour, stated that he had derived great pleasure from his visits to the various lodges of the colony. He begged to apologise to those whom he had not been able to visit, pleading that it was not because he did not desire to do so, but because of his inability to satisfy all claims upon his time. Whenever he had an opportunity to visit a Masonic lodge, he did so with great pleasure. He had found many friends in Masonry, and had never regretted making one of them. Should the Grand Lodge elect another able brother as Grand Master at the end of the year, he promised him all the assistance in his power, and it would give him the same pleasure to render it as it had given him to receive it from his colleagues.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies and the Grand Trumpeters then proclaimed Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., duly elected as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria for the ensuing year.

During the ceremony hymns were performed on the organ and sung by the brethren. The hymns sung were composed by Bro. Spencer.

The M.W. GRAND MASTER then announced that he re-appointed Bro. George Baker, P.G.M., as D.G.M.

Bro. BAKER expressed his thanks for the hearty goodwill and co-operation he had received during his first year of the United Grand Lodge, and felt convinced that the good feeling which had existed in the past would be confirmed in the future.

The D.G.M. having been proclaimed and saluted, Bro. A. Ellis, P.D.G.M., was re-elected as Grand Treasurer, and that brother thanked the members of the Grand Lodge for having been returned unopposed.

The communications from Grand Lodges included two, the Grand Lodge of Carolina and the National Grand Lodge of Denmark, both of which extended recognition to the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

The report of the Board of Benevolence showed an expenditure of £128 10s. for the quarter, and was adopted.

The next item was the report of the Board of General Purposes. This was taken clause by clause and carried. The first five items related to complaints settled by the Board. Nos. 7 and 8 were that there being certain Grand Lodge Officers under the Scotch Constitution not included in offices of this Grand Lodge, the Board recommended the adoption of the following relative rank:—Grand Architect as Grand Superintendent of Works; Grand Jeweller, Grand Bible Bearer, Grand Bard as Grand Director of Ceremonies; Grand Marshall, as Grand Standard-Bearer; Grand Director of Music, as Grand Organist.

The Board recommended that the Grand Master's apron, as sent from England, and which had been approved by the Grand Master and his Deputy, be adopted, the same being uniform with the other Grand Lodge clothing, and that the Grand Lodge be asked to rescind the resolution of the 17th June last, which adopted the embroidery of the Grand Lodge of England.

The Board had sanctioned accounts to the amount of about £800. The Auditor's report and balance-sheet were taken as read and adopted. The Grand Treasurer's balance was declared to be about £300; and although being quite satisfactory, a better might be expected next year, as the amount of the 2s. 6d. fee reached a total of £1043, while now lodges pay 7s. and 5s. per member.

Before this report was finally adopted, the Grand Secretary for Foreign Correspondence, Bro. Rev. D. MEADOWCROFT asked the President of the Board how the Board had dealt with Bro. Coverlid's patent from the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, to which the PRESIDENT replied that the Board had declined to deal with it, it having been presented in an irregular form.

A spirited and very protracted discussion arose on the point whether it was binding for members to elect six country members out of the 14 to be elected for the Board of General Purposes, and whether an equal number of Past Masters and Worshipful Masters had to be elected.

Bro. A. ELLIS, G. Treas., moved that six out of the 14 members should be country members, to be either Worshipful Masters or Past Masters.

Bro. J. O. NEUMANN, P.G.S.B., contended that it was not legal for the Grand Lodge to consider any resolution of which no notice had been given, and which had not passed the General Committee.

The resolution was finally put and carried, and ballot papers for 14 members of the Board of General

Purposes and for 12 members of the Board of Benevolence were issued, and the ballot-box closed.

Bro. C. B. FINLAYSON, P.S.G.W., moved that the office of Grand Secretary for Foreign Correspondence be abolished, so as to save the outlay of £100 per annum.

A lengthy and angry discussion ensued, at the end of which a vote was taken, and with the result that the motion was defeated by a very large majority.

Bro. A. ELLIS, P.G.D.M., G. Treas., moved—"That in lieu of the holding an annual banquet this year, the anniversary of the formation of the United Grand Lodge be celebrated by a grand Masonic ball, to be held prior to the end of May, and that the Grand Stewards for the year and the Past Grand Stewards be hereby authorised to make the necessary arrangements for same, the net proceeds to be devoted to the Fund of Benevolence of the Grand Lodge."

This was carried.

Bro. W. F. LAMONBY, P.S.G.W., had a notice of motion on the agenda to the effect that the Grand Lodge of Victoria join the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076 (E.C.), but, on account of the late hour, it was postponed till the June communication.

Another notice of motion, by Bro. COVERLID, reducing the Grand Secretary's outlay from £600 to £400 per annum for the present was withdrawn.

The Grand Officers for the year were appointed, invested, and inducted into their several positions. The office of Grand Master Warden was conferred on Sir M. H. Davies, K.C.M.G., Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. WM. MANN.

The brethren of the Shakespeare Lodge, Warwick, No. 284, have shown their appreciation of the worth of their House Steward, Bro. Wm. Mann, by subscribing a purse and presenting it to him with a written testimonial on the occasion of his departure from Warwick, to take up his residence in Brighton. Bro. Mann by his uniform courtesy and straightforward conduct has won for himself the respect and esteem of the whole of the members of his lodge, and his departure has been deeply regretted by the brethren.

The testimonial is worded as follows:—"It was resolved that the thanks of the brethren be given to Bro. William Mann for the efficient manner in which he had carried out his duties as Tyler of the lodge for the period of 11 years, and that the brethren be invited to subscribe to present Bro. Mann with a small token of their appreciation of the honesty, civility, and trustworthiness always shown by him as Steward of the Masonic Rooms at Warwick.

JAS. SPILSBURY, W.M.

S. W. COOKE, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Warwickshire,
Secretary No. 284.

Bro. W. Drewett, Editor of the *Kingston and Surbiton News*, sends us the following extract from his paper referring to incidents in which two members of the Dobie Lodge, No. 889, Kingston-on-Thames, and of which he is a Past Master, took part:

"Such of my readers who are within the pale of Freemasonry will feel a special interest in what I am about to relate. In last week's *Kingston and Surbiton News* Mr. James Edgell, who holds office (S.D.) in the Dobie Lodge, which meets at the Griffin Hotel, and of which the affable post-master of Kingston is the present W.M., told how he had fallen in with a brother in the Craft, and had been invited to the installation meeting of a lodge in Naples, where he was received with the greatest kindness, and treated with the utmost courtesy. In that was an instance of the unexpected pleasure which a Freemason often experiences when many miles away from his home. On the day before Mr. Edgell's communication from Naples was printed, I had a letter from Mr. Kenneth Campbell, at present in Capri, and who, like Mr. Edgell, is also a member of the Dobie Lodge. From it I found that at the very time Mr. Edgell was enjoying the company of brother Masons in Naples, Mr. Campbell was watching by the death-bed of one whom he had known as a brother artist, and also as a brother in Freemasonry. Summoned by telegraph, Mr. Campbell crossed over in an open boat from Capri to a little fishing village on the Bay of Naples to tend this friend and brother in his last moments, for he had but one relative near him. On the fourth night death released the sufferer—who was himself a doctor, and had taken a chill when crossing over the mountains to see a poor peasant—and then, as no other friends were near, Mr. Campbell performed all the last sad offices for the dead. That done, the next day he superintended the removal of the body to Capri for interment. The crossing was accomplished in a violent storm, which threatened destruction to the boat and its crew, and at times the hurricane was so fierce that Mr. Campbell crept under the tarpaulin which covered the coffin to escape from its fury. Capri was reached after a long and hazardous journey, and the following day the remains were laid to rest in the non-Catholic portion of the cemetery, and over the grave, for the comfort of the sorrowing brother and sister of the deceased, the friend and brother read the Burial Service of the Church of England. That is another side of the ties which pure Freemasonry forms and maintains."

Bro. A. Leon Emanuel, P.M., P.P.G.D. Hants and Isle of Wight, was, on Thursday, the 8th inst., sworn in before a very full bench at Portsmouth as one of the Borough Magistrates.

WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

The Great Western Railway Company announce that a fast excursion train for the West of England will leave Paddington at 7.45 a.m. on Saturday, May 24th, reaching Exeter in 5½ hours, and Plymouth in 7½ hours, and that excursions will also be run on the same day to Bath, Bristol, Dorchester, Weymouth (for the Channel Islands), Gloucester, Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, and other stations on the Great Western system; passengers will also be booked at excursion fares to certain stations in the South of Ireland. Excursions will also be run to London from most of the principal stations, and cross country trips have also been arranged. To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, May 24th, the company will run in duplicate, the 9.0, 11.45 a.m., 1.0, 3.0, 5.0, and 9.0 p.m. trains from London to the West of England; and the 3, 45, and 6.30 p.m. trains from London to the North; the 10.20 a.m., 12.0 noon, and 9.15 p.m. trains to Weymouth, Hereford, and South Wales. The first portions of the 9.0 a.m., 5.0, and 9.0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 8.55 a.m., 4.55, and 8.57 p.m. respectively, but the first parts of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being as far as possible taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers. Passengers for Windsor who are usually conveyed by the 6.20 p.m. train from Paddington, will be taken by the 6.30 p.m. train instead. On Bank Holiday, excursions will be run to Reading, Bath, Bristol, Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, and other stations. Arrangements have been made for the issue of tickets during the week preceding Whit Sunday, at the Company's City and West-end offices, viz.: 193 and 407, Oxford-street; 23, New Oxford-street; Holborn-circus; 29, Charing-cross; 269, Strand; 26, Regent-street; 5, Arthur-street East, London-bridge; 82, Queen Victoria-street; 43 and 44, Crutched-friars; 67, Gresham-street; and 4, Cheap-side. The booking offices at the Paddington station will be open all day on May 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, when passengers can obtain tickets at any time for use on either day.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

The Great Northern Railway Company announce that on Saturday, May 24th, cheap three or six days' excursion trains will be run from London (King's Cross Station) to Huntingdon, St. Ives, Lynn, Wisbech, Norwich, Cromer, Yarmouth, Spalding, Lincoln, Nottingham, Derby, Sheffield, Manchester, Doncaster, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Keighley, Halifax, York, Scarborough, Darlington, Durham, Newcastle, &c. On Whit Monday, May 26th, cheap excursion trains will be run from Victoria (London, Chatham, and Dover), Moorgate-street, King's Cross (Great Northern), &c., to Harpenden, Luton, Dunstable, St. Albans, Hitchin, and Cambridge. Cheap fast excursions will also be run on Saturday, 24th, and Monday, 26th May, from Moorgate-street, Farringdon-street, King's Cross, Finsbury Park, to Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea, and Mablethorpe. Three or four days' tickets will be issued by the excursion on Saturday, available for return by the excursion on Monday, or by one ordinary train on Tuesday. Manchester Races.—On Thursday night, May 29th, a fast excursion for two days will be run from Moorgate-street, King's Cross, Finsbury Park, &c., to Manchester. To prevent inconvenience from crowding at the company's principal terminal station—King's Cross—tickets dated in advance will be issued at King's Cross (Great Northern), Victoria (London, Chatham, and Dover), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate-street, Aldersgate-street, Farringdon-street, and Finsbury Park Stations, and at the following ticket offices: 285, Oxford-street; Star Office, 138, Victoria-street, Pimlico; Albert Gate Office, 1, William-street, Lowndes-square; Royal Oak Office, 6, Porchester-road, Westbourne Grove; 111, Strand; Bee Hive, Whitecross-street; 80, Bishopsgate-street Without; Charles-street, Farringdon-street; 22, Wood-street; 264, High Holborn; 90, Tottenham Court-road; 95, High-street, Borough; 190A, Westminster Bridge-road; 44, Broad-street, Cannon-street; 1, Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall-street; 3, King Edward-street, Newgate-street; 16, Fish-street Hill; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; Great Northern Company's Poplar Docks Station, Preston-road; Royal Victoria and Albert Docks (Great Northern Company's Office), and at the offices of Messrs. Swan and Leach, Limited, 3, Charing Cross and 32, Piccadilly-circus.

Prince Albert Victor rejoined his regiment (the 10th Hussars) at York on Tuesday, and will receive a congratulatory address from the Corporation of the City on his return from India. His Royal Highness will also next month open the new north sea wall and marine parade at Scarborough, which has just been completed.

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Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord George Hamilton, and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., attended the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Saturday last.

The East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463 (Instruction), has closed for the summer, and will meet again on the 2nd September at the Greyhound Hotel, High-street, Croydon.

On Monday Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs presided at the annual dinner in aid of the funds of the Association for the Oral Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, Fitzroy-square.

Bros. Lord Hartington, Lord Wolseley, Lord Airlie, Lord Wantage, Sir W. Marriott, O.C., M.P., E. Lawson, M.P., Sir Robert Fowler, M.P., and Henry Irving have joined the Light Brigade Relief Committee.

On Monday next the Princess Mary of Cambridge, Duchess of Teck, will open the first building, capable of accommodating 133 persons, which has been erected by the Ladies' Dwellings Company, near Sloane-square.

Bro. Lord Wolseley has been suffering lately from a recurrence of the Indian Fever, which frequently attacks him when he gets a chill. He is now better, but was obliged to give up all his engagements at the end of last week.

At the dinner given by the First Lord of the Treasury to the Duke of Cambridge, last week, the guests included Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe and Lady Alberta Edgcumbe, Lady George Hamilton, and Bro. Sir Patrick and Lady Grant.

The annual festival of the Theatrical Mission, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, will be held to-morrow (Saturday), when the Duchess of Teck will attend and receive purses in aid of the fund for completing the purchase of Macreedy House. Prizes will also be presented by Princess Victoria of Teck.

Hastings, as a health resort, still maintains its well deserved prominence, and visitors could not do better than locate themselves at Bro. Townsend's Royal Marine Hotel, which is one of the oldest established in Hastings, and, apart from its excellence, attracts special notice from its historical connections with the late French Emperor and the Imperial Family.

A deputation, introduced by Bro. Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., waited upon Bro. the Lord Mayor (Sir H. A. Isaacs), on Saturday last, with a view to obtaining greater facilities of access for the public to the Home Park at Hampton and Bushey Park, and his lordship intimated that a meeting should be held at the Mansion House in furtherance of the object on the 13th June next.

As an extraordinary general meeting of the United Service Club and the unveiling of the memorial statue at Chatham to General Gordon have both been fixed for Monday next, the meeting at the Royal United Service Institution respecting a memorial to the late Field-Marshal Lord Strathnairn, G.C.B., has been postponed to Thursday, the 22nd inst., while on the following day Bro. the Lord Mayor has agreed to receive a deputation on the subject at the Mansion House.

To-morrow (Saturday) Princess Christian will preside at a Drawing Room, which will be held, by permission of Lady George Hamilton, at the residence of the First Lord of the Admiralty, to urge the importance of establishing a Home of Rest for Nurses. A committee of ladies has already been formed, of which the Princess Christian is President, and among whose members are the Duchess of Abercorn, Lady Edward Cavendish, Lady George Hamilton, Lady Audrey Buller, and Theresa Countess of Shrewsbury, for the purpose of founding a home where nurses can enjoy the much-needed holiday.

At the regular meeting of the Bagshaw Lodge, 1457, held on the 8th inst., Bro. Herbert S. Day was elected W. Master for the ensuing year. The present W. Master, Bro. Wm. James Shadrake, presided, and, in his customary able manner, performed the several ceremonies. Amongst these was the raising of Bro. James Stevens (son of Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z.) to the Third Degree. A Past Master's jewel, of the value of 10 guineas, was unanimously voted to Bro. Shadrake for his eminent services during his year of office. After lodge had been closed two or three very pleasant hours were spent by the members and numerous visitors before they separated.

The National Co-operative Flower Show has again been arranged to be held at the Crystal Palace. The date fixed is Saturday, August 16th. Last year the show attained colossal dimensions, filling the great nave of the Crystal Palace from end to end. The number of exhibits were over 4000, and visitors exceeded 32,000. This year the Agricultural and Horticultural Association of London contributes nearly £200 in prizes, and the Crystal Palace Company £150. It is expected that special prizes will also be offered by numerous London and Provincial Co-operative Societies, as was done last year. The schedule just issued is a 52-page pamphlet. It embraces offers of 825 money prizes, besides silver and bronze medals, and—for the first time—a champion gold medal. One new feature is the division of exhibitors into geographical districts. For the more important prizes the country is mapped out into five districts, so that exhibitors from the north will not have to compete against the south, the west, the Midlands, &c., or vice versa. The Secretary is Mr. Edward Owen Greening, of 3, Agar-street, Strand, London, W.C., from whom schedules can be obtained free of charge.

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.

Bro. W. Lincoln, of High Holborn, has been awarded a bronze medal at the Vienna Philatelic Exhibition for the well-known "Lincoln" Postage Stamp Albums.

Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., has consented to act as Treasurer of a fund that the Aborigines' Protection Society are about to raise for the benefit of the sufferers by the famine in Eastern Soudan.

Bro. Col. Henry Lumsden, Grand Master West Aberdeenshire, was installed W.M. of the London Scottish Rifles Lodge at Mark Masons' Hall on Thursday. We shall report the proceedings in our next.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Princesses Victoria and Maud and Prince Albert Victor, visited Messrs. Agnew and Sons' Galleries in Old Bond-street, on the 8th instant, to view the pictures of Mr. Burne-Jones.

At the last meeting of the Coleridge Lodge at the Masonic Rooms, Public Hall, Clevedon, it was stated that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset will hold their next annual meeting in that town. A Committee to make the necessary arrangements was appointed.

The Queen has been pleased to forward through the Marquis of Tweeddale a donation of £50 in aid of the funds of the Railway Benevolent Institution, at whose anniversary festival on the 2nd inst. his lordship presided. This is the sixth donation from her Majesty to the Institution.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Londesborough have resolved on giving up their Hampshire residence—Northwood House, Lyndhurst—which they have occupied for 20 years, and, when in the country, will reside at Londesborough Lodge, Scarborough. The sale of the celebrated Jerseys and other cattle on the New Forest estate is fixed to take place on the 28th inst.

The brethren of the Devonshire Lodge, No. 625, opened their new rooms, Norfolk-square, Glossop, on Thursday, the 9th inst. Luncheon was partaken of at the Norfolk Arms Hotel, after which the lodge adjourned to the new rooms, the door being unlocked by Bro. Capt. Partington, who formally declared the rooms open. Bro. W. Eversden, W.M., presented to Bro. Capt. Partington an 18-carat gold miniature key as a fitting emblem of the day's proceedings.

The decorations worn by the Committee on the occasion of the conversazione and reception to welcome Mr. Stanley at the Guildhall, on Tuesday, were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning. They are oval in form, in the centre being a figure representing progress and civilisation, supported on either side by Emin Pacha and Stanley. It bears the City shield and motto, with a figure representing civilisation at the base of the jewel.

In the Literary Institute, Edinburgh, a smoking concert was given on the 7th inst., under the auspices of the Lodge Roman Eagle, No. 160, in aid of the Scottish Benevolent Scheme, for which the Craft in Scotland propose to raise £10,000. Bro. James Craig, R.W.M., presided, and the evening, during which a capital entertainment, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, recitations, &c., by a company of professionals and amateurs, was given, passed off to the satisfaction of a large audience.

The Queen left Windsor, accompanied by Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, for London, on the 8th inst., and the day following held a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace, which was very numerously attended. On Saturday afternoon, after receiving the Jubilee offering of the Army and Navy, which was presented to her Majesty by the Duke of Cambridge, who was accompanied by a deputation representative of all the forces, she returned to Windsor.

"New Lamps for Old," at Terry's Theatre, reaches its 100th performance on Wednesday, the 21st inst., on which occasion Mr. Alfred Bishop will play the part of Poselthwaite in place of Mr. F. Kerr who goes to the Shaftesbury. There is not the slightest truth in the report that Miss Grahame intends shortly producing a new play by Mr. Carton. She has accepted a play by that gentleman, but owing to the increasing success and heavy advance bookings for "New Lamps for Old," the production of Mr. Carton's play may not take place this year. Mr. J. H. Darnley will shortly produce, at a matinee in this theatre, his three act farcical comedy, "Wanted, a wife."

On Monday afternoon her Majesty unveiled the Women's Jubilee offering, that is, the equestrian statue of the late Prince Consort, at Windsor. There were over 1200 troops on the ground, including detachments of all the various regiments with which his late Royal Highness was at any time associated, and among those on the ground were the King of the Belgians, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Princes Albert Victor and George and the Princesses Victoria and Maud of Wales, the Duchess of Albany and her children, the Duke of Portland, the Marchioness of Hertford, the Lady Alberta Edgcumbe, Lady Muncaster, and other members of the Committee. The ceremony of unveiling was performed by the Queen herself, and after that the Royal Artillery fired a Royal salute. The Royal and other visitors afterwards inspected the statue, and her Majesty was pleased to congratulate Sir E. Boehm on the success of his work. The statue cost £10,000, £7000 being devoted by her Majesty to founding the association for providing nurses for the sick, while £5000 was spent in the purchase of a diamond necklace.

Bro. Antonio Mella, the proprietor of the Star and Garter Hotel, at Richmond, on Wednesday, inaugurated his third season there in a soundly philanthropic manner by giving a grand ball for the benefit of the Italian Benevolent Society, the Italian Hospital in Queen's-square, Bloomsbury, and the Italian School. All these institutions exist in London for the purpose of helping in their respective ways those sick, poor, or destitute Italians who find themselves stranded in the Metropolis without means of helping themselves or communicating with friends in their own country. Besides receiving a generous support from the well-to-do members of the Italian colony in London, these charities also obtain a certain amount of help from their native Government, and in consequence of this the ball was held under the direct patronage of the Italian Ambassador, Consul-General, and Chamber of Commerce. The comfort of the guests, who numbered upwards of 300, was most carefully looked after and studied by Bro. Mella. Supper was served in the Prince's Hall, and the dancing was carried on in the handsomely decorated new pavilion on a perfect floor to the strains of an excellent band.

Bro. Sir John Bennet has returned to Eastbourne, where he regularly resides now for part of the year.

The summer meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire will be held at the Bishop's Palace, Southwell, on Thursday, June 19th.

We are asked to notify that the Crystal Palace Lodge of Instruction now meets at 8 o'clock, instead of 7.30 as heretofore, at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon is confined to his house in Portman-square by an attack of rheumatic gout. A reception which the Earl and Countess had arranged for this week has been abandoned.

Bro. the Duke of St. Albans has purchased No. 13, Grosvenor-crescent, of Mr. Arthur Wilson, who has removed to Grosvenor-place, and with the Duchess will take early possession of his new house.

In our list of the members elected to the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, which we published last week, appeared the name of Bro. J. Powell. It should have been Bro. George Powell, who we believe is the first member resident at Brighton elected to the Circle.

Bro. Major-General A. H. W. Williams, R.A., Commandant of Woolwich Garrison, was, on Monday last, installed as W.M. of the Ubique Lodge at the Café Royal, Regent-street. Bro. Capt. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Kent, was the Installing Officer. A full report will appear in our next.

Bro. the Right Hon. Admiral Lord Alcester, G.C.B., S.G.W., has kindly lent the sword of honour presented to his lordship by the Corporation of the City of London to the manufacturer, Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain, E.C., and it is on view in his show case in the East Gallery of the Royal Military Exhibition, Chelsea.

The picture-gallery at the Crystal Palace has just been re-arranged, under the direction of Mr. Wentworth Wass, the exhibition consisting, as before, of new works, together with a few that have attracted attention in various London collections. Numerous gold, silver, and bronze medals have been awarded, the judges being Mr. E. Long, R.A., Mr. Henry Moore, A.R.A., and Mr. E. A. Goodall. The favours are fairly divided between English and foreign artists.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Leprosy Fund was held at the town residence of Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, on the 9th inst., among those present being Bros. Sir Algernon Borthwick and Sir Somers Vine, the honorary Secretary, the latter of whom presented the audited statement of account of the dinner held in January under the presidency of the Prince of Wales. The moneys at the disposal of the Committee are reported as being about £6000.

A telegram from Washington, on the 14th inst., says: By request of the Prince of Wales, Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Minister, to-day planted in front of George Washington's tomb, at Mount Vernon, an oak sapling propagated in the Government botanical gardens here from an acorn which Sir Julian Pauncefote brought from England, in order to replace the dead tree which his Royal Highness planted himself on his visit to the United States some years ago. The British Minister in his speech expressed the appreciation of the Prince of Wales and himself for the readiness with which the regent of Mount Vernon had acceded to his wish to plant a tree by Washington's grave. He also eulogised the virtues of the first President, and hoped that the tree would endure as a token of the feeling of attachment entertained by the Royal Family and people of Great Britain for the United States.

On Monday evening, the 12th inst., at Exeter Hall, the Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, who was accompanied by her daughter Princess Victoria, distributed the prizes in connection with the Ragged School Union. The chair was taken by Lord Kinnaird, and among those on the platform were the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, Mrs. A. Bevan, and Sir T. Powell Buxton. The hall was crowded. The annual report, read by Mr. John Kirk, the Secretary, showed that in the 190 buildings connected with the organisation there were 218 Sunday afternoon and evening schools, with an average attendance of 43,957; 24 day schools, on the books of which were upwards of 2500 children; 101 week night schools, attended by an average of 3,490; and 84 industrial classes, with 38,43 attending. The bands of hope had 8974 members; in the penny banks there was deposited during the year over £9000, of which there still remained at Christmas about £2000. There were 3739 voluntary and 84 paid teachers. During the year 885 scholars went to situations from the schools, and more than 3000 children were sent to holiday homes for a fortnight. The receipts for the year amounted to £12,517.

The reception of Mr. H. M. Stanley at the Guildhall on Tuesday by Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Corporation proved to be one of the grandest spectacles of the season. The reception accorded to the great African traveller on his entering the historic hall was one of the most enthusiastic character. Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs, in introducing Mr. Stanley, referred to his introduction some few years ago on receiving the honour of citizenship for his earlier services in Africa, and spoke of him as the redoubtable enemy of the slave trade. He then presented to Mr. Stanley the address or resolution passed by the Common Council before his departure for Africa, and offering him the Freedom of the City, the address being enclosed in a beautiful casket, covered with various appropriate emblems. Having expressed his thanks for the gift, and expressed his opinion about Africa, he was entertained at a banquet, and then retired. Among the guests were Bros. Aird, M.P., Bolton, M.P., Boord, M.P., Burdett-Coutts and the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, Seager Hunt, M.P., Agg-Gardner, M.P., G. W. Elliot, M.P., Sir John Puleston, M.P., Sir John Pender, M.P., and others.

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