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SIR ARCHIBALD C. CAMPBELL, BART., M.W. GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND; AND THE GRAND MASTERS  
OF MANY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

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## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The proceedings in Grand Lodge on Wednesday were for the most part as we described they would be in our issue of last week. There was, however, one small matter which we omitted to notice and one which came upon many unexpectedly. The former relates to the resolution which was moved by Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., and seconded by the Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, to grant a sum of £500 to place a stained glass window in the Centenary Hall of the Girls' School, to commemorate the celebration of the 100th anniversary at the Royal Albert Hall, under the Prince of WALES, M.W. Grand Master and President of the Institution. It is needless to say this motion was carried by acclamation. The second matter, for which so many were unprepared, was the visit to our Grand Lodge of Bro. RICHARD WALKEM, Q.C., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada for the Province of Ontario, to whom a most cordial reception was accorded. In acknowledging the salute with which he was greeted, Bro. WALKEM not only expressed the pleasure he very naturally felt at the kindness shown him, but he also gave a brief sketch of the position of the Craft in Canada and the beneficent influence it was exercising. His remarks were most favourably received, a fact which will please him the more, as we believe he has been charged with a friendly mission to establish, if possible, some kind of fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge of England and one of the Dominion Grand Lodges which need not be specified. What else was done will be found recorded in our report of the Grand Lodge proceedings which appears in another part of our columns.

## THE NEW PROVINCE OF BERKSHIRE.

The announcement to which we gave circulation some time ago that it was the intention of the M.W. Grand Master, acting in accordance with the wishes of the brethren concerned, to sever the Province of Berks and Bucks into two parts, and place one of them—Berkshire—under the government of his son, Prince ALBERT VICTOR OF WALES, P.S.G.W.—now the Duke of CLARENCE AND AVONDALE—has at length been verified, and it is reported that towards the end of July the Duke will be installed in office by his father in person. The reason assigned for this division of Berks and Bucks is the great progress which has been made by the Craft in these two counties, a progress which has been especially noticeable during the last few years. At the present moment the combined counties have a strength of 25 lodges, of which 13 are in Berkshire, and the remaining 12 in Bucks, so that though the former will enjoy the advantage of having a Prince of the Blood Royal for its Prov. Grand Master, the two Provinces, hitherto for upwards of 40 years, though not always, under the government of one ruler, will start fairly on a level, and will no doubt vie with each other in doing their utmost to maintain and extend the beneficent influence of Freemasonry.

But as regards Berkshire, which more immediately concerns us now, and which was governed before its junction with Bucks by Bros. Colonel JOHN DEAKIN, ARTHUR STANHOPE, Sir JOHN THROGMORTON, Bart., and JOHN RAMSBOTTOM, M.P., who for many years was Treasurer of the Girls' School. In 1847 the two counties were conjoined as one Province, and placed in charge of the late Bro. the Marquis of DOWNSHIRE, who, in 1868, was succeeded by the late Sir DANIEL GOOCH, Bart., the latter remaining in office till his death in 1889, and under whose presidency the Province increased from 11 lodges—of which seven were in Berks and the remainder in Bucks—to 25 lodges. Thus the step which has just been taken in placing the two counties under separate chiefs is nothing more than the resolution of the combined Province into its original constituent parts.

The following particulars respecting the lodges that have been or are now located in Berkshire may be interesting to our readers; they are gathered either from the Appendix to Bro.

R. F. GOULD'S "Four Old Lodges," or from Bro. JOHN LANE'S "Masonic Records." In the very first list in the Appendix to Bro. GOULD'S work we find included among the lodges it contains one described as meeting at the Mitre, Reading, and as this list embraces the period from 1725-1729, Freemasonry must have made its way at a very early date into the county of Berks. Where this lodge was constituted, and for how long it existed does not appear, but it does not figure in the lists immediately following, which are from 1730-32 and 1736-39 respectively. The next lodge we light upon was located at the Crown, Peascodstreet, Windsor. It was warranted on 6th June, 1759, as No. 244, became No. 198 in 1770, and disappeared between that year and 1781. In 1785 a Lodge of St. George, meeting at the White Hart, New Windsor, was constituted as No. 475, became No. 385 in 1792, and was erased in 1813. These were on the "Modern" side of the Craft, but the "Ancients" also seem to have had their lodges here, the highest in number being No. 80, at the Upper Ship, Reading, which was warranted 12th October, 1759, but had only a very brief existence. Bro. LANE, however, tells us it was included in "Ahiman Rezon" for 1804 and 1813, and it will be so found in the latter as given in Bro. GOULD'S "Atholl Lodges," its place of meeting, however, being "The Ship." No. 122, originally founded in the Second Division of Marines, Portsmouth, on 14th October, 1763, turns up on the 11th March, 1808, at the Swan, Reading, and later in the same year at the Upper Ship. In 1814, when it was named the Lodge of Virtue, it was renumbered as No. 147, and was erased in 1827, the last payment having been made six years previously. No. 209 was originally founded in 1779 in the 4th Battalion R.A., Gibraltar, but the warrant was granted in 1803 to the King's Own Staffordshire Militia—which two years previously had obtained warrant No. 327 from the Cambridge-shire Militia—and met at Windsor and other places successively. In 1814 it was numbered No. 262, and erased in 1827. No. 269, warranted on 9th November, 1791, and met at the Prince of Wales and other inns in Windsor. It was christened the St. John's Lodge in 1813, became after the Union No. 340, was re-christened the St. George's Lodge in 1818, had its number altered to No. 239 in 1832, and was erased in 1838. The last of the "Ancient" lodges still survives. It had granted to it on 13th July, 1813, warrant No. 284, originally assigned on 29th May, 1794, to the 9th Dragoons, Macclesfield. In 1814 it became No. 359; in 1832, No. 252; and in 1863 it obtained its present number, No. 209. Its first meeting place was the Crown and Cushion, Eton, Bucks, but in 1816 it transferred itself to Windsor and has remained there ever since.

After the Union there was constituted at the King's Arms, Newbury, in 1815, the Royal Sussex Lodge. In 1819 it moved to the Globe Inn in the same borough, but it did not enjoy a long existence, and was erased on the 5th March, 1828. The remaining 12 lodges, which with the Etonian, No. 209, will constitute the new Province to be presided over by H.R.H. the Duke of CLARENCE, are as follow: The Union, Reading, founded as No. 597 in 1833, and altered to No. 414 in 1863; the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, founded at Newbury in 1850 as No. 839, and altered in 1863 to No. 574; the Windsor Castle Lodge and the St. John's Lodge, Maidenhead, both founded as 1073 and 1097 respectively in 1859, and altered the former to No. 771 and the latter to No. 795 in 1863; the Abbey Lodge, Abingdon, founded in 1863 as No. 1247, and altered the same year to No. 945, and the Greyfriars Lodge, No. 1101, Reading, in 1866. These constituted the Berkshire section of the Province of Berks and Bucks at the date of Bro. Sir DANIEL GOOCH'S installation. Since then there have been constituted the following, namely: the Ellington, No. 1566, Maidenhead, in 1875; the Vale of the White Horse, No. 1770, Faringdon, in 1878; the St. Hilda, No. 1887, Wallingford, in 1880; the Wellesley, No. 1899, Sandhurst, in 1881; the Kendrick, No. 2043, Reading, in 1884; and the Dene, No. 2228, Cookham, in 1887. These certainly constitute a worthy band of lodges

over which the Duke of CLARENCE will doubtless be proud of presiding, and as Berkshire has on all possible occasions given evidence of its being imbued with the principles of Loyalty and Charity, which H.R.H. the M.W. GRAND MASTER has rightly described as the watchwords of our Order, we shall doubtless find it continuing in the same course and doing its utmost to surpass its previous efforts to uphold and extend the interests of Freemasonry.

### UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, when there was a very large attendance of the brethren. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Hants and the Isle of Wight, presided, in the unavoidable absence of the M.W.G.M., and Pro G.M., and D.G.M. Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Prov. G.M. for Durham, acted as Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Thomas W. Tew, Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire, as Past Grand Master; Bro. Lord Cremorne, P.S.G.W., acted as S.G.W.; Bro. Lord Alfred S. Churchill, J.G.W., occupied the chair of J.G.W.; and there was a large attendance of brethren.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of March 5th and of the Grand Festival of April 30th were read and confirmed.

Bro. BEACH said he had great pleasure in announcing that the M.W.G.M. of Canada had done the brethren the honour of attending that Grand Lodge as a visitor.

The M.W.G.M. of Canada, Bro. Richard Walkem, Q.C., was then, under the direction of Bro. Sir Albert Woods (Garter), G.D.C., saluted as a Grand Master, according to ancient custom.

Bro. RICHARD WALKEM, M.W.G.M. of Canada, then rose and said: M.W. Grand Master in the chair and Brethren,—Without desiring to occupy your very valuable time this evening, I feel that it would be very ungracious in me not to say a word or two, at any rate, for the honour you have done me this evening. It has been my very earnest desire since I was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada to have the opportunity of attending the mother Grand Lodge of England, and, in pursuance of that desire, it was that I proceeded here this evening, and that I in England for the first time am amongst you, because I am an entire stranger in England, for I was carried out of the country at two years of age. I have settled in the Province of Canada, and I may say I am thoroughly and out-and-out a Canadian. At the same time, brethren, I cannot forget the tie, and the remembrance of it will always be present to me. I acknowledge that, though in Canada, I am a son of a brother of this soil, and in pursuance of that idea and that thought it was that I determined, occupying the position of Grand Master of Canada, to come over and attend the Grand Lodge of England. Brethren, just a word before I sit down with regard to our brethren in Canada. You, perhaps, are not all of you aware of the circumstances under which our Grand Lodge of Canada was formed. You will understand outside of England, Scotland, and Ireland, in all countries under the jurisdiction of the British Crown, what is called outside territory is regarded as common ground. Accordingly, Canada is considered common ground. In 1855, when Grand Lodge of Canada was formed, there were in existence in Canada lodges holding charters from England, Scotland, and Ireland. For reasons which I will not mention at the present time, but reasons which have been amply justified by the course of events since, they declared their independence in Canada, and accordingly, in 1855, 41 lodges met in Ontario, and declared their independence and erected a Grand Lodge of Canada, of which I am the Grand Master at the present time. The course they adopted was fully acquiesced in, I am happy to say, by the Grand Lodge of England, because their independence was acknowledged by Grand Lodge under the Earl of Zetland in 1858. Since that time we have expanded from 41 lodges, which constituted Grand Lodge of Canada in 1855, to 355 lodges, which was the number I presided over just a fortnight ago; and out of a population of slightly over 2,000,000, of which Ontario is composed, we have 20,000 Masons, of the best men and true in that province. You may have an idea of the enormous influence of 20,000 Masons—20,000 of the best men of the population of 2,000,000—exercise in the province of Ontario; and I need hardly say, among those who are Masons of Ontario, we have men who occupy the highest position. It has lately occurred to me to come over to England to Grand Lodge to see the brethren and the working of the mother Grand Lodge of the world, and compare it with the lodges of which our Grand Lodge is composed. Our Grand Lodge is composed of the best men in the country, and I find in England the lodges are composed of the bone and sinew of the English nation. And, brethren, it is exactly so in the United States; and wherever Anglo-Saxon institutions obtain and flourish, there we find Masonry flourishes as well side by side, thus showing that the teaching and practice of Masonry are consonant with loyalty to our Queen and the maintenance of civil and religious liberty. It is a great pleasure to me to visit you this evening. Our lodge meets in the month of July, and I shall have to hurry back to attend it; but I assure you that to the last day of my life I shall esteem as a great honour the cordial way in which I have been received among you. (Applause.)

Bro. BEACH then said: Brethren,—I have to announce to you that the Most Worshipful Grand Master has again appointed Bro. Thomas Fenn as President of the Board of General Purposes. (Applause.)

Bro. Fenn advanced to the Throne for investiture, and

Bro. BEACH said: Bro. Fenn, I have very great pleasure in investing you by placing this chain on your neck once more, and I am sure I can place it on no neck that is more worthy. (Applause.)

The Scrutineers of votes for the election of the Board of General Purposes were then appointed and obligated, and the balloting papers were collected. The Scrutineers thereupon retired.

Bro. BEACH announced that there would be no contest for the Colonial Board, but that the members were Bros. Col. Frederick Gadsden, P.M. 434, James Brett, P.M. 177, Reginald St. A. Roumieu, P.M. 1537, Albert Escott, P.M. 1539, Capt. Thomas Charles Walls, P.M. 141, John Speight Cumberland, P.M. 2128, and Lennox B. owne, P.M. 2108.

List of brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons; Bros. Stanley J. Attenborough, W.M. 2348, Charles Alex. Cottebrune,

P.M. 733, Hugh Cotter, P.M. 554, Charles George Dilley, P.M. 1155, Lieut.-Col. Alfred Durrant, P.M. 569, Charles Kempton, P.M. 1287, Alfred H. Tattershall, P.M. 140, Isaac Dixon, P.M. 1567, Robert Griggs, P.M. 228, and William Henry Hubbert, P.M. 1625.

The confirmation of the following recommendations of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter was carried, on the motion of Bro. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Bro. HENRY GARROD:

A brother of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, London	... £50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1208, Dover	75 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 299, Dartford	50 0 0
A brother of the Lily Lodge of Richmond, No. 820, Richmond	100 0 0
A brother of the Zetland Lodge, No. 1005, Gloucester	50 0 0

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON next moved—

That the sum of £500 be voted from the funds of Grand Lodge for the purpose of placing a stained glass window in the "Centenary Hall," now in course of erection at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, as a memorial of the auspicious occasion on which H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master presided at the Centenary meeting of the Institution, at the Royal Albert Hall, on the 7th June, 1888, when H.M. the King of Sweden, Grand Master of Masonry in that country, honoured the meeting with his presence.

He said he felt that very few words need be said upon the subject. The brethren would remember the grand occasion, two years ago, when, by their generosity, the finest collection that ever was made in the cause of Charity in this country was made for the Girls' School on its completing the hundredth year of its existence. The result might be looked upon as good in every respect. A large addition had been made to the number of children in the Institution, a larger accommodation had been accomplished, and he was certain that when the brethren, from time to time, came to see it, they would approve of it. In the great hall that was being built were a number of windows, and instead of letting those windows be plain it had been determined that they should be memorials as far as possible. Various lodges—in fact, the lodges generally—had given them, and Grand Lodge of England had been invited to contribute to various panels. Lodges were to receive votes in exchange. There would be armorial bearings, or what would represent armorial bearings, which might be seen by all those who belonged to lodges which contributed to them. In some cases whole windows had been taken. The Province of Shropshire, the Supreme Council, which was only known by hearsay in Grand Lodge, the Prince of Wales's Lodge, and the Studholme Lodge had windows. But there was a grand central window, which it was thought should be given by Grand Lodge. It was not proposed that the money should come out of the Fund of Benevolence, but out of the ordinary work-a-day fund of Grand Lodge, and he thought all members of Grand Lodge would rejoice to see the memorial at the Girls' School, the grand Charity which had been amply supported by Grand Lodge ever since it had been established. He, therefore, moved the resolution with all cordiality and in all sincerity, and with these words he commended it to the notice of the brethren.

Bro. THOS. W. TEW, Prov. G.M. of W. Yorks, said that, with the Acting Grand Master's gracious permission, he asked to be allowed to second the motion. He did so on this ground that representing the large and important province of West Yorkshire, which was closely associated with many of the Northern provinces, he might say that the question had been thoroughly discussed there, and they were entirely in favour of it. It would be a worthy memorial of a great occasion that this stained glass window should be put up to commemorate that occasion.

The motion was carried *unanimously*.

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have to report that their President, Bro. Thomas Fenn, has expressed a desire to present to Grand Lodge a valuable silver inkstand, formerly the property of the late Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, to whom it had been presented in the year 1876 by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, on his completion of 30 years' service as Treasurer.

At his death he bequeathed it to Bro. Thomas Fenn, and it was used by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, when signing the address from Grand Lodge to her Majesty the Queen at the great Jubilee meeting held in the Royal Albert Hall on the 13th June, 1887.

Bro. Fenn feels that an article to which an historical Masonic interest is thus attached should become the property of Grand Lodge, to whom he, therefore, now offers it.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of May instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £7676 12s. 4d., and balance of annual allowance for library £40 4s. 11d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100.

(Signed)

THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
20th May, 1890.

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 20th of May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz.:

"That the cordial thanks of the members of the Board of General Purposes be given to V.W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, the President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Board during the past year."

(Signed)

THOMAS HASTINGS MILLER, Vice-President.

Bro. THOMAS HASTINGS MILLER said there was a paragraph in the report referring to a presentation made by the President of the Board to Grand Lodge. The presentation was of an inkstand which bore a Masonic value. The inkstand had been the property of the late Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, to whom it was presented, as mentioned in the notice of motion. He was sure he was only reiterating the feeling of every member of Grand Lodge when he said the Grand Lodge would receive with grateful thanks the gift of Bro. Fenn.

Bro. ROBERT GREY said he had great pleasure in seconding the proposition. Bro. BEACH said, in putting the motion, that Grand Lodge most heartily accepted the munificent gift made to them.

The motion was carried.

Bro. THOMAS FENN said he had thought it right to present that inkstand to Grand Lodge. It was presented to Bro. Hervey, one of the great instructors in Freemasonry in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, by the Earl of Carnarvon, on which occasion Sections were worked by Past Grand Officers, and their names were inscribed on the inkstand. Although it was bequeathed to him by the late Bro. Hervey, his very beloved friend, he was sure Bro. Hervey would not have wished it to have a better resting place than in Grand Lodge.

The following report of the Colonial Board was adopted on the motion of Col. Haldane.

To the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Colonial Board have to report that they have had before them for the last two or three years numerous complaints from members of the Lodge La

Concordia, No. 1226, Cairo, Egypt, showing that gross irregularities were taking place therein, while counter charges against the members have also been made by the W. Master. In November, 1887, the Colonial Board found it necessary to suspend the W.M. from his functions for the remainder of his term of office, but there being no other member qualified for the chair, the same brother again became Master for the ensuing year and has still continued in that position.

Since then, further reports of irregularities as to the proceedings generally, and also as to their finances, have been made to the Board, who thereon requested the present Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of England in Egypt, Bro. Raphael Borg, formerly Deputy District Grand Master under England, and subsequently Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, to fully investigate the various complaints received from the lodge, and to report thereon to the Board.

His report, dated the 15th January last, discloses such a lamentable state of affairs in the lodge as to general mismanagement, continual irregularities, quarrels, and recriminations amongst the members, together with non-payment of fees and improper expenditure of its funds, that the Colonial Board have arrived at the conclusion that it is impossible for the lodge to continue as a Masonic body, and they, therefore, have to recommend that it be erased from the roll of lodges of the Grand Lodge of England.

The Board have to add that on the 15th February they wrote to the W. Master informing him of their intention to recommend the erasure of the lodge, and stating that any answer it might have to make to the charge must arrive in London before the 15th April; further, that the lodge was to cease work, and to forthwith transmit its warrant to the Grand Secretary. Although this letter was handed personally to the W. Master on the 7th March last by Bro. Borg, no reply has been received up to this date, nor has the warrant been returned.

(Signed) G. HALDANE, P.G.S.B., Chairman.  
Freemasons' Hall, London,  
6th May, 1890.

The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 16th May, 1890, including the following alterations in the laws, was laid before Grand Lodge, and adopted.

Rule 37.—To add, after the words "him or her on the list of annuitants," "if in their opinion efforts have been made to secure his or her election."

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE MALE FUND.

Rule 1.—Strike out after "Master Mason" in the third line "for 15 years," and alter in the fourth line "at least 10" to "15," and take out the words "of that period," and after the words "shall be" in the fifth line, alter the words following to "certified by two medical men as suffering from blindness, paralysis, or other affliction which in the opinion of the Committee," alter the word "party" in the ninth line to "candidate," and in the last line but one change "at least 10" to "15."

Rule 2.—Alter £40 to £32.

Rule 3.—Add at end of Clause "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 rights to such added votes shall cease."

Rule 7.—Alter £40 to £32.

Rule 9.—In second line alter "five" to "seven," in fifth line alter "she shall be" to "she may be," in seventh line alter "three years" to "five years," and in the last line but one, after the word "residence," substitute for all that follows "subject to the approval of the House Committee."

QUALIFICATIONS FOR WIDOWS' FUND.

Rule 1.—Omit the whole and substitute the following:—"No widow shall be eligible under the age of 60 years, nor unless her last husband was qualified in accordance with Rule 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 at least five years 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."

Rule 3.—Alter in fourth and seventh lines the word "late" to "last."

At end of Rule 3.—Add: "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."

Bro. JOHN ALBERT FARNFIELD, P.A.G.D. of C., moved—

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," to supply the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

The motion was carried.

On the motion of Bro. RICHARD EVE, Bro. John Smith was elected Grand Lodge Auditor.

Grand Lodge was then closed, the ACTING GRAND MASTER stating that, as the Scrutineers of votes had not concluded their labours, he would retire to the Grand Master's room, and await the result.

The following brethren were elected members of the Board of General Purposes: Bros. E. C. Mulvey, Geo. Read, W. A. Scurrah, J. Aird, M.P., J. Barnett, jun., S. Cochrane, C. E. Keyser, T. Hastings Miller, Hy. Pritchard, Capt. T. C. Walls, F. E. Pocock, M.D., Lennox Browne, Geo. Gardner, and T. D. Bear.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The half-yearly meeting of the above Prov. Grand Lodge was held at the Green Dragon Hotel, Workington, on Friday, the 30th ult., when there was a good muster of members from the various lodges in the province, as well as visitors from a distance. In the absence of the P.G.M., Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, P.M. 1002, P.P.S.G.W., presided, supported by the officers of the year. The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, and Bro. G. J. McKay, P.M. 129, P.G. Sec., read a statement of accounts in the absence of the P.G. Treas., which showed a good balance to the credit of the province, also the Charity Committee's report, which showed a recommendation from the province of 100 guineas to the Centenary Fund for the R.M.I. for Girls. Ten guineas to Bro. Collin's Stewardship to the R.M.B.I.'s next Festival, and five guineas to widow S—. On the motion of Bro. Kirkbride, P.M. 339, P.P.S.G.W. as D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. Paterson, P.M. 962, P.J.G.W., the report was unanimously adopted. Bro. John Mills, P.M. 1390, P.P.S.G.D., gave notice of motion that a Provincial Educational Scheme be adopted for the province. Bro. Wm. Kirkbride, acting D.P.G.M., moved as a recommendation that the next annual Provincial Grand Lodge be held at Penrith, under the banner of the Unanimity Lodge, No. 339. Bro. G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.S.G.W., supported the motion, and it was agreed to. With other general business appertaining to the province, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The Annual Grand Festival of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire was held on Tuesday, in the Chapter House of Gloucester Cathedral, the Dean of Gloucester (Dr. Spencer), who himself received the compliment of appointment as Provincial Grand Chaplain, giving his permission for the use of this interesting meeting-place under the special circumstances of the day's proceedings.

Provincial Grand Lodge was summoned at 2 p.m., and when proceedings commenced, shortly after that hour, there was an unusually numerous attendance of the brethren of the province. Those present included the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master; Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, D.Prov. G.M.; and a large number of Present and Past Officers of Prov. G. Lodge.

Prov. Grand Lodge having been duly opened, the Prov. G.M. at once invested the Dean of Gloucester as Prov. G. Chaplain.

A procession from the Chapter House along the cloisters to the Cathedral was then formed, and to the strains of the March from "Eli," the brethren moved forward to the choir, where ample accommodation had been reserved for them. Divine service was conducted, in the presence of a large congregation of the general public, in accordance with a special form, which was supplied to the brethren on entering the Cathedral. The service was sung to Garrett in F, the anthem being Wesley's "Blessed be God," which was very effectively rendered. Bro. the Dean of Gloucester, who wore the collar of Prov. G. Chap., preached the sermon, which we regret we have not space for. A collection was taken on behalf of the Cathedral Fund, and the service concluded, the brethren returned to the Chapter House in the same order of procession as before for the resumption of the business of Prov. Grand Lodge.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer (Bro. T. NELSON FOSTER) presented his annual report, which showed a balance of £115 in hand; and its adoption was proposed by Bro. FOSTER, seconded by Bro. PORCHER, and carried.

A special report was then made by the P.G. Treasurer as to the reredos account. It appeared from this that Messrs. Clayton and Bell's contract for the decoration of the reredos had amounted to £300, of which £139 was still unsubscribed. The Provincial Grand Master proposed a contribution of £50 from the funds of the Prov. Grand Lodge, which was carried unanimously.

The D.P.G.M., as Charity Secretary to the province, read the annual report of the Charity Committee, which was received and adopted.

Bro. Nelson Foster was re-elected P.G. Treasurer, on the motion of the D.P.G.M., and Bro. Phillips was elected P.G. Tyler, on the motion of Bros. LAWRENCE and FERRIS.

The P.G. TREASURER proposed a vote of 10 guineas to the Masonic Charities, which was seconded by Bro. FELTON, and carried.

The appointment and investiture of officers for the ensuing year were made by the Prov. Grand Master as follows:—

Bro. J. Bryan, P.M. 839, P. Prov. J.G.D.	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. Forth, P.M. 246, P. Prov. G. Reg.	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Very Rev. Dr. Spence, Dean of Gloucester, 839	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. P. Hattersley-Smith, P.M. 82	...	...	
" J. A. Matthews, P.M. 493, P. Prov. S.G.W.	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. Nelson Foster, P.M. 839, P. Prov. S.G.W.	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Jas. B. Winterbotham, P.M. 82, P. Prov. S.G.W.	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" E. L. Baylis, P.M. 82	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" C. Sewell, P.M. 592...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. Heath, W.M. 855	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" A. Baker, W.M.	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" W. G. Roberts, P.M. 1067	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" T. Blinkhorn, I.P.M. 1005	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. Edwards, I.P.M. 493	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" L. M. Weston, I.P.M. 1362	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" C. Lee Williams, 839	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. David, I.P.M. 702...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. Gardner	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" A. Booth...	...	...	
" R. F. Pomeroy	...	...	
" H. Phillips	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Bell Hotel, where nearly 150 sat down to banquet.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Green Dragon Hotel, Workington, on Friday, the 30th ult., when, in the absence of the chief of the province, Comp. Col. Sewell, P.Z. 371, P.P.G.H., presided, supported by the following companions as his officers, viz.:

Comps. Geo. Dalrymple, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.H., as P.G.H.; Jas. Gardiner, P.Z. 371, P.G.J.; Geo. J. McKay, P.Z. 129, P.G.S.E.; Chas. Gowan, Z. 119, P.G.P.S.; Thos. Atkinson, P.Z. 119, as P.G.S.N.; W. S. Ponton, J. 327, and J. Eden, Stwds.; H. Cook, P.Z. 1021; G. W. Kenworthy, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.J.; Charles P. Richards, P.Z. 1021, 1225, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. L. J. Murray, Z. 1021; W. Roberts, J.; T. Booth, H. 1021; T. Sutton, P.Z. 1225; and many others who were present at the consecration of the Sun and Sector Chapter, No. 962, the same day.

The Prov. Grand Chapter was opened, and the minutes of the former meeting, held at Carlisle, confirmed. The dues and fees of honour were paid, and in the absence of the Prov. G. Treasurer, Comp. McKay read a statement of accounts, which showed that Royal Arch Masonry was flourishing in the province, and the following companions were invested Prov. G. Officers for the year:

Comp. H. Cook, P.Z. 1021	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" J. Paterson, P.Z. 119	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Geo. J. McKay, P.Z. 129	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Chas. J. Nanson, P.Z. 310	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" R. J. Nelson, P.Z. 129	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Hall, Z. 1073	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Rev. J. N. Hoare, J. 1073	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" D. Reece, H. 962	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" W. S. Ponton, 327	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" W. C. Johns, H. 119	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Thos. Brakenridge, J. 119	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" E. J. Mitchell, H. 371	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Bewley, P.Z. 310	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Jas. Dickinson, 371	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Abbott, 371	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. Wood, 962	...	...	
" E. Loach, 962	...	...	
" Thos. Usher, 1073	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

With "Hearty good wishes," and other routine business, the chapter was closed.



## CONSECRATION OF THE SUN AND SECTOR CHAPTER, No. 962, AT WORKINGTON.

The consecration of this new chapter in the province of Cumberland and Westmorland took place on Friday, the 30th ult., at the Green Dragon Hotel, Portland-square. The ceremony was fixed for 10.30 a.m., when at that early hour representatives had arrived from the utmost corners of the province and a large contingent from West Lancashire to do honour to the occasion. It is only a little over 12 months since the Eden Lodge, No. 2285, was consecrated in the same place, so the newly-incorporated town offers fair to be the Masonic centre in the west, there being two Craft lodges and a chapter, and perhaps very shortly a third Craft lodge may be planted in or about the same quarter.

The Three Principals designate were Comps. John Paterson, P.Z. 119, P.P.G. D.C., M.E.Z.; David Reece, 119, H.; and J. Clifton Thompson, 119, P.P.G. Reg., J. The Consecrating Officers deputed to perform the ceremony were Comps. Geo. J. McKay, P.Z. 129, P.G.S.E., P.P.G.J.; Col. F. R. Sewell, P.Z. 371; P.P.G.H.; and Geo. Dalrymple, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.H.; and the musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. J. Cooper, P.P.G. Org.

The following companions were also present:

Comps. H. Cook, P.Z. 1021; Jas. Gardiner, P.Z. 371, P.G.J.; Thos. Mandle, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; R. Brown, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; E. B. Penrice, Z.; J. Dickinson, J., 371, P.G. Steward; J. O. Scott, C. Gowan, Z. 119, P.G.P.S.; Thos. Atkinson, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; T. Brakenridge, J.; E. Loach, J. Wood, J. Eden, W. Heathcote, H. Bewes, P.Z. 327, P.P.A.G.S.; W. S. Ponton, J. 327, P.G. Steward; T. M. Compton, P.Z. 310, P.P.G.D.C.; Thos. T. Richardson, 310, P.P.G. Org.; G. Stevenson, 639; C. P. Richards, P.Z. 1021, 1225, P.P.S.G.W. West Lancs.; J. Murray, Z. 1021; W. Roberts, J. 1021; T. Booth, H. 1021; T. Sutton, P.Z. 1225, P.A.G. Soj. West Lancs.; W. Kirkbride, P.Z. 339; G. W. Kenworthy, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.J.; J. Abbott, 371; R. Shepherd, 119; and others.

The chapter was opened, and the petitioners arranged in order by the acting D.C., Comp. T. Atkinson, when they were addressed by Comp. McKay on the nature of the meeting, and he subsequently called upon Comp. Brakenridge, acting S.E., to state the wishes of the companions and the proceedings they had taken with respect to the chapter, and the officers named in the warrant were unanimously approved of in Masonic form, and in due course the pedestal was uncovered and the elements of consecration duly applied, solemn music being performed during the procession, and the new chapter, Sun and Sector, 962, was constituted and dedicated to Royal Arch Masonry by Comp. McKay in a most solemn and perfect manner. Comp. Dalrymple was then invited to the First Principal's chair, when Comps. J. Paterson, D. Reece, and J. C. Thompson were installed in the respective chairs of Z., H., and J., and proclaimed accordingly, and invested the following companions and founders as their officers for the ensuing year: Comps. J. Wood, S.E.; J. Eden, S.N.; E. Loach, P.S.; Dr. Chas. McKerron, 1st Asst. S.; A. Ashmore, 2nd Asst. S.; J. Cooper, Organist. Comp. E. Loach proposed 24 candidates and joining members, as he humorously remarked, for a start, and Comp. J. C. Thompson, seconded the proposition. Comp. Paterson, Z., moved, and Comp. D. Reece, H., seconded, the motion that a vote of thanks be recorded on the first minutes of the new chapter to Comps. G. J. McKay, Col. F. R. Sewell, and G. Dalrymple for their services as Consecrating Officers, and that they be honorary members of the chapter, which was unanimously agreed to, and Comp. Col. Sewell thanked the Principals and companions of the chapter for the honour conferred, and he hoped, as he had no fear under such able officers as had been installed and invested that day, that they would hear always well of Royal Arch Masonry in Workington. The First Principal intimated that Comp. Jas. Gardiner, P.Z. 371, P.G.J., had kindly presented the officers of the chapter with collar jewels, and he proposed a vote of thanks be recorded to Comp. Gardiner for his handsome gift, which was seconded by Comp. Reece, and carried with applause.

The greater portion of the furniture was manufactured by Comp. George Kenning, and was much admired.

On "Hearty good wishes" being given from Chapters 119, 129, 310, 327, 339, 639, 1021, and 1225, the companions adjourned for a short time to receive Provincial Grand Chapter, and on the business of the day being completed, the companions subsequently dined at Bro. Morris' Central Hotel, where a capital banquet was served, Bro. Col. Sewell in the chair.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

## GRAND MARK LODGE.

The Half-yearly Communication of Grand Mark Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, on Tuesday last, when Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., Past Grand Master, presided. Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. Middlesex and Surrey, acted as Deputy Grand Master; and the Earl of Euston, President of the General Board, as Past Grand Master; Lord Cremorne, S.G.W., and Sir Lionel Darell, J.G.W., occupied their respective places, and the other Grand Officers present were—

Bros. W. A. F. Powell, Prov. G.M. for Bristol; A. F. Godson, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Worcestershire; Thomas Trollope, M.D., Past Prov. G.M. for Sussex; Colonel Marmaduke Ramsay, District Grand Master for Mediterranean; C. F. Matier, P.G. Warden, G. Sec.; Captain N. G. Phillips, P.G.W.; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.W.; C. H. Driver, P.G.M.O., as G.M.O.; W. G. Lemon, S.G.O.; Butler Wilkins, J.G.O.; Robert Berridge, P.G.M.O., Grand Director of Cers.; Lieut.-Col. Frederick Gadsden, P.G.M.O.; A. B. Cooper, P.G.M.O.; Richard Eve, P.G.M.O.; J. F. Le Feuvre, P.G.M.O.; Col. Somerville Burney, P.G.M.O.; Alfred Williams, P.G.M.O.; C. Belton, P.G.M.O.; Reg. Jas. Mure, P.G.O.; O. H. Pearson, P.G.O.; Wm. E. Stewart, P.G.O.; Stephen C. Dibdin, P.G.O.; J. Stevens, P.G.O.; S. G. Kirchhoffer, P.G.O.; J. S. Cumberland, P.G.O.; G. King Patten, P.G.O.; G. Cooper, P.G.O.; Rev. W. Trevor Parkins, G. Chap.; Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G. Chap.; Very Rev. Dean Currie, P.G. Chap.; Rev. Dr. Cartwright Smyth, P.G. Chap.; Rev. I. N. Palmer, P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. A. Lloyd, P.G. Chap.; Henry Faija, G. Treas.; Edward Letchworth, P.G. Treas.; Frank Richardson, G. Reg.; R. Loveland Loveland, Dep. Prov. G.M. Hants and I. of W.; J. E. Dawson, Dep. G.M. of Herts.; C. Hammerton, Dep. Prov. G.M. Middx. and Surrey; T. Y. Strachan, D.P.G.M. Northumberland and Durham; F. Stinner Knyvett, S.G.D.; J. Balfour Cockburn, P.G.D.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.D.; Percy Wallis, F.G.D.; D. P. Cama, P.G.D.; Dr. Geo. Mickleby, P.G.D.; Rowland Plumbe, G.I. of W.; John Barker, P.G.I. of W.; J. H. Matthews, A.G.D. of C.; Andrew McDowall, P.A.G.D. of C.; John Ramsey, P.A.G.D. of C.; T. C. Walls,

P.G.S.B., as G.S.B.; Geo. Graveley, P.G.S.B.; James Boulton, P.G.S.B.; James Carlaw, P.G.S.B.; A. R. Carter, G. Std. Br.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., as G. Std. Br.; J. D. Murray, P.G. Std. Br.; W. J. Nosworthy, as G. Org.; and Wm. Vincent, P.G.I.G. as G.I.G.

After the formal opening of Grand Lodge, Grand Secretary read the minutes of Grand Lodge of December 3, 1889.

Bro. BEACH, before he put the minutes for confirmation, said he ought to explain to the brethren why he was in the chair. Communications had been received from the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, and from the D.G.M., the Marquess of Hertford, to the effect that they were both unwell and not able to be present. He was sure all the brethren would regret their absence very much.

The minutes were then put and confirmed.

The following report of the General Board was, on the motion of the Earl of EUSTON, seconded by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, taken as read, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

During the six months ending 31st March last there have been issued: Mark certificates, 699; total number registered, 25,687. Warrants for new lodges, six, viz:

No. 406, Scots, London.  
" 407, Bisley, Middlesex and Surrey.  
" 408, Hertford Military, Warwickshire.  
" 409, Royal Connaught, Sussex.  
" 410, Eclectic, London.  
" 411, Ubique, Middlesex and Surrey.

Royal Ark Mariner certificates, 192; total number registered, 3049.  
Warrants for new Ark Mariner lodges, three, viz:

Mount Sinai, attached to the Furness Lodge, No. 36.  
Brownrigg, attached to the St. Peter and St. Paul Lodge, No. 163.  
Remigius, attached to the Remigius Lodge, No. 117.

The following Provincial Grand Masters have been appointed: Bro. the Hon. Sir H. Stafford Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P., in the place of the late Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davy, J.P., Devonshire; and H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., P.G. Warden, in succession to Bro. Gerard Ford deceased, Sussex.

The following Provincial and District Grand Masters have been re-appointed for a further term of three years: Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, Lincolnshire; Bro. Major George Montgomerie John Moore, Madras; Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Middlesex and Surrey; and Bro. Lieut.-Col. Charles Hunter, North Wales.

In accordance with the resolution of Grand Lodge, 3rd December, 1889, recognising the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of New South Wales, the Board have to report that representatives have been exchanged, Bro. Frank Richardson, Grand Reg., having accepted that office near this Grand Lodge, and Bro. Harman J. Tarrant, P.G.W., having been appointed our representative near the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of New South Wales. It is sincerely hoped that our new sister Grand Lodge may have an uninterrupted career of success, and that the present amicable relationship and fraternal intercourse may long continue.

It is with the greatest satisfaction the Board have to announce the completion of the alterations of Mark Masons' Hall, in which Grand Lodge will meet for the first time on 3rd June, 1890, and where the Mark Degree will possess a permanent home worthy of itself and of those brethren by whose zeal and energy the prosperity and success of our Order have been secured.

In addition to the Great Hall, or Throne Room, there are five lodge rooms, with accommodation for Masonic bodies of every Degree numbering from 20 to 120, and it is hoped that many lodges, chapters, conclaves, and councils will avail themselves of a place of meeting at once so central and convenient. The Board propose for the present to make the small charge of one guinea for the nightly use of each lodge room.

The cordial thanks of Grand Lodge are due to the honorary architects, Bros. Robert Berridge, P.G.M.O., G.D.C., and Charles H. Driver, P.G.M.O., and also to the Building and Premises Committee, Bros. the Earl of Euston, P.G.W., President General Board; Frank Richardson, Grand Registrar; James Moon, P.G. Treas.; and C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Grand Secretary, and the Board recommend that the same be recorded on the minutes.

The Board are of opinion that the time has now arrived when the best interests of the Mark Degree would be materially promoted by a more frequent assemblage of Grand Lodge, and therefore recommend that instead of Half-yearly Meetings, Quarterly Communications should be held on the Tuesday next before the first Wednesday in the months of March, June, September, and December. And that the Book of Constitutions be altered accordingly as follows:—

Article 6, "Two" shall read "Four." That instead of "June and December" shall be inserted "March, June, September, and December."

Article 31, to alter the word "June" to the word "March," and to insert at the end "and installed in June."

Article 45, to insert after "elected" the words "in March."

Article 166, the words "in June and December," shall read "at each Quarterly Communication."

Article 167, the word "Half-Yearly" shall read "Quarterly."

The Board have most carefully considered the question as to a proposed memorial to the late Bro. Rev. Canon Portal, which was referred to them by last Grand Lodge. They are of opinion that the most suitable form such memorial should take, would be an organ to be erected in the Great Hall, and called "The Portal Memorial Organ." They would therefore ask the authority of Grand Lodge to appeal to lodges and individual donors for the funds for this most desirable object. They are informed that an organ, possessing every requirement, could be procured for the sum of £500, and they feel no doubt that by the liberality of the brethren of the Mark Degree, this sum will be speedily raised as a tribute to the memory of our lamented brother, who was connected with this Grand Lodge from its establishment in 1856, until the very day of his death.

The Board acknowledge with thanks, reports of the proceedings of the Grand Chapters of Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan.

## FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Board have great pleasure in announcing that the 22nd Annual Festival will be held on the 23rd July at the Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, Past Grand Warden, President of the General Board, has most kindly consented to preside, and it is fervently hoped that with the support of a numerous Board of Stewards, including for the first time in the history of Masonic Charitable Festivals a Board of Lady Stewards, the sum realised will be sufficient for the requirements of this useful and deserving Charity, from which no worthy applicant has been ever turned away without relief.

Feeling assured of the generous support of the Order, the Board have elected, without a poll, the whole of the candidates for the Educational and Annuity Funds as follows: Educational Fund—Wm. S. Cottrill, Albert Williamson, Edward Williamson, and Jeremiah Saville, making a total of 18 boys and 13 girls now being educated; Annuity Fund—Bros. William White and Richard James, and Mrs. Jane Drewett, making a total of seven brethren and one widow.

The total invested funds are—

Benevolent Branch	...	...	£2900	0	0
Educational	..	..	2400	0	0
Annuity	..	..	3800	0	0

The Board have relieved the following cases:

Mrs. E. M., No. 58	...	...	£20	0	0
Bro. J. B. L., No. 233	...	...	5	0	0
" J. C. B., No. 87	...	...	15	0	0
" W. W., No. 238	...	...	10	0	0
" J. B. (Scotch Constitution)	...	...	5	0	0
Mrs. J. D., No. 114	...	...	10	0	0

And recommended to Grand Lodge—

Bro. J. H., No. 75	...	...	£50	0	0
" R. H. C., No. 32	...	...	25	0	0

(Signed) EUSTON, P.G.W., President.  
FRANK RICHARDSON, G. Reg., Vice-President.  
C. FITZGERALD MATIER, P.G.W., G. Secretary.

The Grand Treasurer's accounts are as follows:

GENERAL FUND.			
To Balance, September, 1889	...	...	£2202 19 3
October. To Receipts	...	...	£141 15 3
November. " " "	...	...	66 9 8
December. " " "	...	...	82 8 4
1890.	...	...	
January. " " "	...	...	171 1 0
March. " " "	...	...	340 10 9
1889.	...	...	
October. Dividends	...	...	1063 16 5
1890.	...	...	2 13 8
January. Loan from Benevolent Fund	...	...	400 0 0
" " Annuity Fund	...	...	600 0 0
	...	...	1,000 0 0
	...	...	£4359 9 4
1889.	...	...	
October. By Expenditure	...	...	£1141 9 4
November. " " "	...	...	961 10 11
December. " " "	...	...	524 16 7
1890.	...	...	
January. " " "	...	...	283 0 7
February. " " "	...	...	860 6 11
March. " " "	...	...	272 14 4
Balance as per Bank Book	...	...	4043 18 8
	...	...	315 10 8
	...	...	£4359 9 4
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.			
FESTIVAL ACCOUNT.			
To Balance, September, 1889	...	...	£1324 15 6
October. To Receipts	...	...	£441 0 0
November. " " "	...	...	71 14 6
December. " " "	...	...	74 0 6
1890.	...	...	
January. " " "	...	...	5 13 0
February. " " "	...	...	32 0 6
March. " " "	...	...	58 1 6
	...	...	682 10 0
1889.	...	...	
November. By Expenditure	...	...	£115 15 0
1890.	...	...	
January. " " "	...	...	20 0 0
Transferred to Benevolent Fund	...	...	591 18 6
" Educational Fund	...	...	591 18 6
" Annuity Fund	...	...	591 18 6
	...	...	1775 15 9
BENEVOLENT BRANCH.			
To Balance, September, 1889	...	...	50 9 10
October. To Dividends	...	...	£15 9 6
December. " " "	...	...	4 7 9
1890.	...	...	
January. " " "	...	...	23 5 6
March. " " "	...	...	2 3 8
1890.	...	...	
January. Transferred from Festival Account	...	...	45 6 5
1889.	...	...	591 18 6
October. By Grants in Relief	...	...	£20 0 0
December. " " "	...	...	50 0 0
1890.	...	...	
January. " " "	...	...	35 0 0
January. Loan to General Fund	...	...	105 0 0
	...	...	400 0 0
EDUCATIONAL BRANCH.			
To Balance, September, 1889	...	...	43 4 7
October. To Dividend	...	...	£22 11 8
December. " " "	...	...	10 4 9
1890.	...	...	
January. " " "	...	...	9 4 2
March. " " "	...	...	4 8 0
1890.	...	...	
January. Transferred from Festival Account	...	...	46 8 7
1889.	...	...	591 18 6
October. By School Fees	...	...	23 6 3
November. " " "	...	...	20 5 2
1890.	...	...	
January. " " "	...	...	39 3 11
February. " " "	...	...	46 17 5
January. Clothing Grant	...	...	129 12 9
	...	...	120 0 0
ANNUITY BRANCH.			
To Balance, September, 1889	...	...	184 17 0
October. To Dividends	...	...	£10 5 3
December. " " "	...	...	13 3 3
1890.	...	...	
January. " " "	...	...	33 7 9
1890.	...	...	
January. Transferred from Festival Account	...	...	56 16 3
	...	...	591 18 9
	...	...	£4210 3 8
1889.	...	...	
October. By Annuities	...	...	32 10 0
January. " " "	...	...	32 10 0
	...	...	65 0 0
1889.	...	...	
December. Christmas Gifts	...	...	25 0 0
1890.	...	...	
January. Loan to General Fund	...	...	600 0 0
BALANCES.			
Benevolent Branch	...	...	182 14 9
Educational " "	...	...	431 18 11
Annuities " "	...	...	143 11 9
Festival Account	...	...	95 15 0
Total as per Bank Book	...	...	854 0 5
	...	...	£4210 3 8

Audited and approved by the Finance Committee this 1st day of April, 1890.

(Signed) ROBERT BERRIDGE.  
JAMES MOON.  
ALFRED WILLIAMS.

Bro. RICHARD EVE moved, and Bro. BELTON seconded, the following recommendation of the General Board:

That the cordial thanks of Grand Lodge be given to the honorary architects, Bros. Robert Berridge, P.G.M.O., G.D.C., and Charles H. Driver, P.G.M.O., and also to the Building and Premises Committee, Bros. the Earl of Euston, P.G.W., President General Board; Frank Richardson, G. Reg.; James Moon, P.G. Treas.; and C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec., and that the same be recorded on the minutes.

The motion was carried.

The Earl of EUSTON then moved the second recommendation—

That Grand Lodge should hold Quarterly Communications instead of Half-yearly Meetings, and that the Book of Constitutions be altered accordingly as follows:

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Article 166, the words "in June and December" shall read "at each Quarterly Communication."

Article 167, the word "Half-yearly" shall read "Quarterly."

His lordship said that the General Board had thoroughly gone into the subject, and they thought that it would be for the good of the Mark Degree in general now that it had a hall of its own that instead of meeting twice yearly, as had been the custom hitherto, it should follow the example of Grand Craft Lodge, and have a Quarterly Communication of Grand Mark Lodge. The adoption of that system would bring Mark brethren more and more together, and by that means they would get to know each other better. It would really be for the good and advantage of the Order. Another reason the Board had for making the recommendation was that it would be no hardship on the brethren in the provinces because whereas they now came up on a certain day for United Grand Lodge meetings they would only have to come up a day earlier. It was, of course, for the brethren to decide for themselves whether it would be for the advantage of the Order, but the General Board having carefully thought it out recommended it as likely to be an advantage to the Degree.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, in seconding the motion, said he cordially endorsed every word that had fallen from Lord Euston. It had been all very well when the Grand Lodge met in a small place like their hall in Red Lion-square to meet only twice a year; but now that the Degree had expanded so much it would be well that they should meet oftener and learn what was doing in the Order. With Lord Euston he thought it would be for the advantage of the Degree.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND wished to point out some difficulties which might arise. The brethren coming from distant provinces to attend these meetings considered it a very great honour indeed, but if they did not attend they were according to the laws liable to be fined. In calling on them to meet four times a year instead of twice, they would be liable to double the fine. That law was not proposed to be altered. He thought they ought not to be compelled to attend under penalty of half-a-guinea. He was not going to move an amendment. It was rather hard when brethren had a long way to come to make it four times a year instead of twice, and if they did not come to fine them.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON pointed out that the rule which inflicted the fine provided "unless a valid excuse in writing be made to the Grand Secretary previous to the meeting of Grand Lodge." Although the rule was in the Book of Constitutions, it had never been acted on. No brother had ever been fined.

Bro. CUMBERLAND said he was fined once.

Bro. RICHARDSON said that must have been under the old constitution, and not under the present law.

Bro. BEACH said he had no doubt that the article in the Book of Constitutions would be acted upon, and any valid excuse would be accepted. At the same time it was for the Grand Lodge to decide whether they thought this alteration was a good one or not. No doubt it was a great advantage in some respects.

The motion was then put, and unanimously adopted.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON next moved—"That an appeal be made to lodges and brethren for funds to erect the "Portal Memorial Organ." He said that on the last occasion of the meeting of Grand Lodge several remarks were made as to a memorial to Canon Portal, and a grant was asked for it in consequence of the great services of Canon Portal to the Order. The General Board were asked to take into consideration the subject of raising a substantial memorial, and the shape it should take, before the present meeting. They had consulted, and as there was a want in their new hall in which they were assembled of an organ, they recommended that an appeal be made to the lodges and brethren for small subscriptions to purchase a Portal memorial organ. The exact cost it was impossible to lay before the brethren at present, but it was put at a sum of £500, and with the number of lodges under the banner of G. Mark Lodge that meant a very small sum for each. The Board did not think it would be asking too much of the brethren in their respective provinces to subscribe a small sum for the erection of an organ in the organ loft, with an inscription that it was a memorial of Canon Portal and of his great services to the Degree. He need not say anything of the long services the late Canon Portal had rendered to the Order both as Grand Master and as President of the General Board. He was a man who was thoroughly unselfish, and was actuated by a sincere desire for the good of Mark Masonry.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON had much pleasure in seconding the motion. Having served several years under Canon Portal, he could confirm everything the Earl of Euston had said. There was no brother in Mark Masonry deserved more at the hands of the brethren than the late Canon Portal, and he felt certain that all brethren in Mark Masonry would like to join in the memorial. No place would be more appropriate for it than in that hall, which unfortunately he had not seen finished, but which he took part in obtaining for the Mark Degree.

Bro. BEACH wished it to be understood that the General Board would be happy to receive contributions from individual Mark Masons, as well as from lodges.

The motion was carried.

The grants recommended by the General Board were then carried, on the motion of the Earl of EUSTON, seconded by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON. Bro. Richardson pointed out that if no other instance was required of the wisdom of adopting the resolution to meet four times a year instead of twice, these cases furnished it. These grants were recommended immediately after the last meeting of Grand Lodge, and the persons seeking relief had had to wait six months for the grants instead of three. Therefore, the brethren would see they had done wisely in making the alteration.

On the motion of Bro. C. BELTON, seconded by Bro. JAMES STEVENS, the report was adopted.

Bro. BEACH next said he had to declare that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was elected Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown for the ensuing year.

Bro. BERRIDGE thereupon proclaimed the Prince of Wales duly elected.

Bro. BEACH then informed the brethren that the Grand Master had appointed the Marquess of Hertford Pro Grand Master, and the Earl of Euston Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. MATIER read a letter from the Marquess of Hertford expressing his regret that illness prevented him attending.

Bro. the Earl of Euston was duly obligated and then invested, Bro. BEACH saying he congratulated him on his appointment to that distinguished office, and the Grand Lodge on having so able and zealous a brother to preside over them as Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. BEACH then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. the Earl of Euston, who was saluted in ancient form.

The following brethren were appointed Grand Officers for the year—

Bro. the Marquess of Hertford	...	...	Pro G.M.
" Earl of Euston	...	...	D.G.M.
" Viscount Dungarvan	...	...	S.G.W.
" Sir H. A. Isaacs (Lord Mayor)...	...	...	J.G.W.
" Abraham Woodiwiss (ex-Mayor of Derby)	...	...	G.M.O.
" L. G. Gordon Robbins	...	...	S.G.O.
" James D. Murray	...	...	J.G.O.
" Rev. J. Barton Spencer, M.A.	...	...	} G. Chaps.
" Rev. R. W. M. Pope, M.A.	...	...	
" W. C. Gilles (elected)	...	...	G. Treas.
" Frank Richardson	...	...	G. Reg.
" Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook	...	...	Pres. Gen. Bd.
" C. F. Matier	...	...	G. Sec.
" R. G. Glover	...	...	} S.G.D.'s.
" G. W. Marsden, jun.	...	...	
" A. H. Jefferis	...	...	} J.G.D.'s.
" E. M. Kidd	...	...	
" C. H. Driver	...	...	G.I. of W.
" Robert Berridge	...	...	G.D. of C.
" Samuel Davies	...	...	} A.G.D. of C.'s.
" Dr. Lawrance	...	...	
" Belgrave Ninnis, R.A., Dep. Inspector General	...	...	G.S.B.
" W. M. Stiles	...	...	} G. Std. Br.'s.
" H. W. G. Abell	...	...	
" W. J. Nosworthy	...	...	G. Org.
" J. R. Wilmer	...	...	G.I.G.
" W. H. Cooper	...	...	A.G.I.G.
" E. J. Mills	...	...	G. Tyler.

The following are the Grand Stewards for the year: Bros. H. H. Shirley, 1; G. F. Edwards, 8; H. M. Hobbs, 198; Prof. J. R. Green, 112; Geo. Gregory, 355; Lawrence Steele, 350; Samuel Kelly, 34; S. J. Attenborough, 251; John Chandler, 401; Lennox Browne, 400; H. W. H. Elwes, 317; Capt. A. H. Markham, 2; Wm. Densham, 15; and J. H. Thompson, 194.

The following are the nominated members of the General Board: Bros. Alfred Williams, Geo. Cooper, C. H. Driver, James Moon, R. Loveland Loveland, and John E. Dawson.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON announced that the Grand Master had appointed Bros. Alfred Williams, George Cooper, Charles H. Driver, James Moon, R. Loveland Loveland, and R. E. Dawson as members of the General Board, and that Bros. A. F. Godson, M.P., the Rev. Hayman Cummings, Gordon Miller, Arthur Roger Carter, and Charles Belton were the five members who had been nominated by the brethren to serve on that Board.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON next said that the brethren had unanimously voted that a collection should be made for the Portal memorial organ, and he thought it right to say that a certain number of subscriptions had been already given. A guinea or a guinea-and-a-half from each lodge or a small subscription from private donors would make up as much as was wanted, and they would be able to put up a good organ, one worthy of the memory of one who had worked so hard for the Mark Degree. The subscriptions already given amounted to fifty guineas. With such a start Grand Lodge, he had no doubt, would, when it met in September or December, find it had enough.

Bro. NOSWORTHY, Grand Organist, said he should like to be taken into consultation with respect to the organ.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON remarked that if Bro. Nosworthy put himself in communication with the Grand Secretary he would find that brother give him that kindly assistance which he always extended to brethren who applied to him.

Bro. MATIER read the following letter from Lord Egerton of Tatton:

BUXTON, May 27th, 1890.

My dear Sir and Brother,

I much regret that it will be quite impossible to attend and preside at G.M.L., on June 3rd. I have been ordered here for my health, and have had a relapse of the fever from which I have been suffering for some months, of an intermittent character.

I am also ordered to avoid, as much as possible, all further business till I have regained my strength. Please make all arrangements for the installation of Lord Hertford as my successor, which I much regret I shall be unable personally to conduct in the new Mark Masons' Hall.—Yours fraternally,

(Signed) EGERTON OF TATTON.

Mr. C. F. Matier.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON stated that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had conferred the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden on his Highness the Maharajah of Kuch Behar, and the rank of Grand Junior Warden on Bro. Robert Berridge, G.D.C., and Bro. Frank Richardson, G. Reg., in commemoration of the services they had rendered to this Degree.

The salutes were then given, and Grand Lodge was formally closed.

The brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where they partook of an excellent banquet, under the chairmanship of Bro. the Earl of Euston, and honoured the usual toasts.

An excellent musical entertainment was given by Bro. Fred H. Cozens, P.G. Org., assisted by Bros. H. W. Schartau, Sidney Tower, Henry Cross, and F. Bevan.

ROBERT FLUDD.—A medical man and philosopher, born at Bearsted, in Kent, 1574, and died in London 1637. He is said to have studied at Oxford, and afterwards practised as a physician. He is, however, principally known by his Rosicrucian works, some say seventeen in number, which appeared in five or six folio volumes, at Frankfort-on-Main, from 1617 to 1638. He seems also to have used the name of "Robertus de Fluctibus," "Rudolphus Otreb," and "Joachim Frizius." His first work appears to be "Apologia Compendaria," etc., 1616, or his "Tractatus Apologeticus," also 1616, and each printed at Leyden. Some have claimed for Robert Fludd a connection with Freemasonry, but so far that is "non-proven." That he may have belonged to it is not improbable, and that is all one can fairly say. He was no doubt a Rosicrucian.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

## PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

The annual Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Devonshire was held on the 28th ult. at Exeter. The Provincial Committee held a meeting at the Masonic Hall, Gandy-street, when the Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts were audited, and a resolution adopted recommending that 15 guineas be voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and placed on the list of Bro. Sir Stafford H. Northcote, Bart., the new Provincial Grand Master, and five guineas to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund.

Subsequently the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Assembly Rooms of the Rougemont Hotel by Bro. Dr. T. W. Lemon, Past G. Chap. of England, Prov. S.G.W. in charge of the province, supported by Bros. John Lane, P.S.G.O. England, P. Prov. G.M.O., as Deputy Prov. G.M.; Samuel Jones, P.G.D. England, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Stocker, as P.S.G.W.; E. A. Davies, P.J.G.W.; J. Chapman, P.G.M.O.; J. J. O. Evans, P.J.G.O.; J. Leonard, P.G.T.; H. Stocker, G.D. England, P.G. Sec.; F. C. Frost, P.P.S.G.W.; F. B. Westlake, P.P.G.R.; W. Vicary, P.P.S.G.W.; F. E. Remfry, P.P.S.G.W. South Wales; J. Jerman, P.P.S.G.O.; E. T. Fulford, P.P.G.M.O., P.G. Stwd. England; and other brethren numbering about 120.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and a deputation named to receive and introduce the Installing Master, Bro. the Earl of Euston, P.G.W., and President of the Board of General Purposes, who was accompanied by Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec.; Frank Richardson, G. Registrar; Robert Berridge, G.D. of C.; and Capt. G. P. Airey, G. Stwd.

After the Grand Officers had been received and saluted, the Prov. Grand Master designate, Bro. Sir Stafford H. Northcote, C.B., M.P., claimed admission, and was formally introduced.

Prayer having been invoked by Bro. the Rev. Dr. LEMON, an ode was sung, and the P.G.M. designate suitably addressed by the INSTALLING OFFICER, who likewise congratulated the province upon the excellent appointment by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Lord Euston said he felt convinced that Sir Stafford Northcote would make an able ruler, and do much to promote the Mark Degree in Devon.

The new P.G.M. was then obligated, invested, and installed in his chair of office. After having been proclaimed and saluted, the anthem "Behold how good and joyful" was sung, and the officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follows:

Bro. Capt. G. S. Strode Lowe, 50	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" Capt. John S. Swann, 372	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" F. B. Westlake, 50	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" A. J. Verdi, 16	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" J. Sampson, 16	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" N. R. Thomas, 35	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. H. P. L. Maurice, 372	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. H. Kelland, 15	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. Stocker, 15, G.D. England	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. P. Jarman, 215	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. Prust, 319	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" G. Dimier, 66	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" R. Brickwood, 383	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" G. Wilson, 169	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. Pengelley, 96	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. Powe, 15	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" A. Revell, 76	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" M. Durban, 91	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" N. J. Price, 48	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
" C. R. H. Sellick	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" C. G. Withell, 383	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. Kelland, 15	...	...	
" E. H. Cordis, 216	...	...	
" R. F. Parsons, 64	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" James Gidley	...	...	

The Prov. Grand Secretary's and Prov. Grand Treasurer's report having been received and adopted, the Prov. Grand Master appointed the Provincial Committee for the year, as follows:—Bros. John Lane, P.S.G.O. England; Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon, P.G. Chap. England; S. Jones, P.G.D. England; W. Vicary, G. R. Barrett, E. Aitken-Davies, J. T. Bond, H. Stocker, G.D. England; F. Crouch, P.G. D. England; and the Prov. Grand Treasurer, W. H. Kelland.

The Grand Officers then retired, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was formally closed.

The brethren dined together at the Rougemont Hotel, under the presidency of the P.G.M., supported by the Grand Officers who had taken part in the interesting event of the day, and by a numerous body of the Mark brethren of the province.

RUSSIA.—Freemasonry was apparently introduced into Russia in 1731, Lord Lovel having nominated Captain John Phillips as P.G.M. for Russia. It is true, as the "Handbuch" points out, that it has been asserted that Peter the Great was initiated in England, and that a lodge was established in St. Petersburg at the end of the seventeenth century, of which Le Fort was W.M., and a Scotchman named Gordon and the Czar were the two Wardens. We fear that this statement is mythic. In 1741 General Keith seems to have been named Prov. Grand Master, and from that time many lodges were formed in Russia. In 1772, Johann Yelagune obtained from the Duke of Beaufort a patent as Prov. Grand Master, and met the approval and even the protection of the Empress Catherine, and many of the highest Russian nobility joined the Order. Unfortunately the question of the High Grades supervened, and divisions and separation became the result. There were some who practised the Rite of Melesino, others the Swedish Rite, others the Clerical Strict Observance, Starck being mixed up in the controversy. Thus two Grand Lodges arose—the first under Yelagune, with 12 lodges; and a National Grand Lodge, under Prince Gargarin, with about the same number, but working the High Grades. About 1794 the lodges seem to have suspended their sittings, and in 1797 were forbidden to meet by the Czar Paul I. In 1808 the Czar Alexander I. gave permission for the lodges to re-assemble, under the direction of Privy Councillor Boëber; but in 1822 (September 12) all the lodges were closed by the police, and have never met since. We believe all their archives, &c., are still at Moscow. It is asserted that at that time there were two Grand Lodges: 1. "Astræa"; and a second, which worked the Swedish system, under the name "The Swedish Provincial Lodge of Russia." The Directorial Grand Lodge of "Astræa," created in 1815 by four St. Petersburg lodges, had then about twenty-four lodges, many of them using a Russian ritual. The Swedish Prov. Grand Lodge had six lodges under it.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*



**SECOND FESTIVAL OF THE NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE EDUCATIONAL FUND.**

On Tuesday, the 27th ult., the meeting of the Charities' Association was held at Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, Hull. The business included reports from the schools at which the five children are educated by the province, all of which were highly gratifying. The grants were considered, and in one instance increased. Three more children were admitted to the benefits of the fund. The Chairman, Bro. J. W. Woodall, J.P., Past Grand Treasurer of England, was re-elected, as were also the Vice-Chairman, Bro. Jas. Todd, P.P.S.G.W., and the Hon. Sec., Bro. M. C. Peck, Past Grand Std. Br. of England.

Other matters of detail having been discussed, the brethren assembled in the banqueting hall, where a *recherché* dinner was provided by Mr. Jenkinson.

Bro. J. W. Woodall, J.P., presided, and was supported by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Hull, Bro. Dr. Sherburn, Bros. Blakeley, P.G. Chap.; Jos. Todd, P.P.S.G.W.; M. C. Peck, P.G. Sec.; Walter Reynolds, P.G. Treas.; F. Fullerton, P.G. Reg.; F. Blackburn, P.G.S. of W.; Westerby, P.G.D.C.; J. Matthews, W.M. 57; J. W. Burton, W.M. 250; J. G. Smithson, W.M. 1010; W. Stratford, W.M. 1605; Haigh, W.M. 1511; Bungay, W.M. 561; and Renard, W.M. 734. Amongst those present from the Hull lodges were Bros. J. Rutter, I.P.M.; Haberland, P.P.S.G.D., J. R. Stringer, P.G.O., G. Kenningham, J. H. Green, R. Roach, S.W., G. Latus, and W. Cuthbert, all of No. 57. R. R. Hawley, P.M. 250; John Bilson, I.P.M., F. C. Bishop, J.W., Carlill Savill, Hon. Sec., H. H. Briggs, T. A. Baldwin, M.D., S.D., E. Kipps, P.M., P.P.G.O., and F. J. Lambert, P.G. Tyler, all of No. 1010; J. W. Tindell, S.W., and J. Ansdell, P.P.G.S.B., of No. 1605; and Turner, S.W., No. 2134.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," assured the brethren of the deep interest her Majesty took in all matters appertaining to the Craft and its Charitable Institutions, being herself a liberal patroness of all.

The CHAIRMAN then submitted "The Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master," and said that he need not dilate upon the virtues and qualities of his Royal Highness, as they were all well known and appreciated by the brethren. He availed himself of the opportunity to offer their congratulations to the Grand Master upon the accession of his eldest son to the dignity of a peer of the realm. They had the pleasurable recollection that the Duke of Clarence—then Prince Albert Victor—was good enough to honour with his presence their first festival on behalf of the Educational Fund at York last year, and took a very deep interest in the benevolent undertaking.

The CHAIRMAN then gave "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; and the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy G.M.," and referred to the excellent qualities possessed by those eminent noblemen for the due performance of their Masonic duties. He could speak from personal knowledge of the Pro Grand Master, having been associated with him at Oxford, whilst he had often had the pleasure of meeting the Earl of Lathom at Grand Lodge, and could testify to the splendid work he performed for the Craft.

The Mayor of Hull, Bro. JOHN SHERBURN, M.D., proposed "His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Prov. G.M., and Bro. Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G.M." He said the toast needed few words to commend it, as they were all personally acquainted with the two brethren, and the visits of the Earl of Zetland and the D.P.G.M. were still remembered. Last year they were all charmed with the geniality of Lord Zetland, and the desire he evinced in the forwarding of the interests of their particular Craft. He (the Mayor) might say they had watched his Excellency's career in Ireland with the utmost interest and felt a personal pride and pleasure with the eminent manner he had performed his duties as her Majesty's representative in the sister isle. It was very gratifying that the Countess of Zetland had recovered from her serious illness, as a continuance of her ladyship's indisposition would have incapacitated his excellency from performing his duties in the able manner which had characterised his tenure of office. After expressing his regret at the enforced absence of the D.P.G.M., owing to ill-health, the Mayor said he was delighted to be present in support of such a worthy institution as the Educational Fund of the North and East Province of Yorkshire, which would heartily commend itself to the sympathy and support of the brethren, and he sincerely wished it every success.

Bro. F. FULLERTON, P.M., Prov. G. Registrar, responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Lodge," and said he knew of no brother who had taken a greater interest in Freemasonry than had the Provincial Grand Master, and although the Earl of Zetland had now been in Ireland for six months, he felt sure the Craft had not been altogether absent from his mind. He was also sure that, as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, he had won the golden opinions of every one with whom he had come into contact by his tact, geniality, and courtesy. He concluded by appealing for a large attendance at the Prov. G. Lodge at Malton on the 9th July, when his excellency will be present.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed the toast of the evening, viz., "The Educational Fund of N. and E. Yorks," and offered the sincere thanks of the Committee of the fund to the W.M. of the Humber Lodge for the very kind reception tendered the Stewards and brethren in

the holding of the second festival. The fund had a particular interest to himself as, to some extent, its inception was due to him (the Chairman), with the hearty co-operation of several kind friends. He hoped it would go on like the rolling snowball, gathering to itself the nucleus of a large and permanent undertaking. The fund had been inaugurated for the purpose of enabling those children in the province who were ineligible, either by age or failing to secure sufficient votes to obtain admission to the large Masonic Institutions, to receive their education at other important scholastic establishments which fortunately abounded in the county. It had always struck him (the Chairman) that the sending up of children from special districts in the country to the large Masonic schools, though giving them a first-rate education, yet often failed to give them that education which was necessary to some special trades and businesses in their own particular districts, especially in the West Riding, where industrial training was required. He was glad to report that eight children had been received and had had the benefit of the fund. He appealed to the brethren to continue their subscriptions. He asked them to do it quietly and unostentatiously—theirs was no rivalry to the other Masonic Charities—and the bread now cast upon the waters would be seen after many days. He then asked their good friend and energetic honorary Secretary, Bro. M. C. Peck, to read the list of contributions.

Bro. M. C. PECK, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. England, P.G. Sec., then read out the list, which showed a grand total of £500 10s.—a result which was received with loud cheers.

It may be interesting to know that the five Hull lodges subscribed £230 13s. 6d., or nearly one-half of the total amount realised.

Bro. JOS. TODD, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., proposed in eulogistic terms "The Health of the Chairman." Bro. Woodall was well known, and his popularity was fully demonstrated by the fact of his election as Grand Treasurer of England. The province had raised upwards of £1500 at the two festivals on behalf of the Educational Fund, a result which was exceedingly gratifying.

The CHAIRMAN briefly responded, and thanked the brethren for their kind reception.

Bro. M. C. PECK proposed "The Chief Magistrate of Hull, Bro. Dr. Sherburn," who, he said, was a perfect model of an English gentleman, and was the most popular man in Hull at the present time. He had worthily supported the honour and dignity of the Corporation, assisted by his charming lady. His duties he had impartially conducted, whilst his hospitality had been munificent. Indeed, he (Bro. Peck) might mention that on the occasion of the last visit of the Earl of Zetland, if his lordship could have remained in Hull over the night, the Mayor very generously proffered to give a ball in the Town Hall to the Freemasons of Hull. He had completely won their respect and esteem, affection and love, and he asked the brethren to receive the toast with enthusiasm and with honours.

The MAYOR, after expressing his thanks, said he was glad to have the honour and privilege of supporting Bro. Major Woodall, who had held the post of Chief Magistrate of Scarborough, and to whom he extended a most hearty welcome. His Masonic brethren had by their sympathy cheered and encouraged him in one of the greatest trials of his life, and the complimentary banquet given him last year by the members of his own (the Kingston) lodge was a red letter day in his history, and stood out in bold relief.

Bro. W. REYNOLDS, P.G. Treas., submitted "The Great Masonic Charities," to which Bro. W. TESSEYMAN, P.P.G.S. of W., replied.

The CHAIRMAN brought the toast list to a close by proposing "The Humber Lodge, No. 57," coupling with it the name of the W.M., Bro. James Matthews.

Bro. J. MATTHEWS, in acknowledging the toast, said that the Masonic Charities had always been a characteristic feature in his Masonic career—indeed, he had given preference to them over other official work, and he had qualified as Steward to all the Institutions with one exception. He offered the condolence of the members to the Deputy Grand Master on his serious illness, and wished him a speedy recovery. The Humber Lodge had only been too pleased to further the interests of the Educational Fund in every possible way, and they were pleased that their efforts had met with satisfaction.

The proceedings were pleasantly interspersed with harmony, contributed by Bros. R. T. Watson, J. H. Green, G. Kenningham, F. C. Bishop, G. Latus, G. A. Shaw, and F. Wilson, under the able conductorship of Bro. J. R. Stringer, P.G.O., who played the accompaniments in a masterly manner.

**A NEW MASONIC CLUB IN HULL.**

From present appearances the members of the Hull Masonic Club Company, which was formed several months ago, might look forward with pleasure to occupying No. 6, Charlotte-street, which is now being converted into a commodious and indeed handsome club house. The alterations were entrusted to a Committee. A spacious entrance hall leading from the street gives the means of ingress to the building on the ground floor of which are situated the dining room and library. The latter is in the front of the premises, and the former looks out through a large bay window on to what may be converted into a pleasant garden at the rear. The first floor is reached by a handsome staircase, and here are to be found the billiard and

smoke rooms. The billiard room is large enough to accommodate two tables. A grand window with cathedral-tinted lead lights runs the whole length of the room—32 feet—and the room, which is not yet completed, will be furnished in mahogany, with tapestry seating accommodation. The furnishing of the other rooms will be of the most elaborate description. It is expected that the club will be opened shortly, probably by Bro. Col. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G.M. The membership is strictly limited to the brethren of the Fraternity, and as there are nearly 1000 Masons in Hull and neighbourhood the club will meet a long-felt want, particularly to seafaring brethren.

**FREEMASONRY IN CENTRAL QUEENSLAND.**

A correspondent sends us the following:

It has occurred to me that some of your readers may be interested in the short particulars herewith of the Aramac Lodge, No. 2338 (E.C.). This lodge was, in the first instance, opened under a provisional warrant from the District Grand Lodge of Queensland, and is firm in its loyalty to the Grand Lodge of England as opposed to the proposed Grand Lodge of Queensland.

The town of Aramac, in which the lodge is located, is a flourishing little place situated in the centre of the most important pastoral district of Queensland, called the Mitchell District, and just about the centre of the colony of Queensland, about 400 miles from the nearest port and 40 miles from the nearest railway; population about 300. The Aramac Lodge may fairly be called the most outlying lodge in Queensland, and it promises to be one of the most flourishing. It was opened the 18th September, 1889, by Bro. M. S. Tolano, P.M. of the Blackall Lodge, E.C., and District Grand Standard Bearer, ably assisted by the W.M. of the Blackall Lodge, Bro. Vincent Desgrand, both of whom travelled across country 120 miles to conduct the ceremony, and were accompanied on their travels by four other brethren from Blackall.

There were in all 33 brethren present at the opening of the lodge, 12 of whom were foundation members, and the rest visitors, many of whom have since joined. Most of the original or foundation members of the lodge are young Masons, and have been made and passed the several Degrees under considerable difficulty and inconvenience in the Comet Lodge, No. 1680 (E.C.), which is situated upon the Queensland Central Railway line, and works under a military or travelling warrant, moving along as the railway is extended from the eastern coast board at Rockhampton westerly. It has been now stationary at Barcardine, 40 miles from Aramac, for about three years, and the greater number of our foundation members travelled those 40 miles many times before they became qualified as Master Masons, and after that held office in the Comet Lodge, and were fairly regular attendants at its monthly meetings. The writer was initiated in the Comet when that lodge was fixed at Boguntungan, 160 miles from Aramac, in 1883, and travelled that journey on horseback, or by buggy, to take the remaining Degrees, and when the railway and lodge came on to Barcardine was appointed to a Warden's chair, and afterwards elected W.M., having the pleasure of conferring Degrees upon fellow townsmen, who now hold important offices in the Aramac Lodge; its popular W.M., Bro. J. W. Booker, among the number. Some of our younger members are managers of grazing estates, and sheep and cattle stations in the neighbourhood, and they are extremely regular in their attendance, travelling 15, 20, 45, 50, and in one case 70 miles to attend to their Masonic duties. I have dilated upon this travelling to give you some idea of the hold Freemasonry has in Central Queensland, and the kind of material we have to work upon.

At our last meeting on the 10th inst. three Third Degrees were given, and to-morrow we hold an emergency meeting to initiate a member who has come from the Daar River, nearly a hundred and fifty miles, for the purpose, but who was prevented by heavy floods from reaching Aramac in time for Thursday's meeting. Our lodge room is fast becoming too small, and efforts must immediately be made to get up a more suitable building to accommodate our rapidly increasing numbers.

Our lodge has just suffered a severe loss by the sudden and accidental death of Bro. Leslie Montagu Donald, the Manager of Clare Station, in this district, and who was killed by the horse he was riding carrying him at a fast pace against a tree; death was instantaneous.

Bro. Donald was one of our foundation members, a young man of great promise, universally and deservedly popular, and at our last meeting a vote of sympathy with his relatives was passed amidst considerable emotion. Bro. Donald was a member of a family well known to Victorians and now residing at Cheltenham in your country.

Trusting that I have not taken up too much of your space,—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

SYDNEY SHARWOOD, P.M.,  
D.G. Steward, Sec. Aramac Lodge, 2338 (E.C.)  
April 13th.

The Prince of Wales has sent to Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs a donation of 50 guineas towards the fund now being raised to found a memorial in London of the late Field Marshal Lord Strathnairn. His Royal Highness and the Duke of Cambridge have consented to become patrons of the movement.

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**To Correspondents.**

The following communications unavoidably stand over :  
CRAFT—Lodge of True Friendship, No. 160.  
INSTRUCTION—Clarence Lodge, No. 263.  
Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of East Anglia.  
Boys' School Athletic Sports at Wood Green.



SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 1890.

**Masonic Notes.**

There has been an increase of four in the Board of  
Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal  
Masonic Institution for Boys on the 2nd prox., and we  
are still a long way off from the number which is con-  
sidered necessary in order to raise the sum required to  
meet the ordinary and extraordinary expenditure of the  
year. As we pointed out in our article of last week,  
including the extra £3000 required for sanitary and other  
works, not less than £13,000 will be required, and a  
Board of Stewards 250 strong, even at the high average  
of £50 per list, will only yield £12,500. Hence it is  
obvious that more brethren are needed to give their  
services, so that the sum realised may be as nearly as  
possible the sum that is required.

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Since our last issue, we have been at the pains  
of carefully examining the List of Stewards, and  
we have discovered that, as in the case of the recent  
Girls' School Board, the weak point is London, only  
this section of the present Board is considerably  
weaker than it was for the Girls' Festival. The latter  
mustered 120 brethren, and there were 76 lodges and  
two Royal Arch chapters represented, but in the Boys'  
School Board the London contingent is only 90 strong,  
and there are only 66 lodges—less than *one-fifth* of the  
total number—and four Royal Arch chapters repre-  
sented. As for the Provinces, their representatives are  
almost as numerous as at the Girls' Festival, and the  
number of represented Provinces is about the same.  
Still there is plenty of room for improvement in both  
sections of the Board, but especially in that which is  
acting for London.

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We fully realise that it is not always the Board which  
is numerically the strongest which produces the largest  
total. We had a conspicuous instance of this only a  
short while back in the case of the Royal Masonic  
Benevolent Institution. One year a Board over 270  
strong raised £15,000; the very next year a Board of

over 370 Stewards raised about £13,500. But the  
conditions under which the two Boards worked were  
very unequal. The first of them acted for the Royal  
Masonic Benevolent Institution in 1888 before the  
Girls' Centenary had taken place, the latter in 1889,  
when the weight of the demands upon the Craft in  
connection with that special event was still felt.

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One thing is very certain. There must be a very  
large number of London lodges which have had no part  
whatever in the Festivals of the current year. Bro.  
Terry secured the help of 123; Bro. Hedges of 76; and  
Bro. Binckes, so far, of 66 lodges. These together  
make a total of 265, but the number on the roll for  
London is upwards of 360, so that if the lodges which  
have sent up Stewards were represented at only one of  
the three Festivals, there would be still a margin of  
about 100 who have done nothing at all to assist our  
Institutions this year. In reality the margin is nearer  
200 than 100, as several of the lodges have sent up  
Stewards to all three, and a still larger number to two  
out of the three.

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Nor must we lose sight of one very important con-  
sideration, namely, that the Chairman on this occasion  
will have no Province to back him up, that is, no special  
body from which it is morally certain he will receive  
a special measure of support. Indeed, Bro. Lord  
George Hamilton is a London Mason, Past Master of  
a London lodge, and for this reason, if for no other, the  
London lodges, instead of mustering in smaller  
numbers than usual, should have as many of its lodges  
represented as possible, and do their utmost to support  
his lordship. Let us hope that next week we shall be  
able to report more favourably than is possible in the  
present number of the prospects in store for the Ninety-  
Second Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic  
Institution for Boys.

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We announced last week that the warrant for the  
Cornish Lodge had been granted, and the consecration  
has been fixed for Thursday, the 19th inst. The cere-  
mony will be performed by the Grand Secretary,  
Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, and we believe it is  
the intention of the founders to extend the invitations  
to the Worshipful Masters of all the Cornish lodges,  
so that a large and representative gathering may be  
expected.

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The Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of  
Middlesex and Surrey will be held under the presidency  
of Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand  
Master, at Mark Masons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 24th  
inst., at 5 p.m. The banquet will take place at the  
Holborn Restaurant.

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Bro. the Rev. E. B. Bagot is referred to by the  
editor of the *Keystone* as the author of an admirable  
lodge consecration address which is reproduced in the  
*Keystone* from our pages. The editor says that both  
in thought and expression it is above the average of  
such addresses, and he takes pleasure in inviting the  
attention of his readers to it.

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The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the  
Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Free-  
masons' Hall on Wednesday, when votes of thanks to  
the honorary officers were passed by acclamation; the  
accounts were passed and ordered to be paid, and the  
Board was then dissolved.

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The New Hall of Mountain Lodge, No. 281, Altoona,  
Pa., was solemnly dedicated to the purposes of Free-  
masonry on Thursday, the 15th ult., by Bro. Clifford  
P. MacCalla, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, who was  
supported by a majority of his Grand Officers, the  
number of brethren present on the occasion being  
about 500. At the request of the Grand Master, Bro.  
the Hon. Richard Vaux, Past G.M. of Pennsylvania,  
delivered a most eloquent oration in honour of the  
auspicious event, while the ceremony itself appears to  
have been carried out most successfully.

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It will be seen by an extract from the *Keystone*, which  
we reproduce in another column, that a Masonic  
pilgrimage to Palestine has been organised by the  
Masons of Philadelphia. Amongst those who form the  
party there will be no more welcome visitor than the  
Grand Master of Philadelphia, Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla,  
who has a host of friends on this side of the water. On  
behalf of the English Craft we can promise him a  
cordial and hearty greeting.

## 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.]

## THE R.M.B.I. ELECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your valuable articles on the elections and the Festival returns are usually so accurate, and therefore so useful, that I am sure you will allow me to call your attention to a slight error in your issue of the 24th ult. No. 5 of the successful male candidates was not from Dorset, and, as far as I am aware, had no connection with that province, but was a Devonshire brother.

Whilst I am writing I should like, in reference to your analysis of the Girls' School Festival, in which Dorset is gibbeted amongst the absentees as having done nothing since the R.M.B.I. in 1889, to say that Dorset is a small province, and as a rule cannot take up the cause of more than one Charity at a time. I may mention that the £156 10s. announced at the Festival of the R.M.B.I. last year was raised to £240 or more before the end of the year, which following its £294 for the Girls in 1888, was rather a severe strain.

Yours fraternally,

DORSET.

June 3rd.



FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY  
FOR THE PROVINCE OF ESSEX, 1890.

This handsomely printed and most useful annual has reached its sixth year of publication, and doubtless is highly valued by the members of the province. The editor throughout the period has been the Prov. Grand Secretary (Bro. T. J. Ralling), whose exertions on behalf of his province are widely known and as warmly appreciated. This year's issue is adorned with a fine portrait of Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., the esteemed Prov. Grand Master, who appears in full dress Masonic clothing, and makes a fine picture. The editor rightly surmises that this excellent portrait "will prove both interesting and acceptable to the brethren generally," and we are glad to note that this new feature is likely to be followed in succeeding editions "by the issue of a series of portraits of local brethren of distinction." Another capital feature of this annual is the "Events of the year 1889," which Bro. Ralling regularly presents from year to year, the plan serving to keep the main points of local Masonic history well before the Essex Craftsmen. The "Masonic Notes," which are of considerable utility and importance for Masters and Secretaries of lodges, we duly noted last year, and much wish that similar data was furnished in every directory published. There are 29 lodges in the province, the last addition being the Lennox Browne, No. 2318. Since then two more lodges have been warranted, viz., No. 2339, Manningtree, and No. 2342, Kelvedon, so that there are now 31 lodges, and the Prov. Grand Master will thus have three more collars at his disposal at the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting this year. There are six Royal Arch chapters only in the province, so that for some reason or other that Degree is not so popular in Essex as it is generally, or as it deserves to be. Neither is the Mark Degree so strong in proportion as Craft Masonry, there being but four lodges as yet chartered. The votes for the Charities are all that could be well desired or, at all events, expected, the average being unusually high for each lodge, the total amounting to the large number of 4190 votes.

ROYAL ARCH MANUAL FOR PROV. GRAND  
CHAPTER OF SUSSEX.

Seeing such an intimate acquaintance with the Province was manifested by the Editor, we naturally thought that Comp. V. P. Freeman had been at work, but the surmise was unwarranted; the whole credit for the very complete Manual, as originator, compiler, and donor, being due to the new Grand Superintendent, General Randolph. We congratulate the Royal Arch companions of Sussex in having such an efficient ruler.



903] BRO. GOULD ON LODGE No. 66.

I am very pleased to see that my brief article on the "Grenadiers' Lodge" (May 17th, 1890) has "drawn" my friend Gould, who is emphatically the Masonic historian. In 901 "Notes and Queries," our brother in last week's *Freemason* certainly furnishes a by-law, overlooked by me, which suggests a military origin or connection for the "Grenadiers' Lodge," the clause respecting fines for non-attendance being non-operative when members were absent "on the King's duty," thus directly favouring Bro. John Lane's view of the matter.

Possibly Bro. Gould may be able, by looking up his notes, to give the date of this by-law. What Bro. Gould alludes to in reference to Lodge No. 66 is what I have long been after, and was most anxious to trace. I refer to the *certificate of constitution*, "which remained for some time the sole authority for its assemblies." When Bro. Asher Barfield was in Torquay, and he, Bro. Lane, and myself made a trio of Craftsmen in the yacht of the former, I asked particularly about such certificate but Bro. Barfield has not succeeded in finding it. No such record is in the volume I have described, and so shall be glad of Bro. Gould's authority for the statement that it exists, the matter being of special interest. Nos. 58 and 60, London, have such certificates still preserved, but I was not aware that No. 66 has. Should any others be known, I hope we shall soon have news of such, it being important to fix the date when certificates ceased to be given, and actual warrants began.

W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Temperance in the East Lodge (No. 898).

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Assembly Rooms, Newby-place, Poplar, on the 28th ult., under the presidency of Bro. J. Gordon, W.M. The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Mr. Tatham who had been previously duly proposed, was balloted for, and proving unanimous in his favour he was initiated. Bro. G. Shearman, the W.M. elect, was presented and a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the W.M. elect was duly installed in the chair of K.S., and he appointed the following officers for the ensuing year—Bros. J. Gordon, I.P.M.; J. Armstrong, S.W.; A. G. Duck, J.W.; J. R. Walley, Treas.; C. W. Smith, Sec.; W. Bigg, S.D.; E. F. Williams, J.D.; T. Craze, I.G.; T. Ringrose, W. Legg, and W. Bussey, Stewards. Bro. J. Gordon then impressively delivered the addresses to the W.M. and his officers, and the lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet at the Liverpool Hotel, over a 100 being present.

After grace the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales; the Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were received with the enthusiasm and respect always accorded by Freemasons.

Bro. James Terry responded on behalf of the Grand Officers.

"The Worshipful Master" was then proposed in brief and fitting terms by Bro. J. Gordon, I.P.M., and responded to as succinctly by Bro. Shearman, W.M.

The toasts of "The Installing Master" and "The Past Masters" were responded to by Bros. J. Gordon, J. Terry, P.G.S.B.; H. Rogers, G. Gravely, G. Siddars, and J. Byford.

In proposing "The Charities," Bro. Gordon, I.P.M., spoke of his visit to the Girls' School, and vouched for their flourishing condition. The children, he said, were evidently well taught and cared for. He saw a feat that evinced their ability in music, viz., seven pianos played by 14 players simultaneously. Bro. Hedges was present, and would doubtless say a few words for himself.

Bro. J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., briefly, but humorously, replied.

Bro. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G., also responded, and thanked the lodge for the noble contribution of £140 brought up by Bro. J. Gordon. The children were certainly well looked after. At present there were 260 inmates in the Institution.

The remaining toasts were proposed and responded to, the justice being done them by both, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

Brevity was the character of all the speeches of the evening.

Besides the officers named above, the following were among the brethren present: Bros. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary R.M.B.I.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Secretary R.M.I.G.; J. J. Carter, P.M.; J. Williams, P.M.; F. W. Pulsford, P.M.; G. Siddars, W. J. E. Butcher, P.M.; C. Chapman, P.M.; J. Byford, P.M.; T. S. Craze, F. Baker, J. J. Pavey, F. J. Burdett, E. F. Clark, F. J. Jevess, R. H. Simpson, J. Denison, W. Bussey, W. H. Darton, W. Gibson, F. J. Gardiner, T. Arthur, C. Cooper, J. J. Lowman, F. Hawksworth, and E. W. Crosby. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Duckham, 1593; D. K. Duncan, 2319; J. Holland and J. R. Tijou, of 1804; B. H. Spencer, 1076; Jas. Banlin, P.M. 1158; G. J. Thompson, 1457; Jeffrey Stewart, 1716; G. H. Seage, 781; and about 30 other visitors.

Anglo-American Lodge (No. 2191).—The election meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th ult., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., when there were present Bros. F. Kedge, W.M.; A. Clark, I.P.M.; T. H. Tilton, S.W.; J. J. Woolley, J.W.; J. B. Cumming, Treas.; G. Reynolds, Sec.; W. Hancock, S.D.; J. Woodward, D.C. H. W. Schartau, Org.; F. Jackson and J. B. Grieve, Stvds.; R. F. Potter, Tyler; C. O. Burgess, J. Rowe, A. Barnard, E. Jessurun, G. A. Bergholz, J. F. Thomson, J. Williams, C. Hirsch, J. Hansen, H. F. Dessen, F. W. Frigout, G. T. Atkinson, H. Lewis, B. R. Paul, Curtis D'Alton, W. Donald, Dr. Wedgwood, G. P. Bertini, A. H. P. Snow, G. A. Bowles, W. S. Lincoln, S. Spooner, W. J. Thruswell, and J. Coltart. Visitors: Bros. W. Howard, I.P.M. 948; W. Kedge, 749; F. Calvert, 749; H. W. Percy, W.M. 1853; D. Haslett, P.M. 143; W. Grove, P.M. 749; B. Good, La Fayette, U.S.A.; W. Lloyd, W.M. 145; J. G. James, 1602; and F. M. Noakes, 2148.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Messrs.

David Allen, A. H. P. Snow, Alexander Bowje, and George A. M. Bowles, which having proved unanimous, and all, with the exception of Mr. Allen, being in attendance, they were duly initiated, the ceremony being most impressively performed.

Bros. Atkinson and Hansen were passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Norcross, by request of the Worshipful Master of the Emulation Lodge, Liverpool, raised to the Third Degree. Bro. H. E. Sanders was duly elected a joining member. The brethren then proceeded to the election of W.M., which proved unanimous in favour of Bro. T. H. Tilton, S.W. Bro. Cumming was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Potter, Tyler.

The Audit Committee having been appointed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Prince's Room, where an excellent banquet was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Bertini. After the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and received,

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Sister Grand Lodges of the United States and the Dominion of Canada," which he said was a toast peculiar to that lodge; it was instituted by Bro. Brackstone Baker, their first Master; it was his opinion, and an opinion shared by the members of the lodge, that it should be given at every meeting.

Bro. T. H. Tilton, in reply, said that he had responded to that toast so often that he had nothing new to say. Of the 48 Grand Lodges that of New York was the largest, second only to the Grand Lodge of England, which they look upon as the best in the world.

Bro. A. Clark, I.P.M., next proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said it was a duty and pleasure to propose that toast. The very able way in which he had carried out the arduous duties of his office was rarely excelled, and it was seldom that a W.M. was able to perform the three ceremonies in such a perfect manner as he had done. They were fortunate in having such a W.M., who had presided with ability, dignity, and advantage to the lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked Bro. Clarke for the very nice way in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the very hearty way in which they had received it. As an amateur he had endeavoured to perform his duties to the best of his ability, and it was very gratifying to him to see those endeavours appreciated. He had never been once absent from the lodge since its foundation, and should always take the greatest interest in its affairs.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," regretted the absence of Bros. B. Baker and Major Lambert. He thanked Bro. Clark for the support he had given him during his year of office. The Past Masters were the backbone of the lodge, although in their case they were but few; but what they lacked in numbers, they made up in quality.

Bro. Clarke, in reply, thanked the brethren most sincerely. He regretted the other Past Masters were not there that evening to respond, as they were natural orators. He could only reply in his humble way. He always tried to do his best, and hoped that he had given them satisfaction. Perhaps their coming W.M. might give them some exemplification of American working during his year of office, which he was sure would prove of great interest to the members of the lodge.

The toast of "The Initiates" was next given, and in doing so the W.M. said they must have all been struck with the very great interest they appeared to take in the ceremony. He was sure they would not regret the step they had taken.

Bro. Snow, in reply, said he hardly knew how to thank the brethren for the very kind manner in which the initiates had been received. He hoped his shortcomings would be forgiven, and in due course become a good Mason.

Bros. Bowie and Bowles also replied.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," said that was a toast that was always given with a great deal of pleasure—they were always pleased to see a good number present and extend to them a hearty welcome.

Bro. Good, in reply, thanked the brethren for the very hearty way in which the toast had been drunk. He had known Bro. Tilton for many years and was very pleased that he had been elected W.M. of the Anglo-American Lodge. He was highly worthy of it, having worked hard and zealously in Masonry.

Bros. Lloyd, Groves, and Percy also replied.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The W.M. elect," said that those who were present at the opening of the lodge had heard from him that circumstances over which he had no control had prevented him from being present in the lodge during the past year, but he trusted in the future to be able to be regular in his attendance. The officers whom he would be pleased to appoint would, he was sure, support him with an earnestness and zeal that would materially assist in the continued success of that most successful lodge.

Bro. T. H. Tilton, W.M. elect, thanked the brethren for the very cordial manner in which he had been received, and for the great honour that had been conferred upon him. When he was asked to be one of the founders of the lodge he readily assented, but declined office; but having been prevailed on, he re-considered his decision, and now stood before them as their W.M. elect. During the first years he had never missed a meeting, but during the last year he had, through circumstances over which he had no control, been isolated from English Freemasonry. He felt that a great honour had been conferred upon him in being elected as W.M. of the Anglo-American Lodge of London.

The toast of "The Officers" was next given, and responded to by Bros. Cumming, Treasurer, and George Reynolds, Secretary.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a most successful meeting.

The toasts were interspersed with some excellent music by Bros. Bowles, Lloyd, Curtis D'Alton, and others, Bro. H. W. Schartau presiding at the piano.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BOGNOR.

Gordon Lodge (No. 1726).—The installation meeting was held at the Assembly Rooms on Tuesday, the 27th ult. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. H. L. Staffurth, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Alfred Lloyd assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and in an impressive manner

installed Bro. W. M. Hope as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Hope then invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. H. L. Staffurth, I.P.M.; T. Burne, P.M. 162, S.W.; J. B. Lloyd, J.W.; Alfred Lloyd, P.M., Treas.; H. Marshall, Sec.; A. T. Angell, S.D.; G. Gatehouse, P.M. 38, P.P.G.D., J.D.; Rev. H. Green, Chap.; A. T. Long, P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; E. Wood, Org.; E. H. Staffurth, I.G.; and T. Walls, Tyler. Bro. Alfred Lloyd was re-elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charities Committee. The W.M. then presented Bro. H. L. Staffurth with a handsome gold Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services during the past year.

At the conclusion of the business, the brethren adjourned to the Octagon Room, and partook of an excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. Booth.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of "The W.M.," which was proposed by Bro. H. L. Staffurth, being enthusiastically received.

The toast of "The Visitors" having been proposed by Bro. A. T. Long, was responded to by Bro. Lord Walter Gordon-Lennox, as representing the senior lodge of the province, and who, after thanking the brethren of the lodge for their hospitality to himself and his brother visitors, expressed his gratification at the very excellent manner in which the business and ceremonies had been conducted.

Those present included Bros. R. Clowes, Prov. S.G.W.; T. Billing, Prov. J.G.W.; Lord Walter Gordon-Lennox, M.P., P.M. 38; Walter Hughes, G. Stwd.; E. E. Street, W.M. 56; E. Collings, P.M. 56, P.P.G.S.B.; J. H. Longman, P.M. 56; G. B. Simpson, W.M. 1141; E. Wilson, W.M. 1303; J. Buckwell, W.M. 2187; Dr. W. H. Causton, W.M. 865, Prov. S.G.D.; G. Gatehouse, P.M. 38, P.P.G.D.; A. Smith, P.M. 38, P.P.S.G.W.; A. T. Long, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. Burne, P.M. 162; and most of the brethren and officers of the lodge.

HANLEY.

**Gordon Lodge (No. 2149).**—The festival of St. John and the installation of the W.M. elect of the above lodge took place on the 29th ult. at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. Ashwell, P.S.G.D., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by the retiring W.M., Bro. Jas. Charlesworth, P.G. Steward, the latter being assisted in the ceremony by Bros. T. Taylor, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Bromley, P.P.S.G.W.; J. B. Piercy, P.P.S.G.W.; J. L. Hamshaw, P.P.G. Reg.; and F. Mountford, P.P.S.G.D. After the W.M. had been installed in the chair, he invested the following as his officers: Bros. G. W. Bradford, S.W.; Rev. E. D. Boothman, J.W. and Chap.; C. Adams, Treas.; F. H. Lodge, Sec.; W. J. J. W. Heath, S.D.; J. Clare, J.D.; J. B. Piercy, D.C.; F. Mountford, Org.; C. H. Phillips, I.G.; A. C. Bourner and T. Love, Stwds.; and W. Wood, Tyler. Among the brethren present, in addition to the names already mentioned, were Bros. Colonel Foster Gough, Prov. G.M.; J. Bodenham, P.S.G.W.; W. Tunncliffe, 418, P.G.S. of W.; F. Skerrett, 460, P.G. Stwd.; J. Bromley, 418, 2149, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Bickley, 418, P.P.J.G.D.; R. Tooth, 637 and 2214, P.P.G. Registrar; J. Webberley, 546, P.P.G. Registrar; S. Bentley, 98, P.P.J.G.W.; W. T. Copeland, 637, P.P.G. Registrar; J. H. Bellese, P.P.J.G.W. Cheshire; E. V. Greatbach, 418, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. C. Faram, 637, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Ingamells, 460, P.P.J.G.D.; S. Watson, 2064, P.P.G.O.; T. K. Pedley, 98, P.P.G.S. of W.; D. Smith, W.M., 637 and 2214, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Stevenson, 1942, P.P.G.S.B.; B. H. Brough, 546, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Godwin, 98, P.P.G. Stwd.; and others.

Previous to the lodge being closed, Bro. Hamshaw presented the lodge, on behalf of himself and Bros. Taylor and Lodge, with a beautiful banner. The banner, which is of tapestry, is a veritable work of art. The whole banner is an exceedingly successful production, and if any parts of it are singled out from the rest they would be in the excellent likeness of General Gordon, wrought in silk; the truthfulness of the reproduction of his uniform and decorations, the excellent accuracy of the Masonic emblems, the shading of the shafts of the pedestals and exquisite work of the two terrestrial globes. Miss Gordon, the General's sister, took a great interest in the banner, and wrote a letter expressing her deep thanks for the honour done to her brother's memory by naming the lodge after him.

Bro. Ashwell acknowledged the gift on behalf of the lodge, after which it was closed, and subsequently a banquet, provided by Bro. J. Munro, whose catering gave every satisfaction, was held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall.

The W.M. presided, and gave the loyal toasts, which included "The Health of the G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales."

Bro. Piercy proposed "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Bodenham responded. Bro. the Rev. E. D. Boothman proposed "Bro. Colonel Foster Gough, LL.D., Prov. G.M., P.G.S.B. England," and in doing so spoke highly of Bro. Col. Gough as a Mason, and the work he did in the province.

Bro. G. P. Bradford submitted the toast of "Bro. Lieut.-Col. Bindley, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," to which Bro. Tunncliffe responded.

Bro. Charlesworth then proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said Bro. Ashwell was an excellent man and a Mason. He was beloved in his mother lodge, the Portland, and twice his merits had been recognised in the Provincial Grand Lodge, and twice he had been placed in the chair of King Solomon. He hoped he would live in prosperity and happiness as long as his life lasted.

Bro. Ashwell, in responding, expressed the great satisfaction it gave him to be W.M. of the Gordon Lodge, and concluded by proposing "The Health of Bro. Charlesworth," referring to the excellent work done by him during the past year.

Bro. Charlesworth having responded, Bro. Bromley proposed the toast of "The Visitors," which was acknowledged by Bros. Bellese, Smith, Greatbach, and Folker.

Bro. Taylor, in giving "The Masonic Charities," said they had been very successful, and the progress they had made would be maintained.

Bro. Hamshaw first responded, and said those who had made the success of the Masonic Charities were the Masons. Masons were the founders, and they were also the maintainers of the Masonic Charities, and to them alone was owing all the success and honour which attached to the Charities. The honour attaching to the Masonic Charities

was a honour greater than any similar honour existing in this country. He knew no charity that raised £50,000 a year. He did not know any charity in the way they raised their money that raised half that sum. He always thought in the category of charities of this description the Masonic Charities stood pre-eminently first, and their success was owing to the zeal, affection, and watchful interest which Masons exemplified concerning those Charities, and that zeal was never better manifested than was recently in the matter of the Boys' School, and they owed to Bros. Greatbach and Tunncliffe, and the brethren associated with them a considerable debt of gratitude. He concluded by stating that it was the intention of Bro. Charlesworth to present the lodge with a Masonic library.

Bro. Bodenham also responded, and said his feeling was in favour of the development of local Charities conducted by the province.

The concluding toasts were "The Officers of the Lodge," proposed by Bro. Ramsdale, and responded to by Bro. G. W. Bradford, and the Tyler's toast.

MARPLE.

**Benevolence Lodge (No. 336).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 31st ult., at the Jolly Sailor Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. E. Radford, W.M.; Thos. E. Mason, P.G. Treasurer; Ralph Andrew, P.G.D.; A. F. Keyworth, Org.; John Osbaldiston, Tyler; Jas. Boardman, P.M.; Jno. Crompton, P.M.; J. Phythian, P.M.; W. Fielding, P.M.; Tom Schofield, P.M.; Woodall, P.M.; G. S. Smith, P.M. 1170; J. Hollingworth, and R. J. Farmer.

SURBITON.

**Surbiton Lodge (No. 2146).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th ult., at the Maple Hall, when the W.M., Bro. F. P. Hill, was supported by all his officers. By the Treasurer's statement of accounts it was seen that, though only four years old, the lodge was entirely free from debt, and had a balance in hand.

There was a full representation of the members of the lodge, with a strong array of visitors, among whom were Bros. W. H. Perryman, P.G.P.; W. Drewett, P.M. 889, W.M. 1638, P.P.G.S.; B. Colbron, W.M. 889; H. White, P.M. 1257; G. M. E. Hamilton, P.M. 1446, W.M. 1641; A. J. Bolton, P.M. 860; T. H. Jebbitt, J.W. 1733; G. E. King, J.D. 1641; H. Monson, 2206, I.G. 2353; W. C. Hudson, 1298; A. S. Johnston, 700; J. C. Bull, 76; E. F. Manners, 859; J. F. Collinson, 1194; W. H. Waters, 1306; and J. T. Evans, 1641.

The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by Bro. Hill, who was especially happy in his delivery of the addresses. The Installing Master is but a young Mason, and had to follow three experienced masters in the Craft in the chair of K.S. His working was correct to the letter, and fully maintained the reputation which the lodge has so far enjoyed, and intends to maintain, for ability to work is a *sine qua non* for office, even the most humble.

The new W.M. is Bro. J. W. Allen, well known in the "Row." He was the first Secretary of the lodge, and as a reward for his services, on a worthy successor being found to take his place, he was put into the chair of J.W. Thence he rose to the highest position, owing to the S.W. being ruler of another lodge at the same time. The appointment was highly popular, and the fifth W.M. of No. 2146 gave proof of efficiency and of the possession of elocutionary powers far above the average. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. P. Hill, I.P.M.; S. Hewett, W.M. 1614, S.W.; Beck, J.W.; S. Hart, P.M., Org. 3, P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; Storr, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., Sec.; Budden, S.D.; W. W. Wakeford, J.D.; R. Williams, I.G.; G. Gilby, D.C.; and List, Tyler.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the Surbiton Assembly Rooms, where an elegant banquet was served by Bro. J. Packham. There was a choice display of flowers upon the board, around which assembled the largest gathering on the records of the lodge, viz., 65.

The lodge may be congratulated upon possessing for its new W.M. an enthusiastic Mason, and a genial President, who is blessed with oratorical abilities of no mean order.

In the toast of "The Queen and Craft" the W.M. felicitously alluded to her Majesty's long and happy reign, which he described as perhaps the most glorious reign in the history of England during the last 1000 years. During the half century in which her Majesty has ruled over the destinies of England this country has reached a high state of excellence, and, in the W.M.'s opinion, it was a glorious privilege to live in such a time when we find Englishmen honoured and respected all the world over. Adverting to the universality of Freemasonry, Bro. Allen claimed that it was the greatest of all secret societies, and was founded upon the three great principles that underlie all morality—"Brotherly love, relief, and truth." It was the bulwark of the throne, and a pillar of the State, always in the forefront of loyalty to the throne.

The next toast was "The M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." He sits high in all the people's hearts.

The W.M. said that the Prince of Wales had the reputation of being the first gentleman in England, and the most popular man in Europe, and that there was probably no man in the present day who stands so high as his Royal Highness. We are proud that he is the head of our Craft, and it is equally fitting that he should be the ruler and the chief of the first society in England—that is Masonry. The W.M. hoped that as the Prince of Wales rules the Craft in such an able manner, when the time came for him to rule the State he would nowhere find more loyal supporters to the throne than members of the Craft.

With the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was coupled the name of Bro. Perryman, P.G.P., who said that it was always a very pleasant duty for an officer of Grand Lodge to respond to that toast. The names included in that toast were those well known as good workers in the Craft, and it was a great privilege for any brother to hold office under them.

The next toast was "The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Frederick West, P.G.W.," and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past.

The Worshipful Master said that he was very sorry that Bro. West was not able to be present, as he took a very great interest in every lodge in the province. The Province of Surrey was particularly well officered. With that toast

he would associate the name of Bro. Dr. Gibbes, who is a Provincial Grand Warden.

Bro. Dr. Gibbes, in reply, said he valued very highly indeed the honour of having his name associated with that toast, and he felt it quite as much as of being P.J.G. Warden. He thought perhaps that as the senior Past Master of the lodge he might say a few words at their annual meeting. Strict Emulation working was a feature of the Surbiton Lodge. He regretted that they had not the Prov. Grand Master in charge that evening, as that meeting was probably about the best of the series held in connection with the lodge. His feelings, he said, overcame him, but he could assure them, on behalf of the other Provincial Grand Officers and himself, that they thanked the lodge very much for proposing their healths, and he hoped that as time went on he should see some of those present in possession of the P.G. Warden's collar.

The pleasant duty of proposing "The Health of the W.M." fell to Bro. Hill, I.P.M., which he performed in a brief and graceful little speech, and, in wishing the new W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office, quoted the peculiarly apposite Shakespearian motto given on the programme—"The force of his own merit makes his way."

Bro. Allen, in returning thanks, spoke of the feeling of deep gratitude with which he responded to their hearty compliment. He said that, as W.M. of the lodge, in which he had the happy privilege of being a founder, he felt it to be a great mark of confidence and of honour in being placed in the position which he then occupied. He had made a great number of friends, and he always had the heartiest sympathies of the members of the lodge, but that, coming after such worthy Masters whose working was unexampled, it put him almost too much upon his merits. He hoped that not only should he have the happiness of being a member of the lodge, but also that he should have a warm corner in their hearts.

The W.M. then presented Bro. Hill, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel, observing that when Bro. Hill came in the chair a year ago he had one of the most difficult positions to fill. He was the first of their W.M.'s to fill the chair who had not previously filled it in other lodges, and he followed other good men. During the past year Bro. Hill had maintained the traditions of the lodge in the splendid manner in which he had ruled it, in kindness and in courtesy on all occasions, and he had succeeded in keeping up its efficiency and in furthering its interests. In addition, he was one of those who worked hardest in founding the lodge, and was for a great many years Secretary to the lodge of instruction. In presenting the jewel, Bro. Allen said it was given not for its intrinsic value, but in token of the high esteem in which Bro. Hill was held, and who fully deserved all that had been bestowed upon him.

In response, Bro. Hill expressed his cordial thanks for the jewel, but more especially for the kind words accompanying the presentation, and acknowledged the great support that had been accorded him on every occasion during his year of office.

In proposing "The Visitors," the Worshipful Master said that Bro. Drewett had given them an apt quotation on the programme:

"Give them friendly welcome every one;  
Let them want nothing that the house affords."

Bros. Hamilton, W. Drewett, and Colbron were associated with this toast.

Bro. Hamilton, in returning thanks, stated that personally he thanked them very much indeed for the opportunity of visiting the Surbiton Lodge, and they had been afforded a good Masonic treat. He could safely say that he had never seen better working than he had seen that day.

Bro. W. Drewett spoke of the great pleasure it gave him to be present, and to see Bro. Allen placed in the chair, and he felt sure it would be re-echoed in every heart that the new W.M. would have a happy year in office as his predecessor had had.

Bro. Colbron expressed his warm satisfaction with everything connected with the lodge and the banquet, and heartily thanked them for giving him the opportunity of visiting the Surbiton Lodge.

In proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," the W.M. affirmed that in Bro. Dr. Gibbes they had one of the most enthusiastic Masons in Surrey, and that all were proud of him and of his energy, in fact he was a most omnivorous man, and a most indefatigable working man. In Bros. Wilson and Storr they had two staunch Masons at heart, and to that lodge in particular. Bro. Hill, our I.P.M., had done good yeoman work in the interests of the lodge, and was a man worthy of the name of P.M.

Bro. Wilson, in returning thanks, spoke of the good work done in the lodge of instruction, and he only regretted that it had not attracted a larger number of members, but he hoped, as they proposed shortly to move in the direction of Kingston, that not only members of their own lodge, but members of the surrounding lodges might be induced to join them.

The W.M. next proposed in glowing terms "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," and he warmly complimented those officers on the admirable manner in which they respectively performed their arduous duties.

Bro. R. S. Hart, P.M., Treas., said that it had always been his motto to husband the resources of the lodge, and not to carry out the precept inculcated in the quotation given—"There is money; spend it." He was very pleased to find that the lodge had such a balance in hand after four years of working.

Bro. Storr felt great joy in supporting the W.M., and he believed that unity in the Masters and Past Masters of the lodge had been the mainspring of the lodge's success, and in order to maintain its position it was necessary that the officers who were working up for the chair should take a like interest in the good working of the lodge.

Bro. Hewett's name was associated with the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge." He congratulated Bro. Allen on being the first W.M. who had started with a balance in hand, and, amid much laughter, stated that he thought Bro. Dr. Gibbes deserved a higher position, as he was the accoucheur of the lodge; if it had not been for him the lodge would not have been born.

The Tyler's toast brought the very happy evening to a conclusion.

The various toasts were interspersed with solos and part songs most ably rendered by a quartette party from the Lyric Union, St. James's Hall, W. Bro. Dr. Gibbes also contributed to the musical success of the evening.



## Royal Arch.

### CROYDON.

**Mozart Chapter** (No. 1929).—This chapter met at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 19th ult. Among those present were Comps. Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., S.E., acting M.E.Z.; E. J. Hore, H.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.P.A.G.S., J.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org.; and Alliston, P.S. Comp. Castello was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Comp. Castello as a joining member, and it proved to be unanimous. The election of officers and Principals for the year ensuing then took place, with the following result: Comps. Hoare, M.E.Z.; Shirley, H.; F. Weiss, J.; Capt. Walls, S.E.; Castello, S.N.; H. J. Lardner, Treas.; Alliston, P.S.; and Lane, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to Comp. R. P. Thomas. Apologies for non attendance were received from Comps. R. P. Thomas, M.E.Z.; F. Weiss, S.N.; W. Lake, P.P.G.R. Cornwall; and others.

The convocation was then closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

A few toasts followed.

## Mark Masonry.

**Earl of Carnarvon Lodge** (No. 211).—This lodge met at Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, on the 20th ult. Among those attending were Bros. F. C. Frye, W.M.; E. Pocock, S.W.; Skinner, P.M., acting J.W.; Huish, M.O.; Monson, S.O.; Parkhouse, J.O.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; Wadham, S.D.; J. N. Frye, I.P.M.; and Rickwood, P.M. Bro. Day, 879, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The sum of one guinea was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, per Bro. J. N. Frye, P.M., Steward for the Festival. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Bro. French, J.W.; Dr. Kiallmark, J.D.; Goodall, P.M.; John Mason, P.M., Treas.; J. Taylor, P.M.; A. Harris, P.M.; and D. P. Cama (Hon. Mem.).

The lodge was then closed, and adjourned till the last Thursday in October.

The customary banquet followed.

The usual toasts were fluently proposed by the W.M., and cordially responded to.

## Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**ST. JAMES' UNION LODGE** (No. 180).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the St. James' Restaurant, Piccadilly, on Monday, the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. Dibley, W.M.; Brownsword, S.W.; Haslett, J.W.; Matthews, S.D.; Hill, J.D.; Bayfield, I.G.; Farwig, Preceptor; C. Jones, Sec.; Woods, Cater, Shaw, Scheu, Haseldine, Blythe, Street, Warwick, Kirk, and Larkin.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Woods worked the 1st Section. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Scheu being candidate. Bro. Farwig worked the 4th Section, Bro. Cater the 5th Section, and Bro. Woods the 6th Section. On rising for the first time, the dues were collected. On rising for the second time, Bro. Brownsword, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, the cards relating to the working of the Fifteen Sections in this lodge on the 30th inst. were given to the brethren to distribute amongst the brethren of other lodges. Bro. Farwig will take the chair, supported by Bros. Woods and Blyth. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**ZETLAND LODGE** (No. 511).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, on Monday, the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. Dr. Miller, W.M.; Poynter, S.W.; Cole, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Preceptor; H. Lichtenfeld, Sec.; R. Harnell, sen., S.D.; S. Lichtenfeld, J.D.; Shutt, P.M.; Eveson, P.M.; Halliday, P.M.; Casely, P.M.; Hall, Brendle, O. Newman, H. J. Ahern, H. Manson, W. Austin, H. Hazell, and T. Styles.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Brendle having offered himself as a candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bros. Ahern, Austin, and Newman answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by Bro. W. M. Hill, in whose favour the chair was vacated, Bro. Manson acting as candidate. Bro. Mulvey, Preceptor, worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The W.M. rose for the first time, when Bro. Newman, 2353, was elected a member of the lodge. The W.M. rose the second time, and the S.W., Bro. Poynter, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE** (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. R. E. Cursons, W.M.; G. Victor Wood, S.W.; E. T. Taylor, J.W.; G. Wood, P.M., Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, P.M., Sec.; R. P. Tabb, S.D.; W. T. Dillon, J.D.; A. Pozzati, I.G.; and N. Turner, P.M. 72.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Dillon was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Dillon candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history. The lodge was closed down. Bro. Tabb was elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction. The S.W., Bro. G. V. Wood, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE** (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 30th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. E. Fox, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; J. Cummings, P.M., J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec., S.D.; L. Brvat, P.M., J.D.; H. Blackman, I.G.; A. Williams, P.M.; T. Jobson, G. Webb, and E. Nash.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Williams being the candidate. Bro. Webb having given proof of his proficiency, was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen, Bro. F. Craggs was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. A cordial vote of thanks was given to the W.M., and recorded on the minutes, for his very able services and efficient rendering of the ritual for the first time in this lodge of instruction. After "Hearty good wishes" had been given, the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE** (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; J. Cruttenden, S.W.; O. W. Battley, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., 1425, Asst. Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. R. Allman, P.M. 1425, S.D.; A. Williams, P.M., S.D. 834, J.D.; H. Campbell, I.G.; Thos. Jobson, Stwd.; C. G. Wetzlar, W.M. 141; W. J. Mason, W.M. 1328; A. Cadbury Jones, W.M. 1441; J. Smith, H. Windeatt, and P. A. Dunn, 1258 (visitors).

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Cadbury Jones, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hillier being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Wetzlar being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Dunn was elected a member, and Bro. Cruttenden, W.M. for the next meeting. A communication from Bro. Read was read. Bro. Campbell thanked the brethren for their sympathy with him on account of his accident, and a vote of sympathy was passed with Bro. John Davies, a much valued member. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE** (No. 1614).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 29th ult., when there were present Bros. W. Hoggins, W.M.; F. M. Noakes, S.W.; J. Rowe, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas.; R. E. Cursons, S.D.; C. Rotter, J.D.; Weeks, Tyler; J. B. Grieve, J. Thrusell, F. W. Buxton, T. C. Seary, W. Walker, E. J. D. Bromley, G. A. Bergholz, and E. C. Mulvey.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. T. C. Seary having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The Deputy Preceptor worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. E. J. D. Bromley offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, and having answered the necessary questions, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bro. Henry G. Walker, 1614, was unanimously elected a member. On rising for the second time, Bro. F. M. Noakes, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, appointing his officers in rotation, and announced his intention of working the Third Degree. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE** (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 30th ult., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill. Present: Bros. R. H. Broom, W.M.; J. Powell, S.W.; J. C. Conway, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Mason, W.M. 2246, Sec.; W. R. Hatton, S.D.; M. J. R. Dundas, J.D.; J. M. Chapman, I.G.; E. Rogers, P.M., G.S., Treas.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., P.G.S. Surrey; F. L. Chandler, P.P.G.P. Middx.; G. Gardner, C. Bye, M. Rosenberg, H. Armfield, and H. Burrington.

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. Bro. H. H. Burrington 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. H. H. Burrington being the candidate. The Preceptor worked the 3rd Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. J. Powell was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The Preceptor proposed a hearty vote of thanks, which was seconded by Bro. E. Rogers, P.M., and carried unanimously, to Bro. R. H. Broom for his able working in the chair for the first time. The W.M. made a very neat little speech in reply. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE** (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Roberts, W.M.; P. J. Davies, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; George Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; H. Wake, S.D.; C. G. Hatt, J.D.; C. Woods, I.G.; James Sims, P.M.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; J. H. Neville, A. J. Turner, E. E. Gelfowski, G. Vickery, R. W. Allison, J. B. Cory, James Wakeham, S. Sidders, and G. Swann.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Turner acting as candidate. Bro. Cochrane gave the charge at the end of the ceremony. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. A vote of condolence was passed to Bro. John Davies, who is suffering from a severe illness. Bro. Davies, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. James Wakeham was elected a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE** (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 29th ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. F. Woodard, W.M.; T. Jobson, S.W.; F. Craggs, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; W. Jennings, J.D.; J. Arnott, I.G.; R. H. Rogers, P.M.; R. Josey, P.M.; G. Higginson, H. Cotton, L. Cox, and H. D. Gilbert, W.M. 1828.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and closed in Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Cotton having offered himself as a candidate, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree. The 2nd Section was worked by Bro. J. Sims, P.M., assisted by the brethren. Bro. Jobson was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and "Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE** (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 31st ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. T. W. Biggs, W.M.; H. Bright, S.W.; F. Craggs, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; J. Brown, Sec.; W. Pine, S.D.; W. S. Whiteley, J.D.; J. N. Baxter, I.G.; M. Speigel, P.M.; J. H. Cummings, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; T. Willcox, Hillier, Macey, J. Cox, L. Lee, and J. Jobson.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. J. Cox candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W. Master invested the officers with the new collars, which have been subscribed for and presented by several brethren of the lodge. On the usual rising, Bro. H. Bright was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was voted and recorded on the minutes to those brethren who had so kindly presented the lodge with new officers' collars. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE**.—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. and D. Railway), on Monday, the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. J. Gilbert, 2345, W.M.; Lyell, Stwd. 2345, S.W.; Ellson, J.W.; W. W. Westley, P.M., W.M. 1381, S.W. 2345, Preceptor; Evans, S.D.; Langdon, D.G. 2345, J.D.; Taylor, I.G.; Hatfield, Poole, P.M.; Ryme, Windsor, Livett, R. Steele, Treas. 2345, S.W. 172; Cochrane, I.P.M. 3, W.M. 2345; J. Mitchell, 2345; Morris, 2345; Fox, C. Woods, Sec. 2345; Cowland, Balcombe, 2345; King, Glover, Harvey, J.D. 2345; and Beaven, I.G. 2345.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Hatfield as candidate. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, with Bro. Livett as candidate. Hearty sympathy was expressed with Bro. Folkard, and pleasure expressed at the good turn his illness had taken. The lodge was afterwards closed.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER** (No. 890).—A meeting was held on the 30th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Cruttenden, 779, M.E.Z.; W. H. Chalfont, J. 975, H.; P. W. Biggs, 975, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. Gregory, 862, S.N.; W. Hillier, 733, P.S.; J. C. Tilt, 862, and O. W. Battley, 2246.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Tilt being candidate. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

**STAR CHAPTER** (No. 1275).—The last night before the summer recess was a great success at this flourishing chapter which was held on the 30th ult., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, when there were present Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, S.N. 172, M.E.Z. and Preceptor; G. L. Moore, P.Z. 169, H.; J. Hill, J. 1329, J.; C. H. Stone, 1275, S.E.; G. Powell, P.Z. 1185, S.N.; T. Grunmunt, P.Z. 1275, P.S.; Neeld, P.Z. 169; Wicks, P.Z. 1269; Capt. R. J. Vincent, P.Z., M.E.Z. 1329, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex; Hodges, Clifford, Beneditti, H. 1275; Addington, P.Z. 1275; J. N. M. North, 1275; Osterstock, A.S. 1185; Buckeridge, 169; H. Martin, 1275; Bickerstaff, P.Z.; C. Wilson, S.N. 1369; S. Scott Young, J. 1385; and Phillips, P.Z. 180.

A conclave of First Principals was formed, and Comp. Hilton rehearsed the ceremony of installation of the M.E.Z. A conclave of Second Principals was formed, and Comp. Hilton rehearsed the ceremony of installation of H. A conclave of Third Principals was formed, and Comp. Hilton rehearsed the ceremony of installation of J. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, with Comp. Addington as candidate. Comp. G. L. Moore was elected M.E.Z. for the first Friday in September. On the proposition of Comp. Hill, seconded by Comp. Grunmunt, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Comp. Hilton, Preceptor, for his arduous and self-denying labours in the past session. A similar vote was accorded Comp. Stone, S.E. On the proposition of Comp. Neeld, P.Z., it was resolved that the chapter adjourn till the first Friday in September. Comp. Wicks, S.E. of the Industry Chapter of Instruction, heartily greeted the chapter on behalf of the Industry Chapter of Instruction. Comp. Osterstock kindly promised to have the by-laws printed for the chapter.

After the chapter was closed, Comp. North, who is W.M. of the New Cross Lodge, exhibited the drawings he has prepared for the new book—"In Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty"—which he will shortly publish, and delighted those present with his description of the same.

The Prince of Wales gave his usual dinner party at Marlborough House on Wednesday—the Derby day—amongst the guests being the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Christian, Bros. the Marquis of Hartington, the Earl of March, the Earl of Hardwicke, Earl Granville, the Earl of Zetland, the Earl of Faversham, Lord Suffield, and others. The Princess of Wales, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, and the Duke of Clarence dined at Chelsea House, Cadogan-terrace.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

Horatio Shirley Conclave (No. 5).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at the Holborn Restaurant. Present: Bros. E. C. Mulvey, S.R.; Penrose J. Dunbar, C.; C. B. Cooper, G.; John J. Pakes, Sec.; F. H. Veiss, V.D.; Horatio H. Shirley, P.S.R.; F. Weiss, J. W. Goodinge, J. Castello, and C. E. Keyser. Visitors: Bros. Dr. Zacharie, G.S.R., and Nelson Prower, Alfred Meadow's Conclave, No. 1.

Bro. Walter F. Nicholls, P.M. 463, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, &c., was unanimously elected for induction at the next meeting. Bros. Goodinge and Keyser were duly admitted Princes of the Order. Conclave jewels were presented to the G.S.R. and the G. Recorder. It was resolved that the next meeting be held in September instead of October.

MR. ALEXANDER WATSON'S RECITAL.

On Saturday afternoon, the 31st ult., Mr. Alexander Watson gave the first of his series of recitals this season at Steinway Hall. As is usual with Mr. Watson, the programme partook of a varied character, embracing selections from Lord Tennyson, Mark Twain, Bret Harte, Baring-Gould, Shakespeare, and Theodore Hook. In the delivery of all these items Mr. Watson displayed his well-known powers of elocution, and his efforts met with much appreciation. Perhaps the most successful features of the entertainment was his recitation of "The Farmer's Photograph," and part of Act II. in "As You Like It." The latter afforded ample scope for Mr. Watson's dramatic abilities, which were exerted with the greatest success. In Mr. Watson's delivery of "The River Adventure," his humorous faculties were brought into play, and caused much laughter. The quiet pathos, mingled with wit, which was exemplified in Bret Harte's "Dow's Flat," wrought a marked impression, while the reciter's clear voice and graceful manner afforded much pleasure to a critical audience. In the recital of two selections Mr. Watson had the advantage of a pianoforte accompaniment by Mdme. Mina Cheshire, R.A.M.—a method which is commendable on account of the agreeable effect produced. Madame Cheshire was at her best, which is high praise, in the rendering of Rheinberger's "Toccatina." Two songs rendered with taste and expression by Mr. Reuben, Holmes completed a programme which was as lengthy as it was pleasant.

A MASONIC PILGRIMAGE TO PALESTINE.

A pilgrimage as above has been organised by the Rev. Bro. Dr. Charles F. Thomas, K.T., of this city. The party will be confined to Master Masons in good standing, and ladies accompanying them, and will sail from New York in the fine steamship City of Rome, on August 23 next. The programme is a very tempting one. It includes visits to York, London, Rouen, Paris, Luzerne and Rigi, and across the Alps, by the St. Gothard Pass, into Italy, via the Italian Lakes to Milan, Venice, Florence, Rome, Naples, Pompeii, Brindisi, Corinth, Athens, Jaffa, Jerusalem, Hebron, Bethlehem, Bethany, &c., Alexandria, Cairo, and the Pyramids, with supplementary trip of nearly 1000 miles up the Nile. The return will be via Marseilles, Paris, and Brussels to Antwerp, thence to New York by Red Star Line, and will occupy about three months time. Bro. Thomas has just returned from Palestine, where he has perfected all his arrangements. The Oriental portion of the trip will be in charge of Bro. Rollo Floyd, one of the founders of Jerusalem Lodge, and it is contemplated to hold a Grand Lodge of Emergency in the subterranean quarries of the Temple at Jerusalem, presided over by the R.W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla. Bro. Thomas's address is No. 1606, Wallace-street, Philadelphia, to whom all enquiries should be addressed. The programme will be issued on June 1st next.—*Keystone.*

Obituary.

THE EARL OF MILLTOWN, P.S.G.W.

We regret that the painful duty of recording the death of a brother who was still in the very prime of life, and on whom only a very few years since the Grand Master was pleased to confer the position of S.G.W. of England. Bro. the Earl of Milltown, who was born in the year 1835, was initiated in the Yarrow Lodge, No. 811, Brighton, and having joined the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, was there raised to the Sublime Degree in 1875. In 1879 he joined the United Lodge, No. 1629, and after successively occupying the chairs of Junior and Senior Warden, was elected and installed W.M. in 1882. In 1883 he was appointed S.G.W. of England. He was exalted in the Westminster and Keystone Chapter, No. 10, in which he served as Scribe N., and having subsequently joined the United Chapter, No. 1629, passed the several chairs of J., H., and M.E.Z., and was appointed G. Scribe N. of Supreme Grand Chapter in 1888. His lordship succeeded to the title on the death of his elder brother in 1871, and the same year married the Lady Geraldine E. Stanhope, younger daughter and co-heiress of the 5th Earl of Harrington, but there being no issue of the marriage, the title and estates pass to his younger brother Henry, born in 1837. By his lordship's death a vacancy is caused among the representative peers of Ireland.

BRO. CHARLES COUSINS.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Charles Cousins, P.M. 209, in which lodge he was initiated in 1875. The news of his death, which occurred after only a few days' illness, caused an intense feeling of sorrow among the students of the Royal Military College of Music at Kneller Hall, Hounslow, and also a large number of friends at Richmond, Twickenham, Teddington, &c., where he was so well known and so much beloved. The actual cause of his death was influenza and broncho-pneumonia. Bro. Cousins was appointed in 1874 Chief Professor and Director of Music at the Royal Military College of Music, which position he retained until his death, and during the time he held that position he has always been celebrated for his careful and assiduous attention in the training and tuition of those who were being qualified as bandmasters of the Army. His general urbanity, kind disposition, and high moral character gained for him the deep respect, esteem, and affection of all with whom he came in contact. The remains of our late brother were interred in Twickenham Cemetery on the 30th ult. The hearse carrying the body was followed by three mourning coaches containing his relatives, and following these were members of many lodges, the various professors, students, and pupils of the college, under the command of Bro. Col. Shaw-Hellier, P.M., the Commandant, and Bro. Captain Mahoney, P.M., Adjutant. Many wreaths, crosses, and Masonic emblems were deposited on the coffin. When the sad party arrived at the cemetery the coffin was borne into the chapel by some of the students. The Rev. R. Tahourdin, the vicar of Twickenham, and chaplain to the college, read the usual opening sentences of the burial service. The choir, accompanied by the band, chanted Psalm 90, "Domine refugium." After the lesson had been read, the remains were carried to the grave through the ranks of the military men present, who formed up on either side from the chapel door to the grave. The choir then sang Sir J. Goss's beautiful anthem, "O Saviour of the world," with exquisite taste. At the conclusion of the service the choir sang the appropriate and well-known hymn, "Now the labourer's task is o'er," and so closed the grave over the remains of one who will live long in the hearts of all who knew him. Our late brother was, as we have already stated, a P.M. of the Etonian Lodge, and in addition to this was late Preceptor of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, Hounslow, and the Crescent Lodge of Instruction, Twickenham. Amongst the brethren at the graveside were—

Bros. R. J. Ball, W.M.; Major Reid, P.M.; J. O. Carter, P.M.; P.P.S.G.W. Berks and Bucks; W. S. Nicholes, P.M.; Radclyffe, P.M.; Perks, P.M.; Opted, P.M. and Treas.; Hobbs, S.W.; Prince, J.W.; Morford, S.D.; Hall, Org.; Fletcher; and Sledwell, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Middx., and P.G.S., all of 209; J. P. Hoddinott, W.M. City of London Lodge; Olivir, Bombay; Colonel Cummings, Sir Francis Burdett Lodge; W. Beard, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; A. Soft, P.M.; H. Barton; and E. H. Garwood, all of 946; W. Pittman, P.M. 1181; W. H. Wigon, P.M. 1257; Keston, P.M. 1269; J. T. Briggs, P.M. 1732; W. J. Porter, I.P.M. 1793; R. W. Forge, P.M. and Sec. 1793; P.G.D.C. Middx.; E. H. Gomme, 946; D. Argyle, P.M. 946; J. Walter, P.M. 1158; F. Chapman, 1216; R. N. Cole, 1257; R. Drummond, W.M. 1656; F. C. Austin, 1733; J. R. Barns, S.W. 1793; H. Sapworth, P.M. 2032; and Dr. H. W. Stanley Mansfield, 2309.

BRO. EDWARD HARRIS, W.M. 326.

On Thursday, the 29th ult., the remains of Bro. Edward Harris (of the firm of Bancroft, Harris, and Budgett) were consigned to their last resting-place at Arno's Vale Cemetery, near Bristol, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The funeral cortege, which consisted of a glass-panelled hearse and several mourning carriages, arrived at the cemetery about 12 o'clock, and was there met by a large body of Freemasons from the provinces of Bristol and Somerset, and by the workpeople in the employ of the firm. The deceased brother had made considerable progress in Freemasonry, and was at the time of his death W.M. of the Moira Lodge, No. 326, Bristol, and a member of the Royal Albert Edward Lodge, No. 906, of Weston, near Bath, and he was also an Arch and a Mark Mason. On the approach of the procession, the Masons formed in a double row inside the gates, and as the hearse containing the body wound up the pathway towards the chapel, they fell in behind it, the workpeople taking up the rear. The service in the chapel was conducted by the Rev. Joseph Rhodes, who added a short address referring to the high Christian character of the deceased, and subsequently concluded the service at the grave. The Freemasons carried sprigs of acacia, which they cast upon the coffin before leaving the graveside. Numerous wreaths and other floral tokens of love and regard were sent, conspicuous among them being one contributed by the Moira Lodge, No. 326, in the form of a double equilateral triangle, and another brought by the brethren of the Royal Albert Edward Lodge, No. 906. The mourners were the two sons, Stanley Harris and Arthur Harris, Messrs. W. Harris, C. Harris, and A. Harris (brothers), R. Bancroft and F. B. Budgett (partners), F. F. C. May, and Arthur May. The pall-bearers were Bro. F. J. Stone, W. C. Bamfield, W. H. Cowlin, S. Edwards, H. J. Gough, and J. T. Hallam, six Past Masters of the Moira Lodge.

Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote presided at the Hôtel Métropole on Friday, the 30th ult., at the annual dinner of the Benevolent Institution for the Relief of Aged and Infirm Journeymen Tailors. The list of donations and subscriptions amounted to £1100.



On Tuesday next the Daly Company open for a summer season at the Lyceum, which this year is to be extended to about three months. On their last visit they only played one of their American comedies, "The Railroad of Love," the greater part of their time being occupied with "The Taming of the Shrew." This year they are going to change their programme every second week, and give us another treat of seeing them in their repertoire, opening with "Casting the Boomerang," then "Nancy and Co.," which will be succeeded by "A Night Off," "The Railroad of Love," and "The Taming of the Shrew," and possibly "As You Like It." In every play all the principals will appear—Miss Ada Rehan, Mrs. Gilbert, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. John Drew. They are such a particularly clever company of comedians, and, having been together for many years, they play up to one another, and we anticipate for them a brilliant season.

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The Opera Comique is now occupied with another and new comedy-opera, "Gretna Green," by Dr. Storer, which is not remarkable for anything special in libretto or composition, nevertheless it is bright and pretty, and well worth seeing, and we believe, considering the disadvantage of being produced in the long days, is being well patronised. Miss Leonora Braham is welcomed back from the Antipodes by her old friends who remember her at the Savoy for so many years. Bro. Charles Collette is very amusing in his share of the entertainment, and a Miss Villa Knox, who hails from America, though she cannot boast of personal attractions, yet is possessed of a good voice. Mr. Charles Terry is heartily welcomed back in the capacity as business manager.

Australia.

MELBOURNE.

Gordon Lodge (No. 99).—The fifth installation festival of the above lodge, which is under the Victorian Constitution, was celebrated on Thursday evening, April 10th, in the Ascot Vale Masonic Hall. Bro. H. Browne, W.M., opened the lodge, supported by the whole of his officers, while there was a good muster of the members and visitors, in spite of so much prevalent sickness. Amongst the latter were the W.M.'s of the Yarra Yarra and Neptune Lodges (V.C.), and the Combermere Lodge, 752 (E.C.).

The minutes having been read and confirmed, and a joining member balloted for and accepted, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. F. Lamonby, the senior P.M., when Bro. Sydney Hayles, S.W., W.M. elect, and son-in-law of the Installing Master, was presented and regularly installed, after which the officers were invested as follows: Bros. H. Browne, I.P.M.; J. C. M. Cowan, P.M., S.W.; J. E. Rigby, J.W.; J. Swaine, Treas. (re-elected); C. J. Bown, Sec. (re-appointed); R. J. Larnach, S.D.; E. Wilson, J.D.; W. Stoffers, D.C. (re-appointed); A. Eastwood, Org. (re-appointed); R. J. Denyer, I.G.; and T. Plummer, Tyler (re-elected). On the proclamations being put, it was resolved to present the retiring W.M. with a suitable testimonial in recognition of his valuable services during the past year.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to the concert hall for supper, which was provided by Bro. H. Skinner. Bro. S. Hayles, W.M., presided, and the evening's convivialities were brought to a close at midnight.

In the course of the proceedings, Bro. Lamonby, P.M., announced that it was his intention to present the Gordon Lodge with a set of tracing boards as a memento of the 25th anniversary of his being made a Mason. The tracing boards were in the next mail steamer, and the formal presentation would necessarily stand over till the next regular meeting.

The Corporation of London have voted a sum of £262 10s. towards the "Special Removal Fund" of the National Rifle Association from Wimbledon to Bisley. The Finance Committee recommended £525, but the smaller sum was voted in consequence of the grants and charitable gifts being limited for the present year to £4750.

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We beg to remind our readers that the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will hold its monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall to-morrow (Saturday).

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold its regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 11th inst.

It is the intention to hold a Masonic service at St. Chad's Church, Romiley, on the 22nd inst. Bro. Rev. J. Grant Bird, P.G. Chap., will be the preacher.

The Duke of Cambridge dined with the 3rd Guards Club (Scots Guards) on Tuesday evening at the Hôtel Métropole, Bro. the Duke of Athole being in the chair.

The laying of the foundation-stone of the Fulshaw Memorial Schools, Wilmslow, Cheshire, by Bro. Sir Horatio Lloyd, D.P.G.M., will take place on Saturday, the 14th inst.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have consented to open the new branch hospital of the Seamen's Hospital Society, at the Royal Albert and Victoria Docks, on Tuesday, the 24th inst.

The visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale to Scarborough, which had been originally fixed for Wednesday, the 25th inst., has been postponed till the following Friday, the 27th inst.

A deputation from the Society for Promoting the return of Women as County Councillors waited on Bro. Earl Granville at his residence, 20, Charles-street, Berkeley-square, on Tuesday morning.

"Walks in the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg," a district little known to Continental travellers, will form a new illustrated section to the forthcoming issue of Mr. Percy Lindley's "Walks in the Ardennes."

On Thursday next, the Princess of Wales and the Duchess of Albany will be present at the matinée, which takes place at the Meistersingers' Club, in aid of the Hospital for Women and Children in Waterloo-road.

Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Lord George Hamilton, and Sir M. E. Hicks Beach, Bart., attended the meeting of the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Tuesday.

Among the guests at the dinner party given by Bro. the Earl and Countess of Londesborough, at their residence in Grosvenor-square, on Tuesday, were Count Munster, Count Alexander Munster, Prince Plass, the Earl and Countess of Kinnoull, and others.

At the residence in Park-lane, of Bro. Lord Brassey, there was held on Monday a drawing room meeting, under the presidency of Princess Christian, in aid of the Cyprus Society, an association for hospital work, Christian education, and philanthropic objects generally.

The third meeting of the Recreative Evening Schools Association was opened at the Portman Rooms on Tuesday by the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne). Over 1500 exhibits were shown, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to her Royal Highness for her kindness in performing the ceremony.

The Duchess of Albany distributed, on Saturday last, the prizes to the children who had competed under the Oxford Prize Needlework Scheme. There was a large attendance, and at the close of the ceremony the Duchess, through Canon Paget, expressed her great satisfaction with the work done.

We regret to announce the death, on the 30th ult., of Bro. Major-General Brine, Royal Engineers. The deceased served as a volunteer during the Crimean campaign, and received the medal and clasp and Turkish medal for his services. He also subsequently served in China and Japan, and on his retirement from the army gave much of his time to ballooning.

At the ball given by the Countess of Yarborough, at her residence in Arlington-street, on Monday, the guests included H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, the Duchess of St. Albans, Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Zetland and Lady Hilda Dundas, Bro. the Earl of Euston, Bro. Lord and Lady Suffolk, the Countess of Londesborough, and others.

The first meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of North Wales was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at Carnarvon, under the presidency of Comp. Colonel the Hon. W. E. Sackville West, Grand Superintendent. The business merely consisted of the framing of by-laws. After the meeting the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Royal Sportsman Hotel.

The private views of the Loan Collection of Paintings by Old and Modern Masters in the Guildhall Art Galleries, will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday next, on the former of which days Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs will attend in State at 2 p.m. for the purpose of formally opening them. The collection is small, but each example possess such merit that there can be no doubt the exhibition will prove a centre of attraction during the three months it will be open to the public.

The Prince of Wales has undertaken to lay the foundation-stone of the new buildings for the Royal South London Ophthalmic Hospital, St. George's Circus, S.E., in the course of next month, and on the occasion her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales has promised to attend and receive purses containing five guineas and upwards from ladies and children in aid of the Royal Foundation Fund. Their Royal Highnesses will also open the Portsmouth Town Hall either immediately before or after Goodwood Races.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's Matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

—ADVT.

The meetings of the Industry Chapter of Instruction, No. 186, were on the 31st ult., adjourned till Saturday, October 4th, at 7.30.

A fund is being raised in the diocese of Winchester for the purpose of presenting the Bishop and Mrs. Harold Browne with a testimonial in commemoration of their golden wedding.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught reached Montreal on Monday, and were received at the railway station by the Mayor and principal military and civil authorities. The streets also were thronged with people, who gave their Royal Highnesses a most enthusiastic welcome.

Between 4000 and 5000 copies of Bro. Montague Williams's reminiscences, which he has entitled "Leaves of a Life," have been disposed of, and in order to meet the popular demand, a cheap edition will be issued by the publishers—Messrs. Macmillan—at a cost of only 3s. 6d.

A handsome brass rail to the pulpit stairs has been presented to Congresbury Church by the brethren of the Lodge of Agriculture, 1199, as a memorial to the late Bro. Charles Banwell, who was Tyler of the Lodge for 22 years.

The 27th annual June Horse Show was opened at the Royal Agricultural Hall on Thursday morning. The number of entries amounted to about 360, showing a slight increase on last year, while the amount offered in prizes was upward of £1000.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., has received from the Prince and Princess of Wales a promise that their Royal Highnesses will, early in July, pay a visit to the Paddington Recreation Ground, Portsdown-road, Maida Vale, the site of the proposed North-West London Polytechnic.

The entries for the Queen's Prize at the meeting of the National Rifle Association at Bisleigh this summer amount to nearly 2200, but there are still entries to be received from Volunteers in India, Cape of Good Hope, and various other Colonies and possessions. The entries for the St. George's Prizes are 2071.

The 10 guinea *édition de luxe* of Stanley's "In Darkest Africa" cannot now, although the work has not been published, be obtained at less than 15 guineas, and it is expected to fetch £20 by the time the work is issued—in about a fortnight's time. Mr. Stanley will himself sign each of the 250 copies.

The Prince of Wales, as Patron of the National Physical Recreation Society, paid a second visit, on the 29th ult., to see the gymnastic display at the Royal Agricultural Hall, and was received with the heartiest cheers. His Royal Highness stayed to the close of the entertainment in order to witness the exhibition by the members of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, and expressed himself as delighted with all he had seen.

Bro. George W. Childs, of Philadelphia, proprietor of the *Public Ledger*, who began life with nothing, and has become one of the richest and best known "newspaper men" in the world, says that the source of the greatest pleasure in the world is doing good to others, and that "being generous grows on one, just as being mean does."—*Keystone*.

The Duke of Cambridge has given his patronage to a great Army Athletic Meeting to be held at Aldershot on the 16th July next, Bro. Lieut.-General Sir Evelyn Wood being the chief steward. There will be a formidable list of competitions, which are already in course of preparation, among them being the half-mile flat race of the Army Challenge Cup, and the three-mile flat race for non-commissioned officers and men.

The "run" of "The Barrister" at the Royalty Theatre closes this (Friday) evening.—The production of "The Bride of Love" at the Lyric Theatre has been arranged for Monday next.—It has not yet been decided who will follow Miss Geraldine Ulmar in her present rôle at the Savoy Theatre.—The "home-welcoming" of Mr. and Mrs. Kendall will take place at the Hôtel Métropole between 4 and 7 p.m. on Thursday, the 26th inst.

The Blackheath Lodge, No. 1320, although retaining its name, has for some time been without a local habitation, owing to the closing of the hotel in which it was held, and as the bulk of the members are now resident in London, they have been very desirous of establishing themselves in a more central position. That wish has now been gratified, and the M.W. Grand Master has consented to the removal of the lodge to the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.

Arrangements are being made for a professional matinée of "Theodora," to be given at the Princess's on the afternoon of the 18th. It is hoped that Mdme. Bernhardt, who, it is said, takes much interest in Miss Hawthorne's assumption of her original rôle, may be present on the occasion; and Mr. and Mrs. Kendal will also be invited. "Theodora" it is understood, has yet three weeks to run at the Princess's. It goes into the provinces again in the "fall."

The will of Bro. John Anthony Rucker, late of 4, Vanbrugh-terrace, Blackheath, who died on March 26th last, was proved on the 19th ult., by Mr. Frederick George Rucker, the son, and Mr. George Holman, two of the executors, the value of the personal estate amounting to over £51,000. The testator bequeaths his household furniture and effects and £500 to his wife, Mrs. Sarah Caroline Rucker, and a few other legacies, including an annuity to his son John Anthony during the life of his (testator's) wife. The residue of his real and personal estate he leaves upon trust for his wife for life, and then as to one-fourth to or upon trust for each of his four children.

On the 30th ult., the Duke and Duchess of Connaught spent a pleasant day at Toronto. At an early hour they visited Osgood Hall, where they were met by the Hon. Edward Blake. The benchers presented an address to the Duke of Connaught, who made a felicitous reply. Thence the party went to the Education Department and the chief places of interest. In the afternoon there was a public reception at the pavilion. The streets were thronged, and thousands cheered enthusiastically. Addresses were presented to the Duke from the city, the army and navy veterans, the Masonic Fraternity, and other bodies. The Duke, in replying, expressed the pleasure he had derived from his trip through Canada. He marvelled at the progress Toronto had made since his last visit. The Royal party were present at a State dinner in Government House in the evening.

"COLLECTOR" begs to return thanks to those brethren who have been good enough to send Masonic summons forms to him, care of the Editor, as he may have omitted to thank some by post.

Bro. Sir John and Lady Monckton extended their patronage to a concert that the Misses Wilson Barrett gave on Saturday, in the St. Paul's parish room, South Hampstead, in aid of the restoration fund of Pitstone Church.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whitehead, Bart., will take the chair on Saturday, the 21st inst., at the Midsummer examination of the pupils of the Commercial Travellers' Schools. Lady Whitehead will distribute the prizes on the occasion.

An interesting report was read on Wednesday at the annual meeting of the Hospitals Association, held at the Middlesex Hospital, Dr. J. S. Bristowe presiding, regarding the work of the Street Ambulance Branch of the association, which has now 39 stations.

The Duc d'Orleans, eldest son of the Count of Paris, may be expected to arrive in England very shortly, having been pardoned by President Carnot, and set at liberty on Tuesday evening, and conducted to the frontier. The Prince had been imprisoned for four months.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Knill was unable to attend a meeting at Woolwich, on Friday, of the London Society for the Extension of University Teaching, and wrote a letter apologising for his absence.

The Clothworkers' Company had a dinner on Wednesday in honour of the Duke of Leeds, on the occasion of his being admitted to the freedom and livery, but his Grace was prevented by illness from being present.

It may be of interest to many of our readers to know that the new Masonic rooms at Lewisham are spacious and especially adapted for summer meetings, and the Camden Lodge of Instruction provides for a continuance of Masonic work during the period when other local lodges are in vacation.

In the Queen's Bench on Thursday, just before the rising of the court for lunch, Mr. Justice Hawkins ordered the special jury list to be called over, and fined 11 gentlemen who failed to answer to their names £10 each. Those who did answer were relieved from further attendance for the day.

The friends of Bro. G. P. Festa will be sorry to learn that he has met with a somewhat serious accident by a fall from a tricycle, which resulted in a dislocated shoulder and a severe bruising. He will, we fear, be confined to his house at Brighton for some little time, but we are glad to hear that he is in a fair way of recovery.

Miss Frances Ivor will resume her original part of Hyla in "The Bride of Love" when the piece is produced at the Lyric Theatre. Mr. Leonard Outram, the Atalantus, is also re-engaged. Among the new members of the cast are Miss Mary Kingsley (vice Miss Ferrar) and Ernest Hendrie, who plays Zephyros in place of Bro. Lionel Rignold.

The two ancient silver censers found in the bed of Whittlesea Mere about 50 years ago, were sold by Messrs. Christie, on Tuesday, in presence of a very full attendance. The *thurbur or censer of Gothic design and silver gilt* is 11 in. high, on a circular foot 3 3/4 in. in diameter. The first bid was made of £500, and Mr. Davis was the purchaser for £1155. The ship or incense boat, 11 in. in length and 3 in. high, standing on a hexagonal foot of elegant form, was also bought by Mr. Davis for £900.

Sir Charles Bernard presided on Wednesday evening at the annual meeting of the London City Mission Society, held at Exeter Hall, and said that if any man had doubts as to the work which the society was doing he should follow up one of their 400 missionaries, and thus become enabled to judge from personal observation as to the genuineness of that work. Archdeacon Sinclair said that his periodical visitations of the 251 parishes of East London proved to him that there was more need than ever for the work of the London City Mission.

Under the patronage of Bros. the Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriff Knill, Sheriff Harris, Alderman Sir Polydore De Keyser, &c., an evening concert will be given on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, to provide funds for a day in the country for the deserving poor of the parish of St. Sepulchre and the neighbourhood. The artistes whose assistance has been promised are Madame Adeline Paget, Madame Raymond, Mr. R. Groome, Mr. F. H. Horscroft, Mr. J. Saunders, Miss Josephine Lawrence, Mr. F. T. Lowden (conductor), and others.

At the installation meeting of the George Gardner Lodge, No. 2309, Bro. W. Barnes Fendick, P.M., was installed by Bro. George Gardner, P.M., W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Gardner presented a very handsome banner (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), also the collar and jewel of the first W.M., and, on behalf of a brother, a very fine proof engraving of her Majesty, framed in gilt. It being the 71st birthday of the Queen, Bro. Gardner, on behalf of the lodge, sent a congratulatory message to the Grand Patroness of the Order, and a gracious reply was received and ordered to be placed on the minutes. This lodge is growing, and bids fair to make its mark in the new Province of Bucks.

Prince George, on his return home, is to be created Duke of Sussex and Inverness. This is a revival of the title which was formerly held by the sixth son of George III. Of all the sons of George III. none was more popular in his lifetime than the Duke of Sussex, not only for the benevolence of his disposition, but for his Liberal sympathies. We hope, however, that the coming Duke of Sussex will be more fortunate in his matrimonial relations than his great-great-uncle, whose marriage with a daughter of the Earl of Dunmore was declared null and void, as being a violation of the Royal Marriage Act. In 1840 a lady, who for many years resided at Kensington Palace, was created Duchess of Inverness.—*Echo*.

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