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OUR NEW LODGES.

The list of new lodges, for which it was stated in the Agenda Paper for the recent Communication of Grand Lodge that his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER had been pleased to grant warrants since the beginning of March last numbers 16, of which two will be located in London, eight in the Provinces, and six in Districts abroad. In March the number was 21, of which four were to meet in London, 11 in the Provinces, and six abroad. The total, therefore, for the first six months of 1890, as against the whole 12 months of 1889, is 37 against 43, so that there is every probability, thus far, at all events, that the new lodges warranted in the current year will compare favourably with some of the best years since the Prince of WALES was installed Grand Master, as far, at least, as mere numbers go. Nor is there any reason to suppose that as regards the character and ultimate efficiency of the new lodges the comparison will be in any degree less favourable. Already several of those warranted during the first three months of the year have given us a taste of their quality, and from what passed at the consecration of the Grafton, No. 2247; the Ermine, No. 2351; the Universities, Durham, No. 2352; and others, we are able even in these early days to form a tolerably fair estimate as to the success of their further career. The new list also contains some lodges which may be trusted to give a very good account of themselves when once they have started fairly on their way, and find themselves in good working order. There are, however, one or two points in connection with the latest list which deserve to be noticed. Of the two London warrants granted by the GRAND MASTER, one is for a lodge which is to be known as the Cornish, No. 2369, which will be confined to Cornish Masons and Cornishmen resident in or near London who may be desirous of joining our ranks. It starts under most favourable auspices. Its founders are some 20 in number, and include the Right Hon. the Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE, Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, and Bros. MOLESWORTH ST. AUBYN, N. J. WEST, BELGRAVE NINNIS, and others. It will be ushered into existence by the GRAND SECRETARY in person on Thursday next, the 19th inst., and between the number of its founders and the number that have expressed a wish to join it or be initiated under its banner, there can be little doubt that in a very short time it will be numbered among our greater successes. But what we mostly desire to call attention to is the class of lodge, of which this is not the pioneer, but a bright example. Lodges of this kind have been already established in London, the United Northern Counties Lodge being a particularly successful case in point. The idea, indeed, may be said to have originated, so far as our memory serves us, in 1855, when the somewhat dilapidated fortunes of one of our oldest lodges—the Westminster and Keystone, No. 10—were revived by Bro. the late Canon PORTAL, Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., and others, who conceived the plan of making this ancient lodge chiefly, though not entirely, a London home for members of the Apollo University Lodge, then No. 460, Oxford. There is then a fair field open for those who desire to have lodges of this character established in London in connection with a particular county or counties. Nor do we for one moment suppose that the Grand Lodge authorities would set their faces against the multiplication of such lodges. In the extra-Masonic world there are many London clubs which have been especially established for the benefit of visitors from this or that county, and residents in the Metropolis, who are connected with it by family or other ties, and we see no reason why in the Masonic world there should not be similar lodges in London intended for the special benefit of brethren hailing from or connected by similar ties with this or that particular county.

We note also that of the six newly warranted lodges for Districts abroad, three will belong to the Australasian Colony of

Queensland, and as two of the six abroad in the March list were designed to meet in the same District, there is not much likelihood, for some time, at all events, of Queensland separating herself from the parent Grand Lodge. There would hardly be a rush for new warrants if Queensland had made up its mind to have a Grand Lodge of its own. It strikes us that, from a Queensland's point of view, it would be a greater honour to be associated with the foundation of the earliest Queensland lodges than with the last of those warranted by the parent Grand Lodge. The other three lodges abroad in the same list are No. 2356 (Madras); No. 2364 (Newfoundland); and No. 2370 (Punjab). The two London lodges are No. 2362 (Bloomsbury Rifles) and No. 2369, the Cornish Lodge already referred to. The eight Provincial lodges are No. 2355 (Derbyshire); No. 2357 (South Wales, East Division); No. 2358 (Isle of Man); Nos. 2359 and 2360 (West Lancashire); No. 2361 (Middlesex); No. 2363 (East Lancashire); and No. 2368 (Cheshire).

THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

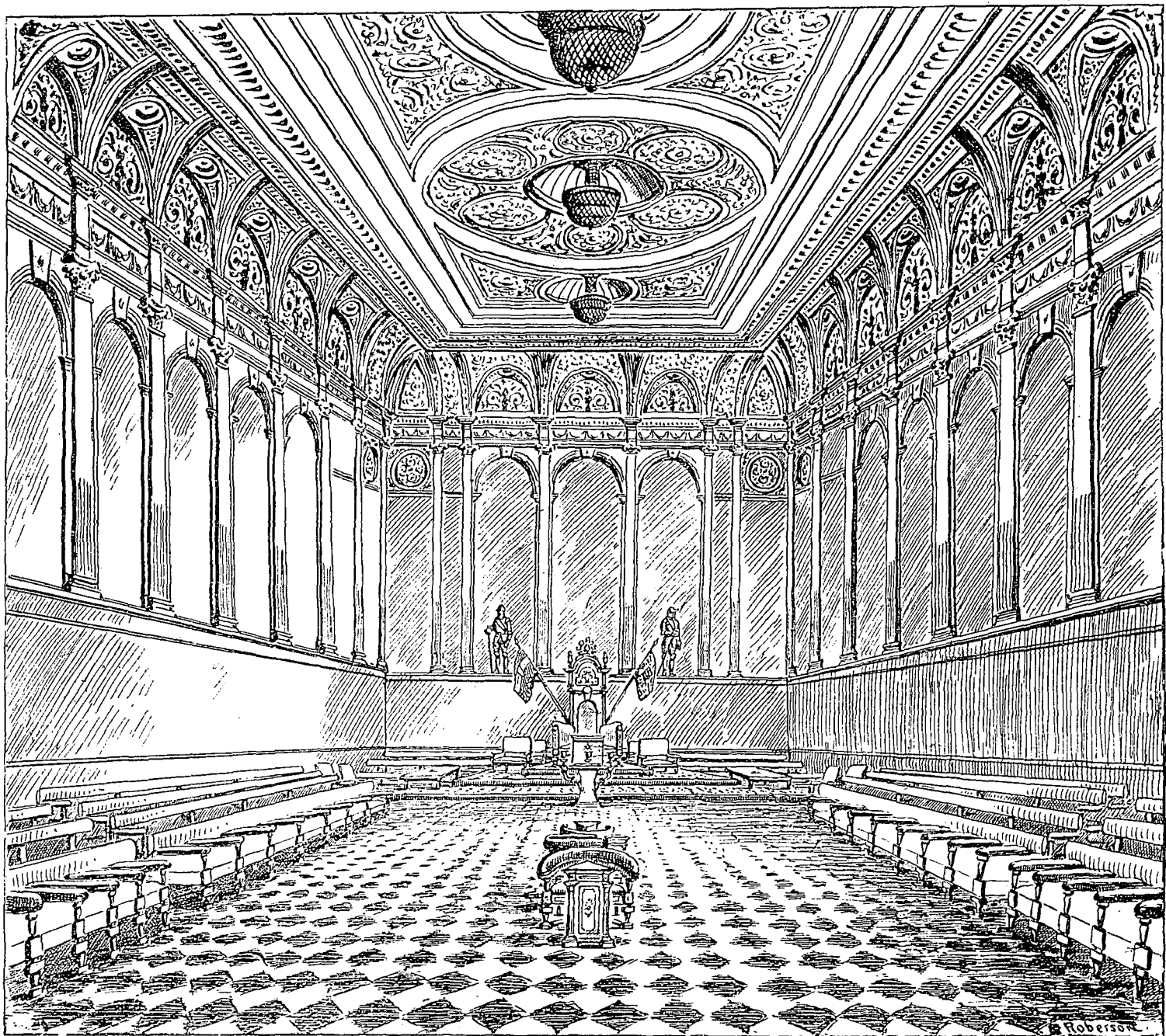
The Report of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania during the year 1889 contains a mass of information relating to its own doings, as well as a most valuable appendix in the shape of a Report on Correspondence, together with much else that will well repay the reader who gives it his attentive perusal. Pennsylvania, as is well known among English Masons, is one of the most influential jurisdictions in the United States, and being, as it is, descended from our own Grand Lodge, and, what is still more important, being a most rigid observer of all the old laws and customs of our ancient Craft, all particulars that come to hand of its doings must necessarily interest us. The principal section of the Report contains a full account of the Annual Grand Communication on the 27th December last, when, as usual, the GRAND MASTER delivered his address, in which the chief events of the year then concluding were carefully passed in review, and the principal Grand Officers elected at the Quarterly Communication earlier in the same month were duly installed. On this occasion, however, the address was preceded by a speech from Bro. THOMAS R. PATTON, Grand Treasurer, and representative of our Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in which that distinguished brother announced his intention of giving his Grand Lodge a sum of \$25,000 (£5000), to be vested in certain trustees appointed by himself, under certain rules and conditions to be drawn up by the said trustees, the interest of which to the extent of \$500 (£100) a year should be spent for purposes of benevolence, while the remainder was to be added to the principal annually until the latter had reached \$50,000 (£10,000). Then the amount to be expended annually in benevolence would be raised to \$1500 (£300), while the balance of interest would be added to the principal until the latter reached \$100,000 (£20,000), and then the whole income was to be expended for the benefit of deserving persons being Masons. The gift having been accepted by Grand Lodge, and certain resolutions of thanks to Bro. PATTON for such munificence having been passed by acclamation, Grand Master MCCALLA, delivered his address, the principal item in it being the account rendered by him of the measures taken for the relief of the Johnstown sufferers by the floods of last year. The Grand Officers elect, including Bros. MCCALLA, G.M.; J. SIMPSON AFRICA, D.G.M.; M. ARNOLD, S.G.W.; M. H. HENDERSON, J.G.W.; T. R. PATTON, G. Treas.; and M. NISBET, G. Sec., were installed in office, and the rest of the Grand Officers having been appointed, the reports of the various Committees were submitted and dealt with, and the meeting closed. On the Report on Correspondence we shall from time to time offer sundry remarks, as occasion may require.

NOTABLE LODGE MEETINGS.

No. V.—THE NEW QUARTERS OF THE MARK GRAND LODGE.

There is nothing in the general appearance of Great Queen-street, as it exists at the present time, to indicate that it was once an aristocratic neighbourhood, in which for a prolonged period persons of rank and distinction resided. It is a busy thoroughfare; it has been known for more than 100 years as being the head-quarters of the art and craft of Freemasonry, and there are many well-known firms who carry on their business both on the north and the south sides of the street. It is, moreover, a very busy thoroughfare, forming as it does a part of the main route which connects Charing Cross and the south side of London generally with King's Cross, Euston, and St. Pancras to the north. There are also many of the houses on the south side,

mere pathway running westward from Lincoln's Inn Fields and separating the Southern or Aldewych-close from the Northern or White Hart-close. In the days of the great Elizabeth, after whom the street was named, this footway, owing to the great increase of traffic, became a roadway. It was not, however, till after 1593 that the roadway could boast of any houses, and even 30 years later there were only 15 of them, all having been erected on the south side, and being quite open to the country. After the Restoration of the Stuarts in 1660, the south side was completed, the houses being built from designs originally prepared by Inigo Jones and his pupil Webb, and then later on the green fields must have been invaded by the bricks and mortar, it



THE GREAT HALL.

and especially those running westward from what used to be Bacon's Hotel to Drury-lane, which have the air of having been designed for gentle folk by architects of high repute, and erected by builders who thoroughly understood their business and would as soon have thought of scamping their work or allowing it to be scamped by their workmen as they would of attempting to establish themselves on the throne of Great Britain. We do not, of course, include among these houses either Freemasons' Hall or Freemasons' Tavern, each of which was erected for a special purpose at a very considerable outlay and on a considerable plot of ground; but only those that were built to be inhabited, and of which several, retaining many of their original characteristics, remain to the present day. Originally the street was a

being stated of Great Queen-street in Strype's edition (1720) of Stowe's "Survey of London," that "after a narrow entrance"—which was known as "the Devil's Gap"—"it openeth itself into a broad street and falleth into Lincoln's Inn Fields; it is a street graced with a goodly row of large, uniform houses on the south side, inhabited by the nobility and gentry; but the north side is but indifferent nor, by consequence, so well inhabited." Among its more distinguished residents in its earlier days were George Digby, second Earl of Bristol, who, according to Evelyn, lived in it in 1671, his house being subsequently taken by the Commissioners of Trade and Plantations. The Duke of Buckingham and the Earl of Lauderdale, Members of the Cabal Ministry, are also said to have lived here, and so also the great Parliamentary General Sir Thomas Fairfax, on the strength of a

proclamation issued by him having been dated Queen-street, 12th February, 1648. The great Lord Herbert of Cherbury died here in the same year; while among other residents were Lord Chancellor Finch, the Conway and Paulet families, and the Earl of Rochford (1733). Contemporary with the last-named as an inhabitant was the actress, Mrs. Kitty Clive, while among others of later date may be mentioned Mr. Opie, R.A., the famous painter; James Hoole, translator of Tasso and other Italian poets, Hudson, Sir Joshua Reynolds's master; Worlidge, famous for his etchings after Rembrandt; Miss Pope; Mrs. Robinson, "the beautiful Perdita" of George the Third's time; and last, but not least, Richard Brinsley Sheridan, to whom many of the letters in "Moore's Life" are addressed. These last-mentioned lived at what are now Nos. 55 and 56, though owing to the system of numbering houses having been introduced only late last century, it is difficult to determine precisely at which houses many of the celebrities we have enumerated resided.

The particular edifice, however, with which we are more immediately concerned now is the house which, only a few years since, was known as Bacon's Hotel, and ranked among the most comfortable and commodious family hotels in London. There were many of these hotels formerly, but their number has been greatly reduced during the past few years. In the palmy days of Bacon, who was also for some years lessee of the Freemasons' Tavern, the hotel bearing his name was well supported, and by a good substantial class of customer. On his death it was taken by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, the present lessees of the Tavern, but when their term had expired they do not appear to have been anxious to renew it, and Grand Mark Lodge, which has grown to be so important a body during the last dozen years, and which, as it bids fair to become still more numerous and important, was anxious to obtain more commodious premises, made an offer to Grand Lodge for a 49 years' lease of the hotel, undertaking at the same time to spend some £3000 in altering and embellishing the premises, the yearly rental it offered to pay being the same as had been paid by previous lessees, a namely, £360 per annum. The terms were agreed to, and Grand Lodge also agreed to take a peppercorn rent for the first six months while the repairs and alterations, &c., were being carried out. That the renovations have been done substantially and in the best possible manner is beyond doubt, and the greatest praise is due to Bros. Robert Berridge and C. H. Driver, the honorary architects of Mark Grand Lodge, under whose superintendence the whole of the work has been done. On the ground floor are the Grand Secretary's room and offices, which are well furnished and fitted, while what in the hotel days was the Coffee Room has been converted into a spacious and well appointed lodge room. Other apartments on the same floor have also been transformed into the same class of rooms, so that in time G. Lodge may look forward to recouping itself a large proportion of the rental it pays to the Craft Grand Lodge by its charges for the use of their rooms. The greatest change, however, has taken place on the first floor, which may be said to have been almost entirely reconstructed, so that the space once occupied by bed and other rooms for the accommodation of the frequenters of the hotel,

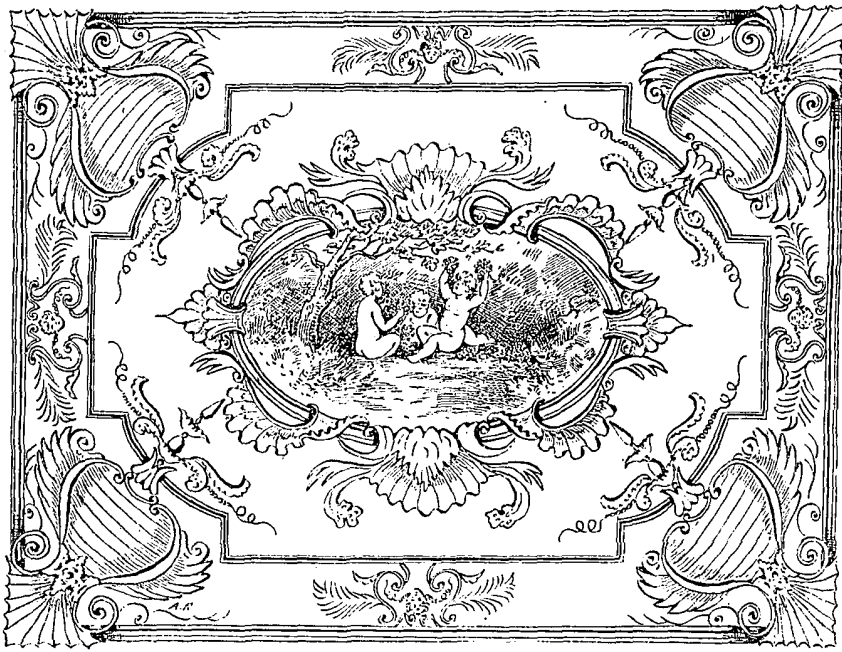
now includes a Grand Hall, a Board Room, a Grand Officers' Room, &c. The Hall, which is the subject of our principal illustration, is, as may well be imagined, a fine and commodious apartment, in all respects worthy of its epithet "Grand." In length it is slightly less than the Grand Hall in Freemasons' Hall, but it exceeds the latter in width, so that the floor area is little, if at all, inferior to that of the Craft Grand Hall, while in height, as far as we were able to judge, it appeared to be about the same. The decorative work here is not yet completed—indeed, it is surprising that the alterations should have been carried to a point so near completion—but a glance at the walls will show that when what may be thought necessary in this respect has been added, the Hall will be one of the handsomest of its kind in the Metropolis, while the numerous panels on the two side walls, and the end one which faces the dais, will admit of a series of portraits being hung on them of the Grand Mark Master Masons and Pro Grand Masters from Lord Leigh onwards to the present time. The cost of painting and hanging such a series will be somewhat heavy,

and for a long time, at all events, we can hardly expect that this outlay will be incurred. As for the accommodation for seating the Grand Officers and brethren, everything seems to have been done that could possibly conduce to the comfort and convenience of those present, and the Hall being, as we have said, commodious, will suffice for the attendance on all ordinary and most special occasions.

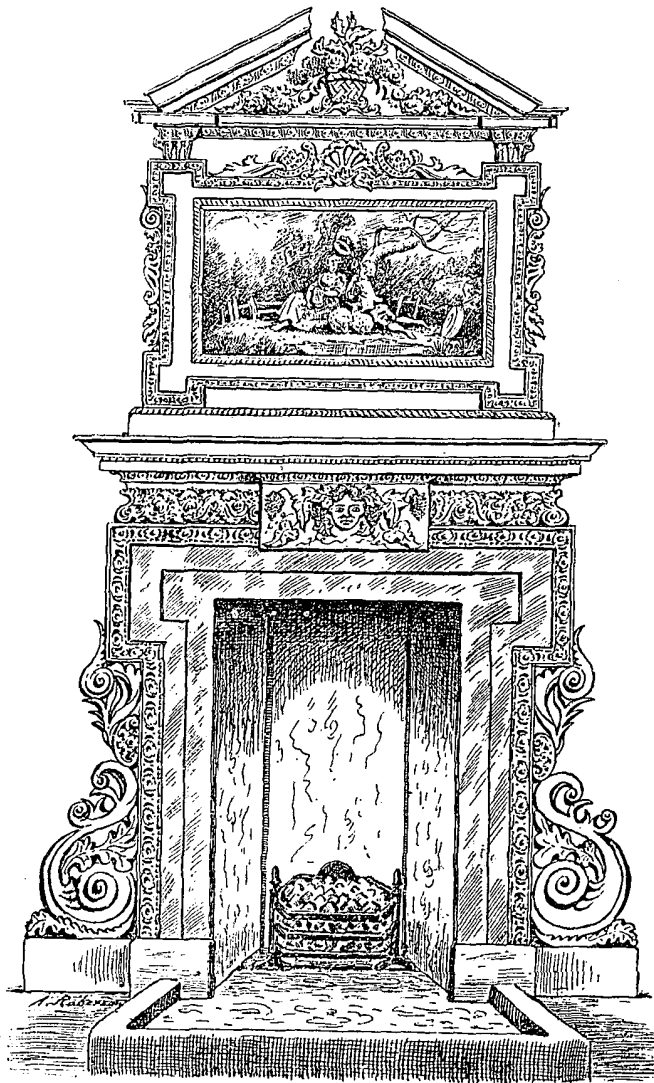
Our other illustrations serve to give a very admirable idea of the fireplace and overmantel and ceiling in the Board Room. These beautiful specimens of the decorative work of former days have happily survived both the damage which is almost inevitable when a house goes through many changes of ownership, and the indignities to which the art-remains that have come down to us from the Tudor and Stuart periods are subjected by the latter-day Vandal, whenever he has the chance; but thanks to the tender care of Bros. Berridge and Driver, they have been now restored—in the proper sense of the word—in such a manner as to enable us to form a tolerably just conception of their pristine beauty, and we must congratulate Mark Grand Lodge on having under the roof of its new headquarters such rare specimens of the more delicate and tasteful workmanship of the seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries.

On the upper floors there are also many rooms as yet unoccupied, several of which in time will be used for the accommodation of the less numerous lodges which may elect to meet at Mark Masons' Hall. In short, the whole work of alteration and renovation, both externally and internally, has been done most successfully, and none can say the honours conferred on Bros. Berridge and Driver in recognition of their important

services are not most richly deserved; while as regards the Building and Premises Committee, consisting of Bros. the Earl of Euston, Frank Richardson, James Moon, and Charles F. Matier, they, too, are equally entitled to the thanks tendered to them by the General Board, endorsed by Grand Lodge, and now recorded on the minutes of the latter.



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and, if elected by you, will do my best to uphold the dignity
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"Keystone," "The Tyler," "Masonic Token," "Victorian
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"Freemasons' Journal," "Freimaurer-Zeitung," "Masonic
Chronicle," "Canadian Craftsman," "Liberal Freemason,"
"Masonic Journal," "Orient," "Masonic Review," "The
Freemason" (Sydney), "Australasian Keystone," "Boletim
Oficial," "Masonic World," and "Madras Masonic Review."



SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

We regret to say that but little further progress has
been made in strengthening the Board of Stewards for
the approaching 92nd Festival of the Royal Masonic
Institution for Boys. When we first offered some re-
marks on this subject about a fortnight since, the
Board numbered 220. Last week it reached 224, and
now it comprises 232 members, so that the result of a
whole fortnight's attempt to increase the number is
seen in the addition of 12 Stewards, the majority of
whom appear to belong to the provinces, so that the
unusual weakness of London is still the prominent
feature of the Board.

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This is hardly what we had looked for. We thought
that when the Girls' School Festival was over, the five
weeks' interval between the latter and the event we
are now concerned about would have been turned to

good account, and that some effort would have been made in order to obtain more assistance in raising the supplies, especially as there is a large extra sum needed this year for sanitary and other expenses. We do not hear, however, of much being done in the lodges, and it is evident, from the smallness of the addition in the past two weeks to the Board of 220 with which we started, that but little trouble is being taken to advance the prospects of the Anniversary. One thing is certain—supplies are not raised by magic, and if more money than usual is needed, there ought to be more canvassers than usual going about to raise it, and generally more activity everywhere. There is little more than a fortnight left, and it is not impossible that the Boys' School, which needs it most, may have a less productive Festival than the Girls' School.

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We have been favoured with some correspondence from New Zealand relating to the vexed question of establishing an independent Grand Lodge in that Colony. We have not space to insert it considering the present heavy demands that are being made on our space just now. We gather from it, however, that Bro. the Earl of Onslow, P.S.G.W., has definitively declined to accept the Grand Mastership, his stipulation that 120 out of the 142 lodges in the Colony should support the movement not having been realised. The Executive Committee thought they might manage to obtain the adhesion of 100, but his lordship stood firm.

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The Grand Mastership has since been offered to and accepted by Bro. H. Thompson, D.G.M. Canterbury, E.C., who will accordingly have the pleasant task thrust upon him of heading one section of the Craft in New Zealand in its efforts to establish itself to the detriment or, at all events, discomfort of the other section. Would it not have been better if the question of a separate Grand Lodge had been shelved until such time as practical unanimity among the lodges was obtainable? That would have been a reasonable and proper course, and dignified withal, while the end would have been secured peacefully, as in South Australia, New South Wales, and Victoria. We suppose, however, this would have clashed with the supposed interests of the Grand Lodge-at-any-price party.

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We give an account in another column of a Masonic service held in St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, in aid of the new Benevolent Fund now being formed in Scotland. A great crowd was present, and an excellent discourse was delivered by the Rev. J. Glasse, but the result was not at all what might have been expected considering the large number present and the object of the gathering.

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We are very pleased to note that the idea of a testimonial to Bro. R. Clay Sudlow has been so well received by the many friends connected with the lodges and chapters with which he is associated, more especially the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. Those who believe in maintaining a high standard of Masonic working are greatly indebted to Bro. Sudlow for the admirable services he has rendered to the Craft during the past 10 years in this direction, while the affectionate regard in which he is held by those with whom he works renders this recognition of his worth a pleasure as well as a duty. The presentation takes the form of a complete set of clothing and jewel of Grand Standard Bearer, to which office he has been recently appointed, together with an illuminated address.

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A Grand National Bazaar to raise a fund of £5000 for the extension of juvenile temperance work throughout the United Kingdom is to be held at Exeter Hall during the week commencing July 7th. In the list of stalls we notice "The Temperance Masonic Stall," which will be under the charge of Bro. R. A. Gowan, of Gresham-street; while Bro. Deputy Hughes, of 3, West-street, Finsbury, is responsible for the "City of London Stall," which has also the assistance of the Lord and Lady Mayoress. For such an excellent object there should be much sympathetic and zealous aid, and we wish it all success.

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It may interest those brethren who took part in the recent discussion in our columns on "Hearty good wishes" to know that we have it on the authority of Bro. Dr. Hill Drury, Secretary of the Universities' Lodge, that at the consecration of that lodge in February last the representatives of no less than 44 lodges tendered their "Hearty good wishes."

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.]

CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF ESSEX.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your review of the Calendar and Directory for the Province of Essex, 1890, you allude to the growth of the Craft lodges in the province, and to the small number of chapters and Mark lodges. According to the Pocket Book, there are only six chapters and four Mark lodges. It certainly does appear strange that these two Degrees do not make more progress, especially as regards the chapters. The Mark lodges form part of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of East Anglia, and the province consists of no less than four counties, viz., Essex, Cambridge, Norfolk, and Suffolk—the whole of the East of England. I do not suppose that any one is desirous of severing his connection with East Anglia and its ruler, Lord Henniker, but it is a question whether the province could not be sub-divided with advantage. Even in matters of attending Grand Lodge (Mark) it means a very long journey, and it is not every brother that can afford the time on any particular day.

I offer the suggestion to the powers that be.—Yours fraternally,

M.M.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

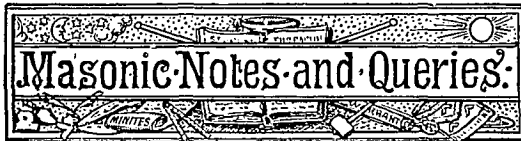
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Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to, and will be thankfully acknowledged by,—Yours faithfully,

JOHN E. TRESIDDER, Hon. Sec.

June 2.



904] K.T. JEWEL.

Can any brother enlighten me, and also others, as to the meaning of the letters "SW. SS." engraved on K.T. jewels (apparently) early this century? I have met with several, but as yet have failed to see clearly what the reference is to. If *esoteric*, a line to the Editor of the *Freemason*, marked private, will be duly appreciated.

CHISHOLM.

905] WESTMINSTER JOURNAL, MAY 8TH, 1742.

Bro. General Lawrence (P.G.M. Mass.) has had an excellent reproduction made of No. 24 of *The Westminster Journal* for May 8th, 1742, and has kindly sent me a copy. As this number contains an account of the "Solemn and Stately PROCESSION of the SCALD-MISERABLE-MASONS, as it was martial'd on TUESDAY, the 27th past [April 27th] by their Scald Pursuivant, Black Mantle, set forth by Order of the Grand Master PONEY," as likewise a representation of that extraordinary event in a humorous drawing, it will be seen that our distinguished brother has conferred a boon on Masonic students. The real value, however, to me is "The Mystery of Free-Masons," which follows the far-fetched caricature. Bro. Jacob Norton, of Boston, U.S.A., has just written me as to the text of this exposure, which has led me to search or trace out the facts of the case. I find that the original of this piece was not "The Mason's Examination" of A.D. 1723, given by Bro. R. F. Gould in his "History of Freemasonry," nor the work by Prichard of 1730, so handsomely reproduced by Bro. E. T. Carson, of Cincinnati, nor the "Grand Mystery of A.D. 1724," of which an excellent facsimile has been issued by the same zealous Craftsman. All these have many points in common, though each of them possesses certain peculiarities by which the text of either can easily be fixed. "The Mystery of Free-Masons," however, has a different reading, evidently a typographical error, relative to the position of the Wardens, as follows:

Q. "How do Masons take their place in work?"

A. "The Masters place East, the Wardens *East*, and the Fellows the Eastern passage."

The Wardens were located in the *West*, and are so noted by Prichard and others. Now, this error is to be found in "The Mystery of Free-Masons," circa 1730, a copy of which is owned by Bro. Thomas Francis, of Havant, and another by Bro. Carson. The latter indefatigable

collector bought it from the *Spencer sale of 1875*. I saw it, and duly examined that rare quarto engraved sheet then, but was not aware at the time that it is so rare. This very scarce print had the Wardens located in the "East," and save a few minor differences in the orthography, it and the *Westminster Journal* read as one and the same text. Bro. G. B. Abbott discovered what is possibly another copy in the Guildhall Library, London, but I cannot say as to the word "East" until an opportunity occurs for me to examine the original. The description by that expert certainly leads me to incline to believe that the Guildhall copy is third so far traced. It is noted in the *Freemason* for 24th July, 1880. Spencer's was Lot 2, and entitled "The Mystery of Free-Masons. From the MS. of a deceased Bro. 1 page engraved 4to., *curious early Ritual, unique, n. d.*" Are there any more, I wonder.

W. J. HUGHAN.

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FREEMASONRY AT MACCLESFIELD, 1789, &c. Copies of letters to Rev. Thomas Crane, P.G. Orator for P.G.L. of Cheshire.

"Reverend Brother,

"I have taken the liberty of addressing you by desire and on behalf of the Lodge No. 47, held at the New Angel, in this town. They have hitherto acted under a Warrant granted at London in the year 1764, and are now desirous (with the consent and approbation of the Grand Provincial Lodge) of obtaining a Sanction under the Irish Constitution, for which purpose this application is made to you, hoping that, if this proposal be agreeable, you will favour us with your assistance and advice how to complete this Business as soon as possible. The Lodge desire their brotherly respects, and beg the favour of your immediate answer, which will be esteemed a particular favour.—I remain,

"Revd. Sir, with much regard, your

"obedient servant and faithful brother,

"JOHN BIRTLES, Sec.

"Macclesfield, 11th April, 1789."

"Reverend Brother,

"Your obliging letter came duly to hand, and has since been laid before the Lodge. The Brethren are unanimous in their wish of obtaining a Warrant under the Duke of Cumberland, and beg the favour of you to send us a Dispensation till a regular Warrant can be had, and will remit the money when and to whom you shall appoint, and we must depend on your future advice and assistance for the completion of this Business.

"We remain with much esteem, Sir, your most

"Hbl. servants and faithful brethren,

"THOMAS LOMAS, Master } of Lodge No. 47

"JOHN BIRTLES, Secretary }

"Macclesfield, 27th April, 1789.

"We wish the new Lodge to be distinguished by the name of the Reciprocal Lodge, and the time of meeting the second Thursday in the Month."

[These two letters have been copied for the *Freemason*, and kindly sent for publication by Bro. J. C. Robinson, formerly of Chester. According to Bro. John Lane's invaluable "Masonic Records" the "Beneficent" Lodge, No. 545, Macclesfield, was warranted 19th June, 1789, and was erased in 1827. The lodge of 1764 was under the "Ancients."—Ed. F. M.]

907] THE GRENADIERS' LODGE, No. 66.

I am unable to fix the date of the by-law to which Bro. Hughan refers. The books were shown to me by the Secretary, a solicitor, at his office, and "the certificate of constitution" was what he particularly wished me to see. This he called "the original warrant" of the lodge, and stated that as such he had exhibited it to the then Grand Secretary. Between the late Bro. John Hervey, at that time G.S., and my informant there had evidently been some conversation with regard to the original document under which members of present No. 66 first met as a regular lodge, for the latter told me that in answer to Bro. Hervey he had said "I know where it is," and had next proceeded to show him the certificate of constitution. I have met with several certificates of a like character among the records of our early lodges, and imagine that in practice the lodges in and near London, either on being newly established or on surrendering their independency, were "constituted" by the Grand Officers in person; while those at a distance from the Metropolis, like present No. 39, Exeter (see Hughan's "English Rite," 29), and others (of which numerous examples might be given) were "constituted" by deputy, *i.e.*, by some local brother or brethren to whom a written *Deputation* had been issued, "Impowering and Authorising" him or them to perform the duty which, in strictness, should have devolved upon the Grand Officers. For the origin of the custom we should have to go back to very early times. It clearly antedates the first Book of Constitutions (1723), and must have arisen, I think, from the determination of the Grand Lodge to "stamp out" all those associations of Freemasons which decline to acknowledge its supremacy. This, indeed, is somewhat plainly indicated by certain regulations in the aforesaid Book of Constitutions, entitled "The Antient Manner of Constituting a Lodge," wherein it is enjoined that "A New Lodge, for avoiding many Irregularities [italics mine] should be solemnly Constituted by the Grand Master with his Deputy and Wardens," "or," the regulations go on to say, in the absence of the Grand Master, by the Deputy or one of the Grand

Wardens. The sole object of these regulations—at least such is my own interpretation of them—was to affix the stigma of "Irregularity" (or illegality) upon the proceedings of any body of Freemasons who formed themselves into a lodge without the consent and approval of the Grand Master and his officers. The *Deputation*, or, as we should now express it, the *written authority*, to constitute existing No. 39 appears from Bro. Hughan's "English Rite" to have remained until the present day as its warrant for assembling. This is somewhat singular, since it shows that a *proxy* "constitution" of A.D. 1732 has outlived all the "certificates of constitution" granted at first hand, either before or after, in the sense of still serving as the charter or warrant by virtue of which the meetings of Lodge St. John the Baptist, No. 39, Exeter, are endowed with regularity.

R. F. GOULD.



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METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Farringdon Without Lodge (No. 1745).—This prosperous lodge met at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 31st ult. Among those present were Bros. Schultz, W.M.; Phillips, acting S.W.; R. Webber, J.W., W.M. elect; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; Sherer, S.D.; Nelson Prower, M.A., J.D.; F. Kent, I.G.; Capt. Walls, P.M., D.C.; H. Bennett, Steward; P. N. Lardner, A.D.C.; George Herbert, I.P.M.; H. B. Marshall, J.P., P.M., P.G. Treas.; J. Young, P.M.; and T. Simpson, P.M. There were numerous visitors, among them being Bros. Comfort, T. O. Harding, M.A., and L. Levi.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Brown was impressively raised to the Third Degree. Bro. R. Webber was then ably installed into the chair of K.S. by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Phillips, as S.W.; J. Young, as J.W.; Capt. Walls, as D.C.; and F. Kent, as I.G. The following appointments then took place: Bros. Sherer, S.W.; N. Prower, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, Treas.; W. H. Jackson, Sec.; F. Kent, S.D.; P. N. Lardner, J.D.; Herbert, I.G.; Capt. Walls, D.C.; Dr. Lott, P.G. Org.; and Mallett, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer for his efficient services, and he was presented with a Past Master's jewel. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted.

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

The usual toasts followed.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas., responded in an able speech for "The Grand Officers."

An excellent programme of music was carried out by Bro. Louis Levi, assisted by Bros. J. Young, Schultz, and others. The proceedings then terminated.

Regent's Park Lodge (No. 2202).—At the installation meeting of this lodge, held at the York and Albany Hotel, on Saturday, the 7th inst., there were present the following brethren: Bros. Dr. N. J. Goodchild, W.M.; J. K. R. Cama, Prov. G. Reg. Surrey, I.P.M.; D. P. Cama, P.P.S.G.W. Surrey, P.G. Treas.; Dr. J. Powdrell, S.W.; W. H. Hosegood, J.W.; Dr. N. Goodchild, P.M., Treas.; C. Sheppard, P.M., Sec.; W. Hall, S.D.; J. Passingham, J.D.; E. C. Mulvey, P.G.S. Surrey, Stwd.; G. Lane, I.G.; C. W. Rex, J. P. Pointer, W. H. Ellen, J. Ward, James Kew, P.M.; Herbert Bangs, and Joseph Bangs. Visitors: Bros. J. Hemming, P.M. 1287; E. Shand, 2030; J. Towell, 1469; J. E. Master, 2105; and Burgess Perry, 28.

The lodge being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. The Auditor's report was then read and adopted, voted to be recorded on the minutes and printed. Bro. Podger was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Bro. Hosegood, W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. J. K. R. Cama, and duly installed in the chair of K.S. by the W.M. in an impressive manner. The W.M. then invested the following officers: Bros. Dr. John Powdrell, S.W.; W. Hall, J.W.; Dr. N. Goodchild, Treas.; C. Sheppard, Sec.; J. Passingham, S.D.; G. Lane, J.D.; E. C. Mulvey, Stwd.; J. B. Pointer, I.G.; James Kew, D.C.; Herbert Bangs, A.D.C.; J. Bangs, Org.; G. Clampt, Stwd.; W. Rose, A.Org.; and Whiting, Tyler. The W.M. then presented the retiring Master, Bro. Dr. N. J. Goodchild, with a handsome Past Master's jewel for his excellent services during the previous year, which was suitably acknowledged. Nothing more remaining for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then sat down to a sumptuous repast, catered by Bro. Holden, the landlord of the hotel.

After the Constitutional toasts were duly given and honoured, the toast of "The Grand Officers" was proposed and suitably replied to by Bro. D. P. Cama in a bright and instructive speech.

The toasts of "The W.M." and "The I.P.M." followed, and were suitably responded to.

"The Visitors" were next toasted, to which Bros. Hemming and Shand made humorous replies.

"The Past Masters" and "The Officers" were proposed and acknowledged in due course, and the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a happy termination.

In the intervals humorous songs were sung by some of the members of the lodge.

St. Pancras Lodge (No. 2271).—The election meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th inst. at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, Bro. Dr. John Powdrell, W.M., presiding. The other brethren present were Bros. W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of Works Middlesex, Secretary, acting as I.P.M.; H. R. Graham, S.W.; J. Irvine, D.C.,

as J.W.; H. E. Jay, Treas.; A. H. Scurrah, acting as Sec.; H. Longman, S.D.; W. T. Perry, J.D.; R. S. Chattey, I.G.; H. W. Laurance, Org.; Maude, Jacobs, Capt. C. J. Knightley, R. Chattey, H. Rutley, T. Parker, A. Milles, H. S. Samuels, Madgett, and W. M. Stiles, P.M. (Hon. Member). Visitors: Bros. John Paul, W.M. 1287; W. R. Palmer, W.M. 143; H. H. Shirley, P.M. 1491; J. Hemming, P.M. 1287; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619, and 1928; and G. Rice, 1744.

Bro. Dr. Powdrell passed Bro. Thomas Parker, raised Bro. Thomas Button Madgett, and initiated Mr. Arthur L. Miers. The brethren afterwards elected Bro. W. R. Graham, S.W., W.M. for the ensuing year, and re-elected Bro. H. E. Jay, Treasurer, and Bro. Richard Whiting, P.M. 87, Tyler, all these elections being unanimous. The three junior members of the lodge, Bros. Madgett, Parker, and Miers, were elected on the Audit Committee; but before the lodge was closed reference was made to the following testimonial, which was presented to Bro. W. A. Scurrah at the last meeting. The testimonial was elegantly engrossed and illuminated, and enclosed in a massive gift frame, and was in the following complimentary terms:—"St. Pancras Lodge, No. 2271, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. This testimonial was presented by the members of the above lodge to Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., Secretary to the lodge, voted by the brethren in open lodge assembled as a mark and testimony of the appreciation they have for the services he has rendered the lodge in its foundation and during its first year of existence, the high appreciation they have of all the duties he has undertaken and carried out with such exemplary, courteous, zealous, and perfect manner. This testimonial the members of the lodge are desirous of placing on record, as a recognition of the great talent he has displayed in all business appertaining to his office, the duties he has performed as acting P.M. during the past year, also of his genial urbanity of manner, gentlemanly bearing, kindness of heart, and the intense zeal he has shown in promoting every good work which conduces to the general happiness of the brethren with whom he was associated, and their hope is that he may long be spared to be an honoured member of the lodge to which he has rendered such efficient service.—Signed on behalf of the lodge, John Powdrell, W.M.; Robt. N. Fowler, I.P.M.; Harry R. Graham, S.W.; Robert G. Webster, J.W.; Henry Longman, S.D.; W. T. Perry, J.D.; and Robt. S. Chattey, I.G." Bro. Scurrah said that in the course of the evening he should have to say something on the subject of that testimonial.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a pretty banquet, and afterwards honoured the usual toasts.

After "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," and the other complimentary toasts had been disposed of,

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said that ever since Bro. Dr. Powdrell was initiated in Freemasonry to the present time he had taken great interest in all that appertained to Freemasonry. All who had witnessed his work in the lodge must say he had fulfilled his duties as Master with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. In his performance of those arduous ceremonies that afternoon he was almost letter-perfect. Not only did he perform the ceremonies in a perfect manner, but he was a thorough Mason in every shape and form, and he carried out his Masonic obligations most thoroughly. Having taken the obligations to perform his duties he had performed them to the utmost of his ability, and the brethren were highly honoured in having such a brother to preside over them for the past year.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said the compliments passed by Bro. Scurrah he would not say were undeserved, but what he had done was painted in rather high colours. It was, however, with none the less appreciation he took the compliment if he had given the brethren satisfaction during his year. He was to be relegated to the position of a P.M. Every one should desire to become a W.M., and then he became a quiet old fashioned Freemason. Bro. Scurrah had spoken of the manner in which he (the W.M.) had done his work. Well, he had done it to the best of his ability, and he could assure the brethren he would continue to do it in the future as in the past.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The W.M. Elect," said Bro. Graham would be a distinguished Master. He was a little quiet worker at present, but when he occupied the chair he would do so with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. He was a Mason at heart and a good fellow. He (the W.M.) had known him a great many years, and in every position he had found him always kind and hearty, and during next year they would all have a jolly and happy year.

Bro. Graham, in response, said when he looked back to such striking examples as the present W.M. and Bro. Scurrah, who acted as deputy W.M. during Bro. Sir Robert Fowler's year of office, he felt it was only by the kind votes of the brethren he could aspire to occupy the chair. But he could not occupy it with pleasure but for the agreeable fellow feeling which animated the brethren of the lodge. The lodge began small in numbers, but it was developing, and the brethren might look to it being one of the principal lodges in the Craft. But it was due to Bro. Scurrah, who had been the backbone of the lodge, and had handed down the ritual to the present W.M. He could only hope to come at all up to the high standard of excellence, and he knew that all the brethren would give him the kind assistance they had given their other Masters.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The I.P.M.," said the lodge owed a great deal to Sir Robert Fowler for getting the warrant, but a great deal more to Bro. Scurrah. Their first W.M., through his many engagements, had not been with them much, but Bro. Scurrah had not missed a single meeting. In virtue of that regularity they thought it right some time ago to make him a presentation of a record of their estimation of his worth in the shape of an illuminated address on vellum. That was done to perpetuate his work for the St. Pancras Lodge. Bro. Scurrah was one of those Freemasons who would not be beaten; if he once got his nose in he kept it there—whether in the Craft, the Royal Arch, the Mark, or any other Degree he took it to heart. One night he would be working the Craft, then the Arch, then the Mark, and then perhaps the Rose Croix, and he thought they might say they had in Bro. Scurrah a brother whom they ought to appreciate.

Bro. Scurrah, replying, said he knew Sir R. Fowler took great interest in the St. Pancras Lodge, and it was only his many duties which kept him away. With regard to himself (Bro. Scurrah) he thanked the W.M. for the kind remarks he had made about him. He certainly did take great interest in the formation of the lodge, and he had said

to the present W.M. and other brethren that it would be his endeavour at all times to get good men and true into it, and at the same time to keep off all those who he felt would not be an honour to it. Up to the present time he thought they would say he had kept his word, because, although they had not had a very large number of initiates, they had brought in men they were proud to have among them, brethren they delighted to honour, and whom they would always be pleased to meet. The St. Pancras Lodge was a good lodge, to which any brother might consider it an honour and privilege to belong, and which any gentleman might consider it an honour to be initiated in. He had many things to thank the brethren for, among others, for their attending in Grand Lodge the night before in such large numbers and voting for him on the Board of General Purposes. With a great deal of pride and pleasure he said that he was elected on that honourable Board third on the list of Past Masters, and when it was remembered that there were 14 to be elected, it was glorious to be in such a foremost place. He had to thank the brethren for the very handsome testimonial they had presented to him, and for the compliments which they had been pleased to pay him for carrying on the lodge for the first year of its existence. All Past Masters who had any cognizance of the formation of new lodges knew there was a great deal to be done in the first year. Bro. Sir Robert Fowler told him he would be very pleased to take the first Worshipful Mastership, but, said "Bro. Scurrah, if I do so, you must do the work for me." He (Bro. Scurrah) said "Sir Robert, if you will honour us by being the first W.M. I will do everything you wish me to do." He had done so and he thanked the brethren most heartily for their support, and most cordially for the very handsome testimonial they had presented him with. He should look upon it with a very great deal of pride and pleasure, and should hand it down to his nephew, Arthur, to show what the brethren thought of him in so honourable and highly esteemed a lodge as the St. Pancras. Bro. Scurrah concluded by proposing that there should be a Royal Arch Chapter attached to the lodge, and that steps should be taken with that object immediately.

Bro. Miers replied to the toast of "The Initiate," and at the conclusion of his speech said he should recall with universal satisfaction, with unfeigned pleasure, and with unlimited pride this memorable event, the reminiscences of which would for ever remain impressed on his mind.

Bros. W. R. Palmer, Paul, and Shirley responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and the remaining toasts were brought to an end with Bro. Richard Whiting giving the Tyler's toast, which was, as usual, drunk with enthusiasm.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BARNET.

Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on Friday, the 6th inst. The W.M., Bro. J. H. Baxter, and the S.W., Bro. J. E. Cussans, P.M. 403, P.P.S.G.W., were prevented by unavoidable circumstances from being in their places, and the chair was taken by Bro. T. H. Martin, I.P.M., while Bro. J. Brittain, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., acted as S.W., the other officers and members present being Bros. S. Tryon, J.W.; W. K. Hopkin, P.M., Treas.; R. Fisher Young, P.M., Sec.; W. Lewis, P.M.; G. B. Abbott, S.D.; F. Thompson, J.D.; Collingwood, I.G.; Charles Gray, P.M., D.C.; Goddard, Tyler; Oldfield, Anneveld, Curnow, Marshall, and Tibbatts. Bro. Haskins was a visitor.

The summons for the meeting having been read, Bros. Marshall, Tibbatts, and Curnow were successively raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed in the case of the two former by the acting W.M., while in the case of Bro. Curnow, Bro. Lewis, P.M., who had introduced him into the lodge, discharged the duty.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent cold collation under the presidency of Bro. Martin, and between the good fare and the excellent singing of Bros. Gray, Lewis, Oldfield, Collingwood, Tibbatts, and others, a most pleasant evening was passed.

DARLINGTON.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge (No. 1379).—At the last meeting of this lodge, held on May-day, Bro. Dr. Hill-Drury in the chair, Bro. Smeddle was raised to the Third Degree. The ceremony was again fully choral. We append a list of the music in the order in which it was rendered. The various points in the ceremonial where each piece came in will be readily understood by the "enlightened":—

- March—"Die Zanberflöte."—Mozart.
- "Hail Eternal! by whose aid."
- "Angel Voices."—Pott.
- "All Glory to the Most High!"—Boynes.
- "Brief Life is here our portion."—Passion Chora'le.
- "Dead March" in Saul.—Handel.
- "Glory to God most High!"—Baker.
- "Blessed be the Name of the Lord."—Baker.
- "Give Alms of thy Goods."—Irons.
- "Now the Evening Shadows Closing."
- March—"Alceste."—Gluck.

The meeting was a thoroughly successful one, and at the banquet held subsequently the W.M. was most heartily congratulated on the result of his endeavours to incorporate music with our beautiful ceremonies.

DOVER.

Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 199).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday afternoon, the 2nd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, and there were some 50 of the brethren, members, and visitors, present. The lodge was opened, the W.M., Bro. G. Church, presiding. The other officers in attendance were Bros. J. Falconer, S.W.; A. T. Dartnell, J.W.; Rev. V. S. Vickers, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; J. D. Terson, P.M., Sec.; W. Walker, S.D.; E. Fielding, J.D.; F. W. Prescott, D.C.; O. G. Saville, Org.; Dr. W. J. Best, I.G.; H. H. Goodwin, Stwd.; and L. Marsh, Tyler.

The minutes of the last regular lodge having been confirmed, Bro. H. W. Culpeck was duly raised as a M.M. Bro. J. Falconer, S.W., who had been unanimously elected W.M., was duly installed, the ceremony being admirably performed by the I.P.M., Bro. G. Church. The retiring W.M., Bro. Church, was presented with a Past Master's jewel. Bro. Falconer appointed his officers for the year as

follows: Bro. A. T. Dartnall, S.W.; W. Walker, J.W.; Rev. V. S. Vickers, Chap.; E. Lukey (Mayor of Dover), P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; J. D. Terson, P.M., Sec.; E. C. Fielding, S.D.; Dr. W. J. Best, J.D.; F. W. Prescott, P.M., D.C.; F. A. Clarke, Org.; H. H. Goodwin, I.G.; W. Thomas and O. G. Saville, Stwds.; and L. Marsh, Tyler. Bro. J. D. Terson, Secretary, was unanimously re-appointed Charity Representative of the lodge. The lodge was honoured with the presence of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Kent, Bro. J. S. Eastes, P.S.G.D. England, and there were also present Bros. J. Terry, P.G.S.B. Eng., Secretary of the R.M.B.I.; J. S. White, W.M. 2099; A. Seymour Baskett, W.M. 158; H. E. Pannell, W.M. 108; G. Peden, W.M. 125; T. Bent, P.M. 784; and T. Morrill, 57. The members of the Dover lodges present, besides the officers above mentioned, were Bros. E. Lukey, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; H. S. Boyton, P.M.; J. W. Bussey, P.M.; J. J. Wright, P.M.; W. O. Kennett, P.M.; W. A. Barron, P.M.; Major-Gen. T. Cumming, P.M.; Dr. Fenn, P.J.G.W.; Dr. J. Marshall, P.M., P.S.G.W.; W. B. Baker, S.W.; A. Sims, J.W.; R. E. Mayes, T. Butler, J. Jarry, H. Warren, B. C. Morris, J. Beach, C. M. Overton, J. T. Marsh, J. Parsons, J. W. Wynne, A. T. Wilson, W. C. Bowles, J. T. Hopper, F. C. Swoffer, J. Simcox, and others.

At the conclusion of the proceedings the members and visitors adjourned to the adjoining building, where an excellent dinner was served.

The usual Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and a very pleasant evening with harmony was enjoyed by those present.

FRIZINGTON.

Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—Bro. John Wilkinson, W.M. elect, was installed Worshipful Master on Wednesday, the 4th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, by Bro. G. Dalrymple, P.S.G.W., assisted by Bro. Craig, P.M., and the following brethren were invested as officers, viz.: Bros. H. Hartley, I.P.M., P.G. Stwd.; J. Wakefield, S.W.; D. Tolson, J.W.; Geo. Dalrymple, Treas.; M. Jones, Sec.; Wm. Robinson, S.D.; Wm. Shaw, J.D.; Wm. Barwise, D.C.; J. Webb, Org.; Samuel Hastings, I.G.; G. Atkinson, W. H. Jones, J. Richardson, and J. Armstrong, Stwds.; and C. Bland, Tyler.

The following were present: Bros. Dr. J. J. Lace, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Jas. Routledge, P.M.; Jas. Singers, J. Dickson, J. Webb, Wm. Brown, Robt. Douglas, W. J. Smith, Dr. Chas. Harris, W.M. 119; Geo. Starkey, W.M. elect 119; R. Miller, J. G. Selkirk, J. P. Bennett, Rev. J. Tyson, P.M. 1532, P.P.G. Chap.; W. Armstrong, W.M. 1267; Jas. Stout, W.M. elect 1267; Jas. Lowery, J. Dickinson, W.M. 1989; J. Elliott, Isaac Frears, J. Jenkinson, W.M. 2285, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Holloway, W. Kewley, and others.

Eight certificates were presented to members, 15 have been initiated during Bro. Hartley's year of office, and we are pleased to add that while the lodge has enjoyed prosperity the Masonic Charities have not been forgotten. Three chairs have been endowed during the year, and it has been suggested that every officer when funds will allow should be placed in a similar position in one of the three Masonic Institutions.

With the proposition of one candidate and a vote of thanks to the Installing Masters and "Hearty good wishes" from Lodges Nos. 119, 1267, 1989, and 2285, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, at the invitation of Bro. Wilkinson, subsequently dined, and with toast and song spent a very pleasant evening.

LIVERPOOL.

Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).—The annual festival in connection with this lodge was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., in the Masonic Temple, Hope-street. The lodge, which was consecrated about 21 years ago, numbers nearly 100 on its roll, and is at present one of the most flourishing offshoots of Freemasonry in the province. In addition to the numerous body of the members that assembled to witness the investiture of the officers for the ensuing year, many visitors attended from other lodges. Bro. W. Jones, W.M., was supported in the chair by the undermentioned: Bros. S. Fraser, I.P.M.; J. Pemberton, P.M.; H. Williams, P.M.; A. Cotter, P.M., Treas.; J. S. Warden, P.M.; J. Ashworth, P.M.; W. Fish, P.M.; and a full staff of officers. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. James Salmon (Mayor of Chester), P.M. 425, P.G.D. Cheshire; George Willings, P.M. 667, P.G.D.; J. Bryan, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; John C. Robinson, P.M. 249, 2294, P.A.G.D.C.; Herbert Ellis, P.M. 744; W. Hewson, W.M. 249; R. G. Bradley, P.M. 249; W. Pye, P.M. 1094; J. Bowyer, W.M. 667; T. C. Thorburn, P.M. 477; R. E. Edwards, 721; E. King Ellison, P.M. 350; R. Low, P.M. 823; D. Dunkel, W.M. elect 594; E. R. Lathom, 594; A. Bucknell, P.M. 667; G. Wiggins, 247; and others.

The chair was taken as Installing Master by Bro. S. S. Fraser, I.P.M., when the W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Köhn, was presented for installation by Bros. J. Pemberton, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., and Hugh Williams, P.M., P.P.A.G.D. of C., and the fine ceremony was rendered additionally impressive by a specially selected musical programme. Bro. Köhn then invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. Jones, I.P.M.; J. J. Harley, S.W.; E. B. Ironside, J.W.; Alex. Cotter, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Linaker, Sec.; S. L. Fraser, P.M., D.C.; T. S. Tickle, S.D.; T. Clarke, J.D.; Wm. Hudson, Org.; W. Cantle, I.G.; G. F. Ordish, D. Hughes, J. Mottershead, and W. M. Peters, Stewards; and P. Ball, Tyler. Before the closing of the lodge a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Fraser, the Installing Master.

The brethren afterwards dined together, and after the repast, which was admirably served by Bro. James Casey, the House Steward, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair.

The W.M. replied in appropriate terms to the toast of his health, and afterwards, in proposing the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Wm. Jones," took occasion to present him with a handsome Past Master's jewel on behalf of the members of the lodge.

The subsequent toasts were "The Installing Master," "The Past Masters," "The Masonic Charities," "The Visitors," &c.

During the evening an admirable musical programme was rendered by Bros. E. Grime, T. Shaw (violin), G. Smith, J. Leyland, W. Hudson, J. H. Linaker, E. B. Ironside, and others.

PLUMSTEAD.

Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The election meeting of the above powerful lodge took place on Thursday, the 5th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, Bro. B. de B. Lopez, P.G. Stwd. England, W.M., in the chair. There were also present Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; T. D. Hayes, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; R. J. Cook, P.M.; H. Mason, P.M.; C. H. Lawson, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); Col. E. Hughes, M.P., S.W.; W. Sanders, S.D.; W. C. Taylor, J.D.; C. J. Clapham, D.C.; Dr. E. Bryceson, I.G.; R. F. Tyler, Org.; D. K. Somers and J. O. Cook, Stwds.; C. Warren, Tyler; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M. 1536, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Webber, W.M. 700; H. Grice, W.M. 13; J. H. Roberts, P.M. 700; G. Grant, W. J. Bidgood, and J. Davidson, of 700; R. Smith, 1000; and E. Chinery, 184.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and Bro. Col. Hughes was unanimously elected W.M., Bro. Coupland re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Warren Tyler. Each of the above having severally returned thanks, two Auditors were elected, and the Refreshment Committee constituted. The usual Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Lopez, and then the lodge was closed.

The brethren having partaken of supper, the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were honoured.

"The Health of Earl Amherst, P.G.M.," having been drunk with enthusiasm, that of "Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was responded to by

Bro. Hayes, who said they all knew what an excellent Mason Earl Amherst was, and how heartily he entered into anything that was for the good of the province in particular, while in Bro. Eastes they had one who never seemed easy unless he was doing something in the cause of Masonry. It was an honour and a pleasure to serve under two such brethren, and he must say their lodge—the Pattison—had been well served in the distribution of provincial honours, and had tried to do credit to the distinction by regularly attending Provincial Grand Lodge at all its meetings. He trusted it would continue to receive the notice of his lordship and Bro. Eastes, and that as time went on other of the Past Masters would have the privilege of responding. In the name of the Provincial Grand Officers present he thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast.

Bro. Penfold then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said it was on his part a very cheerful duty, although not unmixed with some alloy. Bro. Lopez had been an excellent Master so far as he had had opportunities, but must in the ordinary course of affairs Masonic, whether good, bad, or indifferent, leave the chair at the end of his year of office. They had, however, a sort of "Compensation for Disturbance" clause in the fact that he (Bro. Lopez) would be succeeded by such a Master as Bro. Hughes. They felt sure that in the brother chosen that night to succeed Bro. Lopez they had one who would discharge the duties of Master to his own and their satisfaction. Bro. Lopez had, as he before said, done what he had to do well, and now, at the end of his year of office, they could fearlessly say of him—"Well done, thou good and faithful servant." He asked them to drink the toast heartily.

Bro. Lopez, in response, said the attainment of the position he had occupied for the last 11 months, and which he should have to retire from at their next meeting, was the ambition of every Mason, and he quite agreed with Bro. Penfold that the brother whom they had chosen to succeed him would fully maintain the high character of the Pattison Lodge. For himself he could only say that he was exceedingly sorry to leave the chair, yet at the same time it was an office of great responsibility and one that many might easily be forgiven for being glad to resign, especially if they resigned it, as he felt sure he did, into the hands of so able a successor as their esteemed Bro. Col. Hughes. He had been heartily supported during his year of office by every brother in the lodge, and that cordial support had to a great extent relieved the onerousness of the office from his shoulders. They had overlooked his shortcomings, which no doubt were many, yet if he had by any means contributed to the success of the lodge, or the comfort or happiness of the brethren, that was his solace, while their kind and genial reception of him at all times would ever be to him a pleasant remembrance. Our esteemed brother then resumed his seat amid great cheering.

The toast of "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. Grice, Webber, and Roberts, having been eloquently responded to, that of "The Past Masters" followed, for which Bro. Cook responded.

The next toast was that of "The W.M. elect," and, in response,

Bro. Hughes said the W.M. had him at rather a disadvantage, as he (Bro. Lopez) was retiring from office his work all over and done, while his (Bro. Hughes) was only just commencing, and in following one who represented so great a personal interest in that district they could not fairly expect that he should be so successful or adorn the position so well as Bro. Lopez had, whose reign had been both a happy and memorable one. For himself, he joined the lodge almost at its commencement, and since then had been so deeply engaged in his own and other people's business that he had not had time to attend it so often as he should have liked, yet he had had his interest at heart, and had always heard of its progress with pleasure and satisfaction. Now that state of affairs might have gone on till the end, but one night, being present in the lodge, he was asked by Bro. Butler if he would like to go on the rails again, there was an opening, and he accepted it, and was very thankful to think he had. He felt it a great responsibility now that he was about to fill the chair, not that he should not be able to preside over what they were pleased to call the "Fourth Degree," because they might trust to him for good dinners, and he ought to know what a good dinner was; but what about the ritual? What about him learning it at his advanced age? He had had it repeated to him so often that he was afraid he might be like a page boy he had heard of at a mansion in the country. At this mansion a certain bishop was staying, and the boy had dined into him to say to the bishop "Yes, my lord," "No, my lord," whenever his grace spoke to him. Well, the boy was sent to call the bishop up one morning, and told to answer, should the

bishop ask who knocked, "The boy, my lord," the boy, however, got so confused with these repeated drillings that when the bishop asked "Who is it?" the boy, instead of saying as he been told, "The boy, my lord," yelled out "The lord, my boy." Now, he felt with regard to the ritual something like the boy, and if he slightly reversed titles at times and called himself "P.M." while he was only "M.P.," and "M.P." when he really was "P.M.," they must forgive him. He asked them to give him the same hearty support they had given his predecessor, and join him in the pursuit of true happiness by the practice of brotherly love, so that it might be said that his year of office was as good and memorable a one as had ever occurred since the consecration of the Pattison Lodge.

The other toasts were "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast, the whole of the toasts being interspersed by some excellent vocal and instrumental music.

ROCHFORD.

Lodge of True Friendship (No. 160).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the County Court Offices, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., when Bro. F. J. Wiseman was for the second time installed as W.M. for the year. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers for the year: Bros. G. Wood, I.P.M.; A. J. Arthy, S.W.; G. F. Golding, J.W.; J. F. Harrington, Treas.; H. Harper, P.M., Sec.; W. A. Rigden, S.D.; A. J. Hobday, J.D.; A. Lucking, D.C.; W. J. Hardy, J.D.; H. Meeson and J. Richmond, Stewards; and A. W. Martin, Tyler. The W.M. then very ably initiated Messrs. Leach and Armitage.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the Old Ship Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was well served.

The following were among the brethren present: Bros. T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. Grand Secretary; Albert Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Prov. Grand D.C.; F. J. Wiseman, G. Wood, G. F. Golding, A. J. Arthy, W. V. Willson, P.M.; J. Ayling, P.M.; J. F. Harrington, P.M.; H. Harper, P.M.; A. J. Hobday, W. J. Hardy, H. Meeson, J. B. Richmond, P. Richmond, G. Goodman, W. J. Taylor, J. C. Underwood, F. W. Wiseman, W. T. Massey, C. Walton, G. J. Westfield, P.M. 2184; A. Brazier, P.M. 1829; T. W. Burton, W.M. 1817; J. W. Harris, P.M. 1000; B. Thomas, J.W. 1000; and R. C. Cleghorne, 1817.

After the banquet the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft." In proposing "The Health of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the W.M. said it required but few words from him to recommend the toast. All the brethren were aware that the Prince of Wales was the most popular Grand Master England had ever seen, and that Masonry had been greatly strengthened since H.R.H. had held that office.

The toasts of "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and "The Prov. G.M., Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., and the Deputy P.G.M., Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Reg.," were all enthusiastically honoured.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. George Wood, the I.P.M., said that the W.M. had always been a most excellent Mason, and had been at his work second to none. He thought the brethren might congratulate themselves that they had such a Master to preside over them. He felt certain that when his year of office had expired they would find the lodge had not suffered by being presided over by Bro. Wiseman, but, on the contrary, they would find that it would reap the benefit by being presided over by such an old and good Mason.

Bro. Wiseman, in responding, said that he could assure the brethren he felt highly complimented by being again elected to the high office he now occupied, and he would endeavour to deserve that confidence. If he had ever done his duty he would endeavour to do it better.

In proposing "The Health of the Initiates," the W.M. said there was a deal of good in Masonry, and expressed the hope that the newly made brethren would endeavour to rise in the Order, and at some time occupy the chair of the lodge.

Bros. Leach and Armitage responded.

The other toasts were responded to, and the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

During the toasts songs by the W.M., Bros. J. B. Richmond, Arthy, Brazier, Thomas, F. J. Wiseman, Hobday, Leach, and others were ably sung, and enlivened the proceedings.

THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., when there was a goodly number of members and visitors present. Bro. T. Barber was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. A. L. Peace, W.M. Bro. J. H. Bletcher, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. J. F. Forth, re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. F. Pine Tyler. The installation was fixed for the 9th July.

THORNTON HEATH.

Old England Lodge (No. 1790).—This successful lodge held its annual installation meeting at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 5th inst. The members present included Bros. J. Kilvington, W.M.; R. G. Fleming, M.D., S.W., W.M. elect; George Horsnail, J.W.; W. Foulsham, P.M., P.P.G.W., Treas.; J. Buckley, Sec.; F. C. Pascal, P.M.; Hugh M. Hobbs, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; F. Ridpath, P.M.; W. H. Ransom, P.M.; C. Daniel, P.M.; J. W. Russell, W. J. Day, G. Young, M. F. Blockley, F. R. Rayner, J. Botter, A. H. Doball, J. P. Gordon, J. S. Mortimer, E. C. Symmons, J.D.; C. Terry, Stwd.; W. J. Turpin, I.G.; and E. Whittaker, P.M. Visitors: Bros. T. Fletcher, W.M. 33; W. F. Drive, S.D. 1360; H. Davis, 310; E. Mitchell, P.M. 720; T. Bomlin, I.G. 1360; J. H. Price, W.M. 1321; W. Gunner, P.M. 720; T. A. Compton, 1641; B. Shekwell, 2054; A. T. Findley, 879; G. Wilson, 1987; A. H. Cole, A.D.C. 1744; F. J. Laughlin, Org. 1365; T. J. Harris, Stwd. 1744; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and the Audit Report received and adopted. Mr. J. W. Russell having been duly approved by ballot, was impressively initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. The installation of the W.M. elect was next proceeded with, and Bro. Robert Gage Fleming, M.D., was duly presented and installed by Bro. J. Kilvington, I.P.M. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. G. S. Horsnail, S.W.; E.

C. Symmons, J.W.; Rev. R. Patterson, M.A., Chap.; W. Foulsham, P.M., Treas.; J. Buckley, Sec.; W. Turpin, S.D.; J. Bolton, J.D.; H. C. Sherry, I.G.; F. R. Rayner, D.C.; G. Tarry and J. Grew, Stwds.; and W. Lane, Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. Kilvington, I.P.M., rendered the usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. Other business was transacted, and the lodge was formally closed.

An excellent banquet, catered for by Bro. Tarry, was enjoyed by the brethren, and was followed by the usual toasts.

Bro. J. Kilvington, I.P.M., in proposing "Health, Prosperity, and Success to the W.M.," said he had no doubt they had the right man in the right place in having Bro. Fleming as the W.M. of the Old England Lodge. Their W.M. was an older Mason than he (the I.P.M.), and took a very great interest in the lodge of which he had attained the chair. The brethren were convinced that they would find in Bro. Fleming a good and worthy Mason, and one well fitted for the position in which he was placed. It was therefore with great pleasure that he had for the first time to propose the health of the W.M.

Bro. R. G. Fleming, M.D., W.M., in reply, said no words could express the pleasure he felt at the high honour conferred upon him—an honour of which he was proud. When he thought of the arduous duties, and the able manner in which they had been performed by his predecessors, he felt he should have many shortcomings, but with the kind assistance of the officers he should endeavour to rule the lodge to the entire satisfaction of all the brethren. He should not promise too much, but he would do the best he could to carry on the lodge to their satisfaction. He begged to thank them sincerely for the hearty manner in which the toast of his health had been proposed and received.

"The Immediate Past Master" was next given by the W.M., who remarked that Bro. Kilvington, I.P.M., had done his work during the past year in a most exemplary manner, for under his rule the lodge had made great progress, and had never before been in such a prosperous condition. The I.P.M. had initiated several candidates, and several brethren had joined during the past year. It was therefore with much pleasure that he presented the I.P.M., Bro. Jonathan Kilvington, with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of the ability displayed by him during his term in the chair, and it was the sincere wish of all the members that he would live long to wear it.

Bro. J. Kilvington, I.P.M., assured the brethren that it was a matter of very great regret to him that he was compelled to leave the chair. He thanked them for the very hearty reception with which the toast had been greeted. They had his assurance that the past year had been one of the happiest of his life; in fact, he might say the happiest. He had tried to carry out the duties of the high office to which he was elected 12 months ago, and hoped he had given satisfaction. If he had not done so, it was not for the want of trying. When he looked round and saw the array of Past Masters, amongst whom he was now numbered, he felt most grateful for the kind and unanimous vote of the lodge one month ago, when it was resolved to present him with the splendid Past Master's jewel which he now wore. That jewel had been received by him with very heart-felt thankfulness, and he trusted never to disgrace it. When it came to his lot to give up the jewel he trusted to be able to give an account of his Stewardship. He should like to give one word of advice to the brethren taking office, which was that he hoped they would follow in the footsteps of the Past Masters to maintain the prestige of the lodge by good working, which was only to be attained by constant attendance at lodges of instruction.

Bro. E. Whittaker, P.M., replied for "The Past Masters," and said he was sorry to have been obliged to absent himself for four years, but previous to that he did not think he missed a single attendance. When the lodge was first started they had uphill work, but he never saw the lodge in a more prosperous state than now.

Bros. Price, Fletcher, Cole, and Laughlin returned thanks on behalf of "The Visitors."

"The Initiate" and "The Treasurer and Secretary" were followed by "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast closed a successful evening.

The musical arrangements were under the able direction of Bro. Kilvington, I.P.M., who was assisted by Bros. F. R. Rayner, A. Wilmot, F. T. Ridpath, H. C. Sherry, and J. Grew. Bro. F. Laughlin presided in a brilliant manner at the pianoforte.

YORK.

Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The regular monthly meeting was held in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, on the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. Geo. Chapman, W.M.; G. Lamb, as S.W.; W. Storey, J.W.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; J. Kay, Sec.; Shonksmith, S.D.; Pearson, J.D.; Halliwell, I.G.; W. Brown, P.M.; W. B. Dyson, P.M.; and several other brethren and visitors, amongst the latter being Bro. W. F. Tomlinson, P.M.

The business consisted of two raisings, which were worked by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., who also presented to the lodge a copy of Hogarth's "Morning." A candidate was proposed, and the lodge was closed.

Next month it is proposed to make further improvements in this building. The upper rooms of the Tyler's cottage are to be converted into preparation rooms, &c., a new lavatory is to be constructed, and a powerful stove placed in the entrance, all of which will add greatly to the convenience, comfort, and health of the members. The organ—a three manual instrument—has also been completed, and will be placed in position in the lodge room at the same time. It will be blown by water power, and is erected by special subscription.

Royal Arch.

St. Dunstan's Chapter (No. 1589).—This representative chapter met at Anderson's Hotel, Fleetstreet, on the 3rd inst. Among those present were Comps. W. E. Farrington, M.E.Z.; Farthing, H.; Lieut.-Colonel H. Radcliffe, P.Z., acting J. (Hon. Member); Capt. Walls, S.E.; T. A. Woodbridge, S.N., J. elect; F. Farrington, P.Z., Treas.; Gaze, P.S.; Charles Moore, 1st Asst. S.; J. H. Dcdson, P.Z.; H. Clemow, P.Z.; R. Skelton, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Lieut.-Colonel Radcliffe ably installed Comp. T. A. Woodbridge as Third Principal. The following elections then took place for the year ensuing: Comps. Farthing, M.E.Z.; T. A. Woodbridge, H.; Capt. J. Benningfield, J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, S.E.; Gaze, S.N.; F. Farrington, Treas.; C. Moore, P.S.; and Gilbert, Janitor. A vote of thanks having been passed to the Installing Officer, a Past Principal's jewel was unanimously voted to Comp. W. E. Farrington.

The chapter was then closed, and the members adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was admirably served by Comp. A. Clemow and assistants.

Upon the removal of the cloth the long list of toasts was duly gone through.

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BRADFORD.

Old York Lodge (T.I.).—An emergency meeting of this old lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on the 21st ult. The brethren met for tea at six o'clock, after which the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. C. Jacob Schott, Prov. G. Std. Br., who was supported by Bros. S. Whiteley, Prov. G. Steward, I.P.M.; Joseph Wilson, S.W.; Joseph W. Monckman, P.M., as J.W.; Thos. Norfolk, M.O.; T. Pattison, S.O.; T. Greenough, J.O.; J. T. Last, S.D.; Michael Hayes, J.D.; Lumb, I.G.; Hill, Tyler; John Turner, P.M., P.P.G.O.; and Laycock. Visitor: Bro. Rev. B. Magon, P.P.G.C. Cheshire and North Wales.

The meeting having been convened for the purpose, Bros. W. Bonsor, 1018; H. Firth, 1545; John Niven, 2321; and J. Pratt, 600, were respectively advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. by the W.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. Whiteley, I.P.M., who also gave the usual lecture on the signs, &c. The ceremony was ably performed by the W.M. and I.P.M., and was much appreciated by the newly-advanced brethren. Bro. the Rev. B. Magon, Prov. G. Chap. Cheshire and North Wales, kindly officiated as Chaplain.

This was the concluding meeting prior to the summer recess.

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 Tuesday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. Matthews, W.M.; Hazlett, P.M., S.W.; Bayfield, J.W.; Farwig, P.M., Preceptor; Blythe, S.D.; Brownsword, J.D.; Bullen, I.G.; C. J. Jones, Sec.; Hill, P.M.; Scheu, Haseldine, Nice, Street, Warwick, Moss, Dibley, Cursons, and Kirk.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section was worked by the Preceptor. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Nice offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing. Bro. Cursons worked the 2nd Section, Bro. Bullen the 3rd Section, and Bro. Farwig, P.M., the 4th Section. On rising for the second time, Bro. Hazlett, P.M., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting was held on the 29th ult. at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. Dr. A. E. Barrett, W.M.; D. G. Imlay, S.W.; C. E. Bulling, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Freemantle, Sec.; Dr. A. Thompson, S.D.; W. Mason, J.D.; W. Stallabross, I.G.; W. Baker, and R. Horne.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd ult. were read and confirmed. Bro. Baker having offered his services as candidate, was examined and entrusted, and the lodge opened in the Second Degree, and on the candidate's return to the lodge, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., and the 2nd Section of the Second Lecture was worked by Bro. W. H. Kirby. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. On the W.M. rising for first time, Bro. Dr. A. E. Barrett was proposed and seconded as a joining member. Bro. Kirby was elected W.M. for the meeting on the 5th inst., and appointed his officers, and announced that the work for rehearsal would be the Third ceremony. This being the first occasion on which Bro. Barrett had occupied the chair of this lodge, the customary vote of thanks was cordially voted him, to which he responded in very agreeable terms. The lodge was then closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. G. Victor Wood, W.M.; R. H. Dillon, S.W.; S. W. Mantkelow, J.W.; G. Wood, Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, P.M., Sec.; J. Page, S.D.; W. T. Dillon, J.D.; and R. T. Redfearn, I.G.

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. Page candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Wood vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Page, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. Thomas was duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The brethren saluted the W.M. in the Three Degrees, after which the Installing Master delivered the three addresses. The S.W., Bro. Dillon, was elected W.M. for the next meeting of the lodge. A vote of thanks was passed, and entered on the minutes, to Bro. G. V. Wood, the W.M., for the efficient manner in which he had presided over the lodge for the first time, also to Bro. Page for the able manner in which he rehearsed the ceremony of installation for the first time in this lodge. It was resolved that the lodge adjourn until the first Tuesday in September. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).—This lodge has lately removed from Burnt Ash Hill, Lee, to Lewisham, where its meetings will in future be held on Thursday evenings throughout the year, at the new Masonic Rooms, adjoining the White Hart Hotel, 116, High-street, near the Lewisham Junction Railway Station. A spacious apartment, lofty and well-ventilated, has been placed at the disposal of the lodge, and is so situated as to secure privacy of entrance and assembly. The meeting on Thursday, the 5th inst., was presided over by Bro. C. Thomas, as W.M., and there were present Bros. J. A. Shelton, as S.W.; E. Webb, J.W.; Trant, S.D.; Cartwright, J.D.; W. Robin, Sec.; Levy, P.M.; F. Cutt, P.M.; Joyce, D. White, C. Sisterson, James Clark, Lancaster, and others. Bro. J. Stevens, P.M., P.Z., is the Preceptor, and Bro. W. Dale, Assistant Preceptor, and both were also present.

A very interesting and instructive evening was passed, the lodge working in the First Degree, with ceremony, charge, and explanations in regard to certain points, which were greatly appreciated by the brethren. Bro. Shelton was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and a large attendance may be expected.

We have been asked to state that the lodge of instruction desires to extend a cordial welcome to brethren who may honour them as visitors.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 6th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. E. Lucas, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; H. F. Williams, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; J. G. Doncaster, I.P.M.; J. H. Cummings, P.M., S.D.; H. Bright, J.D.; E. Newland, I.G.; H. Blackman, and H. Wake.

This being officers' night, the officers of the mother lodge took their respective places, and the lodge was opened according to ancient usages in the Three Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Sims offered himself as a candidate, and having proved his proficiency, was entrusted in the usual manner. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, Bro. Wake offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Lodge was then resumed to the First Degree. Bros. H. Bright and E. Newland were elected joining members, and the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. O. W. Battley, W.M.; J. R. Allman, P.M. 1425, S.W.; J. C. Conway, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, Deputy Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. H. Taylor, S.D.; D. Gellion, P.M. 1425, J.D.; H. Campbell, I.G.; C. S. Mote, P.M. 1732; W. Hillier, and M. Rosenberg.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Hillier and Gellion being candidates respectively. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Allman was elected W.M. for the next meeting, the officers to be in rotation. It was resolved that a letter be written to Bro. George Read congratulating him upon the honour conferred upon him by the brethren at Grand Lodge in electing him second one of the successful candidates for the Board of General Purposes. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill. Present: Bros. W. J. Mason, W.M.; J. R. Roberts, S.W.; R. H. Broom, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor; H. Armfield, Sec. (pro tem.); J. Powell, S.D.; S. H. Parkhouse, J.D.; J. T. Haly, I.G.; E. Rogers, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; F. L. Chandler, P.M., P.G.P. Middx.; J. C. Conway, J. French, H. D. Smith, and T. Harrington. Visitor: Bro. Capt. Elms.

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. Elms being the candidate. Bro. T. Harrington 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. T. Harrington being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees respectively. Bro. J. R. Roberts was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. T. Jobson, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; G. Higginson, S.D.; A. Williams, P.M. 834, J.D.; J. Arnott, I.G.; T. Bick, Taylor, W. Williams, P.M. 1791; L. Cox, H. D. Gilbert, W.M. 1828; H. Cotton, and F. Woodard. Visitor: Bro. Bright, 1512.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Bick having offered himself as a candidate, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Third, and also in the Second Degree. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. J. Sims, P.M., assisted by the brethren. Bro. Bright, 1512, was elected a joining member. Bro. Craggs was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, when there were present Bros. W. E. Macey, W.M.; H. Bright, S.W.; J. H. Morrish, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; Joseph Cox, S.D.; W. Hillier, J.D.; C. Barber, I.G.; James Sims, P.M.; J. N. Baxter, and W. E. Millett.

The lodge having been duly opened, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a commendable manner, Bro. Baxter acting as candidate. The W.M. gave the charge. Bro. Millett offered himself as a candidate for passing, and having been examined, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Bright was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bros. Baxter and Millett were elected joining members. A vote of sympathy with Bro. John Davies, who is suffering from severe illness, was passed. "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. H. Bright, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; W. S. Whiteley, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., acting Preceptor; J. Brown, Sec.; J. N. Baxter, S.D.; W. Hillier, J.D.; T. Willcox, I.G.; J. Cox, Steward; M. Speigel, P.M.; J. H. Cummings, P.M.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; W. E. Macey, and L. Lee. Visitors: Bros. E. J. Elvin, 1541, and F. S. Smithyes, 1541.

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. Smithyes candidate. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the brethren, assisted by Bro. Speigel, P.M., Bro. Williams, P.M., asking the questions. On the first rising, Bros. Elvin and Smithyes were duly elected members. On the second rising, Bro. Craggs was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A hearty vote of thanks was given and recorded to the W.M. of the evening—Bro. H. Bright—for the able manner in which he carried out the duties as W.M. for the first time in this or any other lodge of instruction. On the third rising, a hearty vote of thanks was given, and recorded on the minutes, to Bro. Whiteley for his kindness in presenting the lodge with a box to contain and preserve the new officers' collars. A vote of thanks was given to Bro. Williams, P.M., for acting as Preceptor for the evening. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on the 6th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Cruttenden, 779, M.E.Z.; T. Jobson, 733, H.; W. H. Chalfont, J. 975, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. Gregory, 862, S.N.; W. Hillier, 733, P.S.; J. C. Tilt, 862, 1st Asst. S.; E. C. Mulvey, P.Z., M.E.Z. 2246, J. 2202, S.N. 179; and O. W. Battley, 2246. Visitor: Comp. A. Williams, 834.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Williams being candidate. Comp. Mulvey was elected M.E.Z. for the ensuing two weeks, and received the congratulations of the companions on being elected at the head of the poll for the Board of General Purposes. Comp. Williams was elected a member. Both companions acknowledged the compliments, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Knights Templar.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

Mount Grace Preceptory (No. 118).—The regular meeting of this now flourishing preceptory was held at the Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 2nd inst., under the presidency of Sir Knight G. Carter, E.P. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Comp. G. T. Reay, and he and Comp. Campbell (previously elected) were then installed in a most impressive manner by Sir Knight Dr. Hill-Drury, P.E.P.

After the business of the preceptory was over, the sir knights adjourned to the refectory, and did ample justice to an excellent repast.

YORK.

Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).—The quarterly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, when there were present Fratres T. B. Whytehead, as E.P.; W. P. Cochrane, as Constable; C. E. L. Wright, as Marshal; W. Brown, P., as Sub-Marshal; F. W. Halliwell, as C. of G.; and others. Comp. Jas. Smith, of the Eboracum Lodge and Chapter, was accepted on the ballot and was then admitted and installed a member of the Order by the acting E.P.

After the chapter was dissolved the members dined together.

Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

Premier Conclave.—This old conclave met at the Masonic Rooms, Great Queen street, on the 2nd instant. Among those present were Sir Knights W. Lake, M.P.S.; Heard, V.E., P.S. elect; Nelson Prower, M.A., J.G.; T. Cubitt, P.G.J.G., P.M.P.S., Treas.; John Mason, P.G.J.G., P.M.P.S., Recorder; C. E. Keyser, Prelate; H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.M.P.S.; Capt. T. C. Walls, G.J.G., P.M.P.S.; Dr. Mickleby, P.M.P.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.M.P.S.; Marsh, P.G.J.G., P.M.P.S. (Hon. Mem.); Pakes, E. Storr, Robinson, L. Steele, Purrot, and others. Among the visitors were Sir Knights C. F. Hogard and G. R. Bywater.

The minutes of the previous conclave having been read and confirmed, Sir Knight H. H. Shirley ably installed Sir Knight Heard as M.P.S., and Sir Knight N. Prower as V.E. The appointment and investiture of officers then took place: Sir Knights Keyser, S.G.; Purrott, J.G.; Cubitt, Treas.; Mason, Recorder; and Robinson, Prelate. Minor offices were conferred upon Sir Knights Pakes, E. Storr, George Graveley, Scurrah, and Laurence Steele. A Past Sovereign's jewel was presented to Sir Knight W. Lake by the P.S., in the name of the conclave, for his services during the past year. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer, Sir Knight H. H. Shirley. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights

E. H. Thiellay, P.M.W.S., G. Graveley, Scurrah, J. N. Frye, and others.

The conclave was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern to dine.

The customary toasts followed.

The M.P.S., Sir Knight Heard, proved to be an eloquent and efficient chairman.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution held its monthly meeting for June on Saturday last, Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. George Plucknett, W. Whittley, Albert Escott, George Corble, J. Glass, Geo. Everett, R. V. Vassar-Smith, W. Masters, J. E. Le Feuvre, W. F. Smithson, C. H. Webb, H. Massey, W. A. Scurrah, H. Dickey, Lewis Solomon, W. M. Stiles, Arthur H. Scurrah, H. Webb, Geo. Motion, Alfred B. Bennett, J. J. Pope, J. S. Cumberland, F. Egerton Bennett, Lieut.-Col. Robert Marke, Charles A. Walter, George Read, Geo. P. Gillard, W. H. Saunders, W. W. Morgan, Abraham Grimwood, Edwin Storr, J. M. McLeod, George R. Langley, Stanley J. Attenborough, B. Kauffmann, Rev. Harry Hebb (Head Master), and F. Binckes (Secretary).

The minutes of the May meeting having been read and confirmed, and those of the House Committee of May 16th read for information, the Provisional Management Committee's report, with reference to the application for the office of Secretary, was read. From this it appeared that 38 applications had been received. Seven of these being from gentlemen who were not members of the Order were rejected. Three being from brethren whose age exceeded the limit of 45 were also rejected, thus leaving the number of candidates at 28.

A BROTHER enquired whether any gentleman who was paralysed would be disqualified.

The CHAIRMAN said there was no such restriction, but if the majority of those who elected a person so afflicted it was they who would be to blame.

A motion was then proposed that it be referred to the Provisional Management Committee to consider the 28 applications for the post of Secretary.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH asked whether the Provisional Management Committee would see all the candidates? The CHAIRMAN said they would.

Bro. SCURRAH enquired would the Committee then send a recommendation to all the electors?

The CHAIRMAN said not a recommendation—a report.

Bro. W. M. STILES asked what would become of the candidates not recommended by the Provisional Management Committee?

The CHAIRMAN replied that they must go on the list. He had better read the rule for the guidance of the General Committee—"LXXI. The election and removal of the Secretary shall be vested in the General Committee; the voting to be by balloting papers duly forwarded to each qualified member not less than 14 days before the date of election; such balloting papers must be signed by the party entitled thereto, and may be presented by a member of the General Committee, on his or her behalf, at the time of the election. No motion for the removal of the Secretary shall be entertained by the General Committee, unless notice thereof shall have been given at the meeting preceding that at which it is intended to propose such motion. No candidate shall be eligible for the office of Secretary unless he be a Master Mason and under 40 years of age; [now altered to 45] when elected he shall, by guarantee society, or otherwise, give bond to the Treasurer for the time being in such sum as the General Committee shall deem fit for the due accounting for moneys received by him. He shall not canvass or interfere directly or indirectly in any election, or be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Committees or Courts." He was not entitled to canvass in his own name.

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS asked whether the General Committee had power to select from this list half-a-dozen, instead of giving the Provisional Management Committee the trouble to select six.

The CHAIRMAN observed that his opinion was that the General Committee had not power to select; if they adopted the recommendation of the Provisional Committee they would be going quite to the end of their tether.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH said as far as the recommendation went he was quite in favour of the proposal.

Bro. S. J. ATTENBOROUGH moved that the recommendation be adopted, reserving to himself the right to speak upon it.

Bro. VASSAR-SMITH seconded. He said the Provisional Management Committee did not wish to take any power; they simply wished to have put before each elector the names and qualifications of the candidates and the result of the enquiries of the Committee.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH said that although, as he had before said, he had not the slightest objection to the proposition now moved and seconded, inasmuch as the General Committee was to a certain extent responsible and not the Provisional Committee, only he should propose a slight modification of the proposal—that a certain number of the Provisional Committee and a certain number of the General Committee should form a Sub-Committee for the purpose of going into those testimonials and recommending the candidate they might select to the electors. He thought that would give satisfaction to the members of the General Committee and it would take a certain amount of responsi-

bility off the shoulders of the Provisional Committee; it would show the Craft that the Provisional Committee and the General Committee were working hand in hand for the purpose of selecting a good and proper candidate. He was certain that Bro. Attenborough, who moved the recommendation, and who took a great interest in the affairs of the Institution, would agree to alter his proposition to bring it into harmony with his (Bro. Scurrah's) views. They might select a dozen or half a dozen of each Committee.

Bro. EDWARD TERRY, P.G. Treas., said he should be pleased to support the amendment of Bro. Scurrah. The members of the Provisional Committee knew his (Bro. Terry's) opinion on the subject of the candidates; it was impossible that 28 could go up before the general body and be elected without the general body knowing anything at all about them. They might get a very inferior man, or a very good one. But if, as Bro. Scurrah suggested, a Sub-Committee should select and recommend, that, he thought, was the proper way of doing the thing. They would have all the trouble of going through the testimonials. They must know more about the candidates.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND added that he would support it most strongly. He had heard it said by some of his provincial brethren that if any line were taken to deprive them of the power of voting they would be ignored. Well, for 25, 26, or 27 years they had not had the privilege of voting for a Secretary, and he was glad of it. When the Provisional Committee and the General Committee had the power to select and elect the Master of the School, surely they ought to have, if nothing more, at least a word to recommend who the Secretary might be. He was very glad indeed that that matter had been brought forward. He did not wish it to go to the London brethren or the brethren in the provinces that the Committee said "you should do so and so," but "on behalf of 28 we selected them for you; we have done the best we could for you, and we find, whatever the report may be, that the credentials are so and so. It now rests with you what you should do." Bro. Scurrah's amendment would give confidence in the Committee, and he hoped it would be carried.

Bro. S. J. ATTENBOROUGH thought they could easily accept the amendment; but he would point out that it was impossible that the Provisional Committee could choose the members. Perhaps that General Committee would choose who should serve.

The CHAIRMAN said they might select six or twelve of each.

Bro. JOHN GLASS said if the suggestion was carried out he hoped no brother of that General Committee would be chosen who was interested in any candidate or had put his name on the Committee of any candidate. The brethren knew perfectly well what he meant. He still thought they could leave that matter safely in the hands of the Provisional Management Committee. The duties devolving upon them were simply a matter of detail. At any rate he sincerely hoped that if the Committee was enlarged so as to admit of any members of the General Committee being upon it, no members who were associated with a candidate or interested in his election would be chosen.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND asked if Bro. Glass meant any brother who had expressed an opinion on a candidate, or any brother whose name had appeared in a candidate's advertisement as one of his supporters? As Englishmen, he thought they could not shut their mouths. They might say it might be advisable not to admit a brother on the Committee who had already given his name for the Committee of any candidate; but to say that any brother should be excluded who had expressed an opinion he did not think was fair.

The CHAIRMAN, in putting the resolution and amendment, which he read again, said that with regard to the remarks of the Committee on the list of candidates it would be unfair to make any remarks that were derogatory to anybody, but they might make complimentary remarks. It had been stated that no brother who was interested in any particular candidate should be upon the Committee. He (the Chairman) did not say that; but he did say that he thought any brother whose name had appeared on the papers recommending a candidate ought in honour to wish to be kept off the Committee.

Bro. W. F. SMITHSON, interposing just for a moment, said that in his humble opinion they were placing a serious responsibility upon the six brethren selected from the Provisional Committee and the six selected from the General Committee in asking them to report to the general electors, and to say "We recommend so-and-so." They must keep the Institution going somehow or other. If they made an unfavourable report of any candidates or none at all, probably that would alienate the friends of the Institution in the future. Would it not be better to sink all differences? They had 28 candidates; let them receive them and take them on a ballot paper, and put them all before the electors.

Bro. JOHN GLASS: Whether blind, or deaf, or dumb?

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS said the question was—Had they or had they not confidence in the Provisional Management Committee; had they done their duty to the satisfaction of the brethren? They had left everything to them month after month. He thought it a question of confidence or no confidence. ("No, no.")

The CHAIRMAN: I should not consider it a vote of want of confidence in me. It is perfectly fair to my mind to have half-a-dozen from each Committee.

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS believed in a dozen.

Bro. C. H. WEBB quite agreed with the proposition, but there appeared to him a little difficulty in it in this way—did they propose to give a list with all the 32 candidates?

The CHAIRMAN: We must do it.
Bro. C. H. WEBB: Then I think we shall get into difficulty.

Bro. W. W. MORGAN: Does this come as a recommendation from the Provisional Management Committee?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Bro. W. W. MORGAN: Then all those who have not confidence in the Provisional Management Committee can vote against it.

The CHAIRMAN said his own feeling as an individual member, and not as the Committee, was that it was their duty to send the voting papers out without any remark at all; but if they desired to have any remarks they could have them.

The amendment of Bro. Scurrah was then put and lost.

On the recommendation being read by the Chairman, Bro. W. A. SCURRAH proposed that the papers be sent out without any recommendation whatever.

Bro. EDWARD TERRY said here he disagreed with Bro. Scurrah. He had heard some brother ask if a candidate was eligible if he were paralysed, thereby implying that a man might be in the list who was paralysed. If there was such a candidate he might perhaps have many friends, and so get in. They could not have the testimonials sent out to each elector. It was a great weakness in this system of election that in all cases a Sub-Committee could not be appointed to select candidates. A Sub-Committee was sure to know more about them if they had seen them than those who had not seen them.

Bro. KAUFFMANN said if it had come to the knowledge of any brother present that there was a candidate who was a cripple he ought so to state, and the name of that candidate ought not to be submitted. He seconded the amendment of Bro. Scurrah.

The CHAIRMAN put the amendment, "That the names and qualification of the candidates be sent out without any remarks whatever."

The amendment was put and lost, and the original motion was put and carried.

Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE, P.G.D., enquired whether it was proposed to take any step as to the date of the election.

The CHAIRMAN replied that the brethren would now have to determine the day of election. The position of Secretary would be vacant on the 30th of the present month.

It was then suggested that Saturday, July 12th, would be a suitable date.

The CHAIRMAN observed that the next meeting of the General Committee would be on Saturday, July 5th.

Bro. W. W. MORGAN, P.M. 211, asked to say a few words. Five weeks from to-day would not give the necessary time. It would take a fortnight to see the candidates, to enquire, and to get out the list of candidates and voting papers.

The CHAIRMAN did not see any difficulty. The addressing of the envelopes would commence forthwith.

Bro. W. F. SMITHSON, G.D., thought the Committee might be asked to support July 12th for the election day for one or two reasons. It would take the Provisional Committee some time to investigate the qualifications of the whole of the candidates. The members of the Committee could not all come together at a day's notice, some of them travelling 200 or 300 miles. Moreover, there was the Festival of the Boys' School coming on July 2nd. It would be scarcely wise to have the election during that week; it might be wise to postpone it for a week, though he would have it at the earliest date possible. If the papers went out a fortnight before the 12th of July it would give plenty of time.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH suggested a postponement of the General Committee meeting from the 5th to the 12th of July, which he thought would be more convenient for everyone.

The CHAIRMAN said his own opinion was that they had plenty of time if they had the election on the 5th of July. It would not interfere at all with the Festival. All the papers would be out in 14 days from that day (June 7th). It could not interfere with the Festival, which took place on July 2nd. It was more likely to give a little bit of push for the Festival. The papers would come in this day month, and be received by the General Committee. That was his notion of the business. They would be delivered to the Scrutineers, who would examine them in a specified time.

Bro. BINCKES asked how long it was thought the scrutiny would take?

Bro. JOHN GLASS said the Provisional Management Committee had no feeling in the matter. They discussed the matter so that if the resolution was carried at this Committee to give them an opportunity of seeing the candidates. Many of the Committee residing at a distance, a fortnight would not be too much time. It was now the 7th of June. Many of the Provisional Committee came some hundreds of miles to attend the meetings, and they could not get the Committee together at a first meeting; it would not be fair to ask them to come for a week from this date. There was a good deal of office work for the Festival. A week would not make very much difference. It would be better to do the business properly.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH proposed, and Bro. KAUFFMANN seconded, that the election take place at 12 noon on Saturday, July 5th, and close at 3 p.m.

It was resolved to hold the election on July 12th from 12 noon to 3 in the afternoon.

The CHAIRMAN said he would suggest that at the ordinary meeting of July 5th—and he would move it if necessary—the General Committee, when it had

finished its ordinary business, should adjourn till July 12th to take the election.

This was agreed to.

On the motion of Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE it was resolved to leave to the Provisional Management Committee to take all necessary steps to make arrangements for the election.

The brethren then considered the cases of candidates for the benefits of the Institution, and placed five on the list for election in October.

In the case of the second highest unsuccessful candidate at the April election a letter was read from Bro. G. J. McKay asking that as the case was a last application, and the Province of Cumberland had done so much for the Institution, the Committee would see if they could not admit him.

After some discussion, in which the general feeling was that the laws of the Institution had to be observed, it was resolved to refer the matter to the Quarterly Court; and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS' ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Annual Athletic Sports took place on Saturday, the 30th ult., at Wood Green, the spot chosen this year being the ground facing the Institution, and not in the field at the back as on former occasions. The weather was favourable, and everything went off most satisfactorily. The principal prizes were awarded as follows:

- High Jump—Lower School, Andrews 1; Preparatory, Lofthouse 1; Upper School, Mayne 1.
- 100 yards—Lower, Groves 1; Preparatory, Giblett 1; Upper, White 1.
- 440 yards—Lower, Atkinson, 42 yards, 1; Upper, White, owes 2 yards, 1.
- 220 yards—Preparatory, Giblett 1; Lower, Groves 1.
- 1000 yards handicap—Stoward, 93 yards, 1; Fursey, 126 yards, 2; Podmore, 150 yards, 3.
- 600 yards steeplechase—Worthington, 45 yards, 1; White, scratch, 2.
- Obstacle race—White, scratch, 1.
- 1000 yards invitation race—L. C. Freeman, S.L.H., scratch, 1; E. H. Emerson, Finchley H., 40 yards, 2; C. Norman Jones, S.L.H., 22 yards, 3; Emerson took the lead at half distance, but was passed shortly after by the scratch man, who won by 5 yards in 2 mins. 29 secs.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

On Tuesday last the prize winners of this year and the first-class girls, to the number of 50, were very kindly entertained at Buccleuch House, Richmond, by Sir Whittaker and Lady Ellis. They drove from the Institution over Wimbledon Common and through Richmond Park, reaching Richmond in time for dinner at 1 o'clock. Sir Whittaker had made all preparations, and intended that they should have spent the afternoon on the river, but unfortunately the rain prevented this, and they had to keep indoors, where they amused themselves in closely investigating the numerous and interesting pictures and works of art possessed by their host, which more than compensated for the wet. Tea was partaken of at 5 o'clock, and they reached home safely about 7.30, after having spent a most enjoyable day, and one which will long be remembered in the annals of the Institution as a red-letter day.

Amongst the members of the House Committee who accepted Sir Whittaker's invitation were Bros. Thomas Fenn (Chairman of the month), Sir John Monckton, Frank Richardson, Charles Hammerton, Henry A. Hunt, Edward Letchworth, Peter de Lande Long, James Moon, and F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary, who, together with Miss Davis and Miss Buck, were entertained at dinner in the evening by Sir Whittaker and Lady Ellis.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. Bro. J. Newton presided, and there were present Bros. A. H. Tattershall, G. Bolton, J. Bulmer, S. Brooks, W. Fisher, R. P. Stevens, R. P. Fitzgerald, G. Fairchild, Hugh Cotter, W. Smith, C. Kimpton, L. C. Haslip, J. S. Cumberland, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; C. J. Perceval, R. Griggs, J. Brett, P.G.P.; A. Mullord, A. Forsyth, L. G. Gordon Robbins, P.G.D.; C. G. Hill, T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Thomas G. Bullen, P.G. Std. Br.; J. J. Berry, W. C. Murlis, F. Mead, H. Cox, Edward Terry, P.G. Treas.; H. M. Hobbs, J. Dixon, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; W. H. Making, George Everett, and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the SECRETARY read the list of the Committee of Management for the ensuing year, and reported that Grand Lodge had approved of the alterations in the laws which had been agreed to at the Special Meeting on the 14th ult. He also announced the deaths of four annuitants (one male and three widows) and two accepted male candidates.

The Warden's report for the past month was read, and the names of the successful candidates at the annual General Meeting on the 16th ult., and an additional annuitant, Bro. J. Evans, was declared elected, having tied with No. 10 at 2415.

The receipt of cheques from Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W., for £26 16s., being the interest on the "John Hervey Memorial Fund," for distribution among the two highest male and two highest widow unsuccessful

candidates, and from Bro. Thomas Fenn for £10, for equal division between the third unsuccessful candidates on each Fund, was announced. Thanks were accordingly voted to Bro. Sir John B. Monckton and to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, the donor of the £10 forwarded by Bro. Fenn.

The Committee agreed to sign a petition against the Charitable Trusts Bill, 1890, and an application from a widow for the half of her late husband's annuity was agreed to.

Bros. Tattershall, Murlis, Hogard, Brooks, and Lacey were elected the Finance Committee for the year, and Bros. Farnfield, Cubitt, Perceval, Newton, and Edward Terry the House Committee.

The entertainment of the inmates at Croydon was arranged to be left in the hands of the House Committee.

Four petitions (two males and two widows) were considered and accepted, and five other petitions (three males and two widows) were ordered to stand over till next week.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF EAST ANGLIA.

The Grand Lodge of the Province of East Anglia assembled at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, under the united banners of the Isaac Newton Lodge, No. 112, and the York Lodge, No. 334, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. Bro. Lord Henniker, Prov. Grand Master, presided, and was supported by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn.

After luncheon the Prov. G. Lodge was opened, when the minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Norwich, on May 31st, 1889, were read by Bro. N. Tracy, P.M., P.G.D., P.G. Sec., and confirmed. The roll of lodges was called, and the result was so far satisfactory that it showed no falling off in numerical strength.

After some further business the appointment and investment of the Provincial Grand Officers was proceeded with as follows:

- Bro. A. H. Moyes Prov. S.G.W.
- " F. C. Wace Prov. J.G.W.
- " E. Hills Prov. G.M.O.
- " T. R. Jarvis Prov. S.G.O.
- " W. Sowman Prov. J.G.O.
- " Rev. A. R. Abbott } Prov. G. Chaps.
- " Rev. R. O. Davies }
- " J. P. Lewin Prov. G. Treas.
- " J. Flintham Prov. G.R. of M.
- " N. Tracy Prov. G. Sec.
- " Sir Francis Boileau Prov. S.G.D.
- " H. C. Knott Prov. J.G.D.
- " H. Harvey-George Prov. G.I. of W.
- " C. D. Leech, jun. Prov. G.D. of C.
- " W. B. Hanson Prov. A.G.D.C.
- " W. Chapman Prov. G.S.B.
- " Quennell Prov. G. Std. Br.
- " J. J. C. Turner Prov. G. Org.
- " H. J. Wright Prov. A.G. Sec.
- " L. V. Walker Prov. G.I.G.
- " G. F. Rogers }
- " A. C. Hall } Prov. G. Stwds.
- " T. Jennings, jun. }
- " G. Gould Prov. G. Tyler.

A code of revised by-laws was adopted, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

JUBILEE MASONIC CELEBRATION AT MERTHYR.

The ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Market-square Congregational Church, Merthyr, was performed on the 11th of June, 1840, by Bro. Hopkins, P.M. of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, in the presence of several brethren of the lodge, including Bro. Dyke, who was then J.W., and who is still a member. In celebration of the Jubilee of that function a large number of Masons, in full regalia, attended the morning service on Sunday last, when a brilliant discourse was preached by the Rev. Dr. Chapman, Principal of the Western College, Plymouth. The officers and a large number of the members of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge were present, as well as a number of visiting brethren.

The brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall and marched to the church in procession, the W.M., Bro. D. R. Lewis, bringing up the rear, with the Tyler immediately in front of him carrying a Bible. Upon arrival at the church the W.M. occupied a seat under the platform, and the Past Masters and Wardens sat next to him in the seats below, the other brethren being placed in the first seats in the centre of the building. After the preacher had pronounced the benediction at the close of the service, the W.M. offered the following beautiful prayer: "Brethren, pray we the Great Architect of the Universe to shower his blessings upon this church, its pastor, and congregation. May he grant that our presence here this day may bring to them renewal of prosperity and usefulness, and that this building, standing on its Masonic foundations, may in the future be perfect in all its parts, and honourable to the builders; so mote it be."

The brethren marched back to the hall in the same order as they came. Luncheon was provided for visitors at the Castle Hotel.

The Princess Christian visited Hackney-Wick on Saturday last, and laid the foundation-stone of the new Eton Mission Church in Gainsborough-road, near Victoria Park, a large number of clergymen being present, with the Bishop of Bedford, and Dr. Edmund Warre, Head Master of Eton. The church is expected to cost about £10,000.

Scotland.

MASONIC SERVICE IN ST. GILES' CATHEDRAL, EDINBURGH.

For the first time for upwards of 30 years a Masonic service was held in St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, on the afternoon of the 8th inst., and it was of such a successful character that the probability is that a similar service will be held, if not annually, at least more frequently than hitherto. The suggestion of the service originated with the Dramatic and Arts Lodge, almost the youngest and one of the most vigorous in the Metropolitan province, and the object was to aid the new Benevolent Fund, towards which a bazaar is to be held in December. The members of the Craft assembled in the Parliament Hall at half-past two o'clock, where they assumed their regalia, and were marshalled by Bro. G. Christie, Stirling, Grand Marshal. Close upon a thousand brethren were present, representing nearly thirty lodges, including, in addition to representatives of Grand Lodge, the following:—Lodge of Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, No. 1; Canongate Kilwinning, 2; Canongate and Leith, 5; Journeymen, Edinburgh, 8; Dalkeith Kilwinning, 10; St. David, Edinburgh, 36; St. Thomas, Arbroath, 40; Lodge of Holyrood House, St. Luke's, No. 44; St. Andrew, Edinburgh, 48; St. James, Edinburgh, 97; St. John, Fisherrow, 112; St. Stephen, Edinburgh, 145; Edinburgh Defensive Band, 151; Roman Eagle, Edinburgh, 160; Trafalgar, Leith, 223; Portobello, 226; Celtic, Edinburgh and Leith, 291; St. Clair, Edinburgh, 349; Caledonian, Edinburgh, 392; Rifle, Edinburgh, 405; St. Kentigern, Penicuik, 429; Kirkliston Maitland, 482; St. Leonard, Loanhead, and Lasswade, 580; North British Railway, Edinburgh, 597; Roslyn St. Clair, 606; Buchan St. John, Broxburn, 636; Royal Filey (E.C.), 643; Dalhousie, Bonnyrigg, 720; and Dramatic and Arts, Edinburgh, 757.

The procession marched by the south-east end of the Cathedral and along High-street to the west door, its progress being witnessed by large crowds. Three o'clock was the hour fixed for the service, but shortly after two the north entrance, by which the public were to be admitted, was besieged by a large crowd, and before the doors were opened that part of the High-street was completely blocked by ticket holders, while hundreds of others gathered in the vicinity of the west entrance and the Parliament House to witness the procession.

The arrangements were anything but perfect, and a good deal of confusion was caused inside the church before the people who had been admitted could be got to their seats. The passages leading from the north door were soon blocked, and the west door was then thrown open to the public, but the congestion again became great, and many ticket holders, wearied of the struggle to obtain admission, left. Owing to the difficulty experienced in regulating such a large audience, the opening of the service was delayed half-an-hour. The members of the Craft, on entering the church, marched along to the chancel, where seats were reserved for them, and after they had been accommodated, there was another crush of ticket holders, many of whom were content with standing room. When all had assembled there would be about 3500 persons present.

The officiating clergymen were the Rev. John Glasse, of Old Greyfriars, Grand Chaplain, and Chaplain of the Dramatic and Arts Lodge, and the Rev. P. Macadam Muir, Morningside, Past Grand Chaplain, both of whom wore their Masonic regalia over their pulpit gowns. The devotional part of the service was conducted by the Rev. P. Macadam Muir, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Glasse.

Taking as his text Hebrews xiii. and 1st—"Let brotherly love continue,"—Mr. GLASSE briefly sketched the history of the secular guilds of the Middle Ages, and said that never had the artisan enjoyed more comfort, freedom, and dignity than in that period, and never had the world had more reason to rejoice in his labour. Being delivered from want, he could revel in art. Whatever his hand touched he adorned, and in stately buildings as well as gorgeous fabrics, in hammered metal as well as painted canvas, he had left us things of beauty to be inspirations for ever. Having traced the downward course of the Craft guilds till the end of the seventeenth century, when the practice of admitting noblemen and gentlemen into the lodges of Freemasons was introduced, and the old system passed away, the preacher said the decay of the guilds was soon followed by the institution of other combinations better adapted to the altered circumstances, and foremost among these was Freemasonry. It was conservative in the best sense, and not only endeavoured to carry out the purpose, but preserved many of the ceremonies and ordinances familiar to the old Crafts. It managed, however, to escape their errors by transforming their character, so that what originally was Operative now became ethical, and applied not merely to a body of workmen, but to the family of mankind. It sought to lay up the Divine temple in the earth by laying the plummet of righteousness to the edifice of society, and inducing all its members to act on the square and level towards each other. The organisation might not yet have rendered to humanity all the service they desired, but it would be long before it could exhaust all the service of which it was capable. They might glory in the persecutions endured at the hands alike of Church and State, but they preferred rather to rejoice in the generosity of their objects and the

innocence of their methods. They did not merely hold aloof from parties, but stood above them. The elements of strife were banished from their midst. They knew neither politics nor theology, but were not, therefore, indifferent to either. Life could not be expressed in a creed. Humanity was never synonymous with party. Never, perhaps, was there a greater opportunity for their organisation than at present. Institutions once rooted in the affections of the people were threatened, and the jealousy of classes was on the increase. The passions of men were being stirred within them, and the principles of justice were in danger of being ignored. What need at such a time for some body of men to restrain the violence of their fellows and remind them of their relations to each other! One of the most beautiful sights the world had seen in recent years was the white flag of their French brethren trying to mediate between the contending parties in the terrible struggle during the Commune. They unfortunately failed, but the mission covered them with glory. Be it theirs, therefore, everywhere and always to make for peace. The result of experience was surely to make them more charitable, to convince them that love was larger than their idea of good, and truth wider than the limits of their creed. But while they were urged by it to become more catholic, it would not permit them to continue less earnest. The two qualities must be preserved, and it seemed to him the special function of their Order to accomplish that union. One might have little dogma and yet much religion. They could hardly have less dogma, and yet have more religion. They had sometimes, indeed, made too much of the Fatherhood of God, and often too little of the brotherhood of man. It was much easier to do the one than the other; but "he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" They remembered with shame and confusion the indigence of their aged members, but were resolved to suffer no longer from that reproach. It was very hard indeed that any one should have to end his days in a workhouse, and not be able to die in peace under his own roof and among his own folk. They might not be able to secure that for all, but they ought to rest satisfied with nothing less for their own. It was for that purpose the Benevolent Fund had been started. They desired to rescue the members of their Order from pauperism, and felt confident of gaining the sympathy and support of many not connected with themselves in that endeavour. They could not otherwise look the world in the face and continue their profession of Fraternity. If they did not thus provide for those of their own household, they had denied the faith and were really worse than the infidel. They were, however, happily in no mood to rest under such an accusation. When the religion of humanity was growing popular, they were not going to surrender their doctrine of brotherhood, and in the purpose of that benevolent fund they could only recognise a minimum of its practice. Let it be theirs, therefore, in the spirit of the old Craft guilds, to whose traditions they considered themselves heir, to prove a blessing to society and a support to each other.

The musical part of the programme was of a high class, and was admirably rendered. The choir, which was under the conductorship of Bro. J. A. Moonie, consisted of members of Hope Park Musical Association, St. Giles' Choir, and different church choirs in the city. Mr. Durward Lely and Madame Constance Bellamy proffered their services, the former singing the solo "There is a green hill far away," and the latter the solo "Angels ever bright and fair;" while Miss Mackenzie, of St. Giles' Choir, sang the solo in the anthem, "Hear my prayer." In the course of the service a Masonic hymn, written by Bro. Alexander Anderson ("Surfaceman"), Bard of Lodge Dramatic and Arts, and set to music by Bro. J. A. Moonie, was rendered. The orchestra, which comprised several members of the London Military Band, was under the direction of Bro. Carl D. Hamilton, Past Grand Director of Music. The arrangements, although latterly in the hands of Grand Lodge, was largely carried out by the Dramatic and Arts Lodge and by Bro. W. A. Davis, Secretary to the Bazaar Committee.

The following is an analysis of the coins contributed to the "gold and silver" collection:—2 £1 notes, 3 sovereigns, 8 half-sovereigns, 2 crown pieces, 52 half-crowns, 90 florins, 300 shillings, 649 sixpences, 439 threepenny pieces, 328 pennies, 88 half-pennies, 3 foreign coins, value about 9d.; total collection, £73 6s.

The Rev. John Glasse intimated to the congregation that those whom the plates could not reach might send in their contributions to the Grand Secretary, Freemasons' Hall, George-street.—*Scotsman*.

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MELBOURNE.

Combermere Lodge (No. 752, E.C.).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Thursday, April 17th, in Freemasons' Hall, Collins-street, when there was a very large attendance of the members, including the W.M., Bro. R. B. A. Virgoe, and his Wardens, Bros. W. R. Virgoe and J. B. Simmons, and the whole of the Past Masters of and in the lodge, ranking in seniority as follows: Bros. R. J. W. Cartwright, Sec.; F. B. Force, Dr. J. J. E. Willmott, W. F. Lamonby, T. Haydon, J. F. Crane, Dr. J. T. Brett, and Dr. G. Annaud. The visitors were also present in force, several Present and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of Victoria being announced and received with honours. An apology was received from Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Grand Master of Victoria, who is a member of the lodge. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Dr. Willmott, P.M., P.G.D. Eng., took the chair, and installed

Bro. W. R. N. Virgoe, P.M. St. John's Lodge, Deniliquin, New South Wales Constitution, the W.M. elect, the second part of the ceremony being performed by Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. The following officers were invested: Bros. R. B. A. Virgoe, I.P.M.; J. B. Simmons, S.W.; A. Knight, J.W.; C. E. Williams, Treas. (re-elected); R. J. W. Cartwright, P.M., Sec. (re-appointed); C. Brown, D.C. (re-appointed); Fitz-Snowball, S.D.; A. Thomson, J.D.; C. Dumergue, Org. (re-appointed); Carl Hesselmann, I.G.; and J. Paul, Tyler (re-elected). A proposition for a joining member was handed in. Notice of motion was given that the sum of £20 be devoted towards a presentation jewel to the retiring W.M. The time-honoured English custom of tendering "Hearty good wishes" by the representative visiting brethren individually to the W.M. having been observed, the lodge was closed.

The brethren, to the number of over 150, then adjourned to the supper room, where a sumptuous repast had been prepared by Bro. J. Wheeler. Bro. W. R. Virgoe occupied the chair, faced by his Wardens. The usual toast list was gone through, prefaced by "The Queen and the Craft," "The Grand Master of England," "The Grand Master of Victoria." Between the toasts vocal selections were contributed by members of the choir; but the attraction of the evening was a fantasia on the violin by Bro. Max Klein, accompanied by Bro. Dumergue, the lodge Organist. A very pleasant and highly successful and harmonious anniversary was brought to a close before midnight.

The Combermere Lodge is one of the two English lodges in Melbourne that decided last year not to sever its connection with the mother Grand Lodge of the world, when the independent and local Grand Lodge was organised. The other is the Meridian Lodge of St. John, No. 727, whose W.M., Bro. Dr. Balls-Headley, was present at the festivities. The wisdom of the step taken by the Combermere Lodge is borne out by the fact that it has now more than 120 members in good standing on the roll; in fact, the old lodge is in as flourishing a condition as ever it was in its best days.

Straits Settlements.

SINGAPORE.

St. George's Lodge (No. 1152).—The annual installation of this lodge was held on St. George's day, when the following brethren were appointed to offices: Bros. G. A. Derrick, W.M.; C. G. Garrard, S.W.; V. H. S. Charlwood, J.W.; E. J. Khory, Treas.; A. Knight, Sec.; C. D. H. Currie, S.D.; S. B. Bailey, J.D.; W. Makepeace, I.G.; and J. Lannon, Tyler.

AN UNUSUAL MASONIC CEREMONY.

A singularly interesting ceremony in connection with Freemasonry was witnessed on Sunday morning, April 13th, at the Freemasons' Hall, Barberton, South Africa, when William Lewis Smith and Herbert Alban Liddle, infant sons respectively of Bros. W. H. Smith and H. A. Liddle, were admitted, according to Continental custom, Lewises of the Lodge Jubilee, East of Barberton, under the Grand East of the Netherlands.

There was a large attendance of brethren and of guests. Amongst the latter were a very large proportion of ladies, attracted, no doubt, by the novelty as well as the domestic and social interest attached to the ceremony.

The service commenced at 11 o'clock, the lodge being all the time duly "tiled," whilst visitors remained in the vestibule "imagining vain things." All that the uninitiated were privileged to hear was the organ voluntary played by Bro. Leslie Martyn and the hymn sung by the Jubilee Lodge choir, "I will wash my hands in innocence."

The Jubilee Lodge being in order, the officers of the lodge in their proper positions, the Lewises were admitted with their respective sponsors. (Bro. Steeds for H. Alban Liddle and Bro. Suter for W. Lewis Smith.)

The Masonic rites having been performed, the lodge was untiled, the gates thrown open, and the guests invited to enter the Temple. This they did under an archway of floral boughs or wands borne by the brethren, whilst Bro. Leslie Martyn at the organ played the March from "Eli." The lodge furniture was tastefully wreathed or otherwise decorated with bright and various coloured flowers, but the gay embellishments were considerably subdued in consideration of the mournful proceedings to be observed at a later hour of the day. Everyone being duly seated and in order, the service—conducted in accordance with the customs of Continental Masonry—continued.

In the absence of the Chaplain, Bro. P. O. Wilson officiated as Orator, and offered up a prayer.

Hymn 273, from Hymns Ancient and Modern, with organ accompaniment, having been sung by the entire congregation, including the guests, the D.W.M., Bro. Chesterton, read the Bible lessons.

The R.W.M., Bro. J. C. VEREY, then delivered a short address, in which, for the information of enquiring brethren, he described the nature of the obligations that had been entered into by them as a lodge, and by Bros. Suter and Steeds as sponsors for the newly-admitted "Lewises."

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER also explained the derivation and meaning of the word Lewis, and its significance in Masonry. With regard to the origin of the word, he said: It is said, but at the moment I cannot quote the authority, that the instrument is named after a certain Lewis, or Louis, King of France, who is supposed to have been its inventor; but we have no record of its use in connection with Masonry before A.D. 1734, and it is still a question with some of our brethren whether its introduction into that part of Masonry, which is supposed to have been unvaried

from the time of Solomon's Temple, was either judicious or prudent. Continental Freemasons, however, disclaim all knowledge of this Royal derivation, and, under the name of Louveteau or Louftou, claim that its etymology is lost in the darkness of an unknown antiquity, and in corroboration of their argument refer to the fact that in the ancient Egyptian mysteries the son of an "Epopot" was called a young wolf, Louveteau, and the wolf was considered equivalent to the chief deity, Osiris, or the Sun. In consideration of the privileges now conferred on these children, it will be their duty in after life to bear the burden and heat of the day when their parents, borne down by age and infirmity, are incapable of providing for themselves. This duty of providing for aged parents by children is of the most ancient Hebrew origin, but about the commencement of our present era that is to say some 1900 to 2000 years back the Jews had substituted the law of Corban for the duty of sustaining their aged parents. The law of Corban is briefly that if a son made a formal devotion to sacred purposes of those goods which he could afford for the relief of his parents, he was exempted from the duty of succouring his father and mother, even though the property was not actually given up. And thus, as Masonry is distinctly of Jewish origin, it has been thought most probable that the introduction of the privileges and duties of Lewis occurred at about this period, and that they were in a measure intended to correct the abuse of the Corban law of the Jews.

The anthem "How lovely is Zion," from Daniel, was then rendered most admirably by a special choir.

Bro. P. O. WILSON, Acting Orator, in the absence of the Chaplain, having invoked the divine blessing,

Bro. W. E. STEERS, by command of the R.W.M., invited the guests to join the brethren in the refectory, where cake and wine were served in honour of the Lewises. The christening cake was a work of art, designed and manufactured by Mr. Stopforth. The name of the Lodge Jubilee, Barberton, surmounted the design, while the cake itself was encircled by the names of the Lewises, that of Herbert Alban Liddle facing the right and that of William Lewis Smith facing the left. Their respective mothers performed the proud office of cutting the cake, which was then handed round with the accompaniment of Pommery, Moët et Chandon, and other sparkling wines.

The S.W., Bro. STEEDS, in proposing "Long Life, Health, and Happiness to the Lewises," addressed a few words of exhortation to their mothers, counselling the inculcation of the moral principles upon which the whole edifice of Freemasonry is constructed—apart from those duties and obligations which the lodge had undertaken to perform on behalf of the Lewises.

The toast was drunk quietly under the restraining influence of the knowledge that the brethren had another ceremony, a mournful and impressive ceremony yet to perform the same day—the burial of a brother and P.M. of the Craft. In consequence of this other service, that of the admission of Lewises had to be cut short, and the decorations of the lodge were also for the same reason considerably subdued.

Shortly after drinking the health of the Lewises, strangers withdrew, and the Temple underwent a complete metamorphosis. The scene was changed from Birth to Death—every symbol of life, joy, and sunshine was removed, and in their stead appeared the outward manifestations of death, grief, infestivity, and gloom—the Temple was draped in funereal black, in view of the service at half-past three to be held by the brethren in connection with the obsequies of their departed Bro. John Milligan, P.M. under the Scotch Constitution.



If the verdict of a first-night audience goes for anything, then Mr. C. H. Hawtrey is once again in for a run of luck, and we see no reason to doubt the favourable view placed upon "Nerves" by Mr. Hawtrey's supporters last Saturday. To Mr. Comyns Carr every praise is due for his skilful manipulation in adapting "Les Femmes Nerveuses" to the English stage, for he has given us quite a proper piece without sacrificing the fun. Well as the piece was played on its first trial, it will go yet better before these lines are printed, for the company were more or less affected with "nerves" themselves. The author's aim seems to be to throw ridicule upon the nervousness that some women effect, more to the detriment and annoyance of their victims than themselves. "Nerves" sparkles with humour, and keeps the audience continually on the laugh. Miss Violet Brittle has married Captain Armytage, who is a quiet, easy-going sort of man; but his wife makes his life as miserable as she can, nagging and finding fault at everything and nothing, which she puts down to her nerves. She inherits this weakness from her mother, who for 20 years has led Mr. Buxom Brittle a terrible life, and who to escape her tongue has become President and Secretary of the Deaf and Dumb Choral Union, the Scavengers' Mutual Benefit Society, and such institutions, whose committee meetings curiously take place in the smoking room of his club. After many scenes of temper Mrs. Violet Armytage demands a divorce, but when the husband declares he has done nothing to obtain one by, she replies then she will, and forthwith writes a letter of a compromising nature to a man, taking his name and address haphazard out of the

Directory, and orders the servant to post it against the counter orders of her husband. The maid, knowing Mrs. Armytage is in a fit of nerves, keeps it back unknown to anyone. Up to this the play is a comedy, but in the second act the farcical business begins. Her passion having cooled, Violet makes for the confectioner's shop where she has addressed the letter and begs M. Caramel to return it to her. Of course the husband also rushes off to obtain the letter, in fact, the whole family visit the confectioner, who is engaged to a widow, and Captain Armytage being aware of this, to avoid comprising himself passes himself off as the husband returned to life. The young widow, Madame Elaine, seeing Mrs. Armytage in the shop, believes Caramel to be unfaithful, and speaks to Mrs. Brittle in a patronising tone, believing her to be a candidate for a situation as cook which Madame Elaine has advertised for. The complications become very thick and extremely funny. Mr. C. H. Hawtrey, as Armytage, once more proved himself to be a comedian of the very first water. Mr. E. Righton, as Caramel, was droll as he should be. Mr. Kemble, as Mr. Brittle, performed with perfect finish. We shall not forget the way in which the small part of a customer was played by a gentleman whose name we do not recollect, but it was worthy of praise. Miss Maude Millett we have so frequently spoken of as one of our most charming actresses of the younger generation. We need only say that she acted delightfully and cleverly, and it is the best thing she has done yet. Miss Lottie Venne, as the widow, had a part which fitted her like a glove. Miss Larkin, as the mother-in-law, was humorous as usual, and the small part of the maid played by Miss Lydia Cowell was done so well that one wished she had more to do. That "Nerves" will prove a draw for a long while there can be no question.

It was only to be expected, after the flattering reception which Mr. Buchanan's "Bride of Love" obtained at a matinée recently, that it would soon appear in the evening. But, though it would prove welcome fare to matinéers, who are of a different class from an evening's audience, it by no means follows that it will meet with success at the Lyric, where it is now being performed, and we are sure it will not if the theatre is not better managed than on the first night. As no name appears on the bill, we do not know who is responsible for the front of the house. If only to welcome back Miss Ada Cavendish from her long retirement from the stage, one would not go in vain to see this beautiful poetical play of Mr. Buchanan's. Her Aphrodite will long be in our memory. Miss Harriet Jay as Psyche is very fine, both in acting and appearance. Mr. Thalberg as Esros was very indistinct; he would do well to take more pains. Mr. Hendrie as Zephyros deserves much commendation for his rendering of a heavy part, having seen the original four days only before the performance. The dresses of both immortals and mortals and the scenery are handsome. "The Bride of Love" is well worthy a visit, but we doubt its financial prosperity.

Mr. Edouin when he bought "Our Flat" secured a little gold mine. It is the only play written by a woman alone which we know of that has turned out a big success. It was produced at Mr. Wm. Greet's annual benefit in 1888 as a sort of trial, and at once snapped up by Mr. Edouin, who saw a first-rate part for himself in it, and a clever play for the public. It has passed its 400th performance, and is likely to have yet a long life before it. Miss May Whitty is still to the fore in the principal part as the lady who, on the spur of the moment, when all furniture is carried off, contrives to make a comfortable looking room out of baths, boxes, and barrels. Mr. C. S. Fawcett and Miss Gowland still assist in the merriment, and there is little wonder that "Our Flat" has proved a Strand success. We regret to learn that death has entered the portals. Miss Enid Leslie, who, when we saw the play, acted an important part, died last week.

As interesting as ever, and as welcome, is published the half-yearly volume of *The Theatre*, by Messrs. Eglinton and Co. This little journal has now taken a complete foothold, and no one's library is complete without it who takes any interest in matters theatrical and follows them closely. As an historical book of reference it is invaluable. Mr. Clement Scott, Miss Jessie Bond, Mr. Bingham, Mr. Cecil Howard, Mr. Picton, and many others, have contributed to its columns this year, and the portraits—all good likenesses—include those of Miss Marion Lea, Miss Sylvia Grey, Mr. Jerome K. Jerome, Miss Olga Brandon, and Bro. John Hare, who this week celebrates his silver wedding with the stage.

Mr. Augustin Daly and his company must have been pleased when they made their re-appearance before their English friends and admirers on Tuesday, for one and all were received with volley firing in cheers as they came on the stage, and there was not one cheer too many. Probably many in the audience were brother and sister Americans, but the English cousins were in the ascendancy. This distinguished company has thrice before visited our shores. On their first stay, when they were little known, they took Toole's Theatre. On their next visit they went to a larger—the Strand. Last time, in 1888, they filled the Gaiety, and we trust their migration to a still larger house will be yet more fruitful. The principals having acted together for many years insures that smoothness and perfection

which is not even surpassed, even if equalled, by the Parisian companies. Why does not some English manager gather round him a company such as Mr. Daly's, whose cast does not change with the programme? To begin their ten weeks season in London "Casting the Boomerang" was selected. It belongs to an order of refined farcical comedy, and tells in a perfectly innocent fashion the trouble brought into the household of an old gentleman, who, while professing to be a literary man, burning the midnight oil, passes the time more congenially in seeing forms of life, which he tells his wife when his deception is found out is necessary for the Society novel on which he is engaged. A mutual friend will have it that every one throws the boomerang at some time or another of his or her life. The programme informs us that the boomerang is an Australian weapon which requires skilful handling, but in inexperienced hands when thrown it is apt to recoil on its thrower with serious results. In the play all the characters cast the boomerang, the action recoiling upon themselves, but without serious consequences. It is cleverly played by Miss Ada Rehan, Mr. John Drew, Mr. Lewis, and Mrs. Gilbert, together with Mr. Leclercq and Mr. F. Bond. Miss Rehan and Mr. Drew touch the comedy in the most delicate manner, and remind one somewhat of the Robertson plays at the old Prince of Wales Theatre. Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft were in the audience, and possibly thought so too. "Nancy and Co." will be played on the 24th inst., so there is not much time to be lost if our readers wish to see this clever company in "Casting the Boomerang," at the Lyceum.

Miss Grahame gives a professional matinée of "New Lamps for Old" at Terry's Theatre on Tuesday afternoon next at 3 o'clock, to which she has invited her brother and sister artistes to witness Jerome's clever play, which will also be played on Thursday afternoon next at Brighton. The autumn tour of this successful play has been arranged by Bro. H. T. Brickwell, and will embrace most of the principal towns in the Kingdom.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN BAIRD.

We have to record the death of Bro. John Baird, the Manchester agent of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company. The interment took place at the Brooklands Cemetery, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., the following relatives and friends being present:—Mr. T. Barnes, Mr. W. Barnes, Mr. Cashmore, Mr. Symons (Messrs. Symons and McKinlay, representing the Manchester Conservative Club), Bro. Cotton (Birmingham), Mr. Clement (Edinburgh), Mr. H. Wright (representing Messrs. Hill, Gomes and Co.), Mr. A. Baynton (Messrs. Kenworthy and Co., agents to the Great Western Railway Co.), Mr. Grundy (representing L. and N.W. Co.), Mr. J. Butler (representing L. and T. Railway), Mr. Briggs, Mr. Dyson (representing Messrs. R. Barbour Brothers), Mr. McMonies, Mr. Renshaw, Mr. Harris, Mr. Hale, Mr. Dixon, and Mr. Marchand. Bro. Baird being the Worshipful Master of St. David's Lodge, No. 1147, the following members assembled to pay a last mark of respect to their esteemed brother: Bros. J. H. Dalglish, I.P.M., acting W.M.; T. R. Peel, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; R. Chadwick, P.M.; Thos. Gibson, P.M.; T. Elliott, P.M.; John Taylor, P.M.; J. Davies, P.M.; F. Griffin, P.M.; E. Roberts, P.M.; C. Wren, P.M.; T. C. Olney, S.D.; A. L. Jones, Sec.; W. Howard, Stwd.; John Baxendale; M. Fairweather, P.M.; G. Kinlock, P.J.W.; C. P. Dunkerly, J.W.; H. Whily; W. Bennett, I.G.; W. H. Cunningham, Org.; and J. Sly, Tyler. There were a large number of beautiful wreaths from the members of his lodge, friends, and employes. The service at the house and graveside was conducted by the Rev. Brown, of Grosvenor-street Church.

A proposal having been made to do away with Chelsea as a separate parish and merge it in that of Kensington, Bro. Sir Charles Dilke presided at a public meeting held in the Town Hall, on the 6th inst., to protest against the scheme. He said Chelsea was an ancient parish, had always had its present boundaries, and that every name known in relation with English history during the Tudor and Stuart periods had had some connection with it. Bro. Lord Monkswell was also present, and resolutions condemning the proposal were passed unanimously.

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Bro. Constable, B.A., Grammar School, Thorne, S.W. of the Isle of Axholme Lodge, No. 1482, Crowle, was unanimously elected (at the June meeting) W.M. for the ensuing year.

The installation of the Abbey Lodge, No. 1184, Battle, near Hastings, will be held on Thursday next, the 10th inst., when Bro. W. A. Raper, S.W., will be installed W.M. for the ensuing year.

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

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Duke of Clarence and the Princesses Victoria and Maud, attended a *matinée* held at the Criterion Theatre, on the 5th inst., in aid of the Parish of Holy Cross, St. Pancras. The gross receipts exceeded £350.

A drawing-room meeting was held at Sydenham on Saturday last in aid of the fund now being raised for the restoration of St. Saviour's, Southwark. Of the £40,000 required, some £23,000 has already been raised, and on this occasion the collection and subscriptions taken together amounted to £525.

The Prince of Wales, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Horse Guards, dined with the officers of the regiment on Friday, the 6th inst., the chair being occupied by Bro. Lord Fitzhardinge, while among the present and past officers there were at table Bros. the Earl of Zetland, the Earl of Galloway, and Lord Methuen.

A bazaar in aid of the funds of the North London Hospital was opened in the grounds of University College, Gower-street, on the 5th inst., by the Duke and Duchess of Fife, who were received by the President, Treasurer, and Medical Staff of the College, while the Artists' Rifle Volunteers supplied a Guard of Honour.

Intelligence has been received at the Admiralty to the effect that the gunboat Thrush, Lieutenant-Commander Prince George of Wales, had been compelled to put in at Ferrol, in consequence of stress of weather, but would leave that port as soon as possible. The Spanish authorities paid their respects to his Royal Highness.

A letter has been received by the Jamaica Exhibition Committee from Sir H. Ponsonby, in which the Committee is informed that the Queen is greatly interested in the undertaking, and has graciously consented to lend various works of art from her collection. The Home Secretary has also caused it to be known that the Treasury will submit to Parliament a vote of £1000 in aid.

Bro. E. Lawson presided at the 27th anniversary dinner of the Newspaper Press Fund, held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Saturday last, among the guests being Bros. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., Sir J. Pender, Sir Fred. Abel, G. A. Sala, Sheriff Harris, Hyde Clarke, and Sir J. Somers Vine. The musical arrangements were in charge of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, Past G. Organist, and the contributions amounted to close on £2000.

The installation of Bro. S. A. Gothard as W.M. of the Apollo Lodge, 301, Alcester, for the ensuing year took place at the Town Hall on the 4th inst., when a goodly number of the Craft were present. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. Dr. F. H. Haynes, of the Shakespeare Lodge, Leamington. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Swan Hotel under the presidency of the newly-elected W.M.

The funeral of Bro. Samuel R. Davis took place at Ross Churchyard on the afternoon of the 6th inst., in the presence of a large concourse of people. Among those who attended were the Ross Town Commissioners and a number of the brethren of the Vitruvian Lodge, of which Bro. Davis was senior P.M. The service was conducted by the Rev. Prebendary Cobbold, rector of Ross. Many shops were closed during the afternoon, and blinds were drawn as a mark of respect.

A company was registered on the 4th inst., with a capital of £1000, in £1 shares, to acquire the Old Infirmary in Yorkshire-street, Rochdale, Lancashire, and to adapt the same for the purposes of a Masonic Hall and a social Masonic Club. The Craft lodges in that town are the Hope, No. 54, the Harmony, No. 298—each of which has a Royal Arch Chapter attached to it—and the St. Chad, No. 1139. There is, therefore, every reason to expect that the new company will be well supported in its endeavour to secure a suitable place for the private meetings of the brethren in the Rochdale district.

The Prince of Wales, as Colonel of the 10th (Prince of Wales's Own) Royal Hussars, was present at the regimental dinner at the Hôtel Métropole on the 5th instant. Among the guests and officers present were Major the Duke of Clarence and Avondale and Bros. Viscount Valentia and Captain the Earl of Airlie. Later in the evening his Royal Highness, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and the Princesses Victoria and Maud, attended the ball given by Lord Alington at his residence, Alington House, South Audley-street, among the other guests being Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Athole, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Zetland, Bro. the Earl of March, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Airlie, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Kilmorey, the Viscountess Wolsley and the Hon. Frances Wolsley, and Bro. Viscount Raincliffe.

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

Bro. W. Rowley, P.M. Wickham Lodge, No. 1924, has been unanimously elected W.M. of the Walsingham Lodge, No. 2148.

In the last five years the income of Dr. Barnardo's Homes has increased from £60,000 to £106,000, whilst the number of children benefited has risen from 8000 to nearly 16,000.

It is likely that the annual Provincial Convocation of the Royal Arch Chapter of Durham will be held on the 23rd of July in the city of Durham, under the presidency of Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., G. Supt.

The Prosperity Lodge of Instruction will in future meet on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., instead of Tuesdays, at the City Arms Tavern, St. Mary Axe, and will continue its meetings through the summer without adjournment.

The Prince and Princess of Wales are expected to leave Marlborough House on Monday next, the 16th inst., for Sunningdale Park, Berks, the seat of Sir James Mackenzie, where they will reside during Ascot week.

The amounts received on Wednesday at the Mansion House make a total Hospital Sunday Fund collection up to date of £15,000. This includes £1238 from St. Jude's, South Kensington (per Rev. Prebendary Forrest, D.D.), the largest offering ever received for the fund.

A dramatic, musical, and elocutionary entertainment will be given on the night of the 25th inst. in the Banqueting Chamber, St. James's Hall, for the benefit of survivors of the Light Brigade. Bro. Edwin Drew is managing the affair, and several good artistes have promised their aid in the programme.

The Lord Mayor entertained her Majesty's judges at the Mansion House on Wednesday night. Sir R. Webster, in reply to the toast of the evening, said whatever Parliament might determine in regard to certain proposed changes, he knew that the aim of her Majesty's judges would be to give effect to the wishes of the Legislature, so as to give the full benefit of their services both to the country and to litigants.

Saturday, the 5th July, has been fixed for the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to the Paddington Recreation Ground, in connection with the proposed North-West London Polytechnic, which will be erected on the ground. Special Sports will be held on the occasion, and the Duke of Cambridge will be present, together with Bros. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., the Lord Mayor, and John Aird, M.P.

Bro. Bagot Scriven, of the firm of Barclay, Perkins and Co., presided at the 63rd anniversary dinner of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, which took place at the Crystal Palace on Wednesday afternoon. About 600 gentlemen were present, and the galleries were well filled with ladies. This Institution, which was established in 1827, is the most extensive of its kind in existence. Upwards of £9000 per annum is dispensed, three-fourths of which has to be raised by voluntary subscription.

Miss Lucy Cohen, aunt of Lady Rosebery, distributed prizes on Wednesday night to the pupils of the Stepney Jewish Schools at the Great Assembly Hall, Mile-end-road, which Mr. F. N. Charrington had placed at the disposal of the Committee. Mr. Marcus N. Adler, president of the schools, occupied the chair. The number of pupils on the register is 750, who last year contributed £366 14s. in school fees and £121 15s. in book fees, denoting that the parents do not belong to the poorest class of Jews in the East-end.

Several well-known artistes took part in the entertainments given at 'oombe Warren on Tuesday in connection with Lady Wolverton's bazaar. Mr. Wyndham and Miss Mary Moore contributed sketches; Mr. Bouchier and Miss Eva Chester gave a duologue called "The Loquacious Husband;" and a concert party, which included M. Tivadar Nachez, supplied some enjoyable selections. There was a fashionable audience, the Duchess of Teck being among those present.

The remains of the late Bro. H. Faulkner, ex-Mayor of Newport, were interred on Saturday afternoon. The mournful procession was an imposing one, comprising about a dozen vehicles, the Mayor and Corporation, the police force, private friends and acquaintances, and representatives of Masonic lodges. Along the route shutters were placed up at business establishments and the blinds drawn at private residences. The Rev. D. Wilks, vicar of Holy Trinity Church, officiated at the cemetery.

The Prince of Wales has promised to lay the foundation stone in July of the new buildings for the Royal South London Ophthalmic Hospital (which was established 33 years ago). H.R.H. the Princess of Wales has now graciously agreed to receive purses of £5 5s. and upwards from ladies and children who will present them to her Royal Highness on behalf of the Royal Foundation Fund. The Treasurer, Mr. J. S. Wood, of 2, Princes' Mansions, Victoria-street, S.W., will be happy to send purses to any of our readers, and as the purses will be returned to the collectors after the ceremonial with an inscription, they will form a pleasing memento of an important event in connection with a worthy and much needed Charity.

On Tuesday afternoon there was an embarrassment of riches in the way of afternoon entertainments. At the Steinway Hall, that clever young actress, Miss Rosa Kenney, was heard in a new duologue by Mr. C. Rae Brown, in addition to other well-selected items. In the Banqueting Room at St. James's Hall, Mr. Henry Phillips gave his annual concert, in the course of which Mr. Carl Armbruster, musical director of the Haymarket Theatre, played three solos on the piano. It may also be recorded that Miss Rosa Leo gave a very interesting concert at the Lyric Club, singing four songs by Chaminade (heard for the first time in England), and introducing Miss Angela Vanbrugh (sister of Miss Violet Vanbrugh, of Mrs. Kendal's American troupe), who has been studying abroad, and supplied three violin solos.

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The Cape Rifle team has just left Cape Town on board the steamer Trojan for England, in order to compete at the forthcoming meeting of the National Rifle Association at Bisley.

Prince Christian Victor, playing for the Green Jackets against the Household Brigade on Wednesday, at Burton Court, Chelsea, hit up 35 (not out) out of 80 runs recorded for the loss of six wickets.

The offices of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland are now established at 11A, South Hanover-street, Edinburgh, and all communications to Comp. R. S. Brown, G. Scribe E., should be so addressed, instead of South Charlotte-street, as formerly.

A great attraction at the Marlowe *matinée* will be the appearance of Mdme. Bernhardt (if health permits) as the reciter of verses by M. Richepin. Mr. J. T. Grein, acting for the Committee, conducted negotiations with the famous artiste, and received from her communications which exhibited much interest in the object of the performance.

Bismarck's sanctum at Friedrichsruh is a good-sized square apartment communicating with his bedroom and dressing-room. Its walls are adorned with portraits of "King" William, taken shortly after his accession in 1860; of "Crown Prince" Frederick, *au pied*, in the full cuirassier uniform he wore while riding in the Jubilee procession; of the Prince's only daughter, Countess Von Kantzau, taken when she was a girl of 18; and of several intimate friends.

Bro. Major Jeremiah Rohrer, P.M. 43, Lancaster, has just conferred the M.M. Degree on his fourth son, Bro. Howard Rohrer. He had previously conferred that Degree on three other sons, Bros. J. B. Rohrer, in 1882; Dr. G. B. Rohrer, in 1885; and Grant Rohrer, in 1887. As P.M., Bro. Joshua L. Lyte remarks, probably this record cannot be beaten in Freemasonry "around the globe."—*Keystone*.

Mr. George Alexander will shortly give a "copyright" performance of Mr. Haddon Chambers' new play, by-and-by to be brought out at the Avenue. The Gaiety Company (with Mr. Russell Rosse as business manager) will start touring on July 28th, at the Theatre Royal, Brighton, previous to their visit to America and Australia. Following Brighton, a fortnight's engagement will be played at the Grand Theatre, Islington.

St. Jude's, South Kensington, still maintains its honourable position at the head of the list of Hospital Sunday contributions, Prebendary Forrest's Church having given £1238, a sum more than £20 in excess of its last year's record. As an exercise in the virtue of Christian humility one may, however, remind St. Jude's that it is possible that the smaller contributions of other less wealthy congregations may, perhaps, represent a not less meritorious sum total of generosity and self-denial.

Bro. H. Robertson, P.G.M. of Canada, says: "We notice that the Grand Master of Nova Scotia laid the corner-stone of the new bank of Nova Scotia at Amherst, at the request of the authorities of that institution. This action is open to criticism. A bank is not an edifice appropriated to religious, educational, charitable, or Masonic purposes, nor is it a building belonging to the public in any way. We think it would be well to draw the line somewhere, and we have always understood that private buildings should not be honoured in this way."—*Keystone*.

What Bro. John Hare will celebrate (privately) on Saturday is not (as some people appear to have supposed) the exact anniversary of his first appearance on the stage, but simply the recent completion of his 25 years' connection with the profession. The event will be regarded very sympathetically by all playgoers, for Bro. Hare has been, for many years, not only a great public favourite, but always and in the first place an artist—willing to take, when necessary, the smallest rôles, and to make of them the best that thought and skill could accomplish. Others have equalled Bro. Hare in careful attention to detail, but none have surpassed him in crispness, incisiveness, and general finish of style. There is a class of part in which he surpasses all his brethren—the class of which the old lord in "A Quiet Rubber" and the genial philanthropist in "A Pair of Spectacles" are excellent examples.

Madame Nordica, the prima donna, is an American by birth, and is known off the stage as Mrs. Lilian Norton Gower. She received most of her musical education in Boston, and when at last she paid the regulation visit to Italy there was comparatively little left for her to learn. It was in Italy that she made her *début* on the stage, but her first success was scored in Russia. The late Czar Alexander II. was a devout admirer of Madame Nordica's voice, and attended nearly every performance at the Opera House in which Madame Nordica sang. He had heard her sing only a day or two before his assassination. From St. Petersburg Madame Nordica went to Paris, where she carried all before her by her Marguerite. Gounod, the composer of the opera, caught the prevailing enthusiasm, and voted Madame Nordica one of the best Marguerites he had heard.

It is gratifying to observe that there was no loss of interest this year in the ceremony of distributing the prizes to the children attending the Masonic Female Orphan School, Ballsbridge, which took place at the Leinster Hall, Dublin, in the presence of a large and fashionable assemblage. From the report we learn that the Institution is in a very satisfactory condition, continuing to be successfully maintained. During the past year the number of pupils on the roll was 76. The income amounted to £2462 13s. 1d., but it is stated that the subscriptions are below what they ought to be considering the number of Irish lodges, chapters, and preceptories. The cause of Charity is one that always appeals with peculiar warmth to the brethren, and we are certain the state of affairs only requires to be mentioned to be remedied. While on this subject we notice that the Boys' School, which has been prepared for the reception of 60 pupils, is burdened with a debt of £500. The Honorary Secretaries of both schools have issued a joint appeal to Irish Freemasons to help in getting rid of this pecuniary load before the end of the year, and there ought not to be much difficulty in realising this. The Institutions are doing a noble work, and it is to be hoped they will long continue to flourish.