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## THE PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

As will be seen from the report we publish in another part of our columns, the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, which was held at Enfield, on Saturday last, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master in person, proved a most successful gathering. The arrangements for the comfort and convenience of those present gave general satisfaction, the attendance was numerous, and the proceedings of a most harmonious character. In Provincial Grand Lodge, the principal episode concerned Bro. J. F. H. WOODWARD, Past Grand S.B. England, and lately Provincial Grand Secretary Middlesex, to whom, in his latter capacity, the Provincial Grand Master, in the name and on behalf of the province, presented a handsome testimonial, consisting of an illuminated address, a handsome gold watch and chain, and a bracelet and locket for Mrs. WOODWARD, in recognition of his important services to the province at a time when it was not in the best of form, and needed a man of ability, tact, and judgment to set it straight. In making the presentation, Bro. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., congratulated Bro. WOODWARD on the satisfactory results as now manifested of his efficient administration of the office lately held by him, and expressed the hope that he might still for many years be able to continue to the Province the benefit of his experience and counsel. The Province also voted 30 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, 15 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and 15 guineas to the Benevolent Institution. The senior of the three received the higher amount from the fact that the Provincial Grand Master had presided as Chairman at its recent Festival. At the banquet which followed the lodge the proceedings were of an equally agreeable character, the brethren, from the Provincial Grand Master downwards, having every reason to be gratified at the events of the past year. We trust that future annual meetings of this Provincial Grand Lodge may pass off as satisfactorily.

## THE EAST LANCASHIRE SYSTEMATIC MASONIC INSTITUTION.

The Annual Report of the General Committee of the "East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution" for the year is pleasant reading, and must in particular be highly gratifying to the brethren of the Province which has established it. The Committee state the income to the 31st December last as having amounted to £1619 5s. 3d. as compared with that for the year to 31st December, 1888, which reached only £822 4s. 1d., and they attribute—we dare say not without very good reason—this large increase to the effect produced by the circular addressed by the Prov. Grand Master to the lodges of the Province, many of which they consider were ignorant of the facts, that is, of the beneficial work done by the Institute in educating the children of necessitous brethren, and in the assistance rendered them and their families. Certainly, if we look narrowly into the figures showing the receipts for each of the two years mentioned, we shall be more likely to accept this opinion as correct. The subscriptions from lodges, chapters, &c., in 1888, amounted to £368 13s. 6d., but in 1889 they were more than double this sum, and amounted to £824 10s. The subscriptions from private individuals, which reached to only £188 15s. in 1888, realised last year £531 4s. There was, however, only an increase of some few pounds in the income derived from investments. As regards the expenditure, which was £588 os. 2d., as against £671 17s. 4d. in 1888, the grants for relief amounted to £229 10s., and for education to £259 6s., the number of children among whom this latter sum was distributed being 32, namely, 17 boys and 15 girls. There was also a sum of £30 paid to the Almoners, making the total expended in benevolence £518 16s. The establishment charges, including

the Secretary's salary of £50, amounted to only £69 4s. 2d., and there was expended a sum of £1013 2s. 6d., in investments which now reach £8114 6s. 8d. There remained a balance in hand at the close of the account of a little over £347, as compared with one of nearly £310 for the year 1888. Thus, even in ready cash, as in capital, and the increased amount of good that is being done, this East Lancashire Institute is able to show an improvement over 1888, while, in the matter of subscriptions, the increase is marvellous and will fully account for and excuse the smallness of the contributions by East Lancashire to the central Masonic Charities. It is, indeed, to this and the many other organisations already established or likely to be established in the Provinces, that we must, after all, look for a substantial measure of relief from the ever-increasing pressure on the resources of our principal Institutions.

## THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

The Masonic Templar body in England is not, like the Templar body in the United States, a vast organisation, divided into many jurisdictions, and comprising some 70,000 subscribing members. It is, on the contrary, somewhat limited as to its membership, and it musters under its Great Priory about 100 preceptories, exclusive of those suspended for default in forwarding annual returns and dues. To judge, however, from the particulars furnished in the Calendar of the Great Priory for 1890—1891, which has just reached us, its proceedings appear to be well regulated, and its condition, pecuniarily, on the whole prosperous. It is true that, according to the report of the Council, the General Fund is in need of strengthening, but the Benevolent Fund is sound, with an invested capital, of which the annual interest alone is more than sufficient to meet the demands that are made upon it, or that are likely to be made upon it in the future. The Council, therefore, proposed, and Great Priory at its meeting at Mark Masons' Hall, on the 9th May last, has agreed, that certain simple steps should be taken by which the General Fund would be placed on a firmer footing, without causing any detriment to the Fund of Benevolence, by appropriating wholly to the former certain fees paid annually for members of a preceptory, and by transferring the payment of 100 guineas, voted in 1887 to the Imperial Institute, from the General Fund, to which it had been debited, to the Benevolent Fund, out of which, in the opinion of the Council, it should more properly have been met. Hitherto one shilling out of the 3s. 6d. payable annually for a member has gone to the Benevolent Fund and the rest to the General; but now it has been determined that the whole shall be paid to the latter, while the payment out of the former of the donation to the Imperial Institute will still leave it the substantial balance in hand of close on £200. Thus, as the expenditure of the Order cannot safely be lessened, the Fund which bears them will be in a position to meet it, and the Benevolent Fund will remain, as we have said, ample to meet all calls that may be made upon it. We notice as regards the preceptories which retain under suspension that three have been in this condition for seven years, two for six years, four for five years, two for four years, and one for three years, irrespective of three, which have been so only for one year. We like to see the authorities tender in cases of this kind, especially where they have reason to believe that the restoration of a defaulting preceptory to the active list is probable or possible within a reasonable period of time; but unless this is so, there appears to us to be no advantage to be gained by retaining preceptories on the roll of Great Priory which have virtually passed out of existence. Perhaps if some of these useless limbs of the Order were lopped off, and a greater amount of activity exhibited by the Templar body generally this highly reputable appendage to the Craft of Masonry might become more popular, without, however, assuming anything of the character of the American Templar organisation, which appears to be intended more for display than anything else.

## HARMONIC LODGE, No. 216, LIVERPOOL.

"A change has come over the scene" of late years, for whereas formerly lodge histories were the exception, now they are rapidly becoming the rule, and many are the works published relative to the eventful past of numerous old lodges. This is as it should be, and proves that whatever may be our experience as to the interest manifested with respect to Masonic literature generally, a readable and well got-up history of a lodge, such as the one before us of No. 216, Liverpool, is bound to take, and be eagerly perused by students, quite apart from any connection with the especial object of the publication.

The author of the "History and Records of the Harmonic Lodge" is Bro. Joseph Hawkins, P.M., &c.,\* and the publisher and printer is Bro. Charles Ratcliffe, who "in the most handsome manner has undertaken at his own expense and risk the publishing of this book," both author and publisher agreeing that any profit arising from its sale shall be devoted to the Masonic Charities, so that the work is particularly creditable to the two more immediately concerned.

Bro. Hawkins has done his best under the circumstances, for, though the lodge was formed by warrant of 22nd April, 1796, as No. 299, by the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, the records are missing until we come down to the year 1819, and there is also another break in the minutes later on. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, a number of interesting facts have been dovetailed into the work in an admirable manner concerning the Craft in Liverpool; and an excellent introduction prepares the ordinary reader to duly appreciate and estimate the value of the narration, as the career of the lodge is duly unfolded.

We are told that the Grand Lodge of England brought in a Second Degree, which was termed "Fellow Craft," and the "Ancients" likewise accused the "Moderns" of having modernised the Third Degree—"that of Passed Fellow Craft or Master Mason—and no doubt there were grounds for the accusation." Had our brother maintained that both *Degrees* were introduced by the senior Grand Lodge, we should be in exact agreement, for there is as much evidence in the one case as in the other.

It is quite probable there was "a strongly dissatisfied Operative element, which continued to meet independent of the Grand Lodge, as had been their custom prior to 1717, and that this element was re-inforced by numerous lodges struck off the roll of the 1717 Grand Lodge." In fact, we consider the evidence points in this direction, the malcontents starting a rival organisation in 1751, which body eventually chartered the "Harmonic" at Liverpool. At the "Union" the subordinates of the two Grand Lodges were numbered alternately, the junior having the ballot in its favour for No. 1. Bro. Hawkins shows how this operated at Liverpool, by No. 32, of 1786, taking precedence long before No. 86, of 1753 (Prescot), and No. 216, of 1796, being ahead of No. 241, of 1780.

The "serious quarrel which arose between some of the Liverpool lodges and the United Grand Lodge" is fully detailed, and adds much to the permanent value of the work, so little being known now of that most lamentable occurrence.

The "Ancient" lodges in Liverpool—five in number—A.D. 1806, agreed to a set of rules for the government of a Committee of Charity, the chief regulations being as follows:

*THE MASTERS, WARDENS, and other BRETHREN of the ANCIENT LODGES in LIVERPOOL,* being desirous more consistently, more fully, and at the same time more conveniently, to perform the indispensable duty of relieving the Distresses of the Brotherhood, than is practicable in their Private Lodges, or by the Officers individually at their places of residence, have agreed to form a COMMITTEE of CHARITY, to receive the applications, to consider the merit of petitioners, and to order suitable distributions; which shall be established in the following manner, and conducted by the following Rules:—

I. THAT the Committee shall consist of the Masters, Wardens, and other Officers, for the time being of Lodges No. 20, 25, 276, 299, and 302, or any other Ancient Lodge that may hereafter be established in Liverpool, out of whom shall be chosen a President for General Meetings, a Treasurer, and a Secretary, who shall continue in office for Six Months; but the Master of each Lodge shall, in regular succession, according to seniority, be President for the Ordinary Nights of Meeting.

III. THIS charity shall extend only to those under the Ancient Constitution of Free Masons; and, to prevent impositions, no brother shall be entitled to this charity unless he can produce a certificate from the Grand Lodge, of his having been made in an Ancient Lodge, or satisfy the Committee to that effect; and that no Member rejected by this Committee for relief, shall hereafter be assisted from the Funds thereof, without a General Committee for that purpose called.

IV. THAT every Ancient Lodge that may be attached hereafter to this Committee shall pay the sum of One Guinea in the first instance, and those, as well as the existing ones, shall pay Fifteen Shillings and Sixpence for each Mason that may be initiated in their respective Lodges, and each Master shall, on the night of his attendance, render in an account, in writing, of the names and number of initiations of the Lodge to which he belongs; and pay the money due therefrom to the Treasurer, or, in his absence, to the Secretary, under the penalty of One Guinea for non-performance thereof; and the Treasurer shall not pay any sum or sums of money out of the Fund without a written order, signed by at least Three Masters of Lodges, and in that case they shall not order a sum exceeding Ten Shillings and Sixpence.

VI. THAT every Subscriber to the respective Ancient Lodges in this Town

shall pay to this charity, through the medium of the respective Masters, One Shilling and Sixpence half-yearly.

IX. THAT, in case of any dispute as to the exact time of Meeting, it is hereby agreed that Mr. Aspinwall's Clock shall be the criterion for this Committee.

X. THAT no Committee (except a General one) can relieve any distressed Brother Mason or Family, with more than Five Pounds at one time, or in one year, from the date of such relief.

[Signed by the Masters of the five lodges, Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary.]

This body did some real good work whilst so combined, and set an example which might well be followed by not a few lodges grouped in large towns in the present day.

The "Rules and Orders," A.D. 1787, supplied by the "Ancients" to the "Harmonic" Lodge in 1796, both for the Craft and Royal Arch, with the necessary alterations agreed to by the members, are exactly reproduced by the Historian, and are both interesting and valuable. Each "Ancient" lodge had the right to work the Royal Arch Degree according to the regulations laid down, many of which were of a very stringent character, and should be consulted by all brethren who desire reliable information on this important subject.

Of the lodge by-laws, we may as well note a few as follows just to illustrate the customs of the earlier days of the Fraternity:

II. THAT the Lodge shall meet at the Hours hereafter mentioned; viz.,\* from the Vernal Equinox to the Autumnal Equinox, at Seven o'clock in the Evening, and sit till Ten; and from the Autumnal Equinox aforesaid to the Vernal Equinox following, from Six to Nine o'clock; and if any Member be absent one Hour after the Appointed Time of Meeting he shall be fined *One Shilling*, and if absent the whole Night, or Time of Business, he shall be fined *Five Shillings*, except such Absentee be Sick, Lame, in Confinement, or upwards of Three Miles from the Place of Meeting; and that all such Fines shall be deposited in the Fund for the Relief of indigent Brethren.

\* The Vernal Equinox upon or near the Twenty-first of March; Autumnal Equinox upon or near the Twenty-second of September.

III. THAT the Master shall be chose by Ballot; viz., the Wardens shall stand Candidates for the Chair on the stated Lodge Night next before each *St. John's Day*; and the Candidates shall withdraw, while every free Member gives his Vote in favour of him which he deems most worthy; each free Member having one Vote, and the Master Two† Votes.

When done, the Master shall order the Candidates before him; and having carefully examined the Poll, shall then audibly declare him (that hath the Majority) duly elected.

Then the Master Elect shall nominate one for the senior Warden's Chair, at which Time the present Master and Brethren shall nominate one in Opposition, to be ballotted for in like manner; and so on in the choice of all the inferior Officers; and that no Person shall be put in such Election, but such as are deemed to be able and worthy of Performance.

† That is, when the Number of Votes happen to be equal. In such case the Master has two Totes; otherwise he has but a single Vote.

VI. THAT all the Members of this Lodge shall dine together upon (or near) every *St. John's Day*; that each Member shall pay *seven Shillings & 6d.* on the Lodge Night (next) before such Feast Day, towards defraying the Charges of the Festival. That the Wardens shall be appointed Stewards to transact all Matters relating to the Feast. That the new Master and other Officers shall be immediately installed after dinner, at which Time all and every of the Accompts belonging to the Feast, and Lodge Affairs in general, shall be properly settled, and delivered to the new Officers; and that all Visitors who dine at such Feast shall pay *Ten shs. & 6d.* over and above the constant Members; Sojourners always at the Discretion of the Majority.

XIV. That on a Lodge Night, in the Master's Absence, the past Master may take his place\*; and in his absence the senior Warden,† and in his Absence the junior Warden; and in the Absence of all the Officers, the Members according to Seniority and Merit shall fill the absent Officers' Places.‡ And it is hereby Ordered and Declared, That every Officer absent on a Lodge Night, whether stated or on an Emergency, shall be fined a discretionary Fine,‡ over and above the common Fine of private Members; except for the Reasons mentioned in the second and thirteenth Rules.‡

\* It is the undoubted Right of the Wardens to fill the Chair, even though a former Master be present: but the Wardens generally waive this Privilege, upon a Supposition that the Past Masters are best acquainted with the Business of the Lodge.

‡‡ Marginal note "leave out."

XXIV. That in order to preserve Good Harmony, and encourage (working) Master Masons, it is hereby Ordered and Declared, That no Brother under the Degree of a Master Mason, shall be admitted to Visit this Lodge, upon any Pretence whatsoever.

Other rules are inserted of about the year 1799, and it appears the lodge was known as the "Concord" until 1819, when the title was changed to its present appellation. Though the minutes, as we have already remarked, are all lost prior to the latter year, Bro. Hawkins has managed to get hold of several particulars of an earlier date, and these he has so ably weaved into the connected narrative that we did not at first detect the unfortunate break in the Records.

The original warrant of the lodge is given in a fine *facsimile*, bearing the seal of the Duke of Athol, Grand Master, and also that of the Grand Lodge (or rather *Grand Chapter*) of the "Antients." It is curious to note that the seal of the "Ancient" Grand Chapter has been used, but as it was precisely the same as that of the Grand Lodge, save the legend, &c., the error was certainly not one of vital importance.

The re-construction of the lodge in 1838 was scarcely on sufficient lines to preserve the actual continuity of the "Harmonic." Only two members were really on the roll, and they resigned the same night,—7th August, 1838,—as the lodge was revived. As Bro. Hawkins observes, "it is entirely owing to these two brethren that the lodge is now in existence," but does our brother fancy that two members now, under such circumstances, would be sufficient to preserve the existence of the lodge? It may be so, but to our mind *three at least* should

\* C. Ratcliffe, 32, Castle-street, Liverpool, 8vo., p.p. 120. 5s.

always be on the roll as subscribing members to secure continuity.

The donations of the members for charitable purposes have been most generous—in fact, lavish—and continuous almost; for at a great number of meetings large subscriptions were voted for various purposes. The brethren practised as well as talked, and as we never remember reading of another lodge, under similar circumstances, doing so much for so many years, we are inclined to accept the "Harmonic" as one of the most benevolent known.

The new by-laws are also given, according to the excellent advice of Bro. John Yarker, P.M., &c., such being "good, sound Masonic History."

The pages about the "Zetland Memorial Fund" will be quite fresh to most of the brethren initiated of late years, and we are glad to welcome the particulars.

The tables are valuable and important contributions, and occupying as they do some 30 pp. of closely printed matter, will prove most useful for reference by members now and hereafter.

Bro. Hawkins thus refers to the method followed by him in writing the history, and *inter alia* acknowledges the aid he has received from other Masonic works: "In the following pages I have given the transactions of the Lodge exactly as recorded in the Minutes, leaving my brethren to form their own ideas and draw their own conclusions. I regret that time and opportunity have been wanting to enable me to ask permission of other old Lodges in the neighbourhood to inspect their records, but perhaps the example of the "Harmonic" will be followed by others, and a rich vein of Masonic information exposed to view."

"It only remains now to add that the 'Ancient' Lodges called from Lab. to Ref. very frequently. Each Degree was opened and closed as required, without passing from one to the other. Thus, if a M.M.'s Degree only was required the lodge was opened and closed at once in that Degree, and the same with the Fellow Craft Degree."

"I cannot conclude without expressing my sincere thanks to Bro. Henry Sadler, G.T. and Sub-Librarian of the Grand Lodge, who has unearthed and placed at my disposal many interesting facts from the Grand Lodge Records, without which this History must of necessity have remained very incomplete, and the manner in which this has been done adds very much to the debt of gratitude I owe to him."

He also remarks that: "It is certain the Royal Arch Degree was worked by the Harmonic Lodge, 380, from its institution in 1796, and continued to be so worked until 1810, and the founders of the lodge were all Arch Masons. The Chapter most probably neglected to renew or obtain a Charter on the Union of the two Grand Lodges, and hence had to petition in later years for a new one. Precisely the same thing is recorded in Bro. James Newton's History of the Chapter of Concord, Bolton, and it will be seen from the Minutes following this introduction that the lodge was removed from Ward's Castle Tavern, Lord-street, to Christian-street, in order that accommodation might be had for the working of the Degree, previous to an application for a Charter. The Rules and headed pages are followed by a hundred or so of blank leaves, and on these are written the Bye-laws framed by the Lodge itself, together with a list of members and visiting brethren, and which will be found in the history of the lodge."

Bro. Hawkins not only notes the position of the lodge in regard to Royal Arch Masonry, but supplies a brief History of the "Sacred Delta" Chapter attached to the "Harmonic," giving a *facsimile* of the warrant, of 2nd May, 1849, and affording a capital insight into the origin and character of that Degree. He says truly "Royal Arch Masonry, whatever it might have been a century and a half ago, is now part of our system, and cannot be displaced." The founders of the "Harmonic" Lodge were all Royal Arch Companions, and apparently the members worked the Degree until the "Union." Had they then applied for a warrant of confirmation, they might have continued, so to speak, on their "Ancient" foundation.

We warmly congratulate Bro. Hawkins on having written so good a History of his lodge and chapter, and trust that the appreciation of the members will be exhibited by the whole of the edition being immediately subscribed for; at least, such ought to be the result.

W. J. HUGHAN.

G. F. JAENISCH.—A Doctor of Medicine in Hamburg, born in 1707, died in 1781. He was received into Masonry in the Lodge "Absalom" in 1743, and was made in 1759 Provincial Grand Master of Hamburg and Lower Saxony. He seems subsequently to have taken up with the Clermont and Templar systems, and to have become a warm supporter of the Strict Observance,—so much so, that in 1765 he separated himself from the English system at Hamburg, and was installed by Schubart Commendator and Præfect under the Strict Observance in 1773. He however seems to have reassembled the Prov. G. Lodge, and did not actually or finally sever himself entirely from the English system. During his régime many high grade bodies seem to have been formed in Hamburg, some of which afterwards attached themselves to the system of Zinnendorf. Mossdorf tells us that a medal was struck in his honour.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry*.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

### LAYING THE CORNER-STONE OF THE FULSHAW MEMORIAL SCHOOL, WILMSLOW.

The corner-stone of the Fulshaw Memorial School, Wilmslow, was laid on Saturday, the 14th inst., with full Masonic ceremonial and ritual, by his Honour Judge Sir Horatio Lloyd, D.P.G.M. Provincial Grand Lodge met in the Wilmslow Drill Hall, about 150 brethren attending, including a strong contingent of Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past. In the absence of Lord Egerton, the Prov. Grand Master, Sir Horatio Lloyd, presided. Bro. T. Marwood, P.P.S.G.W., acted as Deputy Grand Master, and the Wardens' chairs were filled by Bros. Col. Wilkinson and Capt. Gilbody.

The gathering also included—

Bros. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., P.P.G.W.; Henry Holbrook, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., and P.D.G.M. British Columbia and Vancouver Island; Major Preston, P.P.G.W.; Revs. R. Hodson and J. G. Bird, Prov. G. Chaps.; T. Broadsmith, P.G.R.; R. Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; W. Pritchard, P.A.G. Sec.; R. Andrew, W. Ramsden, C. S. Dean, and H. T. Newman, P.G. Deacons; A. Parkes, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; G. H. Browne, P.G.D. of C.; Lance Bentley, P.P.G.R.; T. Pattison, P.P.G.R.; and Herbert Finch, P.P.G.D.C.

Immediately after the Prov. G. Lodge had been opened, the P.S.G.W. proposed, and the P.J.G.W. seconded, a vote of congratulation to Sir Horatio on the honour of knighthood having been conferred upon him by her Majesty.

The ACTING P.G.M., in acknowledging this compliment, said that, unexpected as it was by him, he had always met with such great kindness among the Masons of the province that he ought not to be surprised to receive their congratulations. The recent episode in his life would have been colourless and valueless to him without the approval of his friends, but the satisfaction expressed in the event on all sides was more delightful than the honour itself. It was gratification, indeed, to receive the congratulations of the brethren of the Order to which he had belonged for 40 years, and in which for 30 years he had been a Provincial Grand Officer.

The Prov. G. Lodge afterwards proceeded to deal with some matters affecting the finances of the province, adopting a report thereon brought up by a special Committee appointed a year ago.

Before closing the Provincial Grand Lodge,

The ACTING P.G.M. said the brethren would all regret to learn that the absence of Lord Egerton was due to indisposition. They most heartily and sincerely sympathised with the head of their province, and he proposed a resolution expressing their sympathy and their hope that Lord Egerton's illness might be of very short duration.

The motion was seconded by the ACTING D.P.G.M., and was carried unanimously.

From the Drill Hall the brethren, in full Masonic clothing, proceeded to the Parish Church, which was filled by a large congregation. There was a shortened form of evening service, with a sermon by Bro. the Rev. J. Grant Bird, Prov. G. Chaplain, and at its termination the procession was again formed, the surpliced choir, a considerable number of clergy, and several gentlemen connected with the village church and schools, joining it, and a brass band leading the way to the school site. The weather was gloriously fine, and as parts of the route were gay with decorations, and the remaining portion lay among fields, hedgerows, and gardens, charming in their natural beauties, the progress was exceedingly pleasant.

The site being reached, the Rev. E. BATES, rector, explained to the Acting P.G.M. that the new building was to be a substitute, educationally, for the church school established some years ago by Mr. Geo. Fox, now of Elmhurst Hall, Staffordshire, in memory of his wife, in order to meet the demand for increased school accommodation in the locality.

Mr. W. Cobbett, on behalf of the Building Committee, presented Sir Horatio Lloyd with a silver trowel as a memento of the day's ceremony and in appreciation of his kindness and that of his fellow Masons.

The elaborate ceremonial prescribed by Grand Lodge was then conducted under the direction of Bro. Browne, and the stone was proved and declared to be well and truly laid, with accompanying flourishes of trumpets, and was solemnly dedicated by the acting D.P.G.M., with vocal responses from a Masonic choir.

Bro. R. B. LINGARD MONK, P.G.W. of Kent, proposed, and Mr. H. BODDINGTON seconded, a vote of thanks to Sir Horatio Lloyd and Provincial Grand Lodge for their attendance, and this being passed, the proceedings ended with the return of the brethren to the village.

Messrs. Beaumont and Cooper, of that city, are the architects, and the building is expected to cost £1850.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex was held on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Athenæum, Enfield, under the presidency of Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.W., Prov. G.M. There was a large attendance of brethren, amongst whom were the following:

Bros. Raymond H. Thrupp, Dep. Prov. G.M.; J. W. J. Oswald, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. G. Nugee, Prov. G. Chap.; G. H. Carter, Prov. G. Treas.; H. C. Weld, Prov. G. Reg.; Howard H. Room, Prov. G. Sec.; E. Rogers, Prov. J.G.D.; E. Monson, Prov. G.S. of W.; J. Laurence, Prov. G.D.C.; W. Spearing, Prov. G.S.B.; A. W. Schartau, Prov. G. Org.; W. H. Lee, Prov. A.G. Sec.; J. Weston, Prov. Asst. G. Purst.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.S.G.W.; H. F. Bing, P.P.S.G.D.; D. W. Pearce, P.P.G.D.C.; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.P.G. Chap.; R. M. Jones, P.P.S.G.D.; W. A. Rogers, P.P.S.G.W.; J. F. Hepburn, P.P.G.T.; G. Gregory, P.P.G.D.; F. W. Levander, P.P.J.G.D.; T. H. Thompson, P.P.G.S.B.; Rudolph G. Glover, P.P.G.D.; J. F. H. Woodward, P.G.S.B.; A. J. Eyre, P.P.G. Org.; J. Sennell, P.P.G.D.C.; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. L. Chandler, P.P.G.P.; J. Woodmason, W.M. 1509; J. Osborn, P.P.G.S.B.; K. R. Montgomery, P.P.G.S.B.; C. A. Walter, P.P.S.G.D.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Tickle, P.P.G. Reg.; H. W. Roberts P.P.G.W.; C. Brown, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Fehrenbach, P.P.S.G.D.; A. Bryant, P.P.G.D.; A. G. Fidler, P.P.G.D.; C. I. Axford, P.D.G.D.C.; W. Harris Saunders, P.P.S.G.D.; E. Dalzell, P.P.G.O.; H. Slyman, P.P.G.D.C.; and many Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, officers, and brethren of lodges in the province.

The Provincial Grand Officers having entered in procession, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and the minutes read and verified.

The reports of the Audit and Charity Committees were received and adopted, special mention being made of the fact that, with regard to the latter, there were but few applications for assistance during the past year.

The next business being the election of Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. F. W. LEVANDER, P.P.G.D., rose and said he begged to nominate Bro. H. Pritchard, P.M. 1415, and Secretary of the Bank of England Lodge, who had not only proved himself a worthy, zealous, and enthusiastic Mason, a perfect Master of the ritual, and a supporter of the Charities, but who possessed still greater claim in consideration of his knowledge of financial matters, having been for many years in business and the head of a large firm. Bro. Pritchard was also a member of that important body the Board of General Purposes. Three years ago when he was nominated he was returned second on the list, and on his re-election for the fourth time he was returned third, and during the whole of that period he had been a member of the Finance Committee. Should they honour Bro.

Pritchard by electing him, he (Bro. Levander) ventured to say there would be added to the roll of Provincial Grand Officers one thoroughly deserving of the purple and eminently competent to undertake, and conscientiously perform, the duties of his office.

Bro. J. TICKLE, P.P.G. Reg., seconded the nomination, which was unanimously agreed to, and Bro. PRITCHARD returned thanks for the honour in appropriate terms, as follows:

Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master,—With your kind permission I should like to thank the brethren for having placed me in this high position by their unanimous vote; and I hope to deserve the confidence they have placed in me by a strict observance of my duties as a Mason, and especially as the Provincial Grand Treasurer of Middlesex.

The Prov. G. Master having re-appointed Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp as Deputy Prov. G.M., appointed and invested the following officers for the year:

Bro. Lieut. Col. Bullock, 1871	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
Dr. A. E. Sansom, 1494	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. G. Nugee, 1691	...	...	...	Prov. S.G. Chap.
Rev. W. W. Martin, 1460	...	...	...	Prov. J.G. Chap.
H. Pritchard, 1415	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
W. R. Palmer, 2105	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
Howard H. Room, 1777	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
Dr. Williams Cock, 1597	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
George Clark, jun., 1777	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
J. D. E. Tarr, 1293	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
J. Davies, 1309	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
J. Finch, 1793	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
E. C. Kilsby, 1702	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
H. W. Nicholson, 382	...	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
E. T. Edwards, 788	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
Selby Parsons, 1237	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
J. Boulton, 1579	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
W. C. Hall, 2163	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
W. Wright, 1897	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
W. H. Lee, 1897	...	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
J. Weston, 1897	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
R. Drummond, 1656	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
Dr. W. H. Causton, 865	...	...	...	...
A. H. Gurney, 1503	...	...	...	...
J. Hookey, 2087	...	...	...	...
A. à B. Terrell, 1494	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
G. L. Wingate, 1423	...	...	...	...
J. Sadler Wood, 2024	...	...	...	...
J. Gilbert, 1194	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The two I.P. Wardens and the I.P. Reg. were, on the nomination of the D.P.G.M., elected for the Audit Committee for 1891. Bros. W. H. Lee, Maple, and Carter were appointed by the Prov. G.M., and Bros. Dr. Riley, Frost Creswick, and J. Tickle were elected members of the Charity Committee.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then said he would encroach upon their time, and the brethren would excuse him for introducing a question which was not upon the agenda. He was confident that every brother would have the greatest pleasure and gratification with what he was about to do. They had been acquainted and knew the duty performed by the late Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Woodward, than whom he did not believe any brother had performed the duties in a more efficient, more satisfactory, or more genial manner. Bro. Woodward came into the province when it was rather in a disorganised state, but he had such a good system of organisation that it was soon in a different position. The duties were most onerous and most important to the province and the Prov. G.M. Bro. Woodward was always ready and anxious to do all he could for the province, and therefore there were none present who experienced greater pleasure than he had in presenting Bro. Woodward with a testimonial for services rendered to the province during his term of office. He, therefore, in the name of the province and those around him who knew Bro. Woodward and had had any communication with him, with the greatest gratification presented him with a testimonial in appreciation of his services. The testimonial might have been of more intrinsic value, but he had further gratification in being able to state that they should be able to present Mrs. Woodward with some further mark of their appreciation of her husband's services to the Province of Middlesex.

Bro. J. F. H. WOODWARD, P.G.S.B., P.P.G. Sec., said he was perfectly at a loss for words to express what he felt. The Prov. Grand Master had spoken in far too flattering terms of any service he had rendered the province, and had remarked that he had entered upon the work of Prov. Grand Secretary at a very important period in the history of the province, viz., one month before the new Book of Constitutions came into force. That involved a large amount of work and care, for which he was responsible. He would indeed have been ungrateful for the great confidence reposed in him if he had not done his utmost to bring the by-laws of the lodges and chapters into perfect agreement with the new Book of Constitutions. It was a pleasure and an honour to serve under one so beloved and respected as Sir Francis Burdett, not only in their large province, but wherever he was known. He must take that opportunity of thanking the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Thrupp, and Bro. W. H. Lee, the Asst. Prov. G. Sec., as also the Secretaries of the lodges and Scribes of the chapters, for the great assistance they had rendered him in bringing that work to a successful conclusion. It occupied eight months to carry out, as every word in every by-law had to be compared with its governing law in the new Book of Constitutions. It was with unexpected pleasure and surprise he had heard that they intended to present his wife with a bracelet, and he was sure she would ever remember the great kindness shown towards him by the brethren. Their present he should carry with him to his dying day as a memento of their goodwill and esteem, and of their appreciation of his efforts to carry on the work of the province to their satisfaction for nearly five years. He again thanked them, and would conclude with three lines familiar to them all—

Happy have we met,  
Happy may we part,  
And happy meet again.

The text of the illuminated address was as follows:—

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Past Grand Warden of England, Representative from the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, Bro. Raymond Henry Thrupp, Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies of England.

Several lodges and chapters in the province, and many brethren and companions of the same, whose names are set forth in the accompanying bound volume, being desirous of conveying in some substantial manner to W. Bro. John Francis Holmes Woodward, Past Grand Sword Bearer of England, and Past Provincial Grand Secretary of Middlesex, the expression of their feelings of sincere personal esteem, and especially their high sense of his valuable and unremitting services to the province while acting as its Secretary, during which time he brought its affairs into perfect order and to a most successful condition, beg his acceptance of a gold watch and chain, trusting that he may be endowed with long life and health to use this memento of the fraternal affection of the donors.

Signed on behalf of the subscribers,

FRAS. BURDETT, Provl. Grand Master.

Presented at a meeting of the Provl. Grand Lodge of Middlesex held at Enfield, 14th June, 1890.

The testimonial consisted of an illuminated and framed address, a gold watch and 18 carat gold chain, and a bracelet and locket for Mrs. Woodward.

The sum of 30 guineas was voted to the R.M.I. for Girls and 15 guineas each to the R.M.I. for Boys and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the first amount being exceptional in consideration of the fact that the Provincial Grand Master presided at the recent Festival of that Institution.

On the motion of the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER a sum of £13 was voted for the purposes of placing a memorial on behalf of the province in one of the lights in the windows in the Centenary Hall of the R.M.I. for Girls and thereby securing four votes in perpetuity.

The roll of lodges was then called, all being represented with the exception of the Elthorne and Middlesex Lodge, No. 2094.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Committee who carried out the arrangements for the meeting, which was acknowledged by Bro. ADAMS, P.G.S.B., and to the late Prov. G. Treas., Bro. Carter, for his services during the past year.

Letters of apology for non attendance were announced from a large number of brethren, including Bros. E. Yates, P.P.S.G.W.; the G. Sec.; F. A. Philbrick, T. Fenn, Sparks, and others, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

After banquet the usual toasts were heartily received.

"The Queen and the Craft" having been honoured, the PROV. G. MASTER proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and said H.R.H. had proved himself a thorough good Mason and one who took great interest in his work. He, as a Prov. Grand Master, and others knew the work in a province, and they could therefore imagine what H.R.H. had to do.

In giving "The Grand Officers," the PROV. G. MASTER said H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. was supported by some of the best Masons in the Kingdom. The Prov. Grand Master was one of the most efficient members of the Order, but was not able to attend as often as he could wish at Grand Lodge owing to illness. Bro. Raymond Thrupp was also one of the most efficient Grand Officers, and had been their Deputy Prov. Grand Master for many years, and he hoped Bro. Thrupp would retain that position for many years to come.

Bro. ADAMS, P.G.S.B., returned hearty thanks. He regretted having been called upon to respond as there were two senior officers present, but he presumed they would have something to say afterwards. He could endorse the remarks of the Prov. Grand Master, for the Grand Officers all tried to do their best, and it was not unusual to see Sir Francis Burdett in the chair of Grand Lodge, when he performed the duties with marked success and to the approbation of the brethren.

Bro. RAYMOND H. THRUPP, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, said they then came to what, in the Province of Middlesex, was justly considered the toast of the evening—"The Health of the Provincial Grand Master." He could say, as Bro. Adams had done in the previous toast, that this needed no words, and it would even then be warmly received. He must, however, say why their Prov. Grand Master was so much respected, esteemed, and beloved. It was because they recognised in Sir Francis Burdett a true, genuine, and enthusiastic Mason, and a kind and courteous gentleman—one of the old English sort they looked back to and regretted had died out—because whenever he came amongst them he extended a genial air to any brother, however junior in Masonry. In the Province of Essex the day previous the remark was made—"What a popular Provincial Grand Master Sir Francis Burdett is," and he (Bro. Thrupp) replied, "Yes, and if you were in our province you would know why." Every brother present recognised why. There was another remark made to their Provincial Grand Master on the present occasion, which was: "What! do you still hunt?" and the reply was: "Yes, and I hope to do so for many years to come." They all echoed that sentiment, and hoped he would be spared for many years of enjoyable hunting.

Bro. Colonel Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Provincial Grand Master, thanked the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the brethren for the kindness with which they had received his remarks. He hardly felt he could, at that moment, express the gratitude he felt for the kindness with which he had been received that evening and on all previous occasions, but he could say that that evening the brethren had exceeded what had been done before. He was not only an old Prov. Grand Master, but an old member on the list of Prov. Grand Masters. It had always given him pleasure to preside, even in Grand Lodge, not only for his own gratification, but because he felt he represented one of the most influential Provinces. It was not that he had the pleasure of sitting in that chair, but he felt he was there as the representative of the Province of Middlesex, and as long as he was able he would do all he could to exert himself for the interest of that province. He felt he had represented Middlesex for such a number of years that he trusted to continue to do so to the end of his days. It was gratifying to him to hold that position, but he was more gratified than he could express for the kindness he always received. He thought he ought not to lose that opportunity of thanking those brethren who had made the excellent arrangements for the meeting, including Bros. J. H. Thompson and Clements, and also Bros. May and Poulton, who had decorated the hall most beautifully, which he felt was a compliment not only to the province but to himself. He should have the recollection of that meeting as one of the happiest and pleasantest he had attended for many years. He had presided over the province for 20 years, and as long as he was able to struggle along they might depend upon it it would be the greatest pleasure in the world to him to be a brother amongst them.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then gave "The Visitors," and said he should be neglecting his duty if he failed to bring that toast to their notice, as the province was always anxious to receive visitors. They had brethren present from all parts of the world. Their Masonic hospitality did not only extend to their own province, but went as far as Masonry extended, and he hoped that wherever Masonry extended they might find representatives of the Masonic world coming and meeting with a hospitable reception from the Province of Middlesex. He had pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of a brother who had come from a very far distant country—New South Wales—where Masonry was making tremendous progress, and where Masons were working uncommonly well, and almost passing them in the number of their buildings and Masonic Halls. He thought they might take a hint and erect many Masonic Halls in which to meet and hold their meetings. Abroad they had the most magnificent halls, of which English Masons did not know. He was happy to see Bro. Buchanan on the present occasion, and the province was much flattered by his presence.

Bro. E. H. BUCHANAN, Grand Architect of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, in reply, said it afforded him extreme satisfaction to return sincere thanks for the flattering remarks made by the Prov. Grand Master in proposing the toast, and for the hearty reception it had received. He felt somewhat selfish in occupying that position, for he thought he had deprived more prominent and deserving visitors from responding, and who could speak locally. He was almost an entire stranger amongst them, although he did not feel so, as the kindly treatment and reception he had received made him feel quite at home and amongst brethren. As the Prov. Grand Master had said, Masonry had extended its branches so widely that it had extended 14,000 miles, namely, over Australia, and was very much alive there. In his colony they were governed by their own Grand Lodge, and owing to the gracious efforts of the Earl of Carnarvon and other prominent Masons, were recognised by the Grand Lodge of England. Lord Carrington, their Governor, and P.S.G.W. of England, was their beloved Grand Master, and under that Grand Lodge they numbered about 230 lodges in work. They had their own halls mostly, and all the Metropolitan lodges met in the City Hall, which was capable of holding 3000 Masons. If ever any of the Masons present visited Sydney, he had only to present himself to the Grand Secretary or Assistant, and he would always find a Masonic welcome. He thought that altogether in the colony there were between 5000 and 6000 Masons, who were spread all over the colony, and thus exercised a great influence and conferred many benefits. The Board of Benevolence distributed £300 or £400 every quarter for necessitous cases. There were many Masons who had left the old country, and, having met with unforeseen

adverse circumstances, had to apply for assistance, and being proved deserving, were always well attended to. He was not present officially, but was visiting England on business, and wished to experience the feelings Masonry had taught him would be extended to a stranger. He knew Masonry was an institution in which he need have no fear in seeking the privileges open to those asking. His introduction to the lodge was through Bro. Clements, P.M., in whom he had found a friend and true Mason, who was too well known to them to need further compliment. He had not yet visited many lodges, but was present at the annual Festival of the Girls' School, and complimented the Prov. Grand Master on having the honour to preside thereat. The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales would be pleased to hear of their fraternal greetings, and he would have much pleasure in forwarding same in his next letter to Grand Lodge, and informing them of the hearty reception he had received, and of the good old way Masonry was conducted in the grand old country. Again he thanked them.

"The Provincial Grand Officers" was the last toast given by the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, who said he had for a long time had a great many Provincial Grand Officers to assist him, and had always found them most able and willing to perform their duties in a manner satisfactory to himself and the province. He believed the province held a high position in the estimation of his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. He hoped they would all agree with him that the Past Provincial Grand Officers had all performed their duties in a satisfactory manner, and he was sure the present officers would emulate them. There were those coming on who would take an example from them and give satisfaction to all. He was indebted to almost every brother in the province, and on the occasion when he presided at the Girls' School Festival he was wonderfully supported, as the subscriptions given by Middlesex exceeded those of any other province.

Bro. RAYMOND H. THRUPP, D.P.G.M., in reply, said the Provincial Grand Officers tried to render the working of the province such as could be held up as an example to other provinces. It was a difficult task to select from the many excellent brethren in the province those for provincial honours, but he thought they would agree that as a rule the Provincial Grand Master made few mistakes in the selection of his officers. There were Provincial Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers—those who had nothing to do but look ornamental and pleasant, and the executive officers, such as Bro. Room, the Provincial Grand Secretary, the Treasurer, and the D. of C., who, like himself, had to see that the brethren did not kick over the traces, which they were occasionally apt to do. In the arrangement of the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting they had to depend on the brethren in the particular part in which they met. On that occasion they were indebted to certain brethren of the St. James's and Enfield Lodges for kind assistance, especially Bros. J. H. Thompson and H. F. Clements. The Provincial Grand Officers were only too glad to find they were appreciated by the brethren, and they begged to thank those present for the kind manner in which they had received the toast.

The Tyler's toast closed a successful meeting, the pleasure of which was considerably enhanced by an excellent programme of music, under the direction of Bro. H. W. Schartau, P.P.G. Org., assisted by Bros. E. Dalzell, P.P.G. Org., and R. Grice, and Masters A. Lee, H. Jackson, and W. T. Porter.

The arrangements for the meeting were excellently managed by a local Committee of brethren, including Bros. J. H. Thompson and H. F. Clements, whilst Bros. May and Poulton were responsible for the effective floral decorations. The banquet was ably catered for by Mr. Schmidt, of Enfield.

### CONSECRATION OF THE CORNISH LODGE, No. 2369.

On Thursday night, a new Masonic lodge for the convenience of Cornishmen resident in London was consecrated at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, in the presence of a large number of brethren, including—Bros. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M. of Cornwall; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chaplain; F. A. Philbrick, G. Registrar; R. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.; Charles Fitzgerald Matier, P.G. Standard Bearer; R. T. Walkem, Grand Master of Canada; N. J. West, W.M. designate; J. Roberts, George Walter, Belgrave Ninnis, Wm. Thos. Brailey, R. Greenwood, Rev. F. Hosken, E. W. Carus-Wilson, W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; Sidney Clarke, Chas. Rawle, Rev. E. Geard, J. E. H. Stephens, J. O. Widger, R. Bullen, W. Cock, J. Leach Barrett, Christopher V. Burgess, W. Molesworth St. Aubyn, John Curnow, M.D., E. Banfield, E. Milford Milford, R. E. Baker, T. P. Bullen, G. R. Mockridge, John Paige, C. E. Ferry, Chas. Read, Richard Pearce Couch, Thos. Kempton, Mostyn T. Pigott, J. Hodges, N. B. Bullen, P. W. Hanson, P. T. Chirgwin, T. A. Kistler, F. C. Atkinson, Henry R. Redman, Chas. J. Rich, G. T. Brown, W. A. Cooper, Charles Daniel, George M. Williams, James Herron, H. Massey, R. Dyson, F. H. Miller, C. D. Lang, F. J. Ruse, W. E. Joyce, J. H. Hoit, G. T. Waters, N. E. Pollard, C. J. Ozaum, Henry Wright, T. W. Coffin, S. W. Ray, P.D.D.G.M. Carada; and others.

The ceremony of consecration was performed by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., as S.W.; Dr. R. Turtle Pigott, as J.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, as Chap.; C. F. Matier, as D. of C.; and Pollard, as I.G.

After the formal opening of the lodge, Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, addressing the brethren, said the occasion on which they were assembled was one of a very important and interesting character, viz., the formation of a new lodge and its consecration according to the rites and ceremonies of Freemasonry. As they were all aware, it was a very difficult thing at the present day to obtain a warrant for a new lodge in London. There were now no less than 371 lodges in the Metropolitan area, therefore every petition had to be considered very carefully. In many cases they had to be refused, but in the present instance, he was happy to say the efforts of the petitioners had been successful. There were many lodges called class lodges, but although the laws of Freemasonry did not allow class distinctions, still there were many lodges which were for the special convenience of certain professions, or callings, or localities. They had lodges in London composed of brethren coming from particular parts of England, others composed of certain Volunteer regiments, others of members of learned societies, and so on, and now they were about to form a lodge, which he hoped would be a very excellent and successful one, whose members it was proposed to recruit from the distant County of Cornwall. In that county he happened to know Masonry was very well conducted and well organised, and he had no doubt that the same Masonic excellence which existed in that distant province would be found in the lodge in London, and that the Cornish Lodge, No. 2369, would, through its members, show the same high Masonic abilities as were displayed in the Cornish district. The brethren were fortunate in having their petition well supported by their district. The Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall was one of its founders, as was also the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and many other excellent brethren. As they had a large field from which to obtain members who were an honour to the Order, it would be their own fault if they did not make the Cornish Lodge worthy of the Province of Cornwall. The warrant of the lodge was committed to their charge, and he was sure that in placing it in the keeping of Bro. Nicholas West, whom he had known for several years, it would be perfectly safe, and that the lodge would be made as great a success as the brethren desired it should be.

The GRAND CHAPLAIN then delivered the oration, after which the ceremony of consecration was duly performed.

At the close of the ceremony Bro. Nicholas J. West, P.P.S.G.W. Cornwall, was installed first W.M. Bro. West appointed the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe to act as Past Master during his year of office. Bro. J. Henwood Thomas, the S.W.,

being absent through illness, Bro. W. Lake, P.P. G. Reg. Cornwall, was temporarily invested in his stead. Bro. John Roberts was invested as Junior Warden. Bro. W. Lake was unanimously elected Treasurer.

The other officers were Bros. Charles Greenwood, Secretary; Molesworth St. Aubyn, S.D.; C. V. Burgess, J.D.; C. Rawle, I.G.; the Rev. R. F. Hosken, Chaplain; J. L. Barrett, Director of Ceremonies; and John Curnow and Robert Bullen, Stewards.

The Consecrating Master and his Assistants and the Grand Master of Canada (who is the son of a Cornishman), and the Deputy District Grand Master of Canada, were elected honorary members of the lodge, which was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to a grand banquet, a report of which will appear in our next.

### ADDRESS ON FREEMASONRY.

We have much pleasure in reprinting the eloquent address delivered by Bro. Rev. D. S. Monroe, D.D., at the recent dedication of the new Masonic Hall, Altoona.

"Freemasonry is the embodiment of great, noble, philanthropic ideas. It is an association of freemen—men born free.

"The very thought of freedom is an inspiration. It has made the dumb eloquent, and the cowardly heroic. It has crumbled the throne of tyranny and set free the oppressed. It has faced the perils of the stormiest seas and dared the dangers of the mountain fastnesses, and for the sake of country has abandoned the comforts of home and found a grave upon foreign soil. It has done this and more that a Temple of Liberty should be erected where freemen might worship unawed by power, uninfluenced by wealth, unseduced by flattery or passion—and to the erection of this Temple, Masonry has contributed no little. We have been sneeringly asked 'What is the origin of, and what is Freemasonry?' Is this a reflection upon it? What know we of the origin of anything? We may ask, whence this beautiful world? Whence these grand old mountains that surround our city of altitude, that have been scathed a thousand times by the lightning's flash and as often shaken by the thunder's march? Whence these wide-spreading forests whose variegated foliage has called forth the admiration of men, as touched by the pencil of the divine artist they present a painting more exquisite than was ever conceived by Raphael? Whence the tossing ocean whose white-crested billows have made sublime the poet's dream as they danced beneath the sun's resplendent rays—and the sun itself around whose throne worlds innumerable revolve, receiving from him their light, as they do reverence to his might. Whence all these? Wrapt in mystery may be their origin, but there they are, influencing the ages and supplying with nourishment the intellects of men. So is it with Freemasonry. We may differ as to the origin of its mysteries, but its principles are eternal and elevating, and its influence is felt wherever men are found. As in creation, out of the womb of darkness at the command of earth's great Architect, 'Let there be light,' worlds and systems sprung into being, so Freemasonry is out of darkness into light and in both God is recognised. God! before that name the world is astonished—speechless! He is the Ancient of Days. When there was nothing but himself, when not a breath of air waved its subtle banner, nor a solitary star shone in the eternity of darkness where the Throne of Night was founded—when not a leaf trembled or a bird sung, or a flower bloomed, or the sun burned, or an angel stood in the presence of the Great I Am, then was God, and in His nature dwelt the very principles that form the essence and strength of our Craft; for, declares the Psalmist—'Strength and Beauty are in His sanctuary.' Truth girdles His Throne. Justice sways his sceptre. Love streams forth from His heart. Upon these all our mysteries are founded.

"The first lesson taught the novitiate is trust in God, and the first object upon which light falls is the source of all true principles—the Holy Bible. And this guides him through the corridors and chambers of our Temple until he is raised to sublime heights. These principles form the bond of Brotherhood, and are the inspiration of confidence. Thoughts born in the mind clothe themselves in forms, these again are clothed in symbols, and these again teach truths, which are realities. And inclosed in every Masonic symbol is a hidden truth. Facts and things and ideas the moment they are perceived by the mind formulate themselves into words. And what are words but symbols? Who can tell the power that lies hidden in a symbol? Take a nation's banner. The whirlwind in its destructive march, the ocean lashed into fury, the spangled heavens with their million worlds, their moving, shooting, blazing squadrons, and the mountains mantled with a robe of snow, or capped with a diadem of ice—what are these compared to the mighty rush of military hosts as the flag of their country waves them on to victory. The cross upon which died the world's Redeemer, whom we reverence and adore, to which we look back, and the world before Him looked forward, was of wood, and yet it symbolises the power of a mighty faith, that is destined to subdue the world.

"How full of heroic deeds of those who contended for the truth is Masonic history! What a grand and sublime history it is! It begins, who knows when! Perhaps as we review it we may be borne through past centuries. We may stand on lonely deserts, before even pyramids cast their frowning shadows on burning sands. We see empires rise and fall, republics flourish and decay, dynasties come and go—monarchs reign, strut their few days, and then pass from the memory of men. Alexander, Hannibal, and Cæsar, the world's great conquerors, swayed their sceptres for a season, which then fell from their lifeless hands. Warriors, patriots, statesmen, artistes, poets, jurists, all pass in review—place their thoughts in the alcoves of the centuries, and then pass away—but Freemasonry still lives, and we are proud of its history, crowded as it is with deeds of noble daring, deeds of philanthropy, deeds of self sacrifice. It is said some stars are so distant their beams have occupied thousands of years journeying to our earth, and yet these bodies, if suddenly annihilated, would still continue to shine upon us for thousands of years to come. So, too, the influence of the great and good men of Masonry who long since departed from our presence, still irradiates our world. True, a malignant foe has occasionally arisen, meteor-like, in the firmament of the social world, for a moment attracted attention, and then vanished, leaving not even the coruscation of a shooting star.

"With the low, the mean, the base, the false, a Freemason has no sympathy. He loves truth and deals justly, for a true Mason is a true man and just. These are the principles that make such men as our age wants. Men who cannot be bought. Men who are ever for the right. Men who never shrink from duty. Men who never lie. Men who never embezzle. Men who never forge or steal. Could the spirit of these principles be infused like a stream into the troubled atmosphere of this sorrowing world, how soon would the surging elements that now threaten ruin to our humanity be quieted. Its power would be far greater than the mightiest earthquake that ever shook our earth, or the fiercest revolution that ever crumbled the foundations of an empire.

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Every Evening, at 8, RUY BLAS AND THE BLASE ROUE.

STRAND THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 8.40, OUR FLAT; at 8, BOYS WILL  
BE BOYS.

VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 8.30, SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER; at  
7.45, MEADOW SWEET.

COMEDY THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 8.10, A BAD PENNY; at 9, NERVES.

SAVOY THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 8.30, THE GONDOLIERS.

PRINCE OF WALES' THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 8.15, MARJORIE; at 7.30, ALL ABOARD.

COURT THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 8, THE CABINET MINISTER.

LYRIC THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 8, BY THE SEA; at 8.30, THE BRIDE  
OF LOVE.

GRAND THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 7.40, PAUL JONES.

SURREY THEATRE.

Every Evening, at 7.30, THE DANGERS OF LONDON.

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**To Correspondents.**

The following communications unavoidably stand over:

- CRAFT—
- Chigwell Lodge, No. 453.
- Malling Abbey Lodge, No. 1063.
- Horwich Lodge, No. 2324.
- Grand Festival of the Secret Monitor.
- Jubilee Celebration at Merthyr Tydvil.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Freemasons' Repository," "Voic. of Masonry" (Chicago),  
"Trestle Board," "Boletin Oficial," "Masonic Advocate,"  
"Die Bauhutte," "South Australian Freemason," and "Vic-  
torian Freemason."



SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 1890.

**Masonic Notes.**

Very sensible progress has been made since we wrote  
last week in strengthening the Board of Stewards for  
the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys  
on the 2nd prox. It comprised 232 brethren then, and  
up to the time of writing there had been an increase of  
15, so that thus far at all events Bro. Binckes has  
succeeded in obtaining the services of 247 brethren as  
Stewards for the 29th and last Festival with which he  
will be officially associated. There is, of course, time  
for the addition of further names to the list, but not for  
anything in the way of serviceable canvassing for sub-  
scriptions, so that our hopes that the Board would  
eventually be 300 strong stand very little chance of  
being realised.

Among the latest additions, however, we notice the  
names of some prominent brethren, so that it is quite  
on the cards that what the Board lacks in quantity may  
be made good in the matter of quality. By this we  
mean that the more influential the members of the  
Board may be individually, the greater is the likelihood  
of their obtaining good lists. We hope, at all events,  
that it will prove so in this instance.

As for the distribution of the brethren who have  
given their services, London, we regret to say, still  
remains the weak point. A few more lodges are repre-  
sented than when we first drew attention to the approach-

ing Festival of this Institution, and the number of Unattached has been increased. But the improvement in numbers is on too modest a scale to make us sanguine of a large Return from the Metropolis, which is indeed woefully below its average strength.

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We must, therefore, rest our chief hopes on the provinces, that, as at the Girls' School Festival the other day, their weightier returns may more than make amends for the possible shortcomings of London. Some, indeed, of the provinces which have sent up Stewards are very well represented, and we are glad to find among those which, as far as our experience goes, have always prided themselves on the regularity of their attendance and the high average of subscriptions they have been able to maintain. However, what further we may think it needful to say on this Festival must be reserved till next week, when, as the celebration will be only a few days distant, we have just a few last words of encouragement to offer, and express a hope that, as regards its total, the coming anniversary may compare favourably with some of the best among its predecessors.

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It has leaked out, as such matters have a knack of doing, that at its meeting on Saturday last the Provisional Management Committee of the Boys' School selected from a reduced list of nine candidates four brethren whose qualifications for the office of Secretary of the Institution they consider of such a character as to justify the election of any one of them to be the successor of Bro. Binckes. The four—which we have placed in alphabetical order—are Bros. W. H. Greenwood, J. M. McLeod, Gordon Smith, and Edwin Storr. It will, therefore, rest with the members of the General Committee to determine by their votes which of these four shall occupy the seat vacated by Bro. Binckes.

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The Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, will make its second annual excursion on Saturday, the 12th July next. The place selected for this year's jaunt is Edgware, which will be reached by the Great Northern Railway, when, under the guidance of Bro. Klein, the brethren will inspect the tower of the Edgware Church, and afterwards the Church at Whitechurch, 1561, containing Handel's organ, the tomb of the Harmonious Blacksmith, the Chandos Mortuary Chapel, &c., &c., and thence on through Canons' Park to the Abercorn Arms, Great Stanmore, where lunch will be served. Brethren desirous of taking part in the excursion must procure tickets (price 7s. 6d., fare and lunch, but wines and beer extra) from the Secretary, Bro. G. W. Speth, before Saturday, the 5th prox.

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The consecration of the Doric Lodge, No. 2359, will take place to-day (Saturday) at the Conservative Club, Didsbury. Bro. G. S. Smith is to be installed the first W.M., the principal officers being Bros. Clare Edgar Towell, S.W., and John Fletcher, J.W. The future meetings of the lodge will be held at the Didsbury Hotel.

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A delightful concert was given at Greenwich, on the 12th instant, under the auspices of the Borough of Greenwich Lodge, No. 2332, of which Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P., P.G.D., is W.M. The performers were Bros. Nichols, M.E.Z. 1973, Beckwith, and S. J. Gore, assisted by Miss Bertha Colnaghi, Miss Marie Hooton, and Miss Edith Thomas, with Mr. E. Stanley Cockton as accompanist and humorous vocalist. Where all the performers did so well, it would be almost invidious to particularise, but special mention must be made of Miss Colnaghi's highly finished and delightful rendering of "Dear Heart" (given by special request) and "Love's old sweet song;" also of Mr. Cockton's very able rendering of a musical sketch of his own, "The rehearsal for cur amateur concert." At the conclusion a cordial vote of thanks to the lodge and the artistes was carried by acclamation, on the proposal of one of the visitors.

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We learn that a Mark Master Masons' lodge, No. 407, is to be consecrated at the Bisley National School Room on Friday, the 27th inst., at 3 o'clock. Our brethren at Bisley appear to be very energetic, for a Craft lodge was consecrated only last September. We congratulate them upon their energy and success, and there is no doubt that the existence of these lodges in close proximity to the new rifle ranges will be highly appreciated by Volunteers. In fact, it has been intimated to us that the Bisley brethren will accord a hearty welcome to any Volunteers who are Mark Master Masons who may please to present themselves at the coming consecration ceremony.

## 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.]

### MASONIC MUSIC AT DARLINGTON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I perceive in your report last Saturday of the music sung at a meeting of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, No. 1379, a list of the pieces are given, and in every instance, excepting two, the source or author is specified.

The two exceptions—"Hail, Eternal! by whose aid" and "Now the evening shadows closing"—are both in my "Freemasons' Liber Musicus," and both are my composition, though to one I put an assumed name, as I did in many other instances, not wishing at the time of publication to appear too conspicuous.

It took me 10 years to get together that volume of Masonic music, and, although there are a few pieces written for mixed voices, the greater portion are for male singers, and appropriate selections can be made suitable to every Degree and function connected with the Craft wherever three or four vocalists can be got together.

In the music arranged and selected for banquets and festive gatherings there is a suitable piece, song, or chorus for all usual Masonic toasts, and especially appropriate are the Master Mason's Song (usually sung after the W.M.'s health in Yorkshire and Lancashire lodges) and "Long live the Prince" (after the Grand Master's health).

In several Northern lodges I have given my lecture on Masonic music for the three Craft Degrees, with illustrations by not less than four brethren—alto, or high first tenor, second tenor, and first and second basses.

My efforts to improve the music in our ritual have met with the warmest and most generous approval and assistance from our P.G.M. for West Yorkshire—Bro. T. W. Tew—and his kind and able Deputy—Bro. Henry Smith, of Wakefield.

I shall have much pleasure in giving this lecture gratuitously in any lodge on payment of expenses only, and could bring the four vocal brethren required with me if suitable arrangements can be made.

Permit me, in conclusion, to say that I do hope in future that brethren will kindly acknowledge its source when they extract any selection from my "Freemasons' Liber Musicus"—the small and cheap edition of which is difficult to be obtained now, but I hope and believe a reprint will soon be issued.—Yours fraternally,

WM. SPARK, Mus. D., P.M. 289, P.P.G.O.  
West Yorkshire, Organist of the Town  
Hall, Leeds, &c.

June 16th.



## Craft Masonry.

### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Ranelagh Lodge (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., when there were present Bros. Edwin Lucas, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; H. F. Williams, J.W.; H. Purdue, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; A. Williams, S.D.; W. W. Williams, J.D.; Hans Scharien, D.C.; E. Newland, I.G.; H. Hewitt, Steward; A. Walkley, P.M., Tyler; H. Shaw, P.M.; J. D. Doncaster, P.M.; J. Sims, P.M.; F. J. Oliver, P.M.; A. J. Hardwick, R. Philips, Edward Lucas, E. D. Richards, S. M. Segar, W. Iredale, H. Pinn, A. J. Chambers, J. Stehr, R. Shaw, H. S. May, R. S. Cartwright, M. F. Wilkins, C. Southwood, R. F. Collins, W. Pullan, G. E. White, W. Icton, A. White, and J. C. Morgan. Visitor: Bro. J. G. Blyth, 1681.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. J. Stehr was raised, and Bros. W. Pullan and R. F. Collins were passed, the ceremonies being worked in a most able manner by the Worshipful Master. A candidate having been proposed for initiation, a letter was received from Mrs. Fitzwater, thanking the lodge for their kind support in obtaining the election of her daughter into the R.M.I. for Girls. A letter was also received announcing the death of Bro. Holland, and a vote of condolence was ordered to be forwarded to his sister.

**Anglo-American Lodge (No. 2191).**—The phenomenal success which has attended this lodge was further marked on Tuesday, the 17th inst., when the installation meeting was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, and attracted a large number of Grand Officers and other distinguished brethren. The lodge was opened by Bro. F. Kedge, W.M., supported by Bros. Adolphus Clark, I.P.M.; Brackstone Baker, P.M., P.G.D.; Theodore H. Tilton, P.D.G.M. 7th Masonic District, New York City, S.W., W.M. elect; J. J. Woolley, J.W.; W. Hancock, S.D.; G. H. Reynolds, J.D.; J. B. Cumming, Treas.; George Reynolds, Sec.; J. Skinner, I.G.; Dr. J. J. Wedgwood; and others. Amongst the distinguished brethren present were Bros. Richard T. Walkem, G.M. Canada; Col. A. Saunders, P.D.G.M. Madras; Dr. E. E. Wendt, Grand Secretary German Correspondence; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; G. Cooper, P.G.D.; B. Baker, P.M., P.G.D.; Sir J. R. Somers Vine, S.G.D.; Col. S. W. Ray, D.D.G.M. Ontario; Turtle Pigott, P.D. G.D.C.; Charles Belton, P.D.G.D.C.; J. Lewis Thomas,

P.P.G.D.C.; Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.B.; Col. J. Peters, P.G.S.B.; James Terry, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; W. G. Lemon, G. Std. Br.; J. S. Cumberland, P.P.S.G.W. North and East Yorkshire; and Dr. I. Zacharie.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, and numerous letters of regret for non-attendance, including one from Bro. Major George Lambert, P.G.S.B., resigning his membership. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bro. Theodore H. Tilton was presented as the Worshipful Master elect, and installed by Bro. F. Kedge in a masterly manner. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Jas. J. Woolley, S.W.; W. Hancock, J.W.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., Chap. J. B. Cumming, Treas.; Geo. Reynolds, Sec.; G. Herbert Reynolds, S.D.; J. Skinner, J.D.; Dr. J. J. Wedgwood, I.G.; A. Harris, D.C.; H. W. Schartau, P.P.G.O. Middx., Org; F. Jackson, J. B. Grieve, and Major F. W. Frigout, Stwds.; and R. F. Potter, Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. Kedge, I.P.M., delivered the usual addresses, and was presented with a Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) by the W.M., who said he could scarcely find words in which to express his gratification at being enabled to make the presentation. The I.P.M.'s services during the past year, and the fidelity with which he had ruled the lodge and discharged his duties, and the pleasure he had afforded them of witnessing and hearing his splendid rendering of the installation ceremony all increased the pleasure it afforded him (the W.M.) to present Bro. Kedge with the jewel and express the hope that he would live long to wear it and be a supporter of the lodge. The gift was briefly acknowledged by Bro. Kedge, I.P.M. The W.M. then said it afforded him great pleasure to present a jewel to Bro. J. B. Cumming, whose services since the foundation of the lodge had warranted the brethren in offering that souvenir to him. Without an able financier, he did not know how they should have proceeded, and he trusted Bro. Cumming would long retain the position of Treasurer. Bro. J. B. Cumming, Treas., returned thanks for the gift. The sum of £15 was voted from the Benevolent Fund to the widow of a late member. Bro. A. Clark, P.M., said they had heard with sorrow that evening of the resignation of Bro. Major George Lambert, and he thought they ought to make an exception in that case and pass a resolution of regret. He, therefore, proposed "That the brethren had received with sincere regret the resignation of Bro. Major George Lambert, P.G.S.B., one of the founders and one of the most ardent supporters of the lodge." Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.M., seconded the resolution, a copy of which was ordered to be sent to Bro. Major Lambert. Bro. R. T. Walkem, G.M. Canada, said he should like to say a word of congratulation to the W.M. on being installed, and wish him a happy year of office. He had closely observed the work and noticed a difference in matters of minor importance, but there was no difference in the spirit of the ritual as practised amongst English and Canadian Masons. They appeared to have a great deal more money to deal with than he, but in Canada they did not require so much, although they had a Benevolent Fund of 60,000 or 70,000 dollars. He once saw a plate passed round, first to collect dues and secondly for Charity. He had to express the pleasure it afforded him to be present at the Anglo-American Lodge.

Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Grand Hall, where a *recherché* repast was well served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. P. Bertini (Manager), assisted by Mr. Olivier.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," having been given, the W.M. proposed "The Grand Officers," and observed that they all did their duties well, and took an interest in subordinate lodges. He held in his hand regrets of a number of Grand Officers, whom they would have been pleased to have seen, which, however, showed their interest in the lodge. He coupled the names of Bros. Col. A. Saunders, W. G. Lemon, and D. P. Cama.

Bro. Col. A. Saunders, P.D.G.M. Madras, said he felt somewhat embarrassed in rising to respond, and the brethren would sympathise with him, having heard the list of brethren expected to have been present, that one of those brethren was not in attendance to do justice to the toast. He begged on behalf of the Present and Past Grand Officers to thank them for the reception given the toast. They all knew how famed that lodge was for its hospitality, and for its fraternal and hospitable gatherings held month after month and year after year since its formation, but there was one circumstance in connection with the present meeting, which was that they had for the first time—he spoke under correction—an American brother Master of the lodge. It might not be known to all present that the new W.M. had held high and responsible rank in New York. Bro. Tilton had also been W.M. of one or two lodges, and in those capacities he had given all and every satisfaction. The future might, therefore, be looked forward to with confidence, and he trusted that, should it be his good fortune to occupy a similar position again, he might be enabled to say how thoroughly his words had been verified.

Bro. W. G. Lemon, G. Std. Br., said the Grand Officers had their duties to perform, and they performed them, not for their own benefit, but for the benefit of the Craft, and it was because they desired to see the Craft prosper in all its developments that they came amongst the brethren and threw themselves heartily into the duties. He had had the pleasure of visiting that lodge once previously, and on the present occasion he rejoiced to see, as had been already intimated, a brother installed as W.M. who was an American, and who presided, not only by virtue of his being connected with a lodge in England, but as one who had also brought closer the lines of sympathy and brotherhood between that and the American lodges with which he was connected. Masonry was one, and being one they all united in those feelings of brotherhood that made them one. They would now receive from Bro. Cama some of those kindly words which always fall so pleasantly from him.

Bro. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas., also replied, and said his countryman, Bro. Col. Saunders, had taken the wind from his sails, and Bro. Lemon in his kind remarks had over-estimated his services. If he had done anything for their Society the chief thing that interested him was that it was the only Society that made no distinction of colour or creed. As the guest of the W.M., he thanked Bro. Tilton for remembering him, which was a graceful act, and such graceful acts from Englishmen would be most beneficial in bringing good feeling between the East and West. By his presence the cosmopolitan character of Freemasons had

been proved, and the Craft would prosper if they only look true and trusty men into it, and especially those who could practice the lessons they received as they had that evening in the beautiful addresses so impressively rendered by the I.P.M. If they practised Charity, cherished hope, and walked in faith, their Society was sure to prosper. He wished the lodge a long life of prosperity, and although different from them in colour and creed, he prayed to his Creator to pour down the evidence of His grace on the members of the lodge.

"The Sister Grand Lodges of the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada" was proposed by Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.M., P.G.D., who said that since their lodge was established it had been their invariable custom to acknowledge and pay recognition to the Masonic hierarchy of their neighbour country because it indicated their one aim, object, and intention. The object of the Anglo-American Lodge was to give a Masonic home to those travelling through England or resident here. Having addressed themselves to that object, nothing was more natural but that they should look to the focus from which emanated the Masonic glory of every State. He read a few days ago of a Masonic meeting in London in which the W.M. said, because he had some American grandee banqueting with him that he had to apologise for departing from and infringing the usual practice by proposing the toast of "The Grand Lodge of America." What they thought an exception and unusual, the Anglo-American Lodge had made a practice of ever since their establishment as much as the ordinary toast. He was made a Mason in Canada in 1854, and in 1855 certain irregularities arose at the London Grand Secretary's office, and they established their independence, and started an organisation such as existed now in this country. They had present a successor of the early Grand Masters in their worthy guest, Bro. Walkem, who was now Grand Master of Canada, who would tell them how many lodges he had under his control. At the time of the separation there were 15 English and a few Scotch and Irish lodges, but Bro. Walkem would tell them there were now between 300 and 400. Bro. Walkem was not the only Grand Master they had entertained, as they had received Bro. Shryock, Grand Master of Maryland, and he hoped American brethren would always find in their lodge a Masonic home as they would always find a Masonic welcome.

Bro. R. T. Walkem, G.M. Canada, in the course of a long speech, said he appeared before them under somewhat peculiar circumstances, because, in the first place, being G.M. of Canada, he was asked to respond for the toast of the United States as well as Canada. There might be a certain amount of fitness in that fact. They had heard a great deal of the annexation of Canada, but he wanted to bring a different idea, and that was—the annexation of the United States to Canada, and the fact that he was called upon to reply for the United States was a suggestion in that way, which he would ask them to bear in mind. It was a graceful act that the W.M. of the Anglo-American Lodge should ask the Grand Master of Canada to respond for the United States, and he could assure the W.M. that if he went amongst them in Canada he would receive a hearty welcome. In another way he came before them as a visitor for the first time in England, because, as he said at the Grand Lodge meeting, he was taken out of England in his nurse's arms, and had been a stranger since. He had determined, before he resigned his office as Grand Master, that he would come over here and see the cradle of Masonry, his brethren here, and the Grand Lodge in England. It was with extraordinary feelings that he visited that country from a land of gigantic size and difference in every respect from England, so far as physical features were concerned, but they were the same people. He came back feeling he was a son of England, although a thorough Canadian, and although he found much to astonish him, yet he found that when he came and sat in their lodge he was not different from what he was in his own country, and he could stretch his hands across the lodge, and feel he had brethren to greet him. In a population of 60 millions in the United States there were one million Masons, and from the former number was to be deducted a large proportion of those not eligible for Masonry, and that would give them some idea of the extraordinary influence of Masonry, and when they considered what an extraordinary influence they must have throughout the United States, they would understand the power of Masonry. In Ontario the Masons averaged 1 to every 100 of the population. It had been said that Masonry was overt in its aim, but it acted quietly, and there could not be that amount of leaven in the population without producing a good result. He did not represent the Dominion of Canada, but one of the most influential provinces—Ontario—and they practised their Masonry in the way the early Christians practised their Christianity. The Masons, as a rule, had many miles to ride to attend their lodges, and the brethren would therefore see the amount of self denial required. During the past two years he had travelled between 7000 and 8000 miles in discharge of his duties and visiting the lodges in the district. He believed they had the most perfect administrative policy possible in his own Grand Lodge. He should have great pleasure in conveying the assurance to Canadian Masons that their Grand Master was received with the distinction to which he was entitled, and not only with respect, but with affection.

Bro. F. Kedge, I.P.M., said he had a most pleasing duty to perform in proposing "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Tilton," who was the first American-made Mason installed in the chair of their lodge. They were all pleased to see Bro. Tilton in that position, and during his year he would not only prove a good Master but would maintain the prestige of the Craft in every respect. To the W.M. he (Bro. Kedge) gave hearty congratulations on reaching the honourable position, and was sure he would leave the chair with the regret of the members and with credit to himself.

Bro. Theodore H. Tilton, P.D.G.M. New York City, W.M., having returned thanks, said he begged to assure them he felt the responsibility of the position he had taken that night as the Master of the Anglo-American Lodge. He had occupied the position of W.M. of a lodge in America, but to occupy that post in an English lodge was quite a different matter. The ceremonies and the ritual were so different, and to preside at a banquet was different. He thanked them for the courtesy and cordiality with which they had received him in the lodge and at the festive board. During his year he would to the utmost of his ability carry out the tenets and principles of Freemasonry as he knew them. He would do his best to give them satisfaction, and would leave nothing undone in any way that would detract

from the lustre of the lodge. They had a membership of about 100 members, which was equal to almost any lodge in the City, of course excluding the Drury Lane and Savage Club Lodges, and possibly one or two others. He did not question it that they had as good and true Masonic members and as good, Masonic, and fraternal feeling as not only any in England, but in America. When the lodge was first established, and the report went forth, the Grand Master of the United States took the greatest interest in it, and had all looked towards it since that time. They had entertained many distinguished brethren from America, who felt when they visited the lodge that it was a Masonic home where they could feel they were welcome. For the honour done him as an American Mason, in placing him at their head, he thanked them most heartily. He only trusted that one year hence he might feel as comfortable as he did that night.

The W.M. then gave "The I.P.M. and Past Masters," and said they had in Bro. Brackstone Baker a very efficient and able Master, then followed Bro. Clark and Bro. Kedge whom they had listened to, and he knew very pleasantly, that evening. They all knew how beautifully the I.P.M. had rendered the ceremonies. In the foundation of the lodge they needed such a spirit as Bro. Baker, and he scarcely thought it would have been successful if they had not had the representative of 22 out of 28 Grand Lodges at their head.

Bro. F. Kedge, I.P.M., in reply, said that if the small services he had been able to render to the lodge had met with their approbation he was perfectly satisfied. He had never before had an opportunity of rendering the installation ceremony, and he had had very little time to make himself acquainted with the ritual, but he had endeavoured, to the best of his ability, to render it, and he hoped to their satisfaction.

Bro. Adolphus Clark, P.M., also replied, and said he could claim but little consideration at their hands, as he simply endeavoured to do the work entrusted to him in the best manner possible, and he hoped gave satisfaction. He regretted that Bro. Baker, P.M., had left, as he was one of those natural orators they seldom came across. He could simply express his thanks for the cordial manner they had received the toast, and say that anything he could do for the interests of the lodge he should be only too pleased to do.

"The Visitors," and "The Masonic Charities," were also given.

The toast of "The Officers" was responded to by Bro. John B. Cumming, Treasurer, and Bro. George Reynolds, Secretary, who assured the W.M. that he would work for him in the same way as he had previously done for the other W.M.'s, and he hoped at the end of the session to possess the same good feeling from him as the retiring W.M. He wished him a happy year of office and prosperity to his gavel. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

A selection of music was arranged by Bro. H. Schartau, Org., and carried out by Bros. E. Dalzell, F. Cozens, F. Bevan, A. Weston, Bowles, A. South, and Bro. R. Mackway's choir of boys.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BIRMINGHAM.

**Temperance Lodge (No. 739).**—The usual monthly meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, New-street, on Thursday, the 12th instant. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. C. Stackhouse, assisted by Bros. Locker, S.W.; Parkes, J.W.; Candellent, P.M.; Lees, P.M.; Wilkinson, P.M.; Srawley, P.M.; North; Bancroft, P.M.; Taylor, P.M.; J. F. Thomason, P.M.; Thomason, P.M.; Trevitt, Wilkes, Bennett, Tomez, Laughton, Gittings, Dawson, Andrews, Hetherington, Skemigton, Reading, and others.

After the minutes had been read, Bro. Hemming was raised to the Degree of a M.M. by the W.M. in a very impressive manner. The I.P.M. passed Bro. Brampton, and the W.M. afterwards initiated Mr. Roland Felton. During the evening the sum of 10 guineas was voted from the lodge funds to the R.M.I. for Boys. A vote of condolence was passed to Bro. Hardman on the death of his wife.

After the usual routine business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, when a very pleasant evening was spent.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Grand Lodge of England," mentioned that he had attended the meeting of Grand Lodge at Freemasons' Hall on the 4th inst., and was highly pleased with all that he saw and heard there, and he also announced that he intended to be present at the Boys' School Festival in July, and appealed to the brethren to support his efforts on behalf of that Institution.

The proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast. During the evening songs, &c., were given by Bros. Taylor, Skemigton, Thomason, Bancroft, and Gittings.

BRADFORD.

**Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 12th instant, when there were present Bros. Alfd. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., W.M.; S. A. Auty, P.M., S.W.; Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.G.S., J.W.; G. P. Peterson, Treas.; J. T. Last, Sec.; Thos. Jowett, S.D.; John Niven, J.D.; A. J. Boyle, as I.G.; Hill, Tyler; Thos. W. Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; and John Morton. Visitors: Bros. J. W. Balme, P.M. 61; John Duncan, P.M. 633; Chas. S. Speight, W.M., Howarth, Sec., John Ingleby, P. J.W., A. W. Pullan, I.G., Geo. Beanland, and John Pickles, of 302; S. Render, P.M. 600; Jno. E. Russell, 1648; Wm. Miles, 1648; and W. B. Sewell, 600.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Morton was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M. in his usual able manner, the working tools being explained, and the charge in the Third Degree, delivered by Bro. J. Wilson, P.M., P.G.S., J.W. The by-laws were signed by the brethren present, and the ballot taken in Section A by the Lodge Benevolent Association in aid of the Masonic Charities, which will probably result in adding another Steward to the coming Boys' School Festival.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, when a very pleasant evening was spent.

Bros. Pullan, Miles, and Sewell (visitors) added materially to the harmony of the evening by rendering songs and recitations in capital style.

CHESHUNT.

**Gresham Lodge (No. 869).**—The installation meeting was held at Cheshunt Great House on Saturday last, when the lodge and its visitors must have mustered close on 50 strong, and the proceedings passed off with more than the usual success. Bro. W. A. Dingle, M.D., W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Sharpe, I.P.M.; Richard Bird, P.M. 2054, P.P.G.S.B., S.W. and W.M. elect; S. M. Banker, J.W.; Walter E. Gompertz, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; W. T. Grant, S.D.; S. S. Hasluck, J.D.; T. F. Wild, I.G.; W. R. Dixon, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., D.C.; Chas. A. Gompertz, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Hughes, P.M.; W. H. Dunn and C. J. Everitt, Stwds.; J. J. Marsh, Tyler; W. E. Marsh, Ernest E. Street, F. A. Taylor, W. J. Marsh, John T. Reynell, F. Rees, A. Laker, A. Mann, W. J. Jackson, A. Maddox, and E. Apelt. The visitors included Bros. E. M. Money, P.M. 23, G. Steward; Alfred Cank, P.M. 1016; Walter Fowler, 194; John Brittain, P.M. 1385, P.P.J.G.W.; John E. Lloyd, P.M., H. Newland, P.M., and W. Pace, all of No. 28; E. Johnson, P.M. 311; S. F. Hill, 1216; G. B. Abbott, S.D. 1385; C. W. Williams, 1982; Jas. Parvis, 504; H. Parkinson, 1328; H. Bird, 1364; G. H. Watson, 36, Belfast, Ireland; C. F. Ellis, 1962; H. Poulting, 186; H. Gross, 1314; Price, and others. There were others also whose engagements prevented them being present early in the day, but who made a point of attending on this important occasion, such as Bros. F. D. R. Copestick, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.S.B., W. F. Potter, and others.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed, the several visitors were presented in turn by the D. of C. to the W.M., who gave them one and all a most cordial welcome to the lodge. Bro. E. Apelt was balloted for and elected a joining member, and personally expressed his thanks to the brethren for the honour they had done him. The Auditors' Report was then submitted by Bro. A. D. Mann, and having, on motion duly made and seconded, been unanimously adopted, was ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Sharpe, I.P.M., having taken the chair as Installing Master, Bro. R. Bird, W.M. elect, was duly presented by Bro. Past Master Dixon, D.C., and having been duly obligated, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Bird was regularly installed in office as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony having been most ably performed by Bro. Sharpe. The Board of Installed Masters having been closed, the brethren were re-admitted into the lodge, and the new Master was saluted in accordance with the usages and customs of the Craft, and Bro. Sharpe completed his task, with the exception of the address to the Wardens and brethren, which was delivered by Bro. C. A. Gompertz, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. The following brethren were appointed as officers for the ensuing year, namely: Bros. S. M. Banker, S.W.; W. T. Grant, J.W.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; W. E. Gompertz, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; S. S. Hasluck, S.D.; T. F. Wild, J.D.; G. S. Elliott, I.G.; W. R. Dixon, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., D.C.; C. G. Everitt, A.D.C.; W. H. Dunn, Org.; A. G. Maddox, Asst. Org.; W. F. Potter and A. D. Mann, Stewards; and J. J. Marsh, Tyler. After the usual congratulations, lodge was closed, and the brethren spent the interval between labour and refreshment in roaming about the neighbourhood and enjoying the beautiful country in which the Great House is nestled.

On re-assembling at the dinner table under the presidency of Bro. R. Bird, W.M., it was found that the Gresham had well maintained its high character for hospitality, and an excellent menu was discussed with all the greater relish from the exercise which had preceded it. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, that of "The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P.," being received with the greatest enthusiasm. So, too, was the toast of "The W.M.," whose past distinctions in Freemasonry were referred to as justifying the expectation which the lodge had formed of the services he would be in a position to render during his Mastership.

Bro. Bird, in his reply to this compliment, modestly said that they might rely with confidence on his doing his very utmost to promote and extend the interests of the lodge.

As regards the toast of "The Visitors," the duty of replying was entrusted to Bro. J. Brittain, P.M. 1385, P.P.J.G.W.; E. M. Money, P.M. 23, G. Stwd.; and Purvis, 504, the first-named remarking that it was his first visit to the Gresham Lodge, while Bro. Money said that in the course of a varied career in Masonry extending over some 20 years, it was a unique experience to him to have visited a lodge which held its meetings in so fine a hall and surrounded by so many and such interesting memorials of bygone days.

In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M. and the Past Masters" generally, the W.M. congratulated Bro. Dr. Dingle on the manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office, and took the opportunity of presenting him with the Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) which had been voted unanimously to him by the lodge at its preceding meeting in recognition of the services he had rendered the lodge and the genial and kindly manner in which he had presided over the brethren, both in lodge and at the festive board.

Bro. Dingle having gracefully acknowledged the mark of esteem thus presented, and thanked the W.M. for the many kind things he had said about him, the toasts of "The Treasurer," "The Secretary," and "The other Officers" was proposed, and drunk most heartily.

In their several replies the Treasurer, the Secretary, and the S.W., Bro. Banker, expressed their thanks for the hearty manner in which the toast had been honoured. The Treasurer stating the gratification it afforded him to find he had been annually re-elected to office for some 16 or 17 years, while the Secretary expressed himself somewhat similarly as regards the post of Secretary, to which he had been annually appointed ever since he had quitted the chair of the lodge; both these veteran officers of the lodge adding that so long as they had health and strength, they should be willing to go on fulfilling the duties required of them.

The Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close, and the brethren, or the majority of them, were driven to the station and caught a tolerably early train, in which the railway authorities had had seats reserved for them.

We should add that in the intervals between the speeches there was some grand singing by Bros. Cank, Price, and others, the chief regret in connection with this part of the festive duties of the day being that time did not permit of

more songs being sung, and further evidences given of the ability of the brother who presided at the piano. To hear such music as the Gresham brethren were fortunate enough to be in a position to introduce on this occasion was a treat indeed, and one that is not very often to be enjoyed.

## CROYDON.

**George Price Lodge (No. 2096).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel. The lodge having been opened by the W.M., Bro. F. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org., the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. N. C. Crew was passed to the Second Degree. The Treasurer read the audited balance sheet, and congratulated the W.M. and brethren on the financial position of the lodge. The accounts were unanimously adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. W. G. Goode, S.W., the W.M. elect, was then presented and installed into the chair, the ceremony being very efficiently performed by Bro. Cambridge. The following brethren were appointed and invested officers, viz.: Bros. E. C. Holdsworth, S.W.; J. C. Leaver, J.W.; Rev. E. D. L. Harvey, P.P.G. Chap.; Chap.; H. M. Hobbs, P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; J. D. Langton, P.P.J.G.W., Sec.; F. W. Leaver, S.D.; C. Holden, J.D.; E. C. Leaver, I.G.; Dr. J. Wayte, D.C.; J. H. Price, Stwd.; and W. Lane, Tyler. The following members of the lodge were also present: Bros. Jones, Broad, Hayward, H. J. Strong, P.P.G.W.; J. S. Fraser, P.M.; and F. T. Ridpath, P.M., P.G.D. Visitors: Bros. F. Knight, 1185; Rev. R. Patterson, 1556; S. Whitford, 1321; J. D. Hunt, 15; G. J. Judge, I.P.M. 1178; J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.W. Yorkshire; Alison Lister, I.G. 1965; A. Lambert, W.M. 1556; J. Case, 1556; W. Fox Hawes, W.M. 463; W. S. Lincoln, S.W. 534; W. Burn, S.W. 858; J. Stephens, P.M. 206; C. Hornby, 1805; A. Lester, 1309; and H. Yates, 2182. Letters regretting their inability to be present were read from Bros. F. West, D.P.G.M. in charge; G. P. Merrick, P.P.G. Chap.; George Price, P.G. Treas.; and J. D. Langton, P.P.J.G.W.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the W.M. presented to Bro. Cambridge, I.P.M., the Past Master's jewel which had been voted to him at the last meeting.

Bro. Cambridge had prepared an excellent programme of music, which was admirably carried out by Bros. Lester, Yates, and Lister.

## EAST MOLESEY.

**Frederick West Lodge (No. 2222).**—On the 10th inst. the members of this lodge assembled at the Castle Hotel, in goodly numbers, although there was no business on the agenda, and were rewarded by witnessing some work unexpectedly. By request of the W.M. of No. 201, a brother who had been initiated and passed by him was brought forward to be raised to the Sublime Degree in this lodge, and the ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. David Hughes, P.M. 901, W.M.

The lodge being closed, the brethren partook of an elegant supper provided by Host Bro. Mayo, after which a most agreeable hour was passed in the charming covered terrace overlooking the river, which has just been constructed.

## ELSTREE.

**Kingswood Lodge (No. 2278).**—The first installation meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Plough Inn, on Thursday, the 12th inst., when the report of the year's work proved highly gratifying to the members and interesting to the visitors. Bro. Rawson Kelley, P.P.G.W. West Yorks., W.M., was supported by Bros. John Petch, P.M., W.M. elect; G. E. Lake, Deputy Prov. G.M.; Jas. France, P.P.G.S.B. West Yorkshire, S.W.; J. G. Cobb, J.W.; C. M. Coxon, S.D.; J. F. Bell, P.M. 1613, J.D.; H. T. Nell, P.M. 45, D.C.; Victor L. Tapling, Stwd.; R. W. Nicole, T. Wye, E. Blinkhorn, P.M. 1471; A. C. Halestrap, P.M. 1471; J. W. Rattenbury, W. Kennedy, G. A. Parkinson, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. Hancock, S.D. 2191; G. F. Baker, I.P.M. 303; W. R. Shutt, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; A. Whitby, 45; W. H. Bolt, S.D. 1563; J. Kershaw, 2128; Arthur J. Clark, I.P.M. 1627; T. C. Taylor, 45; W. Graves, Org. 1685; C. A. Hooper, S.D. 1613; H. J. Sturgen, 1613; C. Bullock, Prov. G. Sec.; G. Harlow, P.M. 1613; F. Harlow, P.M. 861; C. E. Wright, P.M. 1400; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, and Bro. G. E. Lake, Deputy Prov. G.M., then assumed the chair, and installed Bro. John Petch as the second W.M. of the lodge. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. J. G. Cobb, S.W.; C. M. Coxon, J.W.; W. Pheasant, Treas.; W. H. G. Ball, P.M. 45, Sec.; J. F. Bell, S.D.; H. T. Nell, J.D.; E. H. Moore, D.C.; R. W. Nicole, Stwd.; Thos. Wye, I.G.; and T. Williams, Tyler. Bro. Lake, the Installing Master, having delivered the usual addresses, the Auditors' Report was received, showing very satisfactory balances to the credit of the lodge and Benevolent Fund, and unanimously adopted. Bro. G. E. Lake, Deputy Prov. G.M., addressing the brethren, said he regretted being obliged to leave so early, but before doing so he desired to express his gratification at the highly satisfactory state of the lodge. It had attained considerable success during the past year and would no doubt continue to do so in the future, and become one of the foremost in the province. He heartily congratulated the members on the result of the first year's work, and the W.M., Bro. Petch, on attaining the chair of so successful a lodge. He regretted very much his inability to remain later, but his feelings were tempered by the thought that he had been able to attend and render service, however slight, to the brethren of the lodge. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for his kindness in acting as Installing Master. The W.M. presented Bro. Rawson Kelley, I.P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge, and the gift was appropriately acknowledged. The W.M., previous to closing the lodge, expressed his intention of serving as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and hoped to be cordially supported by the members.

An excellent banquet was followed by the usual toasts, which were heartily proposed and received.

"The Queen and the Craft" having been honoured.

The Worshipful Master proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," remarking that the toast was

always well received in Freemasonry, and justly so, as his Royal Highness was undoubtedly a zealous Mason, and was ever ready to render assistance for the benefit of the Craft.

"The Grand Officers" was submitted by Bro. Hancock, S.D. 2191, who referred to the brethren included in the toast as a most distinguished, worthy, and hard-working body. It was scarcely necessary to say anything of their merits, as the brethren knew the interest taken by the Grand Officers in the Order, and their readiness at all times to assist the M.W.G.M. For those reasons the Grand Officers had perfectly secured the good will and affection of the Craft.

Bro. Blinkhorn, P.M. 1471, proposed "The Prov. G.M., the Deputy Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said it was a matter of much regret that the Prov. G.M. had been prevented from being present, but it was the sincere wish of all the brethren that the illness of his son would not be of a serious nature. They had, however, been honoured with the presence of the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Lake, whose performance of the installation ceremony had been much appreciated. He regarded it as a great honour for such a young lodge to be so well patronised. It was early days yet to speak of what the lodge would do, but they hoped to be a credit to the province, and although not particularly numerous, they would be select. He was certain he could assure the Prov. G.M. that in the Kingswood Lodge there were members who knew their duty to the Craft, and whose efforts would strengthen Masonry in Hertfordshire.

Bro. C. Bullock, Prov. G. Sec., in reply, said he laboured under two disadvantages. In the first place, he was comparatively unknown, and almost a stranger to them, but that fault he hoped to remedy if the same hospitality as he had received that evening was extended to him on future occasions. Secondly, he had to respond for his two superior officers, who would no doubt have given the brethren speeches of much more eloquence. Bro. Halsey, P.G.M., was prevented from attending by domestic affliction, but they all hoped to see him among them again soon. With regard to Bro. Lake, D.P.G.M., as his successor, he believed him to be a man whose whole heart was wrapped up in Masonry and the Province of Herts. Bro. Lake's one aim in Masonry was to see the province become a credit to the Craft in general, and if they argued from the work put before them that evening, they need not fear. A Provincial Grand Secretary was a humble and modest individual, had to obey commands, and go where he was sent, but he occasionally met with an oasis in the desert, and then he was as happy as he had been that evening. The great pleasure of the Prov. Grand Officers was to see the province go on well, and they knew a good lodge when they saw it. They also thought that that lodge, although a young one, was going to be one of the most successful and satisfactory in the province. The Kingswood Lodge had shown them during the past year what it meant to do for the Charities of the Craft, and that was a great satisfaction, for after all the very root of their Masonic life was Charity. He hoped when he visited them again they would not look upon him as a stranger, and he regretted he was not in a position to attend at the time the lodge was consecrated, which was just before his appointment as Prov. Grand Secretary. Since that period there had been additions of three lodges, all of which were going on well, and it was pleasing to know there was not one lodge in the province who was not going on satisfactorily. He congratulated the members of that lodge from the bottom of his heart, and that was no mere form of words, for the working was invested with an earnestness that one seldom heard. He might mention the fact that the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held under the auspices of a lodge with which he had the honour to be connected at Berkhamstead on the 25th July, when they hoped to see a very large number of brethren present. The best way to get there was to go to Watford, and then it was but three stations. It had given him great pleasure to be favoured with an invitation that evening, and he should make it his endeavour to visit them again and report to the Provincial Grand Master the satisfactory manner in which that comparatively young, but extremely successful and growing, lodge was progressing.

"The Health of the W.M." was given by Bro. Rawson Kelley, I.P.M., who expressed the pleasure it afforded him to propose the toast of his successor, who had worked hard for the lodge for the last 12 months. The lodge was indebted for its admirable working to the W.M., assisted by Bros. Cobb and Coxon, the present Wardens. They congratulated Bro. Petch on attaining the position of the second W.M., and he (Bro. Kelley) was proud, as the first W.M., to hear the Prov. G. Sec. say the lodge had made its mark and stood in a high position. Bro. Petch was well worthy of the honour conferred upon him, and the provincial authorities would doubtless note his admirable and excellent work.

Bro. John Petch, P.M. 1471, W.M., expressed his gratitude to the I.P.M. for the manner in which he had proposed the toast. The I.P.M. had spoken in glowing language, but whatever he had said had been expressed in the goodness of his heart, and he therefore thanked him most sincerely. He might mention that they had received several telegrams from brethren in connection with West Yorkshire, and they were proud to be identified with that province. He thanked the brethren present very much for their kindness.

"Prosperity and Success to West Yorkshire" was next given by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. France, P.P.G.S.B. West Yorkshire.

Bro. V. Tapling, in submitting "The Visitors," said that in a small lodge such as theirs they could congratulate themselves upon the number present. Although it was not a large meeting, they were all friends and brethren, and were all called together by the bond of sympathy and fraternity which existed only in Masonic lodges. He appreciated a gathering such as the present, and more than all, the feeling which had prompted the visitors to attend. As members of the lodge they should congratulate themselves that there were those present who had come a great distance to attend. Those feelings the visitors had towards them, they reciprocated, and bade them a hearty welcome.

Bros. G. Baker, I.P.M. 303, and J. Harlow, P.M. 1613, returned thanks.

Bro. C. M. Coxon, J.W., then gave "The Masonic Charities," and expressed his pride that a toast of such importance should be placed in his hands, although he felt he was not qualified to do justice to it. In that new lodge they had made a point, he trusted successfully, of doing something to mark the commencement of their career with

respect to the Charities. They met together and enjoyed themselves, but they ought not to lose sight of those great Charities for which they as Masons should do all in their power. He was proud, indeed, to have the opportunity of representing that lodge as its first Steward, and although it was taken up at short notice, his list amounted to £40, and Bro. Nell followed him with £47. He was glad to know the W.M. had completed the trio by consenting to serve for the R.M.I. for Boys, and he hoped the members would make his list a good one, for it would be something to their credit if with but 26 members they could head the list of contributions from Hertfordshire.

"The Officers" was given, and responded to by Bro. J. G. Cobb, S.W., and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bro. W. Graves presided with ability at the pianoforte, and Bros. T. Taylor, V. Tapling, and others, contributed vocal selections, and materially assisted in an enjoyable evening.

## HAMPTON COURT.

**Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).**—A very successful meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel on the 9th instant. Among those present were Bros. R. Drummond, W.M.; E. Dare, P.M. 2032, S.W., W.M. elect; H. Sapsworth, P.M. 2032, J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; W. T. Peat, Sec.; T. Grant, S.D.; H. Bond, J.D.; J. Spooner, I.G.; F. Figg, Org.; J. Hunt, D.C.; J. Smith, Stwd.; Capt. Walls, P.P.G.W., I.P.M.; J. Gilbert, Tyler; F. Chandler, P.M., P.G.P.; R. W. Simpson, and R. W. Rice. There were many visitors, among them being Bros. W. Carter, P.M. 141; George Davis, P.M.; W. J. Mason, W.M. 2246; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Auditors' Report was received and adopted. Bro. E. Dare was then installed as W.M. by Bro. Drummond, assisted by Bros. Chandler, as S.W.; Sapsworth, as J.W.; Capt. Walls, as D.C.; and Featherstone, as I.G. The following appointments and investitures then took place: Bros. Sapsworth, S.W.; T. Grant, J.W.; J. Featherstone, Treas.; W. T. Peat, Sec.; H. Bond, S.D.; J. Spooner, J.D.; J. Hunt, I.G.; F. Figg, Org.; J. Smith, D.C.; R. W. Rice and R. W. Simpson, Stwds.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented and a vote of thanks passed to the Installing Officer. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Messrs. C. R. Smith and W. Flack, and it proving to be unanimous, they were impressively initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Col. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., P.G.M.; R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M.; J. F. H. Woodward, P.G.S.B.; H. Room, P.G. Sec.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D.; and others. The W.M. gave a notice of motion—"That Bro. Howard Room, P.G. Secretary of Middlesex, be elected an Honorary Member." Bro. Capt. Walls also gave a notice of motion—"That the sum of £2 10s. be voted to the Pension Indemnity Fund R.M.I. for Boys."

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was capitally served by Bro. J. Mella and assistants.

The customary toasts followed.

In giving the toast of "The W.M.," the I.P.M. said that Bro. Dare was a Mason of experience, and that the work of the lodge would be well performed. That evening he (the W.M.) had given a taste of his quality by performing the ceremony of initiation in a manner that left but little to be desired.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said that as an initiate of the Wolsey Lodge, he felt proud in occupying the position of its Master. He had endeavoured during his membership to do his best for the lodge, and he would continue to do so. He mentioned the somewhat remarkable circumstance that every officer invested that night was an initiate of No. 1656. In conclusion, he stated that with the aid of the Past Masters and the assistance of Bro. Peat, their energetic and able Secretary, he felt confident that his year of office would be a pleasant and happy one.

Bros. Carter, P.M. 141; Mason, W.M. 2246; and others, ably responded on behalf of "The Visitors."

The other toasts received full justice.

An excellent programme of music was carried out by Bros. Figg, J. Miles, W. T. Peat, T. Grant, and others.

The proceedings throughout were of a most enthusiastic character.

## MANCHESTER.

**Lodge of Fortitude (No. 64).**—The annual Festival of St. John the Divine in connection with the above lodge, which consists of Past Masters of lodges in the East Lancashire Province, took place on Friday evening, the 13th inst., at the Queen's Hotel, when there was a good attendance of brethren. The W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Peter Royle, P.P.S.G.D., presided, assisted by his principal officers, Bro. Jenkins, S.W., Bro. Meakin, J.W., and others. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bros. J. Barrett (Mayor of Bolton), Prov. S.G.D., W. Forrest, W.M. 221, and others. The installation of the new Master, Bro. J. W. Taylor, Sec. 64, P.M. 221, and P.P.S.G.D., was then proceeded with, the installation ceremony being performed by Bro. Clement R. Beswick-Royds, P.G.D. of England. After the installation ceremony had been most effectively performed, the new W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. P. Royle, I.P.M.; Jenkins, S.W.; Meakin, J.W.; Halliwell, Treas.; Schuster, Sec.; Austin, S.D.; J. Heelis, J.D.; Sir Thomas Sowler, I.G.; and Jones, Tyler.

After the investiture of the officers, the brethren sat down to a *recherché* banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the new W.M., who presided, being heartily congratulated upon the honour conferred upon him by being elected to the chair of K.S. in that lodge, an honour which was deserved by him for his services, not only to the Lodge of Fortitude, but to the Craft generally throughout East Lancashire.

The Worshipful Master suitably responded, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

## MARYPORT.

**Perseverance Lodge (No. 371).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. Jos. Ward, the W.M. elect, into the chair of King Solomon for the ensuing year, the following brethren and visitors being present: Bros. Jos. Ward, W.M. elect; S. Bettoney, S.W.; T. W. Melrose, J.W.;

Jos. Nicholson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Jos. Reed, Sec.; T. Annison, J.D.; Jos. Abbott, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; J. Dickinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Thos. Mundle, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Jas. Gardiner, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; E. B. Penrice, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Tom Waite, P.M.; E. G. Mitchell, P.M.; Robert Brown, P.M.; T. Dacres, Jos. Kendall, T. Swainson, R. Leach, G. W. Kenworthy, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Installing Master; and John Messenger, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. J. Clifton Thompson, P.M. 2285, P.P.G. Reg. (Assistant Installing Master); R. Miller, P.S.G.W.; J. Ramsay, 119; T. F. Richardson, J.W. 310; Jos. O. Scott, J. S. Moffat, W.M.; W. H. Ainsworth, 872; A. Ashmore, S.W. 962; T. Atkinson, S.W. 1002; and Robt. Musgrave, 2285.

The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Abbott, and a letter was read from the W.M., Bro. J. H. Raven (who during the spring of this year went into Essex to reside), regretting very much his inability to be present. Bro. G. W. Kenworthy, the Installing Master, then assumed the chair, and Bro. Abbott presented the W.M. elect for installation, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Kenworthy in his usual effective and impressive manner. Bro. Clifton Thompson gave the charge to the Master and Wardens very effectively. The following were then appointed officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Reed, S.W.; T. Swainson, J.W.; T. Annison, Sec.; Rev. T. W. Melrose, Chap.; J. Nicholson, Treas. (for the 46th time); R. Leach, S.D.; T. Dacres, J.D.; J. Pattison, I.G.; John Smith, Org.; J. Abbott, D.C.; and E. P. Penrice, P.M., and Robert Brown, P.M., as Stewards. "Hearty good wishes" were then given from the whole of the visitors, and the Secretary read out several telegrams of "Hearty good wishes" from Workington, Egremont, Wigton, Cleator Moor, Keswick, and other lodges in the province. After a hearty vote of thanks to the Installing Master, the lodge was closed, and the whole of the brethren sat down to a banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

"The Health of Bro. J. Nicholson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.," who has been a member of No. 371 over 50 years, and Treasurer to it for 45 years, was most enthusiastically drunk with all Masonic honours.

Bro. Nicholson making a touching and feeling reply to the toast of "Health to the Installing Master," Bro. G. W. Kenworthy said he had now been at the installations of No. 371 for 23 years, and it always gave him pleasure to do so. He also hoped that there were several years more work left in him, and that when the next regular period came round they would all be found present. The evening was spent in the feast of reason and flow of soul, breaking up by singing the National Anthem.

On Wednesday evening, the 11th inst., a lodge of emergency was held for the purpose of raising Bro. Jno. Lloyd Evans to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., Bro. Jos. Ward, W.M., in the chair. Bros. Swainson, J.W.; J. Dickinson, P.M.; J. Abbott, P.M.; E. G. Mitchell, P.M.; E. B. Penrice, P.M.; J. Nicholson, P.M., Treas.; R. Brown, P.M.; T. Mandle, P.M.; T. Annison, Sec.; T. W. Melrose, J. T. Woon, T. Boyd, J. W. Pattison, I.G.; S. Bettoney, P.S.W.; J. Kendall, J. O. Scott, and J. Smith, Org., were also present. After Bro. Evans had satisfactorily answered the questions, Bro. E. G. Mitchell gave the charge, and went through the whole ceremony of the Third Degree in a most impressive, correct, and effective manner, after which the lodge was duly closed.

PORTISHEAD.

**Eldon Lodge (No. 1755).**—At the regular meeting of the above lodge, held at the Royal Hotel on Saturday, the 14th inst., Bro. W. Glasspole, W.M., on behalf of the lodge, made a presentation to Bro. A. J. Tonkin. The gift took the form of a handsome carved oak cuckoo clock, and was accompanied by a few well-chosen remarks from the W.M., expressive of the hearty good wishes of himself and the brethren. The present was made to commemorate the recent marriage of Bro. Tonkin, who holds the office of I.G. of the lodge, and was suitably acknowledged by him. The gathering was rendered attractive by a fraternal visit of the W.M., Bro. Britt, and the officers and members of the Canynges Lodge, No. 1388.

Altogether there was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren, and at the festive board Bro. T. Carrington delighted every one with two violin solos, which commanded wrapt attention, and were enthusiastically applauded.

TWICKENHAM.

**Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).**—This lodge met at the Albany Hotel on the 11th inst. Among those present were Bros. H. Jenkins, W.M.; A. Toulmin, jun., S.W.; W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.D., acting J.W.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; W. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.D., acting S.D.; E. W. Davis, acting I.G.; Harrison, Tyler; and others. Bro. Griffiths, 157, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Griffiths, of No. 157, by request of his W.M., was raised to the Third Degree by the Secretary. Several amendments to the existing by-laws were then unanimously carried. The W.M. gave a notice of motion that the sum of £5 5s. be voted to the R.M.I. for Boys, per Bro. W. H. Saunders, as Steward to that Institution for 1890.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Lieut.-Colonel R. Cuming, J.W.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; A. H. Gurney, P.M.; E. W. Jenkins, P.M.; Capt. Perry, S.D., and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren dined under the presidency of Bro. W. H. Saunders, P.M., in the absence of the W.M.

The customary toasts received full justice.

Royal Arch.

**Duke of Connaught Chapter (No. 1524).**—The installation meeting of this successful chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 11th instant. There were present Comps. Thos. Clark, M.E.Z.; A. Berry H.; J. H. Hoit, II.; Neville Green, P.Z., S.E.; W. H. Lee, P.Z., P.G.S.E. Middx., S.E.; Cecil Stein, 2nd A.S.; J. Funstan, P.Z.; Adolphus Clark, P.Z.; J. R. Morford, W. Tomson, W. Beasley, and W. W. Lee. Visitors: Bros. J. F. H. Woodward,

P.G.S.B.; M. Christian, P.Z. 860; J. A. Penfold, P.Z. 217; and J. W. Long, Z. 22.

The convocation was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The following companions were then installed into their respective chairs by Bro. W. H. Lee, P.Z., Treas., viz: Comps. A. Berry, M.E.Z.; J. H. Hoit, H.; and W. Beasley, J. The following officers were invested, with the exception of the S.N. and the P.S., who were unavoidably absent: Comps. Neville Green, P.Z., S.E.; J. Hodges, S.N.; W. Simpson, P.S.; C. Stein, 1st A.S.; W. W. Lee, 2nd A.S.; W. H. Lee, P.Z., Treas.; and J. J. Marsh, Janitor. The Audit Report was received, showing a very satisfactory balance in the hands of the Treasurer, and the sum of £1 1s. was voted to the Masonic Memorial Fund of Peterborough Cathedral. Other business was transacted, and the chapter closed.

After an excellent banquet the usual toast list received due attention.

Comp. J. F. H. Woodward, P.G.S.B., responding for "The Grand Officers," said he could hardly claim to be a Grand Officer, having never been in Grand Office, but he felt just as much interest in the work as the other Grand Officers. Their work was not only in their heads and hands, but in their hearts, and if that was right the other two would go right. He had the honour of visiting that chapter some four years ago, when he made a statement, which he repeated that evening, which had been much canvassed since. It was that a Royal Arch Mason could enter the most sacred place of a Hindoo temple without fear, although the Hindoos knew nothing of Craft Masonry. He had digressed from the toast, but he thought he would repeat a statement made by him four years ago.

Comp. T. Clark, I.P.Z., said he would ask the companions to drink "Long Life and Prosperity to the M.E.Z." They had all as brethren in the Craft been pleased to see Masters installed in lodges, but he had always thought it was a double pleasure to see a companion installed in the chair of M.E.Z., for it showed he must have exerted himself in the former Degree to have been considered sufficiently competent to support the chair of First Principal. Therefore, as Comp. Berry had so well discharged his duty in the Craft, they would be pleased to drink his health as M.E.Z. of their chapter.

Comp. A. Berry, M.E.Z., having returned thanks, said he did not think the kindly remarks of the I.P.Z. with regard to himself had been all deserved. Since he had been in the chapter he had not had so many opportunities of displaying the knowledge he possessed as he could have wished, and only as H. did he have the opportunity of carrying the duties out fully. He hoped to be able to carry out his duties to the satisfaction of himself and the chapter. He should endeavour to perfect himself before the next meeting, and thus gain their approbation. He again thanked them, and hoped to be able to give them satisfaction in the future.

In giving "The Past Principals," the M.E.Z. said he would especially allude to the I.P.Z., Comp. T. Clark, who had performed his duties very satisfactorily, and as an evidence of that the companions had voted him a jewel, which he had much pleasure in placing upon his breast. He trusted Comp. Clark might always remember kindly the pleasant time he had passed in the chapter. With regard to the other P.Z.'s, they had all done good service, and the companions were therefore indebted to them. He might particularly allude to Comp. W. H. Lee, who was the father of the chapter, as well as of the lodge, and who was a necessity, because whenever they had any difficulty they had only to apply to him, and he came to their assistance. Comps. Green, P.Z., A. Clark, and Funstan, P.Z., also did their best for the welfare of the chapter.

Comp. T. Clark, I.P.Z., returned thanks for the kind expressions of the M.E.Z., and for the jewel, which he should prize and wear with pleasure, as it would remind him of the happy evenings he had spent in the chapter since his exaltation. He had no regret in leaving the chair, for he felt sure in resigning it to the present M.E.Z. and to Comp. Hoit, who would follow, that the chapter would be well represented. The meetings of the chapter were always looked forward to with great pleasure, and he trusted to continue to enjoy that pleasure for many years to come.

Comp. Adolphus Clark, P.Z., also replied, after which "The Visitors" was given in cordial terms by the M.E.Z., who said it was important to the welfare of the chapter that there should be visitors.

Comp. M. Christian, P.Z. 860, returned thanks for the kindly proposition and reception of the toast, and expressed his pleasure at the excellent work he had seen. He took that opportunity of thanking Comp. W. H. Lee, P.Z., for the many services he had rendered to the chapter.

"The Treasurer and Scribe E." was next given, in response to which Comp. Lee, P.Z., Treas., repeated what he had said on so many previous occasions, that so long as he was connected with the chapter he would endeavour to promote its best interests. He would take care of the funds, and see that the chapter did not get into debt.

Comp. J. H. Hoit, H., replying for "The H. and J.," said it had been a red-letter day for him, and he looked forward to the time when he should be in the First Principal's chair.

"The Officers" and the Janitor's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

HASTINGS.

**Emulation Chapter (No. 40).**—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Castle Assembly Rooms, on Monday, the 10th inst., when there were present Comps. C. W. Duke, P.Z., M.E.Z.; T. Markwick, H.; F. Rossiter, P.P.A.G.S., acting J.W.; Pearce, S.E.; W. T. Jordan, S.N.; Hughes, P.S.; W. S. Allen, 1st A.S.; C. E. Botley, 2nd A.S.; Capt. Hennah, P.P.G.S.N.; Daves, P.P.G.J.; Dr. Trollope, P.A.G.S.; and Russell, Prov. G. Std. Br. Visitors: Comps. Lieut.-Gen. Randolph, G. Supt.; Freeman, P.G. Std. Br., and Prov. G.S.E.; B. Roberts, P.G.J.; and E. Histed, M.E.Z. 732.

Bros. J. Howell, jun., and W. Carless were exalted, and three proposals made. The Grand Superintendent gave the pedestal lecture in a very lucid manner. The following companions were installed by Comp. Trollope with his usual ability: Comps. T. W. Markwick, Z.; Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., H.; R. Hughes, J.; Pearce, S.E.; Allen, S.N.; Jordan, P.S.; Botley, 1st A.S.; Edmed, 2nd A.S.; Rossiter, Treas.; and J. Foster, Janitor.

All business being ended, the companions adjourned to the banquet room, and were well served by Bro. Boyce. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

TEDDINGTON.

**Sir Charles Bright Chapter (No. 1793).**

—A meeting was held at the Clarence Hotel on the 11th inst., when there were present Comps. C. Steven, P.G.O., M.E.Z.; Collick, H.; Sapsworth, J.; H. Austin, S.E.; A. J. R. Simmonds, S.N.; J. M. Marjason, 1st A.S.; E. W. Warner, 2nd A.S.; W. T. Porter, D.C.; C. F. W. Sage, Org.; Mitchell, Janitor; R. W. Forge, P.G.P.S., I.P.Z.; W. R. Plaford, J. P. Hoddinott, and others.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of last convocation were read and confirmed. The S.E. read communications from the G. Supt., Comp. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., the P.G. Second and Third Principals, stating their inability to be present, also a communication from the I.P.Z., asking the companions to accept a set of banners to mark the successful formation of the chapter and the termination of his year of office, for which a vote of thanks was accorded.

The chapter was duly closed, after which Comp. Sage was most successful in taking a photographic group of the companions, which will shortly be published as the companion picture to that of the lodge, the entire proceeds from the sale of copies being devoted to the Masonic Charities. It was incidentally announced that the Grand Superintendent had been pleased to intimate his intention to appoint the M.E.Z. as P.G.P.S., and Comp. Porter, as P.G. Organist, at the forthcoming Provincial Grand Chapter, to be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).**—The usual weekly meeting was held on the 12th inst. at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. Henry Sadler, W.M.; Dr. A. E. Barrett, S.W.; F. Mason, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; H. H. Nuding, S.D.; T. de Courcy Meade, J.D.; R. Horne, I.G.; D. G. Imlay, T. Hinks, P. J. Rutland, and W. Baker.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th inst. were read and confirmed. Bro. Imlay having offered himself as candidate, the ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed with great instructive effect by Bro. Sadler as W.M., the charge after initiation being given. The 3rd Section of the Third Lecture was worked by Bro. Kirby, and the 5th Section of the Second Lecture by Bro. Sadler. A ballot was taken for Bro. H. H. Nuding, and this proving unanimous in his favour, a welcome was given him as a joining member. Bro. Nuding, who was present, responded in the heartiest of manners, assuring the brethren that what he had seen of them, and of the working as conducted at that lodge, would induce him to attend as regularly, and take as great a share in the working as would lie within his power to do. On the W.M. rising for the first time, Bro. T. Hinks, of the Walsingham Lodge, was proposed and seconded as a joining member, as was also Bro. T. de Courcy Meade, of the St. Thomas's Lodge. Bro. Dr. A. E. Barrett was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday evening. He appointed his officers, and announced that the work would be a rehearsal of the Second ceremony and an explanation of the tracing board. All business being ended, the lodge was closed. The Committee of this lodge have decided to continue the meetings throughout the summer months, the attendance hitherto having been so good as to warrant their anticipating a most successful summer season. They will be glad to welcome any brethren who wish to join, and announce that the working practised is strictly on the lines laid down by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

**CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the new Masonic Rooms, adjoining the White Hart Hotel, 116, High-street, Lewisham, on Thursday, the 12th inst. Bro. J. A. Shelton, presided as W.M., and amongst those present were Bros. G. A. Pickering, S.W.; H. R. Trant, J.W.; James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; R. W. Cartwright, S.D.; W. Fieldson, J.D.; T. White, I.G.; C. Thomas, A. Weimbush, S. Lancaster, W. Robin, Sec.; G. Bird, and others.

The ceremonies of the First and Second Degrees were rehearsed, accompanied by explanations by the Preceptor of a most instructive character. Bro. Pickering was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The fourth Thursday in this month, the 26th inst., is "Preceptor's night," and it is expected that Bro. Stevens will take the opportunity to expound at some length the most important points of ceremonial in the E.A. Degree. Visitors from London should leave the train (South Eastern Railway) at Lewisham Junction Station.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on the 13th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; D. S. Long, S.W.; H. Blackman, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; A. Williams, S.D.; H. Bright, J.D.; H. Foreman, I.G.; W. Copestone, G. Read, Dyne, and Reid.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Dyne offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Reid offering himself as a candidate for passing, was questioned and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. G. Read, P.M. 511, giving an explanation of the tracing board. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen, Bro. Long, Sec., was elected as W.M. for the next meeting, viz., Friday, the 27th inst., there being no meeting on Friday, the 20th inst. It was proposed by the Preceptor, seconded by the J.W., and supported by Bro. A. Williams, P.M., that this lodge give their hearty congratulations to Bro. Long on his election to the chair of his mother lodge, No. 1275. Bro. Long suitably replied, and there being no further Masonic business, the lodge was closed.

**LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).**—This lodge held its usual meeting at the City Arms Tavern, St. Mary Axe, on Thursday, the 12th inst., when the following were present: Bros. Ives, P.M., W.M.; Watts, S.W.; Morgan, J.W.; Pitt, P.M., Preceptor, *pro tem.*; Colley, Hon. Sec.; Ellis, S.D.; Langford, J.D.; Carlton, I.G.; Gaskell, P.M.; Antonovich, Austin, Wood, Theobald, Williams, Miller, Hole, Skinner, Larter, and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Austin having answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Austin was raised to the Degree of a M.M. Bro. Pitt, P.M., worked the 1st Section of the Third Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. having made the usual calls, and Bro. Watts having been unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, the lodge was closed.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 13th inst., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill. Present: Bros. J. R. Roberts, W.M.; R. H. Broom, S.W.; J. Powell, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Mason, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; H. Armfield, J.D.; H. D. Smith, I.G.; E. Rogers, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; F. L. Chandler, P.M., P.G.P. Middx.; and J. J. Mackay. Visitor: Bro. Capt. Elms.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Elms 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. Elms being the candidate. Bro. F. L. Chandler having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. F. L. Chandler being the candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. E. Rogers, P.M., P.G.S., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; C. Woods, S.W.; J. B. Cory, J.W.; George Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; C. E. Betts, S.D.; G. A. Knight, J.D.; H. Bright, I.G.; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middlesex; P. J. Davies, H. Wake, W. Dresden, T. Haynes, G. Swann, James Sims, P.M.; W. H. Causton, W.M. 865; Joseph Cox, and E. J. D. Causton.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a very careful manner, Bro. Davies acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Hillier vacated the chair in favour of Bro. George Read, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Swann acting as W.M. elect. Bro. Read vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Swann, who rehearsed the investment of officers. The Preceptor gave the three addresses incidental to the ceremony, the lodge having been previously resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Woods was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of congratulation was passed to Bro. G. Read on his election to the Board of General Purposes, and a vote of thanks was also passed to him for his kindness in rehearsing the installation ceremony. Bro. E. J. D. Causton was elected a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; G. Higginson, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; J. A. Lathbury, S.D.; T. Head, J.D.; W. Stevens, I.G.; A. Williams, P.M.; C. R. Cross, P.M.; West, Arnott, and Cox. Visitor: Bro. Cliff, 1221.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. West acting as candidate. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. J. Sims, P.M., assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, when there were present Bros. P. P. Perry, W.M.; H. Bright, S.W.; J. H. Morrish, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; Henry Miller, Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; Joseph Cox, S.D.; C. Barber, J.D.; J. N. Baxter, I.G.; James Sims, P.M.; J. M. Macey, G. McCrow, and A. E. Miller.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. McCrow 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 in good form. Bro. McCrow then offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having proved his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in an excellent manner. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. This being officers' night, Bro. Perry, as W.M. of the mother lodge, represented the officers. Bro. Bright was elected W.M. for the next meeting. "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the lodge was closed.

**WARNER LODGE (No. 2256).**—This prosperous and well-skilled lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Railway Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street, Walthamstow, on the 16th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Ives, W.M.; H. F. Bromhead, I.P.M.; W. P. Allen, S.W.; Urban Smith, J.W.; W. Shurmur, P.M., Preceptor; J. Cooke, S.D.; J. Speller, J.D.; F. Taylor, I.G.; J. Hester, P.M.; W. Goulding, R. Jeremy, Wm. Alcock, G. Wilson, C. Horst, E. Gray, jun., W. Blenkinsop, and L. Browne. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened and closed in the Second and Third Degrees respectively, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. R. Jeremy being the candidate. Bro. H. F. Bromhead gave the three addresses of the installation ceremony, and Bro. Wm. Shurmur, P.M., gave the ancient charge. Bro. W. Peter Allen was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. The business of the evening being ended, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

## Knights Templar.

### PORTSMOUTH.

**Royal Naval Preceptory (No. 2).**—The regular meeting of this ancient preceptory and priory was held at the Phoenix Lodge Room, on Saturday, the 14th inst., under the presidency of Sir Knight Francis Newman, Past Provincial Chancellor, Past E. Preceptor, in the absence of the E.P., Sir Knight Wm. Geo. P. Gilbert. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Comps. A. N. Yatman Howell, 18°, and William Arthur Campbell, of 257, which proved unanimous in their favour. The candidates were thereupon installed as Knights Templar in a most impressive manner by the presiding Preceptor. A Committee, consisting of all P.E.P.'s of and in the preceptory, was appointed to make all necessary arrangements for the celebration of the centenary of the preceptory, which was constituted on the 11th March, 1791, and has regularly worked ever since within the walls of the old town of Portsmouth.

The preceptory having been closed, the priory was opened and the newly-installed sir knights were advanced to the Degree of Knight of Malta, the address being given by the E.P., Sir Knight F. Newman. The priory was then closed.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**Cœur de Lion Chapter (No. 105).**—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on the 17th inst. at Mark Masons' Hall, when E. and P. Bro. C. V. Cotterell was placed in the chair, the Installing Officer being E. and P. Bro. Rev. Hayman Cummings, P.M.W.S. The M.W.S. then appointed and invested his officers as under: E. and P. Bros. Willoughby Weiss, 1st. Gen.; Call Weddell, M.D., 2nd Gen.; Rev. Hayman Cummings, M.A., Treas.; W. Tomlinson, M.A., Recorder; E. Sweny, G. Marshal; Sidney Clarke, Raphael; G. R. Cobham, Dir. of Cers.; Fletcher Beach, M.D., Herald; E. W. White, M.D., Capt. of Guard; W. Harper, Org.; E. Mills, Equerry. After the installation ceremony the new M.W.S. then perfected the following brethren: C. Dowson Lang, Thomas D. Hayes, and S. J. Brice. Among the visitors were Ill. Bro. W. Watson, 30°, and E. and P. Bro. H. H. Shirley, P.M.W.S.

## BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, presided. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents' chairs. Bros. A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. Grand Secretary, W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee, represented Grand Secretary's Department; and the other brethren present were Bros. Henry Garrod, Wm. P. Brown, L. C. Haslip, George B. Chapman, S. Valentine, A. C. Woodward, J. Bunker, J. B. Grieve, Charles Dairy, Asher Barfield, P.G.T.; Geo. Read, Walter Hopekirk, George R. Langley, R. W. Mitchell, Carn, Mansfield, C. H. Webb, G. M. E. Hamilton, H. Massey, Adelphi, W.M.; Commerce, I.P.M. 215; J. Dixon, 147; W. Adams, 1687; George Gardner, E. E. Elverston, E. Moore, 2077; Charles J. Perceval, Geo. R. Atkinson, H. J. Levett, Thos. J. Barnes, John G. Stevens, Chas. Bolton, S. H. Goldschmidt, A. W. Webster, H. Cheale, William L. Harvey, 1216; B. Kauffmann, C. N. McIntyre North, H. J. Lardner, Walter Martin, J. J. Cattle, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the May meeting to the amount of £185. There were 27 cases on the new list, but the petitioner in one of them had since the petition was presented died. The cases were qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Shoreham, Willington Quay, Witham, Hastings, Croydon, Bangor, Denton, Kingsbridge, Antigua, Ryde, Plymouth, Cambridge, Liverpool, Bromley, Haslingden, Calcutta, Aston, Glossop, Aberystwith, and Sidmouth. Four of these cases were deferred and two dismissed. The remainder were relieved with a total of £600. On case was recommended to Grand Lodge for £100, one for £80, and one for £50. There were four recommendations to the Grand Master for £40 each, and two for £30 each. There were three grants of £20 each, three of £15 each, four of £10 each, and one grant of £5.

## THE MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOLS.

### PRESENTATION OF PRIZES IN THE LEINSTER HALL.

The annual fête of the Masonic Female Orphan Schools, as embodied in the presentation of prizes to the pupils in that noble establishment, took place on the 4th inst. in the Leinster Hall, Hawkins-street, and, without fear of contradiction, it may be asserted that the interior of that edifice never before presented such an impressive and brilliant appearance, and seldom did the members of the great Masonic Craft turn out in greater force. The members of the gentler sex also appeared in great numbers, and by their presence gave an air of grace and tastefulness to the surroundings. But for the present to leave aside the ladies and gentlemen attending as visitors, and to deal with the so-called Charities—for as the Deputy Grand Master said in the course of his speech the children were not taught that they were being brought up in a spirit of charity, but in a spirit of brotherly love—nothing could more

effectively impress the non-Masonic onlooker on the subject of true Masonry than the appearance of the children, girls and boys, who are under the care of the Craft in the orphanages. Every child seemed happy, and, needless to remark, they bore in their appearance full evidence that they were well cared for.

The doors of the building were opened at 7 o'clock, and whilst the visitors were assembling selections of music were performed by the band of the Gloucester Regiment and the Seaforth Highlanders.

Shortly before 8 o'clock a procession was formed and entered the hall. On reaching the platform the brethren filed off and occupied the positions allotted to them, according to the position of precedence which their lodges held. Immediately upon the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. R. W. Shekleton, Q.C., taking his seat, the pupils entered, those from the Boys' School leading, they being accompanied by their Masters. The children from the Girls' School followed, and having taken up the positions allotted to them on the platform, the Deputy Grand Master was saluted, as the representative of the Grand Master, in accordance with ancient Masonic usage.

The distribution having concluded, the DEPUTY GRAND MASTER said some of their prizes might be considered personally to be very small, but their girls were economical, and much preferred having the prize money to which they were entitled placed to their credit in the savings bank, and the result was that some of them had as much as £17 or £18 to their credit there, and one girl, who was about leaving the School, had £21.

Bro. GRAVES EVES moved a vote of thanks to Lady Muskerry for having presented the prizes. The Committee of the Schools, he said, were greatly indebted to Lady Muskerry for her hearty kindness, and the interest which she took in their Institution, and over and beyond that Lord and Lady Muskerry had proved their appreciation of the training of the orphan children by engaging a former pupil at the Masonic School to train and educate their own daughter. Lord and Lady Muskerry had won the hearts of everyone connected with the Schools by their kind and genial manner, and there were no Masons and no children in that room who did not appreciate their acts of true kindness.

Bro. Colonel P. SAUNDERS, Prov. G.M. Wicklow and Wexford, seconded the resolution, which was adopted with acclamation.

Lord MUSKERRY briefly returned thanks on behalf of Lady Muskerry.

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER mentioned that that night was devoted to the distribution of the prizes to the girls. In a few days, however, they hoped to have a gathering for the boys at Clonskeagh, when he hoped many of those now attending would be present.

The girls then went through a series of calisthenic and drill exercises, under the direction of Miss Triggs. The exhibition was of a most pleasing character, and in the drill movements the pupils showed a precision which could hardly be equalled by any of the trained men in her Majesty's service.

At the close of the calisthenic exercises "God Save the Queen" was sung by the children, who then started for home, the number of girls out being 70 and that of boys 60.

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, on behalf of the Governors of the School, expressed the thanks of the body to Miss Triggs for the efficient manner in which she had drilled the children, and to Mrs. Neale, the Head Mistress, for the manner in which she looked after their welfare. He thought their assembly that night proved that Freemasons were not simply a gourmandising body, as was generally supposed, but that they stood together for Charitable work, and their children in the Schools were always taught that they were not the objects of charity, but the objects of the kindness of brotherhood. He would ask all those who had not seen their Schools to visit them any Wednesday at half-past 12 o'clock; but he could guarantee that if a visit was paid on any other day everything would be found as well as on the day upon which visitors were expected.

This terminated the proceedings so far as the distribution was concerned, but dancing was engaged in in the annexe and the large hall, the music being supplied by the bands of the Seaforth and the Gloucester Regiments. Dancing was continued till about midnight, when the company separated after spending a most enjoyable evening.

Among those present were Lord and Lady Muskerry, Lord Justice Fitzgibbon, Hon. Judge Townsend, Sir G. H. Porter, Bart., Archibald St. George, Sir Robert Jackson, C.B., R. W. Griffin, T. E. St. George, D. Minchin, A. Foot, Sir Thomas F. Brady, and others.

### A PLEASING CEREMONY.

On Wednesday, the 11th inst., a special meeting of the members of the Sir Charles Bright Lodge and Chapter, No. 1793, was held at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington. Present: Bros. R. W. Forge, P.M., P.Z., P.G.D.C., P.G.P.S.; C. Stevens, P.M., P.G. Org., M.E.Z.; J. Piller, P.M.; W. J. Porter, P.M., D.C.; J. R. Barnes, S.W.; J. Barnes, F. C. Austin, P.M., P.G.D.C., S.E.; R. R. Collick, P.M., H.; H. Sapsworth, P.M., J.; E. W. Warner, P.M., P.G.D.C., P.S.; C. F. W. Sage, Org.; J. P. Hoddinott, W. R. Plaford, Goff, Muller, Ruffell, Org.; Mitchell, and others.

Bro. FORGE, the senior P.M. and P.Z., who presided, stated they were met to do honour to one they all so highly esteemed, a brother who in January, 1881, he (Bro. Forge) had the honour of initiating into Masonry, he alluded to Bro. Alfred J. R. Simmonds, the present

popular W.M. of the lodge and S.N. of the chapter. Bro. Simmonds, as they were all aware, was about to enter the bonds of matrimony, and it was hinted at their meetings that such an occurrence could not be permitted to pass without some slight token of their esteem. The brethren and companions had most generously responded to his (Bro. Forge's) invite, and the result was that they were enabled to offer for the acceptance of their esteemed friend the handsome time-piece which was before them, and which, in the name of the lodge and chapter, he begged Bro. Simmonds to accept, with their sincere good wishes.

Bros. PILLER, STEVENS, COLLICK, SAPSWORTH, AUSTIN, WARNER, PORTER, BARNS, and SAGE also spoke, and wished Bro. Simmonds many years of enjoyment.

Bro. SIMMONDS, in response, alluded to the proud position he now occupied, both in the lodge and chapter, and further stated were anything wanting to cement more deeply his affection for Masonry it would be the ceremony of that evening. He cordially thanked all the brethren and companions for their handsome gift, which would be most highly prized, and handed down as a heirloom in his family.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION-STONE OF A SCHOOL.

Bro. J. W. Maclure, M.P., on the 14th inst. laid with full Masonic honours the foundation-stone of a day and Sunday school at Heaton Moor, in the presence of a large number of spectators. The site is situated at the east end of St. Paul's Church, in connection with which the school will be carried on. Lord Egerton of Tatton (who was prevented from attending the ceremony on Saturday) gave the land for the school and a donation of £400. The building will cost in all about £2000 when complete for work. Messrs. Darbyshire and Smith are the architects, and Messrs. R. Neill and Sons, of Manchester, the contractors. The formal proceedings opened with a procession to the site, in which the Sunday-school children (who are now accommodated at the Heaton Moor High School), the church officials, clergy, and choristers, and the members of the local lodge of Freemasons (Prince Edward, No. 2109) took part. The brethren present included Bro. J. W. Maclure, M.P., P.P.G.W. East Lancashire; the Rector of St. Paul's (Bro. the Rev. W. H. Smartt, P.M.), and Bro. Barton, W.M. Prior to the stone laying a service was held in the church, the Rector and Bro. the Rev. J. Watson, P.P.G. Chaplain East Lancashire (St. James's, Ancoats), officiating. Bro. Maclure, who was presented with a handsome silver trowel, gave a short address on laying the stone.

PROPOSED TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. JAMES WARREN, P.M., &c.

We are asked to announce that Bro. James Warren, P.M. 1348, having been recently compelled by ill-health and increasing years to resign the office of Preceptor of the Ebury Lodge of Instruction, held at the Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, S.W., the occasion has been considered a fitting opportunity for presenting him with a token of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren.

Bro. Warren has laboured zealously in the cause of Masonry and has served as Steward of each of the three Charities.

A Committee of the following members of the Ebury Lodge of Instruction has been appointed to carry out the object in view: Bros. H. Atkins, 1348; J. Beavan, 1772; J. T. Davies, 1348; H. Hobbs, 1901; E. Janes, 1922; and J. M. Wimble, P.M. 1901.

The Committee has decided that the testimonial shall take the form of an illuminated address and a purse of money, and that the same shall be presented at the anniversary festival of the Ebury Lodge of Instruction, to take place at the Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, S.W., on Thursday, the 3rd of July, at 7.30 p.m.

Subscriptions will be thankfully received by the Hon. Treasurer, Bro. E. Janes, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, S.W.

The Secretary to the fund is Bro. Chas. F. Gardener, 1348, Secretary of the Committee and of the Ebury Lodge of Instruction, "Fernlea," Bournevale-road, Streatham, S.W.

Ireland.

ENNISKILLEN.

St. John's Lodge (No. 891).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 6th inst., in the Town Hall, when there were present Bros. Wm. Ritchie, W.M.; Wm. Teele, J.P., S.W.; J. L. Carson, J.W.; Wm. Crowe, S.D.; Wm. Duncan, J.D.; and Wm. Purdon, C.E., I.P.M.

The Secretary having read minutes of last meeting, and the usual routine business having been disposed of, it was decided to hold no meetings until the first Friday in October, as many brethren took holidays in the summer months.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren partook of the usual half-yearly banquet, and after spending a most enjoyable evening separated.

The Duke of Cambridge presided at the annual dinner of the officers of the Royal Engineers at the Hôtel Métropole on Saturday last. The chief guest was Field-Marshal Sir L. Simmons, while the officers present were about 150 in number.

Australia.

MELBOURNE.

Gordon Lodge (No. 99, V.C.).—An interesting ceremony took place on Thursday evening, May 8th, at the monthly meeting of the above lodge in the Ascot Vale Masonic Hall, near Melbourne. Bro. H. Browne, I.P.M., presided, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. S. Hayles. After passing one member and proposing three joining members, Bro. W. F. Lamonby, senior Past Master, rose to present the lodge with a set of tracing boards, painted on canvas, and imported from England, by way of a souvenir of his twenty-fifth year's association with the Craft. He remarked that they might readily imagine many great events had happened during that period in connection with Freemasonry. He had seen three Grand Masters of England: firstly, that grand old Mason the late Earl of Zetland, whom he had the privilege to witness consecrate Freemasons' Hall in London, as well as lay the foundation-stone of that magnificent institution, the Royal Albert Asylum, at Lancaster; next, the Marquis of Ripon; and then the present Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, whose installation in the Royal Albert Hall in 1875, in the presence of some 9000 Masons, he should never forget, particularly that the Earl of Carnarvon, who not long ago visited Australia, performed the ceremony with that eloquence and dignity of which he was so great a master. Coming to his Australian career as a Mason, many honours had been conferred upon him; but there was no honour that he valued more highly than that of having been chosen the first W.M. of the Gordon Lodge on its formation between four and five years ago, and re-elected the second year. It was that that induced him to associate his 25th year of Masonry with a little present to the lodge. They did not happen to possess that extremely necessary article of furniture, a set of tracing boards, which completed the whole of their requirements. Now that they had got them, he trusted they should be something more than mere ornaments, which he regretted to say was the prevailing custom in Melbourne lodges. The beautiful language and the moral teachings connected with the symbolisms of the tracing boards, in fact, were too much neglected in Victoria, owing to the constant conferring of Degrees, which was apt to grow monotonous, principally to the younger members of the Fraternity, who, in many instances early in their career lost an interest in it.

On the motion of the Worshipful Master in the chair, seconded by Bro. Dr. Thomson, P.M., and supported by Bro. J. C. M. Cowan, P.M. and S.W., a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Lamonby for his present. Before the lodge was closed, the W.M. in the chair gave notice of motion that the annual ball be held, and that a Committee be appointed to carry out the arrangements connected therewith.

The tracing boards were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, and were much admired.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA.

A Special Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 8th of April last, the object being to extend a fraternal welcome to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, District Grand Master of Bombay, on his return to England, *via* China, Japan, and British North America. Bro. J. L. Miller, District Grand Master, occupied the chair, and there were present close on 100 brethren, of whom very many were visitors from the Scottish and American lodges working in Shanghai, and from other lodges than those under the English Constitution in the district, and of other constitutions. The following were the most noticeable, namely:—

Bros. Cornelius Thorne, Past District Grand Master Northern China; L. C. H. Dallas, Past District Grand Master Japan; T. W. Kingsmill, P.A.G.D.C. England, D.D.G.M.; F. M. Gratton, D.S.G.W.; L. Moore, W. H. Anderson, and W. H. Short, P.D.S.G.W.'s; F. J. Marshall, P.D.G.W.; G. R. Wingrove, D.J.G.W.; A. Johnson and A. MacEvans, P.D.J.G.W.'s; S. Moutrie, D.G. Treas.; John West, D.G. Reg.; John Fryer, P.D.B. of G.P.; O. Middleton, P.P.B.G.P.; S. R. Gab, D.G. Sec.; J. H. Osborne, D.S.G.D.; R. Pestonjee, Dist. J.G. Deacon; D. E. Sasson, D.G.S. of W.; E. Bois, D.G.D. of C.; D. M. David, Past Dist. J.G.D., as Dist. G.S.B.; T. F. Hough, P. Pres. D.B. of G. Purposes, as D.G. Std. Br.; J. H. Parker, P.D.G.S.B.; George Lanning, D.G. Org.; Harry J. Sharp, Dist. Asst. G. Sec.; E. P. Wickham, Dist. G. Purs.; E. C. Pearce, D. Asst. G. Purs.; W. Coke, R. S. Ivy, W. Sharp Fraser, W. S. Emens and F. G. Cockey, Dist. G. Stwds.; and John Gould, Dist. G. Tyler. Also Bros. W. S. Cavaye, G. Lodge Scottish Freemasonry in India; many brethren of the Royal Sussex, 501, Northern of China, 570, and Doric, 1027, of Shanghai; of the Doric, 1433, Union, 1951, Zetland, 511, Joppa, 188, Victoria, 1026, and other lodges E.C.; of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, 428, S.C.; and of the Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Constitution; as well as a representative of Germania Lodge, German Constitution.

District Grand Lodge having been opened, the District Grand Master explained the object for which he had caused the communication to be held, namely, to welcome and present an address to the Duke of Connaught, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to preside on so auspicious an occasion.

The brethren having been called to order, the Duke of Connaught, accompanied by P. Dist. G. Masters Thorne and Dallas, of Northern China and Japan, four Past Dist. Grand Wardens, the D.G. Stewards, and Bro. W. S. Cavaye, Grand Lodge Scottish Freemasonry in India, and conducted by the District Grand Director of Ceremonies, was received at the entrance by the District Grand Deacons, and escorted to the dais, the National Anthem being played the while.

His Royal Highness having been saluted in accordance with ancient custom, the DIST. G. MASTER

expressed the pleasure it gave him to receive their illustrious visitor, and the regret he felt that his Royal Highness was unable to prolong his visit sufficiently to be the recipient of their hospitality. He then read the following address:

To His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearne, K.G., K.T., K.P., &c., District Grand Master of Bombay.

Sir and Right Worshipful Brother,  
On behalf of the Masons in Northern China working under the jurisdiction of The United Grand Lodge of England, we beg to offer you a hearty welcome on your visit to Shanghai, coupled with the regret that your stay amongst us is not sufficiently prolonged to permit your acceptance of the hospitality of the brethren.

To yourself, as District Grand Master of Bombay, we tender our sincere congratulations on the success and prosperity of Freemasonry under your jurisdiction, and we trust you may have a propitious voyage back to your original province, carrying with you the assurance of the deep interest and rapid growth of the Craft in the Far East.

As brother of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, we welcome in you an additional proof of the interest your Illustrious House has for long taken in the Royal Craft. Under his guidance Masonry has firmly occupied the habitable surface of the globe, and has planted its branches wherever civilised life has been possible, and we may repeat the wish expressed to yourself by the Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, that the unity of the Craft may be still further promoted wherever your influence extends as the firm belief of those who know the deep interest you take therein.

We pray you on your return to England to convey our dutiful respects to Her Most Gracious Majesty, your August Mother; may her life be prolonged, and her memory live still longer in the affections of her subjects.

To your Illustrious Consort the Duchess of Connaught, we offer our heartfelt congratulations, as Masons, remembering that like yourself the Royal House from which she has sprung has ever been the Munificent Patron of Freemasonry.

That the Great Architect of the Universe may ever have you in His Holy keeping is the prayer of those, who, though so far removed from their native land still retain their love and fidelity to their God, their country, and their Craft.

Shanghai, 8th April, 1890.

To this, which was signed by the brethren we enumerated, the Duke made the following gracious reply: Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—I have to thank you for the cordial and enthusiastic manner in which you have received me. I assure you it is to me a source of great pleasure to know that the welcome so extended comes not only from members of the English Constitution, but also from those of Scotland and America. It is a proof that in this, as in other parts of the world, the same truly Masonic feelings exist, and that the same great principles of Freemasonry are upheld, which principles weld together brethren of all nationalities and constitutions in brotherly love, good fellowship, esteem, and affection for the Craft. I shall not fail to convey to my brother, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, these expressions of confidence, and your loyalty and devotion to our Gracious Sovereign shall not be allowed to be forgotten. I thank the brethren for their kindly reference to her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught, and regret that our limited stay in Shanghai prevents my availing of your hospitality. In conclusion, I heartily thank the brethren for their generous welcome, which will ever remain established in my memory and hold a firm place in my heart.

Marriage.

HUNTLEY—ROGERS.—On February 25th, at Paoning-fu-Si-Chuan Province, China, by the Rev. W. Cassels, B.A., assisted by the Rev. E. O. Williams, Rev. Albert Henry, third son of George Huntley, Bristol and Weston-Super-Mare, to Nellie Rebecca, daughter of John Rogers, Colchester, Essex. Both of China Inland Mission.

IN MEMORIAM.—In fond and loving memory of Ellen Constance (Connie) Gottlieb, who fell asleep on Saturday, the 16th June, 1888.

Bro. Sir Roper and Lady Lethbridge, Bro. Sir George and Lady Trevelyan, and the Right Hon. W. E. and Mrs. Gladstone were present at the reception given on Saturday evening last by Mr. and Mrs. L. Cowasjee Jehangheer, at their residence, Cornwall Mansions, South Kensington.

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The Lebanon Chapter, No. 1326, which has hitherto met at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton, have removed to the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, and will hold their next meeting in July under Bro. Mella's roof.

Bro. Lieutenant Dan Godfrey, bandmaster of the Grenadier Guards, has been presented by her Majesty with the silver Jubilee commemoration medal.

The Princess of Wales will pay an inaugural visit to the Cheyne Hospital for Sick and Incurable Children, Cheyne-walk, Chelsea, on Wednesday next, the 25th inst.

The Duke of Devonshire has lent Devonshire House, Piccadilly, on the afternoon of Thursday next, the 26th inst., for a meeting in aid of the Nurses' Convalescent Home.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts and Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., have taken up their residence at Holly Lodge, Highgate, for the summer. Bro. Burdett-Coutts has recently sold some of his horses to an American breeder.

The annual meeting of the Royal Geographical Society was held at the London University, Burlington Gardens, on Monday, under the presidency of Sir M. E. Grant-Duff. The founder's medal was presented to Lieut. F. E. Younghusband for his journey across Central Asia in 1886-7.

Bro. Sir John Puleston, who has represented the Borough of Devonport since 1874, has intimated that he does not intend to again seek election. He has been induced to take this step for reasons of health and because of the increasing responsibility attaching to the representation of a dockyard constituency.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught will arrive at Liverpool to-morrow (Saturday) by the Sardinian. On reaching London their Royal Highnesses will proceed to Buckingham Palace, and afterwards go to Windsor Castle for the purpose of visiting her Majesty. Colonel Egerton, Equerry, and the Queen's representative will receive the Duke and Duchess on landing.

Bros. Lord Hothfield, E. Lawson, Justice Straight, F. W. Maclean, S. B. Bancroft, Montague Williams, Q.C., Charles Wyndham, Lionel Brough, J. C. Parkinson, E. Ledger, and H. Beerbohm Tree were among the guests at the supper given at the Garrick Club on Saturday last in celebration of Mr. John Hare's 25th anniversary of his first appearance on the stage.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington gave a garden party at Devonshire House, Piccadilly, on Friday, the 13th instant, when a large company assembled, among whom were the Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, the Prince and Princess Christian and their daughters, many representatives of the diplomatic body, and others.

The Royal Military Tournament at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, in aid of the funds of the Military Charities, was opened by the Duchess of Albany on Wednesday, and will remain open till towards the close of next week. The attractions of past years will be included in the programme, and there will be introduced also, for the first time, four new features, the capture of a mountain pass, an electric wagon, a railway in operation, and the working of a French ambulance wagon.

Among those present on Tuesday in the Royal enclosure at Ascot were the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, Prince and Princess Christian and their daughters, the Duke of Cambridge, Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, Bro. the Duke of St. Albans, Bros. the Earl of Clonmell and the Earl of Faversham, Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Dunraven, Bro. Lord and Lady Greville, Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke, Bro. the Earl and Countess Granville, and Bro. Viscount Valentia.

Miss Mary Anderson was very quietly married to Mr. F. Antonio de Navarro on Tuesday morning, at the small Roman Catholic Chapel in Holly-place, Hampstead. The wedding party was confined to the relatives of the bride and bridegroom, no one else being admitted to the chapel. The bridegroom arrived shortly before 11 o'clock, accompanied by his brother, who acted as "best man." The bride came with her stepsister, Miss Blanche Griffin, the only bridesmaid; and was given away by her brother, Mr. Joseph Anderson. Canon Purcell performed the ceremony. After luncheon at Mrs. Griffin's residence in Froggnal-road Mr. and Mrs. Navarro left on their way to Venice.

The Prince of Wales, on behalf of the Queen, held a Levee at St. James's Palace, on Monday, when presentations to his Royal Highness were regarded as equivalent to presentations to her Majesty. Previously the Prince and about 30 officers of the 10th Hussars, of which his Royal Highness is Colonel, were grouped together and photographed in the garden to the rear of Marlborough House. In the evening the Prince, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and the Princesses Victoria and Maud, left Marlborough House for Sunningdale Park, where they have been residing during their visit to the Ascot Race Meeting. Previous to this, however, his Royal Highness presided at a meeting of the Council of the Duchy of Cornwall at the offices, Buckingham-gate.

MASONIC SIGNS FROM THE LEBANITES.—After a sojourn of many months among the Druses of Lebanon, the Rev. Haskett Smith, rector of Braucevell, Lincolnshire, is about to return with an important discovery concerning that mysterious people, who are supposed to be lineal descendants of the Hittites. Mr. Smith was admitted to the most secret intimacy with the Druses through having saved the life of a popular young man by sucking the venom of a deadly snake-bite from his body. He was initiated into a number of mysterious rites, hitherto unknown to any foreigner, and among these the natives startled him, as a Freemason, by passing the most characteristic of Masonic signs. Hence Mr. Smith augurs that the Druses are none other than a branch of the great Phœnician race, whose ancestors supplied the Lebanon cedars to the Builders of King Solomon's temple.

The money for the purchase of Brockwell Park, Herne Hill, has been subscribed for some time past, but the gates are still closed to the public.

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

The Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, meeting at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, will not renew its meetings until the first Thursday in September, as usual.

We learn with pleasure that Bro. Gulio Festa, who was initiated in the Montague Guest Lodge on the eve of his departure for Brazil, has arrived safely at Monte Video, and will enter on his duties forthwith.

We regret to hear that, though the accounts of his health are greatly exaggerated, Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., has found it necessary to go abroad for a time in order to obtain rest and a change of air.

The Bishop of Winchester's golden wedding was celebrated quietly at Farnham Castle on Wednesday. His lordship was able to leave his room to attend the celebration of Holy Communion in the Library. A large number of presents were received.

We understand that a bracelet will to-day (Friday) be presented to Mrs. Woodward, at Norwood, by Bros. R. H. Thrupp, Dep. Prov. G.M. Middx., and H. H. Room, Prov. G. Sec., on behalf of the subscribers to the testimonial presented to Bro. J. F. H. Woodward, P.G.S.B.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of London and Metropolitan Counties of the Royal Order of Scotland will be held at 33, Golden-square, on Friday, July 4, at 4.30, and a banquet will subsequently take place at the Café Royal. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke will preside as Prov. G.M.

The marriage of the Hon. Victoria Sackville-West, daughter of Lord Sackville, with her cousin Mr. L. E. Sackville-West, eldest son of Bro. Colonel the Hon. W. E. Sackville-West, P.G.W., heir presumptive to the barony of Sackville, was solemnised in the private chapel at Knole Park, Sevenoaks, on Tuesday. The wedding party was confined to the immediate relatives.

A movement is on foot in the City for the removal of the Church of Allhallows, London Wall, which, it is said, forms a serious obstruction to public traffic in that busy locality. The recent death of the rector of the parish at a patriarchal age has brought the question to the front just now, and the advocates of the demolition suggest that the living might be united with some other City benefice. At a meeting of the Commissioners of Sewers on Tuesday the Improvement Committee were instructed to report on the subject.

Miss Minnie Palmer is playing this week at Bradford, where she has been heartily welcomed. Next week she goes to the Court Theatre, Liverpool, and on the last night but one of her stay, June 27th, will give a parting supper to her company. After the performance on June 28th she and her husband (Mr. John R. Rogers) will at once start for Queenstown, there to join the s.s. Servia, due at New York on July 6th. Miss Palmer's next appearance in London will be in "My Brother's Sister."

The funeral of Bro. Walter H. Hehl, P.M. of the Camden Lodge, No. 704, took place on Tuesday at Brompton Cemetery. The lodge had been summoned to attend, and many did so. They also sent a wreath. Of other Freemasons and friends we noticed Bros. Edwin Styles and J. E. Shand, P.M., Sec., who represented the Camden Club, of which our deceased brother was a member, the club having also sent a wreath of regard. Deceased had been many years manager of the Trocadero, so that he was well known and respected in the profession, and many paid his remains the last tribute of respect.

On Thursday, the 3rd July prox., Mrs. Baskcomb will give a musical and dramatic matinee in the Banqueting Room, St. James's Hall, commencing at 3 p.m. The list of artistes who will give their services is numerous, and includes, among others, Miss Kate Vaughan, Miss Georgina Ganz, Bros. Maybrick, Hermann Vezin, Lionel Brough, Jas. Fernandez, and others, while Mrs. Baskcomb herself and Bro. W. G. Cousins, P.G. Org., will preside at the piano-forte. We trust the matinee will have the success which such a gathering of dramatic and musical artistes justifies us in looking forward to.

Fine wines seem to find purchasers where fine pictures do—at Messrs. Christie and Manson's, the great fine art auctioneers. While the collections of old masters are bringing their hundreds of guineas one day, the cellars of old wines are drawing their hundreds of shillings per dozen the next. There was quite a festival on Thursday, the 12th inst., over the dispersion of the cellars of such celebrity as those of the late Lord Dacre, the late Lord Wicklow, the late Lord Dalhousie, and several other connoisseurs, and some rather extravagant prices were paid for the wines *de fine fleur*. Champagnes, magnums of Perrier Joutet '74, extra reserve Cuvée from Lord Dalhousie's cellar drew 610s. per dozen from Mr. Panmure Gordon's pocket; and ordinary bottles of Pommery Greno '74, extra vin brut, from Mr. Evans Freke's cellar, fetched from 185s. to 200s. per dozen; and the same wine from other cellars brought from 225s. to 255s. per dozen; and one lot of three dozen Perrier Joutet, '74, Cuvée G. Brut, drew no less than 310s., that is nearly 26s. a bottle. Madeira, from Lord Dacre's cellar at The Hoo, Hertfordshire, laid down in 1854, brought from 92s. to 98s. per dozen, while some from the Hon. Edward Coke's, of Longford, Derby, deceased, of unknown age, but bought of the Right Hon. Ed. Ellice in 1843, brought from 98s. to 106s. per dozen. A few dozens of Claret, Chateau Lafitte, 1858, sold at from 124s. to 144s. per dozen. Three dozen of port, vintage of 1847, from Mr. Colson Taylor's cellar, of Clifton, sold for 122s. per dozen; and three more of the same at 120s. per dozen.

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. the Rev. John Lloyd, M.A., vicar of Carmarthen, has been appointed Bishop-Suffragan of Swansea, in the diocese of St. David's.

The Queen has sent £50 as a donation towards the restoration of Green's Norton Church, near Towcester, for which the Duke of Grafton has also promised £300.

The total amount of the offertories received on behalf of the Hospital Sunday Fund, up to the present, amount to nearly £33,000, representing a sum of £2000 above the amount received at the corresponding period of last year.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the Clarence Lodge of Instruction, No. 263, which though so newly started has become very popular—already numbering upwards of 60 members—intends continuing its meetings through the summer.

The P. and O. Company have placed two of their fine steamers at the disposal of the Seamen's Hospital Society Committee for the ceremonial opening of the new branch hospital at the Victoria and Albert Docks by the Prince and Princess of Wales on the 24th inst.

At the monthly meeting of the Royal Meteorological Society, on Wednesday, a paper was read by Capt. J. P. Maclear, "On the action of lightning during the thunderstorms of June 6th and 7th, 1889, at Cranleigh." Mr. Baldwin Latham presided.

Mr. Wilson Barrett concludes his American tour at Sacramento, California, on July 6th, and journeys with his company direct to New York, sailing thence per City of New York, and arriving in Liverpool on Wednesday, July 23rd. He has arranged a short provincial tour of five weeks.

The largest single manual organ ever built is now on view at 58, Holborn Viaduct. It is known as the Orchestral Grand Organ, and possesses 15 sets of reeds and 23 stops. The construction is entirely new, all the reeds being above the keys, which gives a greatly increased power, lightness of touch, and a swell effect equal to the pipe organ, rendering it the best instrument of the kind ever produced.

The second conversazione held this year by the Royal Society took place on Wednesday at Burlington House. There was a large and brilliant assembly, and among exhibits which attracted a good deal of attention were Mr. Shelford Bidwell's electrification of a steam jet, Mr. W. F. R. Weldon's specimens of the living larvae of certain food-fishes, and the two mummy heads exhibited by Professor A. Macalister.

The School Board Fête was held on Wednesday at the Crystal Palace. In the afternoon Earl Stanhope attended and distributed the prizes awarded for proficiency in Scripture knowledge. Out of a total of 1228 prize takers (252,302 children this year submitted themselves for voluntary examination), 82 were selected to publicly receive their prizes, in consequence of their having passed a written examination with marked success.

Wednesday was the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo. The only surviving officers who took part in the engagement are General George Whichcote, 52nd Light Infantry, of Meriden, Coventry, born Dec. 21, 1794, who received nine clasps for his Peninsular services; Lieut.-Colonel William Hewett, 14th Foot, of Southampton, born July 2, 1795; and General the Earl of Albemarle, 14th Foot, born June 13, 1799. Of the Peninsular veterans surviving who were not at Waterloo there are only two—Lieutenant Frederick Bayly, Royal Artillery, of Bath, born July 14, 1791; and Major Gammell, Rifle Brigade, of Bath, born Jan. 3, 1797.

The Prince of Wales has just assisted at the completion of a pretty little episode. When, 28 years ago, he visited the United States, he planted a tree at Mount Vernon, close by the tomb of Washington. The tree, after a moderately prosperous life, died, and was cut down. When last year Sir Julian Pauncefote was here, he mentioned the circumstance to the Prince of Wales, who said that he saw no immediate prospect of revisiting the States, but commissioned the British Minister to act as his deputy in planting another tree. Sir Julian Pauncefote, on his return, took with him a handful of acorns, which were planted and carefully watched. From these a young slip has grown, and Sir Julian Pauncefote reports to Marlborough House that in the name of the Prince of Wales he has planted the oak tree by the tomb of Washington.

St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, was filled, at 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning, by a great crowd of mourners, many of them ladies, who had assembled to do honour to the gentle memory of the late Dowager Marchioness of Ely. As the flower-laden coffin advanced up the aisle the scene was most impressive, the procession advancing towards the altar chanting the opening portions of the burial service. Her Majesty sent a wreath of immortelles, lilies, and roses. On the card were the words "A mark of loving affection and gratitude from her devoted friend Victoria R.I." Among the other floral tributes being one from Elizabeth Duchess of Wellington, and the Empress Eugénie who had written on the card attached to her memorial "Souvenir de tendre amitié." Lovely tributes of affection and friendship came from the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh. The body was then removed to the four-horsed hearse, which was waiting outside the church to convey the coffin to Kensal Green. So many were the flowers that a carriage was filled with those for which there was no room on the hearse. From first to last the ceremony was a reverend tribute to the excellent lady who is mourned and regretted far beyond the circle which she was privileged to make her own. The Secretary of the General Cemetery Company, Mr. H. J. Crofts, together with Mr. F. Frank Tupp, very efficiently conducted the proceedings. Messrs. Jarvis and Child were the undertakers.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the respiratory organs. In common colds and influenza the Pills, taken internally, and the Ointment rubbed over the chest and throat, are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic, this treatment is the easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills purify the blood, remove all obstacles to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the engorged air tubes, and render respiration free without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits; such are the ready means of saving suffering when anyone is afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other chest complaints, by which so many persons are seriously and permanently afflicted in most countries.—ADVT.