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THE RESULTS OF THE YEAR'S FESTIVALS.

We trust that people will not adopt the notion that, because the results of the Boys' School Festival, on the 2nd instant, was so considerably below its former average, the sum total of the year's Festivals may be taken as indicating a serious diminution of interest on the part of the Craft generally in the Masonic Institutions. Fluctuations there must be in the Returns of these anniversary celebrations, as in those of other charities, and it will sometimes happen that the fluctuations exhibit persistently a downward tendency, until on a sudden and without any apparent reason, there is a change for the better, and then all is bright and cheerful where only a short time previously it looked blank and dismal. But though the Boys' School may be in for a spell of bad luck just now, the three Festivals of the current year, when taken together, show an appreciable increase on the aggregate of 1889. Last year the donations and subscriptions to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in February, amounted in round figures to £13,500; to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in May, to £5350; and to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in July, to £13,600; the total for the whole year being £32,450. This year they were as follow: Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in February, £13,850; Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in May, £11,000; Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in July, £9250; or, say, with outstanding lists subsequently accounted for, £9500, giving a grand total for the whole year of £34,350. There is, then, as we have said, an appreciable increase in the general total for this, as compared with the general total for last year, the difference in favour of the former being £1900. Thus the Craft is in a position to congratulate itself on a solid improvement in the general result, though, looking at the details, we find that the Benevolent Institution remains in about the same position, and that while the Girls' School has more than doubled its figures; the Boys' School, unfortunately, has lost ground to the extent of one-third. As regards 1888 no comparison is possible, because the Girls' School Centenary carried everything before it, but in the year of the QUEEN'S Jubilee the Benevolent Festival was ahead to the extent of between £7000 and £8000, while the Schools were about on a level with £11,700 (Girls' Festival) and £11,100 (Boys' Festival) respectively. In 1886 the Returns were, in round figures: Royal Masonic Benevolent Festival, in February, £15,000; Girls' School, in May, £13,000; Boys' School, in June, £12,500; total, £40,500; while in 1885 they were: Benevolent, £17,500; Girls' School, £13,200; Boys' School, £12,000; giving a total of £42,700. It is not necessary, however, that we should carry our researches still further back. What we are anxious to make clear is that taking the aggregate of our Festival Returns for this year, we find they show an advance of nearly £2000 on 1889, which, considering the disturbing effect the Girls' Centenary had on the yearly averages, is undoubtedly a subject for congratulation. We cannot fail to regret the serious falling-off in the Boys' School Returns, but we have the satisfaction of knowing that there is no decrease but a substantial increase in the year's Returns generally; and we have no doubt it will be found that if all goes well, the Boys' School will make up some of its leeway and help to raise the year's general average more nearly on a level with what it was before 1888. Fortune did not befriend it at this year's Festival, but we have no doubt the Craft, when it learns how sorely crippled it is on the score of funds, and that the changes which are in contemplation in its interior organisation cannot on that account be pressed forward as rapidly as they should be, will hasten generously to extricate it from its present difficulties.

BERKS AND BUCKS.

The separation of Berks and Bucks into two Provinces, which we announced some time ago as having been arranged to take place at an early date, is at length an accomplished fact. A final meeting of the lodges in the combined Province was held at Reading on the 21st ult., under the presidency of Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIGG, Past Grand Chaplain, for the purpose of dissolving the partnership which had existed with so much advantage to the brethren for upwards of 40 years, firstly, under the late Marquis of DOWNSHIRE and subsequently under Bro. Sir DANIEL GOOCH, Bart., whose death took place in the autumn of last year. In the early part of the proceedings the Acting Prov. G. Master explained that the then existing Prov. Grand Lodge would, by order of the M.W.G. Master, cease to exist on the 1st instant, and that in its stead there would be henceforth two Prov. Grand Lodges for the Berks and Bucks lodges respectively. Under these circumstances, it became necessary for the partners, as in the case of ordinary business firms, to wind up their affairs. A scheme, which had been previously prepared, was, therefore, submitted, discussed, and eventually adopted, and a Committee, consisting of Bro. BROWNRIGG, now Dep. P.G. Master in charge of Bucks, Bro. BRADLEY, lately Prov. G. Secretary of Berks and Bucks, and others, was nominated to carry out the terms of the scheme as adopted. The rest of the proceedings were for the most part of a mutually complimentary character. Bro. JOHN TOMKINS, P. Prov. S.G.W., on behalf of the Berkshire brethren, expressed in courteous and cordial terms the hearty good wishes of Berks for the future well-being of their Bucks friends, and at the same time gave utterance to the feeling universally entertained by the Masons of his own county of deep regret that they should no longer have their respected Bro. BROWNRIGG associated with them. Bro. BROWNRIGG, on his part, acknowledged gracefully the compliment paid him, and heartily congratulated the Berkshire brethren on the honour his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER had conferred on them by appointing his son, the Duke of CLARENCE AND AVONDALE, to preside over them as Prov. G. Master. He also expressed his belief that though the two counties would henceforth form two separate and distinct provinces, they would be excellent neighbours and as firm friends as ever they had been in conjunction. After this pleasant interchange of compliments, the Acting Prov. G. Secretary announced that Bro. Sir HENRY GOOCH, Bart., P.M., the son of their late respected chief, had placed at the disposition of the province the handsome and valuable Prov. G. Master's regalia which had been presented to his late father by the brethren of Wiltshire on his appointment to preside over Berks and Bucks, and with a vote of thanks to Bro. Sir HENRY GOOCH for his gift, the Prov. G. Lodge was closed. Let us hope that the dissolution of partnership thus happily effected will be to the advantage of the provinces which are so soon about to be constituted.

THE MARK PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

Middlesex and Surrey together constitute one of the chief strongholds of the Mark Degree. The two counties have been organised as a Province for some 20 years under the government of Bro. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., as Prov. G.M.M., and under such a chief it is not surprising that there should be more lodges on the roll of this than of any other Province under the Mark Grand Lodge, not even excepting the important one of Lancashire. However, be the number what it may, the annual meeting, which was held in Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queenstreet, on the 24th ult., was more numerous than any

previous meeting of a like character, and—what is still more important—the proceedings passed off amid the greatest enthusiasm and with far greater success than hitherto. The Report of the Committee of General Purposes showed that the lodges had increased during the past year by two to 37, and the members from 719 to 760. The Provincial Grand Treasurer's statement of account, as audited, showed that financially the Province was in a prosperous state, and donations of £10 10s. in each case were unanimously voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund and the Fund for erecting an organ in Mark Grand Lodge as a memorial to the late Bro. the Rev. Canon PORTAL, Past Grand M.M. At the banquet which followed Provincial Grand Lodge the usual compliments were paid to the respected Provincial Grand Master, who was in the chair, and that distinguished brother reciprocated them by speaking in the most eulogistic terms of the services which had been rendered to him and the Province at large by his worthy Deputy (Bro. C. HAMMERTON), the Provincial Grand Treasurer (Bro. L. G. GORDON ROBBINS), and the Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. W. G. BRIGHTEN), whose duties had increased as the lodges in the Province had gone on increasing and multiplying, but who had nevertheless succeeded in keeping their work so well in hand that there were absolutely no arrears of such returns as the lodges had been called upon to make during the past 12 months. We have had frequent evidence of the admirable manner in which the Craft and Arch proceedings of the Province of Middlesex, of which Bro. Col. Sir F. BURDETT, Bart., is Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent respectively, and it seems no more than just to our Mark brethren that we should occasionally take cognisance of the success which has attended the proceedings of the Mark Province over which he has had the honour to preside from the date of its organisation.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

The largest and most influential assemblage of brethren that has been seen for some time in the Province of Notts took place on the 19th ult., at Southwell, when the Provincial Grand Lodge met within the ancient Palace of the Archbishops of York, and a new lodge was consecrated, which will hold its meetings in the Cathedral town. The meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge took place at two p.m. As the brethren wended their way under the shadow of the stately minster to the restored palace adjoining, they were conducted up a flight of stone stairs, and a procession was formed into a large panelled room overlooking the churchyard, the walls adorned with the portraits of distinguished ecclesiastics who have visited the Cathedral in days gone by, or resided within the palace—once a favourite resort of the Archbishops of York.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the roll was called, and most of the Masters and Wardens of lodges answered to their names.

Bro. Bussell presided, Bro. Newton acting as D.G.M. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Nottingham December 5th, 1889, having been confirmed,

Bro. H. GEORGE, P.P.G.D.C., proposed the following addition to By-law 22: "And a sum, not exceeding one third of the total grant, may, by permission of the Benevolent and Educational Funds Committee, be expended on behalf of the children, for purposes other than education."

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Bro. E. M. KIDD, P.P.G. Treas., moved a resolution in favour of printing and circulating reports of the General Purposes, Benevolent, and Educational Funds Committees previous to the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, but the matter was reserved for further consideration.

The ACTING P.G.M. drew attention to the fact that a respected member of the province—Bro. J. M. McLeod—was a candidate for the post of Secretary to the Boys' School, and a resolution pledging the province to do its utmost to secure his election was heartily agreed to.

At the close of Provincial Grand Lodge the brethren formed procession to attend Divine service in the Cathedral at 3.30 p.m. The Rector (Rev. Canon Trebeck) and the Rev. R. F. Smith, minor canon, were at the doors to receive them.

The service was intoned by the Rev. R. F. Smith.

The sermon was preached by Bro. the Very Rev. A. P. PUREY-CUST, D.D., Dean of York, Past Grand Chaplain. Dr. Cust took for his text Genesis xi., 9, "Therefore is the name of it called Babel, that is, confusion." In the course of an eloquent sermon, the Dean said:

They had here a purpose and a failure, and though it was difficult, if not impossible, at this distance of time to substantiate the details thereof and identify the actual site of the building he alluded to, the outline furnished was so consistent with the circumstances and the locality, so entirely in harmony with the writings of the ancient historians, that they could well understand the Bible had recorded for us a simple fact and not a mere tradition, while it had also a spiritual significance, for which purpose no doubt it was permitted to occupy a prominent position in the early pages of the Word of God. Its teaching was so plain that he that runs may read, and so profitable that it might be remembered by all generations for all time. What was the object that these builders of the Tower had in view? Josephus said it was the fear of another deluge, and the desire to guard against its waters, and so to defy the vengeance of God. Another testimony was that it was to be a rallying place, where they might gather together for mutual society and protection, a purpose neither unnatural or unlawful, if they realised for a moment the state of the world at that period. But if there was not antagonism against God, there was certainly indifference to Him. The builders of the Tower relied entirely on the soundness of their materials and their skill in the manipulation of them, and ignored the blessings and guidance of God, hence those mutual misunderstandings which ended in the breaking up of the community and the abandonment of the enterprise. It was a story full of interest to the archaeologist and full of edification to all who were spiritually minded. It illustrated that which had happened many times since then, the failure of industry and enterprise, simply because it was not leavened with the grace of God. Applying the lesson as not being otherwise than germane to the purpose for which they had met that afternoon, he would point out that the object of their Craft was not only lawful and reasonable, but they realised the importance of promoting the cohesion of humanity. They endeavoured to draw men together in a world in which there was much to promote discord and dissension. Walls of brick, and mortar of bitumen, as used at Babel, would be out of place, but their method was the mutual recognition and cultivation of those principles of integrity and morality, the abuse or neglect of which sapped and ruined the prospects of the children of men. They, as Freemasons, promoted the mutual cultivation of social intercourse on a basis so

broad that the distinctions and differences which alienated men from their fellows disappeared. They were banded together for co-operation, and works of practical philanthropy and charity provided a unity of purpose which was most efficacious in drawing out and holding together the best interests and sympathies of the heart. If they met in secret it was not from any mere love of mystery, but because it had been wisely judged that unless men were disposed to cast in their lot with them, they preferred to pursue their own ends in their own way for those who understood and appreciated what their way was. Theirs, therefore, was not a mere union of sentiment. It had a definite and practical purpose, and they believed that in the pursuit of that purpose they should be enabled individually and socially to extend the sphere of usefulness, to increase their power of being useful, and to enjoy mutual intercourse that should be helpful to themselves and others. How far they were able to attain that object for themselves was best evidenced to the world around by the survival of the Craft to the present day, and its prosperity and increase in these intelligent and practical times. How far it was efficacious for others their works would show. They did not court approval by a publication of the results achieved, but their Schools and other Institutions showed to even the most casual observer that they were not mere professors of philanthropy, while the large amounts disbursed by the Board of Benevolence in individual donations of such substantial sums as no other Charity that he knew of could equal, quietly and unostentatiously provided for those who shrank from being known as the recipients of Charity just the help of which they stood in need. Their prosperity had been lasting, and promised to be ever increasing, because they had not fallen into the error of the builders of old in being indifferent to God. They did not profess to be a religious body or sect, nor did they offer a substitute for Christianity. They looked for the strength and wisdom to sustain and develop the fundamental principles they had at heart, not merely to the precepts or proceedings of the Craft, but to the cultivation and practice of that which commended itself to their own consciences individually as the highest and purest form of religious belief. They believed that Christianity would make them better Freemasons, and that Freemasonry would help them to become better Christians, would give them larger opportunities, and open out different spheres in which to practice it. They believed that Freemasonry was a valuable handmaid to Christianity, and that an association which broke down the walls of social, political, and religious distinction, and brought men together at meetings where the Bible was ever open, and the name of God ever mentioned with reverence, where principles of life and duty which they knew had God's approval were continually inculcated, and order, submission, loyalty, and benevolence practised and enjoined, must have the approval of Him with whose Word and example they were so entirely in harmony. Their presence in the Minster that day was a token of the sincerity of their recognition of God's goodness and their reliance on His grace. It had been no mere pageantry in their eyes. They had not come together simply to participate in an unmeaning ceremony. To all of them those ancient and honoured walls had a peculiar interest. They believed they were raised by the hands of those who were members of the community to which they belonged, and they were instinct with edification because all around they carried analogies of so much that they delighted to rehearse together. They came there with special pleasure that afternoon because they felt that they needed more and more the grace and blessing there to be obtained to make their Craft more worthy of themselves as Christians, and themselves more worthy of their Craft. If they were brethren they were human, and had all the failings and infirmities of manhood. They were conscious of many temptations which beset them, and of many agencies counter to the purpose they had in view. Men watched them with a critical eye, sometimes friendly, and often unfriendly. Like every other institution in these days, Masonry was on its trial, and people were drawing their own conclusions whereunto these things would grow. What would the sequel prove? Freemasonry offered just those principles in life which, if stamped with the image and superscription of God, might tend to His glory and the welfare of men. On the other hand, Freemasonry might be abused, and become an excuse for mere good fellowship and the pandering to the animal instead of the intellectual and spiritual side of man, its forms mere formality, its utterances mere phrases, and its benevolence the mere crumbs that fell from the table of self-indulgence. What then must the consequences be? A glaring unreality, another phase of temptation, a waste of time and money; appropriately named Babel, that is, confusion. As brethren of the Craft the issue was in their hands. "I speak as unto wise men. Judge ye what I say."

At the close of the service the brethren returned to the lodge-room, and at four p.m. the St. Mary's Lodge, No. 2302, Southwell, was consecrated, the consecrating officials being Bro. the Rev. F. Vernon Bussell, D.P.G.M., P.G.C., assisted by officers of Provincial Grand Lodge.

In his introductory address Bro. Bussell remarked that there was a lodge at Southwell some years ago, but it removed to Nottingham, where it had since held its meetings at the Masonic Hall. It was felt that the time had now arrived to introduce a new lodge into the place, and some of the brethren applied to the Grand Master, who, in the exercise of his discretion, had granted a warrant for the creation of a St. Mary's Lodge. He congratulated the brethren on assembling in such large numbers under the roof of that old archiepiscopal palace, and remarked that the picturesque remains amid which they had met irresistibly called to mind a long series of historical events. The first palace was most probably built in the time of King Edwy, but to leave probability aside and deal with recorded fact they knew that Archbishops Alfric (1023-50) and Gerard (1101-8) possessed a residence there, as they frequently lived at Southwell, and both died there. Cardinal Archbishop Kemp rebuilt a considerable portion of the palace, and the work was continued by some of his successors. To pass on to later times, Archbishop Wolsey sought repose in that palace after his fall in 1529, and it formed the chief residence of Archbishop Sandys (1577-88). James I., a patron of the Order, paid it a visit on his way from Scotland to take possession of the English throne, and Charles I. was there with the French Ambassador, sent by Cardinal Mazarin, to endeavour to arrange terms between the King and the Parliament. In the time of Cromwell, a greater part of the palace was destroyed, and the property being confiscated was purchased by one Edward Child, a Parliamentarian, born of humble parents at Arnold, near Nottingham. General Monk came here at the Restoration, and after that Child was compelled to restore what he had purchased for a mere nominal sum, and it reverted back to the Archbishops of York, in whose hands it remained until it was made over to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. On the See of Southwell being founded, Dr. Trollope purchased the remains of the old palace with a view of providing an episcopal residence, but as the Bishop did not see fit to reside there he did not proceed further with the work. The old hall in which they were assembled was the withdrawing room of the palace, and it had been restored to more than its pristine beauty. He was sure they would wish him to write to the Bishop and to express their warmest thanks to him for having kindly permitted the use of the room for that ceremonial. He had now to commit the honour of the Craft at Southwell to the Master and brethren of the St. Mary's Lodge, named from the patron saint of the stately Cathedral, and to express the hope that they would guard and protect it, and do no act, living or dying, which they would wish to blot out.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and was most impressively performed.

The first officers of the new lodge are Bros. J. Townrow, P.M., W.M.; J. H. Bradwell, P.M., S.W.; R. J. Ingram, P.M., J.W.; G. Kirkland, Treas.; and F. Carey Parker, Sec.

The W.M. designate was installed, Bro. H. R. Hatherley officiating, and at the close of the lodge the brethren dined together at the Concert Hall, where an excellent cold collation was provided by Mrs. Sharp, of the Crown Hotel. Bro. Townrow presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured.

The Prince of Wales was present at the annual dinner of the Rifle Brigade, held at the Hôtel Métropole on Saturday evening last, under the presidency of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who is Colonel-in-Chief of the Brigade.

By command of the Queen a State ball was given at Buckingham Palace on Friday, the 4th inst., at which the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and other members of the Royal family were present. The attendance was very numerous.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE GRAFTON LODGE OF M.M.M., No. 415.

Long years have sped since Mrs. Caudle thought fit and proper to apostrophise her errant spouse on his clandestine attainment of the honourable Degree of a Mason, and, in her anxiety to gain an insight into the mysteries of the Craft, to belabour him the livelong night with waspish phrase or wheedling tone. In this year of grace courtesy forbids that we should acknowledge the existence of that estimable lady or her descendants, while experience teaches that we may safely speak of her as "the late Mrs. Caudle." Instead thereof we have a sprightly angel, interested in all the doings of her lord, loading him the while with those due congratulations as Degree follows Degree and glory, glory. The arrival of this happy consummation is in no small measure due to the daily increasing influence of the better half in all matters benevolent, and to the growing popularity of our Craft under the auspices of our Royal Master.



THE EARL OF EUSTON.

The admittance of the gentler sex to our public functions, and, as the coming Mark Benevolent Festival will prove, their absolute concurrence in matters charitable, goes far to show that the mothers and daughters of England are with us heart and soul. Seeing, then, that the Mark Degree has been the first to recognise the new era, and to give to Beatrice and to Benedick alike an equal and social interest in its Masonic Charity, it was with an appreciative satisfaction that I accepted the invitation of the founders of the new Grafton Mark Lodge to attend their consecration on Wednesday, June 25th.



C. F. MATIER ESQ.

The names of the brethren called together by the Deputy Grand Master to assist him in his labours are of foremost interest, for surely so distinguished a coterie has seldom been assembled for so felicitous a purpose. Bro. the Earl of Euston, as W.M.; Bro. Col. S. H. Clerke, as S.W.; Bro. Frank Richardson, as J.W.; Bro. the Rev. J. A. Lloyd, as Chap.; Bro. C. F. Matier, as D.C.; Bro. Col. A.

B. Cook, as I.G.; and Bro. F. H. Cozens, as Org. And, further, let me add that by command of the Deputy Grand Master, each and all appeared in all the blaze and glory of full dress. A glance round the lodge room showed that the honour thus delicately conveyed was duly appreciated by the founders.

Side by side and earnestly conversing on the coming ceremonial were Bros. Berridge, Lord Dungarvan, and Alfred Williams. Bros. Jabez Church and A. R. Carter were deeply engrossed in the contents of the ledger. Bros. Gordon Ross, E. J. Conlon, and J. C. Collier were studying the properties of the lodge, whilst amongst a group of brethren surrounding Bros. Brighten and Major Probyn, I noticed Bros. Andrews and Major Baker. Genial as ever, Bros. H. J. Hitchins and Augustus Harris were titillating the fancy of Bros. A. F. Church, Barnes, and Major Carrell, with anecdote on anecdote, drawn from their experience of theatrical life, while soft and low the gentle touch of Bro. F. H. Cozens dreamed out sweet melody from the organ.



R. BERRIDGE ESQ.

A cry of "Brethren, to order," announced the advent of the procession, which was closed by the stalwart form of our Dep. Grand Master and, as he entered the chair and placed his officers, we recognised that success was assured.

"Brethren and founders of the Grafton Lodge,—This evening it is for the second time my privilege to be associated with a body of Masons who have done honour to my family and myself in adopting the title of my father as their designation for all ages in the Masonic world. On the first occasion, in this same hall, but in another Degree, I myself stood in your position as a founder, but this evening it is an untold pleasure to me to appear before you by command of the M.W.G.M. as your Consecrating Officer. Let me assure you that it is with no small amount of pride I take the lead in the conduct of a ceremony which will effectively place on the roll of lodges of the Mark Masters of England the name of one very dear to me, the best of fathers and the best of men, who, though not himself a Mason, has proved himself throughout a long and brilliant career to be possessed of every thought and impulse which we are taught to believe, and to fervently trust, as Masons, is, and ever will be, our common qualification." With these few words Lord Euston commenced his duties, and after the delivery of an interesting and instructive oration from the Past Grand Chaplain, he continued and finished the ceremony.



AUGUSTUS HARRIS, ESQ.

To say that our Grand Secretary performed the ceremony of installation is merely to point out the fact that it was completed with earnestness and solemnity, and Bro. Berridge having been placed in the chair as first W.M., the several offices were distributed to the satisfaction of all concerned.



VISCOUNT DUNGARVAN

Bro. Williams as I.P.M., Bro. Augustus Harris in the Senior Warden's chair, and Bro. Lord Dungarvan, as his colleague in the S., promised support and assistance to the W.M.; while the gracing of the centre pedestals, with three such sturdy Craftsmen

as Bros. J. C. Collier, R. L. Andrews, and H. J. Hitchins was in itself an assurance that no bad work would find place or part in the Grafton structure. What better Treasurer could be appointed than Bro. Jabez Church, and where found so competent a R. of M. as Bro. Major Carrell.

A few kind words from the W.M. followed Bro. A. R. Carter to the Secretary's chair, and then the dove-tipped staves were worthily entrusted to Bros. Gordon Ross and Alfred Church.

The wand of Director of Ceremonies in the hands of Bro. Brighten assured an experienced officer to the service of the lodge, and the fraternal enthusiasm of all present showed that Bro. Conlon's investiture as I.G. was popular and welcome. With the appointment of Bros. Probyn and Baker as Stewards, the proposition and acceptance of the Consecrating Officers as honorary members, the presentation of founders' jewels to Bro. the Earl of Euston and Bro. C. F. Matier, and a vote of thanks to His Grace the Duke of Grafton for his sponsorship of the lodge, the proceedings closed, and so to dinner.



A. A. CARTER ESQ.

Rose-shaded candles shed a gentle glow on the glittering silver and snow-white napery, and lit up the genial faces surrounding the board. Happiness reigned supreme, and as dainty followed dainty and the sparkling crystal glittered with the wine, then quip and crank they flew from lip to lip and brought attendant laughter in their train. Then the cool breezes of the summer night ever and anon passed in and out as if to take their part in all the jollity and fun, flickering the candles in their path and casting queer shadows on the smiling guests. Speech followed speech, and toast tripped over toast, till someone whispered, "Now, my friends, good-bye"; and then we trooped away, some North, some South, some East, some West, till all were gone.

WANDERER.

CONSECRATION OF THE VICTORIA LODGE, No. 2360, AT SOUTHPORT.

The consecration of the above lodge took place on Monday, the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bank Buildings. The ceremony was a most interesting one, consequently there was a very large assembly of influential brethren.

Amongst those present were:

Bros. E. H. Cookson, P.S.G.W.; J. D. Belles Adams, S.W.; R. Foot, J.W.; J. Kirby Turner, P.M., P.G. Chap.; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., P.G.S.; John C. Robinson, P.A.G.D.C.; Geo. A. Harradan, I.P.M. 2316; Ralph Betley, Prov. A.G. Sec.; Joseph Kilby, P.M., W.M.; C. T. Porter, D.D., LL.D., S.W.; A. B. Buttrick, J.W.; T. Whitehead, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; W. F. Scarlett, Sec.; John Hyde, S.D.; J. McKennell, J.D.; J. F. Roberts, P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; Ormerod, Org.; Frank Oliver, I.G.; Geo. Rockcliffe, Tyler; J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.S.B. England, P.P.G.W. East Lancashire; R. H. Johnson, P.P.G.O.; S. Robinson, P.P.S.G.D.; Mark Newsome, P.P.S.G.D.; G. Phillips, P.P.G.O.; Warwick Wood, P.P.G.S.B.; John Wainwright, P.P.G.D.C.; Chas. R. Austin, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Sharrock, W.M. 1313; T. E. Chambers, P.M. 1313; S. Boyce, P.M. 1313; Jas. Hesketh, P.M. 1070; Wm. Watson, J. M. Dewhurst, Sydney J. Fane, and Fred Wood, all of 2360; Hy. H. W. Kay, 1313; and John Hanson, 1034.

The ceremony of consecration was performed by Bro. E. H. Cookson, Prov. S.G.W., who was assisted in the performance of the duty by Bro. J. D. Belles Adams, W.M. 680, S.W.; Robert Foot, P.P.G. Treas., J.W.; Rev. J. Kirby Turner, P.M., P.G. Chap.; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; John C. Robinson, P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; Geo. A. Harradan, P.M. 3216; and Ralph Betley, P.A.G. Sec.

The brethren assembled in the magnificent lodge room, and the lodge was opened in the Three Degrees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER then addressed the brethren in regard to the object or which they had met together, after which the Chaplain, by his direction, offered up prayer.

The DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES then addressed the Consecrating Officer, and by his direction, arranged the founders of the new lodge in order, and the P.A.G. Sec. read the petition and the warrant which had been granted by the M.W.G.M. authorising the formation of the Victoria Lodge, No. 2360, in answer to the prayer of the petition and designating Bros. Joseph Kilby, P.M., W.M.; Rev. C. T. Porter, S.W.; and A. B. Buttrick, J.W.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER enquired of the brethren ranged before him whether they approved of the officers named in the warrant, and the brethren having signified their approval in Masonic form, the Chaplain, at the request of the Presiding Officer, gave an oration.

The ceremony was brought to a close by the Patriarchal Benediction.

The chair was taken by Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., as Installing Master.

The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree.

Bro. J. Kilby, W.M. designate, was then presented to the Installing Master by Bro. J. C. Robinson, P.P.A.G.D.C., and duly installed first W.M. of the lodge, and in that capacity was proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees.

The working tools were presented in each Degree by Bro. R. Betley, Prov. A.G. Secretary.

The Worshipful Master invested his officers, and were addressed also by Bro. BETLEY.

The INSTALLING MASTER presented the W.M. with the warrant and Book of Constitutions, and also gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren.

The Worshipful Master was appointed Charity Representative.

Bro. T. Whitston, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., was elected Treasurer.

All other business being at an end, the lodge was closed.

Subsequently the brethren with the guests dined together in the dining room adjoining the lodge room, the banquet being provided by Bro. George Rockcliffe and his good lady, who we most heartily congratulate upon the great success of the occasion.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in a most enthusiastic way.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. NICHOLAS MARK LODGE, No. 413, AT HARWICH.

On Saturday, the 28th ult., a new Mark lodge was added to the roll of lodges in the Province of East Anglia (which comprises the counties of Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, and Cambridgeshire), to meet at the Great Eastern Hotel, Harwich, and to be called the St. Nicholas Lodge, and numbered 413 on the roll of the Grand Mark Lodge. The Provincial Grand Mark Master, Lord Henniker, had promised to consecrate the lodge, but at the last moment, owing to indisposition, telegraphed his regret at his inability to be present. The popular Deputy Grand Mark Master, Bro. the Rev. Charles J. Martyn, was also unable to attend. The consecration ceremony was undertaken by Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, Grand Mark Secretary, and most ably he carried out the duties.

The proceedings of the day commenced at noon, when, by special dispensation, a Mark lodge was held for the purpose of advancing the following members of Star in the East Craft Lodge, No. 650: Bros. John Henry Vaux, William Groom, Harry George Everard, John Robert Watson, Martin Luther Sanders, Robert Pattle, Harold Gurney, R. Barlow, William Moore, George Grimsey, and Edwin Stephen Gunn. The ceremony of advancement was performed by Bro. C. F. Matier, assisted by the following officers: Bros. James Terry, P.G.S.B., as S.W.; J. J. C. Turner, Prov. G. Org., as J.W.; T. J. Ralling, P.M. 145, P.G.D. England, P.P.G.O., as M.O.; J. T. Bailey, P.M. 145, P.P.G.R., as S.O.; G. A. Eustace, P.M. 145, P.P.G.S.B., as J.O.; R. Berridge, G.D.C. England, and Richard Clowes, P.M. 145, P.P.G.M.O., as Deacons; and Ashdown as I.G.

After a brief adjournment, the brethren re-assembled for the consecration, which, as has already been said, was most ably performed by the Grand Mark Secretary, assisted by the following officers: Bros. A. H. Moyes, P.S.G.W., as S.W.; Geo. Cooper, P.G.O. England, as J.W.; the Rev. E. H. Crate, P.M. 145, P.G.C. England, as Chaplain; N. Tracy, P.G.D. England, as Secretary; R. Berridge, G.D.C. England, as D.C.; and Abel, P.G.S.B. England, as I.G.

Bro. MATIER, before commencing the ceremony, said, although, as the chief executive officer of the Order, he had always the greatest pleasure in undertaking duties of that sort, still on that occasion he could not help expressing his extreme regret and sorrow that he should have been called upon to take the chair in consequence of the absence through illness of Lord Henniker, Prov. G.M. He had seen a letter from his lordship, in which he stated that he was suffering from an acute throat disease, which had come on almost at a moment's notice, and his physician told him that if he took a journey or exerted himself in any way, he would render himself exceedingly liable to a severe attack of quinsy. Under those circumstances he was sure they would join with him in expressing regret at his lordship's absence.

A very appropriate address on the nature and principles of the Order was given by the acting Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. E. H. CRATE. The reverend brother remarked that whether in the Craft, Mark, or the Royal Arch, the nature and principles of the Order were one and the same, only becoming more expanded and unfolded the higher they climbed on the Masonic ladder, and the more they made themselves acquainted with the various Degrees of Freemasonry and the peculiar secrets restricted to each.

At the close of the consecration ceremony Bro. Matier installed Bro. Richard Clowes as the first W.M. of the lodge.

Bro. Clowes afterwards invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. J. T. Bailey, P.M. 145, P.P.G.R., acting I.P.M.; A. J. H. Ward, S.W.; W. Murray, J.W.; G. T. Helsdon, M.O.; J. H. Vaux, S.O.; H. G. Everard, J.O.; Wm. Groom, Treas.; M. L. Sanders, Sec.; S. W. Parker, Reg.; H. Gurney, S.D.; J. R. Watson, J.D.; R. Pattle, D. of C.; C. R. Salter, Org.; W. T. Beaumont, I.G.; W. Dallimore and J. Smith, Stwds.; and Robert Barlow, Tyler.

On the proposition of the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, votes of thanks were accorded to Bro. Matier and the whole of the brethren who took part in the advancement and consecration ceremonies, and they were all elected honorary members of the new lodge.

A vote of thanks was also given to Bros. Beaumont and Smith for presenting to the lodge the Overseers' pedestals, which were very handsome, and, as the W.M. suggested, will doubtless be all the more valued because they were made by the brethren themselves.

Letters expressing regret at their inability to attend were read from Bros. Lord Euston, Lord Dungarvan, the Lord Mayor, Sir J. B. Monckton, Sir Francis Boileau, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook, Frank Richardson, E. Letchworth, Lieut. Giles, R.N., Alfred Welch, A. H. Bowles, W. C. Gilles, W. Sowman, Lennox Browne, J. P. Lewin, and others.

After the ceremony, the brethren adjourned to the large coffee room of the Great Eastern Hotel, where a very elegant banquet was served in faultless style by the manager, Mr. King.

The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. He commented upon the fact that there were no less than nine Grand and Past Grand Officers present, and coupled with the toast of "The Grand Officers" the name of Bro. Berridge.

Bro. BERRIDGE, in response, said it had given the Grand Officers great pleasure to assist Bro. Matier in the consecration of the St. Nicholas Lodge, which he hoped would soon become one of the best working lodges on the roll of the Grand Mark Lodge of England.

Bro. TRACY, responding to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers," said he was glad to find that the Province of East Anglia was participating in the growth and general prosperity of the Mark Degree. When he was first appointed P.G. Secretary there were seven lodges in the province; now there were 11. He felt sure that the Degree had so much vitality and so much necessity for life in it that it was bound to go on and prosper.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Consecrating Officer," said when Bro. Matier promised to come down to the St. Nicholas Lodge it was for the purpose of advancing the brethren who wished to join, and for no other purpose. It was at very short notice he undertook to perform the consecration, and he was sure they were deeply grateful to him for the masterly manner in which he had performed the ceremony.

Bro. MATIER, in response, recalled the circumstances that East Anglia took a very prominent part in the advancement of the Prince of Wales. Bros. George Cooper and Ralling acted as Grand Deacons, and Bro. Crate as Grand Chaplain. He (Bro. Matier) was J.G.W., and Bro. Berridge was G.D.C., and the present meeting was like a re-union of the brethren who took part in that memorable ceremony. Bro. Matier then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master and Brethren of St. Nicholas Lodge," and referring to Bro. Clowes' earnest work in Freemasonry, and especially to his love and attachment to the Mark Degree, mentioned that only a month ago Bro. Clowes was installed W.M. of a Mark lodge in Sussex.

Bro. CLOWES briefly responded, and then proposed "The Health of the Newly Advanced Brethren," for whom the Mayor of Harwich (Bro. J. H. VAUX) responded.

The other toasts proposed from the chair were "The Visitors," for whom Bro. J. J. C. TURNER responded, and "The Officers," for whom the S.W. (Bro. A. J. H. WARD) replied.

The proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast.

Among the brethren present on the occasion, besides those already mentioned, were Bros. V. P. Freeman, P.J.G.W. Sussex; H. J. Wright, P.M. 70, P.P.A.G. Sec.; G. F. Smith, P.P.G. Org. Surrey; F. C. Atkinson, S.O. 70; Percy Clowes, Royal Connaught Lodge; R. W. Goddard, acting G. Tyler; Arthur Wright, Tyler 145; R. Gould, Tyler 70; and others.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, DERBYSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Leicester, on the 3rd inst., Bro. W. Kelly presiding, supported by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Cox, and a large attendance of brethren.

The reports given by the W.M.'s of the 10 lodges in the province showed steady progress.

The P.G. Registrar's report gave an increase during the year of 17 members.

The P.G. MASTER, in his annual address, referred to the fact that a warrant had been granted for a new lodge at Alfreton, Derbyshire, making the sixth lodge in that county since 1879. Bro. Kelly also alluded in a few touching words to the lamented death of Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes referred with great regret to the loss the province was about to sustain by the removal of Bro. Miles J. Walker, who since 1886 has filled the office of P.G. Secretary with marked efficiency.

On the motion of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Cox, seconded by Bro. WOODIWISS, P.P.S.G.W., a suitable address was ordered to be drawn up, and presented to Bro. Walker, and a sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Testimonial Fund.

A sum of five guineas was voted to the Benevolent Fund.

The P.G.M. accepted the invitation of the Northampton brethren to hold the Provincial Grand Lodge next year in their new hall.

The P.G. Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested by the P.G.M., Bro. Miles J. Walker being invested as P.S.G.W., in the place of Bro. Woodiwiss (ex-Mayor of Derby).

The usual banquet was then held.

**PRESENTATION TO BRO. SUDLOW,
G.S.B.**

The recent appointment of Bro. R. Clay Sudlow to the office of Grand Standard Bearer in Grand Lodge and Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies in Supreme Grand Chapter was regarded by his very numerous Masonic friends and co-workers as a fitting opportunity of acknowledging his valuable services and the high esteem in which he is held.

A strong Committee was formed, and their efforts resulted in a numerously attended congratulatory dinner, held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, and the presentation to Bro. Sudlow of a handsome testimonial.

Bro. Thos. Fenn, Pres. Board of General Purposes, presided, and amongst those present were—

Bros. R. C. Sudlow, J. A. Farnfield, H. Pritchard, G. L. Kennaby, F. T. Rushton, W. G. Kentish, W. P. Reynolds, J. Russell, H. Bué, J. T. Tanqueray, S. W. Shaw, W. H. Kirby, A. Lister, G. Cook, P. J. Rutland, T. C. Meade, H. L. Wellcome, G. Delma, Alder Wright, E. M. Money, A. Marvin, P. Ockenden, D. G. Imlay, A. Oliver, G. E. Lewis, A. T. Trehearne, J. C. Mortimer, G. F. Janes, C. Bassano, J. Lancaster, J. W. Cooper, R. Mackway, D. J. Williams, J. H. McQueen, P. W. Dumville, W. Wellsman, E. P. Debenham, W. Taylor, G. W. Carter, H. Owens, Lieut.-Col. Henry Gardner, G. R. Kennedy, J. W. J. Kennedy, Col. J. Ward, Col. J. Peters, S. M. Burroughs, N. S. Campbell, J. W. Drysdale, A. Rosenthal, J. T. Ashby, J. Jennings, H. Edmonds, R. V. F. Seton, E. M. Morriss, C. W. Mapleton, F. Lawrance, J. Fraser, W. H. Causton, H. M. Hobbs, and W. W. Lee.

An excellent repast having been enjoyed, a few toasts appropriate to the occasion were honoured.

"The Queen" having been given,

The CHAIRMAN proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and said he could not help alluding to the very serious loss which the M.W.G.M. had sustained, and which the Craft must all deplore, in the death of the Pro Grand Master. Few knew better than the executive officers how great were the services rendered to the Craft by the late Pro Grand Master, whose heart was always open whenever his assistance was needed. The concerns of the Craft, and especially those of the greatest importance, were always considered very deeply, and his advice was always wisely given, and, therefore, it was difficult at the present moment to see how his place could be supplied.

The CHAIRMAN then said: We now come to the toast of the evening. We are met together this evening, as you all know, to do honour to our Brother Sudlow, to congratulate him upon his appointment as Grand Standard Bearer of Grand Lodge and D.G.D.C. of Supreme Grand Chapter, and to offer him a testimonial in recognition of his services to the various lodges and chapters with which he is connected, and also from those who have benefited by his instruction. I am extremely glad to see so many members of the Eastes Lodge, of which he was one of the founders and the first W.M. It was in that lodge he first entered the chair of any lodge, and the manner in which he discharged his duties I venture to say has not been surpassed, and was entirely to the satisfaction of all the members. I am pleased also to see members of the Bank of England Lodge, more especially my worthy and esteemed Bro. Colonel Peters, because in that lodge Bro. Sudlow occupied the chair for two successive years. I recollect being present at his installation—I think on the first occasion—and I know full well from what I have heard since, that he discharged his duties there in a very admirable manner. There are also companions present from the various chapters in which our Bro. Sudlow held office. I am told with very great ability. I can quite understand that his work in chapter is equal to his work in lodge, and on one occasion heard him give one of the lectures, which was very ably done. To all those brethren the merits of Bro. Sudlow and his great ability are well known, and must be highly appreciated, and we will endeavour, through the Press, to make them known to the Craft outside this assembly. Why he has been appointed to this Grand office I am unable to say. The brethren who have drawn up the address know more about it than I, and it is not usual for the M.W.G.M. to give any reason for his appointment, except on some occasions when Past Grand rank is given for distinguished services. I imagine that this honour has been conferred not so much for the duties he has performed so well in his private lodges, but for his services to the Craft in general in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and perhaps also it may be somewhat in recognition of the services and the usefulness of that great institution. Our Bro. Sudlow learned his Masonry, as many men now eminent in the Craft have done before him, in that excellent lodge of improvement, and so admirably did he learn the work of the ritual and the lectures that he was selected to preside and become Preceptor of the Langton Lodge of Instruction, the members of which were very anxious that their lodge should be conducted strictly on the lines of Emulation. I recollect on one occasion when I was unexpectedly called upon to preside at one of their annual meetings, that it occurred to me what a useful man Bro. Sudlow would be in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. It was somewhat at my suggestion that he was invited to join the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and it was primarily in the interests of that lodge that I did so, but I must confess I had a personal motive in recommending him to be on the Committee. I had for many years occupied that position, but my engagements were increasing, particularly in the Royal Arch, and two of

my chapters met on a Friday, and it became very difficult to maintain the constant attendance at that lodge, which I had hitherto so strictly observed. Therefore, it was a great satisfaction to see in Bro. Sudlow one upon whom I could rely to fill my place with credit to the Emulation Lodge and with great advantage to the brethren attending it. Shortly after Bro. Sudlow came on the Committee, older members gracefully and ungrudgingly accorded him the precedence which he merited, and which he took naturally, because they were unable to attend so regularly, and I venture to say they could not compete with him in the thorough knowledge of the work, although well acquainted with the ritual, and well able to take his place on occasions. I have not been able to attend for many years with the assiduity I did in former times, and I feel more and more that the time will come very shortly when I shall have to give up Masonry altogether, but while the brethren choose to re-elect me as Treasurer, I shall hope, during a few years, to do them what service I can, and I think I am able to render some service on their annual festival nights by inducing some prominent Mason to occupy the chair, and also by bringing together a brilliant assemblage of Grand Officers to maintain the prestige and credit of that Emulation Lodge of Improvement. I shall not detain you much longer. Our Brother Sudlow has, I think, shown during the time he has been a member of that Committee, that he can perform the work there with perfect correctness, and the courteous manner in which he performs that very difficult and delicate task of correction, I think you must admit has your approbation and approval. I know how difficult it is to maintain correctness of work without giving offence. You feel you must keep up the work, and yet you must feel there are some who will be offended at being stopped at every half-dozen words. But Bro. Sudlow does it with such a courteous manner that I hardly think he can give offence. You can well understand how satisfied I feel in leaving the Emulation Lodge of Improvement in the hands of those who will maintain the prestige of that noble institution. He will see that the strict working of the lodge—for which it has been so celebrated in the past—will be thoroughly followed. While you might have elected a brother to perform the duties of this evening far more ably than myself, and unequal as I feel to the task, I should have regretted had I not been invited to preside. There is no one who is more thoroughly impressed with the worth of Bro. Sudlow than myself, and no one values his service to the Emulation Lodge more highly, and the service he has done myself in relieving me of duties which were becoming too onerous. I have now extreme pleasure in presenting to him the full dress clothing of Grand Std. Br., two sets of undress clothing, the jewel of Grand Standard Bearer, a complete set of jewels in miniature, and the jewel of D.G.D. of C. of Grand Chapter. All the jewels are in 18 carat gold. There is likewise a magnificent address, which I shall have the pleasure of reading to you, and which is handsomely bound, and to which is appended 185 names. Bro. Sudlow, in presenting this testimonial to you in recognition of your services, not only to the members of lodges and chapters where you have distinguished yourself, but to the members of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, as a testimony of their recognition of your high merits, we express the hope that you may long live to enjoy your honours and render valuable service to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement for many years to come.

Bro. R. CLAY SUDLOW, G. Std. Br., said he wished it were in his power adequately to thank them for the magnificent testimonial that had been presented to him. His words might be poor and halting, and he might fail altogether to convey to them what he felt, but he hoped they would understand that it was not because he was indifferent to their great kindness, but rather that he appreciated it almost beyond expression. He was generally credited by those who knew him with being a very sensitive man, and he was glad that a keen susceptibility was part of his nature, as it enabled him to value in a very special degree their congratulations, their splendid gift, their presence that evening, the extreme kindness of Bro. Fenn in taking the chair at very great personal inconvenience, and, lastly, the labours of the Committee to ensure that nothing that could give him pleasure should be overlooked. It had been suggested that his appointment was due, in some measure at all events, to his connection with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and it was with the greatest satisfaction that he thought that such might be the case. He had not desired the purple for himself—he said that truly—but he had desired it for many reasons for that lodge, and he liked to think that as a member of the Committee of that lodge, and the one perhaps upon whom of late years the bulk of the work had fallen, he had not been a stumbling block in the way of the distinction, but had been thought worthy to be the medium through whom the lodge had received it. He accepted with the greatest possible pleasure the beautiful gift presented to him, and he should wear the Grand Lodge clothing and the jewels with very great pride. There seemed to have been a sort of friendly conspiracy amongst them to prevent him putting his hand in his pocket for a single thing necessary—nay, even for luxuries—and he thanked them very, very heartily for them all, and also for the address which formed part of the presentation. He should prize it very highly, not only on account of its intrinsic value, but because it contained a record of a list of Masonic friends who, by their personal interest in—nay, he might almost say participation in—the honour that had been con-

ferred upon him, as well as by their useful gift, had made that one of the most pleasurable and one of the most memorable incidents of his whole life. With regard to the office itself, he was rather glad it was that of Grand Std. Br.—rather than S.G. Warden, for instance—(laughter)—because it seemed to him particularly appropriate to his work and position in Masonry. During his year of office it would be his duty to carry one of the standards in Grand Lodge, and to his mind it would be typical of the standard of ritual and working it would still be his privilege to guard in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. He need not say that the pleasure he had in accepting their testimonial was greatly enhanced by the fact of receiving it at the hands of one of the most distinguished of Masons—Bro. Fenn, the President of the Board of General Purposes. He thanked him very heartily and very deeply for all the kind things said of him, and also for his presence that night. He considered Bro. Fenn had paid him a very great honour in accepting the Chairmanship at this testimonial dinner, and he appreciated that honour very, very highly. Before he sat down he must express his gratitude to the members of the Committee with Bro. Col. Peters at their head. That distinguished brother had been one of those who, for a long time past, had been anxious to see a purple collar round his (Bro. Sudlow's) neck, and he regarded him as one of his vigorous champions. Amongst the members of the Committee he numbered his oldest and best Masonic friends, and he knew that each one felt almost as much pleasure in his appointment as if it had been conferred upon himself. His special thanks were due to Bros. Pritchard and Cook for their personal work in the address and the jewels, and last, but certainly not least, to their never-tiring and energetic Secretary, Bro. Kirby. The Committee had failed in one thing, which was, they might have sent him a dinner ticket, but it was obvious he was expected. It had occurred to him that things would not have gone so smoothly had he not been present, and perhaps they would, one and all, excuse him for attending without an invitation—(laughter).

"The Chairman" was given by Bro. Col. PETERS, and appropriately acknowledged by Bro. Fenn.

The proceedings then terminated, every brother being presented by Bro. Sudlow with an admirably executed portrait of himself, which would serve to remind those present—if a reminder were necessary—of a pleasurable and eventful occasion.

The testimonial consisted of an imperial quarto album, beautifully illuminated, and handsomely bound in blue morocco, with engraved monogram, in gold, on the outside cover.

The first page, bordered with ornament of the Roman period, appropriately coloured, contained the title, in which were incorporated the banners and emblems of Bro. Clay Sudlow's offices as Grand Standard Bearer of the United Grand Lodge of England and Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The second page was also fully illuminated. On this was engrossed the commencement of the address, which was continued on the following leaves, and these, together with the pages containing the signatures, were bordered and coloured in a very artistic manner, the pattern being different on each leaf.

"To W. Bro. Robert Clay-Sudlow, Grand Standard Bearer the United Grand Lodge of England, 1890; Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, 1890; P.P.G.S.D. Kent; P.M. 263, P.M. 1965, P.G.S.N. Middlesex, P.Z. 1194, P.Z. 28, Treasurer 1965, Member of Committee of Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Hon. Member 1768. We, your brethren and companions of the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry, tender you our heartiest greetings and sincerest congratulations on your Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter appointments, as above, which honours have been conferred upon you in recognition of—1st—Your exceptional attainments in Masonic work; 2nd—Your faithful devotion to the highest principles of Freemasonry. 3rd—Your patient and untiring zeal in imparting Masonic knowledge to others; and 4th—Your general courtesy of manners and kindness of heart. Being sensible of the benefits we have received through your assistance and high example, and as a tangible token of our affectionate regard for you, we ask you to accept the following in commemoration of, perhaps, the most important point of your Masonic career, viz.: Grand Lodge clothing and set of miniature jewels, and may the Great Architect of the Universe bless you with a long and happy life, to enjoy the honours you have won, is the earnest prayer of your affectionate brethren."

Bro. Lieut.-Col. H. Smith-Daniel, Chief Constable of Hertfordshire, has made up his mind to contest the vacant Commissionership of City Police against the present acting Commissioner.

The Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, was attended last Sunday by H.R.H. the Princesses Victoria and Maud of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Alfred, and the Princesses Marie, Victoria, Melita, Louise, and Alexandra of Edinburgh, who all walked from their respective residences. Earl Granville, Lord Stratheden and Campbell, Duke of Richmond and Gordon, Bro. the Duke of St. Albans, Prov. G.M. Notts, Bro. Admiral Lord Alcester, G.C.B., S.G.W.; Marquis of Drogheda, Sir Henry Tyler, Mr. K. R. Causton, M.P., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gladstone, Capt. Henry Wright, Sir Spencer and Lady Ponsonby Fane, Mrs. Laking, Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck, and the Deputy Grand Master and Lady Maud Wilbraham.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE
OF SURREY.

W. Bro. FREDERICK WEST, P. Grand Deacon Eng.,
Deputy Provincial Grand Master in Charge.

23rd June, 1890.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at THE ST. NICHOLAS PARISH HALL, GUILDFORD, on TUESDAY, the 22nd day of JULY, 1890, at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By command.

CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.M., P.P.G.R.,
Prov. Grand Secretary.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

Albert Institute Chambers,
Charles-street, Blackfriars-road, S.E.

BUSINESS BEFORE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

To call over Roll of Lodges in the Province.

To read the Minutes of the last P.G. Lodge.

To receive the Report of the Finance and Audit Committee.

To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The appointment of Provincial Grand Officers.

General Business.

Dinner at 6 o'clock punctually.

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For Dinner Tickets apply to Bro. PERCY SMEED, Angel Hotel, Guildford, enclosing 5s., which will not include Wine.

N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken Tickets, or have returned the Post Card sent, and no Ticket will be issued after July 18th.

The W.D. Prov. G. Master in Charge requests the attendance of the Brethren at Divine Service at the Parish Church of St. Nicholas at 4.30 p.m. Brethren are to appear in Craft Masonic costume at Divine Service, and are to clothe in the St. Nicholas Parish Hall.

Down Trains from Waterloo 9.30, 9.45, 11.35 a.m., 12.45 p.m.

Up Trains from Guildford to Waterloo 5.10, 6.34, 7.26, 8.38, 9.30 p.m.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER
OF SURREY.

The Ex. Companion FREDERICK WEST,
Provincial Grand H. in Charge.

23rd June, 1890.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at THE ST. NICHOLAS PARISH HALL, GUILDFORD, in the County of Surrey, on TUESDAY, the 22nd day of JULY, 1890, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By command.

CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.Z.,
Provincial Grand Scribe E.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

Albert Institute Chambers,
Charles-street, Blackfriars-road, S.E.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE PROV. GRAND CHAPTER.

To call over the Chapters in the Province.

To receive the Report of the Finance and Audit Committee.

To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The appointment of Provincial Grand Officers.

General Business.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

TO THE PATRONS, VICE-PATRONS, VICE-PRESIDENTS, AND LIFE-GOVERNORS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Evershot, Dorchester,
24th June, 1890.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,

I regret to inform you that, although the Provisional Management Committee stated to me that my "qualifications were so strong that they could not well be strengthened," yet a majority of that Committee did not see their way to recommend me to your suffrages.

This places me at a great disadvantage, but supported as I am by such a numerous and distinguished body of influential Brethren, both in London and the Provinces, including amongst others the Provincial Grand Masters and other heads of the Provinces of Cambridge, Cornwall, Cumberland and Westmorland, Dorset, Durham, Hants and the Isle of Wight, Jersey, Norfolk, Oxford, Suffolk, North and East Yorkshire, North Wales, and South Wales (West), I cannot but feel that it is due to my supporters, no less than to myself, that I should proceed with my candidature, and at once announce my firm intention of going to the Poll.

While it is not for me to judge of the reasons which actuated the ultimate decision arrived at by a majority of the Provisional Management Committee, yet my Committee feel most strongly that a Candidate who has the active support of so many Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life-Governors of the Institution, including no less than 13 Provincial Grand Masters, should at least have been allowed to go to the Poll as eligible without being handicapped for want of a certificate of eligibility accorded to four other Candidates.

I feel I can rely on the large number of votes already promised, and I trust that the Voters as yet unpledged, especially in those Provinces whose rulers have accorded me their support, will evince their approval of the course which I have felt bound to adopt, by recording their votes in my favour.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

S. R. BASKETT.

The Voting will be by proxy on Ballot Papers (which each voter will shortly receive), and they should be immediately signed and forwarded to the Honorary Secretary of my Committee, Bro. W. D. DUGDALE, Evershot, Dorchester.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

TO THE PATRONS, VICE-PATRONS, VICE-PRESIDENTS, AND LIFE-GOVERNORS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

The Favour of your Vote and Support on behalf of

BRO. EDWIN STORR, P.M., P.Z., &C., (Whose Candidature has been Specially approved by the Provisional Management Committee of the Institution, is earnestly requested and will be gratefully appreciated. Proxies should be sent to the Honorary Secretary,

Bro. W. M. STYLES,
(Committee Rooms) Anderton's Hotel,
Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Chairman of Bro. EDWIN STORR'S Election Committee,
R.W. BRO. SIR ROBERT N. FOWLER, BART., M.P.,
Past Grand Warden of England.

N.B.—NO 26 ON THE VOTING PAPER.

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P.Z. Belgrave Chapter, No. 749; Founder and P.Z. Camden Chapter, No. 704.

P.M. Mark Degree and Past Grand Steward.

W.C.N. Ark Mariners Degree.

Member of Rose Croix; Red Cross Rome and Constantine; Royal and Select Masters; and P.S.R. of the Secret Monitor Degree.

Life Governor and Past Steward of R.M.I.B. and R.M.B.I.; Life Subscriber R.M.I.G., and the Mark Benevolent Fund.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

TO THE PATRONS, VICE-PATRONS, VICE-PRESIDENTS, AND LIFE-GOVERNORS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Brethren desirous of assisting and supporting BRO. GORDON SMITH (M.A.), P.G.S. Eng., P.M. 14 and 2041, Member of the Board of General Purposes, &c., &c., in his Candidature for the Secretaryship of the Institution, are requested to kindly send their names to BRO. EUGENE MONTEUUIS, P.M. 14, 2060, 2243, P.G.S., G. Swd. B. Eng., &c., &c., Hon. Sec. to the Committee,

2, Paper Buildings, Temple, E.C.

11th April, 1890.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

TO THE PATRONS, VICE-PATRONS, VICE-PRESIDENTS, AND LIFE-GOVERNORS OF THE INSTITUTION.

Ivy House,
Collingham, nr. Newark,
July 1st, 1890.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,

I beg to thank you most sincerely for the hearty support you have accorded to my Candidature.

The Provisional Management Committee having *unanimously* recommended me as one of the selected Candidates, I feel it is unnecessary to add one word more to the address I have already forwarded to the general body of the electors.

The election is fixed for July 12th, and I shall feel greatly obliged if those voters who have not yet forwarded to me their proxies, will do so by an early post.

After July 9th all communications may be addressed to the

INNS OF COURT HOTEL,
HOLBORN, LONDON, W.C.

I am, my Lords, Ladies, and Brethren,

Your obedient servant,

J. M. McLEOD.

N.B.—No. 19 on the Ballot Paper. First on the list of recommended candidates.

MASONIC QUALIFICATIONS.

CRAFT—Initiated, March, 1877, in the Unanimity Lodge, No. 113, held at Preston, Province of West Lancashire; P.M. and S.W. Derwent Lodge, No. 884, Derbyshire; P.P.G. St. Br. Derbyshire; P.M. in the Newton Lodge, No. 1661, Notts.

ROYAL ARCH—Exalted in 1878, in the Unanimity Chapter, No. 113, held at Preston, Province of West Lancashire; Founder, P.Z., and Scribe E. of the Alexander Chapter, No. 1661, Province of Notts; P.P.G.S.B. Notts.

MARK—Advanced in 1878, in the Preston Lodge, No. 143, Lancashire; joined 1878, Remigius Lodge, No. 117, Lincolnshire; P.M. of the Fleming Lodge, No. 265, Notts; P.P.J.G.W. Notts; and P.P.J.G.O. Lincolnshire.

ARK MARINERS—Elevated in Dewar Lodge, No. 237, Kent; Founder and P.C.N. Byron Lodge, T.I., Notts; Founder and P.C.N. Trent Lodge, No. 265, Notts.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE—P.E.C. of the Prince of Peace Preceptory, Lancashire; Knight of Malta Prince of Peace Priory, Lancashire.

ROSE CROIX 18°—Past M.W.S. of the Phillips Chapter, No. 52, Lancaster.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE "FREEMASON."

Dear Sir and Brother,
HAXELL'S HOTELS, LONDON AND BRIGHTON.

Permit me to draw the attention of the Craft to the fact that in the alterations and additions to my Hotels I have made provision for the reception of Masonic Lodges. I courteously ask for an inspection, and am

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

EDWARD NELSON HAXELL, P.M.

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To Correspondents.

Several reports of lodge meetings and other communications stand over.



SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

Bro. R. Bradley, P.G. Sec. Berks, has received an intimation that the Prince of Wales will not be able to come to Reading for the installation of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale during the present month, but hopes that his visit may take place towards the end of October or beginning of November.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday next, the 15th inst., when the accounts will be presented and dealt with, and votes of thanks to the officers having been proposed, the Board will be formally dissolved. Thus, except for a stray subscription or so which may be paid in during the remaining months of the year, nothing more will be heard or said of the 92nd Anniversary Festival of this Institution.

By the way, we have had a letter from our worthy Bro. W. J. Coplestone, I.P.M. 834, informing us that he had "never had any idea of acting as Steward," had "never been asked to do so," and that it was understood by his lodge that he was not going to do so. We are naturally much grieved on Bro. Coplestone's account that his name should have appeared in the list; but we publish the names and amounts which are furnished from the Secretary's office, and all it is in our power to do, therefore, in rectification of the mistake, is to announce as publicly as we can that Bro. W. J. Coplestone, I.P.M. 834, was *not* a Steward at the recent Boys' School Festival. The additions and corrections, &c., which we have received and publish in another part of our columns, makes this quite clear.

We may also add that the Returns from sundry of the Provinces have been more or less substantially increased by the lists or amounts since received at the offices of the Institution. The total from Berks and Bucks is now £243 7s., instead of £238 2s.; from Gloucestershire £74 11s., instead of £69 6s.; from Hants and the Isle of Wight £382 2s., instead of £266 12s.; from Kent £439 3s. 6d., instead of £399 0s. 6d.; from East Lancashire £88 2s. 6d., instead of £67 2s. 6d.; from West Lancashire £325 5s., instead of £314 15s.; and Surrey £99 4s. 6d., instead of £95 0s. 6d. The London total also has been increased by the addition of £51 9s. to £3436 19s. 6d., so that the grand total, which may be still further increased, is now £9506 8s.

Since the preceding note was written, and the particulars on which it is founded, and which we publish elsewhere, were completed, we have received information that the list of Bro. Captain C. J. Knightley, who acted as Steward Unattached, London, has been increased by a further £21, from £31 10s. to £52 10s., so that the grand total is £9527 8s. However, we dare say further payments will be made between now and when we go to press next week, and we shall, therefore, include this £21 in the list of additions so made.

Our readers must bear in mind that the election of a successor to Bro. F. Binckes, as Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, will take place tomorrow (Saturday) at the adjourned meeting of the General Committee of Saturday last. The proceedings will take place in the Great Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, and the poll will be open from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

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We have much pleasure in drawing attention to our report, which appears in another column, of the closing of the Fourth and opening of the Fifth Tottenham and Enfield Charitable Association. Some idea may be formed of the good work done by these bodies in behalf of our Institutions when we point out that the sum raised by the Fourth Association now closed amounted to £840, and that the total raised by the four was upwards of £2000. These are results on which we must warmly congratulate the members, and especially those who took the chief part in organising and carrying them out. We shall probably refer to the subject again next week.

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During Commemoration week at Oxford there was the usual Masonic fête, which was held this year in the gardens of Worcester College, and attended by the University dons, many ladies, and most of the new D.C.L.'s, among them being the great African explorer, Mr. Stanley, who was accompanied by Miss Tennant, his fiancée, and her mother. The scene was a magnificent one, the weather being lovely, and the brilliant gowns of the D.D.'s, &c., contrasting well with the more delicate colours of the ladies' dresses.

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We understand that it is in contemplation, as one of the first results of Bro. Augustus Harris's election as Sheriff, to present to him his chain and badge of office. We are glad to know that this compliment will be paid to him by his brethren in the Craft. The Treasurer of the fund is Bro. Major Clifford Probyn, his colleague on the London County Council, and the joint Secretaries Bros. C. R. Brighten and Arthur Roger Carter.

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The Grand Master of the State of New York, M.W. Bro. the Hon. W. Vrooman, accompanied by R.W. Bro. Frederick A. Burnham, Chief Commissioner Masonic Appeals, Grand Lodge, State of New York, and R.W. Bro. E. B. Harper, Trustee (Hall and Asylum) Grand Lodge of New York, arrived in London on Friday last. Unfortunately at this season there are few opportunities of visiting lodges, but our distinguished visitors had the privilege of witnessing the consecration of the Bloomsbury Lodge, on Wednesday last, and on the 15th they will be present at a regular meeting of the Anglo-American Lodge. Bro. T. H. Tilton, the Worshipful Master of the year, who is himself a Past District Grand Master of New York, has issued a large number of invitations to meet his distinguished countrymen, and this being the first occasion on which a Grand Master from the State of New York has visited this country during his year of office, we feel sure the Anglo-Americans will know how to make the most of the opportunity.

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Bro. E. B. Harper is the President and founder of the Mutual Reserve Insurance Association of New York, and in that capacity was entertained at a banquet by the executive council in this country at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday night. We noticed Bros. Vrooman and Burnham amongst those present, and the former made an excellent speech, which we think might be properly called an oration, in response to the toast of the social relations of the United States with this country. Bro. Vrooman is a practised and eloquent speaker, and he was listened to by the company present, numbering nearly 150, with wrapt attention. Some of his points were particularly happy, and exhibited an intimate knowledge of men and things, a keen sense of humour, and a large acquaintance with the history of the relations between the United States and Great Britain.

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A presentation to Bro. C. F. Matier took place at Mark Masons' Hall on the 3rd inst. A parchment, beautifully illuminated by Bro. C. H. Driver, was offered for his acceptance by the members of the Rose and Lily Mark Lodge, in recognition of his services to them in the capacity of Secretary.

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Bro. Lovegrove writes in reference to the correspondence that has appeared in our columns respecting music in lodges, advising that a reference be made to the Grand Secretary as to whether hymn singing during Masonic ceremonies is permissible at all, which seems very good advice.

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.]

MUSIC IN LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Bro. C. D. Hill-Drury's letter is before me, and I am quite sure, from its friendly tone, that I shall not wish it anywhere else. As to the "tunes," as he calls them, in my "Freemason's Liber Musicus" to the beautiful words "Hail, Eternal!" and "Now the evening shadows closing" (Longfellow), he should or ought to know that, if *transposed* to suit voices and occasions, the F sharp need not be brought into requirement.

Dr. Drury says of my music, "I like mine better." I am no judge of this, not having seen a note of his; but as I am tolerably well-known by my works in most quarters of the globe, I think it an unfortunate circumstance that Bro. Drury's compositions are not included in my volume.—Yours fraternally,

WM. SPARK.

AN APPEAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I ask your kindness to appeal to the Craft, through your medium, on behalf of the widow of a most estimable brother, who died through sunstroke in India some four years ago. Now the widow is in feeble health, and very scanty means to subsist on. Particulars can be had from Bro. George Kenning or to the writer; any donation will be thankfully received and applied in the most judicious manner possible.—Yours fraternally,

GEORGE HUNT, P.M., P.Z., P.G. Treas.
East Lancashire.

P.S.—Bro. Captain Wharton was well known in Penang, Hong Kong, Natal, and Singapore (here he died). All his papers and valuable property were destroyed by fire in Singapore. There are four children to be provided for—14, 12, 8, and 6 years respectively



HISTORY OF THE LION AND LAMB LODGE, 1789 to 1889. By GEORGE ABBOTT, P.M. and Secretary.

We are very much disappointed with the appearance generally, of this little work, and consider it wholly unworthy of such an old and influential lodge as No. 192, London. The Masonic home for so many years of the renowned Bro. Peter Thompson, and likewise the lodge of another celebrated Preceptor, Bro. Henry Muggeridge, "dear old Mug," should certainly have been better treated, for not a few lodges of much less importance have had their histories written and published in a most sumptuous manner, whereas that of the "Lion and Lamb" has appeared in a style about as common and insignificant as it was possible to achieve. Surely with such a roll of members and efficient officers, to say nothing of an indefatigable Secretary, an edition *de luxe*, would have commanded a ready sale, and even ordinary copies would have been eagerly purchased by the ever-increasing number of Masonic students at (say) half-a-guinea each, the Lodge No. 192 being so well known and so much respected. The original charter has been reproduced for Bro. Abbott's sketch of the lodge, and bears date December 24, 1789, and on next page, facing this interesting document, is the centenary jewel warrant of exactly 100 years later. The records are missing from 1796 down to the year 1811, which is most unfortunate, especially so as the lodge was under the "Ancient" Grand Lodge during an eventful period of its history. The "Domestic" Lodge records partly supply the deficiency, the history, by Bro. G. Blizard Abbott, coming in most opportune, and as the original minute book of No. 192 is still preserved, covering the first seven years of its existence, there is plenty of material for an exhaustive history when this is contemplated. Bro. G. Abbott does not seem to be aware that the warrant of the lodge empowered its members to work the Royal Arch Degree by qualified brethren from 1789 to 1813, and had proper application been made to the United Grand Chapter, a *confirmation* warrant might have been had about 1820, and thus continued their privileges in that respect. The places of meeting, not given by the Secretary, could have been supplied by reference to the pages of Bro. John Lane's "Masonic Records, 1717—1886" (p. 120), in which work the reason for the alteration of the number of the lodge from time to time is fully explained. There are several errors—one or two being rather awkward ones—in the history, e.g., the Duke of Sussex was G.M. in 1814, not the Duke of Kent, and Bro. Sotheran's name is spelt as *Southeran* whenever it occurs in the work. Then, again, it was easy enough to discover when Bro. Peter Thompson was made S.G.D. of England, the Calendar of the Grand Lodge of England giving all such information. It was in the year 1844; he died in 1851. The particulars respecting Bro. Peter Thompson and Bro. Henry Muggeridge are of a deeply

interesting character, and make Bro. Abbott's history more than usually attractive to brethren who desire reliable intelligence about these two grand old worthies—one departed to his reward, but the other still with us, and never more respected and beloved than at the present time. However, with all the drawbacks mentioned, we welcome Bro. Abbott's sketch of the "Lion and Lamb," for it is much better than nothing, but we still await the advent of a history worthy of No. 192.

MOFFATT'S NEW GEOGRAPHY. Written for the present time. Edited by THOMAS PAGE, and revised by the Rev. E. HAMMONDS, M.A., Vice-Principal Battersea Training College. London: Moffatt and Paige, 28, Warwick-lane, Paternoster-row, E.C.

Great pains have been taken in the compilation of this useful work. It contains a large amount of valuable information, which, however, has been compressed into a moderate compass. The earlier sections, which treat of mathematical and physical geography, will be found especially interesting from the large number of definitions they contain, and the clear and concise manner in which the definitions are worded, while the same may be said of the chapter on commercial geography, in which are set forth all the most important productions of the earth. In dealing with the "Divisions of the World," the author has adopted the very excellent plan of grouping the British Islands and various British Colonies and possessions abroad together in a series of sections or chapters, so that the student is able to form a pretty accurate idea of the extent, variety, and wealth of the British Empire. Africa, also, is more fully described than in the ordinary text-book, a synopsis of the latest discoveries being included in the chapters devoted to this division. In short, from the extent of its information and the admirable manner in which the several branches are arranged, "Moffatt's New Geography" deserves every commendation; nor must we omit a word of praise in behalf of the publishers, Messrs. Moffatt and Paige, for the handy form in which they have produced the work, and the moderate price—4s. 6d.—at which it is issued to the public.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 60).—

This old lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 27th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. F. Binckes, P.M., P.G.S.B., P.G.S., Sec., acting as W.M.; E. Rogers, P.G.S., S.W., W.M. elect; H. Slade, G.S., J.W.; H. Young, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; Dr. Kempster, P.M., S.D.; Capt. T. C. Walls, I.G.; Masters, Stwd.; Barton, P.M., P.G.S.; Chancellor, P.M., P.G.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.D.G. Surrey; and Kempster, jun. Among the visitors were Bros. R. C. Green, Mason, Thomas, and G. Davis, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Groger was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. F. Binckes then impressively installed Bro. E. Rogers as W.M. The following appointments and investitures took place: Bros. H. Slade, S.W.; Dr. Kempster, J.W.; H. Young, Treas.; F. Binckes, Sec.; R. Clowes, S.D.; Capt. Walls, J.D.; Masters, I.G.; Kent, P.M., D.C.; H. J. Lardner, A.D.C.; and Kempster, jun., Stwd. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer.

Numerous letters of apology for non-attendance having been received, the lodge was closed, and the brethren took train to the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, where an excellent banquet was served, under the supervision of Bro. Sadler. The viands, dessert, wine, &c., left nothing to be desired.

Bro. R. H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., P.D.G.M. Middlesex, was a guest, and, in conjunction with Bro. H. Slade, G.S., responded most fluently on behalf of "The Grand Officers." Bro. Rogers made an excellent Chairman, and he also provided an excellent programme of music, which was carried out by Bro. Kift and assistants.

The proceedings passed off well, and fine weather prevailed.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BRIGHTON.

Burrell Lodge (No. 1829).—The members of this lodge, having recently removed from Shoreham, held their first meeting in their new home at the Royal Pavilion, on the afternoon of the 3rd inst. The lodge was opened in the King's Apartments by the W.M., Bro. W. Gill, who was supported by a large number of members and visitors.

The ordinary business of the lodge having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. J. Sayers. The W.M., Bro. W. Gill, presided, and was supported by the Past Masters and the Prov. Grand Officers.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The W.M. proposed "The Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." He said they had present with them a worthy representative of the Prov. Grand Lodge in Bro. R. Clowes, the P.S.G.W., one whose geniality and sterling abilities had won him the esteem of all Freemasons in Sussex.

Bro. Clowes, in acknowledging the toast, thanked those present for the cordial manner in which they had received the kind remarks of the W.M. Speaking of the govern-

ment of the province, he alluded to the interest the Duke of Connaught had taken in Sussex Freemasonry when absent in India, and now that he had returned it was hoped he would visit the province in the autumn. The Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, was unable, from his Parliamentary engagements, to be present, but had written to him (Bro. Clowes), wishing the Burrell Lodge every success, and expressing his regret at being absent. Bro. Clowes then proposed "The Worshipful Master and the Burrell Lodge." The brethren, it was evident, were proud, he said, of their W.M., and, for his own part, he felt, after the excellent manner in which he had carried out the ceremony of the afternoon, that he was one of the best Worshipful Masters in the province. He (Bro. Clowes) heartily welcomed the Burrell Lodge to Brighton. The name of the lodge reminded them of one who had greatly advanced Freemasonry, and the brethren would be interested to know that Bro. C. J. Corder, who was present, had initiated the late Bro. Sir Walter Burrell into Freemasonry. The Brighton lodges wished the Burrell Lodge every success, and he trusted its members would introduce into their midst none but true and trusty brethren.

The Worshipful Master, on rising to respond, was warmly received. He alluded to the growth of the lodge and the inconvenience they experienced at Shoreham from lack of accommodation. They were reluctant to leave their old quarters, though the majority of their brethren lived at Brighton. It had been rumoured that the Provincial Grand Lodge would not grant the change, but such rumours had been groundless. The lodge was one of the largest in Sussex. He did not attach the highest importance to numbers, but was proud to say they did strive to carry out the principles of Freemasonry. It gave him great pleasure to see the representatives of so many lodges of the province present, and he trusted that emulation, and not rivalry, would always characterise their association with other lodges.

The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," to which Bro. C. J. Corder and J. C. Buckwell responded.

Bro. T. Packham next gave "The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions," the toast being acknowledged by Bro. A. J. Carpenter.

Bro. E. New gave "The Past Masters," to which Bro. R. B. Higham and T. Packham responded, the latter gracefully alluding to Bro. Higham as the founder of the lodge.

Bro. J. Harrison proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," Bro. H. Packham and E. A. Buchanan responding.

The Tyler's toast completed the list.

During the evening an excellent programme of vocal music was ably sustained by Miss Maud Bond, Miss Edith Welling, Bros. G. Cole, W. Norman Roe, W. P. Bolingbroke, and H. Dyer, the duties of accompanist being efficiently carried out by Bro. W. Norman Roe, P.P.G.O.

CROWLE.

Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).—The monthly meeting of this lodge took place in the Masonic Rooms, on the 1st inst., when Bro. John Constable, S.W., was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. T. Staniforth, P.P.G. Purst. The ceremony was very ably performed to a very large concourse of brethren and visitors. After the installation, Bro. Constable invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Behrendt, S.W.; R. N. Brunyee, J.W.; T. Staniforth, Chap.; R. Wood, Sec.; T. Horobin, Almoner; J. F. Watson, Treas.; C. Fox, S.D.; J. Faulkner, J.D.; J. Drury, Std. Br.; H. L. Bartonshaw, Org.; W. Pickering, I.G.; Petch and Scotley, Stwds.; and T. Naylor, Tyler. Visiting brethren attended in large numbers from all parts to offer their "Hearty good wishes" to the W.M., who is well known in the district.

After the installation ceremony, the brethren partook of a substantial banquet, provided in the Market Hall.

After dinner, the usual loyal toasts were given by the W.M.

The toast of "The Prov. Grand Lodge" was responded to by Bro. Wood.

Bro. Horobin gave "The W.M.," to which that brother duly responded.

Bro. F. D. Walker gave "The Installing Master," and Bro. Staniforth responded.

Bro. F. Rand gave "The I.P.M. and other Officers," and Bro. Chamberlain responded.

Bro. Peace gave "The Visitors," to which several responses were made.

"The Charities," "The Ladies," and others toasts followed, interspersed with songs by Bros. Rickard, Webb, Dayson, A. Gooderidge, and Peace.

DEVONPORT.

St. Aubyn Lodge (No. 954).—The members of the above lodge held their annual meeting at the Ebrington Hall, on the 1st inst., when Bro. H. Nicholls, the W.M. elect, was installed. Bros. Lieut. R. O. Polwhele, R.N., I.P.M.; C. Watson, P.P.D.G.D.C.; J. Joliffe, and J. R. Dugdale were the Installing Officers. The Board of Installed Masters present also included Bros. J. Osborn, J. T. Crossley, C. Tozer, 496; Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon, P.P.J.G.W., P.P.G.C.; R. Cawsey, P.P.J.G.D.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. of W.; F. Hooper, P.P.G.D.C.; F. R. Thomas, 189; W. L. Lavers, 1255; W. Coath, 893; and G. Trethewey, 1164.

The officers invested were Bros. Lieut. R. O. Polwhele, I.P.M.; T. Launder, S.W.; A. Willcocks, J.W.; J. S. Allingham, Treas.; J. Osborn, Sec.; R. Govier, S.D.; W. G. Watson, J.D.; R. T. Parsons, D.C.; F. Huxham, A.D.C.; C. Newton, Org.; C. Farthing, Asst. Org.; G. J. Ellis, I.G.; H. J. S. Worth, T. Mynard, T. Ellis, and J. C. Jones, Stewards; and W. Henderson, Tyler.

In the evening the annual banquet of the lodge was held at Bro. Townsend's Royal Hotel, Bro. H. Nicholls presiding.

FRIZINGTON.

Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., Bro. J. Wilkinson, W.M., in the chair, supported by his officers and members—Bros. J. Wakefield, S.W.; D. Tolson, J.W.; W. Robinson, S.D.; J. Singers, J.D.; B. Craig, P.M., Sec.; G. Dalrymple, P.M., Treas.; J. Armstrong, I.G.; W. Barwise, D.C.; John Webb, Org.; C. Bland, Tyler; J. Routledge, P.M.; H. Hartley, P.M.; J. Burns, W. H. Jones, J. Douglas, W. Brown, J. McHarry, P.M. 1989; and Rev. R. J. Hughes, 113.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read

and confirmed. One candidate was balloted for and accepted. One brother was passed and another raised, and three candidates were proposed for initiation, so it is evident Bro. Hartley's successful year of office has been transmitted to Bro. Wilkinson. With other general business the lodge was closed.

LEICESTER.

John of Gaunt Lodge (No. 523).—The annual festival and installation of this lodge was held on the 24th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. The meeting was numerously attended, and was in every way a pleasant gathering and success. Amongst those present were Bros. S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C. England, D.P.G.M.; Geo. Toller, P.G.S.B. England, P.D.P.G.M.; Vial, 1007; J. G. Bowen, W.M. 1391; Pierpoint; T. B. Laxton, W.M. 1007; F. J. Baines, P.M.; J. T. Thorp, P.M.; W. W. Vincent, P.M. 1391; W. Maurice Williams, P.M. 279; J. Johnson, 2028; W. Finn; W. Tyler, 279; W. Walters, 1391; Geo. Collins; W. D. Grant, J.D. 279; H. G. Marriott, 2028; R. Taylor, P.M.; Miles J. Walker, P.M. 1560, P.G.D.C.; T. Colman, P.M. 1265; and many others.

Letters of apology and telegrams were received from many brethren, amongst whom were Bros. W. Kelly, P.M. 279, P.P.G.M., and Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., Prov. G. Sec.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. B. Waring, supported by Bros. W. H. Barrow, S.W.; J. Newsome, P.M., acting J.W.; F. Baines, Treas.; W. J. Curtis, Sec.; A. Lawrence, S.D.; T. B. Neale, J.D.; J. Maddock, Org.; and W. Bream and J. J. Curtis, Stwds. After the usual preliminary business, Bro. W. H. Barrow, Mus. Bac. Cantab, was installed into the chair of the lodge. The ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M., assisted by Bros. Miles J. Walker, P.A. G.D.C., and J. T. Thorp, P.M. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. B. Waring, I.P.M.; W. J. Curtis, S.W.; A. Lawrence, J.W.; Rev. F. Tibbitts, M.A., Chap.; G. Newsome, P.M., Treas.; T. B. Neale, Sec.; F. G. Pierpoint, S.D.; G. Neighbour, J.D.; B. A. Smith, M.A., P.M., D.C.; F. Cartwright, Org.; and W. Bream and W. A. Spencer, Stewards.

After the close of the lodge the brethren partook of a banquet, at which 50 were present, and a very enjoyable time was spent.

Bros. H. Nicholson, T. B. Laxton, C. E. Birch, and others contributed music, and Bro. F. G. Pierpoint mystified with several feats of legerdemain.

ROMFORD.

Liberty of Havering Lodge (No. 1437).—It is not often that a country lodge is honoured with the presence of three Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England at one of its meetings, supplemented by some dozen or more prominent Provincial Grand Officers, but such was the case at the installation meeting of the above excellent lodge on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Public Hall (by dispensation), when, in the presence of a brilliant Board of Installed Masters, Bro. G. B. Gilbey, S.W. and W.M. elect, was placed in the chair of K.S. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Harrison Sharp, and the minutes being confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. H. E. Smith, and, it proving unanimous, that gentleman was initiated by the W.M. in irrefragable style. The W.M. elect was then presented to the W.M. by Bro. F. A. White, P.M., P.P.G.R., acting D.C., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. Bro. Sharpe at once proceeded with the ceremony, and in due course the W.M. was installed and proclaimed. He appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. R. Jennings, S.W.; H. T. Hardy, J.W.; Rev. T. Cochrane, M.A., P.M. 214, P.G.C. England, P.P.G.C., Chap.; F. A. White, P.M., &c., Treas.; H. R. Heasman, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; G. W. King, S.D.; W. D. Child, J.D.; J. W. Armour, I.G.; W. G. Bayley, F.C.O., Org.; J. S. Hammond, D.C.; J. Spencer and J. Boreham, Stewards; G. Paul, A.D.C.; and A. G. Young, Tyler. Bro. Sharp then gave the addresses eloquently and so concluded a most commendably worked ceremony. Letters of regret at inability to attend from Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Brooke, M.P., G.M. of the Province of Essex, and Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., D.P.G.M., were read. Bro. White was unanimously re-elected Charity Representative for the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. The Auditors' report was received and adopted, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered from the visiting brethren present, the lodge was closed.

The banquet was partaken of at the Golden Lion, Bro. Peter Reynolds's handsome and commodious hotel, and was all that the most fastidious diner-out could desire, the viands and wines being of the best, and the courses, admirably served.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. E. West, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Herts; A. J. Manning, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; R. J. Warren, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. Burroughs, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; T. Humphreys, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; T. Davey, P.M.; E. Randal, G. Bailey, J. Wild, F. Stratford, T. Bruty, and W. H. Clark, all of the lodge; G. Cooper, P.G.D. England; T. J. Ralling, P.M., Sec. 51, P.A.G.D.C. England, P.G. Sec.; A. Lucking, P.M., Sec. 1000, P.P.G. England; F. J. Wiseman, P.M. 160, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Tydeman, P.M. 1327, P.P.G.W. Herts; J. J. Cavill, P.M. 1312, P.P.J.G.D.; W. W. Brown, P.M. 214, P.P.G. Org.; W. B. Heagerty, P.M. 1343, P.G. Stwd.; A. T. Evers, W.M. 704; H. Mason, P.M. 913; G. A. Taitor, P.M. 217; E. S. White, J.W. 902; W. Salmon, I.G. 917; A. Fenn, 700; F. Evans, 1421; T. J. Swoffer, 508; J. White, T. Tate, S. Frazer, C. B. Reynolds, 1421; and C. Jolly, 1472, 2184.

The Worshipful Master having eloquently proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," which the brethren drunk right loyally.

Bro. Cooper, in responding for the toast of "The M.W.G. Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said he felt sure all present would join in the hearty wish of the W.M. that their distinguished brother, the Earl of Carnarvon, would speedily recover from the very serious illness that at the present time prostrated him; and while it would ill become him to take upon himself the responsibility of responding for the G.M., Pro G.M., or Dep. G.M., yet, on behalf of the other Grand Officers, Present and Past, he tendered his sincere thanks for the hearty manner in which the brethren had received and responded to the toast. It was a toast that had been responded to so many times, and in such a variety of ways, that it was extremely difficult to say anything new about it. Their G.M. had so few offices

at his disposal, considering the many excellent brethren who were naturally desirous of participating in the honour, that it was often a matter of serious moment who should be selected, but the Grand Master had laid that strict duty upon his Pro and Deputy to strictly investigate the claims of every aspirant who desired to be enrolled among the officers of Grand Lodge, and that duty they carried out in its entirety. He would not take up their time any longer, except to again heartily thank them for their kind reception of the toast.

Bro. Ralling said that as Bro. Cooper had done excellent justice to the toast, he would only add his thanks for their hearty reception of it.

The W.M. then proposed "The P.G.M., Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P.; the D.P.G.M., Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.; and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said that in Lord Brooke they had the beau ideal of a Mason, and the rapid strides Masonry had made and was making in the Province of Essex was due to the energy and courtesy with which his lordship performed his duties as their Provincial Grand Master. The splendid reception his lordship gave them last year when the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Dunmow would never be forgotten by those privileged to participate in it; it was, and would ever be, a red-letter day in the Masonic history of the province. In Bro. Philbrick they had one of the most eminent authorities upon Masonic jurisprudence, and one of the greatest Masonic treats was to hear their distinguished brother expound it in Grand Lodge. He trusted both their Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy would long reign over them, and that they might soon have the pleasure of congratulating the latter upon being raised to the judicial bench.

Bro. Ralling, who was received with applause, in responding, said the last toast, so well put by their W.M., came nearer to them than the former, because they were better acquainted with their beloved P.G.M. and their D.P.G.M. than with the majority of those included in the former one. Their W.M. had spoken highly of their P.G.M., and he (Bro. Ralling) did not know where they were going to find a better one. As P.G. Secretary he knew somewhat of the great interest his lordship took in the welfare of the province, and it was, as the W.M. had said, to his great energy and courtesy that the province had progressed so much during the time it had been under his control. There were no less than 31 lodges on the roll of the province, and it was progressing as well as any province under the banner of the Grand Lodge of England. They were now making their voice heard, not only at Grand Lodge, but in the Charities. At one time it used to be said that Essex was most willing to participate in the benefits of the Charities without participating in the supporting of them. That was altered now, and none had done more to bring about that result than the Liberty of Havering Lodge. He then spoke highly of the energetic manner in which Bro. F. A. White, of the Liberty of Havering Lodge, had assisted the Charities, and of his invaluable assistance at their Committee meetings, and trusted he might, and would still continue his efforts, both for the success of the lodge and the Charities of the province. Very shortly they hoped to meet their Prov. G.M. at Provincial Grand Lodge; it was said that it would most likely be held on the last Saturday in July, at present, however, his lordship was abroad, so that he (Bro. Ralling) could say nothing definite as to the time, but would, most likely, in a few days know more about it. It was not likely that they would have so pleasant a time as they had last year, but he had no doubt that the brethren at Walton-on-the-Naze, where Provincial Grand Lodge would be held, would leave nothing undone to make them welcome, for if they had no grand park to show they had a magnificent sea-beach, where they could at least enjoy the healthy breeze of the ocean. On behalf of himself and the officers of Grand Lodge, he thanked them.

Bro. Humphreys also responded in a witty and telling speech, in which he related some laughable and apposite anecdotes.

Bros. Williams and Cavell also replied.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said they had responded most cordially to the toasts of the ruler of the empire and the province, and now he asked them to respond just as heartily to the toast of their W.M. He had been connected with the lodge for many years, and it had been his privilege to get office, and work through the various steps until he had arrived at the proud position of W.M., and during that time he had watched the progress of the W.M. installed that day with unceasing interest. He now proposed the toast of his health with great pleasure, because he felt sure that Bro. Gilbey would do his duty and be an honour and credit to the lodge, and he fearlessly predicted for him a good year of office. Bro. Gilbey was well-known and respected, not only in Romford and the Province of Essex, but throughout the neighbouring Provinces of Suffolk and Norfolk, and he asked them to drink his health heartily.

Bro. Gilbey, who was received with cheers, said he was afraid that after listening to the eulogiums of Bro. Sharp they would expect to find in him (Bro. Gilbey) "a paragon of perfection." All that he could say in return was he hoped that at the end of his year of office they would find that he had tried to do his duty, and kept up the honour and reputation of the Liberty of Havering Lodge.

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Installing Officer, Bro. Sharp," who, he said, had so ably done the work of the lodge during the past year, finished it by his admirable performance of the ceremony that day, and then joined the illustrious list of the Past Masters of the Liberty of Havering Lodge. He then presented Bro. Sharp with his Past Master's jewel, and wished him many years of health to wear it both in and out of the lodge.

Bro. Sharp said it was a proud moment in his life when he was made a Mason, a prouder when he was installed Master of that lodge, but the proudest was when he installed Bro. Gilbey into the chair of K.S. that day. It had been his ambition to install his successor, and if he had pleased them he was extremely gratified. He was proud to find himself, although the youngest, among the Past Masters, while the handsome jewel they had so kindly presented to him would be cherished as long as he lived. He thanked them all for their kindness to him during his year of office, and resumed his seat amid a round of cheers.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Initiate," "The Visitors," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," "The Masonic Charities," and the Tyler's toast.

Some excellent singing and reciting added a rare charm to the proceedings, which were both interesting and enjoyable.

SOMERSET.

Rural Philanthropic Lodge (No. 291).

The annual festival of the above lodge was held at Kellaway's Railway Hotel, on the 4th inst., when Bro. Dr. Peskett was installed as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, as successor to Bro. T. F. Raiton. The ceremony was performed, with his accustomed ability, by Bro. R. C. Else, the D.P.G.M., and the W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. B. Sincock, S.W.; J. Tyler, J.W.; J. Burnett, P.M., Treas.; Rev. E. Sandford, Chaplain; T. F. Norris, Sec.; C. Lott, S.D.; A. E. Burnett, J.D.; Dr. Kemmis, D.C.; F. W. Bishop, I.G.; C. Lucette, P.M., Org.; J. Wall and W. Stiling, Stewards; and W. Woodman, Tyler. The customary banquet was afterwards partaken of, under the presidency of the W.M., who was supported by several visiting brethren from various parts of the province and a large muster of the brethren of the lodge.

WOOLWICH.

Florence Nightingale Lodge (No. 706).

The above lodge held its installation meeting, as is its usual and long established custom, on St. John's Day, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-street. The lodge was opened by Bro. F. G. Nichols, P.M., in the temporary absence of the W.M., Bro. S. H. Weston, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Steward, of Lodge 738 (Natal), was, by special request, raised to the Sublime Degree. Bro. H. Christie, S.W., and W.M. elect, was then presented; and the W.M. having by this time arrived, he proceeded with the ceremony of installation, and with the full ritual Bro. Christie was placed in the chair as W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. H. Wharton, S.W.; W. Saltaw, J.W.; S. Clarke, P.M., Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; Rev. R. Jamblin, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Chaplain; J. J. Down, S.D.; H. Hunt, J.D.; S. Horton, I.G.; Major E. Sweny, P.M., D.C.; Hickson, A.D.C.; and A. Burnett, Steward. Bro. Weston then gave the usual addresses with feeling and good effect, and concluded the ceremony, for the excellence of which he was heartily congratulated. He was also presented with a vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and a Past Master's jewel, for both and several of which he returned thanks. "Hearty good wishes" were then tendered, and the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served in the hall, and among the other brethren present were Bros. W. D. Livesay, P.M., W. Ayling, and F. Thomas, of the lodge; Dr. Moore-Keys, A.M.D., P.M., P.D.S.G.W. Malta and Mediterranean; W. Webber, W.M., S. E. Southgate, S.W. and W.M. elect, and J. McCollough, J.W., of 700; W. Busbridge, J.W., W. Sanders, S.D., J. J. Collins, E. Morris, and B. Hammond, of 913; D. Godfrey, 1820; and C. Jolly, P.M. 1472.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. said there was a toast not upon the list that he desired to give, because of the distinguished brother present with whom it was connected, and who they were proud to have as the Chaplain of their lodge. It was the toast of "The Grand Officers of the Province of Kent," and he coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Jamblin, and asked them to drink it with enthusiasm, as it deserved.

Bro. Jamblin said there was an old saying down in Yorkshire "Any peg to hang a hat on," and therefore he supposed the toast was kindly introduced by the W.M. to give him (Bro. Jamblin) an opportunity to make a speech. The W.M. had suggested that he should sing, because he was in a sort of cage, but he (Bro. Jamblin) was a naturalist, and had observed that nightingales never sung in cages, and as he would not sing and must speak, he would at once proceed to thank them heartily for the toast and the manner of it. With respect to the Province of Kent, they were close neighbours, and naturally interested in the progress of it. He was speaking in the presence of an older member of Provincial Grand Lodge than himself—Bro. Denton—and who could tell them more about Provincial Grand Lodge than he could. All that he could say was that he fully reciprocated all that had been said with respect to their Prov. G.M. and D.P.G.M., and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and thanked them sincerely for their great kindness to him ever since he had come amongst them. He was sorry he could not come more frequently, and could assure them that he was always glad to come when he could, and sorry to go. He would now stand aside, and let Bro. Denton speak for himself.

Bro. Denton having briefly responded, the I.P.M. proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said it afforded him peculiar pleasure to propose the toast, because he opened the door of the lodge to their W.M. when he was initiated into Masonry, and it was also a great pleasure for him to have had the honour of installing him that day into the chair of that worthy lodge, and as he (Bro. Weston) was convinced from what he had seen of Bro. Christie that he would make an excellent Master, he asked them to drink the toast with honours.

The W.M., in response, said it seemed to him such a very short time ago since he was first placed upon the immediate right of the then W.M. on his initiation, that he could hardly realise his present proud position. He felt proud of it because it was evidence to him that they had appreciated his efforts to attain it, and he could assure them that he should try and do his duty, and hoped that he might have a pleasant and the lodge a prosperous year before it.

Bro. Webber, in responding to the very gratifying toast of "The Visitors," said it had afforded him the greatest amount of pleasure to visit the lodge, and also at all times to receive visitors at his own lodge. They had had, at the Nelson Lodge, during his year of office, now nearly expired, as many as 26 and 30 visitors at a time, and he trusted the W.M. of the Florence Nightingale Lodge and his Wardens would honour him by a visit to the Nelson Lodge on the third Wednesday in July.

Bro. Busbridge said it was the first time he had had the honour of visiting the Florence Nightingale Lodge, and hoped it would not be the last. He spoke highly of the working, both the raising and the installation, and thanked them cordially, on behalf of the brethren of the Pattison Lodge present, for their hearty reception of the visitors.

Bro. Steward said he was initiated into Masonry some 1000 miles away from England. He found himself in a different position when he landed here, as he had not taken his Third Degree, but finding a friend willing to raise him he

had written to his mother lodge and got the necessary dispensation, and now, he was thankful to say, through the kindness of the W.M. and brethren of the Florence Nightingale, he had taken his big Degree. If any of them should ever come to Port Natal he could promise them, on behalf of his mother lodge, a hearty reception.

Bro. Weston, in responding for "The Past Masters," excused himself from making a speech, as he was only, at present, a fledgling among the Past Masters.

Bro. Nichols assured the brethren that the Past Masters would ever do their utmost to support the W.M. and maintain the dignity of the lodge.

Bro. Denton said he had always felt it a great honour to be associated with the Florence Nightingale Lodge. It was in 1869 that he became a Past Master of it, and had belonged to it ever since, and served as Secretary under 20 W. Masters, and hoped to be spared yet for many years to be associated with them as a Past Master of the lodge.

Bro. Moore-Keys was honoured with a special toast, for which he briefly responded, and Bro. Jolly returned thanks for an enthusiastic reception of "The Masonic and Local Press."

"The Officers" were toasted, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

The rare musical treat provided by Bro. Nichols, who presided at the piano, was much appreciated. He sang several ditties as he can sing; Bro. Horton fiddled as few can fiddle. Bro. Hammond was awfully funny with his excellent humour. Bros. Jolly and Saltaw recited. Bros. Sanders and Ayling did the sentimental, and so with toast and song the hours passed merrily away.

ROYAL ARCH.

St. Dunstan's Chapter (No. 1589).—This representative chapter met at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 24th ult., when there were present, among others, Comps. W. E. Farrington, M.E.Z.; Farthing, H.; P. A. Woodbridge, J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Middx., S.E.; J. Beningfield, S.N.; F. Farrington, P.Z., Treas.; Gaze, P.S.; C. Moore, 1st A.S.; J. H. Dodson, P.Z.; Lieut.-Col. H. Radcliffe, P.Z.; and others. Comps. Hatersley and T. W. Ockenden, P.Z. 1326, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., &c., were visitors.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Lieut.-Col. Radcliffe impressively installed Comps. Farthing as M.E.Z.; Woodbridge, as H.; and J. Beningfield, as J. The following investitures then took place: Comps. Capt. Walls, S.E.; Gaze, S.N.; F. Farrington, Treas.; C. Moore, P.S.; and Gilbert, Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer. A Past Principal's jewel having been presented to Comp. W. E. Farrington, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted.

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

The usual toasts followed. Comp. Ockenden's speech, in responding for "The Visitors," was above the average of ordinary after-dinner utterances.

The companions separated at an early hour.

CAMBRIDGE.

Fidelity Chapter (No. 441).—A regular convocation of this chapter, attached to the Lodge of the Three Grand Principles, was held at the Lion Hotel, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. There were present Comps. Thos. Watts, Z.; E. H. Jennings, P.Z., H.; John Fuller, J.; J. S. Youngman, P.Z., S.E.; C. A. Vinter, S.N.; J. Sheldrick, P.S.; J. Vail, Treas.; F. Dewberry, P.Z.; E. Haggis, P.Z.; M. Browne, Jas. Catling, G. R. Barnes, and G. Bull. Visitor: Comp. W. P. Spalding, P.S. 88.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the last chapter, serving Bro. A. F. O'C. Hurry was exalted. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Comps. H. King, Z.; John Fuller, H.; J. Sheldrick, J.; J. T. Youngman, S.E.; C. A. Vinter, S.N. and Stwd.; J. F. Symonds, P.S.; J. Royston, 1st A.S.; G. Bull, 2nd A.S.; F. Dewberry, P.Z., D.C.; and J. Catling and M. Browne, Auditors.

The chapter having been closed, the companions adjourned to banquet.

PLYMOUTH.

Concord Chapter (No. 223).—The members of this chapter held their annual convocation on the 3rd inst. at the Freemasons' Hall. The Principals elect were Comps. P. H. Bridgman, Z.; A. Trout, H.; and W. Stenlake, J. Comps. J. R. Lord, 70, 223, P.P.G.T.; W. Allford, 202, P.P.G.P.S.; and J. Gidley, 1205, 2025, were the Installing Officers. The Board of Installed Principals were Comps. Rev. T. W. Lemon, D.D., 189, P.P.G.J.; S. Jew, 105, 1205, 2025, P.P.G.T.; J. W. Cornish, 223, P.G.T.; E. Aitken-Davies, 159, 2109, P.P.G.R.; J. M. Hifley, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Browning, P.P.G.O.; T. C. Lewarn, R. Blight, F. R. Goodyear, J. Hoyten, S. J. Hearle, Treas. 1255; C. F. Dunsterville, Z. 189; W. H. Williams, 159; and R. Pike, 230.

The officers invested were Comps. J. M. Hifley, S.E.; J. Jermyn, S.N.; W. Browning, Treas.; T. Lillicrap, P.S.; G. W. Bell, 1st A.S.; C. H. Tozer, 2nd A.S.; A. E. Bridgman, Std. Br.; P. Hannaford, D.C.; T. A. Stephens, A.D.C.; W. J. Hore, Org.; I. A. Court and W. Blight, Stewards; and W. H. Phillips, Janitor.

At the close of the business, the members and visitors adjourned to the refectory, where a pleasant evening was passed.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—This chapter met on the 25th ult., when there were present Comps. Dunkley, P. Prov. G. Org., M.E.Z.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.P.G.J., P.Z., acting H.; E. W. Jenkins, J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, S.E.; Toulmin, 1st Asst. Soj.; W. H. Saunders, P.Z.; and W. Taylor, P.Z., P.P.G.J., Treas.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The Treasurer moved, which was seconded, and carried unanimously, "That the sum of five guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, 1890." The S.E. gave a notice of motion as to altering the months of meeting. Apologies for non-attendance were received

from Comps. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., G. Supt. of Middlesex; J. F. H. Woodward, P.P.G.S.E.; H. Room, the Rev. R. Hoskens, P.Z.; A. H. Gurney, H. Jenkins, Lambert, and others.

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

WORKINGTON.

Sun and Sector Chapter (No. 962).

An emergency meeting of this chapter was held on Saturday, the 5th instant, when there were present Comps. J. Paterson, P.G.J., Z.; D. Reece, P.A.G. Soj., H.; G. Dalrymple, P.P.G.H., as J.; J. Wood, P.G. Stwd., S.E.; J. Eden, S.N.; E. Loach, P.G. Stwd., P.S.; Dr. Chas. McKerrow, 1st A.S.; A. Ashmore, 2nd A.S.; Jas. Cooper, P.P.G. Org., Organist; A. Salkeld, and others.

The chapter was opened, and six candidates were balloted for and one joining member accepted, and one candidate was exalted to the Supreme Degree.

With "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

DERBY.

St. Mary Chapter (No. 63).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 1st instant, when there were present Bros. Alfred Schofield, M.W.S.; J. H. Lawson, P.M.W.S., Prelate; G. T. Wright, 1st General; A. Woodiwiss, 2nd General; Sir John Smith, P.M.W.S., Treasurer; Percy Wallis, P.M.W.S., Recorder; W. H. Marsden, Raphael; J. E. Harrison, C. of G.; and W. Stone, Outer Guard. Visitor: Bro. Rev. Dean Currie, 54.

Ill. Bro. Fendelow, 33°, I.G.W.C.D., was announced and received in a manner befitting his rank. Bro. E. H. Claye was introduced and was raised to the 17° by Bro. Percy Wallis, P.M.W.S., Recorder, and was then perfected Knight of the P. and E. and S.P.R.C. by Bro. J. H. Lawson, P.M.W.S., Prelate, the accolade being given by Ill. Bro. Fendelow, 33°. Bro. G. T. Wright, the M.W.S. elect, was then presented to Ill. Bro. Fendelow, 33°, who duly installed him into the chair of M.W.S. On the motion of Bro. Sir John Smith, P.M.W.S., Treasurer, the sum of 10 guineas was voted to the R.M.I. for Böys, and placed on the list of Bro. J. H. Lawson, P.M.W.S. Bro. G. T. Wright, M.W.S., appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. H. Lawson, P.M.W.S., Prelate; A. Woodiwiss, 1st General; Col. John Evans, 2nd General; Sir John Smith, P.M.W.S., Treasurer; Percy Wallis, P.M.W.S., Recorder; W. H. Marsden, Grand Marshal; W. Naylor, Raphael; Ill. Bro. Fitz-Herbert Wright, 30°, P.M.W.S., D. of C.; Bros. J. E. Harrison, Herald; G. M. Bond, C. of G.; and W. Stone, Outer Guard. The report of the Audit Committee, showing a balance at the bank of over £56, was received and adopted, and the chapter was closed by the newly installed M.W.S.

The brethren adjourned to the Bell Hotel, where a splendid banquet was provided by Host Rayner.

The after proceedings were varied with a pleasing little episode, the brethren seizing the opportunity of his recent marriage, to testify their feelings of respect and affection to Ill. Bro. Fendelow, 33°, by presenting him with a handsome silver salver, for which he feelingly returned thanks.

The usual toasts were honoured, and the brethren separated after spending a most pleasant evening.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

The yearly meeting of this Order took place on Friday, the 4th inst., the anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn. The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, as usual, presided, and was supported by Bros. Capt. Phillips, the Deputy; Frank Richardson, G. Sec.; Charles Belton, G. Treas.; C. F. Matier, G. Marischal; the Earl of Euston, W. B. Williamson, F. Lawrence, C. E. Keyser, J. Balfour Cockburn, F. Sumner Knyvett, and others.

The Degree was conferred upon Bros. the Earl of Dungarvan and Horatio Ward, Bro. Sir Lionel Darell being unable to attend from unavoidable circumstances.

At the conclusion of the proceedings, the brethren dined together at the Café Royal.

Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

DIVISIONAL GRAND CONCLAVE OF KENT.

The annual meeting of the above was holden on Tuesday, the 1st inst., under the banner of the Saye and Sele Conclave, No. 122, at the Masonic Rooms, Belvidere, Kent. The Saye and Sele Conclave was opened, on behalf of the M.P.S., Sir Knight Cotterell, who was unavoidably absent, by Sir Knight Bateman, P.S. The Intendant-General, Sir Knight Frederic Wood, entered under the arch of steel, attended by his Deputy, Sir Knight Dr. Penfold, and the Divisional Officers, and opened Divisional Grand Conclave in full form.

The Divisional Grand Recorder, Sir Knight A. H. BATEMAN, G.V.C. England, called the muster roll, and the six knights present answered to their names.

The minutes of the last Divisional Grand Conclave, held at Chatham, July, 1889, having been read and confirmed, letters of apology and regret for absence were read from Sir Knights Baron de Ferrieres, G.V. England; Rev. H. Cummings, P.G.H.P. England, D.G.H.P., &c.; C. F. Hogard, G. R.; Woodman, G. Treas.; Brice, M.P.S. 147; Roberts, M.P.S. 148; and others.

The Treasurer's report was received and adopted, and it appearing that the D.G. Treasurer, Sir Knight

Burney, was anxious to be relieved from his duties, owing to heavy pressure of professional engagements, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his past services, and Sir Knight Cobham, P.S. 147, was unanimously elected to fill the post.

The Intendant-General then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:

Sir Knight Brice, M.P.S. 147 ...	D.G.V.E.
" Roberts, M.P.S. 148 ...	D.G.S.G.
" Fletcher, V.E. 122 ...	D.G.J.G.
" Rev. H. Cummings, G.H.P. England...	D.G. HighPrelate.
" Cobham, P.S. 147 ...	D.G. Treasurer.
" Bateman, P.S. 122 and 148, G.V.C. Eng.	D.G. Recorder.
" Ovenden, 148...	D.G. Chamberlain
" Gibsen Sugars, 122 ...	D.G. Marshal.
" Nash, 147 ...	D.G. Prefect.
" Kennedy, 122...	D.G. Insp. of Reg.
" Thackwell 122 ...	D.G. Std. Br.
" Spurrer, 147 ...	D.G. Swd. Br.
" Kipps, P.S. 148 ...	D.G. Organist.
" Couldery, 148 ...	D.G. Herald.
" Bateman ...	D.G. Dir. of Cer.
Frater Orum ...	D.G. Sentinel.

The alms of the sir knights were collected. A vote of thanks was passed to the M.P.S. and members of the Saye and Sele Conclave for entertaining Divisional Grand Conclave, and the same was closed.

The Saye and Sele Conclave was then closed. Previous to the above meeting, the Intendant General held a sanctuary of knights of the Holy Sepulchre and knights of St. John, to which Order Sir Knights Gibsen Sugars and Nash were duly inducted.

At the conclusion of the proceedings a banquet was held, presided over by Sir Knight Wood, Intendant General, when the toasts usual to Christian Masonry were duly proposed and honoured.

TOTTENHAM AND ENFIELD MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the above was held at the Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, on the 4th inst., to celebrate the close of the Fourth Association, and at the same time to inaugurate the fifth. Bro. Captain C. J. Knightley, the President of the Fifth Association, occupied the chair, and Bro. J. H. Thompson, the President of the late Association, the vice-chair.

Ample justice having been done to the excellent dinner provided by the host, Bro. Barnes, on the removal of the cloth, the President of the evening, Bro. Captain Knightley gave the usual loyal toasts, after which

The VICE-PRESIDENT proposed "The Health of Bro. Binnie, the Secretary to the Fourth Association." He said it gave him very great pleasure to see—as they had all done—the admirable manner in which Bro. Binnie had carried out the duties as Secretary, and all would agree with him that he was deserving of something more substantial than mere thanks. He had, therefore, the pleasure, in the name of the members, in presenting him with a very handsome clock and an illuminated address, and he trusted Bro. Binnie might be spared many years to be amongst them.

The address bore the following inscription: "This testimonial, together with a marble clock and pair of vases, was presented to Bro. W. Binnie, P.M. 209 and 1237, P.P.G.S.B. Berks and Bucks, by the brethren of the Fourth Tottenham and Enfield Masonic Charitable Association, as a mark of their respect and esteem, and in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him as Secretary of the Association, and his exertions in bringing the same to such a successful termination, resulting in the sum of £840 being sent to the three Masonic Charities." The clock also bore a similar inscription.

Bro. BINNIE, in reply, thanked the members for the very handsome presents. He said they would be much treasured by him as long as he lived, and handed down as heirlooms to his son. He accepted the office of Secretary with some amount of diffidence, for so much had been done in the former Associations that he thought the neighbourhood had been exhausted, but he found that not to be the case, for the amount he had collected exceeded his expectations, and he trusted the Fifth Association would be equally successful.

The PRESIDENT next proposed "Success to the Fifth Association," coupling with it the names of Bro. Fidler, the Treasurer, and Bro. Binnie, the Secretary. It redounded, he said, much to the credit of the neighbourhood to find so much had been done for the Masonic Charities. The first was started 16 years back, and was successfully carried out by Bro. Thompson, the second by Bro. Garrod, the third by Bro. Fidler, and the fourth, now brought to a close, by Bro. Binnie as the respective Secretaries. At one time those Associations were looked upon by some of the great authorities with anything but a friendly feeling, but the time soon came that showed what could be done, and the result was that £2400 had been collected by the four Associations, all of which had been sent to the three Masonic Institutions, and those who condemned them were now the most ardent supporters; and he had now much pleasure in presenting Bro. Fidler, the Treasurer, with a little token from the members as a wedding present, which consisted of a set of solid silver table spoons.

Bros. FIDLER and BINNIE having replied, The VICE-PRESIDENT then proposed "The Health of the President," and said it afforded him a great amount of pleasure in proposing that toast. From the time he

had the honour and pleasure of Captain Knightley's acquaintance, he always found that whatever he undertook to do it was always done well, whether it was military duties, Masonic, or otherwise, and the members of the Fifth Association might be congratulated in having him as their President, and also thank him for presiding over them that evening.

Bro. Captain KNIGHTLEY thanked the Vice-President for the kindly manner in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for so cordially receiving him. He had lately a great amount of work on his hands; he had attended four public meetings in the last few days, which had taken up a great deal of his time; but it gave him a very great amount of pleasure to be there that evening, and the members of the Fifth Association might rest assured that whatever duty or work he had to do he would always devote his attention to the welfare and to further the success of the Association.

The PRESIDENT proposed "The Health of the Vice-President, Bro. Thompson," and said the brethren would all concur with him how hard Bro. Thompson had worked for the last 16 years in the cause of the Charities. He was now about to retire from the more active duties, and he now had the great pleasure in presenting him, in the name of the members of the Association, that vellum recording the fact of his having served as Secretary to the First Association, Treasurer to the second and third, and President to the fourth.

Bro. THOMPSON thanked the President and the members for their kindness.

Other toasts followed, and the brethren separated after spending a most enjoyable evening.

Ireland.

MASONIC BANQUET TO BRO. DR. PARKE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of North Connaught gave a magnificent banquet on Tuesday night, the 1st inst., in the hall, Carrick-on-Shannon, in honour of Bro. Surgeon Parke, of the Stanley Expedition. Over 50 brethren sat down to dinner, some of whom were guests from adjoining provinces. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Lord Harlech, P.G.M., the chair was taken by his Deputy, Bro. the Rev. Dr. Clarke, who was supported on his right by the guest of the evening, and on his left by Bro. Dr. Parke's father—Bro. Parke, of Drumsna.

After the usual loyal toasts, The D.P.G.M. proposed the toast of the evening in felicitous terms, in which he specially referred to his devotion to duty, his unflinching courage, his professional skill, his ready grasp of circumstances, and keen powers of observation. It was with pride and joy they cherished the distinguished reputation of so great a brother. As Freemasons they delighted to own him, chiefly for his conspicuous philanthropy and for the ennobling virtues he had at all times exhibited in ameliorating and soothing the sufferings of his fellow-men. He was a bright and splendid ornament in the temple of Freemasonry—a credit to his father, long and honourably known in the Fraternity, and a brother who is the pride of the Masons of North Connaught.

The toast was received with the usual Masonic honours, and loud, long, and repeated applause.

Bro. Surgeon PARKE, in returning thanks, said he could not express in anything like adequate terms the gratification he felt at being there, and his gratitude might be divided into as many parts as there were brethren there that evening. That magnificent banquet was a sign of their appreciation of his work. One of the first letters he had received when on his way homeward was from their worthy Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. B. St. George Harrison, full of friendly greeting, and every one of his companions appreciated that letter very much. Though he was an insignificant Freemason, yet its principles guided him in Africa as well as elsewhere. It was said that Freemasonry existed all over the world, but he had been for three years in the heart of Africa and had not met with it. The natives were hostile, not friendly, and, therefore, he had not had an opportunity of knowing whether they were Freemasons or not. But one thing he did know—in a great portion of the country through which he had travelled the natives did not recognise a Supreme Being, and as he had been taught in Masonry that the existence of God was inseparable from our system, he hardly thought there were any Masons to be found in those parts of Central Africa. Bro. Dr. Parke then gave a description of the objects, difficulties, and dangers of the expedition, and traced its course till the finding of Emin Pasha. He spoke of the pigmies, and said that it had been stated that some of them had been found in Ireland. (A Voice—"The pig"—laughter.) Bro. Dr. Parke said they could only live in the forest where the great trees shut out the sun, because when they brought some of them into the open country they died. They were, perhaps, the oldest race in the world. Herodotus and Homer had written about them. Having described Mr. Stanley's work, he said that his leader had taken a new departure—he had gone in for matrimony, and he hoped that would be as happy as his single life had been in the past.

Along with some Masonic toasts, "The Health of Bro. Dr. Parke's father" was given, and, in proposing "The Health of their most efficient and admirable Deputy Grand Master," Bro. Col. FOLLIOTT referred in one of the neatest and most graceful of speeches to their distinguished guest, who was a living embodiment

of the principles of Freemasonry, and an honour to the Craft and to his native province.

Bro. Dr. PARKE proposed "The Health of Bro. W. Copeland Trimble, of Enniskillen," and the proceedings shortly after concluded, with repeated cheers for the guest of the evening.

It was remarked by several brethren, including Bro. E. Tenison Collins, of Dublin, that they had never at any other Masonic occasion had such a superior galaxy of vocal talent as enriched the proceedings with classical music.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; W. Smith, S. C. Haslip, A. H. Tattershall, E. West, Henry Garrod, C. J. Perceval, C. Kempton, Alex. Mullord, W. H. Hubbert, A. Forsyth, W. J. Murlis, James Percy Fitzgerald, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the deaths of six annuitants—two men and four widows. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and the report of the Finance Committee read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Five petitions (four men and one widow) were considered and accepted, and the names of the petitioners having been directed to be placed on the lists of candidates for the election in May, 1891, the proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman for his kindness in presiding.

THE RECENT BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The following additions and corrections have been made since last week, namely:

Lodge	LONDON.	£	s.	d.	
197	Bro. G. L. Eyles, additional...	...	1	1	0
	(raising his list to £69 6s.)				
2246	" H. Holmes, new list ...	50	8	0	
	PROVINCES.				
Lodge	BERKS AND BUCKS.				
1410 } 2244 }	Bro. C. W. Guille, additional ...	5	5	0	
	(raising his list for the two lodges to £24, and the total for the Province to £243 7s.)				
	GLOUCESTERSHIRE.				
8	" W. Heath, new list ...	5	5	0	
	(raising total for province to £74 11s.)				
	HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.				
35	" Asher Barfield, new list ...	115	10	0	
	(raising total for province to £382 2s.)				
	KENT.				
1314	" J. H. Sanders, new list ...	40	3	0	
	(raising total for province to £439 3s. 6d.)				
	LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION.)				
"	W. Forrest, new list ...	10	10	0	
"	C. Turner, new list ...	10	10	0	
	(raising total for province to £88 2s.)				
	LANCASHIRE WEST DIVISION.)				
1384	" W. J. Thomson, new list ...	10	10	0	
	(raising total for province to £315 5s.)				
	SURREY.				
2317	" Rev. W. Cater, additional ...	4	4	0	
	(raising his list to £18 7s. 6d., and the total for province to £99 4s. 6d.)				

Total additions ...	£253	6	0
Total announced ...	£9253	2	0
	£9506	8	0

N.B.—Bro. W. J. Coplestone's name as Steward for Lodge No. 834 must be struck out of list.

PERSONALLY CONDUCTED RAILWAY AND CARRIAGE TRIPS.

A DAY IN SHAKESPEARE'S COUNTRY.—A novel and interesting experiment is, we understand, about to be made by the London and North-Western Railway Company. It is intended about the end of the present month (July) to organise a day trip from Euston to Shakespeare's country and back for each Saturday during the season. The trip will be so managed that no thought need be given nor trouble of any kind taken by intending excursionists, and thus mind and body may be devoted to the simple pleasures of enjoyment. In exchange for a fixed and moderate payment, first and second class coupons will be given. These will provide for railway fares (first and second class respectively) from London (Euston Station) to Kennilworth and return from Stratford-on-Avon to London; for carriage drives from Kennilworth to Leamington, Warwick, and Stratford-on-Avon; for fees required to be paid for visiting Kennilworth and Warwick Castles, Shakespeare's house, theatre, tomb, &c.; for luncheon and dinner (including waiters' fees). It is intended, we believe, to send a guide with each party to do all duties of conducting, explaining, and generally arranging for the pleasure and comfort of the excursionists, and arrangements are being made with the proprietors of the best hotels for the best style of catering. The plan comprehends a thoroughly enjoyable day well filled up, and can scarcely fail, we should imagine, to prove attractive. It is intended to limit the number of coupon books to be issued each week, in the first instance, but no doubt if it answers—as it most probably will—the scheme will expand, and not only provide for trips to the attractive regions of Warwickshire, but to other parts of the country, reachable from the London and North-Western Railway, and from other big places than London.

MASONIC AND GENERAL TIDINGS

The annual meeting of the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight will be held under the presidency of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, at Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Monday, the 28th inst.

Sunday last was the 22nd anniversary of the birth of H.R.H. the Princess Victoria, second daughter of the Prince and Princess of Wales, who was born at Marlborough House, on the 6th July, 1868.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Athole, Bro. the Earl of Listowel and Lady M. Hare, Bro. the Earl of Clonmell, and Bro. Viscount Raincliffe, attended the ball given by the Countess of Lonsborough at her residence in Grosvenor-square on Monday.

Bro. General Sir George H. S. Willis, K.C.B., who is an honorary member of the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, No. 2068, has been accepted as the Conservative candidate for Portsmouth upon the retirement of Bro. Sir S. Wilson, M.P., at the next election.

Bro. the Duke of Fife has consented to open the International Exhibition of Mining and Metallurgy at the Crystal Palace, the largest portion of the display being situated in the New South Wales Court, and other colonies of Great Britain having taken a deep interest in the scheme.

The Princess Christian, accompanied by her husband, son, and daughters, visited Slough on Saturday last for the purpose of presenting the prizes won by the successful pupils of the British Orphan Asylum. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to her Royal Highness for presiding on the occasion.

A meeting was held at the Mansion House, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at which the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir H. A. Isaacs, presided, when it was resolved to hold an International Congress on Hygiene in London in 1891, and that a subscription list should be opened for the purpose of raising funds to defray the expenses.

The Duke of Edinburgh visited Folkestone on the 3rd instant, for the purpose of opening the Victoria Hospital, which has just been erected near Radnor Park, on a site given by the Earl of Radnor, at a cost of £70,000. The town was *en fete* all day in honour of the occasion, and his Royal Highness met with a most hearty reception from the large crowds of people who thronged the streets in all directions.

To-morrow (Saturday) their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales will formally open the new ranges of the National Rifle Association at Bisley. On arriving the party will be received by the President (the Duke of Cambridge) and the Council of the Association, and an address having been presented by the former, the Princess will then fire the first shot, and will afterwards be presented with the gold medal of the N.R.A.

The consecration of the Remigius Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, No. 117, will take place at the Masonic Rooms, Lincoln, at four o'clock, on Wednesday, the 16th inst. The Consecrating Master will be Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Secretary, who will be assisted by Bros. Robert Berridge, P.G.W., and other Grand Officers. The W.C.N. elect is Bro. Henry E. Cousins, P.P.G.W., P.G.D. Eng., and his principal officers will be Bro. Jos. A. Robinson, P.P.G.D., J., and Bro. R. Cotton Carline, P.P.G. Reg., S.

Southampton will shortly be honoured with two Royal visits. The first will take place on Saturday, the 26th inst., when the Queen will cross in her yacht from the Isle of Wight and open the new deepwater dock, which has been three years in course of construction, and cost £250,000. Her Majesty will not land, but arrangements are being made to give her as loyal a welcome as possible. The second visit will be that of the Duke of Edinburgh, who sometime next month will lay the foundation stone of the new Seamen's Institute.

In accordance with the wishes of Lady Carnarvon, a memorial service was held at the Chapel Royal, Savoy, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the same hour at which the funeral of the late Earl of Carnarvon took place at Highclere. His lordship attended the chapel for many years, and the service was performed by Bro. the Rev. Henry White, Chaplain of the Savoy, and the Bishop of Derry, one of our late distinguished brother's oldest friends. The Countess of Carnarvon, after a week or two, will visit her brother, Mr. H. C. Howard, at his seat, Greystoke Castle, Cumberland.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, the Duke of Edinburgh, and the Princess Louise, visited Vauxhall and opened the new park in the presence of a large concourse of spectators. The Royal Party were received by the Archbishop of Canterbury. After hearing "God bless the Prince of Wales" sung by some 500 children, their Royal Highnesses were conducted round the park, and the Prince having first received an address, expressed his gratification at attending, and then declared the park open amid loud cheers.

The annual picnic of the members of St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222, took place on Thursday, the 3rd inst., when over 30 brethren and ladies went by a saloon carriage attached to the S.55 train to Chippenham. After luncheon the party drove to Badminton, and viewed the house, gardens, kennels, and stables, returning through Castle Coombe, where is situated the charming residence of Ed. Lowndes, Esq., the brother of Sir John Gorst, M.P.—to dinner at the Angel Hotel, Chippenham. The party was under the genial conduct of the W.M., Bro. W. E. Perrett, whom the brethren were rejoiced to see restored to his former health and spirits. A most enjoyable day was spent.

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

—ADVT.

The Queen has forwarded her annual contribution of £20 to the Incorporated Society for Improving the Labouring Classes, of which Her Majesty is the Patroness.

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

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at Newport. There was a good muster of Prov. Grand Officers and a few visitors. We hope to give a report in our next.

With the sanction of the Very Rev. the Dean of Peterborough the sexton (Bro. Plowman, Tyler of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442) tolled the big bell of the cathedral during the funeral hour of the late Earl of Carnarvon.

The Princess of Wales, accompanied by her daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, drove to East Sheen Lodge on Sunday last, and paid a long visit to the Duchess of Fife, who is now convalescent and regaining strength daily.

As regards the recent Postal Jubilee movement it is satisfactory to know that the result of the Guildhall and South Kensington Conversation last week has been the addition of a sum of £10,000 to the Rowland Hill Benevolent Fund in aid of decayed Post-office employes.

Bro. H. Lovegrove was unable to attend the annual banquet of the Royal Order of Scotland in consequence of a serious accident to his son while playing with gunpowder. Bro. Dr. Walter Scott hopes that the injuries will not be of a serious nature, and the patient is rapidly recovering.

Bro. Dixon-Hartland, M.P., gave a dinner party at the Grand Hotel on Friday, the 4th inst., when, among others, Bros. the Earl of Jersey, Earl Amherst, Sir Morell Mackenzie, Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P., Littler, O.C., and Sir W. Marriott, M.P., were invited to meet the Marquis of Salisbury.

The Queen left Windsor for London on the 4th inst. in order to pay a first visit to the Military Exhibition at Chelsea. Her Majesty carefully inspected all the points of interest, and expressed herself delighted with all she saw. She likewise gladdened the hearts of two old Chelsea Pensioners, whom she questioned as to their services, and both of them proved to be old Crimean warriors.

Mdme. Madeline Schiller, the pianiste who on the occasion of her Orchestral Concert at Prince's Hall, May 7th last, won such favourable Press notices, announces a Pianoforte Recital at St. James' Hall on the afternoon of the 14th inst. The recital will be under the direction of Mr. N. Vert. The programme will consist of selections from Beethoven, Schumann, Chopin, Mendelssohn, Liszt, and Hummel.

A meeting was held at Marlborough House on the 4th inst., at which the Princess of Wales, with the Prince and their son and two younger daughters, were present, and at which the first thousand subscribers of the National Pension Fund for Nurses were heartily welcomed, and the nurses themselves were present in their picturesque costumes. The Princess distributed certificates of membership, and also received purses to the amount of about £2000 in aid of the fund.

The summer meeting of the Priory Lodge of Acton, No. 1996, was held on Monday, the 7th instant, in their old and historic building, the Berrymead Priory, Acton, and after despatch of business, the brethren journeyed to Hampton Court, where a very enjoyable banquet had been prepared by Bro. C. Sadler, of the Mitre Hotel, and was found very refreshing after the cold drive down. Owing, however, to the unpropitious weather, the brethren did not muster in such force as is their wont.

The band of the Garde Républicaine, whose visit to London in connection with the French Exhibition at West Brompton was prolonged for a few days, was conducted to Marlborough House by the military attaché of the French embassy, and had the honour of playing a selection of pieces before the Prince and Princess of Wales. Owing to the heavy rain the performance took place in the dining-room, but their Royal Highnesses expressed themselves as much gratified.

The good people of Paddington were greatly disappointed at the unavoidable postponement of the great meeting, which had been arranged to take place on the Paddington Recreation Ground on Saturday last, in aid of the North-West London Polytechnic. The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke of Cambridge were ready enough to be present, but the weather proved so unfavourable that the Committee solicited their Royal Highnesses to postpone their visit to Wednesday, a request to which they readily consented, and it was postponed accordingly. However, the Venetian masts and the bunting proved as well the purposes for which they had been erected and distributed so profusely, and the welcome to the Royal visitors was as cordial as it would have been had the original arrangements been carried out.

The 39th annual meeting of the Birkbeck Building Society was held recently at the Offices, 29 and 30, Southampton-buildings, Chancery-lane. The report adopted states that the receipts during the year ended 31st March last, reached £11,415,607, making a total from the commencement of the Society of more than one hundred and thirty millions (£132,247,107). The deposits were £7,937,167, and the subscriptions, £209,125, and the gross profits amounted to £263,671. The surplus funds have been augmented by £376,399, and now stand at £4,854,340, of which £1,645,180 is in Consols and other securities guaranteed by the British Government. The balance in the hands of the bankers is £463,693. The Permanent Guarantee Fund, £125,000, and the Temporary Reserve, £138,671 (invested in Consols), represent more than a quarter of a million (£263,671) in excess of the liabilities of the Society. The subscriptions and deposits withdrawable on demand amount to £5,024,760. The Surplus Funds, invested in convertible securities, are sufficient to pay the Depositors 111½ per cent. The new accounts opened during the year are 9230, and there are 56,318 Shareholders and Depositors on the books. Since its establishment the Society has returned to its shareholders upwards of one million and a quarter sterling (£1,292,000), and to its Depositors more than one hundred millions (£107,762,288), the whole having been repaid upon demand without requiring a day's notice.

Canon Liddon is reported to be slightly better, though still suffering severely from neuralgic pains.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. T. D. Sewell has been appointed Lieut.-Colonel of the 4th Battalion Essex Rifle Volunteers, vice Silver retired.

The usual summer entertainment to the residents at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place on Wednesday next.

A misprint occurred in our report of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey last week. One of the Grand Chaplains was the Rev. W. F. Oliver, not H. F. Collier, as stated.

The Police Committee of the Corporation have decided to recommend the Court of Common Council that the salary of the new Commissioner of the City Police should commence at £1200 per annum.

The Baroness and Bro. Burdett-Coutts have left town for Foremark Hall, Repton (the Derbyshire seat of Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.), to attend the celebration of the coming of age of Mr. Burdett, Sir Francis Burdett's only son.

The Court of the Loriners' Company have passed a resolution congratulating their colleague, Bro. Augustus Harris, on his election as one of the Sheriffs. Bro. Harris, we are informed, has announced his intention of presenting to the Company a banner of his arms.

By command of the Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland the annual Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held at Whitehaven under the banner of the Fletcher Mark Lodge, No. 213, on Wednesday next.

Among the candidates for the Chief Commissionership of the City Police—vacant by the resignation of Colonel Fraser—is Bro. L. G. Dundas, P.M. Abbey Lodge, No. 2021, and Past Prov. J.G.W. Surrey. He is also P.Z. and Treas. of No. 370.

Bro. Alexander Ridgway, the notary, of Change Alley, Cornhill, and Lombard-street, who is a Vice-President of the Masonic Boys' School and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, has been appointed Commissioner in England for the State of New York.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held at Ashford yesterday (Thursday). There was a good attendance and an unusually full agenda of business disposed of. A banquet afterwards took place. We hope to give a full report in our next.

Brethren will be grieved to hear that continued ill-health has forced Bro. C. R. Brighten to dispose of his interest in Blanchard's Restaurant. The rest ordered for him by his physician will, we hope, soon restore him, so that his catering capabilities may again rejoice the gourmets of the Masonic world.

A new lodge, named the Bloomsbury, No. 2362, was consecrated at the headquarters of the Bloomsbury Rifles (19th Middlesex). The ceremony was performed by the Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. Lord Euston, Sir Lionel Darell, the Dean of Battle, and Frank Richardson. We shall give a full report next week.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset will be held at Clevedon, on Wednesday, the 20th August, but a Special Provincial Grand Lodge has been fixed by the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. R. E. Else, for Tuesday next, at the Town Hall, Highbridge, for the purpose of moving resolutions of regret at the death of the M.W. Pro G. Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and sympathy with the Countess of Carnarvon and family in their affliction.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Priory of Kent and Surrey of the Order of the Temple will be held on Friday, the 25th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, under the banner of the Harcourt Preceptory, and the presidency of the Provincial Prior, Sir Knight Lieut.-Col. George H. J. Haldane. Members of the Order desirous to attend can obtain full particulars of the Provincial Registrar, Sir Knight A. H. Bateman, The Woodlands, Belvidere, Kent.

Notwithstanding the great success of "New Lamps for Old," it will now only be played a few nights longer, owing to an arrangement entered into by Miss Grahame to produce Mr. Arthur Law's new play during her tenancy of Terry's Theatre. The play is in three acts, and entitled "The Judge," funny little Mr. Penley playing the title role, supported by Messrs. Mark Kinghorne, W. Lestock, W. Herbert, F. H. Fenton, George Belmore, Mesdames Emily Thorne, Helen Leyton, Elsie Chester, and Miss Grahame. The date of production is not yet definitely decided on. "New Lamps for Old" commences a long tour of the provinces on August Bank Holiday, under the supervision of Bro. H. T. Erickwell, and the personal management of Mr. S. H. Austin, Mr. Jerome having made arrangements with these gentlemen to look after his interests.

The consecration of the Ubique Mark Lodge, No. 411, will take place at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Friday, the 18th inst., at 5 p.m. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Grand Secretary, assisted by Bro. Capt. W. G. Brighten, Hon. Artillery Company, P.G. Sec. Middlesex and Surrey, &c., and several other distinguished brethren. Bro. Major J. T. Ritchie, Royal Artillery, is the W.M. designate; Bro. Capt. W. A. Weston the S.W. designate; and Bro. W. R. Arnold the J.W. designate. Bro. W. R. Arnold, 5, Foskett road, Fulham, will gladly furnish any brethren with information respecting this new lodge, and also regarding the Ubique Royal Arch Chapter, which will be consecrated at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Monday, the 21st inst., by the G.S.E. The Master and Wardens designate of the Ubique Mark Lodge are also to be the First, Second, and Third Principals respectively of the Ubique Royal Arch Chapter.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Changes of temperature and weather frequently upset persons who are most careful of their health, and particular in their diet. These corrective, purifying, and gentle aperient Pills are the best remedy for all defective action of the digestive organs. They augment the appetite, strengthen the stomach, correct biliousness, and carry off all that is noxious from the system. Holloway's Pills are composed of rare balsams, unmixed with baser matter, and on that account are peculiarly well adapted for the young, delicate, and aged. As this peerless medicine has gained fame in the past, so will it preserve it in the future by its renovating and invigorating qualities, and the impossibility of its doing harm.