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FREEMASONRY IN HERTS.

There is no doubt that during the last half-dozen years Freemasonry has made great strides in the Province of Hertfordshire, and where there were formerly some 10 or 12 lodges scattered about in different parts of the county, with probably not more than from 300 to 400 subscribing members, there are now 20 lodges, with a muster roll of close on 700. At the recent annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, held in the Town Hall, Berkhamstead, under the banner of the Berkhamstead Lodge, No. 504, the various reports relating to the events of the past 12 months demonstrated very clearly that the Province had made still further and even more rapid progress during that brief period. Since the previous annual meeting in July, 1889, no less than three new lodges had been added to the roll, namely, the Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323, with Bro. C. E. KEYSER as first W.M.; the Ravenscroft Lodge, No. 2331, Barnet, under Bro. THOM, W.M.; and the Broxbourne Lodge, No. 2353, Broxbourne, under Bro. E. C. MULVEY, W.M. It was also mentioned that an additional lodge, to be named the James Terry Lodge, No. 2372, to meet in the Great Hall, Cheshunt, and to be presided over by Bro. JAMES TERRY, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, would be consecrated some time during the month of September by Bro. T. F. HALSEY, M.P., P.G.M. Thus there is yet another increase in the number of lodges, which has already been sanctioned, and as nothing succeeds like success, there is fair reason to assume that further lodges may be placed on the roll in the course of the next few years. Then, the Provincial Grand Treasurer's Report was in all respects satisfactory, the balance in hand being upwards of £80, and the amount invested in Government Stock close upon £200. When we reflect that 61 years ago there was not a single lodge in the shire of Hertford, and only a very few resident Masons, who were members of London and other lodges, we consider that "Little Herts" has every reason to be proud of its achievements, and the more so, because, besides being regular and energetic in the performance of its duties, it is a regular and firm supporter of our Institutions. As regards the annual meeting itself, which was held, as we have said, at Berkhamstead on the 25th ult.—no doubt in compliment to Bro. CHARLES BULLOCK, P.M., Secretary of the Berkhamstead Lodge, No. 504, who was last year appointed Prov. Grand Secretary—there was a large muster of the Provincial brethren, to whom a hearty welcome was extended by the Berkhamstead Lodge, and Bro. HALSEY, who presided both in lodge and at the banquet, must have been delighted with the evidences there and then presented of the prosperity and progress of the Province under his charge.

THE PROVINCE OF SURREY.

No successor to the late lamented Bro. General BROWNRIGG, who presided as Prov. Grand Master of Surrey for close on 18 years, has yet been appointed, but the Deputy Prov. Grand Master in charge of the Province—Bro. FREDERICK WEST, P.G.D. England—has administered its affairs so successfully, that at the recent annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge at Guildford everything went merrily as a marriage bell. The Prov. Grand Treasurer's Report showed that the financial position of the Province was sound, while that of the Prov. Grand Secretary was almost equally satisfactory. Bro. WEST himself, having been able to visit so many of the lodges and chapters under his obedience, bore most gratifying testimony to the manner in which the various duties were performed, and to the zeal exhibited in behalf of the Masonic Institutions by a considerable number of the members. Thus, though for the time being Surrey is without a Prov. Grand Master, it has well maintained its position under its acting chief. It has added a lodge and a chapter to its roll, there is no diminution in the number and activity of its brethren, and, though it has not as yet recovered its high annual average of contributions to our Charities, it has certainly made a great advance in that direction as compared

with the preceding year. We may, therefore, congratulate our Surrey brethren on the prospects which are apparently in store for them. Being, as they are, so favourably circumstanced, there is every reason to assume that the marked progress they have made during the last few years will be well maintained. We trust, however, that the Masters and Secretaries of lodges will lay kindly to heart the advice which Bro. WEST so pertinently gave them. We fully concur with his remarks in respect of the former—that their duties are by no means limited to the perfect rendering of our various ceremonies. It is undoubtedly essential to the well-being of our Order that these should be well carried out, but it is equally important that the Master of a lodge should be in himself a model of punctuality in his attendance, and enforce punctuality in his officers; that he should be impartial as a ruler, and be able by force of character to hold his lodge well under control; and, lastly, that he should do all in his power to encourage a love for our Charities among the members. As regards the Secretaries it is necessary, as Bro. WEST pointed out, that they should be both prompt and accurate in making their Returns to the Prov. G. Sec., who is necessarily unable to make his report as complete and accurate as it should be if the Secretaries of lodges are careless and dilatory in the performance of this particular duty. Bro. WEST, indeed, was unfortunately able to point a moral to this part of the advice he tendered, by showing that, in the case of one of the lodges which had not sent any return for two years, the result of such laxity on the part of the Secretary had been to deprive one of its members of the privilege of being invested as a Provincial Grand Officer at the recent annual meeting. We entertain a hope that this advice of Bro. WEST'S, which was urged in the kindest manner, will be appreciated as it deserves.

NEW ZEALAND.

In many former articles we have advised our New Zealand brethren not to be over-eager in their desire for the establishment of a separate and independent Grand Lodge, firstly, because from the configuration of the Colony it appeared to us that there were local difficulties in the way of successfully establishing such a body unless something like practical unanimity existed among the English, Irish, and Scotch lodges already working in it; but chiefly because, even from the returns made public by the promoters of the movement, it was clear that the desired unanimity, or anything approaching it, did not exist. We did not, however, presume to think that our advice would be heeded. We saw that the promoters had made up their minds to carry their purpose into effect, and had even resolved on setting up their Grand Lodge out of the lodges which had signified their approval of the project, however deplorable might be the consequences of such an act to the cause of Freemasonry itself. Our exchanges show that our anticipations have been verified. On the 28th and 29th of April last a Grand Lodge of New Zealand was constituted at the Odd Fellows' Hall, Christchurch, with Bro. HENRY THOMPSON, till lately Dist. G.M. of Canterbury, as M.W.G.M. The scene at the installation is described as having been a most impressive one. "About 250 brethren," we are told in the account quoted by our Sydney contemporary, the *Freemason*, "were present, and it was truly a representative gathering, every lodge from Otago to Auckland sending representatives." The Installing Officer was Bro. E. T. GILLON, Acting G. Master, who had taken the chief part in the preliminary arrangements, and may be regarded as the directing genius of the seceders. His address as well as the reply of Bro. THOMPSON, though we cannot admit the validity of their arguments, were in good taste, nor have we any reason to complain of the terms in which the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland were referred to. But we do not depart from the opinion we have already expressed that the step which has been taken is premature, and that its consequences are likely—we might almost venture to say certain—to exercise an

effect which can hardly be otherwise than detrimental to the interests of Freemasonry in that portion of the British empire.

For how does the Craft in New Zealand stand at the present moment? If we remember rightly, there were at the time that the preliminary steps were taken with a view of establishing a United Grand Lodge of New Zealand on the lines of the United Grand Lodges in New South Wales and Victoria, and the Grand Lodge of South Australia, some 149—let us say 150—lodges in the Colony. Of these some 80 and odd lodges held under the United Grand Lodge of England, some 50 and odd under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and some 15 under the Grand Lodge of Ireland. There are still 150 lodges in existence, but they are now distributed among four constitutions, the recently established Grand Lodge of New Zealand—taking the returns which reached us some time ago as the basis of our division—having under its banner some 90 lodges, while the remaining 60 are distributed, but in what proportions we cannot say, among the three original constitutions. But if—and we believe this was the chief reason advanced in favour of a United Grand Lodge of New Zealand—there were difficulties in the way of an easy and completely harmonious working among 150 lodges working under three different constitutions, will those difficulties be reduced in number and extent by the establishment of a fourth constitution? If we assume that the authorities of the home Grand Lodges will adopt the same course with regard to New Zealand as they did towards New South Wales when there was a so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales set up in opposition to their District or Provincial Grand Lodges, there is nothing to prevent the 60 lodges that have remained faithful to their old allegiance being increased in number in the course of the next few years. The so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales—now happily merged in the United Grand Lodge of that Colony, as recognised by us—was regarded as an intruder by the G. Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, nor did the latter cease to issue warrants for the formation of new lodges as they were required, until it became clear that the desire of all, or nearly all, the lodges was in favour of establishing the present United Grand Lodge. But even if there is no increase of lodges under the old constitutions, we shall have in New Zealand an exact reproduction of that condition in which our late respected Pro G.M. found Freemasonry in New South Wales on his arrival at Sydney, which he considered so detrimental to the general interests of the Craft as a whole, and which he was mainly instrumental in remedying. We wonder what the late Earl of Canarvon, had he been still among us, would have said of this new and striking development of Masonic harmony. His last, and it may be his greatest, achievement in Freemasonry was to put an end to the dissensions which he found existing in one of our Australasian colonies; the New Zealand Grand Lodge, by setting itself up, has done its best to foment them, and it will not be its fault if the variance, which its promoters professed to be so eager to put an end to, is not enlarged and made still more intense. We shall again refer to this subject at an early date.

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

The very useful "Annual," or "Red Book," of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown is now ready for circulation, and has been edited, as usual, by the courteous Secretary-General, Bro. H. D. Sandeman, Past D.G.M. Bengal. It is a remarkable compilation, brought down to 30th June, 1890, and reflects great credit on the painstaking and most accurate editor.

There are one or two new features in this interesting issue, but substantially the same system has been followed of late, from year to year, no better, apparently, being possible. In the rules a new set of clauses appears respecting the concordant between the Supreme Councils of England and Scotland, for happily, now, the "hatchet has been buried" by these two bodies, and the old conditions of peace and goodwill have been restored; Bro. H. D. Sandeman, 33°, is the Grand Representative of the Scottish Organisation, and Bro. Lindsay Mackersy, 33°, the esteemed Secretary-General of Scotland, occupies a similar position in regard to England. Twenty-three Supreme Councils exchange representatives with England, which is one more than last year, and the number of chapters under English rule is exactly 101 as in 1889, the new one, No. 114, Wigan, being balanced as an accession by the surrender of the warrant for No. 72, London.

There are 90 now in lieu of 81 previously fixed for the number of members of the 31° in England, those of the 32° remaining at 45 as formerly. Capt. N. G. Philips (P.G.D.) on Jan. 8th, 1889, completed his "silver wedding" in relation to his occupancy of a seat in the Supreme Council, and is the senior member of that distinguished body.

The balance sheet is certified by Messrs. Harper Bros.,

chartered accountants, besides which the Treasurer's accounts have been audited by Bros. J. H. Matthews, W. M. Bywater, and E. H. Elliott, so that every attention is paid to all the financial details so as to ensure the greatest exactitude. The value of the assets of the Supreme Council considerably exceeds £18,000, and from 1860 the large sum of £3500 has been donated to Masonic and other charitable purposes, the votes held by the Supreme Council for the three Institutions making up a total of 582!

The new Treasurer-General is the zealous Craftsman, Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., the genial Bro. Major-General Henry Clerk, F.R.S. (P.G.D.), having retired from that position. His numerous friends will be pleased to note that his valuable services have been recognised by his election as one of four honorary members of the Supreme Council.

Lieut.-Col. H. S. S. Burney, P.G.D., has been raised to the dignity of a Sov. G. Inspector-General, Bro. Colonel G. N. Money, C.B., succeed to the Inspectorship of the South-Eastern District.

Four new names are enrolled as members of the 32°, and nine for the 31°. Additions also have been made to the 30°. The years of appointment to the latter Degree have been inserted in the Annual for 1890, so that now all the years are supplied for the Degrees from 32° to 30° inclusive, but not for the 33°. The latter also would be interesting, as only those of the Supreme Council are given.

Several more pages are required for the 1890 issue, owing to the increased number of particulars which are noted, and likewise the roll of names exhibits considerable additions, as usual. The prosperity of the Rite in England must be most gratifying to the members, and especially to the Supreme Council, 33°, whose labours have been so constant and well directed on its behalf.

The lists of the subscribing members of chapters (100 in number), with their names, places of meeting, and dates of warrants of the 101, are duly detailed, and an alphabetical index of all the names of the members, with their correct designations, whether contributing or not, completes this handy and accurate guide. Copies may be had by application to the Secretary-General at the usual nominal price.

W. J. HUGHAN.

OLD WARRANTS.

'Tis a far cry from old England to Australia, and I am sure the little incident I am about to relate will deeply interest those readers of the *Freemason* who, like myself, have a penchant for such matters. It is only the other day that a letter of mine in the columns of the *Freemason* revealed to the brethren of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, the existence of an old "Book of Constitutions" belonging to them in this far distant part of Her Majesty's dominions. Now I have to record the discovery of an old warrant issued by the Grand Lodge of Ireland in the year 1759, which, after long wanderings, no doubt, adorns the walls of a Masonic hall in the colony of Victoria. Last week I had the pleasure of assisting at the installation festival of the Golden and Corinthian Lodge of Bendigo, formerly No. 641, under the United Grand Lodge of England, but now No. 7 under the United Grand Lodge of Victoria. The locality is the prosperous city of Sandhurst, 100 miles from Melbourne, where in the early gold days there existed two lodges, one the Golden and the other the Corinthian, which subsequently joined their forces under the name just mentioned. It is one of the strongest—about 200 members—and best worked lodges in Australia, and has an equally strong and flourishing Royal Arch chapter attached, which is more than can be said of any other constituent body of the Supreme Order in Victoria. They have a very fine hall, on the which are two prominent decorations, in the shape of silken and emblazoned banners, belonging respectively to the two lodges prior to their amalgamation. This by way of introduction to the old warrant. It is framed, and hung in the reading-room attached to the Masonic Hall. The following is a literal copy of the document:—

BY THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL and Right Honourable the Earl of Drogheda, Grand Master of all the Lodges of Freemasons in the Kingdom of Ireland; the Worshipful John Bury, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, the Worshipful Major Edward Windus and the Right Honble. Chas. Gardiner, Esq., Grand Wardens.

WHEREAS, our trusty and well-loved Brothers A——— McAlester, James Moore and Joseph Deane, Gents, have besought Us, that we would be pleased to erect a Lodge of Freemasons, in the Town of Ballymeux in the County of Antrim, of such Persons who by their Knowledge and Skill in Masonry, may contribute to the Well-being and Advancement thereof.

WE therefore duly weighing the Premises, and having nothing more at Heart than the Prosperity and true Advancement of Masonry, and reposing special Trust and Confidence in our Trusty and Well-beloved Brothers the said A——— McAlester James Moore and Joseph Deane, of whose Abilities & Knowledge in Masonry, WE are satisfied: Do by these Presents, of Our certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, Nominate, Create, Authorise, and Constitute the said A——— McAlester James Moore and Joseph Deane to be Master & Wardens of a Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons, to be held by them and their successors lawfully admitted in the said lodge for ever. AND WE do hereby give and grant unto the said A———

McAlester James Moore and Joseph Deane and their successors. Full power and lawful Authority from Time to Time, to proceed to election of a New Master and Wardens, to make such Laws, Rules, and Orders, as they from Time to Time shall think Proper and Convenient for the well-being and Ordering of the said Lodge. Reserving to Ourselves and Our Successors, Grand Masters or Grand Wardens of IRELAND, the sole Right of deciding all Differences which shall be brought by Appeal before Us, and our Successors, Grand Masters, or Grand Wardens of IRELAND. IN WITNESS whereof, WE have hereunto set our hands and Seal of Office, this Fifth of April in the year of Our Lord God, 1759 and in the year of Masonry 5759.

G.M. Entered by me,
G.S.W. No.

317.
Fno. Fulder, Secry.

I may explain that the left-hand corner of the document has decayed away, and taken with it the autographs of the Grand Master and Senior Grand Warden, likewise the autograph and title of the Junior Grand Warden. I am also not particularly positive as to the correctness of the Grand Secretary's autograph, it being very indistinct. The Christian name of the Master designate I have left blank after the initial, because it appears to have been obliterated in each of the four places, possibly in consequence of an error by the Grand Secretary. The warrant itself is parchment, and no larger than a sheet of note paper opened out. It is in the letterpress of the period, and the manuscript lines I have marked in italics. How this old warrant travelled all the way from Ireland to Australia is the next problem. The intelligent old Tyler of the Golden and Corinthian Lodge, informed me that many years ago the parchment was found in a tin case amongst the effects of a deceased brother, a colonist. In the case with the warrant were two certificates, one Royal Arch, and the other Knights Templar, both dated in 1842.

W. F. LAMONBY.

Melbourne, June 28.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

On Wednesday, the 30th ult., the annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Walton-on-Naze, under the presidency of the P.G.M., Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P. His lordship, accompanied by Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg. (Recorder of Colchester), and Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec. of England, left Liverpool-street Station by the ordinary noon train in a special saloon carriage, kindly placed at his lordship's disposal by the Great Eastern Railway Company. On reaching the station at Walton-on-Naze soon after two o'clock, the party were met by Bros. J. M. Scarlett, I.P.M. 1799; E. Dorling, P.M. 1799, P.P.G. Sec. Suffolk; and W. E. Sutton, J.W. 1799, and at once conducted to the Clifton Hotel, where Provincial Grand Lodge was opened.

The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held last year at Easton Lodge, having been read and confirmed, letters expressing their inability to attend were read from Bros. Lord Henniker, P.G.M. Suffolk; Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middx.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. Suffolk; James Round, M.P.; G. Cooper, P.M. 214, P.G.D.; Richard Clowes, P.M. 650, P.P.S.G.W.; R. Hedges, Sec. Girls' School; J. M. McLeod, Sec. Boys' School; Rev. W. Morgan Jones, Rev. H. J. Hatch, and others.

The roll of lodges was then called over, and it was found that all of the 31 lodges comprising the province were duly represented. The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY then read an abstract of the lodge returns for 1890, which showed that there were 1440 subscribing members, as against 1300 last year, an increase of 140. The report of the Auditors showed a balance in the hands of the Provincial Grand Treasurer on the General Fund of £84 os. 1d., and on the Charity Fund of £24 3s. 3d.

The report of the Charity Committee gave a *résumé* of the work done at the Elections for Boys and Girls in April and the Old People in May last, and thanked the brethren for the support given to the Committee, which had enabled them to secure the election of one aged brother on the funds of the Benevolent Institution, and considerably help forward two widows for the same Institution. The report also congratulated the province on being entirely out of debt, and the representatives held I.O.U.'s for 136 Girls' and 200 Benevolent votes.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY reported that the Calendar had been more successful this year, a portrait of his lordship therein having proved very popular, and he trusted that there would be a good balance in hand after paying expenses of publication.

The D.P.G.M. said he was glad that this little venture, of which some of them had been guarantors, now seemed to be gaining in popularity, and he made a suggestion, which he thought would add to its usefulness.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then addressed the brethren. He was, he said, very pleased to meet the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and also gratified at the large attendance. Time went by so quickly that it seemed only the other day that they so kindly came to Easton Lodge and took part in their annual festival, and the meeting which they had there would not soon fade from his memory, because nothing could have given more pleasure to him as Provincial Grand Master than the able and excellent support he received on that occasion. He thought it would be only right for him to allude to a matter which had caused them very deep regret, namely, the death of Lord Carnarvon, whose removal from amongst them he feared was almost irreparable, because he was a man who gave his heart to the Craft, and devoted a very considerable amount of his time towards furthering its interests. He paid a warm tribute to the kindness, courtesy, and skill with which the late earl had conducted the business of the Grand Lodge. This loss would be felt throughout the the country, but most deeply in the Province of Somersetshire, with which he (Lord Brooke) was at one time connected, and where he knew that the late earl, both as a citizen and a Mason, was regarded with the deepest veneration. It must be a source of satisfaction to them all, as it was a pleasure to himself, to notice the prosperity of the Craft in the Province of Essex. The report just given by the Provincial Grand Secretary, showing an increase in their strength of 140 members, was most pleasing, as he was quite sure that all those brethren were good Masons, and would be true to the Craft. During the year two new lodges had been added to their roll, viz., the Mistle and Easterford—both of which, he felt sure, would add strength to the province, and he had only a few days since recommended to the favourable consideration of the M.W.G.M. another lodge—the William Shurmur Lodge—which would commence its Masonic life with a strength of about 80 members. With regard to the Mistle and Easterford Lodges, his lordship said it was a matter of great regret to himself that, in consequence partly of ill-health and partly the pressure of business, he had been unable to attend the consecrations;

but those who were there, he was sure, had a Masonic treat in witnessing the excellent working of his esteemed Deputy, Bro. Philbrick. Another source of gratification to them all was the assistance that had been given in the cause of Charity, for he found that since they last met the handsome sum of £977 10s. had been contributed to the three great Charities of the Craft, against £650 last year. One important matter of business they would have to deal with that day was the revised by-laws, which the Committee appointed last year, had—under the guidance of the Grand Registrar—evidently bestowed great pains upon. In conclusion, his lordship repeated the pleasure he felt at once more meeting the brethren in Provincial Grand Lodge.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, then announced, amidst much applause, that Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick had kindly consented to act as his Deputy for another year; and his lordship thanked Bro. Philbrick for the assistance he had been to himself in carrying on the work of the province.

His LORDSHIP having called upon the brethren to elect a Prov. G. Treasurer, and drawn attention to the fact that notice had been given that Bros. E. J. Acworth and William Shurmer would be nominated,

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY announced that just before the opening of Provincial Grand Lodge, a letter was put into his hands from Bro. Acworth to the effect that he was anxious to promote Masonic harmony in the province, and with that view would prefer his name to be withdrawn rather than divide the brethren on the question.

Bros. William Shurmur and Mark Gentry were then nominated for the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer; and on a show of hands Bro. Shurmur was elected by an overwhelming majority.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

- Bro. John C. Turner, P.M. 51 Prov. S.G.W.
- " J. M. Scarlett, I.P.M. 1799 Prov. J.G.W.
- " Rev. T. S. Raffles, S.W. 2333 Prov. G. Chap.
- " W. Shurmur, Treas. 2256, &c. Prov. G. Treas.
- " W. B. Heagerty, I.P.M. 1343 Prov. G. Reg.
- " Thos. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., P.M. and Sec. 51 (14th year) Prov. G. Sec.
- " T. Rymer Jarvis, W.M. 276 } Prov. S.G.D's.
- " T. Scoresby Jackson, W.M. 2318 }
- " H. St. G. Boswell, W.M. 1543 }
- " R. C. Lyle, W.M. 1543 } Prov. J.G.D's.
- " Mark Gentry, I.P.M. and Treas 2154 Prov. G.S. of W.
- " A. Lucking, P.G.P. Eng., P.M. and Sec. 1000 (17th year) Prov. G.D.C.
- " W. W. Barber, W.M. 2006 Prov. D.G.D.C.
- " H. J. Skingley, I.P.M. 697 Prov. A.G.D.C.
- " W. E. Bridgeland, W.M. 1000 Prov. G.S.B.
- " J. H. Sharp, I.P.M. 1437 } Prov. G. Std. Brs.
- " M. W. Meade, I.P.M. 1977, Sec. 2342 }
- " C. J. Dale, Org. 2005 Prov. G. Org.
- " E. T. Moore, W.M. 2077 Prov. A.G. Sec.
- " F. C. Lake, I.P.M. 1312 Prov. G.P.
- " E. C. Sparrow, I.P.M. 1734 Prov. A.G.P.
- " W. Finer, P.M. 1799 }
- " G. Canler, I.P.M. 1799 }
- " F. C. Dixie, W.M. 453 } Prov. G. Stewards.
- " J. H. Vaux, S.W. 650 }
- " F. J. Nunn, W.M. elect 2063 }
- " M. H. Page, Sec. 2063 }
- " A. W. Martin Prov. G. Tyler.

On the motion of the PROVINCIAL JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN, Bro. W. B. Heagerty, Provincial Grand Registrar, was elected a member of the Charity Committee, in the place of Bro. James Salmon, P.P.G.R., who retired by rotation.

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then brought forward the revised by-laws. He said the Committee had taken a great deal of trouble over the matter, and had spent many hours in looking through the laws in force in neighbouring provinces, and in preparing the revised code which would be put before them that day. He specially mentioned the assistance which Bro. Lucking had been to the Committee. Bro. Philbrick then went through the laws *seriatim*, mentioning the salient points in each, and they were eventually, with a few verbal amendments, adopted, subject to the sanction of the G.M.

Bro. the Rev. W. QUENNEL, Past Prov. G. Chap. (for Bro. G. Cooper), proposed "That the sum of £13 be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to place a memorial in one of the lights of the windows, or on the wall framing of the new Centenary Hall of the Girls' School, the arrangements to be left to a Committee, consisting of the D.P.G.M., the Prov. G. Sec., and Bro. G. Cooper." Seconded, and carried unanimously.

The following grants were made: £10 10s. to the Walton-on-Naze National Schools; £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; and £15 to the Arnold Lodge towards the expenses of the day.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then, in the name of the Provincial Grand Lodge, presented to Bro. Andrew Durrant a handsome 18 carat gold oval Past Provincial Grand Treasurer's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), remarking that Bro. Durrant had occupied the position of Prov Grand Treasurer for the long period of ten years, and would carry with him into his retirement the good wishes of them all.

Bro. ANDREW DURRANT, who spoke with much feeling, said he had endeavoured to do his duty in the position the brethren had placed him; but he never anticipated that he should be in the position he was that day, as the recipient of that handsome jewel, the value of which was greatly enhanced from the fact that he had received it direct from the hands of their beloved Prov. G. Master. In the course of some further remarks, Bro. Durrant said that he was the originator of the Charity Fund of the province, which had been of great assistance to the province in supporting the three Institutions.

The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. Andrew Durrant, P.M. 276, by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex, in recognition of his services as Provincial Grand Treasurer, 1879-1889. Walton-on-the-Naze, 30th July, 1890."

Bro. G. J. WESTFIELD, P.P.G.S.B., then asked his lordship to accept a water-colour drawing of flowers, surmounting an oval containing a portrait of his lordship in full Masonic regalia, remarking that the drawing was his own work.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he had much pleasure in accepting the picture (for which his lordship expressed much admiration), and said he was most gratified at the kind and Masonic feeling that had prompted the gift.

Votes of thanks to the directors of the Great Eastern Railway for the facilities they had given and to the Arnold Lodge for the ample and elaborate arrangements they had made for the reception of Provincial Grand Lodge having been passed, the proceedings closed, and nearly 150 brethren afterwards dined together at the Clifton Hotel, the catering of Bro. Dorling calling forth the highest encomiums.

The P.G.M. presided, supported by the D.P.G.M., the G. Secretary, and other distinguished Masons.

In proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M.," Bro. Lord BROOKE reminded the brethren that his Royal Highness had lately paid a visit to Essex, and though he had not come Masonically, still the visit of his Royal Highness had been of much benefit to the county.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Sec., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," remarking that the brethren could do no better than follow the Masonic zeal of the Grand Officers belonging to their province—the D.P.G.M., P.G. Sec., and P.G.D.C.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, D.P.G.M., then, amidst great cheering, gave the toast of "The P.G.M., Lord Brooke," remarking that that province was one which, he ventured to think, even Lord Brooke was proud to preside over. They were a united body of Masons, standing on a platform as broad and as comprehensive as any platform in the world. They were members of a great brotherhood, whose interests were as wide as humanity, and whose principles were co-extensive with its interests. He concluded with an eulogium on the position of the Masonic body in the province, whose prosperity he knew would continue under the wise and genial rule of their respected chief, Lord Brooke.

The P.G.M., who was enthusiastically received, said he attributed the position of the Masonic body in his province entirely to the fact that he had in his officers men of great tact, great judgment, and great experience in Masonic affairs, and those brethren who had not yet enjoyed the sweets of office, but who, he trusted, looked forward to them some day, looked up to their leaders and showed a devotion to that great cause which they all had at heart.

It being nearly time for the majority of the brethren to leave to catch the special train, "The Health of the D.P.G.M." was briefly proposed by Lord BROOKE, and as briefly acknowledged; and, there being no time for another toast, Lord Brooke said he should not like to leave without thanking the brethren of the Arnold Lodge for the admirable arrangements they had made for the meeting, and also for their liberal hospitality. His lordship then asked the Prov. Senior Grand Warden to take the chair, and under the presidency of Bro. Turner the toast list was continued.

During the evening Miss Foxcroft gave charming selections of vocal music.

It only remains to add that the brethren of the Arnold Lodge did their best to make the meeting a success. The noble assembly room at the Clifton was handsomely decorated with flags and plants, while on the walls were hung the banners of the various lodges—from the age-stained banner of the Angel Lodge to the more elaborate ones of the recently consecrated lodges. Liberal provision was also made for the entertainment of their guests.

Miss Philbrick kindly, as on many previous occasions, sent a large supply of "button-holes," which were much appreciated by the brethren.

There were over 200 brethren present at the meeting.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

The annual meeting of this province was held at the Town Hall, Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Monday, the 28th ult. The provincial meeting has only been held three times previously in the island since 1833, and it was 15 years ago since Ryde has been chosen. This year Ryde was again honoured, and Lodges Nos. 175 and 698 did their utmost to make the meeting the success it realised. These lodges appointed as Stewards for the occasion Bros. W. H. Long, W.M. 175; Major W. P. Monckton, W.M. 698; F. Newman, P.M., J. Lowe, P.M., and E. Groves, P.M., of 175; and W. E. Ratcliffe and W. Hammond Riddett, P.M., of 698; whilst Bro. H. Durrant, P.M. 175, did the work of Hon. Secretary, and these brethren may congratulate themselves upon the most efficient arrangements for the personal comforts of the visitors.

Amongst those present were—

Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master; J. E. Le Feuvre, J.P., Deputy P.G.M.; G. H. Barclay, P.M. 1373, P.J.G.W.; Rev. J. Scott-Ramsay, P.M. 694, P.G.C.; J. W. Gieve, P.M. 309, P.G. Treas.; E. Goble, P.M. 309, P.G.S.B. England, P.G. Sec.; W. A. Hill, P.M. 309, P.G.S.B.; Rev. A. A. Headley, P.M. 309, P.A.G. Sec.; W. J. Borrow, P.M. 1958, P.G. Purst.; H. H. Wheeler, P.M., W.M., T. W. Faulkner, P.P.J.G.W., G. A. Mursell, P.P.S.G.D., J. C. Ains, P.P.D.G.D.C., J. Leftwich, I.P.M., T. M. Taylor, J.W., G. Day, J.D., G. Fellows, and W. H. Halliday, of 35; G. A. Brannon, W.M., G. Wyatt, P.P.S.G.W., Rev. E. W. Watts, M.A., P.P.G. Chap.; J. G. Garnham, P.M., H. Groves, J.W., C. E. Pinnock, I.G., F. W. B. Waterworth, and N. Armstrong, of 441; Capt. Markland, A. Buxton, W. H. Horan, G. Ford, and H. A. Gwin, of 151; W. H. Long, W.M., F. Newman, P.P.S.G.W., J. Lowe, P.P.J.G.D., E. Groves, P.P.G.R.; T. Smith, P.M., H. Durrant, P.M., and G. L. Stobbs, P.P.G. Stwd., of 1990; B. J. Marvin, P.M., W. Andrews, I.P.M., T. W. Fair, S.W., J. Ellery, J.W., C. Sweetman, D.C., E. J. Stroud, Sec., E. R. Radcliffe, J. I. Barton, J.D., H. W. Woods, Stwd., K. W. I. Mackenzie, G. C. Banks, J. H. Down, F. H. Callingham, and Miah Willis, Tyler, of 175; F. P. Anslie, P.J.G.D.; M. Linfield, P.M., J. Webber, P.M., Treas., J. S. Ineson, S.W., F. H. Sheppard, S.D., W. C. Norman, Sec., J. J. Williams, J. C. Joliffe, I.G., J. F. Baker, and W. Knight, of 551; Major Monckton, W.M., Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.G.C. England, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Dashwood, P.M., Col. W. L. N. Clayton, P.M., S.W., W. E. Ratcliffe, P.M., J.W., W. H. Riddett, J.P., I.P.M., G. F. Laity, P.M., and W. Watts, Sec., of 175; S. Salter, 698, P.P.G.D. Oxon; G. W. S. Withers, W.M., R. D. Child, P.P.J.G.D., J. Bunt, jun., P.M., A. Shaw, P.M., Treas., A. J. Firth, P.P.G.O., E. B. Keyl, G. T. Cluett, T. E. Porter, W. Garland, F. G. Addley, and T. Ford, of 1869; L. Colecutt, W.M., A. F. Swayne, I.P.M., and F. Cooper, P.G.D.C., of 1884; A. Perry, W.M., L. T. Wilkins, P.G. Stwd., H. T. Deacon, S.W., J. Chinchin, S.D., G. Rogers, J.D., W. H. Brading, I.G., J. Parke, and G. Groves, of 2169; Miller, I.P.M. 2068; H. Cook, P.M. 1069; W. T. Dupree, P.M. 1069, P.P.G. Stwd.; F. Cooper, P.M. 1884, P.G.D.C.; T. Stratton, W.M. 2153; J. G. Mason, P.M. 1428; J. Friedeburg, 342, P.P.G.P.; T. W. Haydon, W.M. 309; F. H. Woodrow, I.P.M. 2074; G. Ward, P.M. 1883; T. H. King, P.M. 1883; H. Lashmore, 394, P.P.S.G.D.; H. Searle, S.W. 76; P. H. Emanuel, W.M. 2068; F. Bascombe, W.M. 1883; W. S. Brockley, W.M. 76; Geo. Currell, 1883; J. H. Windrum, 2068, P.D.S.G.D. Hong Kong; N. W. Outridge, P.M. 487; G. B. Irons, P.M. 903; D. M. Irons, 342; G. Gardner, P.G.S.B. Bucks; W. F. Morton, 257, P.P.G.C.; E. S. Innes, S.W. 2153; T. Attwood, 76; Ed. Austin, W.M. 1903; W. Ramsay; J. Burbidge, 319, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Tufnell, P.M. 2068; G. Reading, 2068; H. L. McPhail, 2068; Capt. Haldane, 1903, P.P.S.G.D. Mon.; G. H. Swansborough, P.M. 2016; L. A. Homfray, P.P.S.G.W. Mon.; J. Harvey, 694; J. Carnon, 1776; C. G. Miles, 195, 2158, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. W. A. Jellicoe, 130, 785, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Atkinson, P.J.G.D.; H. N. Jenkins, 2208, P.G.S. of W.; R. Tuffin, 2208; E. T. Wise, 1461, P.P.G. Stwd.; B. H. Mumby, W.M. 1069; W. A. Rowe, I.P.M. 903; W. Hayles, 221; G. N. Barclay, 1373, P.P.J.G.W.; H. Cawte, 342, P.J.G.W.; F. A. Dunsford, S.W. 394; A. W. Joy, 132; W. Humphry, Sec. 195; G. J. Gould, P.M. 319; H. E. Bate, J.W. 309; C. J. Whitting, 195; S. B. Morse, J.W. 132; J. Morgan, P.M. 392; W. F. Westerman, W.M. 1776; J. Dew, 694, P.P.G. Reg.; H. Gee, W.M. 2203; H. Bundy, 2074; J. S. Wickens, W.M. 2074; W. J. Murles, P.M. 1489, 1642; W. J. Miller, I.P.M. 1461; A. J. Brown, P.M. 1461; R. H. Weeks, I.G. 1461; J. J. Brazier, J.W. 2208; W. H. Vye, J.D. 195; C. Roslyn, S.D. 2157; W. G. Abbott, 132; J. B. Rolls, 195; J. Cole, 132; J. Swan, P.M. 928; W. H. Sperring, I.P.M. 342; Capt. A. H. Markham, W.M. 257; A. W. Darley, 257; H. Hussey, S.W. 1780; Rev. J. H. Chadwick, W.M. 694; C. G. Holmes, J.D. 342; D. J. Barnard, J.D. 487; W. Bates, I.P.M. 487; F. W. Moyes, J.D. 1208; J. Kent, 1834; J. Webber, P.M. 132; F. T. Cutler, Org. 195; G. H. Rolls, W.M. 132; J. E. Thornton, P.M. 903; G. Pearman, Org. 487; W. Maybour, 487, 1903; J. Woodhouse, 487, 928, P.P.G.S.B.; J. G. Livesay, P.M. 1903; J. Hall, Tyler 94; W. Vane, 130; T. Bryan; R. F. Osborne, P.M. 130; A. Savill, S.W. 723; R. W. Lees, P.M., Treas. 130; C. Woods, 1869; A. G. Prickett, Sec. 1869; C. Pottle, 195; A. P. Munt, 195; F. G. Galnett, 132; J. Medene, Chap. 257; H. W. Parsons, P.M. 804; G. Grant, P.M. 903; R. Stokes, P.M. 1958; A. Howell, Sec. 257, 1834; F. Jerome, I.P.M. 1958; T. I. Hill, J.W. 1958, 2074; W. J. Mitchell, Stwd. 1958; C. W. Keep, W.M. 195; W. Woodhouse, P.M. 195; F. Mapp, I.G. 195; J. A. Nethercoate, 195; C. A. Rungpach, 195, 1507; S. Dacombe, W.M. 394; F. Carter, I.G. 14; H. Cooke, P.M., D.C. 309; R. H. Brannon, P.M. 394; W. Beuttell, P.M. 342; S. Saxey, 342; R. Payne, S.D. 342; George Aylward, 1776; J. D. McLean, 1428; and others.

The Prov. Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Lodge Officers were duly saluted, the roll of lodges called, and the minutes of the last annual and special meetings were read and confirmed.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said that since their last meeting the Craft had received a great blow in the death of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, who was especially well-known in the province as he had spent much time in Hampshire. Whether it were members in or out of the province, they all regretted the loss. Personally, he felt it extremely, more so, perhaps, than many, as the earl was so closely associated with him. He (the Provincial Grand Master) initiated, passed, and raised him, installed him as W.M., acted as First Principal with him in the Royal Arch, and installed him as Prov. G.M. of Somersetshire. In return the earl installed the speaker as Prov. G.M. nearly 21 years ago. His great qualities were known to the world at large, and on his recent stay in Australia he advocated the better connections between the colonies and the Grand Lodge of England, and succeeded in cementing the good feeling that should exist with the mother lodge. He wished to express the deep feeling of the brethren of the province to the family, and moved "That this Provincial Grand Lodge desire to express their most sincere regret at the loss which they have sustained by the death of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, and their earnest sympathy with Lady Carnarvon and other members of the family."

Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE, D.P.G.M., in seconding, remarked that every Mason in the province would gladly look back at the intimate connection of the late Pro Grand Master with the province, and they were always grateful for his services.

This was unanimously recorded.

Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE, D.P.G.M., proposed the reception of the Audit report and accounts. He said that they stood much in the same position as last year, when they had a balance of £436 and now they had £442, after paying the ordinary expenses, and contributing 150 guineas to the Charities, and £117 10s. to the fund for Bro. Binckes. The total assets amounted to £1439 13s. 6d.

Bro. Rev. G. WYATT, P.M. 151, P.P.S.G.W., seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

Bro. G. H. BARCLAY, P.M. 1373, P.J.G.W., highly eulogised the services of Bro. Gieve, and proposed his re-election as Prov. Grand Treasurer.

Bro. G. A. MURSELL, P.M. 35, P.P.S.G.D., seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

Bro. GIEVE, P.M. 309, returned thanks, and assured the brethren that nothing should be wanted on his part to serve them as hitherto.

Bro. E. GOBLE, P.G. Sec., read the report of the Prov. Grand Lodge Committee on grants of money for relief, and they recommended that the investments be increased to the sum of £1000, and that the ordinary annual contributions to the Masonic Charities should be supplemented by an additional grant of 50 guineas to each of the three central Masonic Charities, and £20 to the Hampshire Educational Institution.

Bro. T. WALTON, P.M. 1780, P.P.G. Asst. D. of C., moved, and Bro. R. DAMPIER CHILD, P.M. 1869, P.P.J.G.D., seconded, and was unanimously adopted.

Bro. E. GOBLE announced that he had received a letter from some brethren at Peterborough asking for a subscription towards a Masonic stall in the cathedral.

Bro. H. J. ATRINS, P.M. 195, 1764, P.P.S.G.W. North and Hants, supported the application, and moved that the sum of five guineas be voted from the province.

Bro. J. H. WINDRUM, P.M. 2068, P.D.G.S.B. Hong Kong and South China, seconded.

Bro. F. NEWMAN, P.M. 175, P.P.S.G.W., reminded the brethren of an application made to the province towards Winchester Cathedral, and which was refused.

Some discussion ensued upon the question, which was ultimately rejected.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER appointed the following brethren as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Colonel Crease, C.B., R.M.A. ...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Rev. E. W. Watts, 151 ...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. H. Anderson, 257 ...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. J. Scott Ramsay, 694 ...	...	...
" J. W. Gieve, 309 (re-elected) ...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. Dashwood, 698 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. Goble, 309 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" F. H. King, 1883 ...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. Harvey, 694 ...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" G. Aylward, 1776 ...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. Shemmonds, 195 ...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" H. H. Wheeler, 35 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" G. B. Irons, 903 ...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Tenison Smith, 175 ...	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" E. O. Longland, 359 ...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. T. Dupree, 1069 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" A. J. Brown, 1461 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" R. H. Brannon, 394 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" H. Gee, 2203 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" G. Felton Lancaster, 903, P.P.G. Reg. ...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" W. H. Smith Parsons, 804 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" T. Tufnell, 2068 ...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" W. Bates, 487 ...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. Slater, 319 ...	...	...
" J. Dordge, 1428 ...	...	...
" A. F. Swayne, 1884 ...	...	...
" H. T. Dodd, 1331 ...	...	...
" J. Bunt, 1869 ...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. Exell ...	...	...

The PROV. G. MASTER said that in appointing Bro. Col. Crease to the P.S.G.W.'s chair, he did so, not from any lodge, but in recognition of his distinguished services to Freemasonry in general. He had lately made some valuable Masonic researches and read a paper (which was afterwards accepted by the Prince of Wales) before the Quatuor Coronati Lodge. In appointing Bro. G. Felton Lancaster as Prov. A.G. Sec., he had rendered most invaluable services to Freemasonry, especially to this province. He regretted losing Bro. Headley, who had hitherto held that office with great efficiency, but that brother had removed some distance away and was unable to do the justice to the office that he could wish. Bro. Headley had worked most indefatigably and the best thanks of the province were due to him.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed.

A large number of the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room and partook of a most *recherché* banquet, at which the Stewards of the day were most assiduous in their attention to the brethren. A strong band occupied the orchestra, and discoursed some charming and appropriate music.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER occupied the chair, and, after ample justice had been done to the sumptuous table, proposed "The Health of the Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Deputy Grand Master and Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Speaking on the latter, the P.G.M. referred with deep feelings of regret at the deplorable loss of the Pro G.M. The Deputy Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, was always at his post, and was always ready to discharge his duties.

Bro. the Rev. J. N. PALMER, P.M. 698, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Chaplain England, responded, and expressed his thanks for the kind reception received. He acknowledged that Grand Officers, one and all, were jolly good fellows in their way. If they did not all please, well then they must be taken the bad with the good. He had now a duty to perform, and said it would ill become him, in the presence of

the Prov. Grand Master, to eulogise upon his personal qualifications, and especially so when they were so well known in the province, and in fact in all the provinces. He was one who always received a cordial and deserving reception wherever he went. They one and all expressed a hope that they would see him in the distinguished office of Deputy Grand Master. It would be gratifying to the Grand Lodge and equally satisfactory to the province if his Royal Highness places the Prov. Grand Master into that office.

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., P.G.M., who had a most enthusiastic reception, thanked the brethren heartily for their kindness. It was gratifying, he said, to see such a good gathering. He had endeavoured to hold the Provincial Grand Lodge at different places to meet the wishes of the brethren, and he was pleased to acquiesce to the requisition from Bournemouth, and would certainly hold the next annual meeting at that place. The reception that day by the Ryde brethren was grand, and nothing was lack on their part to make the day a success. He assured the brethren it was a source of great pleasure to preside over such a province as long as he was so heartily supported, and it was only by the kindness of the brethren that he found it so easy to fulfil the duties. He looked to them for support, and hoped those entering the Craft would copy the example of their predecessors. He exhorted them all not to relax their efforts to promote the Order and Charity. It was, however, impossible for him to discharge his duties without the able assistance of his coadjutor, Bro. Le Feuvre, as his Deputy. He was proud of him, and they all knew what an indefatigable Mason he was, and took great interest in the Provincial and great Masonic Charities.

Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE, D.P.G.M., who was received with loud applause, said it was most gratifying to him to hear such expression from the Prov. G.M. of his humble services. His abilities were most gladly rendered to the province and Freemasonry in general. Looking back 15 years ago, when they last met at Ryde, they had a good meeting, and he rejoiced to see such an enthusiastic gathering that day. There was good cause to congratulate each other. There were some of the faces he saw 15 years ago who were present that day. They were pleased to see Bro. Wyatt, as he was one of those who connected the present with the past, and there was also the esteemed Bro. Newman. Those two were likely to do all they could to benefit Freemasonry, and he expressed a hope that those and other brethren might be spared for many years associating themselves with the rising generation and trying to induce them to emulate their example. He congratulated the province upon its continued success under the happy and generous rule of the Prov. Grand Master, whose 21 years will soon have finished, and with a hope that he may long reign as he now does, and that it be their happiness to be reigned over by him.

Bro. Rev. G. WYATT, P.M. 151, P.P.S.G.W., returned thanks for the remarks made relative to himself.

Bro. GOBLE, Prov. G. Sec., proposed "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said duties of a most onerous nature were thrown upon them. It was the duty of a W.M., after obtaining that proud position, to persevere and obtain office in the Provincial Grand Lodge, and always to put in an appearance and support the Prov. G. Master and the officers. He was sorry to say there was a lack of duties by Past Prov. Grand Officers. Some thought that having received the collar their duties had ended. Not so; they should support the honour conferred upon them. It certainly was most difficult to give collars to all. There were only 17 offices to be distributed to 40 lodges. It was a great pleasure to be able to see around them such a highly and esteemed brother who had been connected with Freemasonry so many years, and always did his duty, and was the right hand of Freemasonry in the Isle of Wight—Bro. Newman. Regarding the present officers: The S.W., appointed that day, had found out that the Roman villa at Brading was formerly a Masonic lodge. Where was Bros. Newman and Rev. J. N. Palmer to let a visitor come and find out what they should have discovered? Bro. Crease had written a good paper upon it which was well received by the Quatuor Coronati. The province should feel proud of him.

Bros. NEWMAN, FAWKNER, and CREASE returned thanks.

"The Ryde Lodges, 175, 698," proposed by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, and responded to by Bro. W. H. LONG, W.M. 175, and Bro. RIDDETT, I.P.M. 698, concluded the toast list, and the brethren separated after having spent a most enjoyable day.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held under the banner of the Berkhamstead Lodge, No. 504, at the Town Hall, Great Berkhamstead, on Friday, the 25th ult., when Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, presided, and amongst the brethren present were:

Bros. G. E. Lake, Dep. Prov. G.M.; J. E. Dawson, P.G.S.B., P.P.D.G.M., acting Prov. S.G.W.; T. S. Carter, P.P.G.W., acting Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. W. Quennell, P.G. Chap.; Rev. G. Finch, P.P.G. Chap.; Rev. Philip Deedes, P.P.G. Chap.; C. Bullock, P.G. Sec.; C. B. Cooper, P.G.S. of Wks.; J. Terry, P.G.D.C.; L. J. Myers, P.A.G.D.C.; A. Prudames, P.G. Stwd.; F. R. Webster, P.P.J.G.D.; T. Kent, P.P.J.G.D.; H. Balderson, P.P.J.G.D.; G. Smith-Ward, P.M. 2086; S. P. Nash, W.M. 2086; E. P. Debenham, W.M. 1479; H. J. Foster, P.P.S.G.D.; F. O. Lane, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; T. G. Robinson, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; W. C. Gompertz, P.P.S.G.D.; P. Taylor, P.P.G.I. of Wks.; and C. E. Keyser, P.P.G.W.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were read and confirmed. The roll of Provincial Grand Officers and lodges was called.

Bro. T. S. CARTER proposed, and Bro. C. E. KEYSER seconded, the re-election of Bro. F. Sumner Knyvett, P.G.D. England, as P.G. Treas., which was carried unanimously.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed the following brethren as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, namely:

Bro. T. Graham Robinson, I.P.M. 504	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" G. Smith-Ward, I.P.M. 2086	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. A. W. Chennells, Chap. 1757	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. T. T. Blockley, 1479	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. Sumner Knyvett, P.M. 404	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. P. Debenham, W.M. 1479	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Chas. Bullock, P.M. 504	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" S. Rowland Timson, W.M. 504	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. T. Boydell, I.P.M. 1984	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" T. J. Mann, W.M. 409	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" James Terry, P.M. 1580	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" A. Eade, I.P.M. 1580	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" T. H. Martin, I.P.M. 1385	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" John Petch, W.M. 2278	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" S. M. Banker, S.W. 869	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" Rev. C. J. Langley, Org. 504	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" A. Prudames, S.W. 504	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Philip Franklin, W.M. 449	...	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" W. A. Sproat, P.M. 1327	...	...
" A. P. Hills, I.P.M. 2054	...	...
" A. K. Hodson, J.W. 409	...	...
" Geo. Price, J.W. 403	...	...
" A. W. Vaisey, J.W. 504	...	...
" Wm. Lowndes, S.D. 504	...	...
" Geo. Austin, Stwd. 504	...	...

Twenty-one pounds was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, on the proposition of Bro. T. S. CARTER, seconded by Bro. C. E. KEYSER, to be placed on the list of Bro. F. Willcox, P.M. 1479, P.P.G. Chap.; £10 towards the expenses incurred by the entertaining lodge; £10 to the Berkhamstead Parish Nurse Fund; £13 to defray cost of a panel in the Centenary Hall of the Girls' School; and £20 was directed to be invested in Consols as an addition to the existing Prov. G. Lodge Fund. It was also resolved that the publication of the Provincial Calendar should be continued.

The lamented death of Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon was referred to in terms of sincere regret and sympathy, and a resolution of condolence with the widowed countess and the children of the late earl was unanimously passed.

After Prov. G. Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, where in the spacious hall of the Berkhamstead Lodge, an excellent banquet was served. The Prov. G. Master presided and, in responding later in the evening for the toast of his health, spoke in warm terms of congratulation on the great progress the province had made, as evidenced by the consecration of three new lodges during the past year, and the approaching consecration of the James Terry Lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire was held in the Assembly Rooms, Malton, on the invitation of the Camalodunum Lodge, No. 660, on Wednesday, the 9th ult. The Right Honourable the Earl of Zetland, Provincial Grand Master, presiding, supported by Bro. Lieut.-Colonel the Honourable W. T. Orde-Powlett, J.P., D.L., P.G.W. England, Deputy P.G.M., and a large number of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, and representatives of lodges.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Hull, were taken as read and confirmed.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's annual balance sheet having been audited and found correct, was unanimously adopted.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read the annual report of the Board of Benevolence.

The report was unanimously confirmed.

The annual report of the Charities' Association, having been printed and circulated, was then, on the proposition of the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY, seconded by Bro. WOODALL, P.G.T., taken as read, and unanimously adopted.

The PROV. GRAND TREASURER read the preliminary report of the second festival of the Educational Fund, held at Hull on 28th May last, which, on the proposition of Bro. WOODALL, P.G. Treas. England, seconded by Bro. SYKES RYMER, P.P.G.R., was unanimously adopted.

The various lodges in the province, all of which were represented, then communicated. The returns showed a total of 2118 subscribing members.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer, upon the proposition of Bro. J. STEVENSON, P.P.G.W., seconded by Bro. M. ROOKE, P.P.G.D., was unanimously re-elected; and the PROV. GRAND TREASURER briefly returned thanks.

The two retiring representatives of Provincial Grand Lodge on the Charities' Association, Bros. J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas. England, and W. Tesseyman, P.P. G. Supt. of Works, were then unanimously re-elected, upon the proposition of Bro. J. S. RYMER, P.P.G.R., seconded by Bro. W. PEACOCK, P.P.A.G.D.C.

In accordance with By-law 18, Bros. F. Fullerton, P.G.R., and W. C. White-side, P.M. 250, were re-elected Auditors, being proposed by Bro. W. J. WATSON, P.P.G.R., and seconded by Bro. H. DARLEY, P.P.G.W.

Under By-law 21, the following five members of Provincial Grand Lodge were re-elected to serve on the Provincial Board of General Purposes, viz.: Bros. J. W. Woodall, P.P.G.W.; T. B. Whytehead, P.P.G.W.; W. J. Watson, P.P.G.W.; J. Sykes Rymer, P.P.G.R.; and H. Toozes, P.P.G.D., being proposed by the P.G. SECRETARY, and seconded by Bro. W. H. ROSE, P.P.G.W.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read a letter from Bro. R. G. Smith, resigning his office of Provincial Charity Representative, and also a letter in reply, which he had deemed it his duty to send to Bro. Col. Smith, expressive of the great regret with which his resignation would be received by Provincial Grand Lodge.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Smith for his past valuable services, and for the kindness, courtesy, and zeal with which those duties had been performed; seconded by the D.P.G.M., and carried unanimously.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY then proposed the election of Bro. Wm. H. Cowper, P.P.G.R., as Provincial Charity Representative, which was seconded by Bro. W. J. Watson, P.P.G.R., and carried unanimously.

Bro. W. H. COWPER returned thanks for the honour; he accepted the office with great diffidence in following so admirable an example, but would endeavour to fulfil the duties of the post to the best of his ability.

The Prov. G. Master then appointed and invested the following Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year (with the exception of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, who had been re-elected by the Prov. Grand Lodge):—

Bro. The Dean of York, W.M. 2328	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Mark Scott, P.M. 566	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Richard Geo. Fish, M.A., 660	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. Eusebius Richardson, M.A., 1416	...	...
" Walter Reynolds, P.M. 250	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Samuel Border, P.M. 236	...	...	Prov. G. R.
" M. C. Peck, P.M. 1040, P.G. St. B. Eng., P.P.G.W.	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Samuel Rutter, P.M. 57	...	...	Prov. S.G.D's.
" William R. Metcalfe, P.M. 660	...	...
" Thomas C. Denham, P.M. 123	...	...	Prov. J.G.D's.
" William Winn, P.M. 543	...	...
" J. T. Stewart, P.M. 312	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" George J. Robinson, P.M. 1337	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Samuel Chadwick, P.M. 1040	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" Robert Y. Powley, P.M. 200	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Richard E. Webb, P.M. 1511	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" R. W. Gibbs, P.M. 602	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" George Smith, P.M. 1244	...	...
" J. W. Marshall, P.M. 660	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Thomas B. Redfearn, W.M. 2134	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" Thomas Dickinson, P.M. 1618	...	...	Prov. G.P.
" William Bungay, W.M. 561	...	...	Prov. A.G.P.
" Frederick J. Lambert, 1010	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Six Provincial Grand Stewards to be nominated by the Camalodunum, Londesborough, Kingston, Sykes, Marwood, and Denison Lodges.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then addressed the Provincial Grand Lodge as follows: Worshipful Brethren,—At our annual assemblies it is my custom to allude to the events which have occurred in our Masonic world since we last met. Of these, alas! the most important is the very severe loss which the Craft has sustained in the recent death of the Earl of Carnarvon, our Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master. His lordship has occupied that distinguished position for 16 years, having been appointed in 1874. His profound knowledge of Freemasonry, combined with great ability and tact, has been of the highest service to our Order, and the many occasions on which he presided in Grand Lodge amply displayed the keen judgment, impartiality, and courtesy which

ever marked his lordship's conduct in the chair. The lodges are to be placed in mourning for six months to show our respect for one so revered and lamented. The time at our disposal will not permit more than a rapid glance at a few Masonic topics of interest to our province. In September last the D.P.G.M. dedicated the new Masonic Hall at Howden, and in the following month he consecrated the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 2328, at York. This last valuable addition to our roll brings the number of lodges to 30, and we are consequently enabled to appoint three additional officers in Provincial Grand Lodge. It is earnestly wished that those brethren who receive honours will not regard the same as merely an empty compliment, involving but one or two visits to Provincial Grand Lodge, but by regularly attending our annual assemblies prove that they take an interest in our proceedings. Those experienced Masons who have attained the dignities of the Craft will encourage their younger brethren by showing that they are still desirous of advancing the cause of Freemasonry and of their own province in particular. An important event has been the publication of our learned Bro. Hughan's "History of the Apollo Lodge at York," which contains a most interesting account of the formation of our Provincial Grand Lodge. The second festival of the North and East Yorkshire Educational Fund, held at Hull, on May 28th, was a most successful gathering, and the two Festivals have placed the fund in a highly satisfactory position. I was unable to be present, being in Ireland, and my Deputy was unfortunately too ill to attend. Bro. Woodall, P.G.T., kindly presided, and ably filled the duties of the chair. The brethren will be glad to hear that a Masonic Club has been established at Hull, which will no doubt prove a great convenience to brethren who visit that great centre of Masonry. We must congratulate our literary Bro. Whythead, on his appointment as Grand Sword Bearer of England, and hope he will long enjoy the honour which has been conferred upon him. Invitations for holding our next year's meeting have been received from the Falcon, Old Globe, North York, and Denison Lodges. I beg to thank all those lodges for their kind invitations, and, after due consideration, finding that the former lodge invited us both last year and the year before, and have been good enough to repeat their invitation for a third time, I have determined to accept the same, and hope to have the honour and pleasure of meeting the brethren next year at Thirsk. I beg to offer most sincere thanks to the members of the Old Globe, North York, and Denison Lodges for their kind invitations.

A procession was then formed, and the brethren (numbering about 300) proceeded in Masonic order to St. Michael's parish church, where divine service was conducted by the Rev. G. A. Firth, vicar, and other clergy. The Rev. H. Lowther Clarke, M.A., P.P.G.C., preached an eloquent sermon from the text 2 Ephesians viii. v. 14—"But by an equality," &c. The offertory, which amounted to £11 6s., was equally divided between the Provincial Educational Fund and the Benevolent Fund of the Camalodunum Lodge. The procession was re-formed, the brethren returned to the Assembly Rooms, and having resumed their places, Bro. Whythead alluded to proposed stained-glass decorations in the Centenary Hall of the Royal Masonic Girls' School. A sum of £13 only was required to put in a window for this province, which would acquire two votes in perpetuity for the amount, and having received several promises of support, he advocated the opening of a subscription list for the purpose. The Prov. Grand Master observed that it would be out of order to make any proposition on the subject, notice not having been given; he had, however, no objection to a voluntary contribution to secure the two votes, and would be happy to put his name down. The Prov. Grand Master then thanked Bro. W. H. Rose, J.P., P.P.G.W., W.M. of the Camalodunum Lodge, and his brethren for their hospitable reception of Provincial Grand Lodge, and for the great attention paid to the arrangements for the meeting. His lordship also thanked the members of the province for their support and numerous attendance, and moved a vote of thanks to Bro. the Rev. H. Lowther Clarke, P.P.G. Chaplain, for his able and excellent discourse, and also to the Vicar of St. Michael's Church, Bro. the Rev. G. A. Firth, for placing the church at their disposal, which added so much to the impressiveness of the day's proceedings.

The vote of thanks was seconded by Bro. J. SYKES RYMER, who suggested that Bro. Clarke be requested to permit his sermon to be printed.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

A banquet, at which the Provincial Grand Master presided, was subsequently held at the Talbot Hotel. A very large number of brethren dined, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHANTREY LODGE, No. 2355, AT DORE.

On Wednesday, the 30th ult., the ceremony of consecrating the above lodge, for which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., had granted a warrant of constitution, was performed by Bro. Okeover, P.J.G.W. England, D.P.G.M., and his officers. There was a very large gathering of brethren from all parts, the ceremony taking place in the large hall of the Licensed Victuallers' Institute, Dore.

A very impressive oration was given by Bro. E. E. MORRIS, P.G. Chaplain, founded upon the principles of the Craft, pointing out the advantages of brotherhood, peace, and goodwill towards men, after which Bro. Wm. Boden, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., was installed as first Master by Bro. W. H. Marsden, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., ably assisted by Bro. Percy Wallis, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.

The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. A. Styring, P.M., S.W.; J. F. Atkinson, J.W.; A. A. Jowitt, Treas.; G. Slater, Sec.; W. Tyzack, S.D.; J. Faulkner, J.D.; E. Atkinson, D.C.; C. A. Thorne, I.G.; and M. N. Temperley, Steward.

The business being concluded, the brethren left Dore and proceeded to Sheffield, where a banquet was held in the Masonic Hall, Surrey-street, served in Bro. Turner's usual good style.

The customary Masonic toasts were given, and a most enjoyable evening spent, all the Sheffield lodges being well represented.

There was a large gathering, and the hall was most lavishly decorated with choice flowers, hearty good wishes for the prosperity of the new lodge being the prevailing spirit.

The musical part of the proceedings was very ably sustained by Bros. Barker, Brooke, Drury, Wragg, and Middleton. Recitations were also rendered by Bros. J. F. Atkinson, A. T. Creswick, and Thos. Day.

The following Prov. Grand Officers and Past Masters were present: Bros. H. C. Okeover, P.J.G.W., D.P.G.M.; Geo. Copestick, P.G. Stwd.; W. M. Hewitt, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; E. E. Morris, P.G.C.; John E. Bingham, Royal Brunswick Lodge, P.P.S.G.W.; E. J. H. Hoskyns, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; F. G. Boden, P.P.A.G.D.C. Leicester.; Andres Cokayne, P.M., P.S.G.W.; Percy Wallis, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; W. H. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Marsden, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Whitaker, P.M., P.S.G.D.; T. E. Yeomans, P.A.G.P.; Thomas Shipton, I.P.M.; John J. Windle, W.M.; A. E. Drury, Sec., P.P.G.C. West Yorks; W. B. Woodford, P.M.; W. Fisher Tasker, P.M.; John Constable, W.M.; John Marsden, P.M.; and John Wheatcroft, W.M.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

The consecration of the Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge, No. 2363, took place at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday the 30th ult. The ceremony was performed by the Provincial Grand Master, Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, assisted by his provincial officers. The Rev. Bro. E. Bigoe-Bagot, P.P.G.C., also assisted. Bro. M. Thomas, P.M. 204, was installed first Master.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The Rev. H. Adair Pickard, M.A., Grand Superintendent Oxon, presided as M.E.Z.; Colonel Marmaduke Ramsay, Grand Superintendent of Malta, as H.; and the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Soj., as J. The other companions present were—

Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; T. Fenn, as G.S.N.; Robert Grey, President of the Committee of General Purposes; H. Truman Wood, as G.P.S.; Rev. Thomas Robinson, as 1st A.G.S.; R. Loveland Loveland, as 2nd A.G.S.; Hy. Maudslay, as G.S.B.; W. G. Lemon, 2nd G. Std. Br.; F. Richardson, P.A.G.S., G.D.C.; R. Clay Sudlow, D.G.D.C.; A. Lucking, A.G.D.C.; Magnus Ohren, P.G.D.C.; Sir Bruce M. Seton, P.G.P.S.; H. Garrod, P.A.G.D.C.; C. F. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C.; J. A. Farnfield, P.G. Std. Br.; C. Belton, P.G. Std. Br.; T. B. Purchas, P.G.S.B.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; A. A. Pendlebury, A.G.S.E.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.A.G.S.; J. S. Eastes, P.G.S.B.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.S.B.; C. H. Driver, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Matier, P.D.G.D.C.; R. Clutton, P.A.G.S.; P. de L. Long, P.P.G.S.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.B.; Wm. Edward Stewart, P.G.S.B.; George Lambert, P.G.D.C.; James Warren, P.Z., and Z. 1348; E. Mallett, P.Z. 1623; S. Vallentine, Z. 9; H. Higgins, Z. 1423, P.G.D.C. Middlesex; Charles Sheppard, Z. 1366; George Gregory, P.Z. 1538, P.P.G. Treas. Middlesex; Edward Palmer, Z. 913; H. Massey, P.Z. 619, P.Z. and Z. 1928; J. S. Cumberland, P.Z. 236, P.G.J. North and East Yorkshire; T. C. Edmonds, M.E.Z. 1507; Henry Wright, I.P.Z. 1615; G. W. Knight, I.P.Z. 1507; J. Wilson, P.Z. 1365; David Legg, J. 1365; and Henry Sadler, Grand Janitor.

Owing to the death of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Z., Grand Chapter furniture was draped, and all the companions appeared in Masonic mourning.

Grand Chapter having been formally opened, the minutes of the May Convocation were read by the Grand Scribe E. and confirmed.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.E., next said that at the last meeting of Grand Chapter Viscount Valentia, who had been appointed by the Most Excellent Z. as Scribe N., was unavoidably prevented from being present, but his lordship was now in attendance and ready to be invested with the insignia of his office.

Viscount Valentia was then introduced and invested by the Acting M.E.Z. with his collar and robe of office, the Acting M.E.Z. stating that there was no one better deserving of that great honour.

The ACTING M.E.Z. next said: Companions,—Before we proceed to the business on the agenda paper, I am reminded that I ought to make a few remarks on the mournful event which has occurred since our last meeting, and which has caused the companions throughout the world so much grief and sorrow. The emblems of mourning which you see around you will remind you of whom I am speaking of—the late Pro Grand First Principal, the Earl of Carnarvon. You have often heard his voice in this hall; you know how excellently he discharged the duties of his office, whether in the Craft or the Royal Arch, and that anything he had to do was done well. It is therefore right that someone should propose that there be recorded on the minutes the great grief Grand Chapter feels at the loss we have sustained. It occurs to me, as I am occupying the chair to-night, that it is for me to have to say these few words. Perhaps I am also tolerably well qualified to speak of our late companion, because he was just leaving Oxford when I went to it. His splendid abilities had been accompanied with the highest honours the University could bestow, and we looked forward to him as one likely to make a great name in the world. He has left behind him a great reputation. It is also right that I should make these remarks, because he was also a member of the Apollo University Lodge and also of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge. I need not say much because you all know what I feel, and you all feel the same. I move that there be recorded in the archives of this Grand Chapter a vote expressing the deep sense we feel of the great loss that this Grand Chapter and Royal Arch Masonry has sustained by the death of the Pro Grand First Principal, the Earl of Carnarvon.

Comp. Col. MARMADUKE RAMSAY: I quite concur with the remarks of the Acting Grand Principal, and I have much pleasure in seconding the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The following report of the Committee of General Purposes was, on the motion of Comp. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, taken as read, and received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 16th April to the 15th July, 1890, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£359 0 7	By Disbursements during the	
„ „ Unappropriated	Account ... 183 3 7	Quarter	£296 8 8
„ Subsequent Receipts	... 393 5 10	„ Balance	455 16 9
		„ „ Unappropriated	
		Account	183 4 7
	£935 10 0		£935 10 0

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:

1st.—From Comps. Adam Winlaw, as Z.; John Ashworth, as H.; Robert Graham, as J.; and 13 others for a chapter to be attached to the St. David's Lodge, No. 393, Berwick-upon-Tweed, to be called the Berwick-upon-Tweed Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Parade, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland.

2nd.—From Comps. William Shurmur, as Z.; Daniel Pound Holness, as H.; Thomas Scoresby-Jackson, as J.; and 16 others for a chapter to be attached to the Warner Lodge, No. 2256, Chingford, to be called the Warner Chapter, and to meet at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, in the county of Essex.

3rd.—From Comps. William Henry Miles, as Z.; John Edward Green, as H.; Charles Aburrow, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Johannesburg Lodge, No. 2313, to be called the Johannesburg Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Temple, Johannesburg, in the South African Republic.

4th.—From the Principals and members of the Wanderers Chapter, No. 1604, meeting at Freemasons' Hall, London, for a *Charter of Confirmation*, the original charter having been lost, and all efforts to recover it having failed.

The foregoing petitions, being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have received memorials, with extracts of minutes, on the removal of the following chapters:

The Northampton Chapter, No. 360, Northampton, for permission to remove to the Masonic Hall, Princess-street, Northampton.

The Eytton Chapter of St. John, No. 601, Wellington, for permission to remove to the Charlton Arms Hotel, Wellington, Shropshire.

The Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 259, London, for permission to remove to the Criterion, Piccadilly.

The Lebanon Chapter, No. 1326, Hampton, for permission to remove to the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court.

The Gallery Chapter, No. 1928, Brixton, for permission to remove to Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the City of London.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of these requests, recommend that the removals of the above named chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee beg further to recommend that the sum of £250 be voted, from the balance in the Bank to the credit of Grand Chapter, as a contribution from it towards the expenses incurred by the installation of the electric lighting at Freemasons' Hall. (Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
16th July, 1890.

The different recommendations were moved by Comp. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, and carried.

In moving the recommendation that £250 be voted for the electric lighting, Comp. ROBERT GREY said he was sure that on such a hot night as that was the companions would feel the benefit of the electric light, and they could not do better than show their appreciation of it than by carrying the motion.

The motion was carried.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE said there was a vacancy on the Committee of General Purposes by the death of Comp. W. H. Perryman, which occurred a few days ago. It was therefore necessary that the companions should elect another companion in his place.

Comp. ROBERT GREY said that at the last meeting Comp. J. S. Cumberland was proposed and seconded, but he gracefully retired in order that there should not be a contest. He therefore moved that Comp. J. S. Cumberland be elected.

Comp. the Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, Acting J., seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Grand Chapter was then closed in form.

CONSECRATION OF THE UBIQUE CHAPTER, No. 1789.

The consecration of the above chapter, No. 1789 on the roll of the Grand Chapter of England, took place on Monday, the 21st ult., at the Café Royal, Regent-street—another triumph for the royal gunners, from whose ranks not only the founders but all joining companions and exaltees have and must spring.

Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E., was the Consecrating Officer, and he was assisted by Comps. Sir G. D. Harris, A.G.S., as H.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.A.G.S., as J.; and Frank Richardson, as D. of C.; so that we need hardly say that the ceremony was most perfect and impressive.

The following oration was delivered by Comp. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIGG:

The name you have chosen for your chapter is associated, Companions, in your minds with a great and glorious past—it is your constant reminder that you are seeking a great and glorious future. The standard of action you set yourselves is high, but it is not ideal—it is one distinctly within the compass of every honest and God-fearing man—it is one most certainly in fittest harmony with the precepts and principles of our Order. Let us see what it means—"Ubique, quo fas et gloria ducunt." The first word is governed and controlled by the after sentence. The full force of the word "fas" is sometimes missed. It implies *divine* right, divine law, as contrasted with mere human right and human law. The true sense of your motto then is this. That you are ready to go anywhere and do anything if divine right and honour lead the way. Thank God, the English nation has never asked English soldiers to do anything inconsistent with these principles. I do not say that we have not, like other nations, our national faults and our national failures, but I do thank God that English history is, at all events in modern times, clear of unjust wars. We are slow to rouse. It is not possible in England to embark in any war without the approval of the country, and there is still that in the English character which prevents it giving its assent to any attack where it is not quite clear that divine right and national honour demand it. But, Companions, remember as men and as Masons, that the motto of your corps may be to you something more than an ornamental heading—something more than a general indication of the policy which governs the English nation—something more than a general expression of the single-hearted courage and perseverance which has secured for the English soldier the respect of the Universe. It should, I repeat, be something more to you than all this. Every action, every word, yes, even every thought, should be kept within the compass, and measured by the rule of those words, "Ubique, quo fas et gloria ducunt." To every man life's duty is more or less hard. Each profession, each state of life, every society bring their own difficulties to be faced and overcome. It is only the moral coward who lets things slide and takes life easily. Life is action, but there is a false and a true action, there is no standing still. False action is a constant discontented uneasiness, never satisfied and ever seeking change; pulling down and destroying old work without putting anything in its place; undermining old foundations without considering the ruin that must follow. Some are going everywhere, ready to do anything upon these principles "quo nefas et infamia ducunt." The world now more than ever needs men of honest, single-hearted purpose, of unflinching, persevering courage, ready to resist the evil and to advance the good. To do this not merely on great occasions when encouraged by the applause and favour of the world, but in the commonplace ordinary round of daily life, when divine right and honour point in directions which will render their followers singular and perhaps unpopular. Then to be true to our motto—then to say come what may one only course is open to a God-fearing and honourable man, and having said this, to carry it out in life, without cant and without shame, is to all most truly upon our motto, "Ubique, quo fas et gloria ducunt."

The chapter having been dedicated and the patriarchal benediction pronounced, Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke installed Comp. Capt. W. A. Weston, R.A., P.Z. 13, as H., and Comp. W. R. Arnold, R.A., as J. The M.E.Z. designate, Comp. Major J. T. Ritchie, R.A., was, unfortunately, through illness, unable to be present, and Comp. Weston filled the chair of Z.; Comp. G. Kennedy, P.Z. 13, the chair of H.; and Comp. Arnold that of J. The following officers were invested: Comps. Kennedy, Scribe E.; Morris, Treas.; and W. Shackleton, P.S. The other appointments being left over till the next meeting. There were a number of joining members and exaltees proposed, and the Consecrating Officers were accorded a cordial vote of thanks for their services, and were also elected honorary members of the chapter, for which they severally returned thanks, and then the chapter was closed.

The founders are Comps. Major Ritchie, Capt. Weston, Capt. W. Richey, W. R. Arnold, W. Seager, E. Morris, J. Christian, W. Shackleton, Major General J. J. Williams, G. Kennedy, all of, or past Royal Artillerymen.

The banquet, as usual, was handsomely served, and among the other companions present were Comps. C. F. Matier, P.G.D.C.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; Capt. W. Richey, P.Z.; Rev. R. Jamblin, M.A., P.Z. 1837, P.P.G.S.N. Kent; C. H. Canning, H. 1472; R. F. Tyler, 913; W. C. Beaumont, P.G. Std. Br.; Major J. Sculley, H. De Gray, 13; Major C. Walker, 1174; and C. Jolly, P.Z. 1472.

"The Queen and Craft Masonry," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.Z. of the Order," having been drunk with honours, that of "The Earl of Lathom, G.H., and Lord Leigh, G.J., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was proposed by the M.E.Z., who said they were honoured that night by the presence of several of the most distinguished officers of Grand Chapter. He asked the companions to drink the toast heartily, coupled with the name of

Comp. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIGG, who, in response, said it was always a pleasant duty to respond to the toast, and especially so among soldiers. He was the only one of his family that was not a soldier, although he was Chaplain of the 3rd Middlesex Volunteers, and when he went down to Sheerness Garrison he was always received with the same hearty welcome that his father had ever received in that part of Kent. He cordially thanked them for their kind reception of the toast.

The M.E.Z. then gave the toast of "The Installing Officer." He said they were all deeply impressed by the eloquent yet devout manner in which their esteemed Comp. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke had performed the ceremonies of consecration and installation. He deeply regretted the absence of Comp. Major Ritchie, who was as ill as a man could be. He, Bro. Weston, visited Comp. Ritchie that morning, and found him completely prostrated. He merely mentioned it because he knew how anxious Comp. Ritchie was to be present that night with them, and because he felt how much better Comp. Ritchie could have filled

the chair than he could. However, they thanked Comp. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke and his esteemed assistants for their splendid services that day, and assured him and them that those services would long be remembered with pleasure by every companion privileged to be present.

Comp. Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE, who on rising to respond was heartily cheered, said he could sincerely say that he and his colleagues had done the work with a great deal of pleasure. For himself he could safely say that, as an old soldier of some 40 years' standing, his heart yearned towards the cloth, blue, white, or red. He had been greatly impressed by the interest and zeal evinced by the W.M. of the Ubique Lodge, Bro. Major-General Williams, for the success of that certainly growing and important lodge, and he was glad of it. He was sorry that on account of a Garrison inspection, Comp. General Williams was unable to be present, and he was also pleased to think he (Comp. Clerke) had a son in the Royal regiment at Aldershot who intended to join the Craft, and he hoped to have the pleasure before long of seeing him initiated in the Ubique Lodge. He thanked his colleagues for their very able assistance upon that and many other occasions, and the companions for the hearty way in which they had responded to the toast.

Comp. Col. S. H. CLERKE then proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z. *pro tem.*," and expressed his sorrow at hearing of the illness of Comp. Ritchie. It would have been a trying ordeal for him (Comp. Ritchie) to have gone through the three chairs; let them hope, however, that at the next meeting he would be well enough to go through them and take his place as M.E.Z. of the chapter. Comp. Ritchie had a good representative in Comp. Captain Weston, and if they would allow him, he (Comp. Clerke) would give them a double-barrelled toast, and would ask them to drink the health of the present Chairman, Comp. Capt. Weston, and the absent one that was to be Chairman, Comp. Major Ritchie.

Comp. WESTON, in response, said that he should the next day see Comp. Major Ritchie, and carry to him their sympathy and regrets and their kind wishes for his speedy recovery. He was sure that the chapter started that day would bring credit upon Royal Arch Masonry. When the Ubique Lodge was started 12 years ago there were many ominous rumours as to its inherent weakness and its early collapse, but let them look out now, with a Major-General for its W.M., and among its members the flower of the Colonels, Majors, Captains, Lieutenants, and Warrant Officers of the grand old regiment, and so it would be with that chapter, for there were now no less than 16 candidates ready to join it or be exalted within it. It was only the preceding Friday that Comp. Matier consecrated a new Mark lodge, the Ubique, founded from amongst the brethren of the mother lodge. That lodge would thrive and so would the chapter, because they intended to carry out the motto of the Royal Artillery—"Ubique," and spread its influence and the influence of Masonry through it, all over the world.

Comp. JAMBLIN, in responding for the "Visitors," was extremely glad to be present, and must confess that military lodges and chapters were getting extremely fashionable. He was an old soldier, for when he was a slim, buoyant youngster, he was a captain of a public school at North Anglia, where he learned and afterwards taught the soldier's first duty, obedience. He wished the chapter every prosperity, and its M.E.Z. designate a speedy recovery.

Comp. DE GRAY was pleased to be present, also because he was present at the consecration of the mother lodge, and hoped for many years to come amongst them and rejoice at their prosperity.

Comps. WALKER and CANNING also responded.

Comp. MORRISON, responding for "The Officers," said they were very few in number that night, owing to the exigences of the service, which kept many of them that night at Woolwich at their military duties. He knew a little of military matters, and had had a good deal of military experience. He had been in every station, from the ranks up to the position that not everyone could attain, and that was to have the management of officers' affairs, and whenever he met one of his old officers he felt that he was meeting a friend. He had had the honour and privilege of serving personally every crowned head in Europe, and upon one occasion General Fleury said that he had never received such courtesy and kindness anywhere as he had at the hands of the Royal Artillery at Woolwich. That might be a little outside Masonry, but it was something he prized and was proud of. Now, with regard to the Ubique Lodge, they had been very quiet and had cleared themselves from debt, and were in a position to help the Charities. They had 120 members, and he trusted soon to see the chapter in the same flourishing condition. For himself and the officers, he thanked them most heartily.

A hearty reception of "The Masonic Press" was responded to by Comp. JOLLY, and then the Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings.

Comp. Tyler presided at the organ during the ceremony of consecration.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DORSETSHIRE.

The annual meeting was held under the banner of St. Mary's Lodge, Bridport, No. 121, at the Masonic Hall, Bridport, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult. The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, was supported by Bros. Sir R. N. Howard, D.P.G.M.; J. M. P. Montagu, P.G.D., W. J. Nosworthy, P.G. Org.; and a large number of brethren.

Provincial Grand Lodge was formally opened, and the roll of the lodges was called over, when it was found all were represented.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts having been received and passed, the P.G.M. shortly addressed the brethren on the state and prospects of Mark Masonry and the general business of the province.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then proposed that a sum of £5 be subscribed from Provincial Grand Lodge funds towards the Portal memorial organ to be erected in Grand Mark Lodge.

This was seconded by Bro. W. J. NOSWORTHY, P.G. Organist, and supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and carried *nem. con.*

The Provincial Grand Treasurer, Auditors, and Tyler were re-elected.

The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers, as follows:

Bro. Sir R. N. Howard	D.P.G.M.
" S. R. Baskett	Prov. S.G.W.
" Dr. Allan McLean	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. W. C. Browne... ..	Prov. G. Chap.
" G. Habgood	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. G. Nantes	Prov. G.M.O.
" H. Cooke	Prov. S.G.O.
" E. Mills	Prov. J.G.O.
" W. B. Morgan	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. F. Harvey	Prov. G. Sec.
" R. R. Samson	Prov. S.G.D.
" R. Toleman	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. J. Fletcher	Prov. G.I. of W.
" R. Cox	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. J. Nosworthy	Prov. G. Org.
" Reid	Prov. G.I.G.
" R. Simmonds	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where an excellent banquet was served.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

We heartily congratulate Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, eldest son of Bro. the Earl of Cork and Orrery, on his appointment by the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., to the office of Provincial Grand Master of Somersetshire, vacant by the death of the Earl of Carnarvon. In succeeding so distinguished a Mason in so important an office his lordship will find it a difficult task to emulate the merits of his brilliant predecessor, but he will certainly command the sympathy and loyal support of the brethren he presides over, and having already attained distinction in one branch of Masonry, we doubt not he will prove equally successful in his new position.

Bro. James Morrison McLeod, who headed the poll by so large a majority at the recent contest for the vacant office of Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, will enter upon his duties to-morrow (Saturday). He has everything in his favour. He is well known in several of the provinces, from which section of the Craft he derived his chief support. He is also well known in London. He is believed to be a

man of great energy and ability, and will be actuated by a desire to emulate the achievements of his energetic predecessor. We dare say the Governors and Subscribers will give him every encouragement, and in all probability we shall find him, ere many months are past, firmly settled in his position and thoroughly well posted in his duties. He has our hearty good wishes for a long and successful career.

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We offer our hearty congratulations to the respected and popular Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex—Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.—on the recent coming of age of his eldest son and heir, Mr. Francis Burdett. The event was celebrated with all possible éclat at Great Dalby, the Burdett family having been always esteemed as landlords, and having been on the best of terms with their tenants. Bro. Col. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., presided at the banquet, which was held in a spacious tent in rear of the Royal Oak Hotel, and the proceedings passed off most enthusiastically, a right cordial welcome being extended both to Sir Francis and his eldest son.

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The St. Edmundsbury Masonic Hall at Bury St. Edmunds, in which the Royal St. Edmunds Lodge, No. 1008, will in future hold its meetings, was opened on the 15th ult., amid considerable rejoicing. There was a large muster of members and visitors present under the presidency of Bro. John G. Oliver, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W. Suffolk, the respected D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, being unable to attend, and when the ceremony was over a banquet was held, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. We wish the Royal St. Edmunds Lodge a long and happy life in its new quarters.

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The north-east corner stone of the new north aisle of Mexborough Parish Church was laid with Masonic honours last week in the presence of a large company of ladies and gentlemen. Arrangements had been made that the stone-laying should be invested with a ceremony of more than special interest, and the services of the Masonic body were requisitioned. Under the banner of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 904, a large number of the Craft gathered from many parts of West Yorkshire. The Rev. Canon Bullock, M.A., P.P.G. Chaplain, preached, and the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Tew, performed the ceremony and delivered an address. A banquet afterwards took place, and the whole of the proceedings were successfully carried out.

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At the meeting of the Calcutta Emulation Lodge of Improvement in Freemasons' Hall, Calcutta, Bro. W. H. Fitze, Past Preceptor, and Bros. H. M. Rustonji, Secretary, and D. N. Pundit, Treasurer, were severally presented with handsome jewels in recognition of the important services which they had rendered to the lodge, which, as may be gathered from its name, is modelled on the lines of our Emulation Lodge of Improvement in London. There was a numerous attendance of members, and the complimentary remarks of Bro. Thomas Jones, the new Preceptor, in making the presentations were very warmly applauded. The jewel received by Bro. Fitze was a Past Master's jewel, while those given to Bros. Rustonji and Pundit were Past Masters' jewels with the cross-pens indicative of the Secretarial office in the case of Bro. Rustonji, and the key in that of Bro. Pundit. All three brethren heartily expressed their appreciation of the honour done them, and their readiness to render any further services in their power to the lodge.

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We learn from the Sydney *Freemason* that the day fixed for the inauguration of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania was the 26th of June. The ceremony was appointed to take place in Hobart, the capital, and was to be performed by Bro. Lord Carrington, M.W.G.M. of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, who would be supported by Bro. the Earl of Kintore, M.W.G.M. South Australia, and Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., M.W.G.M. of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria. It was also hoped that Bro. Chief Justice Way, Past Grand Master and Pro Grand Master of South Australia, would be present. Thus the new Grand Lodge will have been constituted under the most favourable conditions, and though it consists of only some 30 lodges will no doubt prosper.

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The first Grand Master is Bro. the Rev. R. D. Poulett-Harris, M.A., till recently District G. Master of the District Grand Lodge under the English Constitution, so that our Tasmanian brethren will start on their career under an experienced Craftsman.

Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for 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.]

BOARD OF STEWARDS AND BOYS' FESTIVAL ACCOUNTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Allow me as Steward and Treasurer to the Board of the late Boys' Festival to say I agree entirely with Bro. Harrop's letter in your last impression. Brethren who act as Stewards seldom, after the first or second meetings, attend, consequently the final meeting is generally a very small one, as the last was. You say the point is to be determined by the Board of Stewards, quite so; but a clique may carry something that should be made public at least to the Stewards, therefore it is desirable that a balance sheet should be published and circulated among those who have served as Stewards. I for one trust the new Secretary (as no doubt he will be appointed Secretary to future Boards) will take notice of these suggestions.—Yours fraternally,

GEORGE GARDNER.

August 2nd.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Henry Levander (No. 2048).—This lodge held its installation meeting on Saturday, the 26th ult., at the Railway Hotel, Harrow, when the following members were present: Bros. R. W. Surridge, W.M.; H. Webb, S.W., W.M. elect; A. H. Scurrah, J.W.; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of Wks., Treas.; C. P. McKay, P.M., Sec.; A. W. Wace, S.D.; F. C. Joseph, J.D.; S. Reece, I.G.; A. W. Gerrard, D.C.; H. W. Parker, and W. D. Dickinson, Stwds.; W. M. Stiles, P.M.; G. Lewis, T. F. Cheek, F. W. Levander, P.P.G.D.; H. T. Gurner, J. Stubbings, J. W. Rydson, F. H. Durman, and others. Visitors: Bros. P. Jordan, P.D.S.G.W. Hong Kong; H. Sillis, J.D. 2362; R. T. Lidmas, I.P.M. 1815; W. W. Chamberlain, 737; H. Wilson, Org. 147; R. Ross, J.W. 1744; L. M. Jefferson, and W. W. Lee, J.D. 1897.

The lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and the Audit Report received and adopted. Bro. H. Webb, the W.M. elect, was then regularly installed into the chair by Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., Treas. The officers were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. A. H. Scurrah, S.W.; A. W. Wace, J.W.; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of Wks., Treas.; C. P. McKay, P.M., Sec.; Joseph, S.D.; Reece, J.D.; Gerrard, I.G.; Parker, D.C.; Dickinson, A.D.C.; Gurner and Stubbings, Stwds.; and Very, Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., having given the customary addresses, the W.M. presented Bro. Surridge, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), in recognition of his services in the chair during the past year. The gift was acknowledged by the I.P.M., who thanked the brethren for their kindness, and assured them of his intention of exerting himself in the future, as in the past, for the benefit of the lodge. On the motion of Bro. Scurrah, P.M., Treas., Bro. P. Jordan, P.D.S.G.W. Hong Kong, was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Scurrah for his kindness in acting as Installing Master. A letter was read from Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.P.G.S. of W., the first Master of the lodge, tendering his resignation, which was received with very deep regret. The Secretary was instructed to send a letter to Bro. Cheek, P.M., sympathising with him in his illness, and expressing a hope for his speedy recovery.

Lodge was closed, and after banquet the usual toasts received due recognition, short speeches being the order of the evening.

Bro. F. W. Levander, P.P.G.D., replying for "The Prov. Grand Officers," said that those who knew Bro. Sir Francis Burdett were aware what an able and popular Prov. Grand Master he was, for wherever he went he was received in a most cordial manner. The reason for this was that their Prov. G. Master was always very pleased to see the brethren, more especially the youngest initiates in the lodges, to whom he extended the right hand of fellowship. The Dep. G. Master was also constantly visiting the various lodges, and the brethren knew that he took particular note of the work, and had he been present on that occasion he would have been able to favourably report to the Prov. G.M. of the working of the lodge, for the manner in which the installation ceremony was performed left nothing to be desired.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W., also responded, and having returned thanks for the kind reception accorded the toast, said he would simply remark that the Prov. G. Officers were those who possessed exceptional abilities and who had been rewarded.

Bro. Surridge, I.P.M., said it gave him great pleasure to propose the toast of "The Worshipful Master," as they were co-initiates in the lodge. The W.M., Bro. Webb, had missed but one or two meetings, and had worked up from the junior offices in the lodge until he had arrived at the honourable position of the chair. If the members would only do their best to give him work to do, the W.M. would initiate, pass, or raise the candidates in a most satisfactory manner, for he had been carefully instructed by the Preceptor of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M.

Bro. H. Webb, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren very sincerely. As the I.P.M. had said, they were initiated together, and he hoped the Past Masters and officers would have no cause for regret at having elected him to his pre-

scat position. He only hoped they would give him something to do by bringing up good initiates, otherwise they would remain stationary. He would next propose "The Installing Master and Past Masters." Bro. Scurrah they knew to be a good and thorough Mason, who had always studied the welfare of the lodge, and given up a great deal of time to it. The other Past Masters had worked hard for the lodge, particularly Bro. McKay, Sec. They regretted that Bro. Check, P.M., was not present owing to illness, and also that Bro. Axford was prevented from attending.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., thanked the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had spoken of him, and for the hearty reception accorded the toast. It had been a pleasure to install the W.M. into the chair, and although he was hoping to have that pleasure, he knew what good working the I.P.M. was capable of, and therefore thought that brother would perform the ceremony. He had pleasure in taking the I.P.M.'s place, and had done the work to the best of his ability, and he trusted with their approval. It was one of the greatest pleasures he enjoyed to install a brother when he had had something to do with initiating him into Freemasonry. He would continue to do all he could to assist the lodge and the members.

Bros. Surridge, I.P.M., and McKay, P.M., Sec., also responded.

Bro. P. Jordan, P.D.S.G.W. Hong Kong, replied for the toast of "The Visitors," and said that by the extreme kindness of the W.M. he was honoured in a double capacity—as a visitor and an honorary member. As a visitor he should say but few words on his own behalf, and leave the others to respond for themselves. He was impressed with the good working he had seen in that lodge, and should carry with him very lively feelings of their kindness and generosity. If any brother was in the far East, and visited Hong Kong, he hoped to be able to give him as hearty a reception as he had received that evening.

Other visitors responded, expressing their appreciation of the hospitality they had received, and the excellent working witnessed.

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

Bro. Wilson, Org. 147, kindly presided at the pianoforte, and several brethren contributed to the success of the evening by recitations and musical selections.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

GRAVESEND.

Lodge of Freedom (No. 77).—The installation meeting of this old-established lodge was held at the Town Hall, on Monday, the 21st ult., when there was a numerous attendance of members and visitors. The former included Bros. R. Beamish, W.M.; F. Hitchens, S.W.; J. Solomon, J.W.; T. R. S. Champion, P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; J. C. Biggs, P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; A. Jackson, S.D.; G. Rackstraw, J.D.; T. Nettlingham, I.G.; G. Hammond, D.C.; J. Whitfield, Stwd.; R. C. Towell, Org.; W. Hill, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; F. Teece, P.M.; G. T. King, P.M.; T. Deane, P.M.; W. Russell, P.M., Prov. G. Treas.; W. Barlow, and many others. Visitors: Bros. L. Salt, S.W. 1424; T. Wills, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. J. Sight, P.G.S. of W.; G. Adamson, P.P.S.G.W.; C. Hind, W.M. 299; S. E. Morgan, P.M. 1424; W. S. Baldwin, W.M. 184; W. S. Killeter, P.M. 483; Jno. Barnett, jun., 2205; A. Neale, 1566; C. Watkins, W.M. 615; D. T. J. Lyle, W.M. 1063; E. Webber, J.D. 503; W. H. Loft, 5; A. C. Rayner; F. G. Varcoe, S.W. 781; J. H. Gilbert, W.M. 1050; T. E. Dennison, 1837; G. Cobham, W.M. Kent of Antiquity; E. Costa, P.P.G.R.; C. R. Bolton, P.P.S.G.W.; J. S. Lovett, P.J.G.W.; C. E. Birch, P.J.G.D.; J. S. Charlton, P.J.G.D.; G. H. Cole, 1089; J. Simpson; A. Spencer, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec.; C. C. Potter, P.P.G. Std. Br. Essex; P. Jones, P.G.S.B.; G. W. Mitchell, Prov. G.D.C.; H. Forss, P.M. 917; G. Naylor, P.G.D.C.; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed Bro. Frank Hitchens was impressively installed as the W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Russell, Prov. G. Treas., who has acted in this capacity for many years past, and Bro. J. C. Biggs, P.P.G.D.C., rendered efficient service as D.C. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. J. Solomon, S.W.; Rev. A. Jackson, J.W.; T. R. S. Champion, P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; J. C. Biggs, P.M., P.P. G.D.C., Sec.; G. Rackstraw, S.D.; T. Nettlingham, J.D.; G. C. Hammond, I.G.; C. S. Drawbridge, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Org.; J. A. Whitfield, D.C.; R. Fowle and W. Gunn, Stewards; G. Berry, Almoner; and Martin, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, after which Bro. R. J. Beamish, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services as Master during the past year.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the New Falcon Hotel, where an excellent repast was served, which was followed by the usual toasts.

Bro. A. Spencer, P.G.S.B., in response to the toast of "The Grand Officers," having paid a tribute to the memory of the late Pro G.M., said he thought the greatest proof that Grand Lodge was deserving of the honour which was from time to time conferred was that invariably their ruling was accepted. When they considered the large and numerous body of men enrolled under the banner of the Grand Lodge that fact was the more striking. Long might it be before they ceased to have as their rulers and guides men occupying high positions, socially and Masonically.

"The Provincial Grand Master" was cordially received, after which the W.M. gave "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Officers," and said Bro. Eastes, Dep. P.G.M., had done excellent service on the Committee appointed with reference to the Boys' School, and Masonry in Kent was deeply indebted to him. The rest of the Prov. Grand Officers in their several capacities had in times past done their duty loyally, and would continue to do so in the future. They were delighted to see a large number of Prov. Grand Officers present that evening and gave them a hearty welcome.

Bros. Lovett, Prov. J.G.W., and Wills briefly returned thanks.

Bro. Beamish, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Hitchens," who was a great favourite with the members, who were proud of him. They also knew how the W.M. was preparing himself for his work, and had an earnest that evening of what he would do by the investiture of the officers, which was performed as well as ever he (the I.P.M.) had seen it done.

Bro. Frank Hitchens, W.M., said it was very gratifying to him to find that in due course he had arrived at the Mastership of the ancient Lodge of Freedom. The I.P.M. had proposed the toast in a most able manner, but he felt he scarcely deserved all the flattering remarks made by that brother, although at the end of the next twelve months he hoped to deserve them. He was naturally proud that so many Provincial Officers and Masters of other lodges had favoured him and the lodge with their presence. He could only assure them that during his year he should endeavour to give his time to the duties of his office, and try his utmost to give satisfaction. As there were a number of other toasts, and some of the visitors had long distances to travel, he would bring before them the toast of "The Masonic Charities." There were more calls upon the Charities as the years went by, and the demands increased, and it was therefore unnecessary for him to say much in praise of them, especially as Bro. Terry could tell them a great deal more than he (the W.M.) knew.

Bro. James Terry, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, said he hardly liked to say how long it was since he first responded under the banner of No. 77. The Institutions were very much indebted to Kent for many years kindly support and recognition. In 1889, at the Benevolent Institution Festival, Kent stood first in all England, which was something to be proud of. Every year Kent had done that which few provinces had done, for by the contributions required to be paid by every member in the province to their own Charity Fund an enormous amount of good had resulted. That by-law had been altered to make it permissive instead of compulsory, but knowing what good it had done they would never permit that fund to be diminished. If £400 a year could be so easily raised, he felt convinced that the brethren would fulfil the hope expressed by their Provincial Grand Master, and that whenever the Provincial Grand Lodge met the Secretaries of the three Institutions would have the gratification of knowing that as far as they could they divided the sum equally. With reference to the Boys' School, that Institution had been under a cloud, but he hoped the silver lining had come now that it would be under the management of another cloud—Bro. McLeod. It was 30 years since the Provincial Grand Master presided at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, that being the first Institution over which he presided after his installation. At that time large sums were not known from a province, but now, with eight months to organise a movement to support Earl Amherst, he was looking forward to as large a sum almost as had ever been raised. Although Bro. Russell was always ambitious of gaining the elections, the brethren would strengthen his hands by a larger donation in February next, and, therefore, by giving him a larger number of votes. During the 30 years Viscount Holmesdale had presided over them the Benevolent Institution had received from Kent a sum of about £6400, and the province had received over £9000 back. He trusted they would receive the name of a brother from that lodge to support Lord Amherst in February, 1891, and that every lodge would send up a Steward. £15,000 was required every year, and they had a permanent income of but £3600. The late Sir Erasmus Wilson left an estate, the residue of which was to go to three Benevolent Institutions. The life estate died lately, and they hoped to receive a third of that estate, amounting to above £4000, and that money would be invested, and would enable them to take in additional annuities next February. As Bro. Russell was for the second time their Prov. Grand Treasurer the brethren should do their best to make him successful by heartily supporting the second occasion on which their Prov. Grand Master would preside over the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bros. Light and Naylor returned thanks on behalf of "The Visitors," and Bro. Beamish, I.P.M., acted in a similar capacity for "The Past Masters."

Bro. Russell, Prov. G. Treas., replying for "The Installing Master," said that such was the welcome he received at their hands that he was always gratified to be present. Those meetings brought them together, and year after year sympathies grew up between them to knit them together. Bro. Light referred casually to having been a member of this lodge 20 years ago, and then they were workers in Freemasonry on the lower rungs of the ladder, and attended lodges of instruction under the guidance of Bro. Nettlingham, who had joined the majority. He was pleased to see advanced to office the son of Bro. Nettlingham, whom he congratulated, and when the time came the mantle of his father would fall upon his shoulders. He looked forward to the time when he should cease to be the Installing Master, and when Bro. Nettlingham would carry on the old traditions.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was next honoured, and responded to by Bros. Champion, P.P.G.D., Treas., and J. C. Biggs, P.P.G.D.C., Sec.

"The Officers" was followed by the Tyler's toast, which closed a successful meeting.

A selection of music was played by the string band of the 1st Kent Artillery Volunteers during the banquet, and the subsequent musical programme was in the able hands of Bro. T. W. Page, assisted by Bros. A. Strugnell, A. G. Pritchard, and Madame Grahame Coles.

PLUMSTEAD.

United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The installation meeting of the above excellent lodge took place on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, Bro. W. Seager, W.M., in the chair. The lodge having been opened, the minutes confirmed, and a candidate initiated, Bro. T. J. Couper, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. Captain G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and in due course he was installed and saluted. He appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. Seager, I.P.M.; W. J. Wheeler, S.W.; W. Sayle-Edwards, J.W.; J. W. Gee, Treas.; A. Ware, Sec.; Col. C. E. Vansittart, S.W.; J. Whiteheart, J.D.; J. Bilton, I.G.; E. W. Sinnett, D.C.; G. W. Ingle, Asst. D.C.; and R. Fowler, J. Clark, A. Heath, and T. Allen, Stwds. Bro. Spinks then gave the addresses most eloquently, and so concluded the ceremony. He was presented with a vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and was also re-elected representative for the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, for both of which he returned thanks. Bro. Seager was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, for which he returned thanks, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been given, the lodge was closed. The brethren banqueted in the hall.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. Captain D. Deeves, P.M., P.D.G.D.C. Natal; G. Kennedy, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Moulds, P.M.; T. D. Hayes, P.M. (Hon.), P.P.S.G.D.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); F. Reed; H. T. Thomas; A. Manry; J. McClintock; W. Warren; H. Swinherd; A. Neill; W. Sandle; J. Freer; T. Hully; T. Mills; H. Froud; J. Steward; A. Hill; J. Sword; and C. Warren; all of the lodge. The visitors were Bros. G. W. Mitchell, P.M. 615, P.J.G.D.; W. R. Arnold, P.M. 1789; C. Watkins, W.M. 615; F. Hitchin, W.M. 77; Rev. C. Solbè, M.A., P.M. 1789; E. Morris, S.W. 1789; J. Matthey, J.W. 13; G. W. Kennedy, S.W. 829; A. Carr, 653; H. J. Roberts, 700; J. G. Deeves, 936; W. C. Halley, 1789; H. Pamment, Stwd. 700; A. J. Walklin, 700; W. Robson, 1789; S. West, 700; and J. Oakey, 988.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were most loyally received and honoured, as was that of "Earl Amherst, P.G.M."

Then followed that of "Bro. J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Mitchell responded, saying it was the first time he had had the honour of responding to such an important toast, yet he felt it an exceeding pleasure to do so in a lodge in his own native town. He had often heard his lordship, their esteemed P.G.M., so highly spoken of, that it was an extra pleasure to have his name, ever so remotely, connected with it. On behalf of the Present Prov. G. Officers he thanked them.

Bro. Hayes, on behalf of the Past Prov. Grand Officers, endorsed every word that Bro. Mitchell had uttered with respect to his lordship, and knew that every word might just as safely be said of Bro. Eastes. He spoke highly of the admirable way in which Bro. Spinks had conducted the ceremony of installation, and also of that brother's ability on the Charity Committee.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said the brethren had made a wise choice in their selection of Bro. Couper to preside over them. From what he knew of Bro. Couper, he would be a regular attendant, and carry out the duties to their satisfaction.

The W.M., in response, said that Bro. Seager had said they, the brethren, had made a very wise selection. Well, he could only hope that at the end of his 12 months of office Bro. Seager's prophesy would bear looking at. He thanked them for the cordial reception that they had always extended to him, and hoped to have plenty of work and plenty of good candidates.

Bro. Spinks, in response to the toast of "The Installing Officer," said he had done nothing more than his duty. He had always been taught from his earliest boyhood that "if a thing was worth doing it was worth doing well," and so, if they asked him to do anything, they must not expect that he should alter or amend the ceremonies, but go through them to the bitter end. If at any time the W.M. required his services they were ready and at his disposal. He thanked them much for their hearty reception of the toast.

Bro. Hitchin, in responding for "The Visitors," said he was a Past Master of about 30 hours' standing, and with the exception of Bro. Seager, perhaps the youngest in the province. He received the invitation to be present with a great deal of pleasure, and knowing it to be a military lodge, and as he had been for some 14 years in the reserve forces he had a good mind to come in uniform, and would, if invited upon another occasion. He had been most royally entertained, but that was a thing he always experienced among military men and brethren. He tendered them his most sincere thanks for their great kindness and hospitality.

Bros. Arnold and Matthey also responded.

Bros. Seager, Hayes, and Jolly responded for "The Past Masters," and after "The Initiate" and "The Officers" had been toasted, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Some excellent singing and reciting enlivened the evening, and Bro. Roberts presided at the piano.

Royal Arch.

TWICKENHAM.

Era Chapter (No. 1423).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Albany Hotel, on the 21st ult. Among those present were Comps. W. H. Matthews, M.E.Z.; W. H. Lee, P.G.S.E., H.; H. Higgins, J.; Capt. Walls, S.E.; C. H. Köhler, S.N.; J. B. Kyley, M.D., P.Z.; and G. L. Wingate, P.Z.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Comp. W. H. Matthews installed Comps. Lee, as M.E.Z.; Higgins, as H.; and Köhler, as J. The following investitures then took place: Comps. Capt. Walls, S.E.; W. Fisher, S.N.; E. H. Thiellay, P.Z., Treas.; Peat, P.S.; Moss, 1st Asst. Soj.; and Gilbert, Janitor. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. E. H. Thiellay, P.Z.; J. Faulkner, P.Z.; W. Fisher, S.N.; Peat, P.S.; and others.

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

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 25th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. H. Bright, W.M.; W. G. Coat, S.W.; J. Cummings, J.W.; D. S. Long, acting Preceptor; E. Fox, S.D.; W. Hide, J.D.; A. Williams, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; J. Snooks, J. D. Haylock, R. Reid, F. Craggs, H. Tatten, and H. Blackman.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Haylock acting as candidate. Bro. R. H. Williams offering himself as a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. A. Williams, P.M. 2090, worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, under the direction of the Secretary. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen, Bro. W. G. Coat was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. A

hearty vote of thanks was given, and recorded on the minutes, to the W.M. for his able and efficient services for the first time in this lodge of instruction. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 31st ult., when there were present Bros. G. H. Foan, W.M.; W. Hoggins, S.W.; F. M. Noakes, J.W.; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; F. Cracknell, S.D.; L. Berry, J.D.; G. A. Bergholz, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; and F. W. Buxton.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. G. Reynolds having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. G. Reynolds proposed that Bro. W. Hoggins be elected W.M. for the ensuing week, seconded by the J.W., was carried unanimously. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation, and announced his intention of working the First and Second Degrees. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No., 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 31st ult. at the Wheatshaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; G. E. Higginson, S.W.; A. Love, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; W. Jennings, S.D.; Redfern Hollings, J.D.; T. Stevens, I.G.; D. Stroud, P.M.; T. J. Head, and Cotton.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. Higginson, assisted by the brethren. Bro. R. Hollings having offered himself as candidate, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Higginson was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 2nd inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, W. Present: Bros. Price, W.M.; Cummings, S.W.; Speigel, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., acting Preceptor; Willcox, S.D.; Bath, J.D.; Baxter, I.G.; Stroud, P.M.; and Hiscox.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hiscox candidate. The W.M. delivered the charge. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, the lecture on the tracing board being given by Bro. Speigel, P.M. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked, Bro. Speigel asking the questions. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the manner he had performed the ceremonies for the first time.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on the 26th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Chalfont, J. 975, Z.; J. Cruttenden, 779, H.; J. C. Tilt, 862, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; J. R. Allman, Treas. 890, S.N.; and W. Hillier, 834, P.S.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Dehane being candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks—Comp. Dehane as M.E.Z. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

WHITEHAVEN.

Border Chapter (No. 102).—The quarterly meeting of this chapter was held in Freemasons' Hall, College-street, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., when Ill. Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, 30°, M.W.S., occupied the chair, supported by his officers, viz., Bros. G. Dalrymple, Treas., as H.P.; J. Paterson, 1st Gen.; Rev. James Anderson, 2nd Gen.; P. de E. Collin, P.M.W.S., Recorder; Spencer Broadbent, as Herald; and J. Casson, O.G.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed, and one candidate was balloted for and accepted. The ballot was then taken for M.W.S., Treasurer, and O.G., when the following were elected: Bros. George Dalrymple, 18°, M.W.S.; Col. F. R. Sewell, 30°, Treasurer; and Usher and Casson, O.G.'s. The alms were collected, and other general business transacted, and the chapter was closed.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

Metropolitan Council (T.I.)—This old council met on the 25th ult., when there were present Bros. Capt. Williamson, J.P., W.M.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., acting S.W.; G. Graveley, acting J.W.; H. J. Lardner, acting Secretary; C. G. Powell, Treasurer; A. McDowall, S.D.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.R.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.R.; Brittain, Sweney, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Lemon was unanimously elected W.M., Bro. G. Powell, Treas., and Bro. Mills, Tyler. A P.M.'s jewel was voted to the W.M., and a vote of thanks passed to him for his services. Several important resolutions in connection with the finances were passed. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. the Earl of Euston, G.M.; F. Richardson, D.G.M.; C. F. Matier, G.S.; W. Lemon, R. L. Loveland, N. Prower, and others.

The council was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to dine. A few toasts followed.

Royal Ark Mariners.

CONSECRATION OF THE REMIGIUS LODGE, No. 117.

The consecration of the Remigius Lodge, No. 117, took place on Wednesday, the 16th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Mint-street, Lincoln, the Consecrating Master being Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, P.G.W., Grand Secretary, and he was assisted by Bros. Robert Berridge, P.G.W., G.D. of C., as D.C.; R. B. Bryant, P.G. Std. Br.; and the Rev. E. M. Weigall as Chaplain.

Bro. Bryant having taken the chair, and a Royal Ark Mariners lodge being opened, Bro. R. Berridge acting as J., and Bro. Henry E. Cousins, P.G.D. England, as S., the following candidates were elevated to the Degree: Bros. Jack Sutcliffe, Prov. G.M.M. Lincolnshire; R. C. Carline, P.P.G.W.; T. M. Wilkinson, P.P.G.W.; J. M. Reach, P.P.G.W.; J. J. Allott, P.S.G.O.; Rev. E. M. Weigall; A. Ramage, P.P.G.D.; W. Scorer, P.P.G.R. of M.; T. H. White, P.P.G.Org.; W. Dawson, P.P.G.Org.; Eustace A. Cousins, P.G.D.; E. Percy Dalton, Frederick L. Thornton, R. O. Wormal, W. N. Wormal, J. Hardy, and W. Strangward.

Bro. C. F. Matier then assumed the chair, and proceeded with the ceremony of consecration, the splendid ritual being rendered in his usual masterly manner.

The founders were Bros. Henry E. Cousins, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G.D. Eng.; R. Cotton Carline, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Jos. A. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; and Capt. B. H. Russell.

The ceremony being concluded, Bro. Matier installed Bro. H. E. Cousins as first W.C.N. of the lodge, and also conferred upon Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, Prov. G.M.M., the rank of Past W.C.N.

The W.C.N. then invested his officers as follows; Bros. Jos. A. Robinson, J.; R. C. Carline, S.; Rev. E. M. Weigall, Chap.; A. Ramage, Treas.; T. H. White, Scribe; J. J. Allott, S.D.; T. M. Wilkinson, J.D.; Wm. Rainforth, D. of C.; W. Dawson, Org.; J. M. Read, Guardian; W. Scorer, Steward; W. Strangward, Warder.

A hearty vote of thanks was, on the proposition of the W.C.N., then accorded to the Consecrating Officers, and they were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge, and the Grand Secretary returned thanks on their behalf.

A Committee was appointed to frame by-laws, and the lodge was closed.

The banquet was held at Bro. Thornton's Saracen's Head Hotel, who provided an excellent menu.

The toast of "The Queen and Royal Ark Masonry," and that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Commander," having been honoured,

The W.C.N. gave "The Grand Masters Royal Ark Council," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. R. Berridge, who replied in a happy speech.

The W.C.N. next proposed "The Consecrating Master, Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Secretary," and in the course of his remarks paid a well-deserved compliment to Bro. Matier for his untiring exertions on behalf of the Mark Degree, and specially thanked him and the other Grand Officers for coming down to consecrate their new lodge.

The GRAND SECRETARY replied in an excellent oration, and then proposed "The Health of the newly-installed W.C.N., Bro. H. E. Cousins," wishing him a happy, and the new lodge a prosperous year of office.

The W.C.N. replied, and proposed "The Prov. G. Mark Master, Bro. J. Sutcliffe," assuring him what a pleasure it had given the brethren to welcome him amongst them.

The P.G.M.M., in his reply, thanked Bro. Cousins for his exertions on behalf of the Mark Degree in the province.

The remaining toasts were "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. J. A. Robinson, J., and responded to by Bro. R. B. Bryant, and "The Officers," proposed by the W.C.N., and replied to in a highly-nautical spirit by Bro. R. C. Carline, S.

The speeches were interspersed with songs by several of the brethren, and a highly successful and pleasant evening was spent.

LADIES' DAY OF THE HENLEY LODGE.

The summer outing or ladies' day of the Henley Lodge, No. 1472, took place on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at Eastbourne. Some 47 of the brethren and their wives and sweethearts journeying thither by first-class saloon carriages from London Bridge. On arriving at Eastbourne, a move was at once made for the Queen's Hotel, where lunch awaited the party, after partaking of which, rides to Beachy Head, or to Pevensey Castle, or on the briny billow (and that it was both briny and billowy we can vouch for from a rather swamped experience), or a lounge on the beach, or a seat at the pier concert, or some pleasant way of killing time, till five p.m., was indulged in. At 5.15 p.m. the party re-assembled at the Queen's Hotel, where a *recherché* banquet, presided over by the W.M., Bro. C. Wood, awaited them, and we must give the manager every credit for its excellence and splendid service.

The toasts of "The Queen and Craft Masonry," "The W.M.," "The Past Masters," and "The Ladies," were interspersed with some really good singing, and then, carriages being in waiting, the party drove to the station, and re-entering the saloons, reached London about 11 p.m., safe, sound, and happy. The comfort and wants of the brethren and their belongings both to

and from Eastbourne were admirably looked after by Bro. E. West, P.M. and P.P.S.G.D. Herts, and the whole affair was an unmitigated and complete success.

The party included Bro. Wood, Mrs. Wood, Miss Wood, and Mr. Wood, jun.; Bro. Canning, I.P.M.; Bro. C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec., and Mrs. Jolly; Bro. E. West, P.M., and Mrs. West and daughter; Bro. A. Knight, S.W., and Mrs. Knight; Bro. Robins and sister; Bro. and Mrs. Webb; Bro. and Mrs. Stratton; Bro. and Mrs. Fenn; Bro. Gardner; Bro. and Mrs. Phillips; Bro. and Mrs. Southgate; Bros. Jones and Haley; Bro. and Mrs. Pamment; Bro. and Mrs. Davies; Bro. and Mrs. Wooster; Bro. Weaver and two daughters; Bro. Moore and Mrs. Moore; Bro. Stephens and Mrs. Stephens; Bro. Howe and Mrs. Howe; Bro. Barwick and Mrs. Barwick, and others.

THE LATE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The following additional sums have been recently received in respect of the late Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys:

Lodge	LONDON.	£	s.	d.
2265 Bro. M. J. de Leeuw	...	47	5	0
Chapter				
1297 Comp. G. H. Finch, addition	...	10	10	0
		£57	15	0
Previous additions	...	£436	10	6
		£494	5	6
Sum announced	£9253	2	0
Present Total	...	£9747	7	6

FUNERAL OF BRO. T. PRUST.

Amid manifestations of respect and esteem, the mortal remains of the late Bro. Thomas Prust were interred in the Torquay Cemetery on Saturday afternoon, the 2nd inst. Deceased was a prominent Mason and connected with many other local organisations, all of which were represented at the funeral. A preliminary service was held at the Primitive Methodist Church at Ellacombe. The Rev. W. SAWYER officiated, and said that no man could live the life deceased did, and be gone altogether when dead. His example and influence were with them, and many of them would be the better for knowing him, and the patience and firmness with which their departed brother bore his sufferings. A large number of Freemasons were present to testify to the high esteem in which they held Bro. Prust, who was a P.M. of the Jordan Craft and Mark Lodges, and Prov. S.G.D. in the Mark, besides holding office in the Arch, Ark Mariners, and Knight Templars.

The following brethren were in attendance: Bros. T. H. Wills, W.M.; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. England; J. Chapman, 328, P.P.G.D.; J. Murray, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Dodge, P.P.G.T.; A. T. Blamey, P.P.G.D.; J. Lane, P.P.G.R.; T. W. Morgan, P.M.; W. A. Goss, P.M.; F. S. Hex, P.M.; J. W. McKellar, S.W.; J. Taylor, 328, J.W.; T. J. Crossman, S.D.; S. Wills, J.D.; W. Winget, D.C.; W. Hersey, I.G.; G. West and J. R. Risdon, Stwds.; J. E. Newton, Tyler; T. Taylor, V. Lauzell, J. D. Beer, R. Pickard, C. Hill, W. H. Rowland, E. J. Pratt, W. J. Nosworthy, J. G. Turle, and W. T. Gale, of 1402; R. D. Renwick, W.M.; W. Wakeham, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Taylor, P.G.D.C.; J. Salter, P.M.; E. Richards, P.M.; R. L. Mugford, P.M.; T. Beckett, S.W.; and G. Burt, Tyler, of 328; W. C. Bubb, 1935; and W. Thomas, 189.

The brethren, wearing white gloves and sprigs of acacia, preceded the hearse, walking two and two. Both on entering and leaving the church they opened out to allow the procession to pass through, and at the cemetery they accompanied the body to the grave, which they encircled.

Just before the benediction was pronounced, Bro. LANE exclaimed "Alas! my brother," and threw a sprig of acacia into the grave, his example being followed by all the brethren. Bro. Lane then said:

We commit his body to the grave,
We commend his spirit to God who gave it,
And we cherish his memory here.

At the same time crossing his arms on his breast, all the brethren doing likewise.

The Masonic portion of the arrangements, which was under the direction of Bro. T. H. Wills, the W.M. of the Jordan Lodge, of which the deceased was Chaplain at the time of his death, was most impressively carried out.

The coffin was of polished oak, and the breastplate bore the simple inscription—"Thomas Prust, died July 30th, 1890, aged 44 years."

Amongst some beautiful floral tributes was a very handsome wreath "With sincere regret and in token of fraternal love from the brethren of the Jordan Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1402, Torquay, 2nd August, 1890," with a suitable Masonic card bearing the square and compasses, and another from the W.M., officers, and brethren of the St. John's Lodge, No. 328.

Among those present at the ceremony of unveiling a statue to the memory of the late Right Hon. W. E. Forster, M.P., in the Victoria Embankment Gardens, on Friday, the 1st instant, were Bros. Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., Earl Granville, Albert Pell, Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., and others. The ceremony was performed by Viscount Cranbrook, Lord President of the Council.

MASONIC AND GENERAL NEWS

The adjourned meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall, to-morrow (Saturday), for the transaction of important business. The new Secretary, Bro. J. M. McLeod, will also formally enter upon his duties.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 13th instant.

Her Majesty has forwarded a donation of £25 to the fund being raised for the widows and children of the fishermen who lost their lives in the recent storm in the North of Scotland.

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

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lonsdale, since their return to Scarborough, have taken part in the inauguration of a Fishermen's Widows' and Orphans' Relief Association of Flamborough.

Wednesday was the 46th anniversary of the birth of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, who was born on the 6th August, 1844, and the 45th of his brother-in-law, the Marquis of Lorne.

The first contingent of Metropolitan Volunteers who are to be encamped and drilled with the regular troops at Aldershot left London for their destination on the 1st instant in three special trains.

Bro. Sir E. Baldwin Malet, her Majesty's representative at the Court of Berlin, arrived in that capital from his summer residence in order to be present while the Medical Congress is in session.

A very cordial reception was given to the Duke of Cambridge when he arrived in Coblenz on the 1st instant for the purpose of inspecting the 28th Regiment of Foot, of which his Royal Highness is Colonel.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Lord Burton has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to go out daily. He hopes next week to visit Brighton for a change of air, and will afterwards go thence to Scotland.

During the grouse shooting season, Viscount and Viscountess Downe will entertain the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and the Duke of Cambridge for a few days at Danby House, near York.

Bro. John S. Davidson, Grand Master of Georgia, of Augusta, is a lawyer of ability and distinction, has been President of the State Senate, and is the representative of the Grand Lodge of England near the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

Very general regret is felt in Dublin at the approaching departure of Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, whose period of service as commanding the troops in Ireland will shortly come to an end, and a Committee, of which Bro. the Duke of Abercorn is Chairman, has been formed for the purpose of organising a testimonial to be presented to the Prince on his departure.

GIFTS TO MASONIC CHARITIES.—Our English brethren, with their customary liberality, have this year contributed the following sums to the Masonic Charities named: To the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £13,850; to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £11,000; and to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £9,500, making a grand total for the year of £35,350, or £176,750. Well done, brethren!—*Philadelphia Keystone*.

At the consecration of the Covent Garden Chapter, No. 1614, recently, letters of regret at not being able to be present, but wishing success to the chapter, were received from Comps. Sir Albert W. Woods (*Garter*); Thomas Fenn, P.B.G.P.; J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; Col. Peters; Lennox Browne, R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; Fred. A. Philbrick, C. F. Matier, P. Dep. G.D.C.; Edward Jacobs, John Jacobs, James Peet, and John Elwin.

The Board of Trustees of the Michigan Masonic Home Association have decided to hold a Masonic State Fair in Grand Rapids, Michigan, from the 10th to 15th November next inclusive, for the purpose of raising funds to complete and furnish the building, and have issued a circular letter to the leading Masons throughout the State, asking their aid in perfecting an organisation for united effort and harmonious co-operation.

As the time approaches for the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Portsmouth to open the new Town Hall, the interest in the event increases very greatly. Among the items arranged in the programme of the day is a procession of some 7000 members of friendly and trade societies. A sum of £1000 has been voted by the Corporation for the purpose of street decoration, and, speaking generally, it seems that Portsmouth is making the most of the Royal visit.

Messrs. Ward, Lock, and Co., of Salisbury-square, London, E.C., are publishing a series of "Handbooks and Guides" to the cathedral cities of England and Wales, each number being complete in itself, and devoted to one of the great ecclesiastical buildings which are the just pride of the country, and the handiwork of the ancient Freemasons from which the present Craft is lineally descended. These choice and very handy books contain many capital coloured illustrations and ground plans; the descriptive parts being down to date of issue and written not only in a popular form, but also full of details scarcely to be looked for save in ponderous volumes. So far those for *Canterbury* (1887), *St. Paul's* (1888), *Chester* (1889), and *Salisbury* (1889) Cathedrals have been issued, together making the most attractive series relating to cathedrals yet published, and as brief sketches are also furnished of the cities and principal places of interest, as well as a mass of reliable information relating to the more noble piles of buildings, the wonder is how such reliable guides can be printed and sold for the nominal sum of 1s. Were these books properly introduced to the Fraternity, there is no doubt but that the brethren at home and abroad would clear out the editions in a few months.

It may be interesting to know that "Sweet Lavender," translated by Emil Pohl, has just seen light in Germany.

Bro. W. J. Spratling is about to relinquish the appointment of headmaster of Aske's (Haberdashers') Hatcham Schools.

Bro. Sir Francis and Lady Burlett and family have left Ancaster House, Richmond, for Ramsbury Manor, their seat in Wiltshire.

The Duchess of Albany called upon Lord Tennyson at Aldworth on Wednesday afternoon, and offered her congratulations on his 81st birthday.

The Duke of Clarence and Avondale, who is still staying at the Royal Hotel, Scarborough, has almost completely recovered from his recent indisposition.

At the annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, held on June the 11th, Bro. James T. Robinson, of Eugene City, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. S. F. Chadwick, of Salem, Grand Secretary.

Mr. Bernard Quaritch will publish in October "Smokiana," by Mr. R. T. Pritchett, consisting of 50 sketches, printed in colours, of the pipe and styles of smoking of all civilized and barbarous nations.

"When I look at my congregation," observed a rector, one fine Sunday morning in the height of the season, "I wonder where the poor are. When I come to count the collection I wonder what has become of the rich."

The Grand Treasurer, Bro. Augustus Harris, had a narrow escape at Dublin on Sunday last, the carriage in which he was driving coming into collision with another vehicle. Happily the Sheriff-Elect escaped without even a scratch.

The Prince and Princess of Wales concluded their visit to the Duke of Richmond and Gordon at Goodwood House on Saturday last, when they left for Portsmouth, and, having embarked on board the Royal yacht Osborne, crossed to Cowes.

The Bishop of London appeals on behalf of the Children's Country Holiday Fund, the object of which is to furnish an agency whereby as many children as possible can be entitled to have a short holiday in the summer season at a country residence.

According to the *Keystone* Bro. Dr. Jacob Roberts's death, on Sunday, the 20th ult., at his home in Philadelphia, removed from the Craft in that city a most estimable and valuable brother. Bro. Roberts was stricken with paralysis about two months ago, since which time he was not able to leave his house. He was in his 54th year, in the height of his usefulness, had a large practice as a physician, and a host of friends, both in and out of the Fraternity, who will deeply mourn his loss.

We desire to draw attention again to the trips into Shakespeare's country admirably organised by the London and North-Western Railway Company. There are few people in the world who have not a desire more or less strong to visit the poet's birthplace, and now without taking thought for themselves as to how it can be done, the Company steps in and arranges everything for you from the moment of starting to your return, and at such a moderate sum as to be within the reach of almost everybody.

To-morrow (Saturday) evening—not Monday, the 11th, as previously announced—is appointed for the appearance of Mr. Nat C. Goodwin at the Gaiety in Mr. J. W. Piggott's comedy, "The Bookmaker," which was originally *matinée* by Bro. Edward Terry at his own theatre. Mr. Goodwin has already appeared in the comedy in America with considerable success. In the cast will be found Messrs. William Farren, Charles Glenn, Reeves Smith, F. Wood, Eric Thorne, George Dalziel, and Misses Carlotta Leclercq, Christine Maine, Adelaide Gunn, and Jennie McNulty.

"Mallet," in the *Glasgow Evening News*, says, "The work of the Bazaar in the Glasgow lodges goes cheerily on, and I understand from official information that there is a bright prospect ahead. Money and work are being freely contributed, and already the results are beginning to show. The Secretary of St. Mary's, Partick, handed the Bazaar Secretaries the other day a bank receipt for £40 as the lodge's contribution to the Bazaar Fund; and other lodges have intimated their intention to contribute similar or larger sums in cash, besides individual member's contributions in goods. Negotiations are being carried on with Mr. Lee Bapty for a Masonic night in the International Exhibition at Edinburgh. A large conversazione will probably be the form of attraction, and the proceeds, of course, go to the Annuity Fund."

The German Imperial yacht Hohenzollern entered Ostend Harbour *en route* for England on the afternoon of Saturday last. King Leopold, accompanied by the Count of Flanders, immediately boarded the yacht to greet the Emperor and his brother, Prince Henry of Prussia. The Imperial Royal party afterwards landed, and when the Emperor had inspected the guard of honour and received the civil and military authorities, the King, accompanied by his guests, drove to the Summer Palace. In the evening there was a grand banquet in the Town Hall, and afterwards a grand military torchlight procession. On Sunday afternoon the Hohenzollern, with the Emperor and his suite, left for England and anchored for the night off Dover, where the German fleet had already arrived. On Monday morning the Emperor's yacht was sighted approaching closely for Cowes, and the Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Duke of Connaught, put off to meet him. Not long afterwards the Imperial party landed, and having driven to Osborne, were heartily welcomed by her Majesty. On Thursday the Emperor and his brother took leave of the Queen and returned to Germany, it being his Majesty's intention to visit Heligoland, now a part of his empire, on the voyage home.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Weak Stomach.—The wisest cannot enumerate one quarter of the distressing symptoms arising from imperfect or disordered digestion, all of which can be relieved by these admirable Pills. They remove cankerous taste from the mouth, flatulency, and constipation. Holloway's Pills rouse the stomach, liver, and every other organ, thereby bringing digestion to that healthy tone which fully enables it to convert all we eat and drink to the nourishment of our bodies. Hence these Pills are the surest strengtheners and the safest restoratives in nervousness, wasting, and chronic debility. Holloway's Pills are infallible remedies for impaired appetite, eructations, and a multitude of other disagreeable symptoms which render the lives of thousands miserable indeed. These Pills are approved by all classes.

Lady typewriters are being employed in some of the Government departments. It is stated that the Local Government Board is about to adopt this arrangement.

The Vatican Library contains 50,000 printed books and 25,000 manuscripts, the latter being principally Greek, Latin, and Oriental. The collection of manuscripts is one of the most valuable in the world.

Some of our readers may be interested to know that the new volume of the literary history of France, "Histoire Littéraire de la France," will contain some extremely interesting matter on the French rabbis of the fourteenth century.

Bro. General John P. S. Gobin, of Lebanon, Pa., M.E. Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States, has his portrait given in the *American Tyler*, of Detroit, Michigan, for July 10th, with an excellent sketch of his life.

The Earl of Morley, as Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, entertained at dinner on Monday several peers and officers of the House, among whom were the Prime Minister and Bros. Earl Granville and Lord Herschell.

A marriage has been arranged between Colonel Graves-Sawle, Coldstream Guards, eldest son of Bro. Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, of Penrice, St. Austell, Cornwall, and Miss Wentworth, eldest daughter of Mr. Vernon Wentworth, of Wentworth Castle, Barnsley.

The United States Minister and Mrs. Lincoln and the Misses Lincoln left London on Wednesday for Liverpool, whence the ladies proceeded in the Inman steamer City of New York for the United States, where they will remain for several months. They will be joined later in the year by Mr. Lincoln, who will then visit America on leave of absence.

Bro. the Earl of Jersey at the meeting of the Oxfordshire County Council, on Wednesday, referred to his approaching retirement, in consequence of her Majesty having appointed him to the Governorship of New South Wales. On the motion of Bro. Lord Valentia, seconded by Mr. A. W. Hall, M.P., the congratulations of the Council were tendered to his lordship on his appointment.

Lodge Dramatic and Arts, 757, Edinburgh, has undertaken the production of a book of sketches, artistic and literary, as a souvenir of the bazaar, the proceeds to be devoted to the bazaar fund. Some of the most prominent artists and authors have been approached for conditions, and it is expected the production will be one of the most artistic and best of its kind ever published. This, then, is the explanation of the reported "New Amphion" mentioned in Mems. of June 17th.

When "The Cabinet Minister" is reproduced by-and-by at the Court, Mr. Herbert Waring will not rejoin the cast. He has just declined a tempting offer from America.—Mr. C. Denton has acquired the rights of a new farcical comedy, called "A Young Pretender," which he proposes to introduce shortly to a London audience.—Mr. W. J. Lawrence contributes to the current number of the *Gentleman's Magazine* a very readable paper on Irish character in English dramatic literature. Mr. W. Poel writes in the *National Review* on the stage in Elizabeth's time.

Messrs. Cassell and Co. have begun to issue a cheap reprint, in uniform printing and binding, of favourite English novels, including American novels. The paper is of a fine, silky, and very thin description, but that does not mar the clearness and the boldness of the type. The volumes are wonderfully cheap, and in their limp, white covers can be easily carried in one's pocket. They are admirably adapted for holiday reading. The four volumes already published are Fenimore Cooper's "Last of the Mohicans," Thackeray's "Yellowplush," Bulwer Lytton's "Last Days of Pompeii," and Ware's "Last Days of Palmyra."

Some slight but effective alterations have been made in the last act of "The Judge," which is drawing large and appreciative audiences to Terry's Theatre. For one thing, the "baby" has been wholly eliminated from the act, in deference, we suppose, to those austere persons who thought that there was "too much" of the engaging infant. In addition, the scene in which the judge and his old sweetheart are handcuffed by the silly policeman has been elaborated, and with very good results, "We are very much attached to each other," says the judge of himself and the lady, and much laughter is excited by the quip. Bro. Penley has settled down into his part, and is very droll throughout. Everything goes very smoothly, and the piece, which overflows with fun, may now be seen at its best.

Speech Day at Christ's Hospital this year was an event of special interest in view of the changes about to be made. A scheme for the reconstruction of this ancient foundation being now finally approved by the Government authorities. Wednesday, the 30th ult., was, therefore, the last Speech Day under the existing order of things. The English oration delivered by the Captain contained the following reference to the late Bro. Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette: "There cannot have been a Blue, past or present, amongst all who have ever had dealings with him who did not feel a pang of sorrow on hearing the unexpected news of the almost sudden death of the late head French Master, Bro. the Rev. Dr. Brette. Of his great powers and scholarship, the many honours he gained, and the high distinction he constantly received are more than sufficient proof, but great as these were it is for his work and influence amongst us here that Dr. Brette's memory will be cherished. Of his kindness and generosity, his patience and consideration, all who knew him can conscientiously testify. He identified himself with Christ's Hospital, and remained with his heart in his work even up to the last. A worthy successor has been found in the person of Mons. Bué, whom we heartily welcome amongst us to-day."

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.