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THE GRAND FESTIVAL.

The Grand Festival of the year was looked forward to with rather more than the usual degree of interest, and has undoubtedly passed off with more than the usual splendour. It was very generally anticipated in the first place that his Royal Highness the M.W. GRAND MASTER would take this opportunity of appointing a brother to the office of PRO GRAND MASTER rendered vacant by the death of the lamented Bro. the Earl of CARNARVON, and in the next that Bro. the Earl of LATHOM would be appointed to the vacancy. Both these anticipations have been realised, and the Earl of LATHOM, after serving as Deputy Grand Master for 16 years, is now the *alter ego* in Masonry of the Prince of WALES. This appointment, which has been received with unbounded satisfaction throughout the English Craft, of necessity rendered vacant the office of Deputy Grand Master, and to that vacancy his Royal Highness has been pleased to appoint the Right Hon. the Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE, who has been Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall since 1873. This appointment, though less generally anticipated than the Earl of LATHOM'S as Pro Grand Master, has also been very favourably received. As regards the new Grand Officers, we give, as usual, a full record of their Masonic achievements, so far as we have been able to obtain particulars, in another part of our columns, and we shall content ourselves with offering them on our own behalf and that of our readers our very sincere congratulations on the crowning honours they have had conferred upon them by his Royal Highness, the M.W. GRAND MASTER.

APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

We are at length within easy distance of the day appointed for the 103rd Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on the 12th instant, under the presidency of Bro. Lord CARRINGTON, Past Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and Provincial Grand Master nominate of Buckinghamshire. That his lordship will exert all his powers of eloquence and the Stewards support him with all their energy in order to ensure the success of the celebration is a foregone conclusion. It is not the habit of English Masons to undertake an important duty and then fulfil it in a careless and perfunctory manner. But after all it rests principally with the general body of the Craft to determine the answer that shall be forthcoming to the question which has been exercising the minds of all brethren interested in our senior Charity for several weeks past—Will this 103rd Festival prove successful, and if so, to what extent? From what we said last week it will be clear that we ourselves are not over-sanguine as to the result. The Board of Stewards will probably be of about the same strength as that of last year, but there is unfortunately a larger proportion of Unattached to Representative Stewards than in 1890, while it would be unjust to expect that a small Province like Buckinghamshire should be able to raise, under the most favourable conditions, anything like the sum which the Chairman's Province of 1890 was in a position to contribute. In the first place, it musters only a dozen lodges, while the county is chiefly agricultural, and in the next it was but the other day that Lord CARRINGTON undertook to preside as Chairman; and, therefore, though we doubt not that our Bucks brethren will do what lies in their power to support their chief, we must not be surprised if their assistance is on a modest scale. Even a larger and wealthier Province might be excused from making a proportionate return on so short a notice. Fortunately, however, the bulk of the Stewards hail from London and the other Provinces, and we must hope that those amongst them who have undertaken to represent lodges and chapters will be able to return some good lists, so that by means of a somewhat

higher average than usual, there may be some compensation for the shortcomings we have noticed from time to time, and which are manifestly unavoidable. What is needed is such an amount as will enable the Executive of the Institution to meet the year's expenses, and the Stewards will be able to ensure this very desirable consummation, provided the amount of the subscriptions and donations does not fall very short of the total that was raised last year. In the meantime, we trust that some more brethren may be able to give their services as Stewards; their assistance will be heartily welcomed, though the time left for canvassing is short and they may be able to do little else than contribute personally.

GRAND LODGE AND GRAND FESTIVAL.

The annual meeting of Grand Lodge for the installation of Most Worshipful Grand Master and the appointment and investiture of Grand Officers was held on Wednesday last in the Temple, Freemasons' Hall. There has seldom been so full an attendance at any meeting of Grand Lodge, and many brethren were compelled to stand the whole time. Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, D.L., P.G.W., Prov. Grand Master of Durham, presided; Bro. Dr. Egan, District G.M. South Africa (E.D.), acted as Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Lord Alcester was in the S.W.'s chair, and Bro. Victor A. Williamson, P.G.W., in the J.W.'s chair.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, GRAND SECRETARY read the minutes of the March Quarterly Communication so far as they related to the election of the Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Sir ALBERT W. WOODS (*Garter*), G.D.C., P.G.W., then proclaimed his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales duly installed Most Worshipful Grand Master for the year ensuing, which was received with applause.

Bro. Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON afterwards rose and said that since the last Grand Lodge his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., had thought fit to appoint Bro. the Earl of Lathom M.W. Pro Grand Master, in place of their late lamented Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon. The noble brother was waiting outside the Grand Lodge to take his obligation as Pro Grand Master. The brethren would be all glad to hear that this high rank had been conferred on so excellent a Mason as the Earl of Lathom, and they would agree with him that the Prince of Wales could not have made a better appointment. He would now order *Garter* to escort their noble brother the Earl of Lathom into Grand Lodge.

A deputation was then formed, consisting of Col. Elliott, C.B., Lord Carrington, Sir J. B. Monckton, Sir Henry Isaacs, Sir Somers Vine, the Grand Stewards, and others, and, accompanied by Sir Albert Woods, it left the hall, and shortly afterwards returned, escorting the Earl of Lathom. His lordship on entering was received with loud and general applause. Standing in front of the pedestal, supported by the deputation, his lordship was addressed by

Bro. Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, who said he had just informed the brethren that his lordship was waiting to take the obligation of Pro Grand Master, having been appointed by the Grand Master to that distinguished rank. He had also told the brethren, and they were unanimous in agreeing with him in what he had said, that his Royal Highness could not have made a better appointment. His lordship's Masonic good work was well known to all the brethren present as well as to the brethren in his lordship's northern province, and he need not further recite it; but he wished him health and prosperity, long to enjoy his distinction, and assured him that in no part of the Masonic kingdom was his promotion more satisfactorily received than it was in the north country, which he knew so well. (Applause).

The Earl of Lathom then took the obligation and was invested. He was placed at the left of the throne, and proclaimed by Sir Albert Woods and saluted. Afterwards he was formally placed on the throne, and Sir Hedworth Williamson took the chair of Past Grand Master.

The Earl of LATHOM, Pro Grand Master, announced that the Grand Master had appointed the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe D.G.M. for the ensuing year, and he would ask the noble brother to advance to the pedestal and take the obligation.

This having been done, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe was invested, placed in the Deputy Grand Master's chair, proclaimed, and saluted.

We append a complete list of the Grand Officers for the year:—

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master.		
The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, M.W. Pro Grand Master.		
The Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, R.W. Dep. Grand Master.		
Bro. Lord Wantage, K.C.B., V.C. ...	...	S.G.W.
" Admiral Sir Edward Inglefield, K.C.B. ...	...	J.G.W.
" Rev. Oliver James Grace ...	...	} G. Chaplains.
" Rev. Henry Lansdell, D.D. ...	...
" George Everett (elected) ...	...	G. Treasurer.
" Frederick Adolphus Philbrick, Q.C. ...	...	G. Registrar.
" Col. Shadwell H. Clerke ...	...	G. Secretary.
" Dr. Ernest Emil Wendt ...	...	G. Sec. Ger. Cor.
" Walter Hume Long, M.P. ...	...	} S.G. Deacons.
" John Aird, M.P. ...	...
" Hamon Le Strange ...	...	} J.G. Deacons.
" Edmund Kelly Bayley ...	...
" Charles Barry ...	...	G. Supt. of Wks.
" Sir Albert W. Woods, K.C.M.G., C.B. (<i>Garter</i>) ...	...	G.D. of C.
" Sir George Goldie, K.C.M.G. ...	...	Dep. G.D.C.
" Arthur J. R. Trendell, C.M.G. ...	...	Asst. G.D.C.
" Thomas Hastings Miller ...	...	G.S.B.

Bro. Richard C. Clowes ...	...	...	...	G. Std. Brs.
" George J. McKay ...	...	...	...	G. Organist.
" Edward Cutler, Q.C. ...	...	...	...	Asst. G. Sec.
" Alfred A. Pendlebury ...	...	...	...	G. Purst.
" Samuel Vallentine ...	...	...	...	Asst. G. Purst.
" Samuel Victor Abraham ...	...	...	...	G. Tyler.
" Henry Sadler ...	...	...	...

The Earl of LATHOM informed the brethren that the Prince of Wales had conferred the rank of Past Grand Superintendent of Works on Bro. Henry Arthur Hunt for services in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Bro. Hunt was then invested, and was loudly applauded.

GRAND SECRETARY read the following list of brethren, proposed by their respective lodges, as Grand Stewards for the year: Bros. Robert Willoughby, 23; Walter Ernest Sampson, 14; William Carter, jun., 58; Thomas Poultney Griffin, 1; John Jue, 2; William Stevenson Hoyte, 4; Hugh Wyatt, 5; Bonamy Dobree, jun., 6; Arthur Pullman, 8; Right Hon. Joseph Savory, Lord Mayor, 21; William Barrett M. Bird, 26; Philip Hickson Waterlow, 29; George Wood, 46; William Henry Kempster, M.D., 60; John Thomas Bolding, 91; William Oldham Rew, 99; Arthur Mainley Cope, 197; and Clement Godson, M.D., 259.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where, under the presidency of the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, they partook of a choice banquet liberally provided by the Grand Stewards. The toasts followed.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGUMBE, in proposing the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," said as that was the first time he had presided at one of the brethren's Grand Festivals, and almost the first time he had been at one, he hardly knew what was expected of a Chairman in the way of speeches in proposing the toasts, but he thought he should be right in saying that they would desire to have them short after the long ceremony they had already had, and in view of the musical entertainment yet to come. He also knew this, that they must not omit to express their devotion to the gracious lady whom they hoped to welcome back with renewed health to her dominions to-morrow. (Cheers.) The unflinching loyalty of the Fraternity was shown in words which would strike home to the hearts of all its members in the time-honoured toast which coupled inseparably the name of the Sovereign with the familiar title of the Society with which they associated themselves—the Queen and the Craft.

The toast was duly honoured.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGUMBE said, although their organisation precluded the Queen from taking any active part in the Craft, they must all recognise with gratitude that she had given them her sons and her grandsons, he might say on the both sides of the North Sea, and foremost among them in English Masonry stood his Royal Highness, their Grand Master, whose genial presence they all knew so well, but whom, from unavoidable circumstances, they missed that night, and whose influence during the 16 years he had held the high office of Grand Master, had done so much to bring Freemasonry to the high and powerful position which it held in this country at the present moment, and who was so well qualified to represent worthily British Masonry among their brethren in foreign lands, and to welcome Masons here as he did in the Jubilee year when the King of Sweden was on our shores. If any doubt had even come into their minds as to the wisdom of that law of Masonry which was as inexorable as the laws of the Medes and Persians, not permitting them to admit to their ranks any of the gentler sex, it was when they thought, with some measure of regret, that when the Prince of Wales was obliged to come to their meetings they had not the opportunity as Masons of rendering their homage to the Princess of Wales, whose personality he knew was always in their minds when they drank the health of their Grand Master. Before giving them the toast he might perhaps be just allowed to say that he could not drink it himself without the recollection coming into his mind of many acts of personal kindness received by him from his Royal Highness, not the least of them being that which had placed him in the chair that evening. He gave them the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales."

Bro. Dr. EGAN, Dist. G.M. of the Eastern Division of South Africa, proposed "The R.W. Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers."

The Earl of MOUNT EDGUMBE, in reply, thanked the brethren very much for their kind reception of him, and he hoped they would give him their support and assistance in case he should have to perform any duty in the absence of his superiors in Grand Lodge. He was glad to respond to that toast, because his reply really struck out one of the toasts on the list—the toast of "The Chairman."

Bro. Admiral INGLEFIELD, S.G.W., also said a few words in reply.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, P.G.C., Deputy Prov. G.M. Suffolk, proposed "The Masonic Charities," stating that in Masonry it was one of the most important toasts, and the grandest toast ever proposed in that room. He need not here dilate upon its excellence, for they were well known to the brethren, but he asked them to think what grand and magnificent Institutions they were. Only a little while ago the Benevolent Institution had its Festival, which resulted in a subscription of more than £13,000. Very shortly under Lord Carrington the Girls' School would have a Festival, and in June the Boys' School would have one, which would be presided over by the most deservedly appointed Pro Grand Master. He hoped all the brethren would rally round those noble brethren and the Institutions whose Festivals were yet to come, and that they would try to do their best to help the cause they advocated. One thing he wished to say to the brethren when talking of the Masonic Charities—do not let the brethren be content with saying what magnificent Charities the Masonic Institutions were, but let them each say he would do what he could and endeavour to make them successful.

Bro. J. MORRISON McLEOD, Secretary of the Boys' School, in reply, said very few words were needed from him in replying after the advocacy of the Masonic Charities by so liberal an exponent of Charity as Bro. Martyn. The brethren knew what the Institutions had done in the past, and he trusted that they would continue in the good path they had followed. The Institutions were always with the brethren. They endeavoured to show a good work, and whether they failed or whether they succeeded they would endeavour to do their best. Bro. Lord Carrington, Prov. G.M. for Buckinghamshire, would take the chair for the Girls' School on the 12th May, and he hoped the Festival would be successful. But one word for the unfortunate Boys' School, which was always pleading to the brethren's generosity for further support. It needed help very badly, but he hoped the Festival would be a great success, and he thought it would be. At least let all the brethren do as they had done in the past, and it would always deserve that help which had been so freely accorded to it.

Bro. the Earl of MOUNT EDGUMBE proposed "The Grand Stewards," and said if the brethren would look around they would see how well those brethren had performed their functions. *Circumspice*; look round and see the magnificent gathering which, as far as he could see, was only limited by the capacity of the hall. He thought all the brethren were satisfied with the efforts of the Grand Stewards.

Bro. E. M. MONEY, President of the Grand Stewards, replied. He said the Grand Stewards for 130 years more or less had had the honour and pleasure of providing this annual festival for Grand Lodge, and the Grand Stewards and the lodges which had the privilege of having Grand Stewards hoped and trusted this was a custom which would never die out. All were proud of holding the office of Grand Steward. That night they considered it a great honour to have been presided over by Lord Mount Edgumbe, whom they were delighted to see elevated to the very high position of Deputy Grand Master. They had had a great and goodly gathering of brethren. The Grand Lodge of England was increasing and

multiplying so much that he feared the dais would not hold them soon; they were overflowing into the body of the hall. He only hoped that all the brethren who had been present that evening had met with every comfort which was within the power of the Grand Stewards to provide, and he was quite sure that the ladies upstairs had been very effectually and satisfactorily entertained.

Bro. PHILBRICK, Q.C., Grand Registrar, proposed "The Ladies."

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, P.G.D., responded.

The brethren then adjourned to the Temple, where a grand concert was given under the direction of Bro. W. Meyer Lutz, Past Grand Organist.

During the banquet a selection of music was performed by Bro. Lutz's Bijou Concert Band, selected from the Gaiety orchestra; leader, Mr. Knott. In the Temple, where the Earl of Mount Edgumbe also presided, the Meister Glee Singers, Miss Alice Hill, Miss Hettie Carpenter (violin solo), Mr. Maybrick, Mdle. Antoinette Trebelli, Herr Leo Stern (violin), Miss Alice Aynsley Cook, and Bro. W. Meyer Lutz were the performers.

THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

PRO GRAND MASTER.

The Right Hon. the Earl of LATHOM, whose Masonic career has been more than once described in these columns, is so generally known and admired that we feel it need not be repeated.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

The Right Hon. the Earl of MOUNT EDGUMBE was initiated into Freemasonry as Viscount Valletort in the lifetime of his father, and is a P.M. of the Meridian Lodge, No. 893, Millbrook, and was exalted in the Royal Cornubian Chapter, No. 331, Truro. He is also one of the founders of the Cornish Lodge, No. 2369, and at the time of its consecration he accepted the post of acting Past Master. He is a Life Governor of our two Masonic Schools and a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and has served as Steward once for the Girls' School and twice for the Benevolent Institution. He has been Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall since 1872, and its G. Superintendent since 1877, and on the occasion of the Prince of Wales, as M.W. Grand Master, laying the foundation-stones of Truro Cathedral, his lordship was present in his two-fold capacity of Lord Lieutenant of the county and Prov. Grand Master. His popularity and the respect in which he is held in Cornwall is very great, and we are certain his lordship will prove a *grata persona* throughout the Craft generally.

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Bro. Lord WANTAGE, V.C., K.C.B., on whom, for his services at the battle of the Alma, the Queen was pleased to confer the distinction of the Victoria Cross, joined the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, Windsor, on the 11th July, 1860, and was exalted in the Windsor Castle Chapter, No. 771, on the 3rd May, 1865. He is a Life-Subscriber of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Bro. Admiral Sir E. A. INGLEFIELD, K.C.B., the distinguished Arctic explorer, upon whom the Grand Master has been pleased to confer the office of Junior Grand Warden, was initiated under the Scottish Constitution. In 1885 he became a founder of the Drury Lane Lodge, and after successively occupying the Junior and Senior Wardens' chairs, was in February, 1889, installed as Worshipful Master in succession to Bro. Sir John E. Gorst, Q.C., M.P.

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Bro. the Rev. OLIVER J. GRACE, M.A., was initiated in the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, Cambridge, then No. 105, on the 12th February, 1855. A few months later he joined the Buckingham Lodge, No. 591, and has thrice occupied its chair of Worshipful Master, namely, in 1850, 1867, and 1876. He has also served as Provincial Grand Chaplain of the late Province of Berks and Bucks, and in the year of the Queen's Jubilee as Provincial Senior Grand Warden. He was exalted in the Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 259, and has been installed as First Principal Z. in the Buckingham Chapter, No. 591, firstly in 1871, and a second time in 1879. In the late Provincial Grand Chapter he had held the appointment of Provincial Grand Treasurer. He has served Stewardships at different times in behalf of the several Masonic Institutions.

Bro. the Rev. HENRY LANSDALE, D.D., a most adventurous traveller, is a member of the Royal Asiatic Society, a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and author of "Through Siberia," "Russian Central Asia," and "Through Central Asia." He was initiated in the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, on the 27th January, 1873, and having served as Junior Warden in the years 1880 and 1881, was installed Master the year following, and concurrently represented his lodge on the Board of Grand Stewards. He joined the Royal Lodge of Industry, No. 431, South Molton, in 1870, and was appointed Provincial Grand Chaplain of Devonshire in 1876. During the period from 1880 to 1882 he acted as Steward for, and constituted himself a Life Governor of, both our Schools and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

GRAND TREASURER.

Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, who was elected Grand Treasurer at the March Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge, was initiated in the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, on the 19th August, 1858. The following year he joined the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, and after passing through the various offices, was ultimately elected and installed in the chair of Master. In 1879 the brethren elected him to the post of Treasurer, a post which he has since held uninterruptedly—except by the slight formality of annual re-election—to the very great advantage of the lodge and to his own credit. In 1883 the members presented him with a silver tea and coffee service, and Mrs. Everett with a brooch and earrings, as a mark of their respect and esteem for him, and in token of the many valuable services he had rendered. He is also a founder, P.M., and present Treasurer of the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381, established in 1872; a founder, P.M., and for the first seven years of its existence Treasurer of the Kilburn Lodge, No. 1608; a founder and first W.M. of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, and founder and acting I.P.M. of the Duke of Fife Lodge, No. 2345. In Royal Arch Masonry he is a P.Z. of the Domatic Chapter, No. 177, and of the Rose of Denmark Chapter, No. 975, and a founder, first M.E.Z., and present Treasurer of the Kennington Chapter, No. 1381. He is also a member of the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, and served as a Special Steward at the installation in the Royal Albert Hall in April, 1875, of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master. But his work has by no means been confined to his lodge and chapter duties. He has been a generous supporter of our three Masonic Institutions and it was at his instance that the Domatic and Kilburn Lodges determined on appropriating 25 guineas annually to the funds of one or other of them, each in turn receiving its full measure of support. He has constituted himself a Vice-President of the three and has served in their behalf many Stewardships, the lists he has taken up having been more

frequently than not on a considerable scale. Outside Freemasonry also Bro. Everett has made his mark. He is one of the directors and principal shareholders of Kempton Park, and for many years has been a member of the Committee of the Surrey County Cricket Club, nor, as a member of the late Provisional Management Committee of the Boys' School, did he miss the opportunity of exercising his influence to promote a love of all kinds of manly games among the boys. It is but the other day that he was elected a member of the new Board of Management of the same Institution, and he is also—as he has been before—the Treasurer of the Boys' School Sports' Committee. In short, Bro. Everett's career has been a useful as well as a busy one, and he well deserves the honour which the members of Grand Lodge have done him by electing him as Grand Treasurer for the current year, as well as the personal compliment which is yet in store for him, and to which we alluded last week, namely, the presentation to him by the members of the lodges and chapters to which he belongs of a complete set of clothing as Grand Treasurer.

SENIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. WALTER HUME LONG, M.P., was initiated during his career at Oxford in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, on the 18th of March, 1874, and joined the Lodge of Concord, No. 632, Trowbridge, in December, 1876. In 1878 he was elected and installed W.M., and was subsequently appointed to the chair of Provincial Junior Grand Warden of Wiltshire. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Wiltshire Chapter, No. 355, Swindon, on the 17th December, 1878, joined the Chapter of Harmony, No. 663, Devizes—but at the time attached to the Lodge of Concord, No. 632, Trowbridge—in March, 1881. He is a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He was M.P. for North Wiltshire from 1880 to 1885, and since November in the latter year has represented the Devizes or Eastern Division of the county. He is Parliamentary Secretary to the Local Government Board under the present administration.

Bro. JOHN AIRD, M.P. for one of the divisions of Paddington, was initiated in the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, on the 24th November, 1868. In 1877 he helped to found the Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, was its first Senior Warden, and in 1879 was installed in the chair of Worshipful Master. He was installed Deputy Master of No. 259 in 1890, and is at the present time a member of the Board of General Purposes, having been appointed on the 4th June of last year. He is also, we believe, a Royal Arch Mason, is a Vice-President of our three Institutions, and has served as Steward for both Schools, and on two occasions for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

JUNIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. HAMON LE STRANGE was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, while an undergraduate of Christ Church in 1861, and the year following joined the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10. In 1875 he was installed W.M. of the latter, and since then has for many years held the important office of Director of Ceremonies. He was M.E.Z. of the Westminster and Keystone Chapter in 1878, and is also a Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden and Provincial Grand Treasurer and Past Prov. Grand H. of Norfolk. He is a Past M.W.S. of the Albert Edward Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 87, King's Lynn, and Sov. G. Inspector-General of the Supreme Council 33°, A. and A. Rite, for the Eastern District. He has served once as Steward for the Girls' and Boys' Schools, and is a Life Governor of both those Institutions.

Bro. E. KELLY BAYLEY was initiated in Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, on the 19th March, 1866, and, having held various offices, was elected and installed W.M. in 1870. He was President of the Board of Grand Stewards in 1869-70. He is also a member of the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, Cambridge, and of the Roscommon Lodge, No. 248, Ireland, and in 1884 was installed W.M. of the latter. He was exalted in the Britannic Chapter, No. 33, in 1868, was a founder of Grand Master's Chapter, No. 1, and its M.E.Z. in 1890. He is also a Mark Master Mason, and has served once as Steward for each of the three Institutions, and qualified as Life Governor of each.

DEPUTY GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. Sir GEORGE GOLDIE, K.C.M.G., was initiated in the Old Union Lodge, No. 46, in January, 1881, and having represented it on the Board of Grand Stewards in 1887, was elected and installed its W.M. in 1888. The same year he joined the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in 1882 in the Old Union Chapter, No. 46. He is a Life Governor of all three Institutions, and served as Steward for the Benevolent Institution in February last, and has entered his name to act in a similar capacity at the approaching Festivals of our Schools.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. A. J. R. TRENDELL, C.M.G., who has been for many years one of the principal officials of the Science and Art Department, South Kensington, was initiated in the Abbey Lodge, No. 945, Abingdon, on the 15th December, 1865. In January, 1873, he joined the St. Alban's Lodge, No. 29, and was installed its W.M. in 1877. The same year he served on the Board of Grand Stewards, and became a member of the Grand Stewards' Lodge. In 1885 he joined the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, was W.M. in 1889, and is still one of its subscribing members. He was exalted to the R.A. Degree in 1874, and has successively occupied the Principals' chairs of the Westminster and Keystone Chapter, No. 10, having been installed in that of M.E.Z. in 1881. He was advanced to the Mark in 1873; has been perfected a Rose Croix Mason, being a Past M.W.S. of the Palestine Chapter and 30°, and likewise a Past E.P. in the Order of the Temple, and a Knight of St. John; while, as regards our Institutions, he is a Life Governor of all three, and has served two Stewardships for the Girls' School and R.M.B.I. and one Stewardship for the Boys' School. He is a barrister-at-law of the Inner Temple, and for his public services has been made a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and George, and a knight of several foreign orders of distinction. In addition, he is author of "The Colonial Year Book," into which he has introduced such particulars respecting the Empire Lodge—in the success of which he has manifested a deep interest—as have been found of very material benefit in drawing still more closely together the Masons under the various Colonial Grand Lodges and those in the Old Country.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. THOMAS HASTINGS MILLER was initiated in the Royal Albert Lodge, No. 907, on the 15th February, 1869, and rising through the minor offices, was elected and installed W.M. in 1873. In 1874 he joined, and is a P.M. of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489; in 1882 he was a founder and first S.W. of the Clerkenwell Lodge, No. 1964, and its W.M. in 1883; and in 1887 a founder and first J.W. of the Highbury Lodge, No. 2192, and W.M. in 1889. He was also for a time member of the Era Lodge, No. 1423, Twickenham, and is a Past Prov. G. Organist of Middlesex. He was exalted in the Royal Albert Chapter, No. 907, on 25th October, 1871, and is a founder and P.Z. of the Ezra Chapter, No. 1489, and a P.Z. of the Clapton Chapter, No. 1365. He is also a Mark Master Mason and a member of the Palestine Rose Croix Chapter, No. 29, but outside the limits of Constitutional Masonry his chief work has been connected

with our Masonic Institutions. He is a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and has served seven Stewardships on its behalf; a Vice-Patron of the Girls' School, for which he has also served seven Stewardships; and a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, having acted as Steward at eight of its Festivals, and having likewise served as a member of its House Committee. Lastly, he has been a member of the Board of General Purposes for six years, and at the same time is its Vice-President.

GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.

Bro. RICHARD CLOWES, of Clayton Wickham, Sussex, was initiated into Masonry in the year 1878 in the Star-in-the-East Lodge, No. 650, Harwich, of which lodge he became W.M. in the year 1881, and was for some time subsequently Secretary. In the year 1879 he joined the Arnold Lodge, No. 1799, Walton-on-the-Naze. In the following year he joined the United Lodge, No. 697, Colchester, of which he was for some years Treasurer. During the same year he joined the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, London. In the year 1881 Bro. Clowes joined the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706, London, of which he has been Treasurer for some years. In the year 1882 he joined the Lodge of Hope, No. 433, Brightlingsea, and the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester. He was one of the founders of the Blackwater Lodge, No. 1977, Maldon, in the year 1883. In the year 1885 he joined the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, No. 60, in which he at present holds office. Having removed from the County of Essex to the County of Sussex, Bro. Clowes, in the year 1887, became one of the founders of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, No. 2201, and served the office of W.M. in 1889. During the year 1887 he became a joining member of the St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 1636, Brighton, and the Southdown Lodge, No. 1797, Hurstpierpoint. In the same year he was a founder and first Treasurer of the Sterndale Bennett Lodge, London, No. 2182. In the year 1890 Bro. Clowes joined the Hova Ecclesia Lodge, No. 1466, Brighton, and the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, London. Bro. Clowes is an honorary member of the following lodges: the Tilbury Lodge, No. 2006; the Lennox Browne Lodge, No. 2318; the Brooke Lodge, No. 2005; the Easterford Lodge, No. 2342; the Mistle Lodge, No. 2339; and the William Shurmur Lodge, No. 2374. In consideration of the eminent services rendered by Bro. Clowes in the Province of Essex, the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Brooke, appointed him in the year 1882 to the office of Senior Provincial Grand Warden, and in the year 1890 H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, appointed him to Senior Provincial Grand Warden of the Province of Sussex. Bro. Clowes was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in 1881 in the Patriotic Chapter, No. 51, Colchester, of which he became M.E.Z. in the year 1887. He joined the Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 19, London, in the year 1882. He was founder and first H. of the Brooke Chapter, No. 2005, in the year 1887, and became M.E.Z. of that chapter in the year 1890. In the year 1889 he was a founder and first Treasurer of the Sterndale Bennett Chapter, No. 2182, London. He joined the Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 732, Brighton, in the year 1891. In the Provincial Grand Chapter of Essex Bro. Clowes has filled the office of Grand Registrar, and is at present Grand H. Bro. Clowes has been a generous supporter of the Masonic Charities, having served no less than 16 Stewardships, and is Vice-President of the three Institutions. Last year Bro. Clowes was elected a member of the Provisional Committee of the Boys' School, and now represents the Province of Sussex on the Board of Management of that Institution. In the Mark Degree Bro. Clowes is a member of five lodges. He is a P.M. of the Constantine Lodge, No. 145, Colchester, in which lodge he was advanced, and at the present time is W.M. of the St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 413, Harwich, and the Royal Connaught Lodge, No. 409, Brighton, both of which lodges he was a founder and first W.M. He is a P.P.G.I.G. and P.P.G.M.O. of East Anglia, and is now Provincial Grand Treasurer of Sussex. In the Ancient and Accepted Rite Bro. Clowes is a member of the Eureka Rose Croix Chapter, Brighton. He is a Knight Templar, a Knight of Malta, and a member of the Royal and Select Masters.

Bro. GEORGE J. MCKAY, who has been a member of the Kendal Town Council for about 12 years, and is the present Mayor of the Borough, was initiated in the Union Lodge, No. 129, which meets in that town, in the year 1872, and rose through the various offices to that of W. Master in 1878. He is also a joining member of the Underley Lodge, No. 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale, and was a founder and first W.M. of the Windermere Lodge, No. 2217. In 1877 he received his first appointment as a Provincial officer, that of P.A.G.D. of C. of Cumberland and Westmorland, and was promoted to Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies the year following, to that of Provincial Junior Grand Warden in 1879, and to the chair of Prov. S.G. Warden in 1880. On vacating the last office in 1881 he was appointed to the important post of Prov. G. Secretary, and in that capacity has rendered most important services during the years which have since elapsed. He was exalted in the Kendal Castle Chapter, No. 129, and has twice presided over it as M.E.Z., namely in 1880 and 1883. In 1877 he was very largely instrumental in bringing about the establishment of the Prov. G. Chapter of Cumberland and Westmorland, and on its formation had the honour of being appointed Prov. Grand Scribe E., in which capacity, with the exception of the year 1881, when he was installed Provincial Grand Third Principal J., he has continued ever since to render most important services to the Province. He was advanced in the Cumberland Mark Lodge, No. 60, Carlisle, and was a founder and installed first W.M. of the Kent Dale Mark Lodge, No. 195, Kendal, in 1876. He has been successively Prov. G.M.O., Prov. J.G.W., and Prov. S.G.W. in the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland, and a Grand Steward in 1877 and G.S. Deacon in 1880 of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c. He was perfected in 1877 and installed M.W.S. in 1882 in the Philips Rose Croix Chapter, No. 52, Lancaster, and was a founder and first M.W.S. of the Border Rose Croix Chapter, No. 102, Keswick, in 1886, while in 1887 he had conferred upon him the 32° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. He was Deputy Prov. G.M. of Lancashire and Cheshire in the Royal Order of Scotland in 1885, and in the Order of the Temple was installed K.T. in the Prince of Peace Preceptory, Preston, in 1880, and as its E.P. in 1886. He was successively Prov. Grand 1st Purs., Prov. Grand 1st Aide-de-Camp, and Prov. Grand Almoner, Lancashire, and is a Knight of Malta. Lastly in 1883 he became a member of the Mount Grace Sanctuary, K.H.S., and Commandery of St. John the Evangelist, No. 50, Manchester. As regards our Institutions, he is a Vice-Patron of and has served seven Stewardships for the Boys' School, is a Vice-President and thrice Steward for the Girls' School, and a Vice-President and four times Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the lists he has at different times taken up having contained some thousands of pounds in the shape of subscriptions from himself and the lodges and brethren of Cumberland and Westmorland. Nor is it among the least of the many services he has rendered to his Province that for the last 16 or 17 years he has acted as its sole Charity representative, and has been invariably successful in securing the election of its various candidates.

GRAND ORGANIST.

Bro. EDWARD CUTLER, Q.C., was initiated in the Jerusalem Lodge, No. 197, in 1871, and having passed through the various offices, had the satisfaction of being installed as W.M., representing the lodge on the Board of Grand Stewards the same year. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, and was perfected Rose Croix, 18°, in the Orpheus Chapter of that Degree, under the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. SAMUEL VALENTINE was appointed Assistant Grand Pursuivant last year, when we gave a full sketch of his Masonic career.

ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. S. V. ABRAHAM was initiated in the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, on the 3rd December, 1855, and was in due course installed W.M. in 1862. Two years later he took part in founding the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, and has had the honour of being thrice elected to its chair, namely, in 1867, and again in the years 1882 and 1883. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Joppa Chapter, No. 188, on the 8th February, 1858, and occupied the chair of First Principal in 1867. In July, 1889, he was a founder of the Montefiore Chapter, No. 1017, and was installed as first M.E.Z. Last year he was re-elected, and still occupies the office.

CONSECRATION OF THE ORDNANCE LODGE, No. 2399.

Another class lodge has been added to the already rather heavy list of such lodges under the English Constitution, but in the case of the above lodge we have not the slightest doubt but that its constitution is founded on such an excellent basis that it will become an important factor in the onward march of the Order, which is presided over by the heir to the throne of England, its colonies, and dependencies.

The lodge is intended to meet the requirements of her Majesty's Ordnance Store Department. It has a semi-military character, being composed of the officers of the Store Departments of the Royal Arsenal at Woolwich, and Staff Sergeants, who are soldiers, and the store holders, clerks, inspectors, viewers, foremen, and others.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. Dr. C. Egan, M.D., D.D.G.M. South Africa, as S.W.; Capt. N. J. Philips, P.G.D., as J.W.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; C. Hammerton, P.G.D., as I.G.; and H. Sadler, Grand Tyler, as Tyler.

The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, the ceremony proceeded, and the Consecrating Officer, in addressing the brethren, said they had met that day on a most interesting and important occasion, and one that he was satisfied they were all pleased to take part in, because there were, no doubt, many present who had never before witnessed the ceremony of consecration, and in the next place because they were assisting at the opening of a new lodge which he felt sure would be an honour to the Craft. They were all aware that Woolwich was a great centre of Masonry. There were a great many Masons in the district, and he was pleased to say that they were increasing in numbers every day, and most of them were also aware that there was already a lodge in the district which was especially devoted to the military brethren, and yet good reasons had been shown that there was room for another, and his Royal Highness, the Grand Master, being satisfied of the fact, had granted the prayer of the petitioners, and signed the warrant of the lodge. They were there present for the purpose of consecrating the new lodge, and from the Masonic knowledge and skill of the brethren elected to preside over its working he had no doubt that with good management it would attain the object of its inception. He strenuously warned them against accepting every candidate proposed; "quality instead of quantity" should be their object in admitting candidates, because, although it was an easy thing to admit anyone as a member, it was not so easy to get rid of them should they turn out unworthy of the Order. In conclusion, he wished the lodge every success, and trusted it would be built up into a home for Masonry among them, "perfect in its parts, and honourable to the builder."

The CONSECRATING CHAPLAIN then delivered the following oration—

English lodges are multiplying apace and each lodge as it is founded has its special duties and its special opportunities for good. I venture to think that no class of lodge is more important, and that no class of lodge has a wider field for usefulness than a lodge of English soldiers. Two of the main precepts of our Order are obedience and duty, and where should we find a better home for these principles than in a lodge of English soldiers. *Obedience* is not a popular virtue. The common teaching of public opinion at the present moment is that every man is not merely as good but a great deal better than his brother. Treasonable, disloyal, and seditious sentiments often remain unproved, sometimes are openly encouraged and fostered. We require both in and out of our Order men who with all the force of personal example, with all the courage of conviction can prove to the world that self discipline and the subordination of self to others is the highest and truest form of human existence. An English soldier's whole life consists in carrying out faithfully, honestly, and minutely what he is told to do, and therefore the English soldier is a real power in history. Our ancient brethren of all grades had in this their strength that they knew what obedience meant, and, therefore, their work has stood, and remains, because each Mason worked in conformity with plans and designs which came to him from his superiors. *Duty* is a virtue hard to understand, very hard indeed to perform. It means the constant seeking of what is right, not of what is popular or pleasant. Duty is not the opposition of self to the world, is not the disregarding of all sound habits and customs, but duty is the simple, unostentatious performance of that which is clearly right. Without delay and all costs. When the correspondence of the late Duke of Wellington was first published, more than one foreign critic made independently the remark, that the one word which was of constant recurrence, so constant as to be almost singular, was the word "duty." They asked what the English meant by that word; it was evidently a something which could not be exactly translated, something peculiar to the English. Both English Masons and English soldiers have borne, and are bearing, their part in making the meaning of the word duty understood throughout the world. Our ancient brethren were not merely obedient, but they carried into their work that spirit, that life, that determination to overcome all difficulties, that honesty of purpose and singleness of mind which together make up what we mean by the word duty. And English soldiers have done the same, and have thus won for themselves the respect of their Queen and their country. But here, again, the special times bring their own special danger, and to Englishmen of all classes the paid agitator and the professional sedition-monger is at hand with his poisonous lies. We need every possible counter force, and I have every confidence that the Ordnance Lodge will bear its share in resisting every force and every temptation which would tend to impair or lessen the present high standard which an English Mason and an English soldier fixes as the only possible standard for the duty he owes to his God, his country, and his Queen.

The grand and impressive ceremony having been successfully carried to an issue, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. CLERKE, acting as Installing Officer, then installed the W.M. designate, Bro. Major De Salis, into the chair of K.S., where he was duly saluted. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., 1536, P.P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; Col. C. Vansittart, S.W.; Conductor J. Bilton, J.W.; Capt. D. Deeves, P.M., 1536, P.D.G.D.C. Natal, Treas.; Capt. Hearn, Sec.; Capt. Woollett, S.D.; Sergt.-Major Lee, J.D.; Conductor Hully, I.G.; Sergt. Robertson, P.M., D.C.; and Hebin, Howell, and Hirst, Stwds. It is totally unnecessary to say one word as to the splendid, yet impressive manner in which Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke performed both ceremonies, nor of the able assistance rendered him by his colleagues; suffice it it was to all present an intellectual and grand Masonic treat.

The usual votes of thanks to the Consecrating Officer and his officers having been passed, they were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge, for which they returned thanks.

A number of propositions for joining members and initiates having been proposed, and "Hearty good wishes" tendered, the lodge was closed, and the brethren banqueted in the upper hall of the building, which had been handsomely decorated for the occasion.

Among the other brethren present were:

Bros. A. N. N. McGachen, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. (S.C.); Col. P. Stirling, P.M., D.P.G.M. (S.C.); C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., E. Denton, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., E. Palmer, P.M., W. Busbridge, S.W., W. Sanders, J.W., F. Barry, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Somerset, A. Moore, and C. W. Cuddington, of 913; Capt. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., W. Arnold, P.M., Capt. J. Scully, P.M., Treas., E. Morris, W.M. elect, and W. Shackleton, of 1789; G. Kennedy, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., W. Moulds, P.M., W. Sayle-Edwards, J.W., J. Whiteheart, J.D., and C. Warren, of 1536; G. W. Mitchell, P.M., P.G.D.C., J. Aillud, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., W. Doddrell, P.M., and W. Keeble, of 615; R. J. Warren, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Essex, S. E. Southgate, W.M., J. McCollough, S.W., G. Taylor, J.W., J. Warren, P.M. and Sec., J. Sanderson, P.M., G. W. Miller, P.M., W. Webber, P.M., G. Benstead, P.M., G. Tufnell, J.D., G. H. Nichols, I.G., A. J. Walkin, H. Roberts, and G. Grant, of 700; J. Gould, P.M., and R. Brewer, of 1789; E. G. Van Tromp, W.M. 969; G. Kellie, H. Christie, W.M., W. Wharton, S.W., W. Soltaw, J.W., Major Eugene Sweny, P.M. and Treas., and S. Clarke, P.M., of 706; G. Davies, P.M., W. Tailbey, P.M., A. Cleal, P.M., L. Chasteaneuf, S.W., J. Matthey, J.W., A. H. Russell, and W. Hill, of 13; Col. Richardson, P.M. 133; W. Moulder, P.M., P.P.G.P., and J. Montgomery, of 1926; and C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec. 1472, P.M. and Sec. 2184, &c.

The names of the founders are as follows: Bros. De Salis, Spinks, Deeves, Vansittart, Hearn, Woollett, Robertson, Lee, Hully, Hehir, Howell, Baylis, Wheeler, Rose, Page, Ingle, Booth, Mason, Crowdy, Jones, Tims, Brand, Widgery, King, Dyer, Doddrell, Mark, and Dunstan.

The banquet having been enjoyed, the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," and then that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order." This was followed by "The D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the name of

Bro. EGAN, who said he was much pleased at the very kind manner in which the toast, coupled with his name, had been received. He was a visitor here from the colonies, and wanted to see as much of Masonry as he could while in the Mother Country before he went home. He was exceedingly pleased to hear that the W.M. came from the same place that he did, and had been in the same parts of the world as he had. Some 30 years ago the number of Masons in his district was only 853, now they had 2399 members, which would show the great strides Masonry had made in South Africa in that time. He was pleased to witness the splendid manner in which the ceremony of consecration had been performed by their esteemed Grand Sec., Bro. Col. Clerke, because it would be a lesson for him whenever he had to do it in his own district. He thanked them cordially for the toast, and would always remember with pleasure the events of that day.

The next toast was that of "The Consecrating Officer and his Assistants," and in putting it the W.M. said he considered that the lodge had been highly honoured in having their Grand Secretary to perform the ceremony of consecration, because not only was Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke their Grand Secretary, but he was an old soldier, and there were brethren in the room who knew him at Sandhurst and in the West Indies. Then they had present the Deputy District Grand Master of South Africa, the place where he (the Worshipful Master) was born. They had also a gallant soldier in Bro. Capt. Philips. Bro. Brownrigg was a Past Grand Chaplain. Bro. Hammerton had honoured them with their presence and assistance, and also two Scotch brethren from across the border had lent their presence if not their assistance. It was a great pleasure to meet brethren from so many different places. He had once before been a victim—the same as he had that day—having been a founder, and first Master of a lodge at York. He trusted to see their Consecrating Officer, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, many times amongst them, and asked them to drink the toast with cheers.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, who was received with enthusiasm, thanked the Worshipful Master for the kind way in which he had spoken of him and his assistants. He was the mouthpiece of his brother Installing Officers, and could assure the Worshipful Master and brethren that the office had been a most pleasant one. It was especially a pleasant duty for him, because, as the W.M. had said, he was an old soldier of forty years standing. Bro. Philips was also an old soldier, and at the Alma had bled for his country. He remembered the old Store Department, and was pleased to see it had grown into a great department, and that it now had a lodge at its headquarters. He was rather surprised to hear one of the candidates proposed was from Cairo; that, he thought, rather a long cable-tow. Well, he was glad to witness and assist at a movement that he believed would have a long and excellent Masonic existence. He thanked his colleagues for their assistance, one of whom had come so far, for with their help he had been able to carry out the ceremony to their satisfaction. He then proposed the toast of "The W.M., and Success and Prosperity to the Ordnance Lodge." Their W.M. had had certainly a most unique experience in Masonry, that being the second time he had been, as he called it, a victim in the cause of the Order. All he (Bro. Col. Clerke) could say was "here is a poor and afflicted Mason, who had been through the chair of two new lodges as first Master of each, and yet he is alive." He congratulated the W.M. upon his opportunities, especially on that of presiding over the latter, which promised to be a most excellent, influential, and flourishing lodge.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in response, said that he was in some trepidation that afternoon at the prospect of meeting their Grand Secretary. They met gentlemen in blue, very dark blue, every day, but they did not have the Grand Secretary with them every day to keep them in order, and so, when he knew he had to meet him it put his heart into his mouth, but not for long; the courtesy and geniality of Bro. Col. Clerke soon put him at his ease. Now, with regard to the Ordnance Department, it was one of the oldest in the service, and he had often expressed his astonishment that it had not a lodge of its own. They had one now, and he gave the thanks of the lodge and the whole credit of the undertaking to Bro. Capt. Hearn, who should have been in his, the W.M.'s, place, if he had had his due. He wished the brethren of the lodge whenever they went abroad to speak of the lodge and assure their Masonic brethren who might be coming home that they would receive a hearty greeting at the Ordnance Lodge at Woolwich, and concluded by thanking them from the bottom of his heart for their kindness to him that day.

Bros. STIRLING and PENFOLD responded for "The Visitors" (proposed by Bro. SPINKS).

The next toast proposed was "The Secretary and Treasurer," the latter, Bro. DEEVES, speaking of his speedy departure to Natal with mingled feelings of pleasure and pain, pain at parting with such excellent companions and comrades, and pleasure at the prospect of renewing many happy acquaintances in Masonry at Natal. He should never forget his friends and the brethren of that district, and should always remember that day with pleasure.

The next toast was that of "The Officers," which was responded to by Bros. VANSITTART and BILTON.

"The Masonic Press" followed, and several other personal toasts were honoured.

Bro. H. Roberts, 700, presided at the piano, and conducted the musical portion of the service well, for which he was accorded a vote of thanks; and the whole affair was a great success.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next:—

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

Installation of Principals, and appointment and investiture of officers for the ensuing year.

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 21st January to the 14th April, 1891, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£243	6	5	By Disbursements during			
" " Unappropriated				the Quarter	£331	5	2
" " Account	183	1	1	" Balance	394	9	7
" " Subsequent Receipts	481	4	4	" " Unappropriated			
				" " Account	181	17	1
	£907	11	10		£907	11	10

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. John Russell Lord, as Z.; George John Firks, as H.; Thomas Southwood Eyre, as J.; and 10 others for a chapter to be attached to the St. John's Lodge, No. 1247, Plymouth, to be called the Unity Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess-square, Plymouth, Devonshire.

2nd. From Comps. Arthur Power Palmer, as Z.; James Tuck, as H.; George Berthon Preston, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Wahab or Benevolent Lodge, No. 988, Sealkote, to be called the Palmer Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Sealkote, Punjab, East Indies.

3rd. From Comps. John Senhouse Goldie-Taubman, Provincial Grand Master of the Isle of Man, as Z.; Thomas Huggins Nesbitt, as H.; Edward James Bowman, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Tynwald Lodge, No. 1242, Douglas, to be called the Tynwald Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man.

4th. From Comps. John Purrott, as Z.; Rev. Philip Deedes, as H.; George John Wood, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Halsey Lodge, No. 1479, St. Albans, to be called the Halsey Chapter, and to meet at the Town Hall, St. Albans, Hertfordshire.

5th. From Comps. Arthur Barritt, as Z.; Edmund Gowers, as H.; Caleb Slann Blyth, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1024, Maldon, to be called the Plume Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Maldon, Essex.

6th. From Comps. Walter Martin, as Z.; William Beavis, as H.; John George Milbourn, as J.; and 11 others for a chapter to be attached to the Southwark Lodge, No. 879, London, to be called the Southwark Chapter, and to meet at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, London.

7th. From Comps. James Cooper, as Z.; Charles Fruen, as H.; William Theophilus Henry Mayer, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, London, to be called the Kingsland Chapter, and to meet at the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, London.

8th. From Comps. Edward O'Connor Terry, P.G. Treasurer, as Z.; William Eugene Chapman, as H.; Walter James Ebbetts, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, London, to be called the Savage Club Chapter, and to meet at No. 33, Golden-square, London.

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

The Committee have also received petitions from the Principals and members of the undermentioned chapters praying for a charter of confirmation, for the reasons given in their memorials.

The Aire and Calder Chapter, No. 458, Goole, Yorkshire (W.D.), the original having been destroyed by the fire at the Masonic Hall.

The Chapter of Sincerity, No. 261, Taunton, Somersetshire, the original being lost.

The Committee recommend that charters of confirmation be granted to the above-named chapters.

The Committee have likewise received the following applications, viz., from the Stewart Chapter, No. 1413, Rawul Pindi, and from the Canonbury Chapter, No. 657, London.

A memorial praying that the Stewart Chapter, Rawul Pindi, Punjab, may be detached from Lodge No. 1413, and attached to the Stewart Lodge, No. 1960, both lodges having given their consent.

A memorial praying that the Canonbury Chapter may be detached from the Canonbury Lodge, No. 657, and attached to the Temple Lodge, No. 101, London, both lodges giving their consent, and that the chapter be called the Temple Chapter.

The Committee recommend that the prayers of these memorials be granted.

The Committee have further received, with copies of minutes, applications for permission to remove the following chapters:—

The Belgrave Chapter, No. 749, London, from the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, to Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the City of London.

The St. George's Chapter, No. 2025, from Stonehouse, to the Freemasons' Hall, Princess-square, Plymouth, Devonshire.

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

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

15th April, 1891.

After the ordinary business had been disposed of the following resolution was passed:

That the cordial thanks of the members of the Committee be tendered to E. Comp. Robert Grey, their President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Committee during the past year.

(Signed) EDWARD LETCHWORTH.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing 12 months.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF BERKSHIRE.

INSTALLATION OF COMP. JOHN THORNHILL MORLAND AS GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

At Abingdon on Friday, the 24th ult., a special meeting of the newly-formed Provincial Grand Chapter of Berkshire was held, when Comp. J. T. Morland was installed as Grand Superintendent by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E.

Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Installing Principal, opened the chapter and was supported by Comps. Lord Valentia, G.S.N., acting Prov. G.H.; Rev. H. A. Pickard, Grand Superintendent Oxon, acting Prov. G.J.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.C., acting D.C.; and H. C. Tombs, P.A.G. Soj. Eng., P.G.S.E. Wilts.

There was a large number of companions present.

The ACTING SCRIBE E. read the summons convening the meeting, and then called the roll of chapters in the province, all being represented, after which the Grand Superintendent designate was announced, and then requested to send in his patent.

The Installing Principal examined the patent, and directed a deputation, consisting of Past Principals, to retire with the D.C. and introduce the Grand Superintendent designate, which was done.

The deputation was constituted as follows: Comps. Tomkins, P.Z.; Grisbrook, P.Z.; Cox, P.Z.; Mount, P.Z.; Cantrell, P.Z.; and D'Almaine.

The ACTING SCRIBE E. read the patent, after which the INSTALLING COMPANION addressed the Grand Superintendent designate, and in the course of his remarks referred to the death of the late much-respected companion, Sir D. Gooch, the last Grand Superintendent of Berks and Bucks, which led to the division of the old province, and to the appointment of Comp. J. T. Morland as Grand Superintendent of Berks. The Installing Companion next obligated and invested the Grand Superintendent, and the Director of Ceremonies proclaimed, after which the Grand Superintendent appointed and invested the Second and Third Principals.

Comp. CHARLES STEPHENS, 414, was, on the motion of the First Principal, seconded by the Second Principal, unanimously elected as P.G. Treasurer.

The following were appointed Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and were invested with the insignia of their respective offices:

Comp. J. Tomkins, P.Z. 945	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" E. Grisbrook, P.Z. 414 and 771	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" J. W. Martin, H. 414	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" R. C. Mount, P.Z. 414	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Charles Stephens, 414	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. W. Cox, P.Z. 771	...	...	Prov. G.R.
" E. Margrett, Z. 414	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" F. Manley, Z. 771	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" Rev. H. Lewis, Z. 945	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" S. Payne, P.Z. 945	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" John Goddard, P.Z. 771	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. B. King, H. 945	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. Miles, 945	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The PROV. G.H. proposed, and the PROV. G.J. seconded, the following resolution, which was carried unanimously: "That a Committee be appointed for the purpose of preparing new by-laws for the Provincial Grand Chapter of Berkshire, and that the following companions be elected to serve on such Committee, namely: The Grand Superintendent, Prov. G.H., Prov. G.J., Prov. G.S.E., Prov. G.S.N., and Prov. G. Treasurer, together with the M.E.Z. of each chapter in the province, and meanwhile the by-laws of the old Province of Berks and Bucks be adopted as far as practicable."

On the motion of Comp. CANTRELL, seconded by Comp. SHEPHERD, it was resolved that the said Committee should also have full powers to decide as to the division of the moneys and property of the old Province of Berks and Bucks.

Comp. SHEPHERD proposed, and Comp. MOUNT seconded, that Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Lord Valentia, Rev. H. A. Pickard, and Frank Richardson be elected members of this province as a slight return for the able assistance rendered to the province that day.

It was carried by acclamation, and those excellent companions acknowledged the compliment and consented to become members.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed, after which the companions sat down to a luncheon in the Council Chamber, over which the Grand Superintendent presided.

CONSECRATION OF THE DAGMAR CHAPTER, No. 2262.

The latest addition to the roll of Royal Arch chapters took place on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at Wraybury, in the Province of Buckinghamshire, when those brethren of the prosperous Dagmar Lodge, No. 2262, Bucks, who are Royal Arch Masons met together at the Anglers' Rest to take part in the consecration of a new chapter to be called the Dagmar Chapter, No. 2262, in the Province of Buckinghamshire. The Consecrating Officers were Comps. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, G.S. of Buckinghamshire, as M.E.Z.; J. O. Carter, P.P.G.S.N., as H.; and A. A. Pendlebury, A.G.S.E., as J. The other companions present were Comps. J. Terry, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Williams, P.G.S.E. Buckinghamshire; J. M. Chapman, P.G.S.B. Kent; and Walter Wingham, J. Hattersley, C. R. Williams, E. W. Lewcock, H. T. Thompson, W. G. Cannon, F. Croaker, W. H. Clemow, J. Youlden (founders). Also Comps. E. Walker, C. F. Williams, H. Jowitt, W. Dunn, N. Robins, W. Clifford, G. L. Moore, N. Goodchild, C. G. Hill, R. Jackson, W. Land, L. J. Powter, W. H. Harper, E. J. Bell, E. Moss, J. West, H. J. Wicks, G. Powell, E. Home, F. Hilton, W. Darnell, J. Halsey, W. H. Tilling, W. Price, F. Carr, R. Davis, G. Rimmel, A. Holmes, T. Hodges, and R. S. Cushing.

The chapter having been formally opened, the consecration ceremony was performed in an impressive manner, its effect being heightened by the musical portion being rendered in a most efficient manner by Comps. W. H. Harper (Musical Director), J. Hodges, W. Price, E. Moss, and E. J. Bell. After the usual formalities, Comp. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg installed the Principals of the new chapter as follows: Comps. Walter Wingham, M.E.Z.; J. Hattersley, H.; and C. R. Williams, J. The M.E.Z. then invested the officers: Comps. E. W. Lewcock, S.E.; H. T. Thompson, S.N.; W. H. Clemow, Treas.; W. G. Cannon, P.S.; and J. Youlden, 1st Asst. Soj. A long list of brethren was proposed and seconded for exaltation at the next meeting, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed, and the honorary membership of the chapter conferred upon the Consecrating Officers for their services, which Comp. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg acknowledged, expressing the pleasure it afforded him to be present on such an occasion, and passing some most complimentary remarks about the progress that the Dagmar Lodge had made. He felt every confidence that in the hands of such energetic founders the chapter would make as good a mark in the province as the lodge had done, and have a very prosperous career before it.

The chapter was thereafter closed, and was followed by an excellent banquet, after which the usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and the companions separated after having spent a most enjoyable time.

Comp. S. Ellis acted as Janitor.

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Captain in the Merchant Service, and having saved money,
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in the value of property of this nature, resulted in the
applicant losing nearly the whole of his savings; what
remained he subsequently invested in Shares in a Steam
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became bankrupt. The steamer being sold, the amount
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Sussex Chapter, No. 491.
Henley Chapter, No. 1472.
Consecration of the Manchester Dramatic Lodge, No. 2387.
Consecration of the Bishopsgate Lodge, No. 2396.



SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1891.

Masonic Notes.

We are authorised to state that the ceremony of the
installation of Bro. Lord Carrington as Prov. Grand
Master of Buckinghamshire, at Aylesbury on Whit-
Tuesday, will be performed by his Royal Highness the
Duke of Clarence, Prov. Grand Master of Berkshire.

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The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress have kindly
invited the pupils of the Girls' School to spend a half-
holiday at the Mansion House during the present month.
This is not the first time that "Our Girls" have been
the guests of Lord Mayor Savory, who has at his private
residence entertained them on more than one occasion.

It will be seen by a letter in another column that
our correspondent of last week, who signed himself
"Paddy," has reconsidered his determination to with-
draw his name as a Steward at the approaching Festival
of the Boys' School because it had been determined by
a very considerable majority of those present at the
recent meeting of the Board of Stewards that the
event shall be celebrated at Brighton. It is impossible
to please everybody, and whatever place had been
selected, whether in the Metropolis or in its
immediate neighbourhood, we fear there are a
good many people who would have been incon-
venienced through being obliged to travel a long dis-
tance in order to be present. The Festival has been
held three times at Brighton, and, as far as our memory
serves us, the Stewards and their friends who attended
suffered very little additional inconvenience on this
score. Brighton is not more difficult and takes not
much longer to reach than the Crystal Palace, while
the accommodation at the Royal Pavilion is equal to
any that can be found in London or its suburbs.

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The fact is that it is not quite so easy as many people
appear to think to find a place where some 600 or 700
guests can dine conveniently and well. Even our largest
London halls will not accommodate so large a number,
while the Crystal Palace, we believe, will not be avail-
able in consequence of the Handel Festival. The Alex-
andra Palace, where the Festival of 1889 was held, is
closed, and the Freemasons' Tavern and St. James's
Hall, even if they are disengaged on the day appointed,
are not large enough. Possibly these considerations,
which no doubt influenced the Board in selecting
Brighton, had been lost sight of by our correspondent,
and, we are pleased to find, that on reflection he sees
his way to carrying out his Stewardship.

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We tender to Bro. McCalla, Past Grand Master of
Pennsylvania, U.S.A., our sincere sympathy in the great
loss he has sustained in the death of his wife after a
short illness. Bro. McCalla's recent visit to this coun-
try, and his presence at the Quarterly Communication
of Grand Lodge, will be remembered, as well as his
visit to the Quatuor Coronati and Anglo-American
Lodges. He gained many friends in all directions,
and we feel sure we are correctly interpreting the
feelings of those who met him in expressing their
sympathy on his behalf at the present moment.

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Bro. Lamonby's suggestion, which appeared in the
very able letter of his we published last week, seems a
reasonable one, that the question of the true interest
and meaning of Article 219, Book of Constitutions,
should be brought to the notice of Grand Lodge at an
early date. It is certain that the interpretation put upon
that Article by the Grand Registrar does not find
favour with many brethren of the legal profession
in the colonies chiefly affected, and we can answer
for it that non-legal brethren are surprised that so
simply worded a law can have had its true meaning
so marvellously distorted.

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We, in common with the Craft generally, are glad
to welcome back to London Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips
after his eight months' tour round the world. His
position in the Masonic world as a member of the
Supreme Council, 33°, and a Past Grand Deacon of
England, has made his pilgrimage a successful one,
from a Masonic point of view, and it has, we are glad
to learn, been an enjoyable trip generally. Captain
Philips's genial presence has been much missed in
Masonic circles lately, but now that he has returned in
excellent health and spirits, we may hope to meet him
as often as formerly.

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"Mallet" in the *Glasgow Evening News*, writes:
"Many inquiries have been made recently regarding
the sum to be netted from the Masonic Bazaar in aid of
the extended scheme of Scottish Masonic Benevolence.
No official statement has been made as yet, but I am
assured on good authority that the sum available for
the purposes of the fund will amount to £14,000. It
has been assumed in some quarters that the total would
be even greater, but a miscalculation of the exceptionally
heavy expenses in connection with the bazaar will no
doubt explain the difference."

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On Wednesday afternoon, in Belfast Castle, the resi-
dence of the Countess of Shaftesbury, the citizens of Belfast
presented the Earl of Shaftesbury with an illuminated
address on his lordship attaining his majority. The address
was enclosed in a magnificent silver casket of antique
design. After the earl had read his reply, his mother, the
Countess of Shaftesbury, made a present to Belfast of the
lease of a site for a hospital for 10,000 years at a nominal
rent of half-a-crown a year.

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.]

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is said to require great moral courage to
confess that one has made a mistake. The Provisional
Management Committee therefore deserves congratula-
tion for the courage shown by the candid confession in
their final report that they offered a salary which was
"generally felt to be inadequate." Better late than
never! As one of those who have always felt that the
salary offered was altogether inadequate, not merely
"to allow the Secretary to maintain an equal position
with those holding similar appointments," but also
inadequate as a fair remuneration for the work to be
done, I cordially support their present action, and only
regret that they did not at once recommend £500 in-
stead of £400, and I hope it may be made £500. The
Institution is fortunate in getting such an able and
energetic Secretary in spite of the low salary offered;
and he ought to be properly remunerated for his work.
—Yours fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR.

April 25th.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am one of those country brethren of whom
"Paddy" speaks, and the holding the Festival at
Brighton will, I fear, necessitate my giving up not two
days, but three if I attend. My only object in writing
is, however, to suggest to "Paddy" that he need not
withdraw his name as a Steward. If he cannot con-
veniently attend at Brighton, he can, and I trust will, do
as I shall do if I am unable, as is most probable, to
spare the time to attend, viz., send in his list—as big
as possible—and wish the Festival every success, even
though he cannot enjoy the pleasure of attending per-
sonally.—Yours fraternally,

A COUNTRY STEWARD.

April 25th.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am sorry to find that my letter has been
accepted by some of your readers as meaning that I was
not quite in accord with the purposes of the Festival for
the Boys' Institution. My only objection is to the place
of meeting. I hope that all the Stewards who can be
present, and others who are not able to attend, will
send in very big lists and make the first Festival since
Bro. McLeod has been appointed the greatest success
possible. I am so thoroughly convinced that Bro.
McLeod is the right man in the right place, that I hope
the resolution to pay him the maximum salary suggested
will be carried by a large majority at the Council
meeting on Saturday.—Yours faithfully,

PADDY.



"SECRET HISTORY OF FREEMASONS, 1724."

This curious work, a copy of the rare first edition of
which, owned by Bro. G. W. Bain, of Sunderland, has
just been published for the owner by the Quatuor
Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, at 6s. per copy, post free,
contains a reproduction of one of the old charges,
hence its short title of "Briscoe MS.," being so named
after the printer and publisher of London, who issued the
first edition in 1724, and the second in the following year.
Bro. Hughan has kindly written an introduction to the
reprint, which adds much to the value of the repro-
duction, and in it will be found all needful information
as to the family to which the MS. belongs, the peculiar
character of its text, and various other points of
interest to the increasing number of brethren who
heartily welcome the advent of all such works. The
facsimile of the original is simply perfection, which is not
a matter of surprise, seeing that it has been done under
the auspices of Bro. G. W. Speth, the able Secretary
of the literary London of England. Bro. Bain has
fraternally dedicated the re-issue to his dear and valued
friend in the Mystic Art, Bro. William James Hughan,
P.M., &c., in token of gratitude for guidance and in-
struction in Masonic letters, and as a tribute of respect
for erudition, philanthropy, and friendship." We say
—Well done, Bro. Bain, and all success to your first
Masonic venture!

"MEN AND WOMEN OF THE DAY" (issued
by Messrs. EGLINGTON) is specially welcome to Masons
this month in that it contains excellent speaking like-
nesses of Lady Monckton, the wife of our distinguished
Past Grand Warden and Past President of the Board of
General Purposes, Sir John Monckton, and sister of
another almost as eminent Mason, Bro. Peter de
Lande Long, P.G.D. Lady Monckton is taken in the
dress she wears at the present time in "The Idler," in

which she has made a somewhat subordinate part stand out prominently. A long and interesting biography accompanies the photograph of Mr. Barraud, by which means we learn more of Lady Monckton's theatrical and social career than we knew before. The other portraits are those of Bro. the Earl of Coventry, and Mr. Wm. Day, the well-known breeder and trainer of race horses.



939] DUNCKERLEY'S LIFE.

I have been exceedingly interested in reading Bro. Sadler's "Life of Dunckerley,"* and especially the excellent sketches of the numerous lodges to which that zealous Craftsman was attached. I quite agree with Bro. Lane that this feature of the work is a most valuable one, and adds so much to the general importance of the volume as to render it most useful for reference in respect to several of the lodges of last century, of which else scarcely any facts are obtainable. Bro. Sadler has done wonders considering the difficulties incident to the preparation of the Masonic memoir of such an indefatigable Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent as Dunckerley, who, during his period of activity, seems to have been "on the wing" almost incessantly from "year's end to year's end," and yet has left surprisingly little for the historian, unless considerable care is exercised in the selection of material, and the discreet arrangement of the many details, which only serve to confuse the ordinary reader. There are few, if any brethren, could have amassed such an extraordinary collection of facts concerning Dunckerley save Bro. Sadler, who has well nigh exhausted the subject, and thus left almost nothing to be added by other students. It is just possible that the following reference may connect the Masonic hero with a lodge not noted by Bro. Sadler. Seeing, however, the familiarity of that brother with all Dunckerley's doings, I am not sanguine as to having succeeded, though it does appear that a strong case is made out in favour of the Prov. G.M. having been the Master of a lodge not noted by Bro. Sadler. At page 280 begins "the substance of a charge delivered at Plymouth in April, 1757, by Thomas Dunckerley, Esq., P.G.M." I take it that the title was subsequently added as he was not Prov. G.M. then. Also I presume that Bro. Sadler has not seen one of the copies of the "charge" printed and published in that year. There is one in the valuable "Worcestershire Masonic Library and Museum," the catalogue of which is now being printed, and will soon be on sale, edited by Bro. George Taylor, by whom the collection was made. The title states that the charge was "given to the Antient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, at the Pope's Head Tavern, in Plymouth, on the dedicating and opening a new lodge room. April the 28th, 1757. Also the moral part of Masonry explained in a charge delivered at the same lodge on the 24th June, 1757, being the Feast of the Nativity of John the Baptist, by Thomas Dunckerley, Master of the lodge" [2nd edition, 1758.] It would appear, therefore, that Dunckerley was a member and Master of this lodge, which was formed in 1748. Bro. Lane, in his great work, "Masonic Records, 1717-1886," mentions the name of the house as "Bishop's" or "Pope's Head," but evidently the latter was its usual designation. It was subsequently removed to the "Prince George Inn and Tavern," kept by Payne, in Vauxhall-street, Plymouth, and as it is the lodge in which H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence (William IV.) was initiated, besides being one entitled to the "Freemasons' Hall Medal," it is a great pity to read of its erasure early this century. Other features of this most readable volume will be referred to later on.

W. J. HUGHAN.

940] THE LIFE OF DUNCKERLEY.

Bro. Sadler, in his "Life of Thomas Dunckerley," gives on page 259 a list of the counties over which that eminent Mason presided as Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons with an approximate period of his services. In this list appears Cornwall, the date appended being 1793-1795. On page 266 is a letter written by Dunckerley, and dated 26th November, 1791, in which he says that he sends patent for the R.A. chapter (Druid's Chapter of Love and Liberty, Redruth), and also stated "I shall (in the next printed list) insert the County of Cornwall under my superintendence, and shall at all times take pleasure in doing every service in my power for the Druid's Chapter." Does the rule of the first R.A.G.S. for this county date from the year I have last given or from 1793, as mentioned in the list? Bro. Hughan in his official directory for Cornwall of last year says: "1791.—E. Comp. T. Dunckerley, first Grand Superintendent of Cornwall (R.A.)." Presuming this to be correct, the present year (1891) should witness the commemoration of the centenary of the establishment of Provincial Royal Arch Masonry in Cornwall. It may be interesting here to note in connection with the Druid's Chapter, which was founded by virtue of a dispensation granted by Dunckerley, and dated 15th July, 1791, that my grandfather, Richard Pearce, afterwards appointed the Third Royal Arch Grand

* George Kenning, 16 and 16A, Great Queen-street.

Superintendent of Cornwall, was exalted in this chapter 12th August, 1818, John Knight being Z., P. Pender H., and Richard Knight J., the first two of these holding the same offices as in 1791. This chapter, it seems, issued to each candidate after exaltation a private certificate in addition to the one from the Grand Chapter. My grandfather's, which I have before me now, was printed from a beautifully engraved steel plate, and bears in the left hand top corner a seal in red wax. In the centre appears the double triangle enclosing a triple tau, and encircled by the dates A.M. 5795, July 15th, A.D. 1791. On an outer circle are the words "Druid's Chapter of Love & Liberty, Redruth, Cornwall, No. 79."

RICHARD PEARCE COUCH, 121.



Cratt Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Covent Garden Lodge (No. 1614).—The last meeting of the season of this popular lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, S.W., on the 14th ult., when there were present Bros. George H. Reynolds, W.M.; G. H. Foan, S.W.; W. Unwin, J.W.; E. Jacobs, P.M.; Treas.; G. Reynolds, P.M., Sec.; A. L. Bullen, S.D.; W. A. Darling, acting as J.D.; G. Stacey, P.M., Org.; J. W. Belsham, I.G.; J. Mayo, Stwd.; Simeon Jacobs, P.M.; G. Coleman, P.M.; W. J. Green, H. Price, H. J. Keen, W. Humphrey, W. J. Thrusell, H. G. Walker, J. Cox, J. Woodward, W. R. Faulks, J. Nathan, jun., F. Hansen, and J. Wise. Visitors: Bros. G. S. Bigley, P.M. 1298; C. J. Biorn, P.M. 733; J. Dicks, J.W. 1237; and W. Ainslie, 755.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bros. J. Cox and H. J. Keen were raised, and the W.M. having received "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet in the Club Room, excellently served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Bertini.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed in a hearty and cordial manner, and were enthusiastically received.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. G. S. Bigley, P.M.; C. J. Biorn, P.M.; M. W. Ainslie, and J. Dicks.

The Secretary, Bro. G. Reynolds, was congratulated upon once more being in lodge after his severe accident.

The proceedings were pleasantly diversified by the singing of Bros. S. Jacobs, H. J. Keen, and others, accompanied on the piano by Bro. J. W. Thrusell.

Selwyn Lodge (No. 1901).—The installation meeting of this successful lodge was held at the East Dulwich Hotel, Lordship-lane, S.E., on Thursday, the 16th ult., when about 80 brethren attended. The members included Bros. W. Davies, W.M.; J. Gauntlett, I.P.M.; W. Wills, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Lightfoot, J.W.; E. Eagle, Treas.; L. Eagle, P.M., Sec.; B. Morgan, S.D.; A. Briant, J.D.; W. H. Hook, P.M., D.C.; T. Gay, A.D.C.; E. Pettit, P.M., Org.; H. R. Hobbs, I.G.; A. H. Fraser and F. Pow, Stwds.; J. M. Wimple, P.M.; W. R. Burnett, P.M.; R. Anderson, P.M.; A. R. W. Powles, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bro. T. Skewes Cox, P.G. Stwd.; J. M. McLeod, P.S.G.W. Derby, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; G. R. Langley, P.M. 183; J. Thomson, 2362; A. Bannister, P.M. 1632; E. Pelly, 1472; T. Wallis, 901; J. Hudson, 975; G. H. Wavell, I.G. 862; H. J. Shelley, W.M. 1981; H. Peirce, 1599; H. Hayman, 169; F. Flood, S.D. 1939; R. S. Taylor, J.D. 1929; A. Tremeanne, P.P.G.S.B.; J. G. Roberts, 791; A. E. Warner, 162; Rev. Dr. Horace Graham, D.D., 1604; C. Thomson, S.D. 1297; H. Atkins, 1363; C. H. Stone, J.W. 507; W. Beecroft, J.W. 1158; Horace Petley, Org. 101; W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381; and others.

The lodge was opened, and various items of business on the agenda—including the adoption of a satisfactory audit report—having been transacted, the principal event of the evening was proceeded with. Bro. William Wills, the W.M. elect, was presented, and was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Walter Davies, I.P.M., with the ability which has characterised all his work in the lodge. The officers for the year were invested as follows: Bros. J. Lightfoot, S.W.; B. Morgan, J.W.; E. Eagle, Treas.; L. E. Eagle, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Hook, P.M., D.C.; A. Briant, S.D.; H. R. Hobbs, J.D.; T. W. Gay, I.G.; A. H. Fraser, F. E. Pow, and J. E. Greenley, Stwds.; and T. Bowler, Tyler.

Lodge was formally closed, and a banquet was followed by the customary toasts.

Bro. Skewes Cox, P.G. Stwd., replied for "The Grand Officers," and congratulated the W.M.—whom he had known for many years—on attaining the chair of so successful a lodge.

Bro. Walter Davies, I.P.M., said he hoped sincerely that during the next 12 months he should have the honour and privilege of proposing the toast he was now about to submit—"The Health of the W.M." As far as he was personally concerned, when he attained the chair the toast of his health was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and he was sure the health of Bro. Wills, W.M., would be received with even greater enthusiasm, knowing they had a far worthier Master to fill the chair. The W.M.'s had always been noted for their working in that lodge, and they now had a Master who would not fail to discharge his duties with that efficiency and zeal which had distinguished the Past Masters. He would not expatiate upon Bro. Wills' merits, as the brethren knew them well, but would at once with all sincerity ask them to drink his health.

Bro. Wm. Wills, W.M., returned thanks for the handsome way the toast of his health had been received. For many years past he had been looking forward to the proud and honourable position he now occupied, and it was six or seven years since he first took office. He had passed

through all the offices except one, and had now arrived at the summit of his ambition. The very excellent and admirable example which had preceded him in the person of the I.P.M. made him almost quake with terror lest he should be an unworthy follower, but he assured them it would be his aim to fill the office, not only with credit to himself, but with dignity to the lodge, and satisfaction to them all. He trusted the year before them would be a prosperous one, that he should have a number of good men and true as initiates, and that he should in no respect fall short of admirable and able working, which had always characterised the lodge. Every effort he could put forward with that object would be most gladly used, and, in conclusion, he again thanked them for their cordial reception of the toast.

"The Masonic Charities" was given by the W.M., who said their lodge had for many years identified itself with the Charities, for in connection with the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction they had collected an aggregate of almost £1000.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, Secretary R.M.I. for Boys, in reply, said he knew that the Institution he represented had received a fair share of the £1000 alluded to by the W.M., and whilst thanking them for past services, he was looking for favours to come, and would quote a few figures and facts, which he trusted would support his appeal for further help. The Girls' School was doing good work, was excellently managed, and received good support, which was as it should be. The Benevolent Institution was also doing good work for the benefit of Masons in all parts of the country, and was in a flourishing condition, having nearly £80,000 invested and an income of nearly £3500. With regard to the Boys' School, he defied them to say that during the past 12 months it had not been as perfect as any body of men could make it. If they wanted further information let them see the Institution for themselves, examine the improvements, question the boys, and see if they were not happier, better clothed, and better fed, and they would come to the conclusion that the Institution was now excellently well managed. They had only £17,500 invested and their income was less than £700, and he could appeal to them for great help on behalf of that Institution as compared with the other Institutions. They had 260 boys receiving a good education, clothing, and maintenance. As the Earl of Lathom had kindly consented to preside at the forthcoming Festival, there was a prospect of a good return, but, although they might have a large array of Stewards, it did not follow they would bring up a large amount. They had a lot of lee way to pull up, and they could understand why he appealed to them so strongly and forcibly for help. That lodge was unrepresented, and he was in hopes some brother would come forward and take up a Stewardship. He hoped they would think he was justified in leaving the issue with them, and he relied upon them to maintain the traditions of the lodge.

"The Visitors" was cordially received, and was responded to by Bros. Dewsnap, P.M., J. R. Langley, P.M., and others.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Installing Master and Past Masters," and said he had been favoured with the presence of a great many Past Masters, and had been delighted with the beautiful ceremony rendered by the Installing Master. Bro. Walter Davies, I.P.M., had that day excelled himself. They had had abundant evidence of his ability in working the ceremonies and of his genial manners and conduct, but as far as he was concerned he had never in that or any other lodge seen the ceremony of installation so admirably rendered as the I.P.M. had done it that evening. On this occasion it was the privilege and duty of the incoming Master to carry into effect the resolution which at the previous meeting was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously. That duty devolved upon him, and in pinning upon the breast of Bro. Walter Davies, I.P.M., the jewel which was voted, it was no mere matter of form, for the I.P.M. had richly deserved it for the able manner in which he had presided. He wished Bro. W. Davies, I.P.M., long life to wear that emblem of gratitude and satisfaction, and hoped he would favour them with his assistance and advice. With regard to the Past Masters, Bro. Hook, P.M., was the father and founder of the lodge, whom they were always pleased to see.

Bro. Walter Davies, I.P.M., said he hardly knew how to thank them for his reception. The gift so kindly presented to him would, he hoped, be with him for many years to come. He hoped to have the privilege of being in that lodge to the day of his death to assist not only the W.M., but Masters to come. He felt he had not done much for that lodge during his year, but he had tried to do his duty to the best of his ability. They had been good enough to give him some work, but he had been handicapped by a bad throat which had become chronic. He was pleased to say, speaking in a legal sense, it was a case of Davies v. Throat, and he had won the case—with costs. He was placed in the chair in a manner that had never been surpassed in the lodge, and since then had received every kindness at the hands of the members. He had been extremely favoured and had initiated many highly respected members into the lodge, and had received that kindness which could only be extended by the Past Masters and brethren to the Master of a lodge. He would only say that from the time he took the chair to the time he left it, he had no enemy in the world, and certainly none in that lodge. He assured them that so long as he lived he would always work as a Past Master for the benefit of the lodge.

Bro. Hook, P.M., also replied, and "The Treasurer and Secretary" having been given, "The Officers" was responded to by Bro. J. Lightfoot, S.W., who returned thanks in an appropriate speech.

Under the direction of Bro. Hook, P.M., D.C., a programme of music was given by Bros. T. M. Stamp, Horace Petley, T. Wallis, and Messrs. Sam Wright and G. C. Mottley.

Scots Lodge (No. 2310).—The St. George's Festival and election meeting of this energetic lodge was held in the Scottish Corporation Hall on St. George's day under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. John Whitehead, P.M., supported by Bros. John Page, P.M., S.W.; Duncan F. Gellion, P.M., J.W.; James Thomson, Sec.; Thos. Grant, S.D.; Joseph Whitehead, J.D.; Dr. D. M. Forbes, I.G.; Capt. H. F. Campbell, R.N., D.C.; E. Johnston-Gordon, A.D.C.; Peter Greig, Stwd.; Wm. Duncan, Org.; Dan. McKay, W. Bailey Smith, Wm. Laurie, James Gray, P.M., W. S. Beaton, Wm. Craig, Ashley Gordon, Dr. James Sinclair, George Henderson, David Charteris, and C. de Bels Brownlie. The visitors were Bros. J. Morrison McLeod, P.S.G.W. Derby, Sec. R.M.I.

for Boys; William Vincent, P.M. 1194 (who acted as I.P.M.); J. W. Gaze, I.P.M. 1768; Duncan Campbell, J.D. 1365; and F. B. Cuthbertson, 36 (S.C.).

There having been so much work to do, a lodge of emergency was held the previous evening to pass Bro. Donald McKay and to raise Bros. Drummond-Duff, Dr. Sinclair, Wm. Laurie, and Daniel McKay. On St. George's day, after the minutes of the Burns' Anniversary and the lodge of emergency held in February were read, the ballot was taken and declared unanimously for the election of Capt. James Tate Cutting, and he being in attendance was duly initiated. Bros. Gordon and Bailey Smith were then passed to the Degree of Fellow Crafts. The election of a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year was then taken, and declared unanimously in favour of Bro. John Page, P.M., the S.W. Bro. George Shaw, C.C., P.M., was duly re-elected Treasurer; Bro. James Gray, P.M., was elected Trustee; and Bros. Daniel McKay and Wm. Craig were elected Auditors. A Past Master's jewel was heartily voted to Bro. Whitehead, and the proposal for a special ladies' meeting and summer outing was agreed to, and left in the hands of the W.M., J.W., and Secretary to arrange for in the month of June. A special vote of thanks was accorded Bro. F. Faithful Begg for reprinting and distributing amongst the members an unique reprint of his eloquent oration to the immortal memory of Scotland's national bard, Bro. Robert Burns. Bro. C. F. Matier, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., having written intimating his resignation, the brethren, feeling the force of the reasons given, accepted Bro. Matier's letter with great regret, and unanimously elected him an honorary member of the lodge, and extended an invitation to him in perpetuity for every time he could attend the lodge gatherings.

The lodge being closed, the brethren descended to the banqueting hall, which, as usual, was decorated with the flags and banners of the Scottish clans. Being St. George's day the dinner, purveyed for as usual by Bro. Clemow, of Anderton's Hotel, was more British than usual. At all events it was as much English as it was Scottish. The menu cards were printed upon tartan-backed cards of the various clantartans, but for once the waiters were delightedly surprised to find the dishes subscribed in honest English and not in the untranslatable vernacular of the Secretary's mother tongue, so that for once the viands were served in the orders as printed. But the haggis was there and received all honours, the "great chieftain of the puddin' race" is never omitted, and the one comfort the Saxon brethren visiting have is "the wee drappie o' it" that immediately follows, and although the mountain dew is freely drunk there are never any of the "brithers" ditto.

After the usual patriotic and fraternal toasts, Bro. Vincent, who acting as I.P.M., had the honour of proposing "The Health of the W.M.," expressed the great delight and pleasure he had had in coming and seeing for himself the characteristic working of the Scots National Lodge and the beautiful halls wherein the meetings were held, while at the same time he saw how wide awake the lodge was, and what a pride it must be to have the presidency of such a truly representative lodge, and he complimented Bro. Whitehead upon having filled the chair with such energy and devotion.

Bro. Whitehead in his genial way briefly responded, and in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," coupled with it "The Masonic Charities," thus giving Bro. McLeod, Secretary of the R.M.I. for Boys, a glorious opportunity of improving the occasion, which Bro. McLeod, in reply, did, saying he was proud to have been born in Edinburg and to attend the Scots lodge, which he trusted would ever remember their obligations to the great Institution.

The proceedings terminated by the whole company rising and in a circle singing "Auld lang syne" in soli and chorus.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BARNET.

Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).—The regular meeting for the month was held at the Red Lion Hotel on Friday, the 24th ult., when there were present Bros. J. E. Cussans, P. Prov. S.G.W.; W.M.; S. Tryon, S.W.; G. Blizard Abbott, J.W.; W. K. Hopkin, P.M.; Treas.; Charles Gray, P.M., Sec.; R. Fisher Young, P.M., D.C.; F. Thompson, S.D.; Collingwood, J.D.; Oldfield, I.G.; Chifferiel and Anneveld, Stwds.; Baxter, I.P.M.; Eneby, P.M.; J. Brittain, P.M.; W. Lewis, P.M.; Tibbatts, Curnow, Marshall, Mason, Goddard, Tyler, and others. Visitors: Bros. Moore, 2278; Haskins, and others.

The minutes of the previous lodge having been read and confirmed, a sum of £5 5s. was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. H. W. Poole, St. Botolph, No. 2020, was elected a joining member, and Messrs. John McLeod Rainsford and G. C. T. Phillips having been balloted for and elected, were severally initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree.

The brethren afterwards dined together, and spent a very pleasant evening, the speeches being interspersed with some excellent songs by Bros. Tibbatts, Lewis, and others, Bro. Haskins presiding with his usual ability at the piano.

CROWLE.

Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. Meadley was to have been passed, but owing to ill-health he was unable to attend. Bro. J. Constable, W.M., was in his place, but several officers were absent, the influenza detaining them at home. The W.M. gave an account of his visits to various lodges. Two candidates were duly proposed.

There were present Bros. R. Wood, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. Winter, P.M.; R. N. Brunyee, J.W.; Burton, Shaw, Org.; C. Fox, S.D.; T. Turner, E. Shillito, and R. T. Wressel. Bro. F. T. Turner was a visitor.

HAMPTON COURT.

Burdett Lodge (No. 1293).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 23rd ult., at the Mitre Hotel. Present: Bros. Edward Swain, W.M.; B. J. Jacob, S.W.; Vivian Orchard, J.W.; H. M. Gordon, P.M., Treas.; D. W. Pearce, P.M., Sec.; F. Pfister, S.D.; J. D. E. Tarr, P.W., as J.D.; J. B. Scale, I.G.; W. Maple, P.M., Steward; Col. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master, first Past Master of the lodge; Room, Prov. G. Sec.; R. L. Sindall, P.M.; W. G.

Kentish, P.M.; Dr. Roberts, P.M.; C. Sadler, Harling, and E. H. Lea. Visitors: Bros. F. Richardson, P.G.D.; Tayler, P.P.G.W.; Frigout, W.M. 171; Francis, P.M. 183; Stephens, P.M. 206; T. P. Harker, P.M. 732; W. C. Wigley, P.M. 1348; Glazier, S.W. 34; Swinscow, S.D. 49; and Bivrad, 2096.

After the usual routine business, Bro. Francis Burdett (son of the respected Prov. Grand Master) was raised in an excellent manner by the W.M. to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and after the ceremony was appointed to the office of J.D., as an earnest of the further promotion which it is hoped awaits him.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Sadler, and spent a pleasant evening.

Bros. Stephens, Harling, W. H. Wheeler, and Syclemore contributed to the general enjoyment by excellent singing. Bros. Wheeler and Syclemore gave a fine rendering of the duet "Excelsior."

In the course of the evening Bro. Pearce, Sec., reminded the lodge that this year it had attained its majority, having been consecrated in January, 1870. It was suggested that the event should be marked in some special manner, and the necessary arrangements are to be made.

LEICESTER.

Commercial Lodge (No. 1391).—The 20th installation meeting and annual festival of this lodge was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. There was a very full attendance of members of the lodge and visitors from this and other provinces. Amongst those present were Bros. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M., P.A.G.D.C. England; J. Coulbeck, P.M. 737; G. Newman, P.M. 523; J. T. Thorp, P.M. 523; C. Cooper, P.M. 1410; J. Slinn, P.M. 737; H. H. Packer, 737; J. Hullydyke, P.M. 1366; C. Lowenstein, P.M. 1007; J. G. Parr, W.M. 2081; W. H. Barrow, Mus. Bac. Cantab, W.M. 523; J. McRobie, Rev. H. S. Biggs, Rev. F. Tibbits, W. J. Curtis, S.W., F. Cartwright, and A. Holland, of 523; H. B. Bruce, J. Herbert Marshall, W.M. 279; G. S. Catlow, P.M. 50; J. Compton, 725; R. R. Blackwell and J. H. Harrison, 1500; H. Goodacre Marriott, 2028; W. H. Chamberlin, 523; and members of the lodge, Bros. C. J. Wilkinson, P.M.; W. W. Vincent, P.M.; J. Harrison, P.M.; R. B. Starkey, P.M.; S. Knight, P.M., and a large number of the brethren.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. J. G. Bower, opened the lodge, and after the usual routine business, the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Thomas S. H. Ashwell, was presented and was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The Installing Masters, who performed their work exceedingly well, were Bros. C. J. Wilkinson (a founder of the lodge) and W. W. Vincent. The ceremony was largely choral (a new feature in this province and one much appreciated by the brethren) and very interesting. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Henry Howe, S.W.; A. Ferguson, J.W.; Rev. J. Willson, Chaplain; R. B. Starkie, P.M., Treasurer; J. W. Beazeley, Sec.; A. Chambers, S.D.; G. J. B. Woolley, J.D.; S. Knight, P.M., D.C.; G. O. Marshall, Org.; J. C. Vary, I.G.; F. Lambert and J. Hawkes, Stewards; and James Tauser, Tyler. Before the close of the lodge the W.M. presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. J. G. Bower, the I.P.M., who suitably acknowledged the presentation. A like honour was conferred on Bro. R. B. Starkey, who also thanked the lodge. The lodge was then closed.

Subsequently the brethren partook of an excellent dinner, to the number of over 70, held in the dining room, and presided over by the W.M.

After the toast of "The Queen," The Worshipful Master proposed "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," which was felicitously responded to by Bro. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M., who holds the rank of P.A.G.D.C. England.

The toast of "The Prov. G.M., and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," was responded to by Bro. J. Herbert Marshall, W.M. 279, P.M. 1007, Prov. S.G.W.

The toast of the evening—"The W.M., Bro. T. S. H. Ashwell, and Success to the Lodge"—was given by Bro. J. G. Bower, I.P.M., in feeling terms.

The Worshipful Master, in response, expressed his gratitude for the honour done him in placing him in the chair. After asking for the cordial co-operation of his officers and the members, to ensure the continuance of the prosperity and harmony which now marked the lodge, he expressed the hope that at the close of his year of office his conduct therein should have been such as to merit the approval of all its members.

The remaining toasts were "The Visitors," "The Sister Lodges," and "The Officers of the Lodge."

A pleasant gathering was brought to a fitting close by the Tyler's toast.

During the evening songs were contributed by Bros. J. McRobie, A. Page, C. Page, H. Howe, H. G. Marriott, and W. Sheen, recitations by Bros. Carl Lowenstein and J. T. Thorp, and a flute solo by Bro. F. Seale, Bro. Barrow, W.M. 523, kindly officiating at the piano.

The jewels were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

MANCHESTER.

Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge (No. 2363).—This lodge held its regular meeting on the 27th ult., at the Victoria Hotel. There was a large attendance of brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting and also of an emergency were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for two gentlemen, and both proving favourable, they were subsequently initiated by Bro. Martin Thomas, P.M., W.M., in such a manner as cannot be excelled. At the close of the ceremonies a very interesting circumstance took place. Bro. Martin Thomas, W.M., has had the honour of being appointed Provincial Grand Deacon of East Lancashire, we presume through the fact of him being the principal promoter of the Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge, and also for the noble undertaking lately accomplished by the Minnehaha Minstrels, which was an entertainment given by this amateur troupe, the proceeds to be given to the East Lancashire Systematic Benevolent Institution and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The brethren took this opportunity of presenting Bro. Thomas with a complete set of Provincial clothing. Bro. Seth Wrigley introduced the matter to the brethren, and called upon Bro. H. Nall, D.C., to present them, who remarked during all his long experience in connection with Masonry he had never had

a greater pleasure than that moment to ask Bro. Thomas to accept that beautiful present. He assured him that every member of the lodge had contributed towards it freely and delightedly, and were pleased to think that one they all loved so much had had the high distinction bestowed upon him. But they all felt it was due to one who had worked so hard and done so much for Freemasonry in general, and he sincerely hoped the Great Architect of the Universe would spare him long to wear them. Bro. Martin Thomas was overcome by emotion, but briefly responded in most graceful and affectionate words. Music is introduced into the ceremony, which is beautifully rendered by the many talented members of the lodge.

The lodge was closed, and subsequently the brethren dined together.

The following brethren were present: Bros. M. Thomas, P.M., W.M.; Seth Wrigley, S.W.; F. W. Wollaston, J.W.; Chas. Harrop, Treas.; Fred. Hilton, Sec.; W. A. Brabner, S.D.; C. H. Beaver, J.D.; H. Nall, D.C.; E. Smith, Org.; Chas. Mercer, Stwd.; John S. Caw, W. H. Hayes, Herbert Giddes, Edgar Armstrong, Humphrey C. Lilley, J. B. Kirk, Tyler; Chas. Smith, W.M. 1055; Wm. Morecroft, 1313, 2360; J. H. Marsh, J.W. 1730; John Roberts, P.M. 204, P.P.G.D.C.; Geo. S. Smith, P.M., W.M. 2359; Alfd. G. Pearce, P.M. 1357; and Frank W. Mee, Stwd. 163.

RHYMNEY.

St. David's Lodge (No. 2226).—The fourth installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 16th ult., at the Local Board Office Buildings, for the purpose of installing Bro. John J. Williams, the W.M. elect. The following is a list of the brethren and visitors present: Bros. D. F. Pritchard, P.G. Supt. of Works, W.M.; Roger W. Jones, B.A., P.P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; J. J. Williams, S.W.; W. L. Marks, J.W.; W. Pritchard, Treas.; Fred. C. Williams, J.D.; John Randall, D.C.; G. T. Evans, I.G.; Giles G. Golding, P.M., P.P.G.D., Org.; J. Llewellyn and R. Swedenbank, Stwds.; J. Aish, Tyler; Nicholl-Bradley, P.M.; T. Edwards, T. Acland, B. Rees, T. Thomas, J. H. Phillips, J. Powell, J. T. Millett, J. Jones, sen., J. Jones, jun., D. B. Jones, G. H. Randall, J. Aurelius, T. Lewis, E. J. Williams, Dr. Williams, Geo. Seaborne, Lewis L. Fine, T. B. Yendoll, Sydney J. Phillips, M. Roberts Jones, A. H. Stowell, and Frederick R. Stone, all members of the lodge. Visitors: Bros. Captain S. G. Homfray, Deputy Prov. G.M.; W. Watkins, P.M. 1573, P.P.S.G.W.; John Lewis, P.M. 1098, P.P.S.G.W.; R. A. Forsyth, I.P.M. 683, P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Richards, W.M. 1098, P.P.G.S.; J. P. Fowler, P.M. 1098, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; James Green, P.M. 1098, P.P.G. Pursuivant; C. Lloyd Phillips, P.M. 1098, P.P.A.G.D.C.; B. Phillips, S.W.; D. L. Davies, J.W.; W. North, J.D.; R. H. Spencer, Stwd.; James Johnson, D.C.; W. Griffith, D. W. Havard, Carl W. G. Vergin, James Samuel, G. Deane Burdett, P.M., and J. E. Webb, all of 1098; G. F. Harris, P.M., P.P. G.D.C.; S. Sandbrook, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Duncan McDonald, J.W.; and J. S. Jones, all of 110; G. Hazell, P.P.G.P., S.W.; D. E. Davies, G. Senior, and W. Colloch, of 1429; L. Rogers and R. A. Carr, of 683; J. H. Taylor, 36, I.P.M. 1573, P.P.G. Std. Br.; and H. V. Trump.

The lodge was opened by the I.P.M., and the W.M. elect, Bro. J. J. Williams, I.P.M. 1098, P.S.G.D., was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, who then proceeded to install Bro. Williams, and the ceremony was most impressively carried out, after which the following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year: Bro. D. F. Pritchard, I.P.M.; W. Lloyd Marks, S.W.; Fred. C. Williams, J.W.; Rev. Thos. Theophilus, Chap.; R. W. Jones, P.M., Treas.; G. T. Evans, Sec.; John Randall, S.D.; J. Llewellyn, J.D.; T. Acland, D.C.; Giles Golding, P.M., Org.; T. Edwards, I.G.; G. Seaborne and D. Bevan, Stwds.; and J. Aish, Tyler. The usual vote of thanks was recorded, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Royal Hotel, the tables were neatly furnished, and 64 brethren sat down to dinner. This was served in good style, and the host, Bro. Fred. C. Williams, together with Mrs. Williams, were complimented by the brethren at the conclusion.

The W.M., Bro. J. J. Williams, who presided, gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were well received.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the P.G.M., Col. Chas. Lyne," as well as "The D.P.G.M., Bro. S. G. Homfray, and the Officers of the P.G. Lodge."

Bro. John Lewis, P.M., responded. The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. D. F. Pritchard, I.P.M., and responded to by the W.M.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Taylor, Trump, Duff, Davis, and Stone.

The other toasts that followed were "The Installing Master and Past Masters," "The Lodges of the Province," "The Masonic Charities," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast.

Some capital songs were given during the evening by Bros. D. W. Havard, Fred. R. Stone, J. H. Taylor, G. T. Evans, A. J. Williams, and several others.

Before the close of the evening a very pleasing ceremony took place—that of presenting the officers and brethren of the lodge with a very beautiful organ. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, in a very neat speech, on behalf of Mrs. Fred. C. Williams, of the Royal Hotel, Rhymney, made the presentation, which was received with acclamation. The following inscription, on a silver plate, is affixed to the organ: "Presented by Mrs. Fred. C. Williams, Royal Hotel, Rhymney, to the officers and brethren of St. David's Lodge of Freemasons, No. 2226, in commemoration of her 21st birthday, and of the year of office of her father-in-law, Bro. John Jewel Williams, as Worshipful Master. April 16th, 1891." A most hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. Williams for her kindness and generosity to the brethren of the lodge. The usual votes of thanks terminated a most successful and enjoyable gathering.

SCUNTHORPE.

St. Lawrence Lodge (No. 2078).—This lodge was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult. There was only a small attendance, owing to the prevalence of the epidemic. Bro. H. Langbridge occupied the chair in the absence of the W.M., there being also present Bros. W. Campbell, S.W.; S. M. Peace, J.W.; T. H. Chatterton, Sec.; Rev. W. Weigall, P.P.G.C., S.D.; W. Swaby, J.D.;

Reed, P.M.; and the following visitors: Bros. W. Goodwin, P.P.S.G.W., and J. Constable, W.M. 1482.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Goodwin attended as Charity Steward from the Provincial Grand Lodge, and advocated the cause of the Boys' School, for which the brethren promised to do their best before the Festival.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a repast in the lodge ante-room.

SOUTHEND.

Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting was held on the 23rd ult., at the Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. W. E. Bridgland, Prov. G.S.B., I.P.M., as W.M.; B. Thomas, S.W.; A. Vandervord, J.W.; Rev. T. W. Herbert, P.P.G. Chap.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; C. W. Barnard, S.D.; F. J. Cumine, J.D.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; E. J. Bowmaker, I.G.; B. Fearnside, Org.; C. H. Bowmaker and R. J. Smith, Stwds.; A. W. Martin, Prov. G.T., Tyler; J. W. Harris, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. D. Merritt, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; C. Floyd, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; G. J. Glasscock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; G. Reed, and W. Elam.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Elam was passed, and Mr. W. T. Darke initiated. Bro. W. D. Merritt, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., was nominated to serve on the Provincial Board of General Purposes. Two joining members having been proposed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

SUNBURY.

Sunbury Lodge (No. 1733).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Magpie Hotel on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., when there were present Bros. T. Covell, W.M.; Fisk, S.W.; Jebbett, J.W.; Tucker, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C., Treas.; F. C. Austin, P.M., Sec.; W. Clifford, S.D.; Cathron, D.C.; Sapsworth and Smith, Stwds.; Forty, I.P.M.; Aubert, Webster, Carne, Armstrong, Shillito, Peirce, Blackman, Collins, Freeman, Hatch, G. Chambers, Allen, Ruff, Horace Clark, and Howard H. Room, P.M., Prov. Grand Secretary. Visitors: Bros. W. J. Lyons, S.W. 946; R. Eales, P.M. 1512; R. W. Forge, P.M. 1793, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Axford, P.M. 1803; and A. Walker, 2032.

The lodge having been opened, the W.M. called upon the brethren to salute the Provincial Grand Officers present, for which Bro. Room, P.G. Sec., returned thanks. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, as also the report of the Audit Committee, which showed a balance of upwards of £23. The W.M. then asked the brethren to excuse his proceeding with the ceremony; he did not feel in the presence of so distinguished a company quite equal to the occasion. This having been generously accorded, Bro. Austin, P.M., Sec., assumed the chair, and duly installed Bro. S. C. Fisk, the ceremony, as well as the subsequent addresses, being given in a masterly manner. The following were then appointed and invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Covell, I.P.M.; Jebbett, S.W.; Tucker (elected), Treas.; Austin, Sec.; W. Clifford, S.D.; Cathron, J.D.; Sapsworth, I.G.; Smith, D.G.; Shillito and Blackman, Stewards; and Whiting, Tyler. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. E. Clark, the investiture of J.W. was deferred.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in Bro. Freeman's best style.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of "The Provincial Grand Officers" being responded to by Bro. Howard H. Room, who congratulated the lodge on its sound position and the excellence of its working. It was his first visit to the lodge, and he took that opportunity of thanking the brethren in having so far honoured him by electing him an honorary member.

In giving the toast of "The I.P.M.," the W.M. referred to the genial manner of Bro. Covell, who, although not a great worker, had done what duties he undertook in a satisfactory manner. He then, in the name of the lodge, presented Bro. Covell with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, for which Bro. Covell returned thanks.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Forge, Eales, Lyons, and Axford, while interesting musical contributions were given by Bros. Horace, Clark, Figg, and others, the company separating at an early hour, the railway arrangements not permitting of a prolonged stay.

WISBECH.

United Good Fellowship Lodge (No. 809).—The installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Rose and Crown Inn, when between 40 and 50 brethren attended, including the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Andrew H. Moyes, P.G. Std. Br. England; Bros. Oliver Papworth, P.M., Sec. of Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association; Frank Piggott, W.M. 88; W. H. Francis, W.M. 859; and many other visitors, there being no fewer than 23 brethren present at the Board of Installed Masters.

Bro. G. W. Whitehead, W.M., assumed the chair, and took the work up to the Board of Installed Masters, when Bro. G. Carrick, P.M., acted as Installing Master in a most efficient manner, the charges being delivered by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. Robinson Smith, P.P.A.G.D. of C., was saluted in the customary manner as the new W.M. He then appointed and invested his officers as under: Bros. G. W. Whitehead, I.P.M.; John Grover, S.W.; W. R. Girling, J.W.; J. Leach, P.M., Treas.; W. Bray, P.M., Sec.; A. J. Elworthy, S.D.; J. R. Bambridge, J.D.; E. B. Bellars, I.G.; E. R. Girling, Org.; C. Parker, P.M., J. L. Rae, P.M., T. B. Sullivan, and W. Gilling, Stewards; H. Thorns, P.M., Director of Ceremonies; and A. Bothamley, P.M., Tyler. It was agreed to vote 15 guineas for the R.M.I.B., to go on Bro. G. Carrick's list. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. G. W. Whitehead. A handsome banner was presented to the lodge by Mrs. Robinson Smith, the wife of the newly-installed W.M., who had worked out the design most appropriately and with exquisite taste, under the guidance of Bro. Bray. The hearty thanks of the brethren were ordered to be forwarded to the donor.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the various visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and the company adjourned to banquet, when the usual toast list was interspersed with songs by Bros. Hampson, W. R. Girling, Elworthy, Kennerell, Layle, Foster, and Gilling.

Bro. A. H. Moyes responded for the toasts of "The Grand Officers" and the "Provincial Grand Officers," and

took occasion to congratulate the province upon the present position of the lodges within it.

Bro. Carrick, in a forcible speech, proposed "The Masonic Charities," which was acknowledged by Bro. Oliver Papworth.

Altogether a most harmonious evening was passed.

Royal Arch.

CROYDON.

George Price Chapter (No. 2096).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on Saturday, the 18th inst., when there were present Comps. A. S. Browne, Prov. G.S.N., Z.; F. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org., H.; Arthur Adams, J.; J. S. Fraser, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; H. M. Hobbs, P.P.G.J., Scribe E.; Gordon Smith, S.N.; J. D. Langton, Prov. G.R.; F. W. Leaver, G. S. Horsnail, W. Pile, P.P. G.S.N.; H. C. Sherry, E. C. Holdsworth, and W. Lane, Janitor.

The chapter having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the following brethren of the George Price Lodge were exalted, viz.: Bros. G. Parbon, W. D. Hayward, and F. A. Holdsworth, the ceremony being performed by the M.E.Z., and the lectures given by the Principals in a very able manner. A letter was read from the Secretary of the George Price Lodge with reference to the proposed testimonial to Bro. F. West, and the M.E.Z. and two other companions were elected to act on the Committee, which Scribe E. informed the companions had already been joined by representatives from several lodges and chapters. A P.Z.'s jewel was voted to the M.E.Z., and the Principals, Officers, and Janitor having been elected for the ensuing year, and an Audit Committee appointed, the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

FERSEY.

Cæsarean Lodge (No. 74).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 15th ult., at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, when there were present Bros. Peter Bois, W.M.; T. Stone, I.P.M.; F. J. Godfray, S.W.; C. Marett, J.W.; P. G. Hamilton, M.O.; J. H. Goldsmith, S.O.; E. Oldridge, J.O.; W. T. Pugsley, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Hamling, Sec.; J. C. Barrette, S.D.; T. Leat, P.M., J.D.; S. Gilley, I.G.; C. H. Wilson, Org.; G. Rogers, Tyler; L. P. Hespriadoux, P.M.; O. Dodge, P.M.; W. Newman, G. Parkinson, F. Vincent, T. Le Sauvage, W. F. Le Feuvre, H. C. Brodhurst, A. Hadley, J. H. Elliott, W. Gosling, and others. Visitors: Bros. John Durell, P.S.W.; W. H. Edmunds, 63; O. M. Holden, Oxford University; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, the ballot was successfully taken for Bro. Dr. A. E. Hind, 877, and two other candidates. The impressive ceremonies of advancement were performed by the W.M. and his officers in the fullest and most able manner, thus giving a real treat to those who had come to witness the rehearsal of the authorised ritual in an unbridged manner.

Several communications were read, and "Hearty good wishes" having been offered by the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the refectory to partake of the usual refreshments, under the presidency of Bro. Bois, the W.M., Bro. Geo. Rogers having, as usual, done everything to contribute much to the comfort of the brethren at the refreshment board.

The customary loyal and Mark toasts were duly given and most enthusiastically received, and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. Lyell, W.M.; Langdon, S.W.; Laker, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor and Treasurer; Poole, acting as Sec.; Gaze, S.D.; Cheese, J.D.; Hennell, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Windsor, G. Lavington, Scott, Livett, Sandals, Russell, Steele, Luckhurst, and Gilbert.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation being announced, and Bro. Windsor having offered himself as a candidate, was initiated, the W.M. giving the charge. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of raising being announced, and Bro. Russell having offered himself as a candidate, and having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Russell duly raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Langdon was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Somerset Arms, Fulham-road, when there were present Bros. F. Thomas, W.M.; Wilts, S.W.; Ollive, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Tucker, Sec. and S.D.; Ingram, J.D.; Ambler, I.G.; Stutfield, Knapp, and Cox.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Tucker being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Carlstrom, who had previously answered the usual questions, being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of this Lecture were worked by Bro. Carlstrom, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, and the lodge was closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. H. Sadler, Grand Tyler, W.M.; J. B.

Corpe, S.W.; D. G. Imlay, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Baker, Sec.; H. S. Wellcome, S.D.; Fredk. Bull, J.D.; J. W. Drysdale, I.G.; A. Leighton, F. J. Sykes, H. T. Sykes, W. Rowley, H. Passmore, H. Neville, G. A. Nock, Dr. Barrett, and James Corpe. Visitors: Bros. E. J. Reynolds, 63; and W. W. Adams, 1644.

The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot taken for Bro. Leighton proving unanimous in his favour, he was cordially welcomed as a joining member. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Barrett having been examined and entrusted, retired, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Barrett being re-admitted, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising in a most able and impressive style. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. W. H. Kirby worked the 3rd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. E. J. Reynolds, 63, was proposed and seconded as a joining member. Bro. J. B. Corpe was elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting. He appointed his officers in rotation, and announced that the work would be the ceremony of initiation, the charge, and the 3rd Section of the Second Lecture. The lodge was then closed.

A resolution is in force at this lodge of instruction that brethren wishing to visit or join the lodge must in all cases produce their certificates, unless they are personally acquainted with one of the members present who will undertake to vouch for their qualification to be admitted.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 17th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. H. J. F. Williams, W.M.; H. Bright, S.W.; J. Davis, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; F. Craggs, S.D.; H. Blackman, J.D.; R. Phillips, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; and W. Hyde.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Craggs acting as candidate. Bro. Hyde offering himself as a candidate for passing, was questioned and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was opened and closed in the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. having risen, Bro. H. Bright was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 20th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. Charles Godfrey, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; J. C. Conway, J.W.; G. Read, W.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. R. Allman, P.M. 1425, S.D.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, J.D.; and O. W. Battley, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dehane being the candidate. After the usual preliminaries, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Chalfont being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. A vote of thanks to Bro. C. Godfrey was unanimously passed for the very able manner he had performed the duties of W.M. for the first time, which compliment was duly acknowledged. Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. C. G. Gray, W.M.; J. Duncan, S.W.; G. T. Chretien, J.W.; J. Petch, P.G.S.B. Herts, acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; H. J. Kimbell, sen., S.D.; R. W. Nicole, J.D.; A. Wolter, P.M., I.G.; E. H. Bury, T. E. Newman, W. E. Manning, and A. Giddings.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Manning being the candidate. Bro. Giddings answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Giddings being the candidate. Bro. Wolter, P.M., worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Manning answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Duncan was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 17th ult., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W. Present: Bros. G. Gardner, W.M.; W. Middleweek, S.W.; C. J. Bye, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M. 167, Preceptor; W. J. Mason, I.P.M. 2246, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; W. R. Flack, J.D.; H. Armfield, I.G.; F. L. Chandler, P.M.; J. Powell, E. T. Ginder, R. H. Broom, H. Foskett, H. D. Smith, and R. J. Husband.

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. R. J. Husband being the candidate. The W.M. gave the charge to the initiate. The Preceptor worked the 4th and 5th Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. Middleweek was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. It was proposed by the Preceptor, seconded by the Secretary, and carried unanimously, that the sum of five guineas be voted from the funds of this lodge of inst action, and be placed on Bro. G. Gardner's list, who is a Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. G. Gardner in a neat little speech thanked the brethren for their kindness. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. G. A. Knight, W.M.; Joseph Cox, S.W.; R. W. Gatliff, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Midds., Treas.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; J. Wiggins, J.D.; W. B. Neville, I.G.; J. R. Hubbard, W.M. 403; James Sims, P.M.; W. Dresden, E. E. Gellowski, A. J. Talbot, C. Woods, J. H. Neville, E. J. Green, and G. Swann, W.M. 865.

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. Woods acting as candidate. Bro. Dresden offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in a very commendable manner, Bro. Williams acting as Preceptor. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. There were present Bros. Brown, W.M.; Jennings, S.W.; Elkin, J.W.; J. Davies, P.M., Preceptor; Austin, P.M., Treas.; H. P. Gilbert, P.M., Sec.; G. Higginson, S.D.; L. Cox, J.D.; Catling, I.G.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834; Speigel, P.M.; Kirkham, Berry, Taylor, W.M. 1791; A. Love, Cotton, Gane, Harford, and Larter.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Cotton offering himself as candidate, and answering the usual questions, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the third ceremony was rehearsed by the W.M. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by the brethren, the Preceptor putting the questions. The lodge was closed in this Degree. Bro. Taylor, the W.M. of the mother lodge, was elected W.M. for the next meeting, after which the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 25th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; F. A. Barthe, S.W.; F. Craggs, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; H. Bright, Sec.; J. N. Baxter, S.D.; J. Browne, J.D.; J. McCrowe, I.G.; W. S. Whiteley, Stwd.; A. Williams, P.M.; J. Davies, P.M.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; and D. Stroud, P.M.; H. Gave, W. G. Foster, R. H. Wimpey, T. Barthe, and G. W. Kirkham.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Foster acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Gave was unanimously elected a joining member, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Whiteley for his many acts of kindness to the lodge. The lodge was then closed.

WARNER LODGE (No. 2192).—The regular weekly meeting of this lodge was held at Bridge Chambers, Hoestreet, Walthamstow, on Monday, the 20th ult., when there were present Bros. C. H. Bestow, W.M.; F. Taylor, S.W.; W. Lambert, J.W.; Wm. Shurmur, P.G. Treas., Preceptor; Nathaniel Fortescue, Treas.; W. P. Allen, Sec.; W. W. Cook, S.D.; J. J. Briginshaw, J.D.; G. Long, I.G.; J. Collett, Hon. Stwd.; H. F. Bromhead, P.M.; G. J. Westfield, P.P.G.S.B.; Urban Smith, J. Ives, J. King, R. Eustace, W. F. Stauffer, C. Spurgeon, E. James, P. Trickett, T. Maynard, J. C. Francis, W. Brookman, J. Kempthorne, F. R. Peck, T. Fuller, and others.

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. Fuller as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bros. Trickett and Brookman as candidates. Bro. Wm. Shurmur, Preceptor, delivered the lecture on the second training-board. Bro. W. Brookman, 2374, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. F. Taylor was elected to occupy the chair at the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, on Friday, the 24th ult., when there were present Comps. Marsden, Z. 1320, M.E.Z.; Hill, H. 1329, H.; Vincent, P.Z. 1320, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Gooding, S.N.; Gill, P.S.; Benedetti, Z. 1275; North, J. 1275; Towers, 1275; Corpe, Z. 507; Goodwin, Mayo, Wingham, Tarr, G. F. Smith, Grummant, Martin, and Murché.

The chapter was opened, and the ceremony of installation of Second Principal was rehearsed by Comp. Vincent installing Comp. Hill. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Goodwin personating the candidate. Comps. G. F. Smith, J. 2005; Tarr, M.E.Z. 1283; and Mayo, 860, were elected members.

NINTH ANNUAL DINNER OF THE LOGIC CLUB.

The Logic Club, which was founded in 1832 by Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M., and the late Bros. John Maclean and George Buckland, held its ninth annual dinner last week, under the presidency of Bro. W. Thomas, P.M., &c. Covers were laid for over 100, and thanks to the energy displayed by the Stewards, Bros. J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M., Sec.; R. D. Cummings, P.M.; R. P. Stevens, P.M., a very successful evening was the result.

The London Military Band, conducted by Mr. Dan Godfrey, jun., played an excellent selection of music during banquet, and a short toast list was subsequently given.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," were first duly honoured.

The CHAIRMAN in proposing "The Logic Club," explained that it was exclusively a body of Freemasons, and was established nine years ago by three brethren, two of whom had passed away but who were distinguished men in their profession and distinguished Freemasons. He referred to Bros. George Buckland

and John Maclean. They met in Camden Town as a sort of mutual improvement society, and in each others houses to improve themselves in the ritual of Freemasonry, so that when they became Worshipful Masters they would do credit to themselves and their lodges. This was the little grain of mustard seed that had grown to the Logic Club. Others asked to join and at last they had to take the Cavendish Rooms to receive the brethren. Twelve months ago the club was under a great cloud and was passing through a great crisis in consequence of the death of their worthy Preceptor, Bro. John Maclean. They then met under adverse circumstances, and were doubtful whether it would maintain its reputation, and carry on its admirable work. They felt they could erect no better monument to the memory of their Preceptor than by determining to carry on the work he had so well begun. A Committee was formed, and a Preceptor was found, and he had no hesitation in saying that the mantle of Elijah fell upon a worthy Elishah in Bro. Fairchild, P.M. The new Preceptor was ably supported, and the members by their attendance helped to maintain its reputation and keep it successful. As an evidence of its success, he thought he was right in informing them that three lodges of instruction had been started from the Logic Club, including the Derby Allcroft with one of the founders of the Logic Club as its Preceptor. This was an evidence of vitality which needed no apology for their presence. Many of the brethren who had received instructions had passed the chair with credit to themselves and the club, and still attended, and he should like to say they would be pleased to see others in order that they might be encouraged by their presence. He hoped the Logic Club of Instruction would continue as an institution where younger Masons could gain the instruction they required to enable them to pass through the chair creditably, and cement that friendship, love, and harmony which already existed. Might their influence be carried and felt throughout the lodges and lodges of instruction in London and the country, and might the grand principles of the Order—especially that of being happy and communicating happiness—be felt throughout the country, and men be cemented together in the universal bonds of brotherly love.

Bro. J. P. FITZGERALD, P.M., Sec., in response, said the club was, as explained by the Chairman, an assembly of irregular Masons meeting for improvement. They met under no particular banner except that of fellowship. Their object was mutual improvement in connection with the Masonic ceremonies. The last year had been a perfectly successful one. At the beginning they received a very heavy blow in the death of their dear old friend, Bro. Maclean, the principal founder. Since Bro. Maclean's death 36 meetings had been held, with an aggregate attendance of 740 and an average of 20 at each meeting. They had received 41 visitors, representing 24 lodges. They had rehearsed 39 ceremonies,—the First Degree 7 times, Second Degree 11 times, Third Degree 17 times, and the installation ceremony four times. Several brethren had been induced to take the chair for the first time, and votes of thanks recorded on the minutes for their admirable work. Since the club was re-organised at the death of their Preceptor it had been managed by a Committee of brethren distinguished in the Craft, and he would give them their attentances. Bro. Fairchild, P.M., Preceptor, had never been absent since he took the position. Bro. R. P. Stevens, P.M., had an attendance of 21; Bro. R. D. Cummings, P.M., 25; Bro. W. Thomas, 25; Bro. Johnson, 18; and Bro. Potter, 15. It was, of course, his duty as Secretary to be present on every occasion. They had lost one brother during the year—Bro. A. Prince, W.M. elect 201—whom it was unnecessary to allude to as he was bound up with the club in every way. Bro. Wm. Thomas, P.M., had stepped into the breach made by the death of Bro. Maclean, and the Committee of the club thanked him most heartily and sincerely for taking the chair that evening.

"The Visitors," "The Chairman," and "The Committee" were cordially given and received before a successful evening was concluded.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. CANON W. H. COOPER, P.M.

It is not often a Mason has the privilege of receiving gratifying acknowledgments of his services to the Craft from two as distant parts of the world as New Zealand and British Columbia. But such is the experience of Bro. Canon Cooper, who has been presented, on the unanimous vote of Spallumcheen Lodge, No. 11, British Columbia, with a regulation Past Master's jewel and collar. The presentation has been made not only to mark the appreciation of the brethren of Spallumcheen Lodge of Bro. Cooper's services as first W.M. and principal founder, but also in consideration of the great interest he has taken and still takes in the prosperity of the lodge.

The jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, bears this inscription: "Presented to Bro. Canon W. H. Cooper, P.M., first W.M. and founder, by Spallumcheen Lodge, No. 11, British Columbia."

This is the third lodge of which Bro. Cooper was the first W.M., and the third presentation of the same kind and for the same services received by him during his Masonic career. The first was from Lodge Akawa, New Zealand; the second from Harlesden Lodge, No. 2098, London; and now the third from British Columbia almost completes the circle of the globe.

Obituary.

BRO. DAVID B. BUCKLEY.

The funeral of the late Bro. D. B. Buckley, of Barnes Green, Blackley, who died after a brief illness in his 44th year, took place at the Southern Cemetery, Withington, on Saturday, the 25th ult. The funeral party, who occupied some 20 carriages, included many private friends and neighbours, members of various societies with which Bro. Buckley was connected, and a numerous contingent of Freemasons, particularly of those belonging to the Ardwick Lodge, No. 2185, wherein he was initiated into the Order and had served the office of Organist. Six members of the Ardwick Lodge, among whom were three Past Masters in the Craft, carried the coffin into the mortuary chapel, and thence to the grave. After the burial service of the Church of England had been read by the officiating clergyman, Bro. S. Chesters-Thompson, I.P.M., stood at the head of the grave and delivered an address, in which he paid a tribute to the great worth of their late brother, whom he had known for a quarter of a century, and for whom he had a profound affection. He expressed the deep sense of those about him of their personal loss by the departure of one who was truly a brother, and their heart-felt sympathy for those who by his death had been suddenly bereft of a husband and father. Mr. Ben Brierley was among those who attended the funeral.

The Theatres.

Bro. Thomas Thorne shows his managerial wisdom in that having been persuaded to bring before the public a play which was unanimously condemned on its appearance he at once withdrew it, not like some managers who try to bolster up a bad piece, and so end in throwing good money after bad. Bro. Thorne, in the place of "Diamond Deane," has revived Lord Lytton's ever-popular play "Money." Many will recollect the brilliant way in which this comedy was acted at the same theatre about six years since. No fault can be found either with the company or the stage-mounting of the present revival. It can hardly be called a congruous play, but it contains so many witty passages and affords excellent opportunity for various members of the cast to exhibit skill in acting that it must always remain both to actors and audience a highly popular piece. Bro. Thos. Thorne again represents the gruesome Graves. Shall we ever forget his exclamation "Sainted Maria"? He is ably supported by his brother, Mr. Fred Thorne, as Sir John Vesey, Mr. Laurence D'Orsay, as Sir T. Blount, and Mr. Edward Righton, who alone, with Bro. Thos. Thorne, represents the old cast as Stout. Mr. H. B. Conway is the Alfred Evelyn, which he plays in a manly fashion, and Mr. Elwood succeeds Mr. Frank Archer as Sir Dudley Smooth. The new actress, Miss Dorothy Dorr, who caught the public sympathy in the late piece, is the Clara Douglas, a part she plays with much pathos and precision. Miss Jenny Dawson is the Lady Franklin, and in the scene with Graves, gets much applause. We have before seen this lady in burlesque. "Money" seems likely to bring the Vaudeville for some time a good deal of money.

"Carmen Up to Date" may now be said to have entered upon its third edition, since Mr. George Edwardes introduced what he terms the second edition a couple of months ago. The burlesque then was very much altered and improved upon since its first night, and now still further changes having been made in songs, dialogue, and dances, Bros. Pettit and Sims' burlesque seems likely to attain, if not surpass in popularity, and length of run any of its predecessors at the Gaiety—the home of the sacred lamp of burlesque. The *pas de quatre*, which was such a prominent feature in "Faust Up to Date," and became the talk of the town, and illustrated in every pictorial journal, has been re-introduced into "Carmen Up to Date," and its lively music by Bro. Lutz, and the pretty dancing of the Misses F. Levey, A. Astor, A. Gilbert, and M. Wilmot are warmly welcomed by the full houses Mr. Edwardes still continues to attract. Bro. E. J. Lonnen in his Bogie Man song is encored again and again. He has considerably brightened up his part, as he might be expected to do. Miss St. John is still the prima donna; Misses Sylvia Grey and Letty Lind are excellent rivals for the favour of the public by their saltatory exercises, of which they are such past mistresses, and Bro. Arthur Williams brings so many comic incidents into his part that "Carmen Up to Date" verifies its title and should be seen often and often for enjoyment.

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MASONIC AND GENERAL TIDINGS

The monthly meeting of the Council—late General Committee—of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall to-morrow (Saturday), at 3 p.m.

We are asked to announce that the Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673, has gone into recess for the summer, and will resume work on the second Thursday in October.

Bro. the Hon. Chief Justice Way, Past M.W. Grand Master and Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, is expected to arrive in London from Adelaide to-day (Friday).

Bro. Earl Cowley has returned to Lowndes-square from visiting the Duke and Duchess of Wellington at Strathfieldsaye, and has been joined by the Countess Cowley from Draycott House, Chippenham.

The Earl of Lathom will preside at the festival dinner of the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn-road, to be held on Saturday next at the Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole, in aid of the Buildings Completion Fund.

It is the intention of Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Provincial Grand Master, to hold the next Provincial Grand Lodge of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire at the Masonic Hall, Beverley, on Wednesday, the 13th inst.

The Royal Naval Exhibition, Chelsea, will be opened by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on behalf of her Majesty, to-morrow (Saturday). The ceremony will be an imposing one, and will no doubt be largely and fashionably attended.

The first meeting of the Royal Commission on Labour, of which Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., is Chairman, will be held at Westminster Hall to-day (Friday) for the purpose of arranging the order of procedure and the examination of witnesses.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and the Marquis of Lorne were present at the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden, on Saturday evening last, and witnessed the performance of "Faust."

At a regular meeting of the Henry Levander Lodge, No. 2048, held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, on Saturday, the 25th ult., Bro. Arthur Henry Scurrey was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. W. A. Scurrey, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Middx., was re-elected Treasurer.

The Earl of Derby presided at the biennial festival held at the Hôtel Métropole on Thursday, the 23rd ult., in aid of the National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic, Queen-square, Bloomsbury, the subscriptions and donations amounting to £1870. Bro. Lord and Lady Halsbury were among the principal guests.

A marriage was solemnised at St. Mark's, North Audley-street, on Saturday last between the Hon. Ronald Greville, 1st Life Guards, eldest son and heir of Bro. Lord Greville, and Miss Margaret Anderson, step-daughter of Mr. W. M'Fwan, M.P., among those present at the breakfast which followed being Bro. Lord and Lady Greville, the Lady Doreen Long, Bro. the Earl of Cork, and the Hon. Helen Henniker.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., visited the Prince and Princess of Wales at Marlborough House on the 23rd ult. to take farewell of their Royal Highnesses prior to his departure for Mashonaland. In the evening the Prince and the Duke of Clarence and Avondale attended the sitting of the House of Lords for the purpose of hearing the address by Bro. Sir William Whiteway, K.C.M.G., on the Newfoundland Fisheries question.

A leading Bristol paper recently referred to the probable appointment of Bro. Theo. Carrington as conductor of the Bristol and Clifton Public Band. Then the matter had only been discussed by the Committee, and negotiations had not been entered into with our chief local violinist. We are now happy to say that the members of the Committee and Bro. Carrington have had an interview, terms have been arranged, and Bro. Carrington has definitely accepted the appointment. We congratulate this gifted brother on his success.

"The Theatre" for the current month, published by Messrs. Eglington, and carefully edited by Mr. Capes and Mr. Eglington, keeps up that character which we have from time to time had the pleasure to comment upon. This month Miss Katie Seymour, who has made the great hit as a dancer in "Joan of Arc," appears as one of the portraits, the other being a group consisting of Bros. Harry Monkhouse, Harry Parker, and John Le Hay in "Maid Marian." The reading is all sound and up to date. The delightfully graphic notices of the various plays produced during the last month are faithfully written by that veteran critic, Mr. Cecil Howard, and should be stored up in one's library wherewith to refresh one's memory in times to come and for reference. We gladly welcome this neatly got-up monthly periodical.

The second smoking concert of the sixth season of the Westminster Orchestral Society (Patron—his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh) took place in the Council Chamber of the Westminster Town Hall on Saturday evening last, the chair being occupied by Bro. General Charles A. Sim (Chairman of the Council), and the vice-chair by Bro. W. A. Baskcomb (Associate). During the evening Mrs. Charles Sim gave a recitation in excellent style, and songs and instrumental solos and recitations were contributed by Bro. Professor Elwin and others, including Mr. Fleming Norton, Messrs. C. S. and H. E. Macpherson, Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald, Mr. Henry Ward, Mr. George Schneider, and Mr. H. L. Balfour. Mr. St. John Shadwell Clarke, who was introduced by the gallant Chairman as a son of the Grand Secretary, played two banjo solos (accompanied by Mrs. Baskcomb) in first rate style. The Vice-Chairman sang "Jarge's Jubilee," by Corney Grain, and as an encore recited his well-known "Story of a Mob Cap," and in Part II. "A Traveller's Tale," by G. R. Sims. The accompanists were Mr. Rayment Kirby, F.C.O., B.A. (member of Council), Mr. F. D. Smithers, and Mr. Twyford Taylor, and the iron grand pianoforte used was by Messrs. John Broadwood and Son.

Bro. Lord Mayor Savory has promised to preside at the festival which will be held at the Holborn Restaurant on Friday, the 8th inst., in aid of the Teachers' Benevolent and Orphan Homes.

The 76th anniversary festival of the Royal Caledonian Asylum, Holloway, will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Monday, the 1st June, when the chair will be occupied by Bro. Lord Kinnaird.

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

The Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and the Princesses Victoria and Maud were present at the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden, on the 23rd ult., and witnessed a performance of "Lohengrin."

We regret to hear that Bro. Lieut.-Gen. the Hon. Somerset Gough-Calthorpe was prevented by illness from attending the marriage of his niece, Miss Blanche Fielden, with Mr. J. Robin Gray at St. George's, Hanover-square, on the 23rd ult.

The festival dinner in aid of the North London, or University College, Hospital was held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Tuesday, under the presidency of Lord Reay, when subscriptions and donations amounting to close on £2000 were announced.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, Bro. Admiral Sir E. A. Inglefield, Bro. Lieut.-Gen. Feilden, M.P., and the Italian Ambassador and the Countess Tornelli attended the reception given by the Grosvenor Club on the 23rd ult. on the occasion of the opening of their new rooms.

The House of Commons Committee appointed to consider the several bills dealing with the Metropolitan Water Supply met on Tuesday under the presidency of Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., among the other members present being Bros. Sir Algernon Borthwick, and T. H. Bolton.

The Victoria Steamboat Association has purchased the favourite paddlewheel steamer The Lord of the Isles to ply between London and Harwich. The steamer will make his first journey on Saturday, the 16th instant, from the Old Swan Pier, London Bridge, calling en route at Greenwich, Blackwall, Woolwich, Tilbury, Southend, and Clacton.

The Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, was unable to arrive from Grasse in time to open the sale of work at Devonshire House in aid of the Distressed Irish Ladies' Fund on Tuesday, and her Royal Highness's place therefore was taken by the Dowager Duchess of Marlborough. Most of the work exhibited had been done by the lady pensioners, of whom there are now about 120.

At an emergency meeting of the William Shurmer Lodge, No. 2374, held at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, on the 16th ult., there were 18 candidates—four for initiation, five for passing, and nine for raising. Also 100 guineas was unanimously voted to the Royal Masonic Boys' School. Numerous propositions for initiation and joining were received.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales presided at the festival dinner held at the Hôtel Métropole on Friday, the 24th ult., in aid of the Eastern Counties' Asylum for Idiots. Among the principal guests were Bros. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Lord Henniker, Sir Charles Hall, M.P., Sheriff Farmer, Bro. Sheriff Augustus Harris, Bro. W. Tyssen-Amherst, M.P., Bro. Lennox Browne, and Bro. R. P. Clowes. The donations and subscriptions, including £105 from the Prince of Wales, amounted to £5920.

The centenary festival of the Royal Sea-Bathing Infirmary, Margate, for scrofulous subjects, of which the late Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson was so great a benefactor, will be celebrated at Freemasons' Tavern on Monday, the 11th inst., under the presidency of the Marquis of Lorne. Since its establishment in 1791 no less than 50,000 in-patients have been treated, and during the last few years the proportion of those treated successfully has very greatly increased. It is, indeed, an institution which well deserves the support of the benevolent.

The Eton College Loan Collection, formed to celebrate the ninth jubilee of the foundation of the school, will, as at present arranged, be opened in the Upper School on 20th June and be continued till the 6th July. The Committee includes amongst its members Bros. the Duke of Fife, the Earl of Lathom, J. G. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., Sir Redvers Buller, V.C., and Lord Kinnaird. Contributions in the shape of relics and pictures are earnestly requested to be sent.

In the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice on Saturday there was a petition in the list of Mr. Justice Chitty to restore the name of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Masonic Hall Company, which had been erased, to the Register of Joint Stock Companies. Mr. Ingle Joyce, who appeared for the company, said there was something in the petition which required looking into, and he suggested that it should be allowed to stand over for a week, with liberty to amend the petition. Mr. Greenwood, who represented some of the parties interested, offered no opposition. The petition was ordered to stand over for a week.

The Queen has issued a warrant affirming the constitution of the Imperial Institute and naming the Prince of Wales as its first President. The warrant further provides that the governing body shall comprise 18 nominated Governors—12 by the Queen and six by the President—and certain ex-officio governors, namely, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor, the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Chairman of the London County Council, the Lord Mayors of London and Dublin, and the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, and the Governor of the Bank of England. There will also be a contingent of appointed Governors, the Dominion of Canada being represented by 11, the Australian Colonies by nine, India by 15, and other colonies and dependencies proportionately.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT exert a rapidly favourable effect in all those diseases which are induced by exposure to damp or by great changes in temperature. They will therefore be found eminently serviceable to those who work in iron foundries, copper mines, and collieries. These well-known remedies present manifest advantages in respect to use and effectiveness, being entirely compounded vegetable drugs selected with the greatest care and regardless of price. When used in accordance with the ample printed directions which accompany them, they act surely but mildly, and do not interfere with the daily work. There are but few diseases which are not capable of cure—or, at all events, of great relief—if Holloway's remedies are perseveringly used.—[ADVT.]

There will be a matinée of "The Bookmaker" at the Globe Theatre to-morrow (Saturday), at 2.30.

Bro. John Barnett, jun., G.M.O. Middx. and Surrey, is to be installed W.M. of the Henniker Mark Lodge at Mark Masons' Hall, on Tuesday next.

"Masonic Musicians" is the subject of a paper to be read to-day (Friday) at the meeting of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, London, by Bro. W. A. Barrett, P.G.O.

The "Rocket" which ascends from the roof of Terry's Theatre at five minutes to nine each evening denotes that the curtain is about to rise on A. W. Pinero's amusing three-act farce of that name.

The Duchess of Connaught and Princess Leopold visited the Royal Italian Opera on Wednesday evening. In the afternoon the Duchess and her children visited Madame Tussaud and Son's Exhibition.

The annual meeting of the City and Guilds of London Institute was held on Wednesday in the Mercers' Hall. The report, which was adopted, showed that the Institute had made enormous progress during the year.

The Duchess of Albany and her children and Princess Louise arrived at Victoria Station on Wednesday evening from the Continent. The Duchess of Albany left for Esher. The Princess Louise, who was met at the station by the Marquis of Lorne, drove to Kensington Palace.

Bro. Horniman having retired from the contest for the Shrievalty, the field is clear for Bro. H. Seymour Foster to be elected with Mr. Alderman Tyler in June to serve the citizens of London as the two Sheriffs. We doubt whether any one will care to come forward at this late hour to oppose Bro. Foster, whose supporters are so numerous and strong.

An imposing ceremonial took place at the South Shore Hydropathic Establishment on Monday afternoon, on the occasion of the installation of his Worship the Mayor (Alderman Bickerstaffe) as W.M. of the West Lancashire Century Lodge, No. 2349, in succession to Bro. the Rev. S. V. B. Bradshaw. A report of the proceedings will be given in our next issue.

Sir Evelyn Wood inspected the whole of the infantry of the Aldershot division, on the Queen's parade on Wednesday, and this being the strongest muster of troops so far this season, a large number of spectators, including many ladies, were present. The troops, who were in the newly-termed "Royal inspection order," were formed up facing Government House.

Bro. Edward Terry's series of matinées commence on Thursday next, May 7th, with a new three-act farce by Harry Greenbank, entitled "The Director," in which the following well known artistes will appear: Messrs. Edward Terry, Henry V. Esmond, E. M. Robson, R. Ganthony, Philip Cunningham, A. Kendrick, Mesdames C. Calvert, Alice Maitland, Rose Dearing, Gordon-Ascher, Mary Marden, Jessie Danvers, and Sophie Larkin.

Every available room in Windsor Palace will, it is understood, be required for the reception of her Majesty's guests on the occasion of the approaching Royal wedding. The Duke and Duchess of Anhalt and Prince Aribert (the bridegroom) will be among the first arrivals, and are expected to reach Windsor on July 2nd. The German Emperor, who will be attended by a numerous retinue, arrives at the Castle on Saturday, July 4th, by which day most of her Majesty's guests will have assembled. The wedding takes place on the following Monday, July 6th, in St. George's Chapel.

It has been definitely arranged that the Prince of Wales, and probably the Princess also, will visit Yarmouth at the end of May, and during his stay in the old town his Royal Highness will inspect his own special militia regiment. The Prince is extremely popular in Yarmouth, and arrangements are already being made on an extensive scale to give him as loyal a welcome as he received some years ago, when, in his capacity as Grand Master, he laid the foundation-stone of the new hospital at Dene Side, Yarmouth.

A ladies' banquet and dance, in connection with the Temple Lodge, No. 101, will take place at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., for which the entire suite of rooms have been placed at the disposal of the lodge. The reception will commence at six o'clock and the banquet at 6.30. The dancing will begin at nine o'clock and terminate at one. As gentlemen who are not Masons will be present, a dispensation has been obtained from Grand Lodge to sanction Masonic clothing being worn by the brethren.

Mr. Charles Wyndham has granted the use of the Criterion Theatre for a matinée to be given on the 12th inst. in aid of mission work and schools at Clewer. The entertainment, which will be under Royal and aristocratic patronage, will include an operetta by Messrs. Colnaghi and Ponsoby, and will be provided by, among others, Mr. Wyndham and Miss Mary Moore, Mr. Hermann Yezin, Miss Marion Lea, Miss Laura Johnson, Mr. Barrington Foote, and Mr. P. C. Shortis.

The final scene of the funeral of the late Count Von Moltke took place at Kreisan on Wednesday afternoon. The coffin was conveyed from the station to the mausoleum by 12 non-commissioned officers of the great Elector's Cuirassier Regiment, who were relieved in turn by 12 officers of the 38th infantry of the line. The remains were followed to the grave by numerous deputations and a considerable crowd, including the inhabitants of Kreisan. Pastor Schrio-Grueditz delivered a funeral oration at the grave, and the ceremony commenced and concluded with the singing of an anthem.

On Wednesday Miss Shaw, accompanied by her father, Captain Eyre M. Shaw, attended at the Whitechapel headquarters of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, in the Commercial-road East, and in the presence of a large number of officers and men of the brigade and of the inhabitants of the East-End presented ex-Superintendent Campbell with a picture of his officers in the C district. The ceremony took place in the engine-house, and Captain Shaw, in the course of a speech, referred to the many services rendered to London and to the brigade by Mr. Campbell, the "oldest fireman in London." Miss Shaw then presented the picture amid loud cheers, and Mr. Campbell suitably responded. Captain Shaw then inspected a testimonial which had been previously handed to Mr. Campbell by the men of his district.