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## ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Friday, the 15th inst. There was a considerable attendance of brethren, both Provincial and Metropolitan, and the ordinary business was carried through with sufficient promptitude, notwithstanding some unfavourable criticisms of the expenditure, one particular item in the accounts to which exception was taken being the collector's commission, petty expenses, postages, and Stewards' entertainment. As regards these various sums the Audit Report discloses nothing extraordinary, nothing additional to what has been approved in the past, while the critics were unable to detect anything in the accounts, as passed by the Auditors, which in any way affected the character of the Committee of Management for prudence and economy in the administration of the funds. Indeed, the objections they raised were such as have been taken to these or similar items for some few years past, and they were met by explanations which have also been repeated from time to time. But, with the exception of this slight expression of discontent, the proceedings passed smoothly. The Annual Report was adopted, and the vacancies in the Trusteeship of the Institution caused by the deaths of Bros. the Earl of CARNARVON and W. WINN were filled by the election of Bro. C. E. KEYSER, as Trustee of the Male Fund, Bro. HENRY SMITH, as Trustee of the Widows' Fund, and the Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE, D.G.M., as Trustee of the Sustentation Fund. As regards the election, there was a considerable amount of excitement, and the report of the Scrutineers was awaited with anxiety by the friends of the candidates.

### MALE FUND.

The number of vacancies on this Fund as declared in February was 14, of which 11 were immediate and three deferred, but five annuitants had since died, and one had had his annuity suspended, so that the number elected was 20, the list of candidates including 66 brethren, of whom 16 hailed from London, and 50 from the Provinces and Abroad. In the result it was seen that success was fairly apportioned between town and country, the former obtaining six of the vacancies and the latter 14. Curiously enough, two brethren tied for the 17th place, that is, for the last *immediate* vacancy, and the Committee, as they did under precisely similar circumstances in the election last year, will no doubt, decide to admit them both, and if so, they will assign the third deferred vacancy to Bro. WILLIAM DAVIES, of East Lancashire, who stood 21st, with 2511 votes. The brother who headed the poll was a new candidate—one of two hailing from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight—who scored 3537 votes right off the reel, the Bengal candidate, who brought forward 1198 votes, and raised his total by 2269 votes, being second with 3467 votes. No. 3 (London) started with 1963 to his credit, and finished up with 3287, while No. 4, who also hailed from London, increased his 1966 votes to 3264. Then followed a third Londoner, who, with a much smaller number of votes in hand, was able to score 3262 votes, and thus secure the fifth place, and then one of the five Devonshire brethren, who had 50 at starting and closed the day with 3067 votes. No. 7—from the Channel Islands—was close at his heels with 3062 votes, made up of 988 from May, 1890, and 2074 polled on this occasion, and one of the three candidates from Kent stood next with 2972 votes, the bulk of which were cast for him at this ballot. A fourth London candidate came next, who began with 682 votes in hand, and had the good fortune to secure 2150 further votes, thus placing his final figure at 2832. One of the North and East Yorkshire brethren, who had 2247 votes to his credit, obtained 597 more votes, and thus secured the 10th place; while the Suffolk

brother, who made his first appearance on this occasion, was fortunate enough to receive 2815 votes. The next in order was the Surrey candidate, who brought forward 2117 votes from May, 1890, and improved his total to 2810; No. 13 (London) having 637 in hand, and polling 2117 votes, making together a total of 2754. No. 14, also a London case, scored 2690 votes, of which 874 were brought forward, No. 15, West Yorkshire, 2619 votes, and No. 16, West Lancashire, 2602 votes, the last two being new candidates. For the 17th place there was, as we have said, a tie, two of the West Yorkshire candidates, one standing over from last year, but with no votes in hand, and the other new, polling each of them 2601 votes. The Dorsetshire candidate obtained 2570 votes, and with them the 19th place, and one of three applicants from Northumberland the 20th place with 2553 votes. The next highest on the result sheet hailed from East Lancashire, and polled 2511, and in the event of the Committee arranging to assign immediate annuitants to the two returned at No. 17, the third deferred annuity will become his without further trouble on the occurrence of the vacancy. The four next in order were all London candidates, polling 2492, 2388, 2220, and 1652 votes respectively, and then followed a second Hants and Isle of Wight brother with 958 votes, a London brother with 890 votes, and the brother from Norfolk with 819 votes, there being three others who polled upwards of 400 votes, and who, like the other unsuccessful candidates will carry these forward to the election in 1892. It is worth while noticing that none of the senior candidates—those whose names had been on the list for five years and upwards—were able to secure places, the one who obtained the highest place on the list being the brother from Hants and the Isle of Wight, who stood and will stand as No. 1, and for whom a poll of 958 votes was returned, of which 796 were brought forward from his *nine* previous applications. It will be seen from the results we have stated that the polling was very close, there being less than 1000 votes difference between the highest and lowest successful candidates, while there were four other brethren who polled upwards of 2200 votes. The number of votes brought forward from May, 1890, was 18,877, and the number issued for this election was 57,292 votes. Of these latter 56,838 were passed by the Scrutineers, so that 454 votes were unused or spoiled.

### WIDOWS' FUND.

The polling for this election was still heavier, the number of vacancies being 16—13 immediate and three deferred—and the number of candidates 81, of whom two, however, were withdrawn from the list before the contest commenced. In this election London appears to have put forth a greater amount of strength and with greater success, eight out of its 30 candidates obtaining places in the successful list, while the Provinces, with 49 candidates, secured the remaining eight. Nos. 1, 2, and 3 were all London, and polled 4261, 4190, and 4137 votes respectively, the first number including 2929 votes brought forward, the second 2036 votes, and the third 2978 votes. No. 4, from Kent, scored 4097 votes, of which all but 143 were polled on this occasion, while the next, from the Eastern Division of South Wales, who was the only new candidate who found a place in this section of the return, scored 3932 votes. No. 6, from Hants and the Isle of Wight, had already 3187 votes to her credit when the poll opened, and the further 715 she received made her total up to 3902. No. 7 (West Yorkshire) started with 4 votes and finished with 3754, an East Lancashire widow, who had one vote to her credit, standing next with 3739 votes, and a fourth London candidate ninth with 3686, of which 877 were brought forward from May, 1890. Another London candidate, with 2143 votes to the good, came out 10th with 3668 votes, and a Suffolk lady 11th, with 3568 votes, of which as many as 3187 were brought forward. The Essex candidate, who had 2088 votes in hand, increased her total to 3352, and so secured the 12th place, while the widow from Lincolnshire, whose name had been on the list at the *ten* previous elections, and who had brought forward 2782 votes, had at length

the satisfaction of winning an immediate vacancy with 3321 votes. A London candidate, with 216 votes for a start, received further support to the extent of 3075 votes and secured the 14th place with a total of 3291, two other London candidates, who polled 3174 and 2943 votes respectively, being placed 15th and 16th, the former having 1932 of these, and the latter 724 in hand at the commencement of the struggle. The highest Unsuccessful candidate was from London and scored 2930, and then followed in the order given candidates who received support to the extent of 2905 (London), 2804 (Cornwall), 2714 (Kent), 2527 (London), 2399 (Kent), 2220 (Norfolk), 2166 (Cheshire), and 2119 (Oxfordshire) respectively. There were 10 other candidates who obtained over 1000 but less than 2000 votes, and then the numbers diminished rapidly, one widow whose name has been on the list for four years having as yet secured not one single vote in support of her candidature. The total number of votes brought forward from the last election was 44,433, and the number issued for this 62,436, but of the latter 1214 were either rejected by the Scrutineers or unused. The number of widows who will remain on the list for 1892 is 63, as compared with 46, or, if the tie is dealt with in the same manner as last year, 45 on the Male Fund; so that there are still upwards of 100 worthy Old People for whom it has been impossible to make any provision this year.

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual meeting of the Subscribers to this Institution was held on the 15th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution, was unanimously voted to the chair. He was supported on the dais by Bros. George Everett, G. Treas.; Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire; C. E. Keyser, P.S.G.W. Herts; Capt. Homfray, E. F. Money, and Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.

The report of the Auditors was read by Bro. J. TERRY, Secretary, as follows:

We, the undersigned, having audited the Treasurer's account from the 1st April, 1890, to the 31st March, 1891, inclusive, and all vouchers having been produced, do find the same correct.

MALE FUND.			
Balance 31st March, 1890	...	£3,961	12 3
Receipts ...	...	11,757	19 0
		15,719	11 3
Disbursements ...	...	11,705	4 9
Balance on this account ...	...		£4014 6 6
WIDOWS' FUND.			
Balance 31st March, 1890	...	£2,790	3 11
Receipts ...	...	12,400	17 1
		15,191	1 0
Disbursements ...	...	12,265	14 4
Balance on this account ...	...		£2925 6 8
SUSTENTATION FUND.			
Balance 31st March, 1890	...	£56	15 0
Receipts ...	...	26	16 4
		83	11 4
Disbursements ...	...	24	0 11
Balance on this account...	...		£59 10 5
Total balance ...	...		£6999 3 7

A. H. TATTERSHALL,  
JOHN J. BERRY,  
CHARLES KEMPTON. } Auditors.

Freemasons' Hall, 8th May, 1891.

Bro. Capt. HOMFRAY proposed, and Bro. MONEY seconded, "That the Auditors' Report be received."

Bro. W. B. BARNETT (Monmouth) desired to know whether it was not customary to give a fuller account of the expenditure, instead of lumping it under a few heads.

The CHAIRMAN said it was done in the ordinary way, and a printed copy would be sent to each Life Governor.

Bro. BARNETT asked whether it would not be advisable that the accounts should be printed and distributed before the annual meeting, so that those who came to the meeting might have the means of criticising it. He had with him a copy of last year's balance-sheet, some items of which he thought needed explanation. Of course if it was not in the hands of the brethren beforehand they could not properly ask for information about it.

The CHAIRMAN said the accounts were placed before the Auditors, who were elected by the Subscribers, and they passed them, they being the representatives of the Subscribers. He did not see how each Subscriber could examine the accounts.

Bro. BARNETT remarked that he did not mean that, but he wanted some explanation of items in last year's accounts.

The CHAIRMAN enquired whether there was anything in particular Bro. Barnett could place his finger upon of which he would like an explanation.

Bro. BARNETT said there were some items in last year's accounts which he would like information upon.

The CHAIRMAN said that was rather out of date as it had been already passed, but it was not desired to burke enquiry, and he would give permission to Bro. Barnett to refer to it.

Bro. BARNETT would like to have an explanation of an item of £369 Collector's Commission. How was this sum made up? Taking himself as a Steward of that year for his lodge, he collected and sent up £52 10s. Did the Collector have commission on that? He received a receipt signed by the Collector for it.

The CHAIRMAN said there was a settling day three weeks after every Annual Festival, and the Collector had no commission on any money paid up to that day, although he might have given a receipt. The object of having the settling day some three weeks after the Festival was that the Stewards might forward their collections to the Secretary. Bro. Barnett might render his mind quite easy that no commission was paid on his 50 guineas.

Bro. BARNETT said then there could be no objection to setting out the sums on which commission was paid to the Collector.

The CHAIRMAN said it appeared to him that if that was the case, instead of the book they now had they would have a great volume, which would lead to endless printing and expense, for there were an enormous number of five-shilling sub-

scriptions on which the Collector got his commission. He had to go after those five shillings, and what he received commission on was those five shillings.

Bro. BARNETT asked what was the amount of per centage paid?

Bro. TERRY: Five per cent.

Bro. BARNETT said then he was paid commission on £7500 or so. There was another item, petty expenses and postages £367 odd. It was an exceedingly large amount, why was it not separated? As it stood it was impossible to see which were petty expenses and which were postages. Then there were provincial and other expenses; what was the meaning of that? At the last meeting of his province the Secretary of this Institution attended; he would like to know if his expenses of coming down there were chargeable to the Institution. If they were he submitted it was improper, and ought not to be sanctioned. He was not conversant with the mode of dealing with this matter, and he had come at some inconvenience and expense, having the interests of the Institution at heart, to place the matter before the Subscribers; he had no wish at all antagonistic to the Institution, his sole object being the benefit of the Institution. He was not carping at any of the items, he was only asking for free and fair discussion and information on the subject. There was an item of £81 paid for entertainment of Stewards and annuitants. He would like to know how much was received by the Stewards, and how much by the annuitants. He thought that expense might very well be left out. As a Steward himself he did not want any refreshment at the expense of the Institution. Something like 100 poor old men and women would have to go away unelected that day. Could not some of these expenses be reduced, and a larger number of annuitants taken on? The next item was votes of thanks to the Stewards' £52. He appreciated the thanks very much, but not sufficiently to approve of £52 being spent on them. Very nearly two old women could have an annuity each for the money. For the £80 spent on the entertainment of the Stewards, two men could have the annuity of £40. Then he came to the Stewards' fees of £2 2s.

The CHAIRMAN said he must now call the worthy brother to order. The Stewards' fees had nothing to do with the meeting. If the Stewards liked to pay two guineas it was their own, and they could do what they liked with it.

Bro. BARNETT said he rather anticipated that interruption. But was not that an annual meeting of Subscribers, at which any question could be legitimately discussed? He contributed two guineas towards that fund, but he was not able to come up to the meeting of Stewards. There was nothing in the circular convening the meeting with regard to the disposal of the funds. He was now stating his views on the matter, because he believed the money was being spent in a manner than which it might be better spent.

The CHAIRMAN ruled that that had nothing to do with this annual general meeting.

Bro. BARNETT was very sorry to have to bow to this ruling. There was a lump sum of £7644 voted to the annuitants. What was the expense at Croydon; was it all lumped in this sum, or was it paid in £32 and £40 direct to the annuitants?

Bro. C. H. WEBB rose to order.

The CHAIRMAN said Bro. Barnett's statements, he presumed, were only a prelude to an amendment he had to move.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS objected to the valuable time of such a large meeting being taken up by the brother. The question of Stewards' fees had nothing to do with the meeting.

Bro. BARNETT presumed it was perfectly competent for any member to criticise the balance-sheet without making a motion.

The CHAIRMAN begged pardon. When Bro. Barnett craved leave to interpose he (the Chairman) gave him permission, because he thought the brother had come ready with an amendment to the motion that the Auditors' report be received.

Bro. BARNETT, continuing, said that with regard to the Secretary holding £200 in hand, that was largely against the interests of the Institution. In the Boys' School it was £50; £200 was too much for the Secretary to hold. Then on other matters—the Committee of Management was largely composed of London brethren. He was sorry to find the feeling was against any enquiry being made. (Cries of "No, no" and "Move.") He was told there was no wish to burke enquiry, and yet he was told now that he was delaying the meeting. He moved that the meeting be adjourned for a fortnight, or a month, in order that the statement of accounts might be circulated among the members.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that this meant also an adjournment of the election of annuitants, which was a very serious thing. He was afraid they must carry on the election, but he had sent for a copy of the rules.

Bro. FLANDERS (Monmouth) seconded the amendment, but, on being put, it was lost.

Bro. TERRY read the following Annual Report:

The Committee of Management has very great pleasure in submitting a report of its proceedings during the past year to the Governors and Subscribers to the Institution.

The Annual Festival was held by direction of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., Grand Patron and President, on Wednesday, the 25th February last. The Right Honourable the Earl Amherst, K.W. Provincial Grand Master of Kent, who rendered a similar service to the Institution as Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., in 1861, occupied the chair, and the Board of Stewards which supported his lordship consisted of 323 brethren and ladies. The donations and subscriptions were originally announced as amounting to £15,043 10s. 6d., but by the receipt of several outstanding lists and additions to lists already received this total was ultimately increased to £15,879 3s., or upwards of £2000 in excess of the final total of the previous year. It is impossible to regard such a result as this as being otherwise than eminently satisfactory, and the Committee most gladly avails itself of this opportunity of expressing its deep sense of gratitude to K.W. Bro. the Earl Amherst for having so ably presided on the occasion as well as to the Board of Stewards which supported his lordship's advocacy with so much energy and success, and to the lodges, chapters, and brethren who responded with so much generosity to the appeals addressed to them for their support. Were any illustration needed in order to show the increasing favour with which the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is regarded by the Craft generally it will be found in a comparison between the results of the two Festivals which have been honoured by his lordship's presidency. In 1861 the Board of Stewards numbered 90 brethren, and the donations and subscriptions amounted to £2982 1s.; in 1891 there were, as already stated, 323 Stewards, and the amount of the donations and subscriptions was £15,879 3s.

At the election in May, 1890, there were upon the funds of the Institution 499 annuitants, namely, 180 men and 229 widows, and to-day there are 147 approved candidates, of whom 66 are men and 81 widows. The latter figures show a slight reduction as compared with the numbers at the election in May of last year, caused no doubt by the greater stringency of the regulations determining the qualifications of candidates which were sanctioned and approved at the last annual meeting. But though the lists of candidates are still formidable, the Committee, having in view the very heavy responsibilities already devolving on it, has decided on not recommending the creation of any fresh annuities on either fund. Therefore the number of vacancies will remain as declared in February, namely, 14 men (11 immediate and three deferred), and 12 women (nine immediate and three deferred), so far as the question of increasing the number of annuities is concerned, but in the interval that has since elapsed there have been reported the deaths of five men and four widows, and the annuity of one of the men has been suspended, so that the number to be elected to-day will be 20 men and 16 widows. There will consequently be, as was the case after last year's election, 499 annuities provided for by the Institution, namely, 180 men, each receiving £40 per annum, and 229 widows, each receiving £32 per annum, the total sum distributable amongst these old people being £14,526. To this must be added a further sum of £540, divisible under Law 9 of the Male Fund, among 27 widows of recently deceased male annuitants, so that the total expenditure in respect of annuities will amount to £15,066.

It is with unfeigned regret that the Committee reports the deaths of the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master and Prov. Grand Master of

Somersetshire, and W. Bro. William Winn, two of the Trustees of the Institution. His lordship presided as Chairman at the Anniversary Festival in 1876, and Bro. Winn was one of the most generous of benefactors. Both had laboured successfully to promote the welfare of the Institution, and the Committee feels that their loss will be deeply felt. The vacancies in the Trusteeship caused by their death will be filled in the course of to-day.

The Committee is desirous of expressing its thanks to United Grand Lodge for the continuance of its annual grant of £70 towards providing the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon with coal during the winter months.

The Committee is also desirous of expressing thus publicly its most sincere thanks to the Honorary Surgeons of the Institution (Henry J. Strong, Esq., M.D., and R. Percy Middlemist, Esq.) for their kind and unremitting attention to those of the annuitants, both resident and non-resident at Croydon, who have been unfortunately compelled to seek their advice and assistance.

The Committee has the gratification of announcing the receipt during the year from the executors of the late Bro. Dr. Marris Wilson of a sum of £3500, being the net amount, after deduction of legacy duty, of a sum bequeathed by that brother to the Institution.

It has also the satisfaction of being able to state that the Asylum at Croydon is in a satisfactory state of repair, and will only need that cleansing and other attention which it is now undergoing to preserve it in that condition.

The audited Statement of Account for the year ended the 31st March, 1891, is appended: It has been prepared with the utmost care, and has undergone a rigorous examination by the Audit Committee before being finally approved and passed; and the Committee is confident that the Governors and Subscribers on inspecting it will find it no idle boast on its part when it asserts that the funds of the Institution have been administered with the most scrupulous care and a due regard to economy.

The Committee is desirous of expressing, in conclusion, its most earnest hope that in the future, as in the past, the Craft will contribute its generous support towards an Institution which, during the 49 years of its existence, has been the means of alleviating the wants of so large a number of aged and indigent brethren and widows of brethren, and, in particular, that on the occasion of its Jubilee Festival in 1892, they will rally round it in such numbers and to such good purpose that the Committee will feel itself justified in recommending a still further extension of its benefits.

Subjoined is the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the past year, to which reference has already been made, together with full particulars of the permanent resources of the Institution.

On the motion of Bro. Capt. HOMFRAY, seconded by Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treas., the Report was adopted.

Bros. Douglas, Stean, and Fisher were elected on the Committee of Management.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

On the motion of Bro. MONEY, seconded by Bro. S. J. ATTENBOROUGH, Bro. C. E. Keyser was elected Trustee of the Male Fund, in place of the late Earl of Carnarvon; and Bro. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, in place of the late Bro. W. Winn, Trustee of the Female Fund, on the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, G. Treas.

Bro. C. F. HOGARD nominated the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Dep. G.M., as Trustee of the Sustentation Fund.

Bros. Tattershall, Berry, and Kempton were elected Auditors.

Scrutineers of votes for the election of annuitants were appointed, and the election was proceeded with.

At the declaration of the poll the following was found to be the result:—

M A L E S.

SUCCESSFUL.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Votes, Name, Votes. Lists successful candidates for Males including George Drysdale, Arthur Edward Windus, Charles William Hatt, etc.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Votes, Name, Votes. Lists unsuccessful candidates for Males including William Davies, Thos. Morant Compton, Thomas Scholfield, etc.

F E M A L E S.

SUCCESSFUL.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Votes, Name, Votes. Lists successful candidates for Females including Sarah Clements, Louisa Middleton, Jane Hannah Baab, etc.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Votes, Name, Votes. Lists unsuccessful candidates for Females including Phoebe Everett, Charlotte M. Egan, Mary White, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Votes, Name, Votes. Lists candidates for Provincial Grand Master including Mary Octavia Saunders, Sarah Ann Burfield, Elizabeth Olive, etc.

INSTALLATION OF VISCOUNT DUNGARVAN AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER FOR SOMERSET.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset was held on the 14th instant, at the Assembly Rooms, Bath, for the installation of the successor of the late Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, as Provincial Grand Master. The successor appointed by the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, was Viscount Dungarvan, eldest son of the Earl of Cork, Lord Lieutenant of Somersetshire, who has been a constant attendant for some time at all important Masonic functions both in and out of London, and has become well known to most Freemasons, consequently there was a large attendance at his installation.

Every lodge in the province was represented, many of them very strongly. London and Bristol sent large numbers of their brethren, the London brethren being accommodated that morning by saloon carriages on the Great Western Railway attached to the 10.15 train from Paddington.

The Assembly Rooms were admirably fitted up for the occasion, excellent arrangements having been made by a Committee composed of brethren of the three receiving lodges—Royal Cumberland, 41; Royal Sussex, 53; and Lodge of Honour, 379—of which Bro. B. H. Watts was the Secretary. In the large hall, where the installation took place, the floral decorations were very effective, and around the wall were hung the banners of the various lodges. At one o'clock the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Officers entered the hall in procession, and Prov. Grand Lodge was formally opened; and after introductory business had been transacted the Earl of Euston was received as Installing Master, Bro. R. C. Else quitting the Master's chair for the purpose.

The Earl of Euston, after taking his seat, rose and said: R.W. Brethren, W. Brethren, and Brethren,—We are met here to-day to perform the ceremony of installing Bro. Lord Dungarvan as Provincial Grand Master of this Masonic Province of Somerset, and I feel very highly honoured that I have been asked by your Provincial Grand Master designate to install him in the chair as Provincial Grand Master. But, although you, brethren of the Province of Somerset, are giving such a hearty welcome to your new Provincial Grand Master, we cannot forget the loss you as a province and Masonry generally sustained when it pleased the G.A.O.T.U. last year to call your Provincial Grand Master and Pro Grand Master of England to the Grand Lodge above, that Temple not built with hands, eternal in the heavens, which is the cause of our being assembled here to-day to do honour to and to install the brother who has been appointed by his Royal Highness the Grand Master to succeed the late Bro. Lord Carnarvon as ruler of this Province of Somerset; and, while sympathising with you in the loss you sustained last year, I cannot but heartily congratulate the Masons of the Province of Somerset on having such a man and Mason as Lord Dungarvan appointed to rule over them. Looking over the records of the Masonic Province of Somerset I find that it has been in existence 121 years, the first Provincial Grand Master having been Bro. John Smith in the year 1770. He was followed by Bro. Thomas Dunckerley in 1784, but was again Prov. Grand Master in 1796 till 1818, and was followed by Bro. A. Chichester till 1820, when Bro. Col. Charles Kemeys Tynte was appointed. This brother ruled over the province 43 years, and he was followed in 1863 by Bro. Col. Adair, who in his turn was followed by the late lamented Earl of Carnarvon, who ruled over you for 22 years. That is indeed a list of Provincial Grand Masters to be proud of, and I feel sure that the allegiance you Masons of Somerset have given to your Provincial Grand Master in the past you will continue to the brother who is about to be installed here to-day as your Provincial Grand Master, and help him in every way that lies in your power to keep the Province of Somerset in as prominent a position in Freemasonry in England in the future as it has always been in the past, and knowing him as well as I do, I am certain that you will find him zealous, energetic, and untiring in carrying out the duties of his high office, and well deserving the honour his Royal Highness has done him in appointing him to rule over you.

The patent of Lord Dungarvan's appointment having been presented, examined, and passed, a deputation of Past Masters was directed to escort his lordship into the lodge.

The deputation consisted of Bros. R. D. Commans, T. P. Ashley, W. Long, A. G. Hayman, Loder, Ashcroft, and Rich, with the W.M.'s of the three receiving lodges—Bros. J. Robinson, Longworth Dames, and Hugh Lane.

The installation ceremony followed, Viscount Dungarvan being impressively invested with the insignia of office and conducted to the chair in due form. Afterwards he appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Table listing appointed officers: Bro. R. C. Else (re-appointed) D.P.G.M., W. B. Gregory, 41 Prov. S.G.W., B. A. Dyer, 53 Prov. J.G.W., Rev. E. G. Austen, 976 Prov. G. Chaps., Rev. C. J. McConnell, 379 Prov. G. Reg., H. B. Farrington, 1222 Prov. G. Sec., J. C. Hunt, 135 Prov. S.G.D., W. S. Gillard, 329 Prov. J.G.D., J. Bryant, 1197 Prov. G.S. of W., T. F. Norris, 291 Prov. G.D.C., W. Reece, 1199 Prov. A.G.D.C., G. Parry, 814 Prov. G.S.B., J. D. Pulham, 923 Prov. G. Std. Brs., A. V. Kerky, 1953 Prov. G. Org., W. D. Hobkirk, 1833 Prov. A.G. Sec., G. A. Cox, 2038 Prov. G. Purst., J. T. Dunsford, 291 Prov. G. Purst., W. Hodge, 772 Prov. A.G. Purst., J. Ferris, 285 Prov. A.G. Purst.

Bro. J. Hayward, 906 ... }  
 " W. Glasspole, 1755... }  
 " R. W. Buffett, 135 ... }  
 " T. Tyler, 1966 ... }  
 " A. B. Wickenden, 1750 ... }  
 " F. B. George, 446 ... }  
 " A. J. Salter, 53 ... }  
 " L. Bigwood, 41 ... }  
 Bro. C. L. F. Edwards was re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer, on the motion of  
 Bro. Col. PERKINS, seconded by Bro. E. WHITE. He presented his accounts,  
 which were of a satisfactory character.

During the sitting a resolution was passed expressing sympathy with the relatives of the late Bro. J. L. Stothert, P.G. Std. Br., P.P.S.G.W.; and before the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed thanks were accorded the Installing Master and the visiting brethren.

The Earl of EUSTON in acknowledging the vote, which was proposed by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, and seconded by the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, thanked the brethren most heartily for the compliment, and said he took that opportunity of expressing in a few words the best wishes of the Grand Officers, himself, and the visiting brethren for the welfare of the province in the world of Freemasonry.

Alms were then collected, which amounted to more than £14, and it was agreed to divide the amount equally between two of the local hospitals. Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed.

The Provincial Grand Master presided at a luncheon subsequently held, and he was supported at the cross tables by Bros. the Earl of Euston, R. C. Else, General Ramsay, Colonel Starkie, W. A. F. Powell, R. Grey, Captain N. G. Phillips, J. S. Eastes, Captain Homfray, J. E. Dawson, C. F. Matier, C. Godson, R. Clowes, F. Mead, C. H. Driver, Colonel A. Thrale Perkins, E. Letchworth, Baron de Ferrieres, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Colonel Noel Money, Dr. C. J. Egan, the Hon. S. J. Way, and others.

After the toast of "The Queen and Craft," the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" followed, the Provincial Grand Master stating that his Royal Highness was afflicted with influenza, but he hoped it would deal lightly with him.

Bro. the Hon. S. J. WAY, Chief Justice of South Australia, proposed "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said he was the first Grand Master of the colony of South Australia, and the present Deputy Grand Master under Lord Kintore. He hoped they would permit him the liberty of taking the brethren into his unreserved confidence. It was a fortnight ago that day that he landed on the shores of Old England, and of all the 14 days he had spent in this country that day was the happiest, being spent among his brethren. Would they permit him to say that the interest he took in being present on that occasion was of a local, a personal, and a representative character. He would begin with the first. He thought he recognised in the undeservedly generous welcome which he had received a recognition of the fact that he was not altogether a stranger in Bath. It was only 46 years ago—(laughter)—that he paid his last visit to that beautiful city, and he was not received with altogether the same distinction as on the present occasion, first because he thought it was race week, secondly because he was not then a member of the Craft, and lastly he thought because his gallant friend, Col. Cook, had not entered on the performance of duties which marked him as a born Director of Ceremonies. If he would not be considered eulogistic he would mention another reason. He had come to that time of life when he might think of retiring from the active duties of life, and seeking out some quiet and salubrious retreat. Naturally his thoughts turned in the direction of Bath, and the brethren would agree that he had some encouragement for that when he mentioned that his predecessor, the first Chief Justice of South Australia, Sir Charles Cooper, lived after he retired from the Chief Justiceship many years in the city of Bath before he was called away to the Grand Lodge above at the ripe age of 91. To turn to another topic, he confessed that he had not merely felt glad, he had felt proud, on the present occasion because an old friend of his filled the high position of Installing Master that day. He knew that all honoured Lord Euston's colonial career. It was not thought a disgrace in this country that a man rode straight to hounds, and he was not doing Lord Euston an injustice when he said that there was no bushman in South Australia who was better at riding across country or cracking a buck-whip than Lord Euston. Lord Euston and he were fellow servants of the Queen in the same department of the public service, and he confidently said that Lord Euston's public duties in that capacity were performed in a way which was a credit to himself and a great advantage to the public. All his leisure time was occupied in serving as lieutenant-colonel in the School of Gunnery of the South Australian Militia, and it was very largely owing to Lord Euston's efficient services in that capacity that the militia during his tenure of office were second to no body of men in the colony. They might understand from this that though it was not a surprise it was a great gratification to him to find that having turned his large powers in the direction of Masonry they had been appreciated by his brethren in this country, and that had won such high distinction among the Craft in England. Might he mention a matter that had given a sad turn to the office on that occasion? He was not aware until he had the pleasure of talking with some of his brethren with whom he came down that morning that his lamented and honoured friend, the Earl of Carnarvon, had so close and distinguished a connection with that district. Lord Carnarvon was the best friend the Australian Colonies ever had. If they had had a few men like him in the United States in the last century, the United States would be now a part of the British Empire. Lord Carnarvon's services to Australian Masonry in accomplishing the greatest boon ever achieved in the colony were only second to those of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who was looked upon by the brethren in Australia as the protector and the benefactor of every Mason. He (Bro. Way) turned now to the representative capacity which he filled on that occasion. He could not tell the brethren coming from a new country the interest he felt when he heard the Installing Master mention the honourable history of the Province of Somerset. One hundred and twenty years was very much longer than they could look back to in Australia in Masonry; the colonies themselves were little more than a century old, and he could but congratulate—and in expressing these congratulations he hoped the brethren would forgive a little allowable vanity when he explained why he stood in a representative capacity at that meeting. He was not only a Mason of Australia, but he represented the Grand Lodges on that continent, and therefore he was able, on behalf of the lodges and 10,000 Masons of Victoria, 8000 or 9000 of South Australia, where he came from, and Tasmania, he had the privilege of congratulating on their behalf the Right Worshipful the Pro Grand Master on the distinguished honour which he had attained on being appointed the successor of the illustrious Mason whose name he heard that day, and also to congratulate the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset on having installed in the chair a Provincial Grand Master who, he was sure, would maintain the prestige and the usefulness of his distinguished predecessors. It would be an impertinence for him as a stranger and a visitor to attempt to dilate on the services to Masonry of the Pro Grand Master and the officers of Grand Lodge. Of course he could not help noticing that the members of Grand Lodge had come down in great strength, and had shown thereby that they took an interest not only in the administration of their high offices in Grand Lodge, but in the welfare of Freemasonry all over the kingdom.

Bro. Col. LE GENDRE N. STARKIE, Prov. Grand Master East Lancashire, replied. The Grand Officers were much obliged to the newly-installed Prov. Grand Master for the compliment he had paid them in asking them to be present on that very

interesting occasion, and right glad was he to find that that invitation had been responded to with such cordial feeling. The attendance of the Grand Officers would have been, however, greater but for the unfortunate epidemic, and the fact that at this period of the year people were engaged very much in other ceremonials and engagements. Masonry, like Nature, had its good phases. They had passed through a long, dreary, and serious winter; this province had passed through a period of lamentable loss which had deprived Freemasonry of one of its great lights; but that beautiful verdant spring which was bringing leaves on the trees now brought one to be installed in the chair who brought freshness to the province. Long might their new Provincial Grand Master reign over the province, and as the pleasure of installation had been that day like returning spring, so when the summer came, and was followed by autumn, might he adorn his province in the same way which his adornment of Freemasonry had raised him to the high position he now filled; long might he cultivate those great virtues which Masonry enunciated, and long might this old Province of Somerset continue to progress for succeeding generations. The Grand Officers were delighted with the whole of the proceedings of the day, and they wished long life and prosperity to the province, and that it might be one of the brightest jewels in Masonry.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Sec., in proposing "The Prov. Grand Master of Somerset, Viscount Dungarvan," said he had been very highly honoured by being permitted to propose the next toast, which, to use the old hackneyed expression, but never more suitable than on that occasion, was actually the toast of the evening. He had been permitted the distinction of proposing to the brethren the health of the distinguished nobleman whom they were delighted and proud to see in the chair of that Provincial Grand Lodge as Prov. Grand Master of Somerset. When the cloud of darkness passed over them nearly a year ago, when the Great Architect of the Universe removed the Provincial Grand Master of Somerset, the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, then they found it was indeed a difficult task to replace him, and the matter had been very seriously considered by his Royal Highness the Grand Master. The Prince of Wales, after due deliberation and much thought, determined that there was no brother more worthy to succeed the Earl of Carnarvon than their Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, a nobleman who, as they were of course aware, had his home in their own county of Somerset. At that time their Prov. Grand Master was not possibly so well known to them as he was at the present moment. He had been initiated into Masonry in a distinguished London lodge nine years ago, and he had joined a lodge near his own home, but circumstances had prevented him taking so active a part in Masonry in the county as he desired. He (Col. Clerke) was happy to know that during the brief period since Lord Dungarvan's appointment the brethren of the province had had the opportunity of knowing personally their new Prov. Grand Master, and he ventured to think that at the present moment they were thoroughly convinced that no better or more worthy successor to their Bro. Lord Carnarvon could possibly have been appointed. In the very admirable and truly Masonic address which the Earl of Euston gave that evening in Provincial Grand Lodge, he pointed out the magnificent history which the Masonic Province of Somerset held, and the M.W. Grand Master of South Australia also referred to the matter in very graceful expressions. Lord Dungarvan had therefore succeeded to a grand inheritance. But they who had had the honour of his acquaintance for some time past felt thoroughly assured that he was a man who was equal to the position, and he (Bro. Col. Clerke) could assure them that he had reason to believe that Lord Dungarvan would spare no time or trouble in fulfilling and conscientiously performing the duties of his office, for which he was thoroughly qualified Masonically as well as mentally. He (Bro. Col. Clerke) had the honour of seeing him installed Master of a lodge only recently, and therefore he came among the Somerset brethren as a Master in the Craft. The brethren were most fortunate in having for their Prov. Grand Master Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, and, if he might venture on a prophecy, he would say this, that after the lapse of a few years, as time rolled on and as their Provincial Grand Master filled the duties of his office as he would do, they would look back on that day as one of the most happy days they had had in the Province of Somerset. He (Colonel Clerke) would have said more, but those eloquent brethren who had preceded him had said so much historically that they had left him very little to continue with. Therefore he would ask the brethren to join him most heartily and enthusiastically, and with every possible kind feeling, in drinking the health of their Prov. Grand Master, and to pray the G.A.O.T.U. to spare him many years to rule over this magnificent old and distinguished province.

Viscount DUNGARVAN, in reply, said the brethren might well imagine that on a day like that, which happened to a man once in his life, he was naturally extremely nervous in addressing them. Knowing as he did that he occupied the chair which up to a short time ago was filled by one whose eloquence used to charm all those who listened to him, he was additionally nervous; but that nervousness must be overcome, and he must heartily thank the brethren for the magnificent way in which they had attended his installation. In looking round the tables he could say he saw the faces of a great quantity of friends, many of them he had met in London, a great number of them he had met in the province. Those whom he had met before he thanked most heartily; those whom he had met he hoped to meet many times in the province as he went on, as well as those he had not met before; and he thanked them most sincerely for their magnificent reception of him. He had now a most pleasurable task before him—to propose the health of the R.W. brother who came down from London to install him as Provincial Grand Master of Somerset that day. It was eight or nine years ago he was first initiated, and at the same time he became a Freemason Lord Euston became one also. That friendship had lasted to the present time, and he trusted it would last as long as they lived. He was extremely glad Lord Euston had come down, because when he (Lord Dungarvan) asked him to do so, having visited some lodges he said they should try to show the brethren that Freemasonry was not only alive, but progressing in the province, which was not going to be beaten by anybody. The brethren had heard that the work in lodge had been done in a way worthy of Freemasonry. He was heartily grateful to the brethren, he knew it was owing to the brethren of the province that it had been so successful. He gave them "The Health of Lord Euston."

The Earl of EUSTON, responding, said he could hardly find words to thank the R.W. Prov. Grand Master for the way he had proposed the toast and the brethren for the hearty reception of it. The ceremony he had that day performed he should look back to as long as he lived with pleasure, and he should regard that day as a red-letter day in his Masonic career, because it was not always that a man got the chance of performing a ceremony of such importance, the subject of it being one he esteemed so highly as he esteemed Lord Dungarvan. He could only say that if the ceremony had been carried out to the satisfaction of the brethren of the Province of Somerset he should feel perfectly satisfied that he had not only done his duty, but that he had performed one of the most pleasing tasks he had performed since he had been a Mason. He hoped at some future day to come down again and visit the Provincial Grand Lodge in the company of the Prov. Grand Master, and wish him the success which he most heartily wished to that Province of Somerset. Long might it flourish, and might the same hearty fraternal goodwill and peace reign among them till time should be no more.

Viscount DUNGARVAN said the toast of "The D.G.M. of the Province of Somerset, Bro. R. C. Else," which he now proposed, was one which was always especially well received in that province. As he had said before, he congratulated Bro. Else as D.P.G.M. on his appointment, as he congratulated himself on having secured the services of one who had to a great extent carried on the work of the

province, and if, as they had heard that day, the installation had gone off in a successful manner, they must not forget that it was due in a great measure to one who had devoted a great part of his life to the Masonic affairs of the province, and who had promised him (Lord Dungarvan) that support in the future which he had given the Prov. G.M. in the past. Under such circumstances he was sure the same harmony would exist in the province as had existed previously.

Bro. R. C. ELSE, D.P.G.M., thanked the P.G.M. for the kind and very graceful words he had used with regard to him. As they were laying down a new mark in the province he trusted it might not be out of place to mention that for more than a quarter of a century he had been an executive officer of it, without a single day's intermission. He had served under three rulers of the province—Deputy Grand Master under Col. Adair, and lastly, but not least, he had been D.P.G.M. to their illustrious Bro. the late Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England. Not only during that period had he had to conduct the usual duties of a Deputy, but it had been his privilege to manage the affairs of the Charity, the financial measures, and he had installed no less than 350 Worshipful Masters in the chair of K.S., and by command of the late Pro Grand Master of England he had the honour of consecrating six new lodges in that beautiful province; but he felt that he had discharged his duties in a perfectly satisfactory way, as he appeared to have won the confidence, respect, and esteem of his dear brethren of Somerset. After so many years of hard work it did appear to him that on the death of his late chief the time had arrived when he might take a back seat of less responsibility and more freedom. But after some consideration and after an interview with the Prov. Grand Master, and ascertaining the feelings of the brethren of the province, he felt it would not be a kindness to the Provincial Grand Master or the brethren to swap horses while crossing a stream. That day, therefore, his fourth voyage as first officer commenced under Lord Dungarvan in the good Masonic ship of Somerset. He thought they had such great similarity of views in Masonry that the voyage would be a success in the Craft. But, however that might be, nothing should be wanting on his part to make it a success, and he might speak in the same way for all the brethren of the province, who were all animated with one feeling, to maintain and uphold the dignity of the province in the future as they had in the past. He congratulated the Prov. Grand Master on having such a brilliant assemblage of Grand Officers, but more especially for the high honour the M.W. Grand Master had conferred upon him by appointing him as Master of one of the most delightful, Charitable, and loyal provinces under the Grand Lodge of England. Might his lordship be blessed with health and strength long to reign over the brethren of the province, and might the G.A.O.T.U. aid and sustain him in his noble task.

Bro. Dr. EGAN, Dist. Grand Master South Africa, Eastern Division, proposed "The Provincial Grand Officers," pointing out that it was only by the hearty co-operation of all that harmony and unity were preserved, which were so essential in Masonry. Wherever he went he found that that was the feeling, and he would give the brethren a hint, which he, as a District Grand Master, had felt was necessary in Masonry, that those who did not get appointments were not to be jealous of those who did. They must believe that the Provincial Grand Master did what was the best for his province.

The PROV. SENIOR and JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS replied, hoping they would justify the Prov. Grand Master's choice.

Viscount DUNGARVAN proposed "The Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the Receiving Lodges," expressing his approval with all the arrangements.

Bros. WATTS and RADWAY responded.

After the toasts of "The Worshipful Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the other Lodges in the Province" and "The Visiting Brethren," responded to by Bro. ALFRED COOPER, Bro. Col. MONEY, P.G.M. for Surrey, proposed "The Masonic Charities," and said that those Charities were the practical outcome of the purest principles of Masonry, and a lasting memorial in the eyes of the non-Masonic world, that Masons practised what they preached.

Bro. J. MORRISON McLEOD, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in replying, said he quite agreed with Col. Money that the very name of the toast was sufficient to commend it to the brethren without many words from the brother who had to respond to it, especially as he knew that in this good Province of Somerset so much had been done in years past to carry out the principles of the cause of Charity. That province bore a record second to none in this kingdom in the cause of Charity. It was now a province having brethren who had done good work and hard work for the Order. It had been his lot before to lay the special claims of the Institutions before the brethren at the last Provincial Grand Lodge held at Clevedon, and he wanted to assure the brethren of this fact—that he appreciated very much indeed the efforts of the brethren who would serve the office of Steward at the next Festival. He knew they were making a special effort for the Boys' School, and he thanked them for the very handsome vote that day. He trusted that all their efforts in that direction would never be regretted. He thanked the brethren for the toast on behalf of the three Masonic Institutions.

The Prov. Grand Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

### ANNUAL MEETING AT BOLTON.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of the Eastern Division of the County of Lancaster, held its annual meeting on Wednesday, the 6th instant, at Bolton. It is 17 years since the brethren of the province assembled in this flourishing northern town, whose progress, commercially, numerically, and Masonically, is equally satisfactory. It enjoys the honour of including within its municipal boundaries the oldest lodge in the province, the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, and with its four other lodges, there is a total membership in Bolton of 278. The Bolton brethren, moreover, are not mere ornamental Masons. They have always given substantial support to the Masonic Charities, and deservedly merit, as, indeed, they have often received, the encomiums which the Provincial Grand Master and other rulers in the Craft have passed upon them. The success of the meeting under notice was largely due to the efforts made by the local lodges.

The gathering took place in the Baths Assembly Rooms, where nearly 400 brethren assembled. The P.G.M., Bro. Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, P.G.W., and the members of Provincial Grand Lodge, and distinguished visitors, numbering upwards of 70 formed an imposing procession as they entered the hall.

The venerable D.P.G.M., Bro. G. Mellor, P.G.D., was unable to be present, and his place was taken by Bro. W. O. Walker, P.G.D., P.P.G.W.

There was a large attendance of brethren.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the roll was called by the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY, when it was found that 101 out of the 103 lodges in the province had sent representatives to the meeting.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY presented the report of the Audit Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer (Bro. G. Hunt). He explained that the Prov. Grand Treasurer was absent in America. The accounts showed that the receipts from all sources had amounted to £1061, and that after all liabilities had been discharged and donations made of 100 guineas to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Institution, 50 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, a similar amount to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and 100 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,

together with a payment of 10 guineas to the East Lancashire Systematic Institution on account of Annuity Fund, there remained a balance to the credit of Provincial Grand Lodge of £316.

Bro. W. FORREST, P.M., as one of the auditors, proposed the adoption of the accounts, and said that having examined the books and vouchers they were perfectly satisfied with the manner in which the accounts had been kept by the Provincial Grand Secretary in the absence of Bro. Hunt.

Bro. J. WRIGLEY, P.M., seconded, and Bro. T. RIGBY, P.M., supported the resolution, both these brethren having also acted as Auditors.

The motion was passed; and it was then proposed by the P.G.M., seconded by Bro. J. H. SILLITOE, and resolved, that the hearty thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge be accorded to the Auditors for their services.

Provincial Grand Lodge then proceeded to elect a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Bro. E. G. HARWOOD, P.P.G.W., proposed the election of Bro. Job H. Greenhalgh, P.M. 1723. He spoke in high terms of the Masonic qualities of Bro. Greenhalgh, and of his fitness for the office.

Bro. W. O. WALKER, P.G.D., seconded the motion, and observed that Bro. Greenhalgh had already filled a similar office in Provincial Grand Chapter.

Bro. W. SLATER, P.P.G.D., supported the motion.

There was no other proposition, and Bro. Greenhalgh was elected amid the cheers of the brethren.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY then read his annual report. He was able, he said, to bear witness to the great benefits which had resulted from the visits of Provincial Grand Officers to the various lodges during the past year. He found from the reports of those brethren that good work was performed by the majority of the lodges in the province, and that the visits made had been very welcome. He learned that discipline in the lodges was well maintained, and that the duties appertaining to the office of W.M. were better performed than in years gone by, while the W.M.'s and officers themselves were doing their work with commendable zeal. There was still a want of uniformity in the beautiful ceremonies of the Order, and that could only be remedied by more frequent visits on the part of P.G. Officers. During the past year two lodges had been added to the roll of lodges in the province—the Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge, No. 2363, and the Manchester Dramatic Lodge, No. 2387—both in Manchester. These made a total number of 103 lodges in East Lancashire. Last year the gross total of members on the roll of the various lodges was 4397, and this year it was 4537; initiations and joinings numbered 379, as against 411 last year; 50 brethren had died, 57 had been excluded from lodges, and brethren in arrears numbered 278, as against 321 last year. He drew special attention to this last matter as exhibiting room for improvement, and recommended that a careful expenditure should be initiated in the lodges, the better to enable them to support the Charities of which they were all proud.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said he thought all present, like himself, must be very gratified to hear the report of the P.G. Secretary on the state of Freemasonry, and the lodges in that important province. It was a most gratifying fact to remember that they had so large a number of subscribing brethren united by the ancient landmarks of the Order, pursuing those grand principles by which they were associated together, and contributing not only to the benefits of their fellow-creatures, but likewise to their own rational enjoyment. Bolton was a very great centre of Freemasonry in that large and influential province, and the mysteries of the Craft had always maintained a very deep hold upon the brethren. It was the home of the oldest lodge in the province. He was sure that large gathering of brethren manifested that Freemasonry in East Lancashire was no sham, but that it entered deeply and sincerely into the hearts and feelings of the members of the Fraternity. During the past year the Charities had been subscribed to nobly and generously. But while it was their desire to support the great Institutions in London, they wished also to provide for their own family interests in a certain and substantial manner. With that view he had desired several members of the Prov. Grand Lodge to visit the various lodges, and he took that opportunity of thanking them for their exertions in making these visits in the interest of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Institution, and also of thanking the members of those different lodges for the kind and courteous way in which those visits had been received. He had acted without any wish to dictate to lodges the manner in which they should dispose of their Charity funds, but he had wished it to be understood that with a very small payment per member the children of all indigent brethren in the province could be educated out of the Systematic Fund, and that in addition the province, by its support of the London Institutions, might still be enabled to place on the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and for Girls any candidates whose circumstances might warrant or demand a superior education to that which could be given to them while they resided at home. He trusted further, and indeed he was very anxious that they should have the means to support locally aged Freemasons and widows of Masons until they could be elected to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He desired to point out that by increasing the support given to their local Charities they would assist rather than clog the efforts of the London Institutions. It was 17 years since he had the pleasure of presiding in Provincial Grand Lodge in Bolton, and in that interval 18 or 19 new lodges had been created in the province.

Bro. E. G. HARWOOD, Chairman of the Charity Committee, brought up for confirmation the proceedings of that Committee. It appeared that one aged Mason, one boy, and one girl had been elected to the benefits of the London Institutions. It was, he said, a great mistake that a province like that of East Lancashire should not have at least one boy and one girl coming forward at each election. On two occasions the province had been without such candidates, and the difficulty presented itself on election day as to how they should utilise the very large number of votes they possessed. If that voting power were properly used, and a solid vote cast, they could elect a candidate on each occasion. He moved the adoption of the report.

Bro. J. H. SILLITOE, in seconding the motion, suggested that the children educated in connection with the Systematic Institution should be brought before the Charity Committee periodically, and that the Committee should, from amongst their number, select fitting candidates for the London Institutions. They possessed a sufficient number of votes always to be enabled to elect a boy, and he thought with a little assistance they could also elect a girl.

The resolution was passed.

Bro. E. G. HARWOOD proposed, in accordance with notice of motion, "That the sum of £50 be contributed from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution." He said they had had a prosperous year, and in the coming year he hoped that prosperity would be increased.

Bro. J. J. MEAKIN, P.P.J.G.W., said he would second the motion if the sum of £150 were substituted for £50. They had a balance in hand of £312.

Bro. HARWOOD said he should be glad to adopt any course to which the Prov. Grand Lodge might agree.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said he approved of the suggestion made by Bro. Meakin.

The motion was then submitted as amended, and carried unanimously amid applause, Bro. MEAKIN observing that the course pursued was an exceedingly wise one. Last year the Prov. Grand Master indicated his desire to extend the field of operations in connection with this excellent Institution, and the first thing to be done was to place its finances upon a firm and satisfactory basis.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said they had heard it said that the Systematic

was his pet Charity. He hoped the London Charities would never cease to grow in the consideration of the brethren of that province, but matters proceeded so rapidly, and such a large number of lodges were now formed all over England, that it behoved them to have regard to their people at home, and see that they were properly cared for, while, at the same time, they did their utmost to maintain those great London Institutions which were such noble ornaments of their Order. Without wishing to cripple those Institutions, he wanted to impress upon the lodges that a very small annual sum guaranteed would form the basis of an income, and they would be able, when occasion required, to make a special effort.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, previous to doing which, however, he expressed his acknowledgments to the retiring officers for the manner in which they had discharged their duties during the past year.

The following officers were then invested, and subsequently saluted:

Bro. W. Slater, 37	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" M. Fielding (Mayor of Bolton), 1723	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. W. G. Proctor, 381	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. R. W. Perry-Circuit, 266 and 1253	...	...	...	
" Job H. Greenhalgh, 1723	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. S. Weeks, 269	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Chadwick, 44	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. Forrest, 221	...	...	...	} Prov. S.G. Deacons
" T. H. Jenkins, 999	...	...	...	
" Martin Thomas, 2363	...	...	...	} Prov. J.G. Deacons
" Thomas Black, 1170	...	...	...	
" Jos. Sutcliffe, 283	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" John Studd, 163	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Alfred Hebden, 1450	...	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" J. Bowden, 467	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Robert Harrison, 1064	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. H. Holt, 1144	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" T. Lawrenson, 344	...	...	...	
" J. P. Bedson, 163	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" James Newton, 37	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" Charles Crabtree, 219	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" H. Mitchell, 854	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" F. W. Brockbank, 37	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" T. Nightingale, 146	...	...	...	
" R. Curden, 221	...	...	...	
" W. Chadwick, 348	...	...	...	
" W. Blain, 1723	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" Thos. Higson, 348	...	...	...	

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, Secretary of the Boys' School, addressed the Provincial Grand Lodge, and said he begged to thank the brethren of the province for the very handsome donation they had made to the funds of the School. He looked upon their local Institution as a very great blessing in every way, and as in no way interfering with the work of the Charities in London. Such Institutions afforded them great assistance, because they acted as nurseries and relieved London of that great weight which must always be experienced where there were overwhelming numbers of candidates. He, therefore, hailed with delight the great efforts made in that province in the cause of Masonic Charity. The Boys' School at the present time required a great deal of assistance at the hands of the Craft generally throughout the kingdom. He desired to add that of the East Lancashire brethren who had sent up their names as Stewards, 27 out of the 29 came from Bolton.

Bro. MARTIN THOMAS, P.J.G.D., announced that an entertainment recently given in the Free Trade Hall at Manchester by the Minnehaha Amateur Minstrels, in conjunction with the members of the Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge, in aid of the Masonic Charities, had resulted in the raising, so far, of a sum of £266. A number of ticket-sale returns had still to come in, so that the sum stated would, doubtless, be increased.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER expressed his deep sense of the services rendered by Bro. Thomas and all associated with him in the cause of Masonic Charity. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

The banquet was afterwards held in the Town Hall, and was attended by upwards of 200 brethren. Bro. Colonel Starkie, Prov. G.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. E. Ashworth, P.G.D.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Chadwick, P.G. Std. Br., Prov. G. Sec.; W. Slater, P.S.G.W.; M. Fielding (Mayor of Bolton), P.J.G.W.; Rev. W. G. Procter, P.G. Chap.; Rev. W. R. Circuitte, P.A.G. Chap.; E. G. Harwood, P.P.J.G.W.; A. Clegg, P.P.J.G.W.; J. M. McLeod, Secretary R.M.I. for Boys; Wm. Forrest, P.S.G.D.; M. Thomas, P.J.G.D.; Thos. Black, P.J.G.D.; Jas. Newton, P.A.G. Sec.; and many other Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers.

During dinner, which was admirably served by Mrs. Priestley, of the Commercial Hotel, the borough Organist, Mr. W. Mullineux, performed an excellent selection of music on the organ and elicited much applause by his exquisite rendering of the music.

After dinner the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER successively proposed the toasts of "The Queen"; "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal family"; and "The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G. and Master; the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, D.G.M.; and the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

These and the subsequent toasts were all most enthusiastically received.

Bro. M. FIELDING (Mayor of Bolton), Prov. J.G.W., in eulogistic terms, proposed "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Starkie."

In responding to the toast, the P.G.M. complimented the brethren on the harmony which had characterised the day's proceedings, and also referred to the excellent arrangements which had been made by the Bolton brethren under the able direction of Bro. E. G. Harwood, P.P.J.G.W., Chairman of the Arrangements Committee, and Bro. James Newton, Prov. A.G. Sec., Hon. Secretary of the Committee.

The toast of "Bro. G. Mellor, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was proposed by Bro. A. L. BRIGGS, 37, and suitably responded to by Bro. W. SLATER, P.S.G.W.

Bro. E. G. LINGARD, P.P.J.G.W., proposed "The Health of his Worship the Mayor of Bolton, Bro. M. Fielding, P.M. 1723, Prov. J.G.W.," and attributed in no slight measure the success of the meeting to the great facilities afforded by his worship in placing at their disposal the accommodation of that noble building for the banquet.

In the course of his reply, the MAYOR said that if at any future time the Prov. Grand Master decided to hold his Provincial Grand Lodge at Bolton, he would do all in his power to ensure its success.

Bro. E. G. HARWOOD, P.P.J.G.W., Chairman of the Charity Committee of East Lancashire, in an appropriate speech, proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and urged the brethren to support to the utmost of their power both the Metropolitan and local Masonic Charities.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in an eloquent manner, responded, and called attention to the approaching Festival of that Institution.

Bro. J. W. DRAYCOTT, W.M. 221, proposed "The Visitors," assuring them that the Bolton brethren wished them all a hearty welcome.

Bro. A. STUBBS, P.P.G.W. Notts, suitably responded.

Bro. MARTIN THOMAS, W.M. 2363, P.J.G.D., next gave the toast of "The Worshipful Masters of the Bolton Lodges."

Bro. W. FORREST, W.M. 37, P.S.G.D., responded as the W.M. of the senior lodge in Bolton and the province.

The closing toast—"To all poor and distressed Masons"—was proposed by the Prov. G. Tyler, Bro. THOS. HIGSON, P.M. 348, and the brethren separated after having enjoyed a most pleasant and agreeable evening.

The musical portion of the proceedings was rendered by Bros. Binns, Urmston, and Draycott, and Messrs. Sandham and Bateson, Bro. Alderman Miles being accompanist at the piano, and at the close of the proceedings, the Provincial Grand Master, on behalf of himself and the brethren, tendered to the musical party and the borough Organist his hearty thanks for the efficient manner in which they had contributed to the pleasure of the brethren.

## ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

The National Great Priory of England and Wales held its ordinary half-yearly meeting on the 8th inst. at the Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street. We noticed the following prominent members of the Order among many other sir knights who attended:

Sir Knights Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, the Great Sub-Prior, who presided; Captain N. G. Philips, Provincial Prior East Anglia; Captain C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, Provincial Prior Lancashire; the Rev. Dr. Lemon, Provincial Prior Devonshire; Sir Richard N. Howard, the newly-appointed Provincial Prior for Dorsetshire; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., the Chancellor; the Earl of Euston, Constable; Colonel Wm. Long, Marshal; Ralph Clutton, Treasurer; and R. H. Thrupp, Registrar. Among the officers, the Vice-Chancellor, W. Tinkler; George Cooper, Sub-Marshal; the Rev. W. Trevor-Parkins, Major George Lambert, Rudolph G. Glover, Captain H. E. Cousins, John Tomkins, J.P., Charles Belton, Major F. J. Stohwasser, and W. Ganz. Among the past officers, Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney, General R. S. Simonds, Lieut.-Colonel A. B. Cook, H. J. Sparks, R. L. Loveland, J.P., Sub-Prior for Hampshire; Horatio Ward, Sub-Prior Kent and Surrey; T. W. Coffin; Edward Pierpoint; Frank Richardson; Robert Berridge; E. Letchworth; Rev. Hayman Cummings; and the following well-known members of the Order: Sir George R. Prescott, Bart.; Sir George D. Harris; Richard Eve; C. F. Matier, K.C.T. (Scotland); A. H. Bateman; John Chapman; W. Taylor; Gordon Miller; J. G. Garson; John E. Dawson; L. G. Gordon Robbins; Frederick Lawrance; Rev. H. G. Morse; F. W. S. Wicksteed; and J. B. Atkins (Barbados).

When the Priory had been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Sir Knight Sir Richard N. Howard, attended by his banner bearer, Sir Knight Horatio Ward, and his sword bearer, Sir Knight R. J. Emmerson, were admitted, and he performed his homage on being appointed Provincial Prior of Dorsetshire.

The report of the Council, which was taken as read, referred to the death on December 7th, 1890, at Kingston, Canada, of the Representative from the Great Priory to the Grand Master and Grand Encampment of U.S.A., Sir Knight J. A. Henderson, Q.C., G.C.T., also to the death, on March 3rd last, of Sir Knight H. W. Lowry, Prov. Prior of Victoria (Australia); to the resignation, in consequence of ill-health, of Sir Knight Capt. J. M. P. Montagu, the Prov. Prior of Dorsetshire, and the appointment of his successor, Sir Knight Sir Richard N. Howard.

The Treasurer's audited accounts for the year are appended to the report, and show, if a somewhat small, at least an increased balance as the result of the year's working.

A grant from the Benevolent Fund of £10 was voted to the widow of a deceased knight.

The report of the Council was received and adopted, and the Great Sub-Prior, on behalf of the Earl of Lathom, the Great Prior, nominated the following sir knights Great Officers and officers for the ensuing year, with the exception of Sir Knight E. W. Parker (the District Grand Master of the Craft in the Punjab), and Sir Knights H. J. Garnett, W. Seymour Burrows, and J. D. Murray, absent through illness or other causes, they were severally presented and invested.

### GREAT OFFICERS.

Sir Knight	Rev. Hayman Cummings	...	...	G. Prelate.
"	F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	...	...	G. Chancellor.
"	Sir George R. Prescott, Bart.	...	...	G. Constable.
"	Edwin Woodall Parker	...	...	G. Marshal.
"	Raymond H. Thrupp	...	...	G. Registrar.

### OFFICERS.

Sir Knight	W. Tinkler, K.C.T.	...	...	G. Vice-Chan.
"	George Cooper	...	...	G. Sub-Marshal.
"	Rev. Herbert George Morse	...	...	{ G. Almoner and Chaplain.
"	Major George Lambert	...	...	G. Ward. of Reg.
"	Frederick Lawrance	...	...	G. Herald.
"	H. J. Garnett	...	...	G. Std. Br. (B)
"	Wm. Seymour Burrows	...	...	G. Std. Br. (V.B.)
"	C. F. Matier	...	...	G. Prior's Ban. Br.
"	James D. Murray	...	...	} G. Aide-de-Camps
"	Richard Eve	...	...	
"	F. W. S. Wicksteed	...	...	G. Chamberlain.
"	John Chapman	...	...	} G. Cpts. of Guards
"	A. J. Grimwade	...	...	
"	John E. Dawson	...	...	G.S.B.
"	W. Ganz	...	...	G. Organist.

Sir Knight Ralph Clutton was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

The members of the Great Prior's Council were re-appointed and re-elected, viz.: Sir Knights S. Rawson, Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, Ralph Gooding, B.A., M.D., George Cooper, T. W. Coffin, C. A. Newnham, Reginald Young, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, M.A., and T. B. Whythead.

The members of the Grand Master's Council and Court of Appeal were also re-elected, viz.: Sir Knights Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Capt. N. G. Philips, and Capt. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds.

The alms, amounting to £3 1s. 4d., were collected, and the National Great Priory was then duly closed.

As soon after as the necessary arrangements could be made a Priory of the Order of Malta, under the banner of the Studholme Preceptory, was opened by Sir Knight Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, as Grand Prior, and the following knights were installed by him into the Order of Malta in his usual careful and impressive manner: Sir Knights Henry Percy Harris, of the Holy Sanctuary Preceptory; Arthur Hill, Tancred Preceptory; Walter James Ibbetts, Bard of Avon and Drury Lane Preceptory; Frederic Egbert Roberts, Mount Calvary Preceptory; and Francis William Slowe Wicksteed, Worlebury Preceptory.

After the conclusion of the ceremony the members adjourned for dinner to the Freemasons' Tavern, when the Great Sub-Prior, Sir Knight Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, presided, supported by Sir Knights Sir Richard N. Howard, Sir George R. Prescott, Bart., and many of the past and recently-appointed officers of the Order and other members, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.







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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.  
PRESIDENT:  
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K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

THE NINETY-THIRD  
ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL  
Will be held  
AT THE PAVILION, BRIGHTON,  
On WEDNESDAY, 24th JUNE, 1891,  
UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENCY OF  
THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF LATHOM,  
M.W. Pro Grand Master, and R.W.P.G.M. West  
Lancashire, Vice-President and Trustee of  
the Institution.

The Band of the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons will play a Selection of Music in the Grounds from 2 o'clock p.m.

The Meister Glee Singers, with Madame Clara Samuell, will give a Concert in the Music Room from 6 to 9 p.m.

Full Particulars of the Arrangements, as to Special Trains, &c., may be obtained at the Office.

DINNER TICKETS (inclusive of First-Class Return Fares from London), for LADIES, 18s., and BRETHREN, 21s.

By order.

J. MORRISON McLEOD,  
6, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., Secretary.  
21st May, 1891.

The services of brethren as Stewards representing Lodges or Provinces are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged, the present exceptional requirements demanding exceptional support.

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**

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

I beg to tender you my most grateful thanks for the interest you have evinced in my election, and especially to those friends who laboured so indefatigably on my behalf.—I am, yours most gratefully,

E. C. COOMBS.

**To Correspondents.**

The following communications unavoidably stand over:

- CRAFT LODGES—  
Ubique, No. 1789,  
Columbia, No. 2397.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER—  
Strawberry Hill, No. 946.
- Installation of Lord Carrington as Provincial Grand Master of Bucks.
- Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire.



SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1891.

**Masonic Notes.**

The installation of Lord Carrington, P.D.G.M. New South Wales, and P.S.G.W. of England, as P.G.M. of Buckinghamshire, was most successfully carried out. The meeting took place in the Town Hall, Aylesbury, the number of brethren present, including a strong force of popular and prominent Grand Officers, was about 300, and the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, P.G.M. Berkshire, who acted as the Installing Master, performed his part very ably. We shall give a full account of the proceedings next week.

We shall take occasion next week to write at some length on the approaching Boys' School Festival. In the meantime, however, we may remark that the auguries are all in favour of a very brilliant success, a success which, if we except the Girls' Centenary Festival, is likely to exceed in magnitude whatever has been heretofore accomplished in behalf of our Masonic Institutions. The new Secretary has worked with such energy and will in obtaining the services of brethren as Stewards that the Board already consists of some 700 brethren, and there is still a full month available for other names to be handed in.

But there are other important matters which must not be overlooked. The new Pro Grand Master will occupy the chair, and his Province, which is now the strongest in England, is preparing to support his lordship in a manner which will, in all probability, throw even the most successful achievements of past Chairmen's Provinces entirely in the shade. Such, at least, is the tenour of the reports which have reached us from all sides, and it is just one of those reports which, once they have become public, have the happy knack of realising themselves.

Again, it is known that West Yorkshire and other large and important provinces are working as hard and with as much zeal as if each of them had the honour of the "Chairman's Province" in his own keeping, while London is also very strongly and numerously represented. In short, the indications, as we have said, all favour the opinion that the Boys' School Festival at Brighton on the 24th prox. will be an unprecedentedly "big" thing in the way of Masonic anniversary celebrations, and as the School sorely needs the strong and generous support of the Craft to help it out of its monetary difficulties, we sincerely trust the present auguries will be fulfilled. However, we shall have more room at our disposal next week for dealing with the subject.

We know from the Festival Returns that Shropshire, since it has been constituted as a province under Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., P.G.M., has generously and impartially supported our great Masonic Institutions. We know, too, that Bros. Venables and Southwell, the Bros. Spaul, and others have been among the foremost members of the Province in contributing this support. But the fifth annual report of the Shropshire Masonic Charitable Association enables us to form a better judgment still of the manner in which our Charities are being assisted by the Province at large.

This Association was started in 1885, when the Province was inaugurated, and the amount which has been since remitted by its instrumentality to our Institutions is £1774 12s. Of this large sum there was paid last year £284 13s., of which the Boys' School received £155 8s., the R.M.B.I., £110 7s., and the Girls' School £18 18s. These amounts are obtained by donations and subscriptions from the members of the lodges and chapters in the Province, and from the Prov. Grand Lodge, all the lodges taking part in the work of subscription; the total thus subscribed in 1890 being £316 3s. to the A, or London, Fund, and £43 15s. to the B, or Provincial, Fund. The balance in hand on the former fund after allowing for the remittances we have quoted is stated as £113 7s., while as regards the B or Provincial Fund the balance is £96 3s. 6d., the payments made including £10 towards expenses in connection with the Charity Elections in London, and the necessary outlay for printing, postages, and such like petty expenses. Thus the outlay is very small, while the benefit to the London Charities is very considerable.

The Association is composed of a Patron—the Prov. Grand Master—Vice-Patron *ex officio*—the Deputy Prov. Grand Master—and President, Vice-Presidents, Past Presidents, and the representatives of lodges, with the usual officers, and an array of ordinary members. We sincerely hope it will be as successful in future years as in the past.

Bro. P. J. Oliver Minos has sent us a short series of questions, to which he requests the favour of replies. We cannot answer them all, but probably some of our readers may be in a position to furnish the information he is anxious to obtain, and, if so, we shall esteem it a favour if they will do so.

Bro. Oliver Minos asks if the following are Freemasons, namely: "(1) the Archbishop of Dublin; (2) Sir William Muir, Vice Chancellor and Principal of Edinburgh University; (3) the Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors of Edinburgh, St. Andrew's, Aberdeen, and Glasgow Universities; (4) the heads or Professors of Dublin University."

So far as we are able to satisfy our querist, we reply that (1) the Archbishop of Dublin has been for many years, and is now, one of the Grand Chaplains of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. (3) We believe that the Duke of Argyll, Chancellor of St. Andrew's, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, Chancellor of Aberdeen, and Lord Justice General Inglis, Chancellor of Edinburgh, are *not* Freemasons; but we think we have seen the name of the Earl of Stair, Chancellor of Glasgow, in-

cluded among those of leading members of the Scottish Craft in days gone by. (4) Bro. the Rev. Joseph A. Galbraith, M.A., Registrar of Dublin University and Secretary to the Senate, was till lately a Grand Chaplain of Ireland. Perhaps some of our readers may be able to supplement this answer by further information.

We regret we are under the necessity of announcing the deaths of two prominent members of the Fraternity—men whose distinctions were won in different spheres of Masonic labour, and who, in all probability, were united by no special bond of sympathy beyond that which actuates all Freemasons. The brethren we refer to were Bro. William Clarke, Past Grand Pursuivant of England, and an influential Suffolk Mason, who in the course of his career rendered much valuable service to the Craft and its Institutions, and Bro. Sir Patrick Colquhoun, LL.D., Q.C., one of the most distinguished members of the Order of the Temple, Arch Registrar of Convent General, and a Grand Cross of the Order.

**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.]

**RE MASONIC CLUB.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I read the letter of your correspondent "Bro. Provincial" in your last issue suggesting a Masonic Club. Kindly permit me to point out that this idea comes very late, as more than one club of the kind has been started and have been utter failures, consequent upon the supine apathy of town and country Freemasons to co-operate and support either as shareholders or yearly subscribing members such a desirable rendezvous or nucleus for the Craft. One instance will suffice. The London Masonic Club of 1876, 101, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., of which the writer was a shareholder, was inaugurated under grand and noble auspices. A regular lodge and lodge of instruction was the outcome of it, both now in existence—but during the time it was in existence it never paid a dividend, and was wound up in *forma pauperis*, as the Craft evidently and obviously did not appreciate a Masonic Club. I am, fraternally yours,

JOHN E. SHAND, P.M., Sec. 2030.

May 20th.

**Reviews.**

FREEMASONS' CALENDAR FOR THE PROV. GRAND LODGE OF NORFOLK, 1891-2.

This bijou directory, though such a miniature by the side of several of its associates, is crammed full of matter, having 69 pages devoted to the Craft this time, in lieu of 53 in 1890, and really gives in 32mo size most of the particulars furnished by the "Grenadiers" of the series. Page 70 is blank, and might well be devoted to the Masonic Charities, so as to give in a brief table the total votes for each Institution held by members of the province. There are 17 lodges in Norfolk with an average membership of 45 to each, making a total of 774. The seven Royal Arch Chapters return some 171 subscribing members. There only seems to be one *Mark lodge in the county*. This is No. 92, Norwich, with 49 members, the lodge belonging to the *Mark* "Prov. Grand Lodge of East Anglia." There is also a Rose Croix Chapter at Lynn, and there are two Knights Templars Preceptories, one at Norwich and the other at Great Yarmouth, with a total of 45 members. The editor, Bro. G. W. G. Barnard, Prov. Grand Secretary, has done his work exceedingly well, and has introduced so many new features in this year's issue as to be almost like a new publication. Its usefulness and accuracy cannot well be over estimated.

INDIAN FREEMASONS' ALMANAC AND DIARY. 1891.

This large and comprehensive Masonic guide gives numerous details as to the lodges, chapters, and other bodies in India and Burma, under the English and Scottish Constitutions, as well as complete registers of the District Grand Lodges and Chapters. The editor, Bro. P. C. Dutt, of Calcutta, has evidently done his utmost to make the work as complete as possible, and he appears to have succeeded most admirably. Nearly 150 lodges are duly represented, and an enormous mass of matter is arranged under appropriate headings, so that extensive as the volume is, compared with the ordinary run of directories, it is quite easy to trace any portion as needed. Bro. Dutt is evidently a Craftsman who spares no pains to make his Freemasons' Almanac and Calendar a real boon for all brethren in India. We most sincerely offer our congratulations to our energetic brother on his election as a full member of the Centenary Lodge of Fortitude, No. 131, Truro, Cornwall. He is the first Hindu member elected in the West of England.



## Craft Masonry.

### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Phoenix Lodge (No. 173).**—The installation meeting was held on the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. H. Herbert, who was supported by his officers. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee and Benevolent Fund statement of accounts was presented and adopted. Bro. E. W. Allen then took the chair for the purpose of installing the new W.M., Bro. Alfred Moore (a brother associated with the old firm of "clockists" so well known in Clerkenwell). The ceremony was carried out in its entirety in a very impressive manner, and the addresses were eloquently given. Bro. Moore invested the following as his officers: Bro. W. H. Herbert, I.P.M.; A. E. Hubert, S.W.; R. P. Stevens, P.M., J.W.; F. Foxley, P.M., Treas.; W. Holcombe, P.M. 795, Sec.; G. E. Fairchild, P.M. 1196, S.D.; F. H. B. Riddle, J.D.; N. R. Hart, I.G.; E. Gilbert, Stwd.; and J. Stephens, D.C. The regular jewel of the lodge was presented to the I.P.M., and after routine business the lodge was closed.

The banquet was most bountifully served, and gave every satisfaction. The tables were neatly decorated with flowers. The speeches throughout the evening were commendably brief, and the guests, some 90 all told, enjoyed themselves immensely. The card of invitation, the menu, and the toast list were artistic productions, which will be prized by those who were fortunate in securing copies.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Charles Tinney, who was assisted by the Misses Ethel Bevans and Kate Norman, with the ever popular Bro. Henry Guy. Bro. George E. Fairchild during the evening favoured the company with a recitation—"The Death of the Old Squire," for which he won unqualified praise. In conclusion we may add that there were no less than 43 Installed Masters present at the "function" of the evening.

**Excelsior Lodge (No. 1155).**—The installation and banquet of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford. The lodge was opened, and there being no other business on the notice paper, the ceremony of installation—after the minutes of the previous meeting had been duly confirmed—was proceeded with. Bro. Bolton, P.M. and Treasurer, presented Bro. C. Clark, S.W., to the W.M. presiding, Bro. Goddard, who performed the ceremony in a very quiet but most impressive manner, and gave great satisfaction to all who had the pleasure of listening to it, and the way in which the new Master invested his officers was simply perfect, and proved to the brethren of the Excelsior Lodge that the choice they had made was a very happy one indeed, and that the work during the ensuing 12 months will be carried on in a highly efficient manner. The officers are as follows: Bros. G. Bolton, jun., S.W.; D. Varrall, J.W.; G. Bolton, Treas.; C. G. Dille, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Newell, S.D.; W. G. Simmons, J.D.; T. Bugler, I.G.; A. A. Gravett, Stwd.; A. Frigout, Org.; and G. A. Ball, Tyler. The following were among those present: Bros. H. Pett, P.M.; D. Bear, P.M.; G. G. Bennett, P.M.; F. Morgan, P.M.; H. T. Fryer, P.M.; and G. Burney, P.M.

The banquet which followed was served in excellent style by the proprietors, Bros. Green and Vint, and after grace the W.M. proposed the first toast—"The Queen and the Craft," which was duly honoured in the usual Masonic fashion, the brethren heartily joining in singing the National Anthem.

The toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was received with acclamation, the brethren also joining in singing "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," was given by the W.M. in a very neat speech, and was duly honoured by the brethren.

"The Visitors" seemed to be a most popular toast, for the W.M. was not only very happy in the choice of his remarks, but the brethren most enthusiastic in the way they received it.

Bro. Milbourne responded, and mentioned the fact that, it being Ascension Day, was a very appropriate occasion for the W.M. to be placed in the chair of K.S., and he wished him a very happy and prosperous year of office.

The I.P.M. then took possession of the gavel, and, in a very felicitous speech, proposed "The Health of the Presiding Master," and expressed the pleasure it had given him to install Bro. Clark, and called upon the brethren to give their new Master a true Masonic "fire"—which they did in a very hearty manner.

In responding, Bro. Clark thanked those present for the welcome they had given him on his accession to the chair, and assured them that he would do all in his power to further the interests of the lodge, and expressed the hope that at the expiration of his year of office he would retire with as much honour as his predecessor had done. He then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and, in presenting the jewel which the brethren had voted to him, stated that Bro. Goddard had shown his capabilities as W.M. in a very striking manner, and he felt sure that, after finishing his work by performing the ceremony of installation so perfectly, he could feel that his jewel had been well and truly earned.

Bro. Goddard thanked the brethren, and gave a humorous recitation, which created roars of laughter.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was duly proposed, and responded to, Bros. Bolton and Dille being heartily applauded.

"The Masonic Charities" received the attention which so deserving an object always finds at the hands of the brethren. Bro. Brown, P.M., responded.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was duly responded to by Bro. G. Burney, who assured the W.M. that he would be well supported by them during his year of office.

Bro. G. Bolton, S.W., responded for the toast of "The Officers," after which the Tyler's toast brought a very happy evening to a close.

Some very excellent songs and recitations were given during the evening by Bros. Warner, Stamp, Milbourne, Talbot, Goddard, and others, Bro. Williams very ably presiding at the piano.

The visitors present were: Bros. P. Toskey, W.M. 1107; G. L. Moore, P.M. 169; G. J. Milbourne, P.M. 13; G. J. Marland, I.P.M. 1728; Walter Martin, P.M. 879; H. G. Fleming, 1539; F. W. Stamp, P.M. 1178; E. C. Talbot, J.W. 1310; W. T. Warner, J.W. 1297; G. Bugler, 1625; E. J. Williams, P.M. 1539; T. Prior, S.D. 765; and G. Brown, P.M. 169.

**Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge (No. 1602).**—PRESENTATIONS TO BROS. C. DEARING, I.P.M., AND J. WESTON, P.M., P.P.G.P. MIDDX., TREASURER.—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, N., on Friday, the 8th inst., when the proceedings were of an unusually interesting character. The termination of Bro. C. Dearing's two years' tenure of office as W.M. was a fitting opportunity for the members to recognise his distinguished services to the lodge, and one they fully availed themselves of by presenting him with a very handsome clock and side ornaments bearing a suitable inscription, and also a diamond brooch for Mrs. Dearing as a souvenir of the occasion. The services rendered to the lodge for many years past by Bro. John Weston, P.M., in the capacity of Treasurer, were also acknowledged by presenting that brother with a silver tea service.

Lodge was opened by Bro. Chas. Dearing, W.M., supported by Bros. Dr. G. Brown, S.W.; W. H. Dresden, J.W.; J. Weston, P.M., Treas.; J. Osborn, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; F. C. Everitt, S.D.; A. Baker, J.D.; J. D. White, D.C.; J. G. W. James, A.D.C.; W. Wright, Prov. G. Org. Middx., Org.; A. J. Cave, I.G.; H. Pickett, Stwd.; J. Greenfield, P.M.; G. W. Larter, P.M.; R. A. Loman, P.M.; F. F. Heysse, P.M.; W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.; and a large number of members. Visitors: Bros. H. E. Coffin, P.M. 167; J. T. Howe, P.M. 167; W. Hawkin, 1677; O. H. Callaghan, 1278; H. W. Coplestone, 704; C. H. Spiller, P.M. 49; J. E. Overed, I.P.M. 1708; C. E. Collins, S.D. 23; G. W. Cox, P.M. 19; W. Iron, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; A. H. Kew, W.M. 179; J. Kew, P.M. 179; W. F. Oldham, P.M. 1708; W. Appleyard, 1708; J. Potter, 1693; A. S. Dale, P.M. 1076; A. J. Probyn, P.M. 11; C. M. Campbell, P.M. 975; A. Hughes, P.M. 179; J. Wells, Org. 1017; W. Lakeman, S.W. 1288; W. H. Pocklington, S.D. 1288; W. T. Whittington, 1954; W. R. Hazell, 2045; B. Rennie, 1891; H. Dickey, P.M. 1744; P. Blatchford, 704; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

The minutes were confirmed, and the Audit Committee's report, showing a satisfactory balance, was received and adopted. The W.M. then kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. Weston, P.M., to enable him to install the W.M. elect, Bro. G. Brown, whom he initiated in the lodge some years ago. The ceremony having been impressively performed, the following officers were invested: Bros. W. H. Dresden, S.W.; F. C. Everitt, J.W.; J. Weston, P.M., Treas.; J. Osborn, P.M., Sec.; A. Baker, S.D.; A. J. Cave, J.D.; J. D. White, I.G.; J. G. W. James, D.C.; H. Pickett, A.D.C.; W. Wright, Org.; G. F. Wheeler and G. H. Fletcher, Stwds.; and Shepperd, Tyler. Bro. C. Dearing, I.P.M., then said he had a pleasant duty to perform, which he should have done before he vacated the chair. It was to present a Treasurer's jewel to Bro. John Weston, P.M., which was unanimously voted at the last meeting. He felt it a great privilege to do so, for Bro. Weston's face was one of the first he encountered when he saw the light of Masonry, some nine years ago, and since that time he had learnt to love and respect him. He also had to present to Bro. Weston, P.M., a silver tea service subscribed for by the members, who hoped he would be spared many years to enjoy a cosy cup of tea in the society of his wife, and thus be reminded of the esteem and regard in which he was held by them. Bro. John Weston, P.M., Treas., said it was difficult for him to express his feelings, and, as he hoped to have an opportunity of addressing them at a later hour, he would not now detain them, but thank them deeply and warmly. The W.M. said it was rare indeed that a W.M. was called upon as his first duty to perform such a pleasant task as he now had the honour to perform. It was to give expression to the feelings of the members in recognition of the very able manner in which Bro. Charles Dearing, I.P.M., had discharged his duty as Master for the past two years, and also for the energy and interest he had always displayed in promoting its best interests. He regretted very much that the time was so advanced that he could not dilate upon the I.P.M.'s excellence and worthiness; but he would remind them that when Bro. Dearing was installed into the chair the lodge was a very different lodge to what it was now. The I.P.M. initiated 39 candidates; there were two joining members during his term of office, a fact which the members should recognise. It had been thought that one who had done so much for the lodge should have some better recognition than the ordinary jewel, which the I.P.M. had last year, and the result had been the magnificent clock and side ornaments they saw before them. He had great pleasure in presenting them to Bro. Dearing, I.P.M., in the name of the lodge, trusting he would be spared to use them for many years. The Committee thought the Immediate Past Master might take it as a compliment if they remembered he was a married man, and that he had left his family circle on many occasions when he would have been well appreciated at home. He had, therefore, in the name of the lodge, to ask Bro. Dearing to carry a diamond brooch to his wife, accompanied by the best wishes of the members, trusting she would long be spared, and that the gift would remind her of the lodge with which her husband had been for some years connected and in which he was an honoured and respected member. The clock bears the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Charles Dearing, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd. Berks, by the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602, and the members individually, for his eminent services as W.M. for two years in succession, during which time he initiated 39 gentlemen into the Craft, as well as a token of the great respect and esteem in which he is held by the whole of the brethren of the lodge, May, 1891." Bro. C. Dearing, I.P.M., said that seemed the most difficult part of his Masonic career. He was quite overwhelmed by the kindness of the brethren in presenting him with that magnificent testimonial in recognition of his services, and as the hour was late and dinner was waiting he hoped to have another opportunity of addressing them. He was very grateful to the members and should look upon

their gift with great pride. On behalf of his wife he tendered her best thanks, for it was indeed a kindly and thoughtful act for the members to remember her. He thanked them one and all very heartily for the great kindness shown him, and as he hoped for an early opportunity of attempting to thank them in adequate terms, he could say no more.

Several propositions having been received and other business transacted, lodge was closed.

After a substantial repast the usual toasts were heartily acknowledged.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Dearing, I.P.M., who said he felt very proud that that task had fallen to his lot. Most of the brethren knew how much he was indebted to the present Master, as it was through him that he had the opportunity of attaining the chair as early as he did, and also of presiding for two years. They should congratulate themselves upon having Bro. G. Brown as W.M., for they knew what a good man and Mason he was. It was 13 years since the W.M. joined the lodge, and he was now respected and esteemed, and they felt sure his year of office would be a great success and a pleasure to them all.

Bro. G. Brown, W.M., expressed his extreme obligation to the I.P.M. for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed. He could not find words in which to express his feelings or to thank them for the great honour conferred upon him by electing him W.M. of that lodge. It was a large and prosperous lodge, second to none in the north of London, and few could show as large a list of members. He should endeavour to discharge his duties to the best of his ability, and no one could do more.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Installing Master," observing that he was about to discharge a debt of gratitude, and the brethren would readily understand his feelings when he said that he had been installed by Bro. Weston, P.M., in a manner that must have made a deep impression upon the hearts of all present. Bro. Weston, P.M., initiated him in that lodge, and was therefore his Masonic father, and he felt deeply attached to him. He was obliged to the I.P.M. for readily acquiescing when he expressed the wish that Bro. Weston should install him.

Bro. John Weston, P.M., Treas., said it was extremely difficult to thank them adequately for the kindness evinced towards him not only on that but on many previous occasions. He thanked the I.P.M. for his Masonic self-denial in foregoing his right to perform the installation ceremony. As he had the great privilege of initiating the W.M., it was an intense pleasure to install one whom they all respected, and hoped would be with them for many years to come.

"The Visitors" was next cordially given, and replied to in suitable terms by Bro. Kew, jun., and others.

Bro. C. Dearing, I.P.M., in response to the toast of "The I.P.M. and Past Masters," thanked the brethren sincerely for the handsome manner in which his efforts in the interests of the lodge had been recognised. The magnificent testimonial presented to him in the lodge would serve to remind him of the esteem and regard of the members and of the kindly and fraternal feeling exhibited towards him by every brother since he had been a member, and especially during his term of office as Master. He again thanked them for the beautiful diamond brooch presented to Mrs. Dearing, which would to a very great extent console her for the loss of his society whilst attending to his duties in connection with the lodge. He thanked them all for their kindly reception that evening, and he particularly thanked Bro. W. Francis, of the Mohawk Minstrels, for travelling from Birmingham to attend the installation. He would continue to evince the same interest in the lodge in the future as he had in the past, and hoped to retain their respect and esteem, of which they had given him tangible proof that evening.

Other toasts were given before the Tyler's toast closed a successful meeting.

A selection of music was performed under the able direction of Bro. Willie Wright, P.G. Org. Middx., assisted by Madame Marie Vagnolini, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Gertie Mitchell, and Bros. W. Hunt, W. H. Wheeler, Syckelmore, and Pocklington.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

### CHESTER.

**Clarence Lodge (No. 2386).**—A meeting was held on the 7th inst. at the Masonic Hall, Queen-street, when there were present Bros. W. H. Finchett, W.M.; T. Litherland, S.W.; Captain F. E. Cooper, J.W.; Staff Quartermaster-Sergeant G. McFarlane, Sec.; Sergeant-Major R. H. McKay, S.D.; R. Cariss, I.G.; Quartermaster-Sergeant F. Fox, Org.; Quartermaster-Sergeant F. Cameron, Stwd.; J. Smith, Tyler; J. Thomas, T. Hart Davis, Troop Sergeant-Major E. E. Bryant, W. Minshull, M. S. Rogers, Major A. W. McKinstry, W. Grice, A. C. H. Davies, Corporal W. J. Norburn, H. J. Price, F. W. Pilcher, Staff-Sergeant C. Allfree, J. W. Evason, Colour-Sergeant-Major A. Truckle, Quartermaster-Sergeant J. Teague, C. P. Jones, Major C. W. Randle Ford, D. Clements, and Colour-Sergeant J. Mellor. Visitors: Bros. Lieut.-Colonel J. Spence, 853; J. Bennett, S.D.; E. A. Bowman; and W. J. Conway, 721.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and Messrs. D. Clements and C. P. Jones were balloted for, approved, and initiated. Bro. Sergeant D. Rose, 1890, was balloted for and unanimously approved of as a joining member. Bro. Staff-Sergeant Allfree was passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Minshull, Grice, Evason, Mellor, and Price were duly raised to the Third Degree separately. Two brethren were proposed as joining members, and one candidate was proposed for initiation. Grand Lodge Certificates were presented to Bros. Major McKinstry, A. C. H. Davies, F. W. Pilcher, and M. S. Rogers. The W.M. proposed, and the S.W. seconded, a resolution or vote of condolence expressing the sympathy of the brethren with the sisters of the late Bro. Alderman Jas. Gerrard, which was passed unanimously. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. S. Dutton for the handsome frame in which he had placed the warrant of the lodge.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

After several toasts had been given and honoured, the Secretary, Bro. McFarlane, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," in highly eulogistic terms.

The Worshipful Master responded, and proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge."

Bro. McFarlane replied, and referred to the good work





At the last lodge meeting of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, it was unanimously agreed to invite Bro. A. B. Hudson, I.P.M., to a complimentary banquet. The Committee have arranged for it to be held at the Hôtel Métropole, Northumberland-avenue, on Friday, the 12th prox., at 6.30 for 7 p.m.

Her Majesty has been pleased to contribute a special donation of £50 to the funds of the Royal Hospital for Children and Women, Waterloo Bridge-road.

Bro. Lord Mayor Savory and the Lady Mayoress entertained a number of leading members of the Society of Friends at dinner at the Mansion House on Tuesday.

Official intimation has been received at Portsmouth to the effect that the naval manœuvres will commence on the 6th July, but nothing has been communicated as to the form they will take.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor of England) and Lady Halsbury intended originally to have spent their Whitsun recess in Scotland, but they have been staying at Stanmore instead.

The death is announced, at the age of 70 years, of Bro. Colfavon, a member of the Council of the Grand Orient of France, who in his day rendered important services to the French Craft.

Formal notification has been received by Bro. Lord Mayor Savory from Lord Knutsford, one of her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, of the birth of an infant princess, daughter of the Duchess of Fife, and great-grand-daughter of the Queen.

The Queen, accompanied by the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, and attended by the ladies and gentlemen of the Court, will arrive at Balmoral from Windsor Castle about 10 a.m. this (Friday) morning, for a few weeks' sojourn in the Highlands.

The Pavilion at the Paddington Recreation Ground, Portsdown-road, Maida Vale, was broken into in the course of Monday night by thieves, who carried off, among other articles, the Wenham Challenge Shield, of the value of 50 guineas, which is offered for competition by the National Cyclist Union.

We regret to hear that Bro. Sir John E. Gorst, O.C., M.P., is confined to his room with a bad attack of gout at Lawford House, Manningtree. Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., has sufficiently recovered to be able to go to Scotland for change of air, and will take a fortnight's complete rest.

At the Freemasons' Hall, Landport, on Saturday, the 9th inst., Bro. R. Eve was installed as W.M. of the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, No. 1900, in succession to Bro. J. Brickwood. Among the brethren present were Bros. W. B. Beach, M.P., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, J. E. Le Feuvre, Sir W. King, and J. G. Niven. An excellent banquet was subsequently served by Bro. Hinton, the Steward of the club.

The Prince and Princess of Wales visited the Queen at Windsor Castle on Tuesday and stayed to luncheon, after which her Royal Highness left by train to see her daughter the Duchess of Fife, at East Sheen Lodge. The Prince returned to town later on, and in the evening their Royal Highnesses, with their daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, witnessed the performance of "Manon," at the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden.

The East Terrace at Windsor Castle was, by her Majesty's command, opened to the public on Sunday afternoon for the last time previous to the departure of the Court for Balmoral, and, in spite of the unfavourable weather, a considerable number of people availed themselves of the opportunity of promenading. The bands of the 2nd Life Guards and Scots Guards played selections of music between the hours of 4 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.

The annual meeting of the brethren of the Royal Connaught Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. Bro. Alfred King, Mus. Doc., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and appointed his officers. A handsome banner was presented to the lodge by the retiring W.M., Bro. R. Clowes. A banquet followed.

The loan exhibition of pictures in the Morley Memorial College, Waterloo-road, was opened by the Marquis of Lorne on Saturday last, among the works collected and hung on the walls being specimens of Sir John Gilbert, Briton Rivière, T. Danby, Mrs. Louisa Jopling, R. Herkomer, G. Watts, and Burne-Jones. A vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to the noble marquis for attending. The exhibition will remain open for another fortnight, and will be on view on Sunday.

COMPETITIVE LIFE-BOAT TRIALS.—We understand that the Committee of the Royal National Life-boat Institution have decided to carry out at Lowestoft next autumn a series of competitive trials and tests with sailing life-boats, and that they cordially invite inventors and others to enter boats for the competitions under certain prescribed conditions and regulations, which can be obtained from the Secretary of the Institution at 14, John-street, Adelphi, London. All persons proposing to enter boats must give notice in writing of their intention to do so on or before the 30th June next and sign the required undertaking.

The fratres of the Rosicrucian College of the West of Scotland met in St. John's Hall recently. Present: Fratres. J. Dalrymple Duncan, of Meiklewood, Junior Sub-Magus for Scotland; R. S. Brown, Secretary-General; Dr. Dickson, Grand Treasurer, Edinburgh; E. Macbean, Major F. W. Allan, W. S. Hunter, J. W. Ruddock, E. Berger, J. Oliphant, and others. The newly-elected Master of the Temple, D. R. Clark, M.A., was duly advanced to the necessary grades, and was installed in the chair. Thereafter, Charles Baxter, W.S., Edinburgh; Dr. Foulds, and W. M. Denholm, Glasgow, were received into the Order. The interesting and impressive ceremonial of this ancient fraternity was performed with due solemnity, and the effect was enhanced by the choral service.

Bro. Capt. G. P. Airey calls our attention to an error in our report of the Girls' School Festival, where our brother was described as a Steward Unattached. It should have been stated that he was a Steward for the Alfred Lodge, No. 340.

The Duke of Connaught has consented to preside at the annual general meeting of the Gordon Boys' Home, to be held at the Levee Room, Horse Guards, at noon to-morrow (Saturday).

On Wednesday night, the ceremony of presenting the keys of the City of Edinburgh to the Lord High Commissioner of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland took place in the Throne Room of Holyrood.

The Prince of Wales will visit the Trinity College (Cambridge) Mission at Camberwell some time early in June for the purpose of opening a new mission hall, which will be in charge of the Rev. J. T. Rowe, M.A., of Trinity.

The Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths have voted £50, and the Worshipful Company of Skinners have also sent a donation of £10 10s. in aid of the funds of the Crippled Boys' Home, Kensington.

The Duchess of Albany on Wednesday opened a new recreation ground at Surbiton, which the Improvement Commissioners have acquired for the use of residents. The day was regarded as a general holiday, and there was a very large attendance.

Princess Christian with her two daughters and Prince Henry of Battenberg and Prince Francis of Battenberg witnessed the performance of "Les Huguenots" at the Royal Italian Opera House, Covent Garden, on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Staples, Chief Clerk at the Metropolitan Police Office, died on Tuesday of bronchitis and inflammation of the lungs, following an attack of influenza. Mr. Staples was much liked and respected, and his loss will be very keenly felt at Scotland-yard.

Her Majesty's Judges will attend Divine service at St. Paul's Cathedral on the afternoon of Sunday, the 31st inst. The Lord Mayor and the Corporation will also be present. The Judges' dinner at the Mansion House is fixed for Wednesday, June 3rd.

The German Emperor's yacht The Victoria, accompanied by the Irene, with Prince Henry of Prussia and Prince Maximilian of Baden on board, have left Oban and gone through the Caledonian Canal to Inverness and thence to Aberdeen, where Prince Henry will leave it in order to visit the Queen at Balmoral.

Bro. James J. Woolley was at the last meeting of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2101, unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Woolley has done much to promote the interests of this successful lodge, and as he brings to the chair his former knowledge and experience as a Past Master in the Kent Lodge, No. 15, we anticipate a successful year of office.

Owing to the lamented death of Bro. Henry Brassey, the Amateur Art Exhibition, which was to have been held at Bath House on the 26th, 27th, and 28th instant, will take place at Lowther Lodge, Kensington Gore, instead. Exhibits should be sent to the latter house on Monday next between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught and their children and the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) and the Marquis of Lorne arrived at Windsor Castle on Saturday last on a visit to the Queen. The Hereditary Princess Leopold of Anhalt also arrived the same day at the Castle as one of her Majesty's guests. The Royal dinner party in the evening included the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne, the Princess Beatrice, and others.

The Duchess of Fife gave birth to a daughter at East Sheen Lodge at five a.m. on Sunday morning, and the medical bulletins since issued report her Royal Highness and infant as going on very satisfactorily. The Princess of Wales was with her daughter at the time. Telegrams of inquiry and congratulation have since been received by Bro. the Duke of Fife from the Queen, the Emperor and Empress of Russia, the Emperor of Germany, the King and Queen of Denmark, the King of Greece, the King of Portugal, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and innumerable others.

To elevate a man to the first place in a Masonic lodge for no other reason than because he has memorised the work and can go through with the Master's part in the conferring of Degrees, seems a great mistake. Ability to rehearse the ritual and follow the several steps of the ceremony counts for something among the required qualifications of one who is to occupy the chair in the East, but much more is demanded of an efficient and well equipped presiding officer. He must have general knowledge respecting the Institution and its movements, be informed as to its history, landmarks, and the special features of its government, besides having executive and administrative abilities. It will be well also if he has the gifts of leadership, that he may draw the lodge after him in all well considered enterprises and good work. That he should be a gentleman and of irreproachable character goes without saying.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

Those members of the Ministry who have been suffering from the prevailing epidemic are reported to have been making satisfactory progress towards convalescence, but the return of cold winds has had the effect of retarding their recovery somewhat. Lord Knutsford, who took fresh cold in consequence of going out too early, is much better, while Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., is able to transact official business at the Board of Trade. Bros. Lord George Hamilton and Sir James Fergusson, Bart., are confined to their rooms—the one at the Admiralty and the other at the Foreign Office—and Bro. Jackson, Secretary of the Treasury, who has gone to Folkestone, and Bro. Akers-Douglas, who is at Torquay, are both progressing favourably. Mr. Gladstone, too, has been seen from time to time by Sir Andrew Clark, who reports well of his condition, but the cold has put a stop to the right hon. gentleman's intended visit to Hawarden. Unfortunately, Bro. Lord Edward Cavendish, M.P., the younger brother of Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, and third and youngest son of the venerable Duke of Devonshire, has succumbed to the disease, and Bro. Lord Hartington left Devonshire House early on Monday afternoon in order to communicate the mournful intelligence to his father at Holker Hall.

MARK MASONRY.—Bro. R. Vassar-Smith, P.G.M.O., has been appointed by the M.W.G.M., Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire in succession to Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, whose three years' term of office expires in July next. Upon taking office the present P.G.M. intimated that he should at the end of his term resign the honour, and at the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge last year the name of Bro. V. Vassar-Smith was submitted to the M.W.G.M. as that of the Baron's successor. The installation will take place on June 26th, at Cheltenham, the ceremony being performed by the Most Hon. the Marquess of Hertford, D.G.M., assisted by the Baron de Ferrieres and other Grand Lodge Officers.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and the Princess Victoria of Wales visited the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden, on Saturday evening last, and witnessed a performance of "Faust."

Of the 221,048 Volunteers on the rolls at the last enumeration, 6875 had served more than twenty years, 7692 between fifteen and twenty, 13,632 between ten and fifteen, 40,989 between five and ten, 37,742 between three and five, 31,039 between two and three, 36,839 between one and two, and 46,240 were men under one year's service.

Many of our readers will regret to learn that the influenza has laid hold of the household of Bro. Rev. Professor Shuttleworth, one or two members of which have been seriously ill, but are now out of danger. The strain on his nervous system has brought on the rector an attack of gout, which necessitated his sitting during service on Sunday. We are sure his friends, especially Cornish brethren, will be sorry to read this.

Sir Henry Ponsonby has intimated to the Duchess of Abercorn that her Majesty will have much pleasure in becoming Patron of the bazaar fixed to take place in May, 1892, in celebration of the Centenary of the Female Masonic Orphan School of Ireland. There is a hope that the fête may be honoured by the presence of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and already the activity displayed by the Organising Committee gives promise that the affair will be as brilliant, if not more so, than a former undertaking for the same object, when over £5000 was cleared.

The Free Libraries Commissioners have decided to build a central library in the Walworth-road, on a site adjoining the Vestry Hall. At a meeting of the Newington Vestry on Wednesday Canon Palmer, Rector, who presided, moved "That this Vestry hereby sanction the borrowing, at interest, on security of the general rates, of the sum of £4750 by the Library Commissioners, repayable by 50 equal annual instalments, to enable the Commissioners to purchase the premises Nos. 153 and 155, Walworth-road, as a site for the erection of a Public Library for the parish." Mr. Churchwarden Brydges seconded the motion, which was adopted with one dissentient.

The City lost an interesting personage last week in the death of Charlotte Hart. At one time "Hart and her cats" were well known to visitors to St. Bartholomew's Church, where for 50 years she occupied the distinguished position of "sextoness!" and where her feline pets roamed at will. Her neighbours in Cloth-fair never imagined that she was worth as much even as 300 pence, but it appears that during the course of her long life she succeeded in accumulating no less than £3000. It is gratifying to find that Charlotte has left £600 to the old church where she worked so many years, merely suggesting that a pulpit would be a suitable investment for her legacy.—*Echo*.

The Governor of Victoria, the Earl of Hopetoun, early in last month laid the foundation-stone of a new College of Agriculture at Mildura, on the River Murray, one of the two Australian irrigation colonies, founded three or four years ago by the well-known firm of Chaffey Bros., under special Acts of the Colonial Legislatures. A full report of the ceremony appears in the *Melbourne Argus* of April 6th. Mr. G. Chaffey, in presenting the trowel to his lordship, stated that the value of the college lands exceeded that of any similarly endowed educational institution in Australia. These lands comprised 16,666 acres with water easements, valued (at the initial price of £20 per acre) at £333,320. A large portion of the property had, however, doubled in value, and it was quite within the bounds of probability that the endowment would be worth more than a million sterling before 20 years. Lord Hopetoun (in laying the stone) remarked that he had no doubt irrigation would play a most important part in the future of Victoria, and the Chaffey College in affording facilities for imparting the necessary instruction in irrigation and its dependent industries would be of immense advantage to the whole of Australia.

The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, who succeeds the Earl of Lathom as Deputy Grand Master of English Freemasons, is a most popular man both in London and in the West Country, where he possesses estates in Devonshire and Cornwall. Mount Edgcumbe, the old family seat of the Edgcumbe family, is, perhaps the loveliest in all the lovely West Country. With its fine Elizabethan mansion and splendid gardens and park, it occupies the whole of the peninsula between Hamoaze and Plymouth Sound, and covers an extent of ground more than three miles in circumference. The gardens and park are almost unrivalled, and the manner in which they impress a stranger cannot be better described than in the quaint and almost forgotten lines penned by David Garrick after a visit there—

"This mount all the mounts of Great Britain surpasses,  
'Tis the haunt of the muses, the mount of Parnassus;  
Fame lies, 'tis not Stratford—this, this is the spot  
Where Genius on Nature our Shakespeare begot!  
This only the birthplace of Shakespeare could be,  
Whose wonders can e'en make a poet of me."

—*Illustrated London News*.

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