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THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL ON WEDNESDAY NEXT.

The 93rd Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Wednesday next, the 24th instant, under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, Pro Grand Master of England and Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire. We have already enumerated the special circumstances under which the celebration will take place. We have pointed out on several occasions that the fortunes of the Institution are in a somewhat dilapidated state, and that though its responsibilities have been as great as ever, the means by which it is enabled to fulfil those responsibilities have during the last two or three years been very seriously curtailed. We have also shown that as compared with the other principal Masonic Institutions, its reserve, that is, the amount of its invested capital, is too small to be of any appreciable value. At the same time, its scheme of government has been entirely remodelled and in accordance with the wishes of its supporters and the confidence in the wisdom of its administration, which had been greatly shaken since 1888, is in a fair way of being restored. We are, therefore, hopeful that the result of next week's effort will be such as will enable the Executive to carry on their beneficent work with a comparative freedom from anxiety as regards the important question of ways and means. There is, we think, very little reason to doubt that the donations and subscriptions will suffice to clear the ordinary expenditure during the current year; to complete the extraordinary outlay which the late Provisional Management Committee declared to be indispensable in order to place the School in a state of efficiency; and to make some slight addition to the permanent resources of the Charity. It is in order that these objects may be accomplished that such tremendous efforts have been made during the last 12 months, and it is to us and all friends of the Institution a source of the utmost satisfaction to know that the appeal which will be made on Wednesday next in its behalf, supported as it will be by the labours of a Board of Stewards mustering upwards of 750 brethren, is likely to prove so favourable. We trust, however, that intending subscribers will not be induced at the last moment to postpone their good intentions because the prospects of the Festival are known to be so encouraging. Let them bear in mind that the present exceptional needs of the Institution are very urgent, and that when they have been to a greater or less extent satisfied it will still be necessary to go on appealing year by year for the requisite supplies in order to keep the School on its renewed footing of efficiency. Therefore, let no Steward relax, even for a moment, in his efforts to obtain a goodly list, and then, whatever the result of Wednesday's gathering may be, both Stewards and contributors will have the satisfaction of knowing that nothing has been wanting on their part in order to make the success as complete as possible. We hope the report it will be our privilege to publish next week will gladden the hearts of the many friends, both new and old, of our Boys' School, and at the same time prove an enduring honour to all who have had a hand in rendering it a most essential service.

THE WEST LANCASHIRE ALPASS BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Report for the past year of this, the youngest of the West Lancashire local Charities, is in all respects most satisfactory. No Festival was held in its behalf, nor were there received any extraordinary donations, and yet the income has been very considerable, owing to the generous contributions from the different lodges and chapters and individual brethren. These latter amounted to close on £560, while the interest on investments was £107, the whole income, including the balance brought forward from previous account being only a few shillings

short of £872. The number of widows on the Fund is nine, and the total distributed amongst them in annuities £192. The expenses are only a little in excess of £14, so that the balance to be carried forward to the current account was £665. The investments reach £3330, so that even if further candidates for the benefits of the Charity should come forward and be elected, there is no present likelihood of the capital being trenced upon. Such a Report as this must be very gratifying to Bro. the Earl of LATHOM and our West Lancashire brethren, and makes it clear that the true purpose—what many have described as the one and only secret—of our Craft is thoroughly understood and appreciated by them. It is, indeed, an honour of which they may justly be proud, that, in order to promote the well-being of their poorer brethren and the widows and children of those who have died in poor circumstances, the Masons of West Lancashire should have established three Charities—one for the education of the sons and daughters of, and one (the Hamer) which gives annuities to, indigent brethren, and a third, which was founded only as recently as 1886, and which maintains, or, at all events, helps to maintain, in something like comfort during their declining years, a certain number of widows. In successive Analyses of our annual Festival Returns we have always regarded it as a duty to cite this fact as affording a proper apology for the comparative smallness of the amounts received by our Central Charities from this large and important province. But at the same time we have shown that on certain special occasions it has done its duty admirably by these, and on Wednesday next, when its PROV. GRAND MASTER takes the chair at the Boys' School Festival, we shall find that West Lancashire, while it takes care its Charity shall begin at home, is by no means unmindful of the claims upon its support of the great Central Masonic Institutions.

GOTHIC ARCHITECTURE—LET IT BE PURE.

The cathedral at the ancient City of Winchester is one of the largest in England. In point of historical interest it is second to none. The interior especially is much admired. It was enlarged and almost wholly rebuilt in the reign of Edward III., by William of Wyckham, who was Bishop of the See; and also, it is said, Grand Master of the Freemasons of England. Thus, like most of the great church edifices of Europe, it was the work of our operative predecessors. The style of architecture which prevails throughout the structure is the mediæval Gothic. The nave, the choir, the side aisles, the chapels, all belong to this beautiful and picturesque order, and harmonise perfectly with each other. In short, everything in the building, down to the minutest ornament was fashioned after a Gothic design.

Early in the eighteenth century it was thought expedient to make some improvements in the grand old church, and, among other things, to remove the old-fashioned Bishop's seat, which William of Wyckham had placed in the choir, and to put a Greek Episcopal Throne in its place.

At the time there was a perfect craze for everything classic. The works of our fine old English poets and prose writers were made little of, and some of the very best of them, such as the ancient Ballads and the Pilgrim's Progress were openly ridiculed while pompous highfalutin essays containing perpetual allusions to something Greek or something Roman, and flat, artificial verses filled with invocations to the heathen gods, were declared by the critics to be productions of the highest literary merit.

This mania for things classic was not confined to literature, it extended to architecture as well. Nothing was considered worth the attention of persons of refined taste unless it was fashioned after some Greek or Roman model. The grand and beautiful Gothic edifices which the genius of our operative brethren had designed and constructed, and which they had bequeathed as a precious legacy to posterity, were pronounced by the learned asses to be mere monuments of barbaric ignorance—piles of stone and mortar without the least claim to architectural merit.

One of the fruits of this stupid prejudice was the Greek Episcopal Throne in the choir of Winchester Cathedral.

About half a century ago people began to come to their senses, and to perceive and admit the merits of early English literature, and the matchless beauty and grandeur of our old Gothic cathedrals and churches. Then it was soon seen that a piece of classic architecture looked as much out of place in a Gothic structure, as would a modern fine gentleman among a band of old steel-clad knights. As a matter of course the Greek throne was speedily removed, and something more appropriate substituted.

Now, it appears to me that most of the improvements, which some brethren seek to effect in speculative Masonry, are just as much out of place as was that Greek throne in that old Gothic church.

There are many things which are worthy of all admiration in those institutions to which they legitimately belong, but which have no connection or affinity whatever with Masonry. Our system of morality and philosophy has its own peculiar character, and our Fraternity is just as distinct from all other associations, religious and benevolent, as was the Gothic architecture of our operative predecessors from every other order, either ancient or modern.

Consequently, when anything pertaining to some different school of moral architecture is introduced into our spiritual temple, it is found to be totally out of harmony with its surroundings.

The Masonic body is composed of men of various denominations and of almost every shade of religious belief; and, such being its composition and character, it is very clear that discourses which would be quite proper and commendable, if given in a church or at a missionary meeting, may be both inappropriate and offensive when delivered before an assembly of Craftsmen.

The same objection applies to lectures on total abstinence, prohibition, and kindred themes, patriotic orations and political speeches, because the Masonic Fraternity embraces all nations and all parties, and does not make the abstaining from meat and drink of any kind a test of fitness in a candidate for admission.

Customs and regulations, also, which have been found to work well in other societies are, for the most part, found entirely inapplicable to the Masonic system, because, while these societies act on the principle of giving a money return for a money payment, Masonry insists that all who enter its portals should be influenced by pure and unselfish motives only, that their acts of benevolence toward their brethren should spring from the free, spontaneous impulses of a heart inspired by brotherly love and compassion, and that the amount bestowed should not be determined by any fixed rule, but merely by the requirements of the case and the ability of the giver to give.

Masonry is not a church. It is not an institution which seeks to make converts to any sect whatever, or to interfere with the religious opinions of its members in the slightest degree. It is not a temperance teetotal society. It is not a benefit club.

Let those who would seek to improve it keep these truths in view, and remember the Greek throne, which the wiseacres of a past age set amid the Gothic arches and the mullioned windows of William of Wyckham's cathedral.—*New York Dispatch.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 13th inst., when there was a good attendance. Present:

Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Grand Superintendent; R. H. Thrupp, Prov. G.H.; J. F. H. Woodward, P.G. Std. Br., as Prov. G.J.; W. H. Lee, Prov. G.S.E.; J. Hamer Owen, Prov. G. Treas.; R. W. Bilby, Prov. G. Reg.; Capt. A. Runacres, Prov. G.S.B.; H. Higgins, Prov. G.D.C.; H. Dickey, Prov. A.G.D.C.; W. J. Porter, Prov. G. Org.; J. Gilbert, Prov. G. Janitor; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; W. G. Kentish, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. H. Webb, P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P.S.; Col. Gordon, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Tickle, P.P.G.J.; J. T. Briggs, P.P.G.P. Soj.; G. L. Wingate, P.P.A.G. Soj.; Bentley Haynes, P.P.A.G. Soj.; W. R. Shutt, 1549; W. W. Leonard, 1777; F. W. Levander, 2048; J. Gordon Langton, 1194; J. P. Houghton, 382; H. C. Wild, 1237; J. D. E. Tarr, 1293; H. Sapsworth, 1793; R. H. Blatchford, 1549; S. Jacobs, P.Z. 946; A. Toulmin, 1503; F. A. Jewson, 1549; G. R. Langley, H. 1326; A. Blenkarn, P.S. 1326; H. Hooper, M.E.Z. 1326; John Bott, S.E. 1326; Frank Richardson, G.D.C.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; Major Geo. Lambert, P.G.D.C.; H. J. Wicks, P.Z. 1269; W. H. Matthews, 1423; and W. W. Lee, 1524.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened, the roll of chapters was called, and the minutes confirmed.

The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted.

Comp. Raymond H. Thrupp was re-appointed Prov. G.H., and Comp. H. C. Wild, 1237, was installed as Prov. G.J.

Comp. F. W. Levander was unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer, and the list of appointments for the ensuing year were—

Comp. Raymond H. Thrupp	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" H. C. Wild, 1237	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" W. H. Lee, 1423	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" J. Gordon Langton, 1194	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" F. W. Levander, 2048 (elected)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. A. Prince, 1691	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.

Comp. W. H. Matthews, 1423	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" J. D. E. Tarr, 1293	...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" R. H. Blatchford, 1549	...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" H. Hooper, 1326	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. V. Leonard, 1777	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" H. Sapsworth, 1793	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" S. Jacobs, 946	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. J. Potter, 1793 (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Gilbert	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Comps. Woodward, Capt. Walls, Langton, Bilby, Kentish, and Shutt were elected on the Audit Committee, and the Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed.

The companions having partaken of an excellent banquet, served under the personal superintendence of Comp. Pratti, the usual toasts were honoured.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, in giving "The Grand Officers," said they all had the greatest respect for the members of that body, for they performed their duties in a most satisfactory manner. He was happy to say they had amongst them that evening several Grand Officers, and hoped many around him would arrive at that position in Grand Chapter.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.E., thanked the Grand Superintendent very much for the kind, genial, and fraternal way in which he had referred to the Grand Officers, and was sorry there were not more distinguished members of Grand Chapter present to return thanks. They were always very pleased and gratified at the kind recollections of the positions they held by the will of the M.E. the First Principal, and always did what they could to deserve those positions. They were delighted to be present to visit the Prov. Grand Chapter of Middlesex, which they in London knew so well to have been conducted by the Grand Superintendent for 20 years, and which they knew stood so high on the roll. They were obliged for the kind way the Grand Superintendent had proposed the toast, and were delighted to attend once again on that very auspicious occasion of the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Middlesex.

The GRAND SCRIBE E. then said he rose to perform a very pleasant and honourable duty, having been permitted the gratification of proposing a toast which they would be delighted to receive and honour. It was that of "The Grand Superintendent of the Province," and it would be a great impertinence on his part to take up their time by telling them of Sir Francis Burdett's many excellencies as a gentleman, a soldier, and a Mason. The companions knew their Grand Superintendent so well and appreciated him so thoroughly, that no words he could use would be of any value on that occasion. Their dear old friend—if he might be permitted to call him so—had presided over Middlesex with so much ability and geniality, and in such a charming way, that he was beloved by every member. He was sure he expressed the feelings of all when he expressed the hope that the Grand Superintendent would long be spared to preside over the province. Sir Francis Burdett was arriving at his Masonic majority as a Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent, for it was in 1871 he was appointed, and during his reign there had not been a single unpleasant matter to mar his success, but any question that had arisen had been settled at once in his charming way. The province was fortunate in having such a Grand Superintendent, and long might he continue to preside.

Comp. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., G. Supt., said it was very difficult to respond for the toast so ably put before them by the Grand Scribe E., and the difficulty had been increased by the manner in which it had been received. He knew he did not deserve all that had been said, but still he had endeavoured to gain their good wishes and good feelings during the time he had held the position, and as long as he could retain that position, they could depend upon his doing all he could to meet the wishes of the companions. He was a very old member of the Order and an old Grand Superintendent, but so long as he was able he would do what he could for the province. He had been so ably supported by his officers and members of the Royal Arch Degree that he had been able to conduct the province to their satisfaction. He thanked them for the kind manner in which they had received him on all occasions, and he hoped to experience the same amicable feeling in the future that had existed during the last 20 years.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then proposed "The Visitors," who, by their presence, had added to the happiness and conviviality of the meeting, and expressed the pleasure it afforded him to see them present. Their meeting were held but once a year and they always gladly welcomed visitors. There was one visitor whom they all appreciated—Comp. Major Lambert—whom they all knew so well and who was almost beyond praise in the estimation of the members of the Order.

Comp. Major GEORGE LAMBERT, P.G.S.B., on behalf of the visitors returned sincere thanks. They were not forgetful of the time when Comp. Little determined to bring forward the Province of Middlesex, and since that time the present Grand Superintendent had had the direction of its working. They felt it was a right step in the right direction, and hoped the duties had been most agreeable to the Grand Superintendent. He returned grateful thanks on behalf of the visitors, amongst whom was the Grand Scribe E. He could go back in his memory 50 years, and could say that during that time they had never had a more kindly and genial Scribe E. than the present occupant of that office. They had had evidence that evening of the progress of the province, and were glad to accept their kind hospitality.

"The Provincial Grand Officers" was next given by the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, who said he could not have performed his duties but for the manner in which he had been supported by his officers in their various positions in Provincial Grand Chapter, and without their assistance he would have been a mere unit in the Masonic world. He would couple with the toast the name of Comp. Thrupp, who had always supported him in every way, and with whose assistance he had been enabled to carry out his duties.

Comp. RAYMOND THRUPP, Prov. G.H., in response, said he did not know what a unit was to the star of the universe, but he knew the officers of Provincial Grand Chapter looked up to the Grand Superintendent as a shining planet, and revolved round him, and tried to emulate him, and shine to the best of their ability. The Provincial Grand Officers must put forth all their strength to support their leader in carrying out his duties, and that they were always pleased to do. As far as he was personally concerned he felt it an honour to do some of the hard work in the province, and carry it out in the way the Grand Superintendent wished.

The Janitor's toast was then given, and closed a pleasant meeting.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF EAST ANGLIA.

A meeting of this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Bury St. Edmunds, on Friday, the 12th inst., under the banner of the Freeman Lodge, No. 105. The Prov. Grand Master, Lord Henniker, P.G.M., presided, and was supported by the D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn. The brethren present included Bros. A. H. Moyes, P.S.G.W.; J. P. Lewin, P.G. Treas.; W. Sowman, P.J.G.O.; Jas. Flintham, P.G.R.; C. D. Leach, P.G. D. of C.; W. B. Hanson, P.A.G.D. of C.; W. Chapman, P.G.S.B.; J. M. Harvey, P.P.J.G.W.; N. Tracy, P.G.S.; E. Sparke, W. Armstrong, J. W. Shepherd, C. J. Norman, W. I. Pashler, R. C. Poppleton, A. J. H. Ward, J. H. Vaux, W. H. Francis, Fred. C. Atkinson, and others.

The Treasurer's report showed that the income of the province during the past year amounted to £41 5s. 9d., and the expenditure to £19 4s. 7d., leaving a balance in hand of £22 1s. 2d. The statement of assets and liabilities showed a balance in favour of the province of £11 7s. 9d. The Board of General Purposes, in

their report, congratulated the province upon the addition to the roll of lodges by the consecration of the St. Nicholas Lodge at Harwich.

On the motion of Bro. MOYES, seconded by Bro. FRANCIS, the reports were adopted and ordered to be circulated.

On the motion of the DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, seconded by Bro. NORMAN, Bro. Lewin was unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer.

The Prov. G. Master then proceeded to invest the new Prov. G. Officers as under:

Bro. Clowes, P.P.G.M.O.	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" C. J. Norman, P.P.A.G.D. of C.	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" W. H. Francis, P.P.G. Std. Br.	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" W. Chapman, P.P.G.S.B.	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" R. D. Poppleton	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. R. O. Davies	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. S. Maude	...	...
" C. J. Lewin	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Pashler	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. M. Harvey, P.P.J.G.W.	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" A. Berrey	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" L. V. Walker, P.P.G.I.G.	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" H. J. Wright, P.A.G.S.	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" W. B. Hanson, P.A.G.D.C.	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. J. Ward	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. Sheppard	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" T. G. D. Cramphorn	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Geo. Gould	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, addressing the brethren, said he thought on the whole they might be satisfied with the progress Mark Masonry was making in East Anglia. The numbers were about the same as last year, and the lodges appeared to be in a flourishing state. A very promising new lodge had been consecrated at Harwich, and that he thought was a subject for congratulation. Having expressed his gratitude to the brethren of the Freeman Lodge for the way in which they had entertained Provincial Grand Lodge, Lord Henniker intimated that next year it would be held in Essex, but that he would leave it to the Essex brethren themselves to determine the place of meeting. The Provincial Grand Master then referred in terms of deep regret to the loss the province had sustained by the resignation of Bro. Tracy, the Prov. Grand Secretary, of whose work in connection with the Craft and Mark Masonry it was impossible to speak too highly. He (Lord Henniker) was very anxious to be present on that occasion, because he wished, as the head of the province, to say how extremely sorry he was to part with Bro. Tracy as Provincial Grand Secretary. He knew last year Bro. Tracy intimated that the work, combined with that of Prov. Grand Secretary to the Craft, was more than he had either the time or the strength to undertake without neglecting his own professional duties, and therefore his resignation had not taken them by surprise. He hoped, although Bro. Tracy no longer held office, he would still come amongst them and give them the benefit of his assistance and advice. He was sure they all thanked him most sincerely for the services he had rendered. He (Lord Henniker) had hoped that he should have been able on that occasion to confer upon Bro. Tracy, as a mark of the high regard he entertained for him, the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden. That, however, he was informed he could not do, but at the earliest opportunity he should ask Bro. Tracy to accept at his hands the office of Prov. Senior Grand Warden.

Bro. TRACY briefly replied, and thanked the Provincial Grand Master for the complimentary references to his work, in which he had always taken a very deep interest.

After a short address from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master the proceedings ended, and the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

CONSECRATION OF THE HIBERNIA MARK LODGE, No. 431.

The consecration of the Hibernia Lodge, No. 431, took place on Friday, the 12th inst., at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under very favourable auspices, and in the presence of a large and distinguished assembly of brethren. The ceremony was performed by Bro. the Earl of Euston, Deputy Grand Master, assisted by Bros. the Viscount Dungarvan, P.G.W., as S.W.; Col. A. B. Cook, Pres. Gen. Bd., as J.W.; Rev. Joseph Cater, G. Chap., as Chap.; C. Fitz-Gerald Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec., as D.C.; and George Cooper, P.G.O., as I.G.

The founders, who were with one exception present, are Bros. Major C. W. Carrell, W.M. designate; Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., S.W. designate; Col. J. Ward, J.W. designate; Capt. Ernest M. Money, P.G. Stwd.; R. Berridge, R. Clowes, R. P. Clowes, N. Edwards, K. Lester, F. W. Methven, and T. L. Rose.

The following visitors were also present—
Bros. A. King, G. Org.; V. D. Freeman, P.S.G.W. Sussex; Frank Richardson, G. Reg.; A. Williams, P.G.M.O.; R. Willard, W.M. 426; S. H. Soper (Mayor of Brighton), 409; R. Eve, P.G.M.O.; Gordon Miller, G. Treas.; Captain H. E. Cousins, P.G.D.; A. F. Church, G. Stwd.; G. Ogilvie, 406; Oliver Papworth, S.W. 334; W. Chennell, P.M. 334; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.W.; T. Fenn, P.G.W.; H. W. Schartau; C. H. Driver, P.S.G.W.; J. M. Dawson, D.G.M. Auckland, N.Z.; F. West, W.M. 198; J. Colville Smith, P.M. 53; A. R. Carter, P.G. Std. Br.; J. R. Green, G. Stwd.; J. C. Turner; J. F. Lamette, W.M. 75; F. Mead, G. Stwd.; E. Letchworth, P.G. Treas.; Lennox Browne, P.G. Stwd.; J. F. Cotterell, P.P.G.W.; J. Terry, P.A.G.D.C.; P. de Lande Long; Colonel J. Peters, 363; and W. W. Lee.

Lodge having been opened, and a hymn sung, the CONSECRATING OFFICER, addressing the brethren, said they had met that day to perform a ceremony that was always an interesting one, because it showed the progress the Mark Degree was making. He felt highly honoured at being asked by the W.M. designate to perform the ceremony, and it was always a pleasure to know the Degree was going on well, and that the members in it were working heartily for its welfare and advancement. He did not consider it necessary to detain them by making a long speech, so would commence the proceedings by calling upon the Grand Chaplain for prayer.

The founders having signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant, an excellent oration on the nature and principles of the Order was delivered by Bro. Rev. J. CATER, G. Chap.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, the musical portions being rendered by Bro. H. W. Schartau, and the new lodge was solemnly dedicated and constituted.

The Deputy Grand Master then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Sec., who installed the W.M. designate, Bro. Major C. W. Carrell.

The following officers were then invested: Bros. R. Berridge, acting I.P.M.; Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., S.W.; Col. J. Ward, J.W.; R. P. Clowes, M.O.; T. L. Rose, S.O.; F. W. Methven, J.O.; R. Clowes, Treas.; W. Edwards, R. of Marks; Capt. E. M. Money, Sec.; and K. Lester, S.D.

On the proposition of the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, the Consecrating Officer and his assistants were elected honorary members, and the Deputy G. Master and the Grand Secretary presented with a founder's jewel as a souvenir of the occasion.

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER returned thanks, after which the By-Law Committee was formed and other routine business transacted. Letters of regret for non-attendance were received from many brethren, including Bros. Lord Brooke, Sir W. T. Marriott, Dr. E. M. Lott, T. J. Ralling, Col. A. M. Egerton, and Rev. Hayman Cummings.

The lodge was closed, and a banquet was subsequently enjoyed in the Crown Room, Freemasons' Tavern.

The usual toasts were afterwards given, the first being "The Queen and Mark Masonry" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M."

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then gave "The Pro G.M., Deputy G.M., and Grand Officers," and observed that they had a fine array of Grand Officers present that evening, to whom they felt deeply indebted for the great compliment paid the new lodge by their presence. They also owed a deep debt of gratitude to the Earl of Euston, D.G.M., and the other Grand Officers for performing the consecration ceremony. Personally he could say he had the greatest kindness shown him by the Grand Officers in Mark Masonry, and believed that feeling was shared by many others.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON, D.G.M., said it always fell to his lot to reply to the toast which the Worshipful Master had so kindly proposed, and it was, therefore, difficult to respond. On behalf of the Grand Officers he returned thanks for the hospitable reception given them, for the kind way they were received in the lodge, and personally he appreciated the honour paid him by asking him to consecrate the lodge. As far as the new lodge was concerned, if it required the assistance of the Grand Officers they would give it with all their hearts and to the best of their abilities.

"The Consecrating Officer" was proposed by the W.M., who again expressed his indebtedness to the Earl of Euston for consecrating their lodge in the midst of a busy week. They had all been much impressed with the magnificent manner in which the Deputy Grand Master performed the ceremony, and hoped he would attend their meetings as often as convenient.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON, Dep. G.M., said he was always ready and willing to do his duty, and was only too happy to come and assist at the floating of a new Mark lodge on the sea of Masonry and he hoped it would go on and have a large and good crew. It was led by one who was a leader of men, and there was no doubt the lodge would go on and prosper. He would next propose a toast which the founders would be pleased to receive, and which those who had assembled to honour the lodge and its W.M. would receive with acclamation. It was the toast of "The W.M." who had proved himself a master of everything he had undertaken, was a true and good Mason, and a good soldier in the defence of his country. The W.M.'s own colonel had honoured him by being the J.W., and another colonel had also honoured him by being the S.W. He had known Bro. Major Carrell for some time and felt sure the lodge could not have done better than start with such a good hard-working and zealous Mason as the W.M. He asked the brethren to join him in wishing the W.M. every success during his year, and long life and prosperity to the Hibernia Lodge.

Bro. Major C. W. CARRELL, G. Stwd., W.M., in response, said the Deputy G.M. had spoken in too high terms in proposing his health, but since he entered Masonry he had taken a keen interest in following the various Degrees of the Order. He thought he might say he had a strong weakness and liking for Mark Masonry, and was proud to be placed in the position of W.M. of that lodge. He quite endorsed all the Deputy G.M. said regarding his two Wardens, for it was very kind of Colonels Money and Ward to place him in the position of W.M. instead of occupying it themselves. These brethren would have filled the office in a worthier manner, but as time went on the members would find they had Masters coming on who would far surpass him. He was indebted to the brethren for receiving the toast so kindly, and hoped the lodge would prosper in Mark Masonry, and make its mark in connection with the Benevolent Fund. He hoped they would subscribe liberally and have Charity as their guiding star, and that when the Grand Officers visited the lodge in a few years they would say the members had done what they could for Mark Masonry.

In giving "The Visitors" the W.M. said there was one brother whom they were delighted to honour—Bro. Dr. Dawson, D.G.M. Auckland, New Zealand. Their meeting was not as large as it should have been, but there was a large array of visitors from all parts of the country. He hoped the members would join him in wishing the visitors "many happy returns of the day," and trusted to see them at many future meetings.

Bro. Dr. DAWSON, D.G.M. Auckland, N.Z., thanked the W.M. very cordially for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed, and for having honoured him by asking him to respond for so many distinguished visitors. The W.M. had also been kind enough to give them invitations for future occasions, but he could hardly accept that without emulating the propensities of the wandering Jew, and that he was not capable of. He was pleased to be present and to feel that although a very small and insignificant unit, yet he was one of that great body that bound the whole world in one fraternity of brotherly love, relief, and truth. In the Colonies there were enthusiastic Mark Masons and as loyal men as could be found anywhere, and if any brethren visited them they would extend, not perhaps, so liberal a welcome, but as warm as it was in their power to give.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Mark Benevolent Fund," and said the fund was admirably managed by the leaders of Mark Masonry, who devoted a great amount of attention to it. He was pleased to say his name was down as a Steward for the Festival in July, at which Lord Dungarvan would preside.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, P.G.W., Grand Secretary, in response, said he felt a very great debt of personal gratitude for the manner in which the W.M. had proposed the toast, for he had not only proposed it but had also told them everything they could wish to know. Whatever donations were given to the Mark Benevolent Fund were received with the greatest gratitude and dispensed with the greatest possible care. As the executive officer he could say they had never sent away a case that was worthy without relief, and if the brethren were satisfied with what had been done in the past he trusted they would support the General Board in the future.

"The Officers" was submitted by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who said they had some very distinguished officers in the lodge. As the S.W. they had Col. Noel Money, who would very shortly be installed as the P.G.M. of Surrey in the Craft. He thought they were very much honoured by having so distinguished a brother as the S.W. The J.W., Bro. Col. Ward, was also a distinguished brother, a most sympathetic Mason, and one who had the Charities very largely at heart. Their Treasurer, Bro. R. Clowes, was a distinguished and well-known Grand Officer, and they all knew the Secretary, Bro. Capt. E. M. Money, to be a most energetic Mason, who was known everywhere for his work in the Degree. The other offices were filled by those who had that evening, and would in the future, meet with the approbation of the brethren.

Bro. Colonel NOEL MONEY, C.B., S.W., said the officers all considered it a distinguished honour to belong to this lodge, and that honour was enhanced by the distinguished company assembled at its inauguration. He could only, on behalf of the officers, express a hope that they would by their behaviour do justice to the lodge, and deserve, as far as in them lay, the kind manner in which the W.M. had proposed the toast.

Bro. Colonel J. WARD, J.W., said he had for many years known the W.M., and could only say that from the Honorary Colonel, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, to the smallest drummer boy in the regiment he was esteemed and respected. This was the second time he had been associated with the W.M. as the founder of a lodge, and he believed Bro. Major Carrell stood in a most peculiar position, for he was not aware of any Mason outside the Grand Lodge who had installed into the chair of a lodge a son of the reigning Sovereign. Speaking for his brother officers and himself he (the J.W.) was convinced they would do everything in their power to assist the W.M. during his year of office.

The Tyler's toast then closed the proceedings.

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To Correspondents.

"OLD PROVINCIAL."—In the paragraph in question we were not strictly accurate in referring to "the prescribed ritual" for Masonic funerals. As a matter of fact there is no prescribed ritual for this or many other ceremonies, although it would not be difficult to refer to one most appropriate for that purpose.

The following communications unavoidably stand over: CRAFT LODGES—Anglo-American, No. 2191, and Cyclist, No. 2246. Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire.



SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1891.

Masonic Notes.

A few more brethren have been added to the roll of Stewards for the Festival of Wednesday, and the actual number of those who have volunteered their services for the occasion is as nearly as possible 700. Of course, those who have come forward at the eleventh hour will have but little, if any, time at their disposal for canvassing; but their coming forward is an undoubted evidence of their goodwill towards the Institution for Boys, while their lists, though they will probably be limited to their own personal contributions, will be none the less welcome.

We had the pleasure of announcing last week that the Countess of Lathom has very kindly undertaken to present the prizes won by the successful pupils of our Boys' School during the past year. The ceremony will take place in the large hall of the Institution, at Wood Green, on Tuesday next, the 23rd instant, when there will also be the customary speeches and part singing. Every Steward will receive tickets which will admit himself and one friend to witness the function, but it will be impossible to issue tickets to the general Masonic public. The Committee in charge of the arrangements are most anxious to oblige the numerous friends and supporters of the School, but they have discovered, as other Committees before them have discovered, that in the case of a non-expanding brick edifice, it is impossible to seat more people on a special occasion than the building will hold under ordinary circumstances. We trust, therefore, that any brethren who may apply for tickets and not receive them will kindly ascribe their failure to the inability of the Committee to accomplish an impossibility. Light refreshments will be served in the Gymnasium at 5 p.m.

While writing on the subject of next Wednesday's Festival at Brighton and its associate gathering at Wood Green the day previous, it will be as well if we remind those brethren who purpose attending the former that the special trains which the London Brighton and South Coast Railway Company have arranged to provide for their accommodation will leave Victoria at 10.35 a.m., and London Bridge at 1.40 p.m.; returning from Brighton at 9.30 p.m. for Victoria, and 9.40 p.m. for London Bridge. They will also be at liberty to travel by the ordinary trains which leave Victoria at 1.50 p.m., and Brighton at 8.40 p.m., or, in the event of their missing the special trains, by the next ordinary trains. Their return tickets will be available by any ordinary train on the following day (Thursday).

In the case of intending visitors to the Festival from Lancashire, Yorkshire, and other Northern provinces, we beg to remind them that the Midland, London and North-Western, and Great Northern Railway Companies have very considerably arranged to issue tickets, which will be available from the 23rd to the 26th instant, both inclusive, at a fare and a quarter, to parties of six first class and ten third class passengers in the case of the Midland Railway Company, and of six first and ten second or third class passengers in the case of the London and North-Western and Great Northern Railway Companies, and at a single fare to parties of not less than 30 first or 50 second or third class passengers.

The athletic sports at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green, on Saturday last were a very great success, close upon 2000 brethren and their friends being present. The sport was good, and the prizes, many of which were of considerable value, were given away by Miss Everett, daughter of the Grand Treasurer, who had acted for the second year as Treasurer of the Sports Fund. The excellent band of the Y Division of Police discoursed sweet music, and as the weather was all that could be desired a most pleasant afternoon was spent. At the end of the proceedings three cheers were given for Miss Everett, Bro. George Everett, Grand Treasurer, and the Head Master, Bro. Hebb.

Bro. Lennox Browne has been elected Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes.

An emergency meeting of the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, at which the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, Prov. G.M. Berkshire, was present, was held at the Hotel Metropole on Monday evening, when the Earl of Yarborough, the Hon. Edward George V. Stanley, and Captain Holford, Equerry to his Royal Highness, were initiated under the auspices of this distinguished lodge. Bro. T. Weeding-Weeding, W.M., presided on the occasion, and among the distinguished brethren present were Bros. the Earl of Euston, P.G.M. Northants and Hunts; Viscount Dungarvan, P.G.M. Somersetshire; Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., P.J.G.W.; the Marquis of Carmarthen, M.P.; and Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary.

It is a pleasure to note that two of the three gentlemen who were received into our Order at this meeting are lineally descended from brethren who have been, or are, distinguished members of the Craft. The first Earl of Yarborough, great-grandfather of the initiate of Monday, was Provincial Grand Master of the Isle of Wight from 1826 till his death in 1846. His son, the second earl, was, as Lord Worsley, Senior Grand Warden of England in 1838, and presided as such at the Jubilee Festival of the Girls' School, Deputy Grand Master of England 1846-56, and Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire from 1849 till his death in 1862. The Hon. Edward George Villiers Stanley is eldest son of Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston, the present Governor-General of Canada, who was Junior Grand Warden of England in 1883, and is Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire.

Bro. Crowe asks in an article recently published in our columns if some brother will privately communicate with him as to the origin of the curious title applied to the ante-room of a Masonic lodge in Hungary. There is no need for secrecy in replying to Bro. Crowe's inquiry as to the meaning and origin of the expression "Salle des pas perdus." In the first place, as to its meaning, it is the term used throughout France for "salle d'attente," or waiting-room, and is so applied on many railways and in all "palais de justice." Its origin is obvious, for, given an unfortunate individual wandering patiently or impatiently within the four walls of a waiting-room, he would naturally have saved himself all those lost steps had he arrived more nearly to the time of his appointment.

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.]

PROV. S.G.W. OR PROV. G.S.W.?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Bro. "A.H., No. 39," will find, on referring to the Book of Constitutions (32mo. Edition, pp. 138-9) that S.G.W. is correct. The titles are there authoritatively given as "Senior Grand Warden" and "Junior Grand Warden" at full length.

This, moreover, is not a custom of modern origin, but has been the established usage since the formation of the premier Grand Lodge. The "Constitutions" of 1723 (p. 149 *et seq.*) frequently describe these officers as "the Senior G. Warden" and "the Junior G. Warden."

A similar practice also prevailed in the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients," whose warrants were not only signed by the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, but also by the "S.G.W." and "J.G.W." for the time being, the initial letters being in many cases printed on the warrant.—Yours fraternally,

JNO. LANE.

PROV. S.G.W. OR PROV. G.S.W.—WHICH IS RIGHT?—NEITHER!

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

We have officers of "Grand" Lodge and "Provincial-Grand" Lodges, and I have often wondered that so few have recognised that "Provincial-Grand" is a compound adjective, and that, therefore, to follow Grand Lodge by simply substituting the compound for the simple adjective is the only correct method.

We begin right—Dep. G.M., substitute "P.-G." for "G.," and we have (as is invariable) Dep. P.G.M. Directly, however, we get to the Wardens we have a change, which is kept up afterwards, instead of continuing to follow Grand Lodge. Follow Grand Lodge as above directed—S.G.W., S.P.-G.W.; J.G.W., J.P.-G.W.; so with the Deacons. Again, D.G.D.C., D.P.-G.D.C.; A.G.D.C., A.P.-G.D.G.; A.G. Sec., A.P.-G. Sec., &c.; following this also with Past Officers—P.D.P.-G.M.; P.S. (or J.) P.-G.W.; P.S. (or J.) P.-G.D.; P.D. (or A.) P.-G.D.C., and so on.

This style (i) creates uniformity in Provincial-Grand Lodges with Grand Lodge; (ii) prevents confusion, P.G.S.W. may be intended to mean Past Grand or Prov.-G.S. Warden, or Past Grand or Prov. G. Supt. of Works, and so on; (iii) S.G.W., or P.S.G.W., or S.P.-G.W., or P.S.P.-G.W., cannot be mistaken each for the other nor for G.S.W. or P.-G.S.W., even with the omission of the "of" (although of course it should always be written G.S. of W. or P.-G.S. of W.), which is not infrequently the case and, *thus* cannot sign as "S.G.W." or "S.P.-G.W."

We start, as I have above pointed out, correctly, let us then go on correctly.—Faithfully and fraternally yours,

P.S.P.-G.W.

June 13th.

VISITORS AT LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In his letter on the subject of visitors your correspondent "West Yorkshire" has touched upon a subject of considerable importance. It is not so much the question of difference between town and country visiting as the broad subject of visiting generally that requires consideration.

As Freemasons we are justly proud of the universality of our Order, but the visiting system in vogue here seems to offer a barrier to the strange brother who, in passing through town or country, might be desirous of attending a lodge in session, for he would feel that to a great extent he would be trespassing unless he received a formal invitation.

Take for instance that case of an American brother, duly qualified and provided with credentials, who may be passing through London; he may ascertain of a lodge meeting to be held at a convenient time, present himself, gain admission, and be invited (either in the name of the lodge or by some kind-hearted brother) to remain to the banquet. He would be well treated and made to feel happy under the fraternal good feeling which is so characteristic of our little gatherings "after labour," but if he afterwards learned that he was to all intents and purposes "an unbidden guest at the feast" his feelings can readily be imagined. He has been taught that as a Freemason he is entitled to visit working lodges wherever he may be, but he now discovers an obstacle which to him is as surprising as it is novel.

I have no desire to utter one word against the pleasant social feature of our meetings for refreshment, but some reform in the system seems necessary, so that a visiting brother may feel free to attend our lodges without putting himself in a false position.—Yours fraternally,

A LONDON P.M.

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

Masonic Notes and Queries.

942] "ANCIENTS" AND IRELAND.

The "Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence" of the "Prince Hall Grand Lodge" (*Negro Freemasons*) published a "letter from Lewis Hayden, of Boston, U.S.A., A.D. 1874." In it he says "We shall show that all those in London, or in America, who claimed to be Ancient York Masons, were and are but rebels, as they never had a legitimate descent from the Grand Lodge of England, or the Grand Lodge at York." The same writer also quotes from Rebold's "General History of Freemasonry" as to the "Ancients," or "Atholl Masons." "These schismatic lodges, composed in great part of Irish Masons, who accused the Grand Lodge of altering the rituals and introducing innovations, and of Masons who had been expelled in 1751, constituted a rival power to the Grand Lodge."

CHISHOLM.

943] ORIGIN OF THE "ANCIENTS."

In a pamphlet containing the "Testimony taken in London before a Commission appointed by the Supreme Court of the State of New York, in the suit now pending in that Court, brought against the Grand Lodge of New York," &c., 1855, there are a series of "direct interrogatories to be administered to William H. White," then Grand Secretary of England. To the 15th interrogatory Bro. White replied "that the creation of a rival Grand Lodge (originally styled a 'Grand Committee') first took place in the year 1752, first assuming the title of a 'Grand Lodge' in December, 1753." In the 16th his reply was that to the best of his "historical, traditional, and other knowledge, the year 1765 was the earliest date at which Past Masters were admitted as voting members* of any Grand Lodge in the world." This, he declared in the 12th, occurred with the "Ancients," the original Grand Lodge to 1813 never giving such rank to Past Masters. Bro. W. Farnfield, Assistant Grand Sec., also made an affidavit, that *he had failed to find any record in the transactions of the "Ancient" or "Atholl" Grand Lodge from January 1st, 1780, to 5th December, 1782, "of the entry of any vote or proceeding authorising a warrant for a Provincial Grand Lodge to be held in New York, or authorising such Provincial Grand Lodge."* Notwithstanding this declaration, a warrant *was duly granted* to No. 219 Provincial Grand Lodge, *New York*, by the "Ancients" on 5th September, 1781, as testified by other official registers.

CHISHOLM.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Cornish Lodge (No. 2369).—At the regular meeting of this lodge held on Saturday, the 13th inst., at Mark Masons' Hall, there were present Bro. N. J. West, W.M., in the chair, Bros. Roberts, J.W.; William Lake, Treasurer; Greenwood, Secretary; St. Aubyn, S.D.; Burgess, J.D.; Rawle, I.G.; Barrett, D.C.; Bullen, Stwd.; George, acting as I.P.M.; Clarke, acting as S.W.; E. W. Carus Wilson, Belgrave Ninnis, Thomas, James, Widger, I'yrrel, Hockin, Williams, Hawken, Johnson, Brailey, Geard, Davey, Moody, Redman, and Pool. Also the following visitors: Bros. Core, 1785; Cornish, 11 (S.C.); Adamson, 1076; Mann, 1452; Turton, 913; Briant, 101; Atkinson, 1648; and R. St. Stephens.

The following were unanimously elected: Bro. F. W. Pool, P.M. 450 (as a joining member), Bros. E. F. Whitley, P.M. 1529, I.P.M. 331, and Chas. Truscott (as Cornwall members), and Mr. George James Lory, Major W. C. E. Serjeant, and Professor Penberthy as initiates. The initiation ceremony was performed by the W.M. in his usual finished style, Bro. Ninnis delivering the charge. Bro. W. Henry Hockin was then passed to the Second Degree. Bros. S. T. James, R. W. Davey, and J. Thomas were next raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., Bro. George giving the traditional history. The ballot for W.M. for the ensuing year resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. John Roberts, J.W., and Bro. William Lake was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. It was resolved that a Past Master's jewel should be presented to Bro. N. J. West in recognition of his valuable and enthusiastic services as W.M. during the past year. It was resolved that the congratulations of the lodge be offered to the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, I.P.M., on his elevation to the rank of Deputy Grand Master of England. Notices of proposals for five initiates and one Cornwall member were given. Apologies for absence were read from Bros. Henwood Thomas, S.W.; Dr. Curnow, and Professor Shuttleworth.

The brethren adjourned to the drawing room of the Freemasons' Tavern, and a most enjoyable evening was spent under the genial sway of the W.M., who had provided a musical party for the entertainment of the brethren. The success of the lodge has exceeded all anticipations.

Columbia Lodge (No. 2397).—This new lodge, founded for the purpose of still further cementing the ties between English and American Masons, held its regular meeting at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Thursday, the 11th instant. There was a goodly number of members present, among whom were Bros. Adolphus Clark, W.M.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Alf. Cooke, J.W.; J. B. Cumming, Treas.; W. J. Spratling, Sec.;

*Save as to new laws.

E. Jessurun, I.G.; and others. Bros. Lennox Browne, P.S.G.W. Essex, and H. Lambert, P.J.G.W. Essex, were among the visitors, as were also Bros. Crump and Crawley, of the Anglo-American Lodge.

Bro. Johnson was passed to the Degree of F.C. The by-laws of the lodge submitted and passed at the last meeting were again read and confirmed. Bro. Brackstone Baker being unable to stay to the banquet, favoured the lodge with his views as to the conduct of its business, and the bright future in store for a lodge connecting the old world with the new. Bro. Baker, with two other members, was elected upon the Permanent Committee in order that the lodge might have the benefit of his long and valued experience in laying down the plans upon which it was proposed to work.

The banquet which followed was enlivened with the usual toasts, and some characteristic English and American humorous and other songs, whose performance gave great delight.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH.

High Peak Lodge (No. 1952).—The annual festival and installation meeting was held on Monday, the 8th inst., in the National Schools, when there was a large gathering of the Craft from Bakewell, Buxton, and other places. Bro. W. S. Anderson, S.W., was duly installed W.M. by Bro. J. St. Leger, W.M., assisted by Bros. Hallam, P.M., Boycott, P.M., Whitehead, P.M., and Lingood, P.M. Afterwards the W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. St. Leger, I.P.M.; J. W. Broadhurst, S.W.; Rev. W. P. Stamper, J.W.; J. Whitehead, Sec.; R. H. Hyde, Treas.; E. Walker, S.D.; W. Ward, J.D.; J. B. Boycott, D.C.; J. W. Hick, I.G.; W. Lingood, Org.; and R. Longden, Tyler.

In the evening dinner was served in the Town Hall, prepared by Mr. G. Muller, Railway Hotel, Buxton. Afterwards the usual toast list was gone through.

CHESTER.

Clarence Lodge (No. 2386).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Queen-street, when there were present Bros. W. H. Finchett, W.M.; T. Litherland, S.W.; Staff Quartermaster-Sergeant G. McFarlane, Sec., acting J.W.; Sergeant-Major R. H. McKay, S.D.; Major C. W. Randle Ford, acting J.D.; Isaac Matthews-Jones, P.M., D.C.; R. Cariss, I.G.; Quartermaster-Sergeant Fred. Fox, Org.; Quartermaster-Sergeant F. Cameron and Sergeant J. Osborne, Stwds.; S. Smith, Tyler; F. W. Picher, C. P. Jones, Sergeant-Major J. Thomas, Sergeant-Major J. Russell, D. Clements, Colour-Sergeant J. Mellor, F. R. Price, J. W. Evason, H. J. Price, Staff-Sergeant C. Allfree, F. Coveney, Sergeant D. Rose, W. Peers, A. C. H. Davies, J. L. Jones, and C. Edwards. Visitors: Bros. J. Mills, P.M., Treasurer, F. Lipsham, Geo. Tinkler, Dr. R. G. Burgess, and A. E. Caldecutt, of 425; E. Rush, W.M., G. F. Adams, J.W., T. M. Atkinson, and R. Gregg, of 721; Sergeant A. G. Meinhold, 893; H. Little, W.M. 1674, P.P.G. Stwd. North Wales; Quartermaster-Sergeant G. Gibson, 1789; and R. Green, 1817.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and Bros. F. R. Price and Lieut.-Col. J. Spence were balloted for and elected as joining members. Mr. C. Edwards was balloted for and duly initiated, Bro. Capt. Cooper, J.W., explaining the working tools. Bros. D. Clements and C. P. Jones were duly admitted and passed to the Degree of F.C., the working tools being explained by Bro. T. Litherland, the S.W. Bro. Staff-Sergeant Allfree was then duly admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the tracing board and the working tools being explained by the W.M. in his most impressive manner. One candidate was proposed for initiation. The W.M. proposed a vote of condolence and sympathy with the widow and family of the late Bro. J. Bennett, who had died very suddenly only a few days previously. This was carried in silence. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by brethren representing the following lodges: Prov. Grand Lodge of North Wales, 425, 721, 893, 1674, 1789, 1817.

There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a dinner awaited them.

Considerably over 30 brethren sat down, and after the usual toasts of "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W. G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Grand Officers," "The Prov. G.M. and Prov. G. Officers" was proposed by the Worshipful Master, and coupled with the name of Bro. J. Matthews-Jones, who responded in suitable terms. He referred to the good work that was being carried out by the Grand and the Provincial Grand Lodges. He also spoke in very eulogistic terms of the good work begun by the W.M. of the Clarence, and of the high position the lodge had already attained in the province both for excellence of work and Charity.

Bro. Matthews-Jones then proposed "The W.M. of the Clarence Lodge," and referred to the great pleasure with which he proposed this toast, knowing Bro. Finchett as he did, and spoke further in very flattering terms of Bro. Finchett's work and charitable disposition. The toast was drunk with acclamation.

Bro. Finchett, the W.M., in replying, after thanking Bro. Matthews-Jones and the brethren, referred to his work, and said that the sad loss which Masonry generally and he personally had sustained in the sudden death of the late Bro. Bennett had entirely unnerved him, and so prevented him from speaking at length.

The W.M. proposed "The Initiates," and spoke of the great pleasure he had of initiating Bro. Edwards, whom he had known from childhood.

Bro. Edwards replied in a few appropriate words, and the W.M. proposed "The Past Masters," and coupled the name of Bro. J. Matthews-Jones with the toast.

Bro. J. Matthews-Jones responded in a few remarks, concluding with a reference to the Secretary, Bro. McFarlane, whom he called a most persistent beggar, and concluded by promising a subscription to the list of the W.M., who is to represent the lodge at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on the 24th June.

Bro. McFarlane, Sec., who was acting as J.W., in the enforced absence of Bro. Capt. Cooper, proposed the toast of "The Visitors," and welcomed them to the lodge, which was proud to receive them, and coupled the toast with the names of several brethren.

Each of the visitors present replied to the toast, led by Bro. Mills, P.M., Treas. 425, who stated that he had visited the lodge with a good deal of curiosity to see how a young one could work, but he was very agreeably surprised at the manner in which the officers had supported the W.M., of whose ability he was already aware, and concluded by congratulating the W.M. on the working of the lodge, and thanking one and all for the kind reception they had given him.

The W.M. proposed "The Joining Brethren," and coupled the name of Bro. Price with it, saying how pleased he was to have the brother in the lodge, and pointing out the great sacrifice the brother had made to join it.

Bro. Price replied in suitable terms, and promised the W.M. his support, and, as a token of it, subscribed half-a-guinea to the W.M.'s list for the Boys' School.

The W.M. next proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," which was well received.

The S.W. replied in suitable terms, and thanked the W.M. and brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him in having selected him as their representative at the Girls' Festival in May. He mentioned the fact that that lodge was at the head of the list of the Cheshire lodges with their subscription of £40.

Bro. McFarlane, Sec., also replied, and thanked the W.M. and brethren for the toast, and assured the W.M. and brethren that the officers were endeavouring to do their best to bring the working of the lodge up to perfection, or as near it as possible, and referred to the names which he had been called, viz., "Persistent Beggar and Plausible Secretary," &c., saying that he did not mind what they called him as long as they persistently replied to his applications for charitable offerings. He also said that he had over £48 for the Boys' School, and would be glad to receive further donations to make the sum up to £50 or more. (This appeal induced the initiate, Bro. Edwards, to give 10s. 6d. at once, which was thankfully received.)

Bros. McKay, S.D.; Cariss, I.G.; Fox, Org.; and Cameron and Osborne, Stewards, also replied, and assured the W.M. of their support in his work for the benefit of Masonry in general, and that lodge in particular.

The W.M. proposed the "The Health of the Departing Brother—Bro. Quartermaster-Sergeant Teague," who was on the point of leaving for Ireland for duty.

The toast was received with acclamation.

Bro. Teague replied in very feeling terms, saying how much he regretted the occasion, and trusted to be back again some day amongst the brethren of the lodge.

The Tyler's toast closed a very happy and enjoyable evening.

During the course of the evening Bros. Fox and Adams enlivened the proceedings with their songs.

CROYDON.

George Price Lodge (No. 2096).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel on Saturday, the 13th instant. Present: Bros. W. G. Goode, W.M.; H. M. Hobbs, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; J. D. Langton, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Sec.; F. W. Leaver, S.D.; C. Holden, J.D.; John Wayte, M.A., M.B., D.C.; E. C. Leaver, I.G.; Joseph H. Price, Stwd., W.M. elect; F. T. Ridpath, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Fred. Cambridge, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; J. S. Fraser, P.M., P.P.G.D.; G. Pearson, N. C. Crew, J. Jones, W. D. Hayward, S. C. Mookerjee, and W. Lane, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. F. West, D.P.G.M. (Hon. Member); Gordon Smith, W.M. 2243, P.G.S.; W. M. Burn, W.M. 858; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; W. Brindley, P.M. 1604; J. Jewitt Stephens, P.M. 206; R. G. Fleming, I.P.M. 1790; S. G. C. Reid, P.M. 1174; H. S. Hunter, P.M. 1321; W. P. Towers, P.M. 15; E. Stimson, P.M. 15; H. Esling, P.M. 1321; H. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287; G. C. Burry, P.M. 1347; W. Englefield, P.M. 1321; W. Hicklin, I.P.M. 1261; W. B. Fendick, P.M. 1321, P.P.G.S.B. Berks; W. J. Harris, J.W. 1321; C. Sargent, J.W. 1261; W. Hooker, J.D. 538; R. Bowers, 15; T. Price, 1321; J. D. Hunt, 15; G. W. Eve, 1670; J. S. Hinton, 1321; T. Merton Clark, 2182; W. Coward, 2000; T. Whitford, 1321; W. D. Welsford, 1321; G. Aking, 463; J. H. Moggridge, 1321; F. Bevan, 1700; and H. Yates, 2182.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. S. C. Mookerjee was raised to the Degree of M.M. Bro. Fred. West, D.P.G.M., then entered the lodge, and was received in due form. Bro. Fred. West then took the chair, and having requested Bros. H. M. Hobbs and Gordon Smith to take the S.W. and J.W. chairs respectively, Bro. Joseph H. Price was presented by Bro. F. Cambridge, I.P.M., for installation, and duly installed by Bro. West in his well-known admirable manner. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. C. Leaver, S.W.; Frank W. Leaver, J.W.; H. M. Hobbs, P.M., Treas.; J. D. Langton, P.M., Sec.; C. Holden, S.D.; E. C. Leaver, J.D.; W. D. Hayward, D.C.; John Wayte, I.G.; F. Cambridge, P.M., Org.; F. T. Ridpath, P.M., and J. Jones, Stwds.; and W. Lane, Tyler. The Installing Master then delivered the addresses. Letters of apology and regret for inability to attend were received from Bros. the Earl of Euston, Col. Noel Money, Prov. G.M. Surrey, and others.

After the lodge was closed the brethren sat down to the banquet, after which a long list of toasts was disposed of.

The Worshipful Master having proposed "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past" was duly honoured, and was ably responded to by Bro. Henry Sadler, Grand Tyler.

"The Healths of the P.G.M., Col. Noel Money, C.B.; the D.P.G.M.; and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past" was next proposed, and

Bro. Fred. West, D.P.G.M., in reply, said it was the first time for three years that he had had the pleasure of replying for the Grand Master of the province, as he had been D.P.G.M. in charge during that period. Now, however, he was pleased to say that the province had a Grand Master of whom every lodge and chapter in the province should be proud, for he was in every way a most excellent Craftsman. He also thanked all the brethren of the province, especially the Grand Officers, for their cordial support while in charge of the province, and he felt sure that the same support would be accorded to the new Prov. Grand Master.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was then proposed by Bro. Goode, I.P.M., and was next followed by that of "The I.P.M.," the W.M. decorating his predecessor with the Past Master's jewel which the lodge had voted.

Bro. Goode responded briefly, expressing a hope that he might one day be permitted to occupy the chair he had just vacated to initiate his son into Freemasonry.

"The Health of the Visitors," of which there were a goodly array, was next received with much cordiality, Bros. Burn, Gordon Smith, Stephens, Fendick, and Moggridge returning thanks.

The toasts of "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" were honoured and acknowledged, and it was late in the evening when the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close.

Interspersing the toasts a charming selection of music, under the guidance of Bro. F. Cambridge, P.M., P.P.G. Org., and contributed by Bros. Bevan, Coward, and Yates, and Master Charles Steward, was pleasantly rendered, completing the harmony of a most successful evening.

DIDSBURY.

Doric Lodge (No. 2359).—The brethren of the above lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John in right royal and Masonic fashion on Saturday, the 13th inst., on which occasion Bro. Clare Edgar Towell, the S.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. There was a large attendance, including Bros. G. S. Smith, P.M., W.M.; C. E. Towell, S.W.; John Fletcher, J.W.; G. A. Myers, P.M., S.D.; A. K. Boothroyd, J.D.; J. M. Veal, I.G.; John Walker, Stwd.; Jos. Ward, P. D. Langley, Jas. Sharples, Robert Fitton, F. Morgan, W. W. Wilkinson, W. Sharples, J. Laurisch, and F. Thomas. The visitors included Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. and P.G. Sec.; R. Newhouse, P.G. Sec. Cheshire; J. Cookson, P.G.T. Cheshire; J. Andrews, P.P.G.S.B. East Lancs.; J. J. Richardson, P.P.S.G.D.; J. W. Hamilton, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Hancock, P.G.S.B.; J. M. Sinclair, P.P.G.D.; Ralph Betley, P.P.A.G. Sec.; A. Ingham, P.P.G. Stwd. Cheshire; James Wilcox, S.D. 1140; W. Craig-Royle, J.W. 1170; R. Sharrock, W.M. 1313; J. Bowers, 1730; J. E. Radford, P.M. 336; J. H. Foster, S.W. 1959; J. E. B. Whitehorn, 1068; W. F. Clegg, J.D. 1345; Chas. Swinn, I.P.M. 1633; T. R. B. Vermont, 1633; S. H. Owen, 1126; G. R. Lloyd, P.M. 1730; H. R. Box, 1633; J. H. Marsh, J.W. 1730; A. H. Duffin, W.M. 1134; C. E. Jaques, 1633; H. Baldwin, 409; F. Renshaw, W.M. 1387; W. T. Allitt, P.M. 993; H. Nall, W.M. 1375; S. I. Thomson, W.M. 2109; W. F. Farrington, W.M. 1633; and S. Pope, J.W. 1473.

The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. G. S. Smith, assisted by Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. S. Smith, I.P.M. and D.C.; F. Stretch, S.W.; J. Fletcher, J.W.; A. H. Jefferis, P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; G. A. Myers, Sec.; A. K. Boothroyd, S.D.; J. M. Veal, J.D.; J. Walker, I.G.; F. Thomas, P. D. Langley, J. Ward, and J. Sharples, Stwds.; and A. B. Kirk, Tyler.

The banquet was served by Bro. F. Stretch, of the Didsbury Hotel, in a manner which evoked the highest praise, and the menu embraced all the delicacies of the season. The newly-installed W.M. presided, supported by his officers and the brethren above-mentioned.

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," "The Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M., Prov. G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, Dep. G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," "The Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," were duly honoured.

In responding to the last named toast Bro. Goodacre took occasion to refer to the Masonic Charities, particularly the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and made an eloquent appeal to the brethren on its behalf. They were, he said, receiving from these Institutions, of which the Boys' School was one, a large amount of support. He dared say the two provinces of Lancashire and the Province of Cheshire, which were closely connected, received not much less than £3000 a year from these Charities, which they frequently heard called the "London" Charities, but this was not so, as although situated in London, they were just as much Lancashire, Cheshire, or Yorkshire Institutions as London. This year was to be an exceptional one so far as the Boys' School was concerned. He was in hopes that their province would contribute 5000 guineas, he had already got over £500. He had to speak in terms of high praise of the good work done by the Doric Lodge during the first year of its existence, which had been already favourably commented on in Grand Lodge. He hoped they would give their excellent Bro. Stretch, who had accepted the office of Steward, every support, and that all would do something. In this way they would show their appreciation of Lord Lathom, their Prov. Grand Master, in a manner he would most desire them, that of supporting those noble Masonic Charities in which their Order was associated.

Bro. Geo. S. Smith, I.P.M., in appropriate terms, proposed "The Health of the Newly-installed W.M., Bro. Clare Edgar Towell," which was most enthusiastically received.

Bro. Towell returned thanks, and said it would always be his object to increase the usefulness of the Doric Lodge and the comfort of its members. He should not forget the excellent example set by Bro. Smith, P.M., and trusted they would have as prosperous a year as the last had been. In order to show their appreciation of his services, he had to ask his acceptance of a silver tea and coffee service, which he trusted might be handed down to his children in order to remind them of the high esteem in which their father was held by the members of the Craft.

The service of plate bore a suitable inscription, and each piece had on it Bro. Smith's monogram.

"The Health of Bro. Smith" was received with the greatest cordiality, and in replying he said he accepted their valuable present with feelings of great pleasure. Nothing could afford him greater satisfaction than to receive it, and he was sure it would be looked upon with pride by his wife and family. That handsome acknowledgment well repaid him for the services he had been able to render. The first 12 months of the existence of the lodge had been a pleasurable one, and he hoped that there would be as great a union of sentiment and harmony in the future as in the past.

The toasts of "The Visiting Brethren," "The Masonic Charities," "The Newly-installed Officers," and the Tyler's toast followed.

Songs were ably given by Bros. Willie, Sharples, F. Stretch, J. Ward, and a capital recitation by Bro. F. Morgan.

ELSTREE.

Kingswood Lodge (No. 2278).—The installation meeting of this young lodge was held on Saturday last at the Plough Inn, the W.M., Bro. John Petch, P.M., Prov. G. Std. Br., presiding. There were present on the occasion Bros. J. G. Cobb, S.W.; C. M. Coxon, J.W.; John B. Bell, S.D.; H. T. Nell, J.D.; E. H. Moore, D.C.; T. H. Wye, I.G.; R. W. Nicole, Stwd.; A. C. Halestrap, John L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; J. W. Rattenbury, W. Kennedy, George T. Chretien, W. Pearce, J. Gravatt, H. T. Hopwell, Andrew Parkinson; and the following visitors: Bros. A. Curnert, 1426; T. Beig, P.M. 1613; Walter Hancock, J.W. 2191 and 1056; George Harlow, W.M. 2147; W. R. G. Emerson, Org. 45; T. C. Taylor, 45; F. W. White, 1471; S. Scott Young, 226, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Henry M. Hind, 1489; Nelson Reed, P.M. 1572, 1601, and 1671; and H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928.

Bro. John Gravatt, 1471, was elected a joining member, and the W.M. then raised Bro. H. N. Pearce to the Third Degree. The Audit Committee's report was received and adopted, and then Bro. John L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., installed Bro. J. G. Cobb, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge. The following brethren received the appointments to office: Bros. John Petch, I.P.M. and Treas.; C. M. Coxon, S.W.; H. T. Nell, J.W.; T. Wye, S.D.; E. H. Moore, J.D.; R. W. Nicole, D.C.; T. G. Chretien, I.G.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., and A. C. Halestrap, P.M., Stwds.; and Bro. T. Williams, Tyler. Bro. Petch delivered the addresses. All the ceremonies of the day were most effectively rendered. The first W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Rawson Kelly, of West Yorkshire, was unfortunately not able to be present. The following resolutions were passed: Proposed by Bro. C. M. Coxon, S.W., seconded by Bro. J. Petch, P.M., Treas., "That the best thanks of the lodge be accorded to the late Treasurer, Bro. W. Pheasant, for the valuable services he has rendered to the lodge since its formation, for the watchful care he has exercised over its funds, and for the kindness and unfailing courtesy he has at all times shown to the brethren. And at the same time expressing the hope that though desiring not to be again elected Treasurer, he will still retain his interest in the proceedings and welfare of the lodge." "That this resolution be entered on the minutes of the lodge and the Secretary requested to communicate the same to Bro. Pheasant."

The brethren after closing the lodge adjourned to a very nice banquet, and afterwards honoured the usual toasts. The toasts were interspersed with some capital singing under the direction of Bro. Tom Taylor.

Bro. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and said he was delighted to be present and was glad to have been of some little use to the lodge. One of the great privileges of his life had been to be of use to lodges to which he belonged. That evening he had the pleasure of evincing to the brethren his desire to be of use to the lodge. He was proud to belong to the Kingswood Lodge. Although he might not be always an honorary member, he hoped to have the suffrages of the brethren extended to him as an honorary member.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Prov. G.M., Bro. Thomas Halsey, M.P.," stated that the Prov. G.M., who consecrated the lodge, did everything possible to help the brethren. The Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Lake, had also been of great assistance to the brethren.

Bro. J. L. Mather, as a very old member of the province, as an old Prov. D.C. and S.D., responded, stating that the province was very fortunate in being presided over by so genial and capable a brother as Bro. Halsey. Among all the noblemen and gentlemen who ruled over the provinces, he did not know one more worthy to be a Prov. G.M. He was a good friend to that lodge. He (Bro. Mather) had known him a good many years, and had held office under him at his request. The lodge was happy and fortunate in selecting that province as its location, for he knew no province where the brethren could be so united, or ruled over so ably and thoroughly or by so genial and estimable a gentleman as Bro. Halsey.

Bro. Petch, I.P.M. and Treas., proposed "The W.M." A great deal of the prosperity of a lodge depended on the W.M. and the way he conducted business during his year of office. The Kingswood Lodge, as a young lodge, should feel very proud that they had unanimously elected Bro. Cobb as their W.M., for he was a brother who had Freemasonry at heart; whose wish and desire were that everything he could do and that could be done for the good of the Order should be done. The W.M. was ever willing to contribute to that, and not only willing, but most able. During his year of office they would have a W.M. who would be second to none. He was exceptionally interested in Bro. Cobb, having brought him into Freemasonry, and he was pleased that in so short a time he had reached the highest position a lodge could confer. Bro. Cobb was not only the Master of the lodge, he was one of the founders, and a great deal of its prosperity was due to the kindness, the interest, and the energy Bro. Cobb had displayed in the lodge. He felt certain that in Bro. Cobb's year of office, if there had been any lustre on the lodge during the two years of its existence, it would be enhanced considerably. He wished him health and prosperity during his year of office and plenty of work to do.

The Worshipful Master, who was received with loud applause on rising to respond, said he felt very proud indeed that night. He had attained that goal which most Masons looked forward to. It afforded him a very large amount of pleasure and pride to be elected W.M. of the lodge; it was an honour he had looked forward to ever since the foundation of the lodge. In more senses than one was he proud; he felt proud as an Australian born to be Master of that lodge. The last 19 or 20 years he had spent among Englishmen. It was a very great honour to be in his present position. Anything he might have done towards the founding or the welfare of the lodge had always been a pleasure to him. Past Master Petch had spoken most kindly, though too highly, of any services he (the W.M.) had rendered, but he was proud to think he possessed the good will and good wishes of every brother there. He might claim them all not only as acquaintances but as friends. It was one of the proudest moments of a man's life when he felt he had the good feeling of his fellow men. He felt he had it, and in return he would say that anything he could do to forward the interests of the lodge he should exert himself to do. He hoped the brethren would make allowance for any short coming, and also assist him to carry out his duties as satisfactorily as he desired.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The I.P.M., Bro. Petch," a most eminent P.M., whose services to the lodge, especially during the last year, all the brethren were aware of. Bro. Petch was a most excellent Mason, a P.M. of the Islington Lodge, and was always ready to do anything that could conduce to the comfort of the brethren and the welfare of the lodge. Bro. Petch had the cordial good wishes of every one, as a proof of which the duty now devolved upon him (the W.M.) of presenting a handsome Past Master's jewel to him which had been unanimously voted by the lodge. He wished him many years of health and happiness to wear it, and that whenever he put it on he would recall with pleasure his happy connection with the lodge.

Bro. Petch, in acknowledging the toast and the presentation, said he received both with much satisfaction and pleasure. He was not sure that he deserved all the kind words the W.M. had used, but he could say that it had been his endeavour to do all he could to further the interests of the Kingswood Lodge. At the same time he felt that he had only done his duty in anything he had performed during his year of office. He could have wished he had had more work to do. Still, considering that the lodge had only been established two years, he thought their record was fairly good, and the Province of Herts had nothing to regret in accepting the Kingswood Lodge as one of its children. He had had an exceptional position in the lodge since its formation, being one of the founders, and assisted by other founders from West Yorkshire. Their first W.M. was a most distinguished brother, who rendered valuable services to the lodge, and undertook the position and duties of first W.M. on the understanding that he (Bro. Petch) as the acting I.P.M. should assist him during his year of office, as he lived so far away that he might not be able to attend every meeting. Bro. Rawson Kelley, however, did attend several meetings during his year. During Bro. Kelley's year, and during his own year, he (Bro. Petch) had initiated, passed, and raised ten brethren in the Kingswood Lodge. Possibly that was a fair record, but still it was not all he could have done, and he would have liked much more. He was pleased to say they were now starting with some new blood, having Bro. Cobb in the chair, and he hoped the brethren who had joined this lodge and who were new to Masonry would take such an interest in it as to make it second to no lodge in the Craft.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by, among others, Bro. Walter Hancock, J.W. 2191, who impressed upon the brethren the duty of visiting lodges and attending lodges of instruction week after week, in order to render themselves perfect in the working.

Bros. Petch and Bell replied to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary."

The Worshipful Master next, in name of the lodge, presented a handsome gold bracelet to Bro. Petch for Mrs. Petch, which the brethren subscribed for in recognition of the extra duties Bro. Petch had performed during the first year of the lodge, when Bro. Rawson Kelley was unable to attend. In that year the lodge had five regular and two emergency meetings, and Bro. Rawson Kelley came to four out of the seven. When the W.M. was absent Bro. Petch did the work most efficiently. Bro. Petch had said he had not had much work to do during his own year of office, but if he had not had a great deal during the previous year. The brethren, therefore, felt that some little recognition of that fact ought to be made to him, and they made it in the form of a bracelet for Mrs. Petch, hoping it would convey to her the kindly wishes of every member of the Kingswood Lodge. He hoped that when she placed it on her wrist it would cause a thrill of pleasure and pride to her mind, knowing it was a testimony of honour to her husband. He did not know anything more pleasing to a wife than to feel that her husband was honoured by his fellow men. He had no doubt that as time went on and Bro. and Mrs. Petch had fulfilled their mission in this world, that bracelet would be handed down to their children as a testimony of the honour and love entertained for their parents.

Bro. Petch, in reply, said that was a most exceptional circumstance, but it gave him great satisfaction, and he scarcely felt in a position to reply in suitable words. He thanked the W.M. and the brethren most cordially and sincerely on behalf of his wife, and when he took the bracelet home and gave it to her with the good wishes of the W.M. and brethren of the Kingswood Lodge, which the W.M. had so nicely expressed, he felt certain she would be proud, and that every time that bracelet was worn the Kingswood Lodge would be foremost in her mind.

The S.W., Bro. Coxon, replying for "The Officers," made special reference to the support of the Masonic Charities. The Kingswood Lodge had already established a record in that respect, and had done something to mark the era of their advent to the Province of Herts. He had had the honour and privilege of representing the Kingswood Lodge as its first Steward, and with the brethren's permission he hoped to occupy that position a second time next year at the Jubilee Festival of the R.M.B.I. He asked every brother to assist him in taking up a good list.

Bros. Neil and Wye also replied, and Bro. Thomas Williams gave the Tyler's toast, after which the brethren returned to town, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

PLUMSTEAD.

Ordinance Lodge (No. 2399).—This new and flourishing lodge held its second regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, on Friday, the 12th instant. Bro. Major De Salis, W.M., presided, supported by the following officers, visitors, and others: Bros. C. Coupland, P.M. (Hon.), P.P.J.G.W.; A. Penfold, P.M. (Hon.), P.P.S.G.D.; Col. C. Vansittart, S.W.; J. Bilton, J.W.; Capt. J. Hearn, Sec.; Capt. R. C. Woollett, S.D.; J. Lee, J.D.; F. Hully, I.G.; F. Howell, D. of C.; T. Hebin and W. J. Hirst, Stwds.; Capt. J. Sculley, R.H.A., P.M. and Treas. 1787; L. P. Coutro, P.M. 1365; W. Sayle-Edwards, J.W. 1536; H. Baker, 913; J. McKenjie, 1069; W. Davidson, 913; E. Sennitt, D.C. 1536; and C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec. 1472 and 2184.

The lodge having been opened, the ballot was taken for Bros. Colonel Herbert J. Mills, C.B., D.C.G. of Ordnance, late 257, and B. J. Steer, 190 (I.C.), and in both cases proved unanimous. The W.M. then passed Bros. Thompson, Longstaff, Greenwood, Johnson, and Wheatley in a most impressive manner, and the lodge was closed.

At the refreshment table the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts, which were most loyally received, and responded to.

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "The Honorary Members of the Lodge present, Bros. Coupland

and Penfold," and congratulated the lodge on having such excellent Masons added to their number.

Bro. Coupland, in responding, said he felt it a great pleasure to be elected to such a proud position. He witnessed the consecration of the lodge, and from the first glimpse that he had of its officers and the brethren who were its founders he felt sure of its success. He complimented the W.M. upon his splendid working, and assured the brethren of every support he could give them.

Bro. Penfold said he had not the slightest reason to expect such an honour at their hands, nevertheless it afforded him a great deal of pleasure. So far as he was concerned, he should only be too pleased to be of any service to the lodge if they could make any use to him, and he thanked them very heartily indeed for the honour conferred on him.

Bro. Mark, P.M., then proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said it was not necessary for him to say a word in favour of their esteemed W.M. The manner in which Bro. De Salis conducted the business of the lodge must be as gratifying to the brethren of the lodge as it was a pleasure to the visitors, for they must agree with him that the work of their W.M. was second to none.

The Worshipful Master, in response, could only say that in everything touching the honour and welfare of the lodge he should always do his best to maintain, and if possible increase it.

Bro. Captain Hearn, in reply to the toast of "The Officers," spoke of the great interest the lodge was creating among the officers of the department, while General Alderson, Director of Artillery, was extremely anxious to join it. He should at their next meeting do himself the honour to propose that distinguished brother as an honorary member.

Bro. Colonel Vansittart said it gave him great pleasure to respond for the officers. As the W.M. had said, they were young at the work, and many of them needed to attend a lodge of instruction, but he hoped at their next regular meeting that they would all be, as their W.M. was, quite up to form in carrying out their duties.

The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," and spoke eloquently of his experience of Masonry abroad, and trusted they might always have a good array of visitors present at their meetings.

Bro. Captain Scully, in responding, spoke of his experience of Masonry in foreign lands, and on behalf of the Ubique Lodge trusted the Ordnance Lodge would, like the former, go on and prosper.

Bros. Edwards, Sinnett, Couper, and Jolly also responded, and soon afterwards the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which had been both harmonious and enthusiastic.

PLYMPTON.

St. Maurice Lodge (No. 1855).—On the 10th inst., at the Working Men's Hall, Bro. J. C. Revell was installed W.M. Bros. J. D. Foley, the retiring W.M., R. Hambly, 1885, P.P.G.S. of W., and R. C. Revell, 1071, were the Installing Officers, assisted by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lemon, 189, P.P.J.G.W., P.P.G.C. The Board of Installed Masters also included Bros. J. Lavers, 223; J. A. Lavers, 223; T. J. R. Chalice; W. H. Lister; S. Jew, 105; J. W. Cornish, 223; J. R. Lord, 1247; W. Powell, 1205; C. H. Cooper, 105; E. Aitken-Davies, 1099; W. K. Mitchell, 156; R. Dickson, 1205; T. Goodall, 1550; F. R. Thomas, 189; A. Trout, 1205; R. B. Grid, 1550; J. Gidley, 2258; and G. Roseveare, 970 and 1255.

The officers invested were Bros. J. D. Foley, I.P.M.; S. Hicks, S.W.; John Hellings, J.W.; T. J. R. Chalice, Treas.; R. Hambly, Sec.; Jos. Pearce, S.D.; Jno. Pearce, J.D.; J. F. Harris, D.C.; W. T. Luke, A.D.C.; J. N. Wills, Org.; S. G. Osbond, I.G.; A. Wilson and J. Cook, Stewards; and Jas. Gidley, Tyler. Bros. R. Hambly and T. J. R. Chalice were unanimously re-elected representatives at Committee of Petitions and Charity Steward respectively. Bro. J. D. Foley received a very hearty vote of thanks for the ability and industry with which he had carried out his work during his year of office as W.M.

In the evening the banquet was held at Bro. Hicks's, George Hotel.

SKELMERSDALE.

Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1035).—On the 11th instant at the Masonic Hall, Westminster-road, Bro. John Davies was duly installed, in the presence of a large attendance of members of the lodge and visitors from other lodges, as W.M. for the ensuing year. Among the visiting brethren present were Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec.; Geo. A. Harraden, Prov. G. Treas.; C. Bargery, P.P.G.D.; J. Stowell, P.G.C.; Geo. Lyton, W.M. 2215; H. Peers, W.M. 1620; C. Johnson, W.M. 1756; J. Grierson, P.M. 1756; P. R. Barrow, P.M. 1570; and Joseph Molyneux, P.M. 1756. Having been duly installed, the newly-elected W.M. proceeded to invest his officers. Bro. John Tunstall, P.M., P.P.G.P., acted as Installing Master and Director of Ceremonies.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

Harbour of Refuge Lodge (No. 764).—The annual installation of W.M. of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall on the 9th instant, when Bro. W. R. Staveley was impressively installed as W.M. by Bro. H. B. Olsen, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. The W.M. elect appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. Hodge, I.P.M.; Monkman, S.W.; Lilly, J.W.; R. Harpley, P.M., Treas.; Mark, S.D.; W. B. Foxton, J.D.; Hurworth, Org.; L. Robson, I.G.; and Fox and Laycock, Stwds.

At the close of the ceremony a banquet was served at the Royal Hotel, the W.M. elect presiding, and several members from neighbouring lodges being present.

WEST MALLING.

Malling Abbey Lodge (No. 1063).—The installation of Bro. Alfred Spencer, P.M., P.G.S.B. Eng., Provincial Grand Secretary, took place on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., when there was a numerous attendance of visitors and members of the lodge. Among those present were Bros. J. S. Eastes, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; S. Wilmot, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. Ancomb, P.M. 503, P.S.G.W.; F. Wright, P.M. 1725; T. W. M. Neech, P.M. 1837; J. W. Sage, W.M. 503; J. W. Penton, P.M. 133; R. B. Stedman, P.M.; J. W. Stonham, W.M. 2046; Rev. E. H. Fielding, P.M. 1050; S. Bennett, 2046; A. Brissenden, 503; and E. Weller, 503. The following officers of the lodge: Bros. D. T. J. Lyle, I.P.M.; Dr. H. F. M. Pope, S.W.; W. M. Apps, J.W.; W. Jude, P.M., P.P.A.G.S., Treas.; S. Wagon, P.M.,

Sec.; H. M. Apps, S.D.; T. M. Kennett, J.D.; W. Wells, I.G.; W. M. Fearon, D.C.; Dr. S. Mellor, Stwd.; H. C. Russell, Org.; and J. Hilder, Tyler; and the following members: Bros. W. T. Wallond, R. McVicar, T. A. Hodges, F. E. Roe, J. E. Russell, A. Toplis, F. J. Allison, and J. Burton.

The proceedings took place at the Institute, which had been specially fitted up for the occasion, Bro. S. Wilmot, P.P.G.R., acting as Installing Master in a most efficient manner. Subsequently the newly-installed W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year as stated above. The I.P.M., Bro. D. T. J. Lyle, was elected Charity Representative of the lodge in place of Bro. Clout, P.M., who had resigned, having held the office several years. The W.M. then presented Bro. Lyle, the retiring Master, with a jewel which had been voted by the lodge as a recognition of the excellent manner in which he had presided over it.

An adjournment was then made to the Bear Hotel, where the annual banquet was served in capital style by the landlord, Mr. Selden. The W.M. presided, being supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the other visitors. He proposed the usual Masonic toasts, which were received with Masonic honours.

Bro. J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M., acknowledged the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," in an able speech, and proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master" in most complimentary terms.

The toast was exceedingly well received, the selection of the lodge meeting with universal and hearty approval.

The newly-elected W.M. has already been W.M. of the lodge, and, in fact, few Masons in the county have had a more distinguished career than he has. He was initiated in the Malling Abbey Lodge in 1867, was appointed I.G. the following year, J.W. in 1869, S.W. in 1870, and W.M. in 1871—just 20 years ago. He was appointed P.S.G.D. in 1872, P.G. Secretary of Kent in 1873, and in the Jubilee year—1887—P.G.S.B. of England.

WINCANTON.

Lodge of Science (No. 437).—At the monthly meeting of this lodge on Saturday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Church-street, a visit was paid by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Viscount Dungarvan. There was a good number of visitors and members present to welcome his lordship, and a considerable amount of business relative to the affairs of the lodge was dispatched. Messrs. Herbert Knight and J. Bullock were initiated.

Amongst the visitors and others present were Bros. T. R. English, Athole Lodge, South Africa; W. Palmer, P.M., E. King, W. P. Buckley, W.M., T. G. Vincent, P.M., P.P.G.C., Rev. E. G. Austen, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., C. Phippen, J. P. Green, P.M., H. Harrold, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., E. R. Hayter, P.M., P.P.G. Org., and E. Creed, S.D., of 976; H. A. McDougall, 1731; J. Edwards, 329; G. F. Stokes, P.M., and A. J. Drew, W.M. of 1168; Capt. Challoner, W.M. 472; J. L. Bewsey, W.M., S. W. Bewsey, P.M., A. Edwards, P.M., W. Dyke, P.M., R. R. Hutchings, P.M., W. H. Good, P.M., Rev. C. H. J. Locke, R. H. Hoyle, C. F. White, G. Lock, H. J. Wadman, A. Sims, E. O. Scallion, F. Wadman, and R. R. C. Gregory, of the lodge; and others.

Business being over, the brethren adjourned to the Greyhound Hotel, where a banquet was served. A pleasant evening was spent.

Royal Arch.

Duke of Connaught Chapter (No. 1524).—A convocation of this successful chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., when the Principals for the ensuing year were installed and other business transacted. The members in attendance included Comps. A. J. Berry, M.E.Z.; J. H. Hoit, H., Z. elect; Wm. Beasley, J., H. elect; W. H. Lee, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E. Middx., Treas.; Hodges, S.N.; W. Simpson, P.S.; W. W. Lee, 2nd A.S.; T. Clark, P.Z.; J. H. Payne, P.Z.; Funstan, P.Z.; Morden, S. G. Van Os, and G. J. Reed.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the ballot was unanimous in favour of the following candidates: Bros. S. G. Van Os, W.M. 1695; G. J. Reed, S.W. 1695; and H. J. Thrower, W.M. 1766; and the two former being in attendance, were impressively exalted into the R.A. Degree. Comp. W. H. Lee, P.Z., then installed the following companions into their respective chairs: Comps. J. H. Hoit, Z.; Wm. Beasley, H.; and Hodges, J. The other officers for the year are Comps. Neville Green, P.Z., S.E.; W. Simpson, S.N.; W. H. Lee, P.Z., Treas.; Stein, P.S.; W. W. Lee, 1st A.S.; and Marsh, Janitor. The report of the Audit Committee was adopted, and several candidates having been proposed, the chapter was closed.

An excellent banquet having been enjoyed, the customary toasts followed. In proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z.," Comp. Berry, I.P.Z., said they had not, unfortunately, had many opportunities of seeing Comp. Hoit work during the past few years, but the manner in which he performed the duties of H. that evening was an earnest of what he would do in the First Principal's chair. Their M.E.Z. took great interest in Royal Arch Masonry, and would be a bright and shining example to those who succeeded him.

Comp. J. H. Hoit, M.E.Z., thanked the companions for the kind manner in which they had received the toast so ably proposed by the I.P.Z. The terms in which he had been referred to were far too flattering, as he only tried to do the best he could, but while he was the First Principal they might rest assured his best efforts would be used in the interests of the chapter. He trusted that when the end of his year arrived they would say he had done his best. There were several exaltees for next meeting, and that would prove his work and fitness for the post.

"The Exaltees" having been given, the M.E.Z. submitted the toast of "The I.P.Z.," and said he had been surprised that evening by the exceptionally admirable manner in which Comp. Berry had performed the work. He hoped to perform his duties with the ability displayed by the I.P.Z., who had set him a good example. He had much pleasure in pinning on Comp. Berry's breast a P.Z.'s jewel, than whom none deserved it more, and hoped he would live many years to wear it. Comp. A. Berry, I.P.Z., returned thanks. He was grateful for the favourable view the companions had taken of his work, although the nervousness consequent upon a first performance had considerably marred his performance.

He had done his best, and was glad to think he had met with their approbation. He sincerely thanked them for the jewel, which he should have much pleasure in wearing among them.

"The H. and J." was next honoured, after which the M.E.Z. proposed "The P.Z.'s," and referred to the excellent services rendered by them to the chapter.

Comp. W. H. Lee, P.Z., said he rose with pleasure to respond for the cordial manner in which the toast had been proposed. It was always a source of great pleasure to a P.Z. to find a chapter flourishing. Speaking as the Treasurer, he could say that the financial position of the chapter was most flourishing, there being a good balance in hand and no liability, which was eminently satisfactory considering there had been no exaltees during the past year. He was pleased to find their prospects improving, there having been two brethren exalted that evening and others proposed. As far as he could be of any assistance to those in office and the members generally, he should be very happy to exert himself for the benefit of the chapter.

Comp. W. Simpson, S.N., on behalf of "The Officers," returned thanks. It had been with very much pleasure that he had been advanced to office that evening, having been P.S. for the past five or six years. He had taken great pride in rendering the P.S. work, as he considered it one of the best pieces of Masonic ritual, and it was of vital importance that it should be well done, for the Principals depended to a great extent on that officer performing his work correctly. He would endeavour to perform the duties of his new office in the same manner as he had the other duties, and would always be glad to render any assistance in his power.

The Janitor's toast then closed the proceedings, which were enlivened by several musical selections, Comp. Hodges ably presiding at the pianoforte.

HAMPTON COURT.

Lebanon Chapter (No. 1326).—An emergency meeting of this chapter was held at the Greyhound, on Thursday, the 11th inst., when there were present Comps. H. Hooper, M.E.Z.; Geo. R. Langley, H.; R. F. Potter, J.; John Hammond, P.Z., Treas.; John Bott, S.E.; C. W. Hartley, P.Z.; W. H. Lee, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E.; G. H. Reynolds, C. O. Burgess, J. Gilbert, P.G.J., Janitor; and others.

The chapter having been opened, the ballot was taken for Bros. Joseph Andrews, S.W. 1986, and Walter Newbold, 183, and proving unanimously in their favour, the ceremony of exaltation was beautifully and impressively rendered by the M.E.Z., ably assisted by the H. and J.

The chapter being duly closed, a very pleasant evening was spent by the companions.

HAYLE.

Hayle Chapter (No. 450).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when Comps. George Williams, J. M. Richards, and Richard Rowe were installed Principals for the ensuing year by Comp. W. K. Baker, P.Z. The officers appointed were Comps. W. Wagner, Scribe E.; S. Read, Scribe N.; F. W. Thomas, P.S.; W. Veale, 1st A.S.; J. W. Jackson, 2nd A.S.; W. N. Tronson, S.B.; T. Taylor, C.R.; A. Dunkin, D.C.; J. Richards, Org.; and W. Wales and W. Black, Stewards. The Treasurer, Comp. G. B. Pearce, P.Z., presented the statement of accounts, which was passed, and showed the chapter to be flourishing both in numbers and efficiency.

After the chapter was closed the companions adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where the annual banquet was prepared, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Mark Masonry.

Beaconsfield Lodge (No. 205).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th instant at the Chequers Hotel, Walthamstow, Bro. L. V. Walker, P.G. I.G. East Anglia, W.M., being in the chair, supported by Bros. T. Cull, P.M., as S.W.; H. Gardiner, J.W.; T. Pinder, P.M.; F. Hallows, P.M. and Sec.; and others. Bro. G. W. Verry was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the only other business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. Bro. Henry Gardiner was unanimously elected W.M., Bro. J. Pinder, P.M., as Treasurer, and Bro. Max Grosse as Tyler. After several letters had been read and other business disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment. The usual toasts were proposed, that of "The W.M. elect" being very heartily received.

FALMOUTH.

Love and Honour Lodge (No. 94).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 4th inst., when Bro. George Carter was installed W.M., and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. S. Tresidder, I.P.M.; T. R. Grylls, S.W.; R. C. M. Pooley, J.W.; R. Tuckett, M.O.; J. T. Williams, S.O.; E. J. K. Nicholls, J.O.; W. F. Newman, Treas.; J. T. Dingle, Sec.; G. Timmins, S.D.; H. Young, J.D.; C. Deeble, I.G.; and H. Truscott, Org.

HULL.

Humber Lodge (No. 182).—This large and influential lodge—which we believe is now the largest under the British Constitution—met at the Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, on the evening of the 11th instant, for the purpose of installing Bro. John Walton in the chair, to which he had been unanimously elected. The sister lodges were well represented. Bro. G. Wilson, P.M., acted as the Installing Officer, and performed the duties in his usual effective manner. The W.M. then invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. E. Corris, I.P.M.; J. Matthews, S.W.; J. B. Close, J.W.; M. Haberland, P.M., Chap.; G. Wilson, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Ansdell, P.M., Lecture Master; James Thyer, Sec. (re-appointed for 6th year); Thomas Morrill, M.O.; H. J. Oldroyd, S.O.; J. Petch, J.O.; G. Lamb, Reg. of Marks; F. Eustace, S.D.; G. W. Richardson, J.D.; G. Kenningham, D.C.; J. R. Stringer, Org.; H. Glassman, Stwd.; P. J. Drasdo, I.G.; and W. Cuthbert, Tyler.

At the close of the proceedings a banquet was held, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Songs and quartets were given by Bros. G. Kenningham, Hart, Latus, E. Kenningham, and Osborne.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. Scott, W.M.; Russell, S.W.; Laker, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor and Treasurer; Poole, acting as Sec.; Windsor, S.D.; G. Lavington, J.D.; Evans, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Cochran, F. Reeves, Nettleship, Steele, and Ellson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation being announced, and Bro. Reeves having offered himself as a candidate, was initiated. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Scott vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Ellson. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of raising being announced, and Bro. Cochran having offered himself as a candidate, and having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and Bro. Cochran duly raised to the Degree of M.M. Bro. Scott resumed the chair. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and a vote of thanks was given and ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Scott for the excellent working of the ceremony of passing for the first time in this lodge. Bro. Scott returned thanks. Bro. Russell was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Somerset Arms, Fulham-road, when there were present Bros. Morrish, W.M.; Ingram, S.W.; Ollive, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Tucker, Sec. and S.D.; Wilts, I.G.; and Metherell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the First, Second, and Third Degrees, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Carlstrom being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Metherell, who had previously answered the usual questions, being the candidate. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, and the lodge was closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. D. G. Imlay, W.M.; H. Neville, S.W.; F. R. Rushton, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; C. E. Bulling, Treas.; W. Baker, Sec.; J. W. Drysdale, S.D.; E. M. Evans, J.D.; C. F. Cox, I.G.; J. B. Corpe, Jas. Corpe, W. Pasmore, and J. Parker. Visitors: Bros. H. L. Pridmore, 2148; W. R. Bennett, 1965; J. Rutgers, 1965; and F. W. Blyton, 2148.

The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Parker offered his services as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was then worked by the assembled brethren. Bros. W. R. Bennett, J. G. Eastes, 1965; J. Rutgers, E. A. Eastes, 1965; and Pridmore, 2148, were proposed and seconded as joining members. Bro. F. T. Rushton was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers, and announced that the work for rehearsal would be the second ceremony, the tracing board, and the 2nd and 5th Sections of the Second Lecture. The lodge was then closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. S. Smout, P.M. 1642, W.M.; J. Bartlett, S.W.; S. Barrow, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Deputy Preceptor; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. Chapple, S.D.; W. R. Hatton, J.D.; W. Hillier, I.G.; J. V. Woodman, Stwd.; J. C. Conway, A. Crossingham, T. M. Lambie, and G. Campbell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Conway being the candidate. The lodge was called off and on. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Crossingham candidate, who was afterwards instructed as to his duties before being raised. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Bartlett was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Herbert, the landlord of the Porchester Hotel, for the use of his room. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed. The next meeting will be held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Bishop's-road and Eastbourne-terrace, Paddington.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—At the usual meeting of this lodge, held at the City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., on Thursday, the 11th inst., there were present Bros. Mansfield, W.M.; Morgan, S.W.; Carlton, J.W.; Pitt, P.M., Preceptor (pro tem.); Colley, Hon. Treas. and Sec.; Williams, Asst. Sec.; Ives, P.M., S.D.; Wildbore, J.D.; Eades, I.G.; W. Smith, P.M., Tyler; Dormer, Watts, Wood, Hole, Saunton, Austin, and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hole personating the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Austin having answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Austin was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the W.M. giving the full ceremony in a very able manner. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rising for the first time, the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Morgan was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, returned thanks, and appointed officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. F. Kedge, W.M.; W. Hoggins, S.W.; G. H. Foan, J.W.; F. W. Buxton, acting as

Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treasurer and Secretary; E. Nice, S.D.; A. Bullen, J.D.; T. C. Seary, Org.; J. Rowe, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; T. W. Hamby, W. Kedge, J. Wise, J. Skinner, J. Graham, J. Woodward, T. W. Warwick, and J. Edwards.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. J. Skinner, acting as D.C., introduced Bro. J. Graham as W.M. elect. Bro. F. Kedge rehearsed the whole of the ceremony of installation, giving the charges to the brethren and officers in a very clear and distinct manner, and resumed the chair. Bro. A. Bullen, J.D., worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the second time, the W.M. and officers for the ensuing week as elected at the previous meeting. On rising for the third time, Bro. F. Buxton, acting Preceptor, proposed that a cordial and hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. F. Kedge for the very excellent manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Seconded by Bro. J. Graham, and carried unanimously. Bro. F. Kedge, in thanking the brethren for their kindness, alluded to the kindness of Bro. W. Hoggins giving him the opportunity of rehearsing the ceremony, which had been useful to him, and also for the attention the brethren had paid. Bro. W. Hoggins gave notice of motion that on that day fortnight he should propose the appointment of an Assistant Preceptor. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; P. J. Davies, S.W.; W. G. Danby, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., Treas.; C. E. Betts, Sec. (pro tem.); James Wiggins, S.D.; C. G. Hatt, J.D.; Woods, I.G.; W. G. Foster, J. Cox, and Morrish.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Foster offered himself as a candidate for initiation, and afterwards offered himself as a candidate for passing, when he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Foster was unanimously elected a member of this lodge. Bro. Davies was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and "Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was then closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. J. R. Hubbard, W.M. 463, W.M.; T. W. Heath, S.W.; P. J. Davies, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; Joseph Cox, S.D.; C. C. Barber, J.D.; W. G. Foster, I.G.; F. A. Barth, and T. C. Dyer.

The lodge having been opened, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Barth acting as candidate. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Dyer was elected a joining member. Bro. Heath was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hubbard for his able conduct as W.M. for the first time in this lodge of instruction. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 13th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; M. Spiegel, P.M., S.W.; J. Cox, J.W.; J. Davies, P.M., acting Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; H. Bright, Sec.; T. W. Biggs, S.D.; A. Williams, P.M., J.D.; W. G. Foster, I.G.; C. C. Barber, J. Brown, and H. Gane.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M., assisted by the brethren, worked the first three Sections of the First Lecture. Bro. J. Davies, assisted by the brethren, worked the 4th Section of the Lecture. It was decided to work the Fifteen Sections on the 11th prox., and the lodge was closed.

ANDREW CHAPTER (No. 834).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Comps. W. Hillier, M.E.Z.; D. Ferguson, H.; M. Spiegel, J.; F. Craggs, S.E.; James Sims, S.N.; John Davies, P.S.; Joseph Cox, and P. J. Davies.

The chapter having been opened, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Cox acting as exaltee. The lectures in full were given by the Principals. After the usual formalities, the chapter was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on the 13th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Chalfont, H. 975, Z.; G. March, M.E.Z. 733, H.; T. Jobson, 733, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; W. Hillier, 834, S.N.; J. C. Tilt, 1st A.S. 862, P.S.; H. F. Williams, 1st A.S.; and W. Chapple, 753 (visitor).

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Chapple being the candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks—Comp. March as M.E.Z. It was agreed that the chapter of improvement remove to the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington—the next convocation to take place there. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Herbert, the proprietor of the Porchester Hotel, for the use of his room. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, President of the Board, presided, and he was supported by Bro. James Brett, Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President. Among the other brethren present were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; A. A. Pendlebury, Assistant Grand Secretary; W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, Henry Garrod, S. Vallentine, David D. Mercer, George B. Chapman, George R. Langley, Charles Frederick Hogard, S. V. Abraham, A. C.

Woodward, L. C. Haslip, Charles Dairy, T. W. Whitmarsh, W. G. Lemon, Sir Reginald Hanson, G. Read, S. H. Goldschmidt, J. Bunker, W. Hopekirk, L. N. Lazarus, J. D. E. Tarr, Henry Oldham, E. J. Acworth, Fred Mills, C. H. Webb, W. Shurmur, H. Massey, F. Sharratt, Walter Wellsman, S. W. W. Atkinson, P.P.S.G.W. Cheshire; Thos. Underwood, W. Pound, E. Morris, Stanley J. Attenborough, John Glass, William Vincent, George Clarke, jun., S. N. Banker, Thomas Honey, H. J. Levett, Edward W. Postans, J. J. Thomas, W. J. Stratton, T. W. Harvey, H. Hooper, W. T. H. Mayer, F. M. Bilby, F. V. Catt, J. M. Scarlett, J. H. Wallman, and Henry Sadler, G. Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the M.W.G.M. made at the May meeting to the amount of £260, and afterwards dealt with 29 new cases qualified through lodges in the London district and at Faringdon, Walton-on-Naze, Ryde, Aylesbury, Uxbridge, Newport (Mon.), Monmouth, Montego Bay, Norwich, South Shields, Stockport, Swindon, Halifax (Nova Scotia), Heaton Norris, Dartmouth, Farnham, and Huntingdon.

One recommendation of £50 made at the May meeting, and which was remitted back by Grand Lodge for further consideration, was increased by another £50, and two other petitioners were recommended to Grand Lodge for £50 each. There were four recommendations to the Grand Master for £40 each, and three for £30 each. Eight grants were made of £20 each, and five for £10 each. The total voted was £660.

BOYS' SCHOOL ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The annual sports of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys were held in the grounds of the Institution at Wood Green, on Saturday last. The weather was most brilliant, and as a consequence there was a muster of the friends of the children, of the Festival Stewards, and the Governors, which could not have amounted to much less than 2000. The Committee responsible for the day's arrangements consisted of Bro. George Everett, Grand Treasurer, as Treasurer, and Bros. S. J. Attenborough, A. Escott, the Rev. H. Hebb (Head Master), J. M. McLeod (Secretary of the Institution), and H. Pritchard; while the Boys' Committee was composed of Churchill, Groves, Waspe, Fawcett, Harris, and Lofthouse. Bros. George Gardner, R. Secker, W. Shurmur, and James Stephens acted as Stewards of the day; Mr. J. H. Freeman as Starter; and Bros. A. Escott and H. Pritchard and Mr. A. J. Shirley as Judges.

The following is a summary of the results of the several events:

HIGH JUMP (Lower School)—Prize a bat, presented by Bro. Walter—Lumsden.

HUNDRED YARDS (Preparatory School)—Prizes presented by Bros. Napper and Westfield—(1), Mossop; (2), Cheek; (3), Hart.

BOWLING AT WICKET—1st prize, bat, presented by Bro. J. M. McLeod—Stephenson; 2nd prize, knife, presented by Bro. George Gardner.

QUARTER MILE (Upper School)—1st prize, watch, presented by Bro. James Stephens and friends—Churchill; 2nd prize, knife, presented by Bro. George Gardner—McMillan; 3rd prize, ball, D'Oyley.

220 YARDS (Lower School)—1st prize, watch and chain, presented by Bro. Secker and Mrs. Sheather—Good; 2nd prize, writing case, Atkinson; 3rd prize, knife, Fawcett.

HIGH JUMP (Upper School)—Prize, telescope, presented by Bro. Fairchild—Churchill.

QUARTER MILE (Lower School)—1st prize, cup, presented by Bro. S. J. Attenborough—Atkinson; 2nd prize, watch and chain, presented by Bro. James Stephens and friends—Good.

HUNDRED YARDS (Upper School)—1st prize, turquoise pin, presented by Bro. Wright—Churchill; 2nd prize, handbag—D'Oyley; 3rd prize, knife—Haxthausen.

300 YARDS LEVEL—Prize, cup, presented by Bro. S. J. Attenborough—Churchill.

HUNDRED YARDS (Lower School)—1st prize, writing case, Fry; 2nd prize, photographic album, Dobie; 3rd prize, scrap album, presented by Bro. H. Pritchard—Mitchell.

1000 YARDS HANDICAP—1st prize, Gladstone bag, Coupland; 2nd prize, silver chain, Humphries; 3rd prize, cricket bat, Percy.

300 YARDS (Preparatory School)—1st prize, watch and chain, presented by Bro. James Stephens and friends—Mossop; 2nd prize, cricket bat, presented by Bro. H. Williams—Cheek.

HIGH JUMP (Preparatory School)—Prize, bat, presented by United Northern Counties Lodge—Hart.

220 YARDS (Upper School)—1st prize, watch and chain, presented by Bro. James Stephens and friends—Stocken; 2nd prize, bat, Matthews; 3rd prize, knife, Cox.

THROWING THE CRICKET-BALL—Prizes, bat, ball, and stumps, presented by Bro. W. Shurmur—(1) Williams, (2) Groves, (3) D'Oyley.

HUNDRED YARDS LEVEL (under 13 years)—1st prize, watch and chain, presented by Bro. James Stephens and friends—Harrison; 2nd prize, Giblett.

QUARTER MILE LEVEL (under 13 years)—1st prize, watch and chain, presented by Bro. Secker and Mrs. Sheather—Atkinson; 2nd prize, knife, presented by Bro. G. Gardner—Coupland.

THOUSAND YARDS STEEPLECHASE—1st prize, writing case, presented by Bro. E. J. Acworth—Waspe; 2nd prize, watch and chain, presented by Bro. James Stephens and friends—Stoward; 3rd prize, handbag, Mundle.

OLD MASONIANS' 300 YARDS—Set of tea spoons, presented by Eboracum Lodge—W. Balcombe.

CONSOLATION SACK RACE—Prize presented by Bro. J. S. Cumberland—Lester.

CHAMPION OF THE SPORTS.—Prize presented by Treasurer (Bro. George Everett, Grand Treasurer)—Churchill.

Early in the afternoon the whole of the boys, under the direction of their new drill-master, went through a course of their Physical Drill, which was so admirably done, and so greatly appreciated by the spectators that it was repeated before the evening was over.

The prizes were afterwards distributed by Miss Everett, daughter of Bro. G. Everett, G. Treas.

The Committee deserve every commendation for the excellence of their arrangements, and we trust future similar meetings will be equally successful.

MASONIC SECRECY.

What a bugbear the secrets of Freemasonry used to be! They do not now interest the world outside the fraternity to any great extent. Should one who has enjoyed membership in the Craft pretend to disclose the inner workings of the lodge he would at once become an outcast from all respectable society. Even the bitterest opponents of the Institution would ostracise him, and his very revelation be regarded as false.

To have revealed the secrets of men, the secrets of a friend,

How heinous had the fact been, how deserving Contempt and scorn of all, to be excluded All friendship and avoided as a blab, The mark of fool set on his front!

It is the outward manifestations of the inner lodge life—that which is proper to be revealed, that is all of interest or importance to the world, or that they care anything about. The seed sown in secret that finds rich soil in a pure heart, buds and blossoms into virtuous actions, attracting the notice and admiration of all good people. Brotherly love, inculcated in the secret vault of the Mason's lodge, blooms into rich fruitage of relief and truth.

A Mason who is properly taught in secret is openly a true man, a loving man, an upright man. These are the revelations of the lodge room that are of interest to the world at large, and they are the deepest, most profound secrets. The tiny seed buried in the earth is for a time within the secret chamber of God's mysterious creation, and in silence and darkness it works until it comes forth in strength and beauty to gladden the face of nature. If the earth above it is hard and baked by a hot and parching sun the seed will never appear in "the blade, the stalk and the full grain in the ear." The seed of Masonic truth sown in the mysteries of its rites, will die in an uncultivated heart unprepared for its reception, or scared over by immorality, indifference, or unbelief. Profanity, intemperance, vicious habits, are thorny weeds that grow so rapidly that the seed truths of the cardinal virtues are choked before they produce fruit. Let the secrets of Freemasonry be revealed, in all that tends to make a man better, wiser, and happier.—Despatch.

THE SAVOY HOTEL.

No hotel in England is so conveniently and picturesquely situated as the magnificent hotel on Victoria Embankment, immediately facing Cleopatra's Needle. The view of "London's silent highway" by day is a fine one, but by night the thousand lights which twinkle up and down the river lend to the scene an air of enchantment that is more like a dream of Oriental splendour. Nor are the advantages of the Savoy Hotel confined to its situation. The public and private dining and reception rooms and the spacious bedrooms are more like apartments in a private mansion than those of an hotel. The furniture and decorations are massive and elaborate, and an exquisite taste pervades everything. There are no gaudy trappings or glaring colours, but the richness and beauty of every portion of the vast building is subdued and blended by a taste which is not often their accompaniment.

From the wide balconies which run along the entire front on each storey, a complete panorama of the Thames is displayed from Battersea to London Bridge, and on a fine day St. Paul's Cathedral, the Monument, the Tower of London, the Crystal Palace, the Houses of Parliament, and Westminster Abbey may be seen with the various bridges. The Savoy contains 130 sleeping rooms on its seven floors, and the services of six lifts are employed in transporting passengers and their luggage to these. Water is supplied from an artesian well over 420 feet deep, and the building is illuminated throughout by electric lighting, which is provided at all hours. A great feature is made by the management of the fact that no extra charge is made for baths, lights, or attendance. The cuisine is under the charge of M. Escoffer, for some time the Chef of the Grand Hotel, Monte Carlo. The hotel is owned by the Savoy Hotel Company, Limited, one of the directors being Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master of England. The Castle of Harmony Lodge, No. 26, holds its meetings at the Savoy, and the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, has done so until very recently.

Craft Abroad.

ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR. SINGAPORE.

Adullam Conclave (No. 17).—The postponed annual installation of this conclave was held on Friday, May 15th, at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. E. J. Khory was installed S.R. by his predecessor, W. Bro. G. Thompson. The S.R. appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. J. P. Joaquim, Counsellor; G. A. Derrick, Guide; W. Makepeace, Treas.; S. Behr, Sec.; S. R. Robinson and R. O. Norris, V.D.'s; E. M. Lyon, Guard; C. G. Logan, D.C.; and J. Lannon, Sentinel.



"Carmen Up to Data" has taken yet another fresh lease of life and the Gaiety is consequently placarded every night "House Full," as has been the custom from its production in October. Bro. Lonnen has got a new song, "Will you go," which has become almost as popular as his "Bogie Man." Bro. Arthur Williams has gagged his part yet more. Miss Florence St. John sings if anything more sweetly than ever. Miss Letty Lind has introduced another of her graceful saltatory exercises, and the "Pas de quatre" from "Faust Up to Data" has been turned on, and is as vociferously applauded and encored as in the old burlesque. As arrangements have been made for a summer tour, "Carmen Up to Data" must be taken off in a month's time. "Joan of Arc" will then probably be removed from the Opera Comique, Mr. Edwardes' short lease of that house being at an end.

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Mr. George Edwardes has hit upon a happy idea for the long evenings. He has taken Terry's Theatre, and now offers three different pieces each evening at the fixed hours of eight, nine, and ten. This allows some to sit over their dinner and yet go to a theatre, others to take a walk in the park and wind up at the play, and others to drop in after business and yet not lose half the play and the whole of the plot as is the case if one usually drops in late to a theatre. All fees are abolished. We wonder if Mr. Edwardes intends to feel the public pulse and go back to the half price system. He might find his theatre crowded if he were to announce that for the last of the three pieces the unlet seats would be half price throughout the house. Mr. Brandon Thomas appears in his own little play "The Lancashire Sailor," in which he has the assistance of Miss Edith Chester, Miss Dolores Drummond, and Mr. Compton Courtts. It is a capital piece. Mr. Weedon Grossmith next appears in his own play, "A Commission," having the help of Mr. Thomas, Mr. Forbes Dawson, and Miss Lily Hanbury. To wind up the evening Mr. Cecil Clay's "A Pantomime Rehearsal" is made to do duty, and in the hands of such capable artistes as Messrs. Grossmith and Thomas and Laura Linden and Edith Chester everything goes well, and the popular verdict seems to be one of warm approval for Mr. Edwardes' latest scheme.

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There is nothing of special remark to be said of the revival at the Criterion on Monday of "David Garrick," unless it be that Mr. Wm. Farren now plays with marked success the part of Alderman Ingot, so well played previously by Bro. David James. Although Bro. Wyndham has put "David Garrick" on the boards of his theatre several times—on one occasion it played for over a year—and the last revival was scarcely 12 months ago, the audience last Monday was a most fashionable one, and received it with the same applause as if it had been a first night of a new play. Bro. Wyndham and Miss Mary Moore as Garrick and Ada Ingot are, if they could be, even better than before in their acting. The scene in which Garrick effects to be drunk and misbehave himself in order to cool the love of Miss Ingot for him was vociferously applauded. Mr. Giddens and Mr. Blakeley were as humorous as ever, and Miss Victor and Miss Vining followed them closely. "David Garrick," as acted at the Criterion, one never gets tired of—because one cannot.

Birth.

FOSTER.—On the 10th inst., at Walton-grove, Walton-on-Thames, the wife of Bro. Harry S. Foster, L.C.C., of a daughter.

In Memoriam.

GOTTLIEB.—In fond and ever-loving memory of our darling child, Ellen Constance (Connie) Gottlieb, who fell asleep on Saturday, the 10th June, 1888.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, June 27, 1891.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20.

CRAFT LODGES.

1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.
1041, Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1041, West Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Ambrose, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-sq., Kensington, W.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-street, Hammersmith, at 7.
Duke of Connaught, Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8.

MONDAY, JUNE 22.

CRAFT LODGE.

1010, Shadwell Clerke, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Atlantic Road, Brixton, at 8.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishops-rd., Paddington, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23.

CRAFT LODGES.

14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond.
259, Prince of Wales's, Willis's Rooms.
1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel.
2108, Empire, Criterion.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, S.E., at 8.
Capper, Railway Tavern, Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1339, Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel.

MARK LODGE.

3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle Tavern.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24.

FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS AT ROYAL PAVILION, BRIGHTON.

CRAFT LODGES.

2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham.
894, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.
2076, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Burgoyne, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, 6 to 8.

Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 7 till 9.
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 169, Battersea-park-road, at 8.

St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, at 8.
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

704, Camden, Anderton's Hotel.
820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
1024, Eccleston, Freemasons' Hall.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25.

General Committee Girls' School at Freemasons' Hall, 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern.
99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern.
858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hotel.
1523, St. Mary Magdalen, Cafe Royal.
1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Clarence, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, at 7.30.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creton, Wheatsheaf Hot., Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1623, West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGE.

118, Northumberland, Masons' Hall Tavern.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26.

CRAFT LODGES.

60, Peace and Honour, Freemasons' Hall.
2157, St. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.
Clapton, Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1044, Mid-Surrey, Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Cock Tavern.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27.

CRAFT LODGE.

1541, Alexandra Palace, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

For the week ending Saturday, June 27, 1891.

The following is a list of Towns in which the Lodges, &c., whose numbers are appended, meet at the dates given. Further particulars of places of meeting, &c., of Craft Lodges and R.A. Chapters will be found in 'The Freemasons' Calendar,' and those of Mark, Rose Croix, &c., in 'The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar,' both published annually at the office of The Freemason.

MONDAY, JUNE 22.

Table of Masonic meetings for Monday, June 22, listing locations like Banbury, Chacewater, Dukinfield, and their respective lodge numbers.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Table of Masonic meetings for Monday, June 22, listing locations like Birmingham, Chatham, Norwich, and their respective lodge numbers.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23.

Table of Masonic meetings for Tuesday, June 23, listing locations like Birmingham, Maldon, Alfreton, and their respective lodge numbers.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Table of Masonic meetings for Tuesday, June 23, listing locations like Newcastle, Whitehaven, Margate, and their respective lodge numbers.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24.

Table of Masonic meetings for Wednesday, June 24, listing locations like Cheltenham, Bury, Hull, and their respective lodge numbers.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Table of Masonic meetings for Wednesday, June 24, listing locations like Cnatham, Dover, Bingley, and their respective lodge numbers.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25.

Table of Masonic meetings for Thursday, June 25, listing locations like Exeter, Colchester, Middleton, and their respective lodge numbers.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Table of Masonic meetings for Thursday, June 25, listing locations like Gravesend, Merthyr Tydvil, Liverpool, and their respective lodge numbers.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26.

Table of Masonic meetings for Friday, June 26, listing locations like Cowbridge, R.A. Chapters, Neath, and their respective lodge numbers.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Table of Masonic meetings for Friday, June 26, listing locations like Liverpool, Penis.one, Gosforth, and their respective lodge numbers.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27.

Table of Masonic meetings for Saturday, June 27, listing locations like Chislehurst, Bromley, Epsom, and their respective lodge numbers.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Table of Masonic meetings for Saturday, June 27, listing locations like Birkenhead.



The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of Middlesex and Surrey will be held on Monday, the 29th inst., at Mark Masons' Hall.

We understand that the amount of money that will be at the disposal of the Board of the Annuity Branch of the fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence at their meeting in July for granting annuities will be about £220.

At a meeting of the William Hickman Lodge of Mark Masons, No. 320, held on Friday, the 12th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Sandown, Isle of Wight, Bro. F. P. Anslie was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year.

Bro. the Hon. Sir Henry Keppel, G.C.B., Admiral of the Fleet, who served in the China Wars of 1841-2 and 1857, in the Baltic in 1854, and with the Naval Brigade before Sebastopol in 1855, was 82 years of age on Saturday last.

The Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, has signified her intention of being present at the dramatic entertainment, which will be given at 25, Pont-street, on Saturday next, the 27th instant, in aid of the funds of St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Prince Christian Victor, eldest son of Prince and Princess Christian, who has been serving with his regiment in India, has returned to Windsor for the purpose of being present at the marriage next month of his sister, the Princess Louise of Schleswig-Holstein, with Prince Aribert of Anhalt.

The Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction and the Hornsey Chapter of Improvement will for the future meet at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington. The former on Monday evenings and the latter on Friday evenings at 8 p.m.

Bro. Lord Mayor Savory has received from the Rev. Prebendary Forrest, D.D., Vicar of St. Jude's, South Kensington, the sum of £1300, being the amount of the offertory in that church for the Hospital Sunday Fund. This is the largest collection made for the fund since its establishment in 1873.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place in August, between Mr. George Anson Byron, eldest son of the Hon. and Rev. W. Byron, of Trowell, Notts, and Maie Georgiana, daughter of Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., of Foremark, Derbyshire, and Ramsbury Manor, Wiltshire.

Grand Day of Trinity Term was celebrated at Gray's Inn on Saturday last, when the Treasurer and Benchers entertained a distinguished company, which included the United States Minister, Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), the President of the Royal Society, Bro. Sir H. Trueman Wood, Mr. Forwood, M.P., and others.

The Secretary of State for India—Viscount Cross, G.C.B.—presided at the annual dinner in aid of the Newspaper Press Fund, which was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Saturday evening last. The donations, which included £50 from the Queen, amounted to about £1200. Among the principal guests were Bros. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Sir W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., and Hyde Clarke, who is Honorary Treasurer of the Fund.

We learn that Bro. Sheriff Augustus Harris, who had been asked by a deputation to become a candidate for the vacant Aldermanic gown in the City, has declined to accept the honour on the ground that many business engagements will take him away on the Continent and to America during next year, and he did not feel justified, therefore, in accepting the invitation of the deputation.

According to the recently-issued annual report on the efficiency in musketry of the 213 Volunteer Rifle Corps, there has been a falling off in the past year in the first and second class shots. The number of men trained was 125,470, of whom 12,446 are classed as marksmen, 22,965 as first class shots, 86,957, as second class, and 3108 as third class. The best shooting regiment is the 5th Battalion Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders.

The installation meeting of the Marmion Lodge, Tamworth, took place on the 10th inst., when Bro. G. Hoskison was installed W.M. The following were appointed officers for the year, viz.: Bros. T. M. Hamer, I.P.M.; J. Stone, S.W.; E. S. Sumner, J.W.; W. Tempest, P.M.; Treas.; H. J. Clarkson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; Rev. W. MacGregor, Chap.; J. H. Dewes, S.D.; E. Coleman, J.D.; J. H. Rowe, Org.; C. Jones, P.M., D.C.; W. B. Fowler, I.G.; G. Bowen and C. Briggs, Stwds.; and F. Hughes, Tyler. The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Castle Hotel.

Bro. Deputy Halse, late Chairman of the City Lands Committee, was presented on Wednesday, the 10th inst., with a handsome piece of statuary representing Rebecca at the well. The presentation took place at a dinner given at the Guildhall Tavern by Mr. G. N. Johnson, the present Chairman of the Committee. In making the presentation the Chairman said it was their pleasure to meet to express their gratitude to their late Chairman, and speaking of the way in which the subscription list had been responded to, that although the members of the Committee could if they like withhold their subscription, not one of the members had done so.

A special service was celebrated in Westminster Abbey on Friday, the 12th inst., in memory of the late Bro. Sir John A. Macdonald, at which the Queen was represented by the Earl of Waldegrave, the Prince of Wales by Major General Ellis, the Duke of Edinburgh by Col. the Hon. W. J. Colville, the Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne—who would have been present but for indisposition—by Lady Sophia Macnamara and Colonel Collins, and the Marquis of Salisbury by the Hon. Schomberg M'Donnell. There were also present the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen, the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Baroness Burdett Coutts, the First Lord of the Treasury, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Bro. the Earl of Kimberley, formerly Colonial Secretary, the Marquis of Lorne, Ex-Governor General of Canada, Bro. Baron Dimsdale, M.P., the Agents-General for the Colonies, and a number of other colonial officials.

It is expected that the Duke of Cambridge will visit Shorncliffe Camp on Tuesday next, when his Royal Highness will inspect the division, and afterwards present new colours to the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

The Duchess of Albany left Sheen on the 11th instant en route to Holland, in order to pay a visit to her sister, the Queen Regent of the Netherlands. Her Royal Highness was accompanied by her children, and will return next week.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire took place at Barton-on-Humber on Friday, the 12th inst., and was one of the most successful ever held. We hope to give a full report of the proceedings in our next.

A very successful Chamber Concert was given at St. James's Hall on Monday afternoon by the students of the Royal Academy of Music, under the direction of Dr. Mackenzie. An admirable programme had been arranged, and the various items were performed with great success.

The proprietors of *The Weekly Gallery of Celebrities* announce that the title will be changed to *The Gallery of Celebrities*, and that the publication will be improved and enlarged, and in future issued as a sixpenny monthly. No. 1 of the new series will be issued early in July.

Bro. Lord Mayor Savory presided at a festival dinner held at the Holborn Restaurant on Monday in aid of the Miller Hospital and Royal Kent Dispensary, the amount of the subscriptions announced being £903. Sheriff Farmer and Bros. Sheriff A. Harris and T. W. Boord, M.P., were among the principal guests.

Monday being the third anniversary of the death of the late Emperor Frederick of Germany, memorial services were held in the room in the New Palace where he died and in the mausoleum where his remains lie, as well as at the Anglo-American Church of St. George, Berlin. The Emperor and Empress were present at the first, and afterwards visited the mausoleum and deposited wreaths on the coffin.

Bro. Sir Frederick Abel, who is President of the British Association and of the Iron and Steel Institute, received and entertained a numerous and distinguished company of ladies and gentlemen at the Hôtel Métropole, on the evening of the 11th instant. The music, which was of a very high order, was provided by the Lyric Union and members of the Savage Club.

The Duke of Connaught, as Colonel of the Scots Guards, was present at the annual dinner at the Hôtel Métropole on Monday evening of the 3rd Guards Club. Bro. the Earl of Albemarle occupied the chair, and among former officers of the regiment present were Bros. the Duke of Athole, Lord Wantage, V.C., Sir John Astley, and Sir Airchibald Campbell.

The Duke of Westminster presided at a meeting held at Grosvenor House on Monday afternoon in aid of the Charity known as the Seaside Camp for Working Boys. Last year 1037 working lads were sent to the coast for a few days' excursion, and this year it is proposed to send 2000, the number being dependent, however, on the amount of funds which may be forthcoming.

Bro. Lord Mayor Savory, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, and Sheriff Farmer and Bro. Sheriff Augustus Harris, visited the infant schoolroom, St. Bartholemew, Bethnal Green, on Monday afternoon, and distributed the prizes to the successful children. The ceremony was followed by an organ recital by Dr. Bridge in the church, and the day's proceedings terminated with tea in the Mission House, Brady-street.

A living chess tournament has been arranged to take place in London during the first week of July in aid of the Women's Help Society. The Committee of Management includes, among others, the Marchioness of Abergavenny, the Countess of Galloway, Lady Amptill, and Mrs. Papillon, Hon. Secretary; while among the patronesses are the Duchesses of Rutland, Argyll, Cleveland, and Wellington, the Marchioness of Salisbury, the Countess of Lathom, and Victoria, Countess of Yarborough.

The Prince and Princess of Wales concluded Ascot Week with the customary water picnic at Virginia Water. Their Royal Highnesses, accompanied by the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and the Princesses Victoria and Maud reached the fishing cottage about 6 p.m., and shortly afterwards spent a couple of hours on the lake, after which they dined at the cottage. On Sunday the Royal party attended the military service at Holy Trinity Church, Windsor, and on Monday they returned from St. Leonard's Hill to Marlborough House.

The *City Press* recently stated "For a number of years past a trio consisting of Mr. George Terry, Mr. Fred Terry, and Mr. Henry Wright have been diligent in boating on the Upper Thames. Last year the elder Mr. Terry (brother of Miss Ellen Terry) took to himself a wife and reduced the party. His brother, Mr. Fred Terry, has now become betrothed to Miss Julia Neilson, who plays the title rôle in "The Dancing Girl." By these changes the happy triumvirate has become a melancholy "unit." The "unit" is known in the Masonic world as a P.M. of the Alliance Lodge.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Mary Adelaide, Duchess of Teck, and the Duke of Teck celebrated their silver wedding at Kew Parish Church on Friday, the 12th inst., subsequently receiving at Cambridge House an appropriate souvenir of the event from the inhabitants of Richmond, Kingston, and neighbourhood. The Duchess was presented with an album containing the names of 1400 subscribers to the gift, a grand piano, and a piece of jewellery, and the Duke a horse and trappings. The Duchess returned thanks for the present, and then, in company with the Duke and their family, left for the White House, Richmond Park, where a garden party was held. In the evening there was an illuminated fête on the Thames at Richmond and a display of fireworks. The event was celebrated by a further garden party on Tuesday.

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The hot weather of the last few days has been most beneficial to the Kentish fruit crops, particularly to the strawberries, which promise to be one of the best growths ever known. Picking will commence next week.

After the Oxford commemoration proceedings on Wednesday a Masonic fête was held in the gardens of Wadham College, and the day's festivities terminated with a ball at Brasenose to celebrate the fact of the college being "head of the river" four years in succession.

Bro. Lord Ashbourne, Lord Chancellor of Ireland, presided at a banquet held in Middle Temple Hall on Wednesday to commemorate the tercentenary of the foundation of Trinity College, Dublin, by Queen Elizabeth. The meeting was a great success.

The Duchess of Connaught opened a bazaar in the vicarage grounds adjoining the new parish church of Portsmouth on Wednesday in aid of a fund for a memorial to the Rev. T. H. Harvey, formerly connected with the district and afterwards a missionary in China.

Divers in the harbour of Syracuse have discovered a magnificent marble building, whose highest point is only three metres under the water. The building contains great stairways and columned halls. It is believed that the edifice was once used as a bath or a temple.

Mr. William Hoare is to preside at the 85th anniversary festival of the Licensed Victuallers' School, which takes place at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday, the 30th instant. The school wholly maintains, clothes, and educates 250 poor and helpless children, at an annual cost exceeding £7500.

Quite a novelty in dinner-table decoration is becoming fashionable. A large pool of water occupies the centre of the table, delicately arranged with grasses, tiny reeds, forget-me-nots and water-lilies round about and in it. Gold fish swim in and out, and little stuffed ducks float about upon the surface.

At the monthly meeting of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, No. 291, at the Railway Hotel, Highbridge, on Friday, the 5th inst., Bro. J. Bain Sincock, the S.W. of the lodge, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and his installation will take place next month. Bro. J. Burnett, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Woodman was re-elected Tyler.

The annual dinner at Lambeth Palace to Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress and the Stewards at the Festival of the Sons of the Clergy took place on Wednesday evening. The Archbishop of Canterbury had not sufficiently recovered from his recent attack of influenza to be present, but the Bishop of London assisted Mrs. Benson in receiving the guests.

The marriage of the Princess Louise, daughter of Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, with Prince Aribert of Anhalt, will take place in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, on Monday, the 6th prox. The Duke and Duchess of Anhalt and their son, Prince Aribert, are expected to arrive in England on the 2nd prox., and will be the guests of Prince and Princess Christian at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor.

The Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury gave a dinner party on Wednesday, at which there were present, among others, the Spanish Ambassador, the American Minister, and Mrs. and Miss Lincoln, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Zetland, the Earl of Selborne and Lady Sophia Palmer, Bro. Lord and Lady Arthur Hill, Viscount and Viscountess Cranborne, and Bro. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., M.P.

The Prince of Wales was present at the meeting of the Royal Institution on Wednesday, when the Faraday Commemoration Lecture was delivered by Lord Rayleigh, to whom a vote of thanks was afterwards passed by acclamation on the motion of Sir W. Thompson. Among other distinguished personages present were Bros. Sir F. Leighton and Sir F. Abel, Bro. Lord Mayor Savory and the Lady Mayoress, Sir A. and Lady Geikie, Professor W. H. Flower, and Sir G. G. Stokes, M.P.

On Saturday afternoon, at the village of Waddington, near Clitheroe, the foundation of 30 new almshouses, together with nurse's house, business house, and chapel, to be erected at an estimated cost of £7000, took place with Masonic honours. Freemasons from all parts of West Yorkshire and East Lancashire were present, including Bro. Henry Smith, P.M. 387, P.G.D. England, Deputy Grand Master of West Yorkshire. The stone was laid by Mrs. Parkes, and afterwards Captain Parkes entertained the company to luncheon at the Lower Buck Inn.

One of the four surviving officers of the battle of Waterloo is Lieut.-Col. Wm. Hewett. He was 20 years of age at the time, and served as junior Captain of the 3rd Battalion 14th Regiment. The other survivors of those who fought with Wellington at Waterloo who have been spared to see the 76th anniversary of the great battle are General George Whichcote, who was born in 1794, and who fought in the Peninsula as well as at Waterloo, and Ensigns Ferdinand Scharnhorst and Edward Trittan, both of the German Legion.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will, by command of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., be held at the Hotel Mont Dore, Bournemouth, on Tuesday, the 14th prox., at 1.30 p.m., and be close tyled at 2 p.m. A banquet will take place at the close of the proceedings, and at 8 o'clock in the evening a conversation will be held at the hotel, on which occasion the whole suite of rooms on the ground floor (including winter gardens and terraces) will be thrown open, when ladies and gentlemen introduced by brethren will be cordially welcomed. Dispensation will, we believe, be given to wear Masonic clothing. Bro. W. Woodhouse Atleborough, P.M., Wimborne-road, Bournemouth, is the Secretary to the Reception Committee.

Kops ale is the latest non-intoxicating substitute for beer, and we believe the problem of providing a really formidable rival to the national drink has been to a great extent solved. It possesses nearly all the characteristics that distinguish the universally consumed pale ale, except of course the one which abstainers condemn. Whether that is the one virtue necessary with the public remains to be proved, but we honestly believe that if a trial of it is made without prejudice the result will be altogether satisfactory. Apart from the economical and moral aspects of the question the experiment should have a fair trial, and we wish the inventor every success.