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OUR AMERICAN VISITORS.

We have much pleasure in announcing that another body of Templar Pilgrims has just arrived in London from the United States, and have been busily engaged in sight-seeing during the present week. It is to be regretted that these visits, which we are glad to see are becoming more and more frequent, cannot be made at a season of the year when our lodges are in the full swing of work. English Masonic visitors to the United States invariably meet with a most cordial welcome, and nothing could possibly please us more than to see this welcome reciprocated with great cordiality on this side of the Atlantic. But while visitors from here to the States mostly select a time for their excursion which is coincident with the period of Masonic activity, those who journey to this country do so at a time when our lodges have for the most part suspended their meetings, and the brethren are seeking that rest from labour which is essential to their health and interests. However, on the occasion of former American pilgrimages, our Anglo-American and Quatuor Coronati Lodges have very kindly held meetings of emergency for the purpose of showing due honour to our American fellow-Craftsmen, while several of the more distinguished brethren—Bros. VROOMAN, M.W.G.M. of New York; CLIFFORD P. MCCALLA, now Past G.M. of Pennsylvania; and ROSS ROBERTSON, M.W.G.M. of Canada—have had the opportunity of visiting our Grand Lodge at one or other of its regular Communications, and have there experienced a most kindly and courteous reception. We feel therefore that, though, as this is the holiday season, we may not be able to show our American visitors quite the same measure of hospitality as when full Masonic work is in progress, the spirit in which they will be received will satisfy them that they are really and truly *les bienvenus*, to whom everything in the nature of Masonic courtesy and kindness is not only justly due, but will be most willingly rendered. We trust the present band of pilgrims, which includes Bro. MCCALLA, P.G.M. Pennsylvania; Bro. INGERSOLL, P.G.M. Tennessee; and other distinguished members of the Brotherhood in the United States, will have nothing but pleasant reminiscences to take back with them to their homes of their brief sojourn in the United Kingdom.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

INSTALLATION OF COL. GERARD NOEL MONEY, C.B., AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

The installation of a successor to the late lamented Bro. General Studholme Brownrigg took place at the Public Hall, Croydon, on Thursday, the 23rd ult., when Bro. Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., was installed as the Provincial Grand Master of Surrey by the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, in the presence of a very large and distinguished assembly of Grand Officers, Prov. Grand Officers, and other brethren. The arrangements for the interesting occasion were in the hands of the lodges meeting in Croydon, and right well did the Committee nominated by those lodges carry out their important duties. The large Public Hall was beautifully decorated with flowers, and presented a magnificent spectacle when filled by the brethren in their regalia, whilst the floral decorations in the smaller hall, which was used as the banquet room, were artistic and effective. The Committee worked zealously to ensure a successful meeting, and thoroughly deserved the high encomiums passed on the result of their efforts.

Bro. Frederick West, Deputy Prov. G.M. in charge, accompanied by the Prov. Grand Officers, entered the hall in procession, and opened Prov. Grand Lodge. He then appointed and invested Bro. Dr. Strong as Prov. S.G.W., *vice* Bro. Col. G. N. Money, appointed Prov. G.M.

The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, supported by the Grand Officers, entered Prov. Grand Lodge and took the chair, and was saluted in due form, under the direction of Bro. Frank Richardson, who officiated as D.C. throughout the proceedings.

The roll of lodges was called over, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed.

The PRO GRAND MASTER, addressing Provincial Grand Lodge, said: We are met here to-day to install Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., as Provincial Grand Master of Surrey. It gives me very great pleasure to come down and perform that ceremony, but I do it with mingled feelings, as our Bro. Money will succeed a very old personal friend of mine, our late most worthy General Studholme Brownrigg. A more worthy Mason than he never lived,

and I do not believe there is any man in the Craft who loved it more or who worked harder for it than he. I assure you we all deeply regret his loss, but at the same time I hope and feel that in Col. Money he will have a worthy successor.

The arrival of the Provincial Grand Master designate was announced, and his patent having been presented to the Pro Grand Master, a deputation of seven Past Masters introduced Bro. Col. Gerard N. Money into Provincial Grand Lodge.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read the patent, after which the Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER designate, in reply to the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, said he could conscientiously undertake the duties of the office, and was then obligated.

Bro. Colonel G. N. Money was then invested with the regalia of Prov. Grand Master, placed in the chair, and was proclaimed and saluted.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in appointing Bro. F. West as Deputy Prov. Grand Master, said he considered himself very fortunate in being able to secure his services, and trusted they would be continued with pleasure to himself and profit to the province for many years to come.

Bro. West was then obligated and invested as the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and duly saluted.

On the proposition of the Deputy PROV. GRAND MASTER, Bro. George Price was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested the following Prov. Grand Officers:

Bro. A. L. Scott ...	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" G. F. Roumieu ...	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. Cater ...	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaplains.
" Rev. E. L. G. Houndle...	...	...	...
" George Price ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Charles Greenwood ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Nightingale ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Alfred Lambert ...	...	...	...	} Prov. S.G.D.'s.
" Dr. H. T. W. Blakeney ...	...	...	...
" H. J. Garrod ...	...	...	...	} Prov. J.G.D.'s.
" J. R. Hubbard ...	...	...	...
" W. Woodward ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" C. H. Knight ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" David Hughes ...	...	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" A. Wilson ...	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" P. Shepherd ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. E. Potter ...	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" H. E. Gooch ...	...	...	...
" T. A. Hill ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" F. P. Hill ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" R. Bunce ...	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" A. W. R. Sowman ...	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. D. Blyth ...	...	...	...
" E. H. Minns ...	...	...	...
" A. E. Lean ...	...	...	...
" W. G. Fenn ...	...	...	...
" H. J. Shelley ...	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" F. Potter ...	...	...	...

Bro. Dr. STRONG, P.P.G.W., in presenting the Prov. Grand Master with an address of congratulation from the members of Lodge No. 1616, said that so important an event in the history of a lodge as the selection of one of their number as the Prov. Grand Master was a matter for sincere congratulation, and they felt they could hardly allow the occasion to pass without expressing their feelings. He had no wish to take up the time of Provincial Grand Lodge and would therefore read the address, which had been engrossed upon vellum, after which he should have much pleasure in presenting it to the Prov. Grand Master.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed his gratitude for this unexpected and most kind presentation. It would be valued by him as long as he lived in grateful remembrance of the feelings which prompted it and in brotherly regard for the members of the lodge.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, having expressed his appreciation of the excellent arrangements made by the Committee of Management for the day's proceedings, and his thanks to the Secretaries, Bros. Woodward and Lambert, said he was sorry to say that the Earl of Lathom was obliged to return to town, but it was impossible to allow him to go without expressing to him their gratitude for his great kindness in attending. It had added immensely to his pleasure in being appointed to that office in receiving the dignity from the hands of the Earl of Lathom, and it was a great pleasure to feel that the first opportunity he had of addressing Prov. Grand Lodge was to act as the mouthpiece of the brethren in expressing their thanks and gratitude for his kindness.

Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, Pro G.M., thanked the Prov. G.M. for that kind expression. He should be pleased to stop with them, but the orders of the M.W.G.M., with whom he was ordered to dine, could not be disobeyed. It was a great gratification to come and install the Provincial Grand Master, which was his first official act he had performed since he had held his present high office. It would long remain in his memory, and as it was his first visit, he hoped it would not be the last, and that he would be better acquainted with the province. Might the Provincial Grand Lodge prosper, and go on prospering, as it had under their late Provincial Grand Master.

The Audit Committee's report, showing a balance in hand of £304 1s. 5d., was adopted, and the following recommendations were approved: £31 10s. to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (Widows' Fund) and £37 15s. to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (Male Fund), making the province Patron of the Institution, and £21 each to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

The banquet was presided over by the Provincial Grand Master, and the usual toasts were subsequently honoured.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," having been first heartily received, the PROV. GRAND MASTER gave "The Pro G.M., Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and expressed his regret that the Pro Grand Master was not able to remain. They were all extremely obliged to the Earl of Lathom for coming down, and would drink his health in his absence with as much enthusiasm as if he were present. He would mention two Grand Officers who had assisted so ably that day—Bros. Col. Clerke and Frank Richardson—and thank them very much for their kind labours.

Bro. Col. J. ELLIOTT, D.G.M. Barbados, in reply, said that although he thought he should have been relieved from this great responsibility by some of his seniors present, he had a duty to perform, and from his earliest infancy he had been taught to perform any duty when called upon. Gratitude held a high rank among the virtues inherent in the Institution, and if he could be certain of anything it was that he was exceedingly grateful, personally for the opportunity afforded him to be present at the very beautiful and instructive ceremony they had witnessed that day, that ceremony being beautified by their Pro Grand Master and by their Grand Secretary, his old friend. He must confess he had never before during his Masonic career enjoyed himself more thoroughly. He had come into the province and been amazed at the numbers represented in the Prov. Grand Lodge, and they might be sure that those very distinguished brethren who had been placed into offices and had accepted them felt thoroughly well they had undertaken no trifling duties, and although their offices were those of honour, their obligations were those of great responsibility and importance to the Craft. It was by such brethren in the province that the Grand Lodge derived its benefit, and the support given by the numerical strength of the province could not fail to be of the greatest possible value. He had heard that day from the Mayor of the town, who gave him a perfect lecture on Freemasonry without professing to know anything about it, that the name of the lodge from which the Prov. Grand Master came was Friendship and Harmony. He ventured to say there was nothing nearer to his heart and commanded his best wishes than to promote brotherly love and harmony throughout the whole body of the Fraternity. He as an individual was unable to understand how angry jealousy and rivalry could exist among Masons. To worship the Great Architect, love all His creatures, magnify and raise to its highest credit the honour and dignity of their Order, support a brother by every means in their power and succour his widow and his orphans—those were the great principles and the great aim of their lives. In conclusion, he thanked them very cordially on behalf of Grand Lodge for the honour done them.

The GRAND SECRETARY then said: There is an old saying that some people have greatness thrust upon them, and this is the case with me at the present moment. I am somewhat in the same position as the distinguished brother who has just preceded me. I had no idea I was to be called upon to make a very important speech and propose a very important toast, but it is my privilege to do it owing to the unexpected absence of the Pro Grand Master, who, as you all know, has been summoned by Royal command to Marlborough House, and possibly by the fact that it fell to my lot to perform the first ceremony of to-day that I am allowed the extreme pleasure of proposing the very important toast I am now about to give you. I need scarcely say I do it with a great deal of pleasure, because the recipient of that toast is an old personal friend and brother officer of my own. In Provincial Grand Lodge this afternoon we all heard the charming and sympathetic words in which our Pro Grand Master referred to the loss this province sustained two years ago. All of us remember our beloved late Prov. Grand Master. We all knew his many virtues, and I say without fear of contradiction that no more gallant soldier, no better gentleman, and no more accomplished Mason has ever existed than your late Prov. Grand Master, Bro. General Studholme Brownrigg. Therefore, brethren, at our meeting to-day we have a wave of sorrow passing over us for we cannot forget the beloved brother who has passed away. The past is with the past and we as Masons are in the present of to-day. We know and we realise that after the long and considerable period which has passed of consideration on the part of the M.W.G.M. he has given the Province of Surrey another excellent officer. Again the Province of Surrey have a gallant soldier and an accomplished Mason to preside over them. Brethren, the P.G.M. the M.W.G.M. has given you is a brother who not only has done gallant and distinguished service as a soldier of her Majesty in India, but during his period of service he has identified himself in an honourable manner with the Masonic Order. Had he not unfortunately been compelled to leave that country owing to ill-health, he would have attained to a similar position there, but having come home he was not content to rest on his laurels, but at once placed himself in active life in England. I had the pleasure of installing him some two years ago as Master in a lodge in England. He joined a lodge in this province, in which he is a resident, and from his first entry into Masonry until now he has taken the greatest possible interest in the affairs of the Craft. When you have a distinguished brother such as I have described placed over you, I think you are to be congratulated, and I also offer my congratulations—if I may be permitted to do so—to our illustrious R.W. brother on the high and double position he has attained to-day. We all join in wishing him a long, happy, and prosperous career in those two offices in which he has been installed. I know he will devote honourably and fairly the whole of his time to the interests of the Order, and to carry out those high duties with which the M.W.G.M. has entrusted him. It is an important occasion for you. You have again received a new chief. May I ask on his behalf that you will give him that support he deserves, and there can be no doubt between his exertions and your support that the Province of Surrey will continue to maintain that magnificent position it has held for so many years past. I will ask you to join with the greatest enthusiasm in drinking "The Health of your new Prov. Grand Master, Col. Money."

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, in response, said the worthy Grand Secretary had alluded in feeling terms to their late distinguished Provincial Grand Master, whom he had the privilege of knowing very well, and he could not allow that occasion to pass without bearing his own tribute to the truth

of what the Grand Secretary had said. He felt that in following in General Brownrigg's footsteps he was undertaking a great responsibility, and he could but say that to the utmost of his power and to the full extent of his will he would do all he could to follow in those footsteps. There was a word in the English language that existed in no other language, and that was "home," and every Mason must feel that the word "home" expressed his feelings when he was among Masons as well as in the bosom of his own family. He did not think he should have been able to have done what had been referred to had it not been for that feeling, which he felt so strongly, that he was at home. If one felt at home in a lodge how much more should he feel in the lodges contained in the whole province? Although the outside world laughed at the word "brother," they little knew the full significance of the word. He hoped that during the years that were coming he should be able to enjoy the same feelings, and that they would regard him as an elder brother who would look after their interests to the best of his power and ability. He would not detain them longer, but thanked them one and all most heartily for the very cordial welcome he had received and the extremely kind way in which they had received the toast.

In giving "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Officers," the PROV. GRAND MASTER said the brethren all knew Bro. West, and had known him so much longer than he had that he could say but little. He had heard a great deal of Bro. West, and felt himself extremely fortunate in securing his services as Deputy Prov. Grand Master. Bro. West had held a most important position for the last three years, during the failing health and after the death of their late Prov. Grand Master, and the province had flourished under his charge. There were few Prov. Grand Masters so fortunate on first coming to a province as to obtain the services of so distinguished a Mason and so universal a favourite as Bro. West.

Bro. FREDERICK WEST, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, said that was the first opportunity on which he as a Prov. Grand Officer of the Province of Surrey had been able to respond to that toast with Colonel Money as the Prov. Grand Master, and he was sure he was echoing the sentiments of that very large gathering of Provincial Grand Officers when he said they one and all thanked him most cordially for the kind way in which he had presented that toast to the distinguished company. Individually he thanked the Prov. Grand Master for selecting him from among the very numerous Prov. Grand Officers to reply to the toast. In doing so one could not help looking back over the three and half years since he first had the opportunity of being connected with them as the ruler of the Province of Surrey. He had a magnificent example set him—an example spoken to by Col. Clerke, who had not in the slightest degree overstated the excellent work done by their late Prov. Grand Master. When he was asked to follow in the footsteps which he had trod for so many years, he knew the great difficulty before him, but he was glad to find in that large gathering of the members of the province that they had been able to appreciate what he had endeavoured to do during the past three and half years. If the new Prov. Grand Master had extended to him one half of the consideration and kindness he had received, he had a happy career in front of him, and if the officers of the province could in any way contribute to that enjoyment, he ventured to say they would do the best they could. It was a greater pleasure to him, and he was sure it was to the province, to know their Prov. Grand Master had been selected from one of themselves, being a resident in the province, belonged to a distinguished lodge, and, furthermore, 12 months ago he (Bro. West) was able to place round his neck the highest collar the province could give. It was gratifying to find the M.W.G.M. had extended that small appointment, and that they were present to see Col. Money installed in the chair as ruler of the province. On behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers he sincerely congratulated the Prov. Grand Master on his magnificent appointment, and assured him they would endeavour to give him cordial support to the best of their ability, and in doing so they were sure the Provincial Grand Master would, on his part, do his utmost to promote those good feelings which had existed in the province for so many years. He hoped the Great Architect would spare the Provincial Grand Master for many years to come to preside over a happy and contented province such as they had at the present moment.

Bro. Lieut.-General LAURIE, P.G.M. Nova Scotia, responding for "The Visitors," said the regiment in which he served the earliest of his soldier's career was known as the Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment. That might seem a small matter to those unconnected with the army, but to a soldier the regiment in which he served his baptism was the cradle to which he looked back and was in fact the regiment of his profession. The visitors had attended from various reasons. Those from Suffolk, because they recognised one who was to them a good neighbour in a civil capacity. Others, like himself, to do honour to a good soldier who had served his Queen, and who had come home to enjoy his honours. Whatever cause brought them there they recognised the wise selection of the M.W.G.M. in his appointment of a Prov. Grand Master. It was to him a very wise selection. A soldier who had held big command knew that it was not of his exertions alone the success of his command depended, and therefore a good soldier such as the Prov. Grand Master would take care in the choice of his officers to have none but men who could and who would do their work. The visitors had been amply rewarded by the exceedingly dignified manner in which the work was done in the lodge and the entertainment provided for them.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, O.C., Grand Registrar, in giving "The Prov. Grand Treasurer and Prov. Grand Secretary," said they had that night, with a keen eye to business which distinguished Masons generally, and the Province of Surrey in particular, put Money in the first place, and yet as Sir Robert Walpole said of everybody in his time, they were not without their Price. Having referred to the services rendered by Bro. Price as Prov. G. Treas., he said he would recruit his energies as Robin Hood did under the Greenwood tree, and also couple the name of the Prov. Grand Secretary, who succeeded his honoured father in the province.

Bro. GEO. PRICE, Prov. G. Treas., thanked the Grand Registrar for the complimentary manner in which he had proposed the toast. He was the senior Prov. Grand Officer in the province, having been appointed something like 50 years ago, and he had been nearly 40 years Prov. Grand Treasurer. When he was first appointed there were only six lodges in the province, and now they numbered 30, with a balance in hand of more than £300.

Bro. C. GREENWOOD, Prov. Grand Secretary, in response, said the labours of the evening were over, and to him the labours of some two or three months were over, and he trusted, for a reason he would give, that they would not occur again for many years to come. The reason was not because a great deal of work had been caused, but because if they were to occur again in a short time they would know the Prov. Grand Maser had ceased to live, and he trusted that would not occur for many years. He took this

opportunity of thanking the Entertainment Committee and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for the great assistance he had received, and particularly Bros. Woodward and Hobbs, who had lightened his labours.

Bro. J. TERRY, Sec. R.M.B.I., returned thanks for "The Masonic Charities," which was given in sympathetic terms by Bro. Eve, P.G. Treas. He said he could show them records of men and women who had lived blameless lives, but who through misfortune had been compelled to seek the aid of the R.M.B.I., which was a noble example of what could be done for those who had borne the heat and burden of the day. The brethren had it in their power to give the Institution such a meed of support that he was certain if they did it they would never have cause to regret it. He thanked the Prov. Grand Lodge for the generous support given that day, which placed the Prov. Grand Master in the position of patron of both funds.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, Sec. R.M.I.B., having also replied, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

The musical arrangements were carried out under the direction of Bro. F. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org., assisted by Bros. G. T. Miles, A. Laurence Fryer, and Lester. Bro. Morley acted as Toastmaster.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire was held at the Town Hall, Hertford, on Tuesday, the 21st ult., when, in addition to the ordinary business, the foundation-stone of the new Parish Hall of St. Andrew's was laid by the Provincial Grand Master with Masonic honours.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M., supported by Bros. G. E. Lake, D.P.G.M.; T. Graham Robinson, Prov. S.G.W.; Rev. T. T. Blockley, Prov. G. Chap.; F. Sumner Knyvett, P.G.D., Prov. G. Treasurer; E. P. Debenham, Prov. G. Registrar; Chas. Bullock, Prov. G. Sec.; W. T. Boydell, Prov. J.G.D.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Prov. G.D.C.; J. Petch, Prov. G. Std. Br.; S. M. Banker, Prov. G. Std. Br.; A. Prudames, Prov. Asst. G. Sec.; and A. P. Hills, A. R. Hodson, and Geo. Austin, Prov. G. Stwds.; and others.

A procession was formed, under the direction of the Prov. G.D.C., and the brethren proceeded to the site of the new hall—to be named the Hall of St. Nicholas in commemoration of the church and parish of St. Nicholas, both of which have disappeared—where they found awaiting them the clergy, the Mayor and Corporation, and a large number of visitors.

The CHAPLAIN having offered prayer, the VICAR addressed the Prov. Grand Master and requested him to lay the foundation-stone.

The P.G.M. then said it gave him great pleasure to be able to respond to the request made to him to attend to lay the foundation-stone of the building to be known as the Hall of St. Nicholas, which he hoped would be a centre of good work for the inhabitants. There was one feature in connection with the proceedings which he thought must give the inhabitants great pleasure and satisfaction, and that was that the fund for erecting that building had been augmented by a subscription sent from the daughter city of Hartford in Cincinnati, U.S.A. That town was founded about 250 years ago by certain emigrants from the ancient town in which they had that day met, and the subscription sent showed that, though absent in America, their brethren recognised the root from which they sprung, and were still proud of their old country and the old town. He understood £100 had been thus subscribed, and in addition to that a bazaar had been organised to assist the object. Under these circumstances it gave him great pleasure as Provincial Grand Master to attend with his brethren to lay the foundation-stone and assist in this good work. He trusted that from the stone they were about to lay a superstructure would arise perfect in itself and honourable to the builder, calculated to promote good work, and tending to the lasting benefit of those for whom it was erected.

The P.G. SECRETARY read aloud the following inscription on the stone: "This stone was laid in due Masonic form on the 21st July, 1891, by the R.W. Prov. G. Master of Hertfordshire, Thos. Fredk. Halsey, Esq., M.P.," and the Prov. Grand Treasurer deposited a phial containing coins in the cavity.

The foundation-stone was slowly lowered, and the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER having proved its position, declared it to be well and truly laid. Corn, wine, and oil were then poured over the stone with the usual ceremonies, after which the Prov. Grand Master inspected the plan of the intended building. While the hymn "Now thank we all our God" was being sung, a collection was made towards the expenses. The procession then reformed and returned to the Town Hall.

The minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge meeting were confirmed, and the roll of lodges called.

On the proposition of Bro. T. S. CARTER, P.P.G.W., seconded by Bro. C. E. KEYSER, P.P.G.W., Bro. F. SUMNER KNYVETT, P.G.D., was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the 13th year, and suitably acknowledged the honour.

The following Prov. Grand Officers were appointed and invested:

Bro. T. S. Carter, P.M. 403	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. A. Stradling, I.P.M. 404	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. O. C. Cockrem, P.M. 404	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. C. J. Langley, I.G. 504	...	...
" F. Sumner Knyvett, P.M. 404	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" T. H. Baxter, I.P.M. 1385	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Charles Bullock, P.M. 504	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" L. D. Wigan, W.M. 409	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Seymour P. Nash, I.P.M. 2086	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" P. L. Blackmore, P.M. 1327	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" James Terry, P.M. 1580	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. Wakeford May, W.M. 2323	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" A. P. Hills, P.M. 2054	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" C. Hales, I.P.M. 449	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. I. Campling, S.W. 403	...	...
" T. H. L. B. Beal, Org. 1479	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Alfred Prudames, W.M. 504	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" G. Sturman, I.P.M. 1984	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" R. Brazier, I.P.M. 2136	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Purst.
" H. E. Fraser, I.P.M. 2331	...	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" W. Wilson, S.W. 1580	...	...
" J. G. Cobb, W.M. 2278	...	...
" Lieut.-Col. H. L. Daniell, S.D. 403	...	...
" J. D. S. Sim, S.D. 404	...	...
" J. A. Waddington, I.G. 403	...	...

Bro. CARTER, Prov. S.G.W., moved that 50 guineas should be voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the Prov. Grand Master's list for the Jubilee Festival of that Institution.

Bro. DAWSON, P.G.S.B., in seconding the motion, which was unanimously carried, said they were but paying a well-deserved compliment to Bro. James Terry for his eminent services to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and to the Province of Herts.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in thanking the brethren for the vote, said he felt it his duty to rally to Bro. Terry's support by serving as Steward at the forthcoming Jubilee Festival, and hoped the province would send up such a list as would give substantial benefit to the Institution and show their gratitude to and their esteem for its Secretary.

On the proposition of Bro. C. E. KEYSER, P.P.G.W., the sum of £10 was voted to the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, towards the expenses of entertaining Provincial Grand Lodge, and a similar sum was, on the motion of Bro. BAKER, W.M. 403, voted to the Hertford General Infirmary.

It was also resolved, on the proposition of the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, that so long as the Herts Charity Organisation expenses do not exceed £5 they should be defrayed from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. KEYSER then thanked the brethren for the votes sent by them to this Association and detailed the work done during the past year. A boy who was unsuccessful in the previous year was elected to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and two boys, both first time cases, were elected fourth and eighth respectively on the list, this very successful result being mainly due to the assistance of Bro. James Terry, who handed in 3300 votes, and to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

On the suggestion of the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY the publication of the Provincial Calendar was ordered to be continued.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said there was one point to which he would refer. Last year the Broxbourne Lodge was consecrated, meeting at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne, and since that time the Kingswood Lodge obtained permission to move from Elstree to the same place. He discovered they had gone somewhat beyond their powers in establishing lodges at that place, and thinking the matter should not rest in doubt, with the assistance of Bro. Cooper he established the fact that the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne, was in Essex, and not in Hertfordshire. He consulted the Grand Secretary, and the matter was brought to the notice of Lord Brooke, Prov. G.M. of Essex. He had had no official communication yet, but the arrangement made with Lord Brooke was that for the purposes of the two existing lodges meeting at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne, they shall be considered as being in Hertfordshire, and would therefore continue to belong to that province. Lord Brooke made the reasonable stipulation, and one there could be no difficulty in agreeing to—that they would in future remember that the house in question was in Essex, and not in Herts. It was an agreeable solution, and he thought it right to mention it on the first occasion he had met them since it occurred.

The P.G. SECRETARY called the attention of the brethren to the fact that Bro. Abbott, of the Gladsmuir Lodge, had, after considerable labour and trouble, compiled a History of Freemasonry in Hertfordshire, which would prove a most interesting work, and which would be published if a sufficient number of subscribers were forthcoming. Subsequently many brethren handed in their names to the Provincial Grand Secretary, who has kindly undertaken to receive the names of subscribers.

Provincial Grand Lodge was formally closed, and a banquet, well served by Bro. Campling, of the Dimsdale Arms Hotel, was afterwards enjoyed, at which the P.G.M. presided.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were interspersed with an excellent selection of music rendered by Bros. Franklin Clive, May, and H. Guy.

Bro. F. SUMNER KNYVETT, P.G.D., Prov. G. Treas., replied for "The Grand Officers," and said he was always proud to respond to the toast, especially in Hertfordshire, and to acknowledge the kindly reception it invariably received.

"The Provincial Grand Master" was next given by Bro. LAKE, D.P.G.M., who said he was glad to think the toast did not require the eloquence of Demosthenes or Cicero to commend it to the notice of the brethren. It was unnecessary to refer to the Provincial Grand Master's acts since he had presided to ensure a hearty reception for the toast. They had heard it was better to testify their esteem for a brother in acts rather than words, and following that he would call upon the brethren to remember that the Provincial Grand Master would serve as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and he hoped the province would rally round him and show what a comparatively small province could do for the Masonic Charities. He was only stating the views of Provincial Grand Lodge when he said that a good list would prove conclusively how high the Provincial Grand Master was esteemed and respected by those over whom he presided.

Bro. T. F. HALSEY, M.P., Prov. G.M., returned thanks, and said that having regard to the events of the day, he was reminded of that day 17 years ago when he was installed in that very building as the Provincial Grand Master of that province, and walking along in procession that day to discharge the function of laying the stone, he could not but be reminded of the circumstances of his first appearance in the streets of Hertford, and also of the increased prosperity in the province since that time. He should be pardoned if he felt pride that the province had prospered to the extent it had. He did not take credit to himself, for he knew the root Masonry had taken in Herts and in the country generally, but however little it might have fallen to his lot to assist, he could not but feel satisfied that he had been at the head of the province during that progress. They had 21 good lodges, and not one interfered in any way with another, but each had its own sphere of usefulness. He would endorse what the Deputy Provincial Grand Master had said, that if they felt, as he did, gratified at the progress of Masonry in the province, their best way to show it would be to rally to the support of Bro. Terry at the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution next year. In acting as Steward he felt sure the province would support him in his endeavour, and that Herts, although small, would have nothing to be ashamed of when the lists were read out. He again thanked them for their kind reception, and trusted that Masonry would flourish in the province for years to come.

In giving "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Officers" the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said the Deputy Provincial Grand Master was almost better known than he was. He could testify how admirably Bro. Lake assisted him in conducting the province.

Bro. G. E. LAKE, D.P.G.M., on behalf of the distinguished body of Masons standing round him, thanked them for having received the toast so cordially. He could only assure them it would always be their endeavour to fulfil their duties and merit approbation in promoting the welfare of

Masonry in the province. He was certain he could speak for the brethren who had been appointed that they would, as he ventured to claim for the Past Provincial Grand Officers that they had done their duty towards Masonry in general, and that province in particular.

"The Visitors" was next given, and responded to by Bro WATSON LYALL, of St. John's Lodge, Galashiels.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in proposing "The Masonic Institutions," said he was glad to notice the increasing generous support given by the province to their Charitable Institutions. It was his pleasure a few months ago to be present with his wife at the inauguration of the Centenary Hall of the Girls' School, to which the Prov. Grand Lodge subscribed, and those who saw the excellent arrangements of the building could not fail to be struck with the good work being done. The Boys' School had passed through a crisis, but he hoped that more cheerful days were now in store for it, and he believed that in the Secretary, Bro. McLeod, they had an excellent officer. Next year they would celebrate the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he hoped that Festival would not be inferior to the great results of similar occasions in other Institutions. The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution had a personal claim on the province from the fact that its Secretary was one who had been so long connected with it, and one who was always ready to help in anything they undertook. They would be ungrateful if they did not rally round Bro. Terry, and show their appreciation of his merits and kindly nature by giving him such support as would cheer his heart, and also bring comfort and consolation to many of their unfortunate brethren and their widows.

Bro. JAMES TERRY, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., thanked the Prov. G.M. and the brethren for the kindness shown him in the province since his connection with it. In days gone by when it was not quite so fashionable to support the Charities this province always came to the front, and particularly to the support of the Benevolent Institution. They could remember the year when amongst all the provinces Herts stood first. The coming year was an eventful one in the history of the Benevolent Institution, being the celebration of its golden wedding, and there was a peculiar circumstance why it should be a brighter one than any yet held, for by a coincidence the Queen of England thought fit to present the country with a brother whom they now called their M.W.G.M. The recipients of the bounty of the Institution were those who had been compelled to seek its benefits, and to show how grateful they were he would give them one simple illustration. If a candidate over 80 was twice unsuccessful the Committee could place him on the list without further election. They had an old man come before them from North and East Yorkshire at the age of 82 and when 84 the Committee placed him on the Fund. He repaid that kindness by living until he was 102, and his widow came upon the Fund and received the annuity for eight years. The son then came forward as a candidate and for 11 years he had the advantage of the annuity and was still upon the Fund. He (Bro. Terry) thanked the province for the handsome donation of 50 guineas voted that day, which would carry votes for which they would have to pay 150 guineas on other occasions. He thanked the Prov. Grand Master for coupling his name and for speaking of him so kindly, and the brethren generally for the fraternal reception he always received, and he hoped that for some few years yet to come their kindly welcome would be continued.

"The Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province" was next given by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, and responded to by Bro. BAKER, W.M. 403.

The Tyler's toast then closed the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Bournemouth on the 14th ult., when there was a large attendance of brethren. The Prov. Grand Lodge meeting, and also the banquet which followed and the conversazione in the evening, took place in the spacious and handsome hall which forms part of the Hotel Mont Dore buildings. It is many years since the Prov. Grand Lodge had previously met at Bournemouth. The local brethren determined, therefore, to render this visit an auspicious one, and to give visiting brethren a hearty and hospitable welcome. To carry out that object a Reception Committee was formed, consisting of brethren representing the three local lodges.

The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, assembled in the ante-rooms of the Hotel Mont Dore at 1.30. The Worshipful Masters and Wardens of lodges and other brethren meanwhile took their seats in the large hall under their respective banners. The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and the Provincial Grand Officers afterwards entered the lodge room in procession, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened.

The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Ryde last year, and the report of the Auditors and the accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer were presented and passed.

Bro. G. F. W. MORTIMER proposed, and Bro. G. MILLER seconded, the re-election of Bro. J. G. Gieve as P.G. Treas.

The proposition was carried unanimously.

Bro. GIEVE, in responding, mentioned some points which he suggested Secretaries of lodges might make a mental note of.

Bro. G. F. LANCASTER submitted the report of the Prov. Grand Lodge Committee, which was adopted subject to the omission of a certain specific recommendation.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he thought the information which had been given with regard to the progress of the different lodges was interesting and should be circulated for the general information of brethren. It was, as Bro. Lancaster had so well remarked, very satisfactory to know the advance which Masonry was making in the province. He could heartily congratulate them upon it. He hoped that their lodges would continue to go on in as satisfactory a manner in the future, and in the good work carried on. He was glad to see so large an attendance on that occasion, though he had hoped to see even a larger one. He had looked forward, too, to the presence with them that day of the Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire. He was sorry, however, to find that the state of his health did not permit him to come, for he was sure that had he been present they would have given him a most hearty welcome. Bro. Beach then referred with satisfaction

to the presence of Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, and Bro. McLeod, Secretary of the Boys' School, and spoke of the interest felt and the good work done by those brethren in behalf of the Charities with which they were directly associated. Reference was likewise made to the absence from England of Bro. Goble, the hope being expressed that he would thoroughly enjoy his holiday in Norway.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested his Prov. Grand Officers for the year as follows:

Bro. Licut. Knowles, R.N., 1903	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. B. Atkinson, 2208	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" J. H. Chadwick, 694	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" J. G. Norton, 1112	...	...
" J. G. Gieve, 309	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Ramsay, 785	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. Goble, 309	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" T. Caparn, 928	...	...	} Prov. S.G.D's.
" G. L. Stobbs, 175	...	...
" W. Woodhouse, 195	...	...	} Prov. J.G.D's.
" J. B. Harrison, 723	...	...
" J. R. Sharp, 1112	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" S. Clarke, 130	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Miller, 1428	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" H. P. Holly, 487	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. Cockburn, 1431	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Jno. Webber, 132	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" G. Heathcote, 1780	...	...
" G. Pearman, 1705	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" G. F. Lancaster, 905	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" F. H. Woodrow, 2074	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" T. Stretton, 2153	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" C. Cook, 309	...	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" C. W. Wyatt, 2158	...	...
" H. F. Deacon, 2169	...	...
" H. Pearce, 319	...	...
" W. Buttell, 342	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" S. Dacombe, 394	...	...
" J. Exall	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

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

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

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 15th April to the 14th July, 1891, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance Grand Chapter...	£394 9 7	By Disbursements during the Quarter ...	£320 7 9
" Unappropriated ...	...	" Balance ...	436 19 2
" Account ...	181 17 1	" Unappropriated Account ...	190 17 10
" Subsequent Receipts ...	431 18 1		
	£1008 4 9		£1008 4 9

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

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

1st. From Comps. William John A. Baldwin, as Z.; William Whiteside, as H.; Richard Townley, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Baldwin Lodge, No. 1398, Dalton-in-Furness, to be called the Baldwin Chapter, and to meet in the Masonic Rooms, Castle Hotel, Dalton-in-Furness, Lancashire (Western Division).

2nd. From Comps. Idris Bey Raghieb, as Z.; Hasan Hosny, as H.; Emilius Anselm, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Star of the East Lodge, No. 1355, Cairo, to be called the Star of the East Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Esbekiah, Cairo, Egypt.

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

The Committee have likewise received memorials with copies of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters:

The Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 259, from the Criterion, Piccadilly, to the Hôtel Métropole, Northumberland-avenue, London.

The Cyrus Chapter, No. 21, from the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, to Blanchard's Restaurant, Beak-street, Regent-street, London.

The Crystal Palace Chapter, No. 742, from the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, to the White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood, Surrey.

The Stockwell Chapter, No. 1339, from the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, to the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, London.

The Bedford Chapter, No. 157, from Freemasons' Hall to the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, London.

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

The Committee have also to recommend that, in consequence of a vacancy in the number of Trustees, caused by the death of M.E. Companion the Earl of Carnarvon, the M.E. Companion the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Grand H., be appointed a Trustee of the funded property of Grand Chapter, the surviving Trustees being the Earl of Lathom and Companion Robert Grey.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

15th July, 1891.

Election of a member of the Committee of General Purposes to complete the number of the Committee, one of the companions elected at last Grand Chapter not being found qualified.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

INSTALLATION OF COL. G. NOEL MONEY, C.B., AS GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey was held at the Public Hall, Croydon, on Thursday, the 23rd ult., when Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., was installed as Grand Superintendent with the customary formalities by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., in the unavoidable absence of the Earl of Lathom, Pro First Grand Principal. Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Comp. F. West, as Prov. G.H., supported by numerous Grand Officers and other distinguished companions.

The GRAND SCRIBE E., addressing the companions, said: We are met here to-day on a very pleasing occasion, but with that pleasure there is mingled with our feelings one of regret. You all know that for the last 18 years this province of Royal Arch Masonry has been most efficiently presided over by our late lamented Comp. General Studholme Brownrigg. He has been called to the Grand Chapter above, and the First Grand Principal has been pleased to appoint in his place a very distinguished, energetic, and zealous companion in the person of our Comp. Colonel Gerard Noel Money, C.B. We are here to-day to carry out the command of H.R.H. the First Grand Principal and install Colonel Money into his high office. I may mention that the illustrious Pro First Grand Principal of the Order—the Earl of Lathom—had fully intended to perform this ceremony to-day, as I hope he will be able to do the interesting Craft ceremony, but I am sorry to say that from various official engagements he is unable to be present so early, and he has therefore deputed my unworthy self to represent him. It is an honour and pleasure to install a companion who is an old personal friend, and for whom I have so sincere a respect. I am sure the selection of the First Grand Principal is one which will be very popular indeed in the province, and I am confident Colonel Money is a companion who will, as time rolls on, prove himself a most efficient successor to your late lamented chief. We will commence the proceedings by reading the minutes, which I will ask the Prov. Grand Scribe E. to do.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and the roll of chapters in the province was called, and it was found all were well represented.

Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, acting D.C., announced that the Grand Superintendent designate awaited without the chapter room, and the Grand Scribe E. directed the acting D.C. to obtain his patent of office.

The patent was read by the P.G.S.E., and a deputation having escorted the Grand Superintendent designate into the room, he was addressed by the G.S.E. as follows: Owing to the lamented death of General Studholme Brownrigg, a vacancy has occurred in rulers of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of Surrey, and H.R.H. the M.E. First Grand Principal, after due deliberation, has been pleased to select you to fill that high and honourable position. The services you have already rendered in various parts of the world, especially in India, have marked you out as being a most suitable successor, and many of us know, as I personally know, that for many years in that distant country you have done very valuable duty and service in every Degree of Freemasonry. Since your return to England your Masonic zeal has not relaxed, but you have performed various important duties, and therefore I honestly believe, and I believe I am supported in that by the companions present, that no better selection could have been made by the First Grand Principal. I offer you my sincere congratulations on your appointment, and feel confident you will with that energy for which you are distinguished, zealously and faithfully perform the duties to which you have been called. I now demand of you in the presence of the companions, whether you are ready efficiently and zealously to discharge, to the best of your ability, the important duties of Grand Superintendent of the Province of Surrey.

Comp. Col. G. N. MONEY, C.B., having signified assent, prayer was offered, and he was then obligated, invested with the regalia of Grand Superintendent, and duly inducted into the chair.

The Grand Superintendent appointed Comp. Frederick West, Prov. G.H., and Comp. Chas. J. Tyler, Prov. G.J., and they were obligated and invested.

The Principals were proclaimed and saluted, after which, on the nomination of Comp. F. WEST, Prov. G.H., Comp. Geo. Price was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The following Prov. Grand Officers were appointed and invested:

Comp. Geo. Price	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. Attersoll Smith	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Chas. Greenwood	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" C. M. Hogg	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" W. J. Nicholl	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" H. J. W. Dumas	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" A. Adams	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" W. G. Fenn	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Youldon	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" C. Sheppard	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" G. Moorman	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" F. Cambridge	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" F. Potter	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The audit report, showing a balance in hand of £68 12s. 2d. was received and adopted, and the Provincial Grand Chapter was formally closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of the Mark Masons of Devon was held on the 21st ult. at the Masonic Hall, Granby-street, Devonport, under the banner of Lodge Friendship, No. 16. Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford H. Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P., Provincial Grand Master, presided, supported by Bros. Captain G. S. Strode-Lowe, D.P.G.M.; J. M. Hifley, P.P.S.G.W., as P.S.G.W.; F. B. Westlake, P.J.G.W.; F. Crouch, P.G.D. England, P.P.J.G.W., as P.G.D.C.; H. J. Langmead, P.P.G. Purst., as P.G.I.G.; H. Stocker, P.G.D. England, P.G. Sec., as P.G. Chap.; A. J. Verdi, P.G.M.O. F. R. Thomas, P.J.G.O.; W. H. Kelland, P.G. Treas.; W. Powe,

P.G.S.B.; J. Gidley, P.G. Tyler; C. G. Withell and R. T. Parsons, P.G. Stwds.; and a large number of P.P.G. Officers, including—

Bros. E. Macbean, 1st A.G. Soj. Scotland; J. Lane, P.S.G.O. England, P.P.G.M.O.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.J.G.W.; S. Jew, P.P.G.M.O.; W. Allsford, P.P.G.M.O.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.M.O.; G. Perkins, P.P.G.O.; J. Leonard, P.P.G.T.; H. Marshall, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Bray, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Griffin, P.P.G.D.; W. Harris, P.P.J.G.D.; E. J. Knight, P.P.S.G.D.; T. C. Lewarn, P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. Cornish, P.P.G.T.; A. Rowe, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Dillon, P.P.A.G. Sec.; J. Lavers, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Hunt, P.P.G.S.B.; J. F. Burns, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Crossley, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Oldfield, P.P.A.G. Sec.; R. Pengelly, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Facey, P.P.G.S.B.; J. R. H. Harris, P.M.; S. H. Hare, 18°, W.M. 35; J. Shepherd, W.M. 100; A. J. Willcocks, W.M. 64; W. H. Tucker, P.M. 16; W. J. Pengelly, W.M. 383; T. Worledge, P.M. 48; H. Miller, P.M. 91; J. Hicks, W.M. 66; T. H. Wills, W.M. 319; L. Stevens, P.M. 215; W. King, P.M. 50; M. Axworthy, W.M. 16; W. Taylor, I.P.M. 319; J. Taylor, 18°, J.W. 319; J. Burton, I.G. 50; W. H. Rowland, D.C. 319; F. M. H. Somerville, S.D. 383; H. W. Mayne, J.O. 35; George Dunsterville, M.O. 35; S. H. Woodland, M.O. 16; E. J. Seymour, D.C. 383; W. Routledge, M.O. 91; J. Lark, J.D. 16; G. W. Hancock, S.W. 16; A. W. King, S.W. 169; J. Porter, 16; T. Shears, 16; W. Sweet, 383; W. H. Burt, 91; E. Andrews, 316; R. Colwill, 16; W. Henderson, 91; W. H. Phillips, 50, 76; Hon. N. V. Duncombe, 50; J. W. McKellan, 319; and F. Medway, 15.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY reported that there had been 68 initiations during the year, and that there were now 499 contributing members against 482 in the previous year—an increase of 17.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER was desirous of calling the attention of the officers to the necessity of making up the returns of each lodge to December 31st, and forwarding them before March 31st to the Provincial Grand Secretary. Any lodge offending by non-compliance with that rule would incur the displeasure of the Provincial Grand Master.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND TREASURER reported receipts £71 12s., and a balance in hand of £22 15s. He explained that the diminution of the annual balance thus shown had arisen through there having been two Provincial Grand Lodges held, and a balance of over £8 allowed to stand over from previous years, which had now been paid. The Provincial Committee recommended that out of that balance seven guineas should be voted to a distressed brother of Lodge 16, who, although in the prime of life, had been obliged to resign his occupation through having become totally blind; five guineas to the Devon Educational Fund; and five guineas to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

The reports were adopted.

Bro. J. Oldfield was elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The Prov. Grand Master invested as the officers for the year ensuing:

Bro. Captain G. S. Strode-Lowe, 50	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" Dr. Evans, 372	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. B. Gover, 66	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" J. Griffin, 383	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" M. Axworthy, 16	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" Lewis Stevens, 215	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. L. Maurice, 372	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. Oldfield, 16	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Taylor, 319	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. Stocker, 15	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" F. Meadway, 15	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. J. Pengelly, 383	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. Shepherd, 100	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" A. J. Willcocks, 64	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. King, 50	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" G. Gurney, 169	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" T. Worledge, 48	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" R. T. Parsons, 64	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" E. Andrews, 316	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" C. G. Withell, 383	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" W. F. Westcott, 66	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" Sholts Hare, 35	...	...
" W. Routledge, 91	...	...
" Parnell Hannaford, 76	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" Jas. Gidley, 169	...	...

Bros. John Lane, P.S.G.O. of England; Rev. Dr. Lemon, P.G. Chap. of England; S. Jones, P.S.G.D. of England; F. Crouch, P.J.G.D. of England; W. Vicary, P.P.S.G.W.; G. R. Barrett, P.P.J.G.W.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.J.G.W.; J. B. Gover, P.J.G.W.; J. Oldfield, P.G.T.; and H. Stocker, J.G.D., P.G. Sec., were appointed the Provincial Committee for the year.

On the proposition of Bro. HENRY STOCKER, a Committee was appointed to revise the by-laws of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and submit them for adoption at the next annual meeting.

The Committee will consist of the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., P.G. Sec., and four brothers elected by the Prov. Grand Lodge—Bros. J. B. Gover, J. R. Lord, Jno. Lane, and H. Jerman.

In the evening the brethren dined together at the Freemasons' Club, Plymouth. The D.P.G.M. presided, and a pleasant evening was passed.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHARITY MARK LODGE, No. 430.

The consecration of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 9th ult., at the Masonic Hall, New-street, in the city of Birmingham, under very favourable auspices and in the presence of a large and distinguished assembly of brethren. Bro. Edward Mallard, P.P.G.S., J.W. 115, was installed as its first Master. The ceremony of consecration was performed by Bro. the Marquess of Hertford, Pro Grand Master of England and Prov. Grand Master of Warwickshire, assisted by Bros. the Rev. W. Trevor Parkins, M.A., P.S.G.W. and P.G. Chap., as S.W.; John Jacobs, P.J.G.W., as J.W.; Rev. W. H. Poulton, M.A., Chap. 430, as Chap.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Grand Sec., as D.C.; and Jos. Boston, P.G.M.O., P.M. 115, as I.G.

The following visitors were also present:

Bros. T. R. Arter, W.M. 115, Prov. S.G.D.; A. Green, D.P.G.M. Worcester; W. O. Lewis, 115; W. Wilson, Prov. G. Sec.; H. C. Owen, P.M., P.G.M.O. Staffordshire; S. Ginders, P.G.I.G.; R. B. Morgan, P.M. 115, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Loxdale Warren, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Worrall, P.M. 115, Past G.S.B.; W. Hillman, P.M. 115, P.P.G.M.O.; H. Creamer, P.P.G.M.O.; G. W. Walker, W.M. 408; Felix Jones, P.M. 174, P.P.J.G.W.; J. S. Foster, P.S.G.O.; J. Atwood, J.D. 115; D. Rose, P.M.

115, P.P.S.G.W.; J. C. Gray, 115; C. D. Eaton, 115; B. Gibbons, 408, Prov. G.D.C.; W. T. Smith, 174; D. C. Lloyd Owen, S. W. Howe, Prov. G. Chap.; Walter Glover, Sec. 115, Prov. G.S.; E. B. Podmore, S. D. Howe, P.G.S. of W.; T. J. Graham, R. of M. 408; P. Gallimore, S.W. 115, P.A.G.S.; H. Jennings, P.G. Stwd.; and others.

The petitioners were Bros. Edward Mallard (W.M. designate), Thomas Rowbotham, I.G. 115 (S.W. designate), Tom Houghton, S.O. 174 (J.W. designate), Walter Waters, J.O. 174 (M.O. designate), all Past Masters of the Charity Craft Lodge, No. 1551; the other founders present being Bros. Sir James Sawyer, John A. Dexter, Rev. W. H. Poulton, M.A., John Jones, William Perry, Charles P. Perry, T. J. Thursfield, Henry Penn, J. M. Harley, J. W. Phillips, J. G. Bennett, T. H. Pearce, Frederick Garratt, H. S. Bailey, H. Mayell, and J. P. Tay.

The lodge having been opened, and a hymn sung, the PRO GRAND MASTER, as 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 as Provincial Grand Master at being present to perform the ceremony, and he congratulated the brethren of the Charity Craft Lodge in bringing their proceedings to such a successful climax.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER then called upon the Grand Chaplain for prayer.

The founders having signified their approval of the selection of W.M. and the officers named in the warrant, an excellent oration on the principles of the Order was delivered by Bro. W. K. RYLAND BEDFORD, P.G.C., and P.P.G.M. of the former joint Provinces of Warwick and Stafford.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and concluded in proper Masonic form and in a very able and impressive manner, the musical portions being rendered by Bros. W. T. Belcher, Mus. Doc., P.M. 115, P.G. Org., and R. O. Wills, Org. 174, Prov. G. Org.

Bro. the Marquess of Hertford at the conclusion of the consecration ceremony then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Secretary, who installed the W.M. designate, Bro. Edward Mallard, in the most impressive, masterly, and truly Masonic form, and in strict accordance with the rites and ceremonies of the Order.

The W.M. then invested as his officers for the ensuing year the following brethren and founders: Bros. Arthur Horrocks, P.M. 115, P.P.G.M.O., as acting I.P.M.; Thomas Rowbotham, as S.W.; Tom Houghton, as J.W.; Walter Walters, as M.O.; Sir James Sawyer, as S.O.; John A. Dexter, as J.O.; Rev. W. H. Poulton, M.A., as Chap.; Chas. P. Perry, as Sec.; T. J. Thursfield, as S.D.; Henry Penn, as J.D.; J. M. Harley, as D.C.; John Jones, as R. of M.; J. W. Phillips, as Org.; J. G. Bennett, as I.G.; T. H. Pearce and Frederick Garratt, as Stwds.; and A. H. Dalley, as Tyler.

The lodge having been duly formed, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER then announced that the noble Marquess had condescendingly consented to be proposed for election as a Past Master of the lodge, and that he therefore had very great pleasure in proposing him as a Past Master.

This proposition was seconded by Bro. THOMAS ROWBOTHAM, S.W., and carried unanimously and with acclamation.

The W.M. then presented the newly-elected Past Master with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, bearing the noble brother's coat-of-arms in coloured enamel, and also bearing on the reverse of the beautifully-chased square the following inscription: "Presented to the Most Noble and Most Worshipful Brother the Marquess of Hertford by the Officers and Brethren of the Mark Lodge of Charity as a mark of respectful esteem and fraternal regard.—9th July, 1891," and in doing so expressed a hope that the Pro G.M. of England would never regret having condescended to accept the office and Degree of first Past Master, and the hope of himself and all the officers and brethren of the new lodge that he would long live to wear it with pride and pleasure.

The noble brother then expressed himself as very pleased with the honour and distinction conferred upon him, and further expressed a fervent hope on his part that the members of the new lodge would never regret his joining the lodge, and intimating at the same time his determination to promote the interests of what he might designate his lodge in any and every way he could.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Warwickshire, Bro. T. H. SMITH, P.G.W., then presented the four petitioners, Bros. Edward Mallard, Thos. Rowbotham, Tom Houghton, and Walter Waters, with very handsomely-designed founders' jewels, bearing upon the ribbon a portion of the arms of the noble Marquess (by special permission), intimating at the same time his earnest desire for the future welfare of the new lodge, and exhorting them to maintain the dignity of the lodge and the ancient and honourable traditions of the advanced Degree of Mark Master Masons.

The W.M., on behalf of himself and his three brethren, returned thanks.

Bro. William Perry was then duly elected Treasurer of the lodge, and the W.M. vacated the chair to the P.G.M., who opened the Provincial Grand Lodge.

After the routine business on the Provincial Grand circular was gone through, the P.G.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year, and to mark his appreciation of the efforts of the newly-installed Master of the Charity Lodge and his brethren, conferred offices of distinction upon the W.M. and his five principal officers.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the Provincial Grand Master and the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers retired in procession.

The Master of the Charity Lodge then resumed the chair, and after some formal business closed the Charity Mark Masters Lodge for the first time.

At the banquet which followed, and which was presided over by the noble Marquess (the D.P.G.M. having retired through ill-health), supported by the new Master of the Charity Lodge, Bro. the Rev. Thomas W. K. R. Bedford, P.P.G.M. Warwick and Stafford; Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Secretary; and the Officers Present and Past of the Grand Lodge of England and the Provincial Grand Lodges of Warwick and Stafford, the officers and brethren of the new lodge being all present.

After the noble MARQUESS had proposed the usual and indispensable toasts of "The Queen," "The Prince of Wales," as Grand Mark Master of England, and "The Officers Present and Past of the Grand Mark Lodge," the newly-installed MASTER of the Charity Lodge proposed "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master," and explained in detail the efforts which had been made by himself and his brother officers, and the success with which such efforts had been attended, announcing that the whole of the paraphernalia, jewels, working tools, books, &c., had been presented by the officers of the lodge, enabling him to commence his year of office with a clean sheet.

The PROV GRAND MASTER, in responding, expressed his very great pleasure in having to consecrate a new lodge within his province, eulogised the conduct of the W.M. and his officers, and congratulated them upon the success which had crowned their efforts, and expressed a hope that the good example would be followed by other Craft lodges in the province.

Bro. the Rev. W. H. POULTON, M.A., the newly-invested Prov. Grand Chaplain, in proposing "The Healths of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," thanked the Prov. G.M. for his unexpected preferment, complimented the noble Marquess upon the most exemplary and impressive manner in which he had performed the sublime ceremony of consecration, and exhorted the brethren to emulate their chief, the Pro Grand Master and Prov. Grand Master.

The toast was most eloquently responded to by the PRO GRAND MASTER.

The noble MARQUESS proposed "The Health of the Newly-installed W.M.," which was received by the brethren present in the most enthusiastic manner.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER responded in graceful terms, promising not to rest satisfied until he had made the new Charity Mark Lodge the premier lodge of the province, and jocularly remarking that if the existing lodges did not make greater speed he would overtake them in numbers, and he hoped in Masonic zeal, during his year of office. He also thanked the brethren of the existing lodges for the assistance and advice tendered to him and his brethren of the Charity Lodge, for the generous and pecuniary aid, which had enabled him to complete the work which had been inaugurated that day under such happy auspices, and which had brought about them the happy congratulations from such distinguished Masons which they had received.

Bro. Sir JAMES SAWYER, S.O., proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Secretary," describing him as one of the most able exponents of Mark ritual, laws, and ceremonies, and coupled with the toast "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund and the Mark Charitable Institutions," and strongly impressed upon the brethren of the Charity Mark Lodge the necessity of supporting such Institutions to the utmost of their power and ability, and earnestly and eloquently exhorted them to do so, announcing that he and the W.M. and several other of the brethren intended being present at the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival on the 22nd inst., or, at any rate, acting as Stewards, and thus promoting the interests of the deserving Charities.

The Installing Master, Bro. C. F. MATIER, responded, and in glowing terms eulogised the Charitable Institutions with which he is so familiar, and explained in detail their objects and achievements, and earnestly impressed upon all present the desirableness of supporting such Institutions which had done so much good in the Order, and also fully explained in detail the working management thereof, and set forth in detail the enormous benefits that had accrued to the Order therefrom.

The pleasures of the evening were largely augmented by the excellent songs ably and pleasingly rendered by Bros. Walter Glover, P.G. Steward, Charles P. Perry, and other brethren, the instrumental music being contributed by the present and Past Prov. Grand Organists, Bros. Walter Waters and R. O. Wills, who gave evidence of their musical skill and ability by a most difficult but exquisitely rendered duet on the pianoforte.

The W.M. toasted the officers, and the Tyler's toast closed one of the most successful and enjoyable gatherings of Mark Master Masons ever held in the province.

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF IRELAND.

On July 16th, a special convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street, for the purpose of installing his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, as Grand King of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, in room of Judge Townsend, resigned. There was a very large attendance of Royal Arch Masons. The proceedings were of a very interesting and impressive description. Comp. Judge Townsend, the outgoing Grand King, presided, and was supported by all the Grand Officers, wearing evening dress and the insignia of their several offices.

The incoming Grand King having been announced in due form,

Comp. Judge TOWNSEND expressed the pleasure it gave him to install their Grand Master into the office which he had himself held for many, many years. He hoped his Grace would occupy the high office for many years in health and prosperity, for he was aware that his Grace entered upon his new duties with the hearty goodwill of all the members of the Order. He had now great pleasure in handing him the sceptre as the emblem of his authority in the highest position of the Royal Arch Order in Ireland, and in investing him with the insignia of Grand King.

His GRACE having been installed, was saluted according to ancient custom. He expressed his high appreciation of the great honour that had been conferred upon him. It was greatly enhanced by the way in which his honoured and highly esteemed friend, the Past Grand King, had spoken of him. It would, he assured them, be his great object to fulfil the duties of his new office in a manner in some degree approaching the efficiency with which their late Grand King had discharged them.

The GRAND KING then announced that he had appointed Comp. John Fox Goodman as his Deputy, and expressed regret that, owing to illness, Comp. Goodman was not present to be installed.

Comp. R. W. SHEKLETON, Q.C., ex-Deputy Grand King, proposed a vote of thanks to Judge Townsend for the highly satisfactory manner in which he had discharged his duties as Grand King during a period extending over many years.

The motion was passed with acclamation.

Comp. Judge TOWNSEND, in reply, thanked the companions with whom he had acted for so many years. Their association had been of the happiest character. It was gratifying that the Royal Arch Order was now one of great magnitude and influence. It was only owing to advancing years that he had been obliged to retire from the office, which he had held with the greatest pleasure to himself; and he was glad to know he had filled it also with satisfaction to the members of that great Order.

The convocation was then closed in the usual manner.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Camden Lodge (No. 704).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at Anderson's Hotel. Bro. H. E. Coffin, W.M., presided, and among a list of 52 brethren who supported him were Bros. F. Trinder, P.M., Treas.; N. Goodchild, P.M., Sec.; N. Goodchild, jun., P.M., Asst. Sec.; A. T. Evers, P.M.; G. W. Usborn, P.M.; and the following visitors: Bros. R. W. Steggles, I.G. 2398; T. Houplil, 865; R. C. Wilson, J.D. 766; J. W. Harding, P.M. 1585; W. Harris, 1585; G. Woods, S.W. 865; H. Tildesley, I.G. 1585; J. P. Pointer, J.D. 2202; Edwin Storr, P.M. 167; W. A. Tinney, P.M. 1319; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; Moses Abrahams, 205; S. H. Baker, P.M. 1260; and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The W.M. raised Bro. Cartwright to the Third Degree, and afterwards installed Bro. Francis Robinson, S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M. of the lodge for the year ensuing. The following brethren were invested as officers of the lodge for the year: Bros. H. E. Coffin, I.P.M.; Edwin Styles, S.W.; D. Ososki, J.W.; F. Trinder, P.M., Treas.; Dr. N. Goodchild, P.M., Sec.; Dr. N. J. Goodchild, P.M., Asst. Sec.; A. A. Nottingham, S.D.; W. H. Williams, J.D.; H. W. Coplestone, I.G.; Gammon, D.C.; Simpson, A.D.C.; Seaman and Sandon, Stwds.; and J. Very, Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the outgoing Master.

The lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual toasts followed. The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W. Grand Master" were given, and honoured with the greatest cordiality.

In giving the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and calling on Bro. Sadler, G. Tyler, to reply, said that Bro. Sadler worked very hard for Masonry, as everyone knew who read Masonic literature.

Bro. H. Sadler, Grand Tyler, in reply, said he quite appreciated the honour which had been intended by coupling his name with such distinguished brethren as the Grand Officers. He need not remind the brethren that there were in that body some of the noblest and highest in the land, in arms, in arts, in law, and in everything which ennobled and elevated man, and therefore he was quite sure the brethren would not expect to reply individually for more than one-half of that number, and the state of the atmosphere was such that the brethren would not expect him to reply even for half. The brethren might very well allow him to thank them on his own behalf for the very kind reception they had given him that evening, and he told them how much he appreciated the honour conferred on him by the invitation of the W.M. After stating his regret for not attending earlier, he said the brethren would agree that the Grand Master had made a very wise selection in appointing the Earl of Lathom as Pro Grand Master. The Earl of Lathom was a tried and proved Mason. The Earl of Mount Edgcombe, the Deputy Grand Master, the brethren did not know so much of, but they would agree that their Royal Grand Master had acted with his usual discrimination and good sense in his choice. It was a pity there was no more distinguished Grand Officer present to reply to the toast, who would have been more eloquent, but certainly not more earnest and sincere than he in what they said.

Bro. Coffin, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said he was confident that in the selection the brethren had made they had not made a mistake. His duties had been well performed that evening. A new W.M. was generally timid, but Bro. Robinson had done his work perfectly, and they would be able to say at the end of his year of office that they were perfectly satisfied with what he had done. He hoped the W.M. would have as happy and convivial a year as he (Bro. Coffin) had had, and that at its expiration his work would meet with the same approbation as his. The W.M. had officers who would do their duty to the utmost of their ability.

The Worshipful Master said he did not rise to reply without some amount of anxiety. It was all very well to talk of being W.M. of a lodge, or S.W., or J.W., but no one knew but those of experience what the amount of trepidation was which a brother felt when he entered on the chair of W.M. Still, that anxiety was somewhat allayed when he saw on his left such a competent list of Past Masters. Again, when he saw the splendid officers he had around him he had no doubt they would during his year ably support him. That day was a red-letter day in his life. When he was introduced to that lodge by Bro. Law he was initiated by no less a Mason than Bro. Trinder, P.M. He had received instruction in and out of the lodge from Bros. Harding and Sadler, the latter of whom he visited at all hours to go through a ceremony with him. There was another brother he wished to thank, a worthy man and a worthy Mason of whom the best was not too good to say, that was the brother who had made him a present of the beautiful apron he was wearing. That brother was a brother among Masons; he did not say it on account of the present he had made him. He was a brother who had been known to him some time and he was known to a great many others, but to those to whom he was known he was esteemed as a man worthy of imitation.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Installing Master," and said that Bro. Coffin during the last year had proved himself a worthy Mason and a worthy Master, anxious to enhance the jovial spirit and the prosperity of the Camden Lodge. That evening he had installed him (the W.M.) in the chair, and in doing so he had really eclipsed himself. When he had to do the installation ceremony he hoped he would do it as well.

Bro. Coffin, in reply, said it had been a source of pleasure to him that evening to have the opportunity of performing the duty which appertained to the office of W.M. of installing his successor in the chair. It had been his ambition during his year to perform the ceremony, and he had done it to the best of his ability, and he was very pleased that it

had met with the approbation of the brethren. During his year his reception by all his officers had made it a pleasure to him to perform his duties so as to enhance the pleasure of the brethren and increase the benefit of the lodge to the utmost. Now he was out of the chair he hoped the brethren would give him the credit of having done his best. The elegant jewel he was now wearing would be a witness to the pleasant year of office he had, and it would remind him of it, and of the kind feeling he had had from the brethren of the lodge. He hoped that at the end of his successor's year of office he would have a similar token, and he was sure he would if he performed his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren. He then referred to the last Festival of the Masonic Boys' School, to which he had the pleasure of taking up £40 as Steward. The summer outing of the Camden Lodge had been very successful, and he was pleased to say that these little entertainments in which the ladies participated showed them that Masons when they contributed nearly £30,000 to the Boys' School did something more than enjoy themselves at the banquet table. For the kind way in which his work as Installing Master had been referred to he had to give his best thanks. He considered it the last duty a Master had to do, and he tried to do the work to the best of his ability. He trusted the W.M. would have as good a year of office as he had had himself.

Bros. Haines, Harding, Storr, Tinney, Massey, and Abrahams responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. Goodchild, jun., replied to the toast of "The Past Masters."

Bros. Trinder and Goodchild responded to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary."

The Senior and Junior Wardens responded to the toast of "The Officers."

Bro. Very gave the Tyler's toast, and the evening, which had been enlivened by some excellent singing and other entertainments, was brought to a close.

Prince Frederick William Lodge (No. 753).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 21st ult. at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, Bro. W. J. Stratton, W.M., presiding. After the lodge was opened and the usual business transacted, Bro. James Stephens was obligated and installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being performed in an able and extremely creditable manner by Bro. Stratton. Bro. Stratton was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, the W.M. making the presentation, and in doing so said he was sure he could convey to Bro. Stratton the regard of every brother in the lodge. Bro. Stratton suitably responded. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. W. J. Stratton, I.P.M.; R. P. Tabb, S.W.; R. T. Redfean, J.W.; W. D. Slyman, Treas.; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; E. Wehrle, S.D.; J. Wills, J.D.; F. H. Harrington, I.G.; H. Slyman, D.C.; W. P. Clark, A.D.C.; H. J. Thomas and A. E. Henderson, Stwds.; and Shepherd, Tyler. After communications had been read, the W.M. announced his intention of going up for the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution next year, and 10 guineas was voted to his list.

The lodge was subsequently closed, and the following brethren, amongst others, sat down to a substantial banquet in the Member's Room at Lord's: Bros. W. J. Mason, 2246; S. Cochrane, 3; A. G. Boswell, 1339; S. Stretch, jun., 1950; F. Spink, 1609; G. A. Sims, 504; H. Dehane, 1543; M. Garbutt, 1997; R. H. Dillon, 1567; F. Foxley, 173; G. V. Wood, 1608; E. Mackrill, 948; F. J. Hubbard, 948; J. W. Burgess, 1325; S. Barron, 1425; H. J. Turner, 1608; J. Aird, P.G.D.; G. Wood, 1681; W. Chapple, 1425; R. C. Stephens, 1425; J. King, 1920; N. Warner, 72; R. Wright, 1305; G. Read, 511; B. A. Griffin, 975; G. W. Andrews, 2021; A. J. R. Trendell, 2108; R. Eve, P.G.T.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B.; J. M. McLeod, 884; J. Porter, 1987; G. Weston, 733; W. M. Stiles, 1507; E. Gibbs, 591; J. Lund, 1687; W. T. Massey, 160 and 1928; J. Tickle, 1196; S. Barnett, 185; G. A. Duke, 1608; W. Price, 28; H. W. Dabie, 173; T. B. Lenscote, 55; and H. Monsell, 2353.

After due justice had been done to the banquet, the usual toasts were given.

In giving that of "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said it was one which was given and received by all Englishmen, and especially Masons, with a great amount of enthusiasm. The Queen's qualities were as well known to them as to himself, and he would not take up their time to dilate on them. She was a pattern Sovereign and a model mother.

The toast having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." He said the Prince of Wales was one of the hardest worked men that the country knew, and the rapid strides which Freemasonry had made under his rule warranted him in saying, and them in believing, that the Prince was the right man in the right place. They owed him unbounded thanks in having accepted the position, which he filled most nobly.

The next toast, that of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master; the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, Deputy Grand Master; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was also proposed by the W.M., who said that the Prince Frederick William Lodge at any rate felt grateful for the presence of so many Grand Officers that evening. They had the present Senior Grand Deacon, Bro. John Aird; they also had their dear and good friend, Bro. Richard Eve, a brother whose face was ever welcome and whose presence was ever genial. It was the greatest possible pleasure to meet him; he had Masonry at heart, and he was not afraid to enunciate the principles of the Craft. Then there was Bro. James Terry, who was as well known to the brethren as he was to him (the W.M.), and there was also present Bro. Trendell, A.G.D.C.

Bro. Trendell, in response, said he felt indebted for the courtesy shown him in giving him the opportunity of saying a few words in response to the toast. As a new member of Grand Lodge he would only say that Grand Lodge appreciated that sympathetic feeling which the Grand Officers received from lodges in this country. It was a great satisfaction to the Grand Officers to know that their efforts were appreciated. On behalf of the Grand Officers he expressed their warmest desire that the W.M. might have a prosperous year of office.

Bro. Richard Eve, P.G.T., also responded. On behalf of the Past Grand Officers, he thanked the brethren for the toast they had so enthusiastically received. Referring to the W.M., Bro. Eve said he was as energetic as any one in

the Order, and nothing had given him greater pleasure than that of being present at his installation. He only trusted he might have many opportunities of being present at their lodge. He had always had a genial reception, and always had a pleasing recollection of the receptions he had met with at the lodge.

Bro. W. J. Stratton, I.P.M., next proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said they all knew so well the W.M.'s abilities that he would not detain them longer than to say that he was sure the W.M. would make a good Master, and he hoped he would be supported in his year of office.

The Worshipful Master, replying, said he was much obliged to the I.P.M. for the manner in which he had proposed the toast, and to the brethren for the manner they had accepted it. It was, perhaps, more than he deserved, but the brethren of the Prince Frederick William Lodge knew that whatever he could do he would use his utmost exertions to do anything which would tend to the prosperity of the lodge. That was the third chair in which he had been installed. There was a proverbial saying that the third time was lucky; he hoped it would be for him and for the lodge. He desired to have plenty of work during his year of office, and he hoped he might do that work to the satisfaction of the brethren who had done him the honour to place him where he was.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," referred to the regrettable absence of Bro. George Everett, Grand Treas., who was prevented from being present by illness. They had many distinguished brethren present, not only London brethren but brethren from the provinces.

Bro. Cochrane, member of the Board of General Purposes, Bros. Wm. Stiles, George Read, Ferguson, and Davie responded for the visitors, and thanked the lodge for the hospitality which had been shown to them.

The toasts of "The Past Masters," "The Masonic Charities" (responded to by Bros. Jas. Terry, Secretary R.M.B.I., and J. M. McLeod, Secretary R.M.I.B.), "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" were also proposed and heartily responded to, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

An excellent programme of music had been arranged, the following ladies and gentlemen taking part: Miss Lucie Johnstone, Miss Selina Quick, Mr. Henry Pope, Mr. T. W. Turner, and Mr. Walter Heritage, with Bro. E. P. Delevanti at the piano.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BARNET.

Gladsuir Lodge (No. 1385).—An emergency meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on Friday, the 24th ult. Bro. J. E. Cussans, P.M. 403, P.P.S.G.W., W.M., presided, and there were present Bros. S. Tryon, S.W.; G. Blizard Abbott, J.W.; J. H. Baxter, I.P.M.; Charles Gray, P.M., Sec.; R. Fisher Young, P.M., D.C.; W. Lewis, P.M., as S.D.; W. H. G. Ball, P.M. 45, as J.D.; Anneveld, I.G.; Goddard, Tyler; Marshall, Curnow, Tibbatts, Rainsford, Phillips, and Poole. Visitors: Bros. Dr. Haskins, Moore, 2278; and Wallis, 1982.

The summons having been read, Bros. Rainsford and Phillips were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., by the W.M., assisted by his officers.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren dined together, and spent a most enjoyable evening, thanks to the admirable singing of Bros. Gray, Baxter, Tibbatts, Curnow, Poole, Tryon, and others.

Bro. Baxter, I.P.M., was most heartily congratulated on his appointment to the office of Prov. Grand Registrar at the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire the Tuesday preceding.

CHINGFORD.

Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge (No. 2184).—The installation meeting of the above excellent lodge took place at the Royal Forest Hotel on Thursday, the 23rd ult., when Bro. A. T. Dale, P.M. 1076, S.W. and W.M. elect, was placed in the chair of K.S. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. C. H. Canning, P.M., Treas. 1472, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bros. Church and Campbell were passed, and Bro. Oliver raised. Bro. Dale was then presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and with the usual ceremony Bro. Dale was installed. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. H. Canning, I.P.M.; T. Ringrose, S.W.; G. J. Hammond, J.W.; H. Lewis, Treas.; C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec. 1472, Sec.; F. J. Eedle, P.M. 1441, S.D.; J. Barnes, J.D.; C. Carlton, I.G.; J. Joyce, D.C.; G. F. Penny, A.D.C.; W. Barrett, Org.; W. Reynolds, W. Volckman, and A. Aldom, Stwds.; and J. Ives, P.M., late of 1427, Tyler. Bro. Canning then proceeded with and concluded a splendid ceremony by reciting the three charges admirably, for which he was awarded a cordial vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and he was afterwards at the banquet table presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, for which Bro. Canning feelingly returned thanks.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a *recherché* banquet which was thoroughly enjoyed.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been duly honoured, that of "Lord Brooke, M.P., P.G.M.," was received with enthusiasm. The W.M. in the course of his speech said he trusted that his lordship might long be spared to rule over them.

The toast of "Bro. Philbrick, O.C., D.P.G.M., &c., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was also drunk in bumpers.

Bro. Jackson responded, and thanked the W.M. for the compliment and the brethren for their hospitality, and for the pleasant evening he had spent in the lodge.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said he had the pleasure of seeing their esteemed W.M. in the chair of the good old Capper Lodge, and felt confident that under him their lodge would go on and prosper.

The Worshipful Master, in response, thanked the brethren for their kindness, and said that with reference to the Capper lodge it might not be very strong in numbers, but it was strong in Charity, and he trusted their lodge would in time follow in the footsteps of the Capper. He thanked them for placing him in the position of Master of their lodge.

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shows that as regards the personal qualities by which his predecessor was characterised, the new chief possesses similar tact and judgment and equal geniality.

We are also pleased to find that Bro. F. West has been continued in his office of Deputy P.G.M. Bro. West, during the time he acted under the late Bro. General Brownrigg, but more especially for the three or four years he was in charge of the province, exhibited sterling worth as a leading executive officer; and the P.G.M., as well as the Province of Surrey, will find him, as indeed the latter has already found him, a most able substitute for their chief in the event of his unavoidable absence from duty, and at all times a most willing medium of communication between that chief and the lodges and brethren under his charge.

We have received a communication from a brother, who signs himself "A Cheshire Steward," on the subject of the surplus Stewards' fees at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He complains that an honorarium of 100 guineas should have been voted out of this surplus to Bro. McLeod, the Secretary of the Institution, chiefly on the ground that Bro. McLeod has already had voted to him by the Council an addition to his salary of £200 a year.

With all due deference, however, to our worthy correspondent, we must point out, in the first place, that the two acts which he has conjoined and treats as one have been done by two separate and distinct bodies. The addition of £200 a year was voted by the Council of the Institution, in which is vested the power of regulating the salaries of its paid officials, and the increase will be paid out of the funds of the Institution. The honorarium of 100 guineas was voted by the late Board of Stewards out of their own funds, with which they have a perfect right to do as they please. It has been the custom for Boards of Stewards to recognise the extra services entailed by our Festivals ever since these latter have assumed such formidable proportions and we should be sorry to see a discontinuance of the custom.

We certainly have no desire to see a strictly commercial policy adopted in respect of the work done in connection with these annual celebrations. Nor do we know of any reason why a Board of Stewards should be debarred from recognising the services rendered to them—and through them to the Institution—by their Honorary Secretary, because the governing body of the Charity may a short while previously have seen fit to recognise the services of the Secretary to the Charity. We like to know that the officers of our Institutions are generously treated, and as this has been done on this particular occasion—as on all previous similar occasions—without taking one single penny from the funds of the School, we consider the complaint of our correspondent is quite uncalled for.

Bro. the Rev. P. J. Oliver Minos has favoured us with a letter in which he requests us to furnish him answers to two questions. As regards the one relating to the initiation of the Hon. Miss E. St. Leger into Freemasonry, we believe there is no doubt whatever as to the fact of the young lady, who was a sister of the second Lord Doneraile, and on her marriage became the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth, having been made a Mason. The date when she was so made does not, according to Kenning's "Cyclopædia," quite clearly appear, but the initiation took place in Lodge 44 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, which met at Doneraile House, and her brother was, we believe, at the time the W.M. There are two versions of the story as to the circumstances which rendered her initiation necessary. According to one the lady hid herself in a clock case in order to learn what was done; according to the other, she saw what passed through a crevice in the wall. Many relics of her, including her apron and chair, are still preserved.

The second question is as to the correctness of a statement to the effect that "The Cathedral of Strasburg was erected by a lodge of Freemasons, who gained such high reputation by the work, that the German lodges established in Russia, Swabia, Bavaria, Franconia, Savoy, &c., acknowledged it as their head by a solemn act passed at Ratisbon in 1458. The act was confirmed 40 years afterwards by a diploma granted by the Emperor Maximilian." According to Kenning's "Cyclopædia," Grandier is the author of this story, but our correspondent must bear in mind that the Masons referred to were operative, not speculative. Our correspondent will find the story at pp. 15 and following of Findel's "History of Freemasonry."

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He asked them to assist him, and had no doubt that if they would he should have a pleasant and successful year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of "The Installing Officer," spoke highly of the admirable manner in which Bro. Canning had carried out his work that day, and in the name of the lodge he pinned a Past Master's jewel on his breast, and wished him long life and health to wear it with honour to himself and satisfaction to the brethren.

Bro. Canning briefly yet eloquently responded, and the other toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Visitors," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast, while some good singing and reciting helped to make the hours pass merrily.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. C. T. Lewis, P.M., P.M. 1472, P.P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; G. J. Westfield, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; A. J. Manning, P.M. (Hon), P.P.S.G.D.; W. Smith, P.M.; C. Taylor, H. Dunlop, J. Caddy, W. H. Catt, B. Lord, and J. Lord, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. T. Scoresby-Jackson, P.M. 2256, P.S.G.D.; A. Knight, W.M. 1472; W. J. Short, 2374; F. C. Bromhead, W.M. 2318; A. I. Ives, P.M. 1472; G. Jones, P.M. 174; H. Pamment, 700; W. Dean, 1563; W. G. Edwards, 2264; J. Cain, S.W. 179; and others.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

CROWLE.

Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).—On Monday last an emergency lodge was called, when the W.M., Bro. J. Constable passed Bros. Franks, Oates, and Ashmell to the Degree of F.C. The W.M. performed the whole of the ceremony himself. On Tuesday, the next day, being regular lodge, the brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. J. Constable, W.M.; W. Burtonshaw, I.P.M.; J. M. R. Behrendt, S.W.; R. N. Brunyee, J.W.; R. Wood, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; T. Staniforth, P.P.G.P., Chap.; C. Fox, S.D.; J. Faulkner, J.D.; W. Pickering, I.G.; W. S. Scholey, Stwd.; H. L. Burtonshaw, P.G.O., Org.; W. Chamberlain, J.W.; J. H. Bletcher, J. Garner, W. Wressell, R. Meadley, E. Shillito, T. T. Oats, R. Ashmell, and G. Naylor, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. W. Dickie, P.M.; A. Goodhind, J. Reed, R. Burt, Pennsylvania; J. Tasker, and others.

The lodge was opened, and Bros. Wood and Staniforth having presented Bro. Behrendt, S.W., W.M. elect—Bros. Burtonshaw and Chamberlain acting as Wardens, and Bro. Bletcher as I.G.—he was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Staniforth, Bros. Constable and Chamberlain giving the working tools. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Constable, I.P.M.; R. N. Brunyee, S.W.; C. Fox, J.W.; Wood, Sec.; J. F. Watson, Treas.; Staniforth, Chap.; Chamberlain, D.C.; J. Faulkner, S.D.; W. Pickering, J.D.; Drury, S.B.; H. L. Burtonshaw, Org.; W. S. Scholey, I.G.; Petch, Wressell, and Turner, Stewards; and G. Naylor, Tyler. Bro. Constable was elected Charity Steward.

The lodge was then duly closed, and the brethren, after having assembled for a photo group by Bro. Pickering adjourned to the Darby and Joan, to partake of the customary banquet.

The toast list was the usual one, when speeches were made by the W.M. (Bro. Behrendt), Bros. Staniforth, Tasker, Wood, Burtonshaw, Burt, Shillito, and Scholey, interspersed with songs from Bros. Scholey, Tasker, and others. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

EPSOM.

Greenwood Lodge (No. 1982).—This lodge was held at the Public Hall on Saturday, the 25th ult., when there were present Bros. E. H. Minns, W.M.; F. S. Smyth, S.W.; C. R. Ellis, P.M., as J.W.; H. Gardner Salt, S.D.; Parkes, J.D.; W. H. Noakes, I.G.; and others. Visitors: Bros. T. H. Ellis, C. G. Salt, and J. Pollard.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. S. Curtis was then passed to the Second Degree. The ballot proving unanimous in favour of Bro. F. S. Smyth, S.W., as W.M. elect, the W.M. announced the fact that the Prov. G.M. had appointed him a Prov. Grand Steward. An initiate was proposed, and likewise a joining member, and after all necessary business the lodge was closed.

A banquet then took place at the King's Head Hotel. The W.M. gave the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. C. R. Ellis, P.M., next proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said that was a most pleasant task. He had said so many times all that he had felt and known to be absolutely true respecting their W.M., and the rapid strides they had made during his year of office, and as it was the last time he would preside over them that year, he would ask the brethren to be upstanding and drink his health, feeling as they did the true value of his worth.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he thanked them for the kind way in which his health was proposed and received. The whole time he had been W.M. he had always been well received. He was sorry for many reasons it was his last time in the chair as W.M., but he would do his best to set the lodge on a firm basis. He had done his best for the lodge, but had had to refer on past occasions to the difficulties of the lodge. They had now got over those difficulties. In conclusion, he thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had assisted him in carrying the lodge to a successful issue, and said he would still do all he could for the lodge.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and said they had always seen visitors during his year of office. That evening they had with them Bros. Scott, P.M., Pollard, and Ellis, and were extremely pleased to see them. This toast having been responded to, after the toasts of "The W.M. elect," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast, the brethren adjourned after a most pleasant meeting.

FELTHAM.

Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—One of the most successful meetings of this the largest lodge in the Province of Middlesex was held on the 18th ult. at the Railway Hotel, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. James Clark Goslin to the chair of K.S. The members present included Bros. J. A. Wilson, W.M.; J. C. Goslin, S.W., W.M. elect; S. Wheeler, J.W.; S. Page, Treas.;

Harry Davey, Sec.; F. Dunstan, S.D.; A. Robertson, I.G.; J. Aney, D.C.; W. H. Davey, Org.; W. Kite, Charity Steward; Laurence, P.M.; Marsh, P.M.; Smith, P.M.; Vassila, P.M.; Harvie, Poole, James, Lodge, Kingston, Bailey, White, Russell, Bick, and Platten. Among the visitors were Bros. F. C. Austin, P.M. 1733, P.G.D.C.; A. W. Blake, S.W. 780; T. Borer, 15; J. T. Briggs, P.M. 1503; J. Clarkson, 1637; H. J. Dean, 45; Dr. J. W. Donovan, S.W. 157; S. Ellis, I.G. 1081; C. Fox, W.M. 1743; R. W. Forge, P.M. 1793, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Gammon, 704; A. Hamblin, 1637; Vincent Lerner, I.P.M. 157; W. Lines, 972; R. Pasco, 27; E. F. Shoebridge, J.W. 157; E. Styles, S.D. 704; H. Sapsworth, P.M. 2032; and W. Tyler, 1707.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting, as well as those of the audit meeting, were read and confirmed. Apologies for non-attendance were read from the following honorary members of the lodge, Bros. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M.; Raymond Thrupp, D.P.G.M.; Howard H. Room, Prov. G. Secretary; Lee, Prov. Asst. Grand Secretary; and J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B. After Bros. James and Harvie had been passed to the F.C. Degree and other formal business had been done the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. James Laurence, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., who in a most impressive manner installed Bro. James Clark Goslin, whom he had previously introduced into the lodge and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The addresses were delivered in a most effective manner, and thanks to the able assistance rendered by Bro. J. J. Marsh, P.M., D.C., the whole ceremony was worked in such a way as to make a most marked impression upon both members and visitors. Bro. J. C. Goslin, W.M., made the following appointment, in each case prefacing the investiture with a few suitable remarks as to the duties pertaining to the different offices: Bros. S. Wheeler, S.W.; F. Dunstan, J.W.; S. Page, Treas.; H. Davey, Sec.; E. J. Whelan, S.D.; A. Robertson, J.D.; W. H. Davey, I.G.; W. Kite, D.C.; D. Moss, P. Bick, and S. H. Platten, Stwds.; and J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler, Tyler. Bro. Wilson, I.P.M., was next presented, in the name of the lodge, with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services as W.M., and with a Past Master's collar with jewel attached, on behalf of several of the brethren more closely connected with him either as officers or as regular attendants at the lodge during his year of office. The incidental music during the work of the lodge was most ably performed by Bro. H. J. Dean.

The lodge having been closed, a banquet followed, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Harris, the proprietor. Its success was assured when it became known that the W.M. had secured the services of such well-known and popular singers as Bros. Gammon and Styles and Messrs. J. D. Fitzgerald and Walter Grace.

The grace after meat was sung by Mr. Fitzgerald, who likewise gave a most perfect rendering of the National Anthem, while Mr. Walter Grace sang "God bless the Prince of Wales" in an equally perfect manner.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The P.G.M. and the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," alluded to the absence of Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., and said that it was evident that the Lebanon Lodge and its work was appreciated by the Provincial Grand Lodge, for on more than one occasion the P.G.M. had bestowed collars upon its members. He instanced Bro. E. A. Smith, P.M., who, at the last Provincial Grand Lodge was appointed Provincial Grand Standard Bearer.

Bro. Austin, P.M., P.G.D.C., replied to the toast, and, in thanking the W.M. for the reception and welcome accorded to him and his fellow Prov. Grand Officers, assured the brethren that it was a well-known fact that if ever Stewards were wanted for the Charities, or in fact, representatives for any Masonic function, the P.G.M. was always sure to find a ready response and hearty support from the Lebanon Lodge. He had enjoyed his visit to the lodge, and had been struck with the mastery way in which each and every officer had performed his part of the day's work and ceremony. Bro. E. A. Smith, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., also replied to the toast.

In a very clever though short speech Bro. Wilson, I.P.M., submitted the toast of "The Worshipful Master." He sketched the Masonic career of Bro. Goslin, paid high tribute to his abilities, his genial disposition, and his assiduity to his Masonic duties, and exhorted all the younger brethren of the lodge to do as Bro. Goslin had done, for while in office he had prepared himself to fill those of greater importance.

The Worshipful Master, during his reply, said he actually felt the kindly feeling shown him, and that no words of his could adequately convey his appreciation of all the kindness which he had experienced from one and all. The welfare of his lodge had always been near and dear to him, and he hoped during his year of office the Lebanon Lodge would still continue to prosper, and that when he vacated the chair the brethren would be able to conscientiously say that he had done his best, and that he left the chair of the Lebanon Lodge as worthy his successor as he himself had found it, and that his name would be a worthy addition to the honourable roll of Past Masters of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master expressed his pleasure in submitting the toast of "The I.P.M.," and while cordially thanking Bro. Wilson for his services to the lodge, regretted that ill-health had caused him so much trouble. His had been a most memorable, though unfortunate, year of office. The lodge had lost its I.P.M. and its Secretary, yet in spite of all it had still flourished. Bro. Wilson deserved the highest praise for all that had been done.

Bro. Wilson, I.P.M., thanked the brethren in suitable terms, and said in the deaths of Bros. Baker and Baldwin he had lost two of his best friends, and he could not help placing on record the very able assistance he had received from Bro. H. Davey, who, though a young Mason, had proved himself capable and worthy of the Secretaryship of so large and important a lodge.

In replying to the toast of "The Installing Master," Bro. Laurence took the opportunity of impressing upon the younger brethren the importance of qualifying themselves for each and every office in the lodge, and that this could only be done by constant attendance during lodge business, and by seizing every possible chance of taking part in any Masonic function.

Bros. Forge and Lerner responded for "The Visitors" in pithy and witty speeches.

Other toasts were suitably proposed and acknowledged. At intervals during the evening Messrs. Grace and Fitzgerald gave a splendid selection of songs, which evoked the highest appreciation, the former being in splendid form, and if possible surpassing himself.

HARROW STATION.

Henry Levander Lodge (No. 2048).—The installation meeting of this well worked Middlesex lodge was held last Saturday at the Railway Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Harry Webb, W.M. Bros. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., and C. I. Axford, P.M., with a large number of members of the lodge, and the following visitors were present: Bros. George Price, 1744; H. Dickey, P.M. and Sec. 1744; Sidney Rappen, I.P.M. 1471; C. Johnson, 2206; G. Elliott, 2206; H. Sillis, J.D. 2362; J. T. Rowe, P.M. St. John's Lodge; J. Terry, P.G.S.B.; Hy. Stiles, P.M. 1507; George Gregory, 2087, P.P.J.G.D.; H. Longman, J.W. 2271; A. A. Nottingham, J.W. 2206; John Powdrell, W.M. 2202; G. K. Nansall, 2206; R. A. Hose, S.W. 1314; H. Wilson, Org. 147; J. H. Dodds, 2206; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; J. M. McLeod, W.M. and P.M., P.S.G.W., Sec. R.M.I.B.; H. D. Kemp, J.D. 1228; Richard Whiting, P.M. 87; E. Storr, P.M. 167; A. C. Connop, S.W. 2205; J. F. Saunders, D.C. 1507; and F. W. Holliday, 1076.

The W.M. passed to the Second Degree, by request of the W.M. of the Hendon Lodge, Bro. George Elliott, after which he resigned the chair to Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., for the installation of the W.M. Bro. Scurrah then installed his nephew, Bro. Arthur Henry Scurrah, S.W. and W.M. elect, in the chair, performing his work most admirably. Bro. Harry Webb was invested as I.P.M., and the following brethren were invested as officers of the lodge for the year: Bros. A. W. Wace, S.W.; F. C. Joseph, J.W.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M., Treas.; C. I. Axford, P.M., Sec.; A. W. Gerrard, S.D.; H. W. Parker, J.D.; W. D. Dickinson, I.G.; H. T. Gurner, D.C.; John Stubbings, G. Lewis, and J. W. Ryder, Stwds.; and James Very, Tyler. After the delivery by Bro. W. A. Scurrah of the charges, the newly-installed W.M. initiated Mr. William Vansittart. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., who was also presented by Bro. W. A. Scurrah with a visiting brother's Past Master's collar and jewel. A motion by the outgoing Master, seconded by Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M. and Treasurer, was, after a short discussion, carried, to reduce the initiation fee from seven to five guineas, and the lodge was afterwards closed.

A banquet followed, and the usual toasts were proposed and honoured.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., responded to the toast which included the Grand Officers, and on behalf of the Pro Grand Master said that the Earl of Lathom on the previous Thursday attended the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey and installed the new Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Gerard Noel Money. He need hardly say the ceremony was performed in such an extraordinarily careful manner that anyone who wanted to do it well had only to copy it. The Grand Officers had in the past as in the present attempted to perform their duties properly, and he hoped the day was very far distant when the toast of the Grand Officers would be received with less courtesy and heartiness than it was at the present time.

The toast of "The Prov. G.M., Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.; the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Thrupp; and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," proposed by the Worshipful Master, led him to say that the brethren would give that toast a hearty welcome, because the brethren knew how well those officers discharged the duties they were called upon to perform, and that the work they attended to in the province was done for the benefit of the Craft in general and the Province of Middlesex in particular.

Bro. Room, Prov. G. Sec., in replying, said that though the Provincial Grand Master was now in Wiltshire, his heart was with the brethren of Middlesex. They all knew his kind and genial disposition, and that he was never so happy as when he was with them. The Deputy Prov. G.M. showed the same interest in the province. Speaking generally on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers, he was proud to be the mouthpiece of such a distinguished body. It was not necessary to speak much about them in that lodge where there were so many Provincial Grand Officers. They had in their W.M. a specimen of what a Mason should be, and he would, no doubt, reap his reward. There were 40 lodges in the province, but only a few Grand offices to dispose of. They must not be in a hurry for office, but must do their duty. It gave him great pleasure to be present, for he had had many invitations, but there were so many lodges in the province meeting on Saturday that he was unable to attend all of them. He promised to come to this one, and he had had his reward. The late Bro. Henry Levander, after whom the lodge was named, initiated him in Masonry some years ago. The name of the lodge reminded him of that brother, whose name would be ever green in Masonry, and more particularly in the Province of Middlesex.

Bro. Harry Webb, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." Several Past Masters had told him that the I.P.M. was of no use after he had passed the chair—he was no officer; still it was a great pleasure to propose the health of the W.M. The present W.M. was initiated in that lodge, and had taken the various offices, and he was quite sure if he would only follow in the footsteps of one of the first Masters of the lodge the brethren would have no cause to complain, and he would bring in as many initiates as were brought in during the first year of the lodge's existence.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he was much obliged to Bro. Webb for the nice things he had said of him. It gave him great pleasure to be W.M., as he was initiated in that lodge, had gone through the offices, and had done his work to the best of his ability. He could not allow the occasion to pass without thanking Bro. Scurrah, P.M., his uncle, for the admirable way in which he had installed him. It had been his ambition ever since he was initiated six years ago to become the Master of the lodge, and having attained the summit of his ambition, he hoped by perseverance and attention to his work to go through his year of office well, and have such a number of initiates as would bring the lodge back to the same state of prosperity as it was in some years back. He regretted to say they had had a few deaths among the members; they had diminished the numbers immensely, but he hoped the numbers would be restored.

The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of "The Installing Master, the I.P.M., and the other Past Masters," said he had already spoken of the Installing Master, who had done his work that day, as far as he knew, admirably, as he always had done in the past and would do in the future. Bro. Scurrah had really placed him in his present position, and he thanked him heartily for the interest he had taken in putting him forward in Masonry. Bro. W. A.

Scurrah had not only been the Installing Master, but he had been a father to him in Masonry, and without Bro. Scurrah's aid he would not have been W.M. of the Henry Levander Lodge. With regard to the I.P.M. he must say he was a hard-working Mason. Unfortunately he had not had many initiates or a great deal of work during his year, but what he had had to do he had done well. As to Bro. Axford he, in his year, did a great amount of work and was a great benefit to the Henry Levander Lodge; he introduced several initiates and had a successful year of office.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, who was received with loud applause, replying, said little did he think six years ago when he initiated the W.M. that the time would so shortly arrive when he would sit under his gavel. Nobody in the room could perhaps understand wholly the pleasure he experienced that night in installing his nephew; it was not because the W.M. was initiated in the lodge, or because he was his nephew, but because the W.M. had from the time he was initiated acted as a Mason, and all his transactions in life were carried out according to Masonic line and rule. For that threefold reason he was rejoiced and delighted to install Bro. Arthur Henry Scurrah. If the W.M. carried out the work of the lodge as he hoped and expected he would, he would gain the respect and esteem of all good Masons, and have the satisfaction of knowing that his Masonic good qualities were recognised by every one who knew him. It was a sincere pleasure to him to see so many good and true brethren in the room. When he was installed in the lodge it was said by a great number of friends that they never attended so large, so influential, and so good a meeting, and from that time there had not been so great a gathering till that night. The I.P.M. unfortunately had a depressing time. The Secretary, one of the founders, Bro. McKay, and then Bro. Reece, an esteemed young man, were cut off, and after him Bro. Philip Cheek, one of the founders and a Past Master of the lodge. He trusted, however, Bro. Arthur Scurrah would have a brighter year. The brethren had seen his work, they had seen the officers he had appointed, and they knew they would uphold the dignity of the lodge. They would bring only good men into the lodge. As long as life was spared to him he would never desert the Henry Levander Lodge. He would always attempt to do his duty as he had in the past, and endeavour to keep up that lodge as one of which the Province of Middlesex might be proud.

Bro. Harry Webb, I.P.M., also replied. He had had an unfortunate year in the shape of losing a Past Master and officer, but he hoped that during the present Master's year they would be more fortunate.

Bro. Vansittart, in replying to the toast of "The Initiate," said he much appreciated the welcome the brethren had given him. There was only one regret he had, that he had not become one of the brethren some years since, but he hoped to be with them many years. He could not say much now, but after he had been in the Order a longer time he might be able to say more.

Bro. W. G. Fenn, Addiscombe Lodge, one of the respondents to the toast of "The Visitors," said it was his happy privilege to see the W.M. initiated six or seven years ago, and he then thought from the interest Bro. Arthur Scurrah took in the ceremony that he would in due time become W.M., though he did not think he would get the position so soon. He congratulated him on his installation, and he had no doubt he would make the lodge as successful as it was in its early days. On one occasion there were five initiates, four or five passings, and six or seven raisings, and the brethren did not sit down to dinner till about seven o'clock. He was sure the W.M. would bear out the traditions of the past in the future.

Dr. Powdrell said the admirable way in which the W.M. had as a young man and a young Mason taken his position was most creditable. The I.P.M. also had acted in a most creditable manner. The lodge had passed through a year of dire calamity, but he hoped it would arrive at a position of thoroughly good success. He was sure the officers were good, and would prove that they were capable of taking the chair.

Bro. Nottingham said the W.M. and his uncle were great personal friends of his, and he was very pleased to meet them both in lodge.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, responding to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary and Officers of the Lodge," said he was sorry Bros. Terry and McLeod had been obliged to leave, as they would have responded to the toast of "The Masonic Charities." Charity was the most glorious thing connected with Freemasonry. He acted as Steward for the lodge for the Boys' School, when nearly £30,000 was collected. That showed what was the feeling that animated the brethren. He hoped the calls upon them would be responded to as heartily in the future. They would have an opportunity afforded them next year, when the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution would celebrate the jubilee of its foundation.

The Tyler's toast closed a most successful and enjoyable evening.

LANCASTER.

Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 15th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Church-street, amongst those present being Bros. Morge, J. E. Oglethorpe, Acton, Mortimer, Dutton, Shaw, A. L. Price, Linnaker, Jackson, Threlfall, J. L. Barrow, Cousins, Miller, Preston, Higgin, and others. The visitors included Bros. Gooch, Nicholson, Lees, Relph, Atkinson, and others.

The ordinary business of the lodge was first transacted, under the chairmanship of Bro. G. A. Morge, the W.M., who conferred the Third Degree on a member in a very efficient manner. Subsequently he vacated the chair, and it was occupied by the Installing Officer, Bro. J. E. Oglethorpe, P.M., P.P.G.R. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, with Bros. Shaw, P.M., as S.W.; Acton, P.M., as J.W.; and Dutton, P.M., as I.G. Bro. A. L. Price, S.W. and W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. Morge, and duly installed into the chair with full ceremonial by Bro. Oglethorpe, who went through the ceremony in a very praiseworthy manner. He was ably assisted in the ceremony by Bro. Morge, who gave the working tools, and Bro. Mortimer, who gave the addresses to the Wardens and brethren. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Morge, I.P.M.; W. Linnaker, S.W.; R. Threlfall, J.W.; J. Acton, P.M., Sec.; J. L. Barrow, S.D.; G. Jackson, J.D.; J. E. Oglethorpe, Org.; J. E. Miller, I.G.; E. Cousins and H. Preston, Stwds.; and

B. Hamer, Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to Bro. Oglethorpe for his services as Installing Officer, on the motion of Bro. Acton, seconded by Bro. Morge. Bro. Oglethorpe, in acknowledging the compliment, spoke of the pleasure which he had experienced in going through the ceremony, and was pleased if his services had met with their appreciation. It was always a source of pleasure to him to be of any service to the lodge. In concluding he presented to Bro. Morge, on behalf of the members of the lodge, a gold Past Master's jewel as some slight recognition of the manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office. During the whole of the time Bro. Morge had been going through the various chairs of the lodge, he had been regular and punctual in attendance, and was also most efficient in the various duties which he had had to perform, and a proof of which they had had in the very satisfactory way in which he carried out the working of the Third Degree that evening. On behalf of the members he had much pleasure in presenting that Past Master's jewel to him, and hoped he would be spared for many years to further the cause of Masonry. Bro. Morge, in acknowledging the presentation, thanked the members for their kindness to him, though he did not need such an incentive as that to urge him on in doing what he could in the cause of Freemasonry. His heart was in it, and the more he saw of it the more he approved and admired it. It would, he hoped, always be his desire, so long as he had health and strength given him, to do what he could for the benefit of his lodge. The remaining routine business was then gone through, and the lodge was closed.

The Past Master's jewel had the following inscription engraved on the reverse: "Presented to Bro. G. A. Morge, P.M., by the members of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge, as a mark of esteem. July 15th, 1891."

The installation banquet and picnic took place at the house of Bro. Higgins, the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, Beetham, to which place several of the brethren, with their wives and friends proceeded by coach, the drive of about 12 miles through a rural district being much enjoyed. Bro. Price, the newly-elected Master, presided at the banquet, and the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

NEWTOWN.

Cedewain Lodge (No. 1594).—The anniversary festival of the above lodge was held on the 16th ult. at the Masonic Temple, Milford-road. The lodge was opened by Bro. R. Jones. Bro. Dawson efficiently performed the ceremony of passing Bro. Watkin. After this the installation of Bro. R. James took place, Bro. Dainly, P.S.G.W., acting as Installing Master. The musical portions of the service (for which Bros. T. Monk Taylor, J. and E. Owen, W. Francis, and H. Chapman, Org., were responsible) passed off well, and were highly spoken of by the visiting brethren. The following officers were appointed: Bros. Milnes, S.W.; Balfour Fergusson, J.W.; J. Dainly, Treas.; T. A. Forster, Sec.; C. W. Norton, S.D.; Hy. Chapman, J.D.; Rev. J. Pughe Morgan, Chap.; W. Francis, D.C.; H. Chapman, Org.; Elwell, I.G.; Ellison and Benbow, Stwds.; and Jones, Tyler.

Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. Lewis Andrews, W.M., John Owen, P.M., Ed. Owen, and Williams, all of 998; and others. Not only was the ceremony bright and cheerful, but the lodge room also presented a very attractive and luxurious appearance, having been furnished with handsome curtains (the gift of Bro. Buckley), and neatly decorated with appropriate Masonic devices and banners.

The banquet was partaken of at the Public Hall, the caterer being Mr. Bebb.

A capital selection of glees and songs was exceedingly well rendered by Bros. T. M. Taylor, J. and E. Owen, W. Francis, D. D. Pierce, and Lewis Andrews.

The toast list contained the usual items peculiar to Masonic gatherings.

The toast of the evening, "The Health of the new W.M.," given by the I.P.M., Bro. Jones, was received with enthusiasm, and when Bro. James, in response, remarked that not only was that day a red-letter day on account of his installation, but in addition it was his birthday and silver wedding day, as well, he was greeted with quite an ovation of cheers and congratulations.

The financial position of the lodge is satisfactory, and the officers and brethren of the Cedewain Lodge may soon be congratulated upon being the proud owners of their Temple and grounds.

PARKGATE.

Dee Lodge (No. 1576).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on the 15th ult., in the Mostyn House Schoolroom, and was numerously attended by members of the lodge and visitors from West Lancashire and North Wales. The retiring W.M., Bro. R. G. Hawkins, presided at the opening of the lodge, and the officers of the lodge present were Bros. J. Clarke, I.P.M.; J. W. Shaw, S.W.; J. Morris, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Evans, Sec.; G. Forester, J.W.; J. M. Gibbs, S.D.; J. Mayers, J.D.; A. J. Phipps, Org.; G. F. Bird, P.M.; W. Jones, P.M., D. of C.; G. B. Richmond, P.M.; J. Barnes, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; the Hon. H. Holbrooke, P.M., P.P.G.M. British Columbia; and others. The visitors included Bros. J. Salmon, P.M., P.S.G.W. and P.G. Treasurer of North Wales; O. Jones, P.M. 605, P.P. G.S.B.; S. Jones, P.M. 477, P.P.J.G.D.; C. S. Dean, W.M. 2375, P.P.S.G.D.; Dr. J. W. Napier, W.M. 2132; T. J. Young, P.M. 1336, P.G.S. of W. North Wales; Rev. J. G. Napier, S.W. 68 (S.C.); P. R. Barrow, P.M. 1570; H. Ellis, P.M. 721; J. C. Clarke, P.M. 605; J. M'Leavy, 477; A. S. Ramage, 673; J. Wilcock, P.M. 425; J. Bradshaw, P.M. 1325, P.P. S.G.W., P.G.P. West Lancs.; J. Wylie, J.W. 673; J. S. Darby, Sec. 1380; W. Barnes, P.M. 423; E. Robinson, W.M. 721; C. Dutton, P.P.J.G.W.; and many others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. James William Shaw, was presented by Bros. the Hon. H. Holbrooke, P.M., and R. C. Richmond, P.M. The ceremony of installation was very impressively performed by Bro. J. Morris, P.M. The W.M. afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. G. Hawkins, I.P.M.; G. Forester, S.W.; J. Evans, J.W.; J. Morris, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Gibbs, Sec.; J. Mayers, S.D.; F. V. Fearn, J.D.; J. Gerrish, I.G.; W. Jones, P.M., D. of C.; W. Dutton, R. C. Davies, and G. Edwards, Stwds.; A. P. Phipps, Org.; and J. Cratt, Tyler. Bro. R. G. Hawkins, I.P.M., was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of his very valuable services to the lodge during the year.

Subsequently the brethren adjourned to the lodge room, the Union Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Mrs. Acton.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

The musical brethren contributing to a highly enjoyable evening were Bros. Curwen, Ellis, Robinson, Richmond, Ramage, Ritson, Poole, and A. J. Phipps, the latter at the installation officiating at the organ, and also presiding at the pianoforte at the banquet, where he contributed a march of his own composition, specially written for the occasion, and which was received with much favour by the many brethren present.

Royal Arch.

Crystal Palace Chapter (No. 742).—An emergency meeting of this distinguished chapter was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., for the double purpose of inaugurating its removal to new and commodious quarters, the White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood, and of admitting a joining member, as also the exaltation of two candidates. There were present Comps. Edward Chamberlain, M.E.Z.; F. W. Driver, P.Z., H.; A. C. Wood, J.; J. D. Arnold, I.P.Z.; H. D. Williams, P.Z.; Geo. Allen, P.Z., Treas.; G. T. Graham, P.Z., Org.; W. J. Cheffins, S.N.; and A. W. Southwell. Visitors: Comps. Wm. Stuart, P.Z., one of the original founders of the chapter, and Wm. Brown, P.Z. and Preceptor 538.

The chapter being opened, the Scribe E., Comp. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.Z., read a letter from the Grand Scribe E., authorising the removal of the chapter from the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, to its present location. Comp. H. J. F. Williams, S34, was then admitted as a joining member, afterwards Bros. D. Jones and H. Helmore Jones, both of Lodge No. 1586, were exalted to the Supreme Degree of R.A., the ceremony of exaltation being most ably and carefully rendered by the M.E.Z., Comp. Brown affording valuable assistance as Principal Sojourner. The lectures of H. and J. were effectively given by Comps. Driver and Wood, the latter especially being worthy of commendation.

The chapter being closed, the companions adjourned to a tasteful and substantial banquet, catered by the worthy host, Comp. David Jones.

The M.E.Z. well supported the dignity of his position, the toasts being prefaced by short, pithy speeches.

"The Health of the Exaltees and the Joining Member" were enthusiastically received.

In reply to the toast of "The Treasurer and Scribe E.," the latter congratulated the chapter on the commencement of a new and bright era of its existence, alluding to the fact of his being the father of the chapter. He trusted the companions would strive to the utmost to assist him in enhancing its future success.

The companions afterwards separated, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

PLUMSTEAD.

Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—The installation meeting of the above strong and prosperous chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, on Thursday, the 16th ult., and was attended by a goodly array of the companions of this and neighbouring chapters.

The chapter having been opened by the M.E.Z., Comp. E. Palmer, the ballot was taken for Bros. M. A. Blest and D. K. Summers, both of the Pattison Lodge, and proving unanimous, the former being in attendance was duly exalted. Comp. A. Penfold, P.Z., J.P.G. 1st. Asst. Soj., then assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and in his own inimitable manner installed Comp. Sidney Clarke as Z., Comp. C. Lawson as H., and Comp. E. Morris as J. The other officers who were invested by the M.E.Z. were Comps. H. J. Butter, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., S.E.; C. Clapham, S.N.; A. Penfold, P.Z., &c., Treas.; W. C. Taylor, P.S.; G. Nichols, 1st A.S.; W. Busbridge, 2nd A.S.; H. Mason, P.Z., P.G.P.S., D.C.; L. C. Chasteaneuf, Stwd.; F. Tyler, Org.; and C. Warren, Janitor. Comp. Penfold then gave the charges and concluded the ceremony, for which excellent service he was awarded a vote of thanks, the same to be recorded on the minutes, and for which he briefly returned thanks. Comp. Palmer was presented with a P.Z.'s jewel of the value of 10 guineas, and returned thanks, and then the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a superb banquet awaited them.

Among the other companions present were Comps. C. Coupland, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; E. Denton, P.Z. P.P. G.P.S.; Major Eugene Sweeny, P.Z.; R. Edmonds, P.Z.; E. B. Hobson, P.Z., P.G.O.; R. J. Cook, P.Z.; J. H. Roberts, P.Z.; C. Jolly, P.Z. (Hon.) and P.Z. 1472; B. de B. Lopez, H. G. Baker, W. Davidson, G. W. Mitchell, J. 829; S. Horton, Jas. Davidson, D. C. Capon, J. Hooton, R. Courtman, Dr. Bryceson, G. H. Porter, D. Campbell, H. Wilson, R. Hewetson, G. Laurance, H. King, J. Turton, H. Ough, and J. Top, all of the chapter. The visitors included Comps. G. A. Grant, 1472; H. De Gray, 13; W. R. Arnold, H. 1789; W. Haley, 1789; Dr. C. W. Moore-Keys, P.Z. 153; and F. Korb, 33.

The toast of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" and that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand First Principal of the Order," having been honoured, the M.E.Z. gave that of "The P.G. First Principal, the Earl of Lathom; the G. Second Principal, the Earl of Mount Edgcombe; the G. Third Principal, Lord Leigh; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and in putting it said the Earl of Lathom had been a prominent figure amongst Masons for many years, and had done much by his energy and affability to merit the respect of all the companions, both in London and the provinces. The Earl of Mount Edgcombe, better known to himself than to many present, was P.G.M. of the Province of Cornwall, and was also the I.P.M. of the Cornish Lodge in London, a lodge he, the speaker, had the pleasure to belong to. The Earl was looked upon with respect and he might say affection by the brethren of the "Far West," where he was as popular as he was honoured. H.R.H. the Grand Master had shown his appreciation of Lord Edgcombe's character and worth by selecting him for the distinguished position of D.G.M. of English Masons, while Lord Leigh was an eminent Mason and nobleman of worth and character. He asked them to drink the toast heartily.

The next toast was that of "Earl Amherst, Grand Superintendent of the Province of Kent." The M.E.Z. said Kent stood out prominently amongst the provinces of

England, both by its numbers and its contributions to the Charities. That was to a very great extent due to the popularity of his lordship, and he, the M.E.Z., felt sure his lordship regarded both as personal compliments. He asked them in the future, as in the past, to prove their appreciation of their Grand Superintendent by acts of Masonic Charity rather than by complimentary rhetoric at the banquet table.

The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm, the M.E.Z. proposed the toast of "The Prov. G.H., Comp. Eastes, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Comp. Mason, in response, said he felt it a great honour indeed to have his name coupled with so important a toast. It was a great disappointment to them not to have their esteemed Prov. G.H. with them that night, especially as they knew the high estimation in which he held the Pattison Chapter. He felt it a great honour to be one of the officers of the province, and was sure the officers did all they could for the advancement of Masonry in it. So far as the distribution of honours was concerned, he thought they had had a fair share of them in that chapter, and as the P.S. of the province he thanked them for the toast.

Comp. Palmer, I.P.Z., then proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z., Comp. Clarke." He would venture to say that the toast he was then about to propose was the most important one of the evening. He hardly knew how to do justice to it, but could tell them that Comp. Clarke was a Mason of much experience. He was an old Past Master both of the Craft and Mark, and now that he had arrived at the proud position of M.E.Z. of that chapter, he felt delighted to see him there, and to have such a worthy successor. He asked them to drink the toast in bumpers.

Comp. Clarke, who is exceedingly popular in this district, on rising to respond was received with cheers. He said that although he was a Past Master of 20 years standing, he did not join Royal Arch Masonry until late in his Masonic life, and like most of those things they took too late in life, loved it best of all, for the beauty of Royal Arch Masonry exceeded anything Masonic that he had ever gone through. He was exceedingly pleased to occupy the distinguished post of M.E.Z. in the premier chapter of the premier province of England. He should shortly be leaving their district, having the honour of being promoted to an important post of trust under her Majesty's Government, but they might depend upon it, that distance should not sever the connection between him and that chapter. He should endeavour to be with them at every meeting, but whether or no, he should always feel and always remember that some of the happiest moments of his Masonic life had been spent in the Pattison Chapter.

Comp. Lawson, in responding to a hearty toast of "The Second and Third Principals," said that from his earliest connection with the Masonic brotherhood he had been chosen to take an active part in its working. He did not know what he had done to deserve so much confidence, but nevertheless he felt proud of it, and would now reiterate what he had said in years gone by, that he would do his best to uphold the high prestige of the Pattison Lodge and Chapter. He did hope that in time to come the companions would never regret having placed their confidence in him by electing him as their Second Principal, but that if he should achieve the distinction achieved that day by Comp. Clarke they would, as they had in the Craft, admit that he had to the best of his abilities redeemed his promise to deserve their confidence by his zeal and energy for the success and prosperity of the chapter.

Comp. Morris said he was too busy a man in his young days to join Masonry; for 25 years he was never away from his family, except when he was at work, and never away from his work except when he was with his wife and children; but when he got older he felt that he must have somewhere to spend a happy evening, and so became a Mason. He felt when he made up his mind to be made that he was duty bound and in honour to join the lodge especially devoted to the Royal Artillery, the Ubique, and directly he joined that lodge he found so many dear old friends in the Pattison Lodge that he joined that too; then he was exalted in the Pattison Chapter, and made up his mind to do all he could to make himself worthy of their confidence. That he had succeeded was shown by the splendid position in it he had arrived at that day, and he could assure them that his whole heart and soul should be devoted to his work and to earn their satisfaction.

Comp. Palmer, in responding for "The Past Principals," said he was troubled with a bad memory and was not blessed with eloquence, but he must say that he was very proud of being a Past Principal of that chapter. In fact, he felt a few inches taller than he was a few months ago, and could assure the M.E.Z. that he would support him by every means in his power.

Comp. Coupland said that in Comp. Palmer and himself they had the two extremes, the youngest and oldest Past Principals. He had been First Principal of that chapter twice. Since he joined it as one of its founders he had seen it grow until it had reached its present high position among the chapters of the Province of Kent, and now it was announced, on the highest authority, to be the premier chapter of that province. He rejoiced at its prosperity and thanked the I.P.M. for coupling his name with the toast.

Comp. Penfold eloquently responded for a most cordial reception of the toast of his health as "Installing Officer."

Comps. Moore-Keys, De Gray, and Arnold responded for "The Visitors," Comp. Jolly for "The Press," Comps. Taylor and Clapham for "The Officers," and the Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings, which had been interspersed with some capital singing by Bros. H. J. Dutton and A. Strugnell, and Mr. A. Nash. Comp. Horton played the violin magnificently, and Comp. Tyler accompanied with his usual unerring taste and skill.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Mount Calvary Chapter (No. 3).—This distinguished council met at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, on the 10th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. G. Graveley, 30°, T.I.M.; H. J. Lardner, 30°, 1st General; W. Paas, 30°, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; G. Grimwood, G.M.; W. Roebuck, 31°, P.M.W.S.; Dr. Coffin, 30°, P.M.W.S.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.W.S.; N. Prower, M.A., W. Maple, Corrie Jackson, Egbert Roberts, Asst. Org.; and others. Visitor: Bro. A. McDowall, P.M.W.S.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Joseph Holland having been duly balloted for, was impressively perfected by the M.W.S. Ill. Bro. H. J. Lardner, M.W.S. elect, having been presented, was ably installed as M.W. by Ill. Bro. G. Graveley. Among the officers invested were Bros. Major F. J. Stohwasser, Prelate; Pigache, 1st General; G. Grimwood, 2nd General; W. Paas, Treas.; Captain Walls, Recorder; A. Williamson, G.M.; N. Prower, R.; L. Steele, C. of G.; W. Maple, Herald; Dr. Lott, Org.; Egbert Roberts, Asst. Org.; and W. Fisher, D.C. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer, and a Past Sovereign's jewel was presented to him. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°; Major Stohwasser, 30°; G. Pigache, Barkley, Dr. Lott, 30°; Major J. E. Anderson, 30°; and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal to banquet. The M.W.S. presided most ably and genially, and the thanks of the brethren were greatly due to the excellent vocal harmony of Bro. Egbert Roberts, whose powerful rendering of several very difficult selections gave unqualified satisfaction.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

Metropolitan Council (T.I.)—This old council met at Mark Masons' Hall on the 24th ult., when amongst those present were Bros. W. Lemon, W.M.; H. J. Lardner, S.W.; Vincent, J.W.; George Powell, Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.M., Sec.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.M.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., E. Sweney, Shepherd, and others.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, Bro. Lardner was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. G. Powell, Treas.; and Bro. Mills, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. It was unanimously resolved that in future the council meet on the third Friday in September, June, and July. Several important alterations having been made in the by-laws, apologies for non-attendance were received from numerous brethren, and the council was closed.

The brethren subsequently dined at the Holborn Restaurant. A few toasts were honoured.

INTERESTING PRESENTATION.

At the recent meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, Bro. F. C. Austin, P.M. 1733, was appointed P.A.G.D.C. by the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart. The brethren of the Lily Lodge of Instruction, of which Bro. Austin is the popular Preceptor, thought this would be a fitting opportunity for presenting Bro. Austin with a testimonial to mark their appreciation of his services. Accordingly a circular was issued, and in a few days the Treasurer, Bro. Sapsworth, had received sufficient funds to purchase a full dress suit of Provincial Grand clothing.

A special meeting was called, when Bro. Austin was welcomed as a Provincial Grand Officer, and the presentation was made at the Masonic Hall, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond. There were present Bros. H. Sapsworth, P.M. 2032; R. W. Forge, P.M. 1793, P.G.D.C. Middx.; Peat, J.W. 1656, P.G. Org. Middx.; J. M. Marjason, P.M., Aldredge, P.M., and Trinder, Sec., of 2032; Brodrick, Blake, Tyler, and Pritchard. A letter was read from Bro. A. Aldin, S.W. 2032, expressing regret at his inability to attend.

Bro. Sapsworth, who presided, in brief terms alluded to the services of Bro. Austin, and in the name of the subscribers made the presentation.

Bro. Forge expressed the gratification of those who knew Bro. Austin, and stated he believed the appointment to be one of the most popular of the year. The whole of the brethren were unanimous in wishing Bro. Austin might be spared for many years to wear the clothing.

Bro. Austin expressed his warmest thanks for the honour they had done him. He looked upon his work in the Lily Lodge of Instruction as a labour of love; he had tried to do his duty honestly and without hope of reward, and the receipt of so handsome a present from them would make him, if possible, display greater energy than he had hitherto done.

A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Peat, the promoter; Bro. Sapsworth, Treas.; and Bro. Trinder, Sec., brought to a close a very pleasant meeting.

SIR AUGUSTUS AND LADY HARRIS'S GARDEN PARTY.

Bro. Sheriff Sir Augustus and Lady Harris gave an "At Home" on Saturday last, at their residence, The Elms, St. John's Wood, which was crowded to excess, notwithstanding the counter attractions at Hatfield and elsewhere. One of the Guards' bands discoursed sweet music on the lawn, where the refreshments were provided in numerous tents. Amongst those who attended to congratulate our distinguished brother and his fair lady on their honours from the hands of her Majesty we met the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, Bro. C. Glenney, Messrs. Arthur Chudleigh, Cecil Howard, W. H. Hamilton (author of "The Armada"), Alderman G. E. Russell, L.C.C., Mrs. F. G. Latham, Bros. Lennox Browne and H. Morel Mackenzie, Miss Annie Rose, Mr. Weedon Grossmith, Under-Sheriff Beard, Deputy Bedford, Bro. John Lobb, L.C.C., M.I.S.B., and Mrs. Lobb, Mr. Fred Terry, Miss Norreys, Admiral Sir E. Inglefield, K.C.B., J.G.W., Mrs. Rowe, Miss Beatrice Rowe, Bro. T. H. Bolton, M.P., and Mrs. Bolton, Mr. St. John Brenon, Mr. Arthur Dacre, Miss Amy Roselle, Mr. J. A. Ford, L.C.C., Mrs. Fenwick Miller, Bro. Lewis

Thomas, Bro. Dr. Kiallmark, Bro. Arthur and Mrs. Collins, Bros. Herbert Campbell and Harry Nicholls, Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft, Mr. and Mrs. Baskcombe, Mr. G. Giddens, Miss Mary Moore, Bros. C. Wyndham, Alfred Bishop, J. Fernandez, Mr. and Mrs. Horner, Miss Phyllis Broughton, Bro. Lionel Monckton, Mr. G. Delacher, Mr. W. Everard, Bro. R. H. Hadden, Bro. the Rev. Charles J. Martyn, Henry Pettitt, H. Baily, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Moore, Bro. Captain H. Wright, Miss Ethel Matthews, Mr. Gilbert A'Beckett, Mr. Joseph Knight, Miss Fanny Brough, Miss Carlotta Addison, Mr. R. S. Boleyn, Bro. Deputy and Miss Halse, Mr. Sam French, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stirling, Mr. E. Ledger, Bro. Sir Somers Vine, Bro. Alderman and Mrs. Frank Green, Bro. F. H. Macklin, Mrs. A. J. Newton, Bro. Captain Basford, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bruce, Bro. J. C. Parkinson, Miss Harriet Jay, and Mr. Barrett Hopkins, L.C.C. The gold snuff-box, set with diamonds, in the form of the Imperial crown and W., presented by the German Emperor to the Sheriff, was much admired.

FUNERAL OF BRO. W. H. COWLIN.

On Tuesday the remains of the late Bro. W. H. Cowlin were interred at Arno's Vale Cemetery, Bristol, and the funeral was attended by a large number of friends, amongst whom the deceased gentleman was deservedly respected. Several citizens joined in the procession. At the cemetery gates representatives of various bodies with which the deceased had been prominently associated joined the procession. A large number of Freemasons were present, the late Bro. Cowlin having been well known and much esteemed amongst members of the Craft. He was a Past Master of the Moira Lodge of Honour No. 326, having occupied the chair two years in succession; he belonged to the Royal Arch and Mark Degrees, and held Grand Lodge rank as P.P.G. Supt. of Works. The Masons present included members of the following lodges: Moria Lodge of Honour, 326; Beaufort Lodge, 103; Royal Clarence Lodge, 68; and Colston Lodge, 610. Bro. Cowlin was much respected, not only as an employer, but in all relations of life. At the close of the service the Masons filed by the grave, each member dropping into it a sprig of acacia.

Craft Abroad.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. MAJOR HEMPHILL AT MALTA.

One of the most imposing and impressive funeral ceremonies which have been witnessed was that of interring the remains of the late Bro. Major F. B. R. Hemphill, 1st Battalion Royal Berks Regiment, in the Ta Braxia Cemetery, Porte des Bombes, followed by an immense train of mourning comrades and others, amongst whom he was alike beloved and respected. The sad circumstance of the gallant officer's death is still before the public. It appears that while engaged in a spirited game of polo on the Marsa Course, he was thrown from his pony, and falling backwards to the ground, sustained a terrible fracture of the skull, which resulted in his death. The funeral was attended by the officers of the battalion as well as by those of the garrison and Royal Navy. A marked feature in the sad ceremony was the presence of his Masonic brethren, amongst whom were Bro. J. W. Starkey, D.D.G.M. Malta, District Grand Lodge Officers, Masters, Past Masters, and brethren from the private lodges in the district, who stood at the head of the grave breaking wreaths of fresh flowers.

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

The report and accounts for the past year which will be presented at the annual general meeting of the proprietors of the Sun Life Assurance Society, which will be held at the offices, 63, Threadneedle-street, on Thursday, the 6th instant, at the hour of noon, show that the Society has made very considerable progress during that period. This progress is in some measure to be accounted for by the transfer to the Society of the business previously done by the Sovereign Life Assurance Company, but the managers may justly claim to have had a leading hand in bringing about the advance which the following facts so clearly demonstrate. The net annual income from premiums for the year ending Midsummer last was £339,599 against £222,841 in the previous year, and the receipt from interest £104,679, against £96,274. The claims paid, with bonuses not otherwise disposed of, amounted to £152,790, as compared with £142,139 for the year to Midsummer 1890. The expenses of management, including commission, were £53,218, against £44,110, there being a reduction in the ratio of expense to premium income of upwards of 4 per cent. The funds, which now stand at £2,575,548, show an increase for the year of £183,397. Lastly, 1926 new policies insuring £1,028,439, and yielding an income of £41,458, have been issued, this being the first time that a new business to the extent of upwards of £1,000,000 sterling has been recorded. With such a report as this, which is fully borne out by the statements of account appended to the managers' report, the proprietors cannot fail to be gratified.

There will be a special performance by the band of Bro. Dan Godfrey, jun., in the Thames Embankment Gardens on Wednesday next, the 5th instant, between the hours of six and 8.15 p.m.

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Bro. the Earl of Zetland left town for Dublin on the 24th ult., and the Countess and Lady Hilda Dundas have since then gone to Upleatham Hall, Yorkshire.

The Emperor of Germany met with a slight accident on his yacht the Hohenzollern on the 23rd ult., having slipped and fallen on the deck and sustained a slight injury to his knee.

Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff will succeed Sir Frank Lascelles as Minister Plenipotentiary to the King of Roumania, while the latter, who is now Minister at Bucharest, will take Sir Henry's place at Teheran.

Prince George of Wales arrived in H.M.'s ship Thrush in Plymouth Sound from the West Indies on Sunday evening last. During the few days the vessel has remained there the Prince has been the guest of his uncle, the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Duchess of Albany presented the prizes to 22 successful lady students of the Sanitary Institute, at the Parkes Museum, Margaret-street, on Saturday last, her Royal Highness being attended by Bro. Sir Robert and Lady Collins.

Bros. the Earl of Ravensworth, Lord Brassey, and Sir Thomas Sutherland, M.P., together with other members of the Institute of Naval Architects to the number of about 130, visited the Royal Naval Exhibition on Thursday, the 23rd ult.

The Prince of Wales laid the foundation-stone of the Polytechnic Institute for South-West London at Chelsea on Thursday, the 23rd ult. The Prince was accompanied by the Princess and his daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, and was received with great enthusiasm along the route.

In accordance with orders arrangements were made at the Citadel, Dover, for the reception of the 2nd Battalion of the Grenadier Guards on their arrival home from Bermuda, the Highland Light Infantry having vacated it on Saturday last, while the Grenadiers have already installed themselves in their new quarters.

The Prince of Naples left London on a visit to the Queen at Osborne on Friday, the 24th ult. His Royal Highness crossed from Portsmouth in company with the Duchess of Connaught and her children on board the Royal yacht Alberta, and was received by the Queen in person in the Hall. He afterwards dined with her Majesty, and returned to town the following morning.

The Duke and Princess Alice of Albany and the Duchess of Albany were present at the annual show of the Esher Cottage Garden Society on the 23rd ult., when the Duke and his sister distributed the prizes to the successful competitors. On the motion of Bro. Sir Robert Collins, a vote of thanks was passed to the Duchess for attending with her children on the occasion.

The Marchioness of Salisbury distributed the prizes to the successful competitors at the recent annual meeting at Bisleys of the National Rifle Association on Friday, the 24th ult., and experienced a most cordial reception. The winner of the Queen's Prize—Private D. Dear, of the Queen's Edinburgh Rifles—was loudly cheered as he moved to the dais to receive his prize, while other successful marksmen were similarly honoured.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, left Marlborough House on Monday for Goodwood House, where they have been the guests of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon during the Goodwood races. The "house" party includes the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Bradford, Bro. Lord Algernon Gordon-Lennox, and Lady Suffield.

The Prince and Princess of Wales entertained the Prince of Naples at luncheon on the 23rd ult., and in the evening gave a dinner party in honour of their illustrious visitor, the guests present at the latter including the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, the Duke of Teck, the Italian Ambassador, Bro. the Duke of Fife, the Marquis of Salisbury, Bros. the Earl of Lathom, Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, and Sir James Fergusson, Bart., Sir William Harcourt, Bro. Sir Frederick Leighton, and the Right Hon. E. Stanhope, Secretary of State for War.

In the contest for the Elcho Challenge Shield on the 23rd ult. at the recent Bisleys meeting, England succeeded in defeating her competitors by 37 points, her score at the three ranges of 800, 900, and 1000 yards, 15 shots at each range, being 1670, Ireland being second with 1633 points, and Scotland last with 1617 points. Capt. Foulkes, 3rd Cheshire, scored 218 out of 225 points for the English; Private Love, 1st Ayr, 217 points for Scotland; and Capt. Freemantle, 214 points for Ireland. Bro. Sir H. Halford, Bart., captained the English eight, and Bro. the Duke of Abercorn the Irish.

A meeting of the Organising Committee of the Imperial Institute was held at Marlborough House under the presidency of the Prince of Wales on the 23rd ult., when it was agreed to present a report of progress to the newly-elected permanent governing body of the Institute. A meeting of this latter body was afterwards held, at which Bro. Lord Herschell was appointed Chairman, and an executive council was elected. Among the Governors nominated by the Queen are the Marquis of Salisbury, the Earl of Rosebery, and Bros. the Duke of Fife, Lord Carrington, and Lord Herschell.

The Prince of Naples visited the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury at Hatfield House, on Saturday last, the party invited to meet his Royal Highness including the Duchess of Albany, the Italian Ambassador and Countess Tormelli, Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford and Lady Northcote, Bro. Lord and Lady Windsor, the Marquis and Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, and Bro. Sir Robert and Lady Collins. A garden party was given in honour of the occasion, and the Prince returned to town on Sunday morning. On Monday the Prince visited the Camp at Aldershot, but the review of the troops stationed there was prevented by the weather.

The Panmure Lodge of Instruction, No. 720, meeting at the Balham Hotel, Balham, will until the end of September meet at 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening, instead of 7.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Feversham and family left their residence in Belgrave-square for Duncombe Park, Yorkshire, on Tuesday.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Fife left London on Monday for Duff House, where they will remain some three weeks before going to Mar Lodge for the shooting season.

Bro. Colonel M. Ramsay, D.G.M. Malta, has gone to Italy for the recess. We wish our distinguished brother every enjoyment of his well-earned holidays, and a return to his Masonic labours in renewed health and strength.

The operatic season at the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, was brought to a close on Monday evening with an admirable representation of Wagner's "Lohengrin." There was a large audience, and when the curtain fell Bro. Sir Augustus Harris bowed his acknowledgments.

At a recent meeting at the Mansion House of the Council of the Hospital Sunday Fund, it was reported that the sum of £43,157 had been received. Of this £40,907 was distributed among 120 hospitals and 56 dispensaries, and £2250 set apart for the purchase of surgical appliances.

Princess Christian, accompanied by Prince Christian and Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, at Alexandra House, Kensington Gore, presented the prizes won by students examined by the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music, on Monday.

We understand that all the lodges and chapters of Malta under the English Constitution are in recess for the summer months. The Leinster Lodge, No. 387, Irish Constitution—Bro. Hamilton Sharpe, W.M.—works throughout the summer, notwithstanding the trying temperature, and we are glad to hear it is prospering.

Before leaving for Goodwood on Monday, the Prince of Wales presided at a meeting of her Majesty's commissioners for the Exhibition of 1851. Among those present were Prince Christian, and Bros. the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., Sir William Hart-Dyke, Bart., and Sir Frederick Leighton.

Bro. Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, Sir William Farmer and Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, and attended by the usual civic dignitaries, laid the foundation-stone of the Whitechapel Free Library and Museum on Monday. The building, it is expected, will be finished by January next.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with their daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, and Prince George of Greece, dined with M. and Madame de Falbe at their house in Grosvenor-square on Friday, the 24th ult., a number of guests, including Prince Adolphus of Teck and the Russian Ambassador, being invited to meet their Royal Highnesses.

The foundation-stone of an Auxiliary Institute for Seamen was laid close to the Thames entrance to the Mill-wall Docks on the 24th ult. by Lady Brassey and Mrs. Arbuthnot. The building and land will cost £2000, towards which Lady Ashburton has given £1200, and the inhabitants of the Isle of Dogs will contribute £100.

Bro. Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., Lord Mayor of London, and the Lady Mayoress entertained the United States Commissioners for the Chicago Exhibition for 1893 at the Mansion House on Monday, when, in addition to the Commissioners, there were present, among others, the American Minister and Bros. Sir H. Trueman Wood and Sir Frederick Abel.

The first general meeting of the Actors' Association, which has been established for the purpose of the general advancement of the theatrical profession, was held at the Lyceum Theatre on the 24th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Henry Irving. A very satisfactory report was handed in, and it was announced that the Association already consisted of 550 members.

We are asked to make known through our columns that a Past Grand Deacon who was a visitor at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey last week, lost his full dress Grand Deacon's apron. As it was no doubt accidentally taken up by one of the Grand Officers and put in his case, it will, of course, be discovered, but probably not until the meeting of Grand Lodge in September, unless this should meet the eye of the said brother, in which case we shall be pleased to place him in communication with the owner.

The directors of Perry and Co., Ltd., steel pen makers, have resolved to pay on the 1st September, out of profits, an interim dividend on the Ordinary Shares for the first six months of this year, at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, free of Income Tax, being at the same rate as for the corresponding period last year. The half-yearly dividend on the Preference Shares will be paid as usual at the fixed rate of five per cent. per annum.

Among the numerous sea-side resorts that have been opened up during the past few years, few possess so many attractive features as Freshwater, in the Isle of Wight, situated as it is in one of the most lovely parts of the island. Some very inviting plots of freehold land on the Afton Estate, suitable for building, will be offered for sale on the estate, on Thursday next, and will, doubtless, find ready purchasers. The lots in question command uninterrupted sea-views from Blackgang to the Needles and inland scenery of great variety and beauty.

The Albert Edward Lodge entertained at a banquet at the Royal Hotel, Hexham, on Wednesday evening, the 22nd ult., Bro. Dr. A. B. Dods, of Fredora, N.Y.S., who has been on a visit there. He (Dr. Dods) is the son of the late Mr. T. P. Dods, and is W.M. of his lodge in Fredora during the present year. In replying to the toast of his health, he gave some interesting particulars of the Masonic work done in America. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. W. J. Stephenson, and the vice-chair by Bro. T. Ellis, P.M.

We think the idea that the date of the origin of the present system of Symbolic Masonry can be traced to the Temple of Solomon is an exploded one. The finding of stone chairs, arranged in position as used in lodges to-day, does not prove that they were used in any Masonic body. From the bowels of the earth, by the aid of man's ingenuity, most anything can be proven. To fix definitely the organization of the Craft at the Temple of Solomon something more than a crumbling stone chair in a subterranean cavern is necessary.—*New York Dispatch.*

The annual distribution of prizes at Marlborough College took place on Monday, among those present being the Dean of St. Paul's and Bro. Sir Francis and Lady Burdett.

Prince and Princess Christian visited the Royal Naval Exhibition on Monday evening, and witnessed the night operations on the lake from the Royal Pavilion.

Bro. the Earl of Feversham presided for the first time at the monthly meeting held at 12, Hanover-square, on Wednesday, of the Royal Agricultural Society.

Bro. Sir John E. Gorst, Q.C., M.P., distributed the prizes won by the successful students at the midsummer examination of the Royal Indian Engineering College, Mill Hill, on Wednesday. Luncheon was afterwards served in the dining-hall.

Mr. David Christie Murray will make his English *début* as an actor towards the end of August at the Globe Theatre, when he will appear in a play written by himself, for a one evening trial of the piece. Mr. Fred Stanmaur will manage the production.

The officers of the French Fleet, on its approaching visit to Portsmouth, are to be entertained by the officers of the Navy at a ball in the Town Hall. The Mayor of Portsmouth proposes to give a dinner to the officers on the evening of Saturday, the 22nd inst., and to entertain the crews on the following Monday evening.

The Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, distributed the prizes to the successful students of the Royal Academy of Music on Wednesday, the ceremony taking place in St. James's Hall. A vote of thanks was passed to her Royal Highness for her kindness in presiding. The meeting terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

The Committee of the Royal Humane Society have conferred the medal for saving life on Mr. Cavendish Boyle, Colonial Secretary, Gibraltar, and Mr. Robert Grey, Commander of the Telegraph Company's steamship Amber, for "by presence of mind and good organisation and arrangements at the time, being the means of saving a number of lives on the occasion of the wreck of the Utopia."

Bro. James Stevens asks us to notify that he is now arranging for the delivery of his lectures on the Ritual and Ceremonial of Symbolic Freemasonry in several provincial lodges during the ensuing Masonic session, and would be pleased to correspond on the subject with the Worshipful Masters and Secretaries of such lodges as may be desirous of hearing him, and to forward them copies of press criticisms. Negotiations are afoot for lecture tours in New Zealand, Australia, and probably in the Cape Colonies, but these would not interfere with engagements at home during the present year.

On Tuesday, the 21st ult., the Bromley St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1805, visited Eastbourne on the occasion of their "ladies' outing." The visitors, who numbered 100, made the Queen's Hotel their headquarters, and a sumptuous repast was provided by Mr. Steidle, the manager. The guests included the Mayor (Alderman W. E. Morrison), Alderman C. H. Haine, and Bros. Caffyn, F. B. Sutton, and White. During the day the party visited the Devonshire Park, and was photographed on the lawn. A full report will appear in our next.

Bro. Viscount Valentia, Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons for the Province of Berkshire and Oxfordshire, presided on Friday, the 24th ult., at the annual Provincial Grand Lodge held under the banner of the Jersey Lodge, at the Town Hall, Maidenhead, where there was a numerous attendance. Bro. Lord Valentia appointed and invested Bro. John Tomkins, (Mayor of Abinger) Grand Deacon of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, as Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in the room of Bro. Charles Stephens, who had resigned through ill-health. A trip on the Thames and a banquet followed the lodge business.

Prior to the installation of Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., as Prov. Grand Master of Surrey, Bro. Frederick West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M., entertained at luncheon at his residence the following distinguished members of the Craft and the Mayor of Croydon. Bros. Col. Elliot, P.G.M. Barbados; Col. G. Noel Money, C.B.; H. D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Col. Somerville Burney, P.G.D.; Capt. N. Phillips, P.G.D.; Sir G. D. Harris, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes; R. Grey, President Board of Benevolence; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; Alderman Rymer, and Dr. H. Strong, J.P., P.S.G.W. Surrey.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Benson gave their annual entertainment on Tuesday to the poor residents in Lambeth and the neighbourhood. Amongst those present were a large number of blind people and children. Tea was served in the garden, and afterwards the company was entertained by a selection of songs and glee, given in the Guard Room by Miss Benson, Miss Tait, Miss Bonham Carter, Miss Jackson, Miss Tylee, Miss Roffey, Miss Hammond, the Revs. A. Hamilton Baynes, St. Clair Donaldson, and J. H. Ellison, and recitations by Mr. Mandeville Phillips. At a quarter-past seven there was a service in the chapel, with an address by the Archbishop. Each guest on leaving was presented with a bouquet.

Bro. Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., Lord Mayor of London, gave the customary banquet at the close of the Parliamentary Session to her Majesty's Ministers on Wednesday. Among the principal guests were the Prime Minister and the Marchioness of Salisbury, Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor) and Lady Halsbury, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Radnor, Bro. Sir W. and Lady Marriott, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom, Bro. the Earl of Limerick, Bro. Lord and Lady Balfour of Burleigh, Bro. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., Bro. Sir W. and Lady Hart Dyke, Bro. Sheriff Sir Augustus Harris, Bro. Sir John and Lady Gorst, Bro. Baron H. and Lady de Worms, Bro. Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., Bro. Sir H. Burford-Hancock, Bro. Sir Albert Woods (Garter), and Bros. Dixon Hartland, M.P., Under-Sheriff Beard, and Littler, Q.C.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, Aug. 8, 1891.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, at 12.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, at 7. Duke of Connaught, Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8. Eccleston, Bro. Dickie's, 13, Cambridge-street, Pimlico, at 7. King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7. Manchester, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, at 8. Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7. Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's-park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30. Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Ho., 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., 8.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3.

(No Meetings.)

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., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8. Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30. Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30. Marquess of Ripon, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8. Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30. Perseverance, Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, 23, Adde-street, Wood-street, E.C., at 7. Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, at 7. Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, 8 till 10. St. Ambrose, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, at 8. St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance), at 8. St. Luke's, Somerset Arms, 214, Fulham-road, at 8. St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8. Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6. Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st., E.C., 7. United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30. Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8. Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8. Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street Railway Station, Walthamstow, at 8. Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10. Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8. Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6. Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8. Israel Chapter, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W.C. North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4.

Colonial Board, at 4 p.m.

CRAFT LODGES.

171, Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich, 1693, Kingsland, Cock Tavern.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8. Capper, Railway Tavern, Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8. Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern. 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. Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-road and Middle-ton-road, Dalston, E., at 8. Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7. Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark-hill, S.E., at 8. Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8. Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe. Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8. Finsbury, The Goose and Gridiron, London House Yard, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., at 7. Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30. Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 7.30. Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30. Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-square, Kensington, at 8. Mount Edgumbe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8. Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8. New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8. Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues. Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 8. Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8. Robert Burns, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W.C., at 8. South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30. Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8. St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8. Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, S.W., at 8. Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8. Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8. Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

GRAND CHAPTER, at 6.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, 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. Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 169, Battersea-park-road, at 8. Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8. Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8. Fidelity, The Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8. Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8. Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15. Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 8.30. Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8. La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Great Portland-street, W., at 8. Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8. London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.30. Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30. Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-street, Boro', at 7.30. New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Fanmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 8. Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8. Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45. Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8. Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushy Green, Catford, at 8. Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8. Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, 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. United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, Nunhead. United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8. Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. Andrew Chapter, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street West, Hammersmith. Domatic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6.

CRAFT LODGES.

742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace. 1790, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.

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. Creaton, Wheatsheaf Hot., Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., 8. Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, 9. Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern (opposite Lime-house Church, E.), at 7. Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham. High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8. Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8. Hornsey, Lewisham Masonic Rooms, adjoining White Hart Hotel, 116, High-street, Lewisham, S.E., at 8. Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8. Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10. Leopold, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House, London Bridge, at 7. Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte-st., Fitzroy-square, W., at 8. Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30. Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Rail-way Station), at 7.30. Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8. Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8. Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8. Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington. The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30. Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 7.30. Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich. Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8. West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8. Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-vale, at 7.30.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7.

CRAFT LODGE.

1489, Marquess of Ripon, Cock Tavern, Highbury.

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. Earl of Carnarvon, Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting-hill, W., at 8. Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6. Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8. Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8. Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30. Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8. Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7. Queen's Westminster, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8. Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8. Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N. Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8. Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6. St. George's, Globe Tavern, Greenwich, at 8. St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8. St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8. The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7 till 9. United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Cambervell New-road, at 7.30. Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, St. John's Wood, N.W., 8. Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8. Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8. Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8.

Council Boys' School at Freemasons' Hall, at 3 p.m.

CRAFT LODGE.

1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

For the week ending Saturday, August 8, 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.

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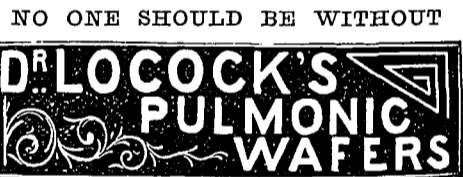
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