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## CRAFT DOINGS IN INDIA AND CHINA.

The reports we receive from time to time of the proceedings of the different presiding Masonic bodies established in different parts of our Indian Empire, and in China, Japan, and the Straits Settlements almost invariably contain some evidence more or less satisfactory of the strong position occupied by Freemasonry in those countries; the regularity and ability with which the duties of the various lodges and chapters are discharged; and the beneficial influence which the Society exercises on the communities in which it lives and moves and has its being. Here at home our lodges are so numerous, their meetings so frequent, and the facilities for communication between members of different lodges so great, that the work devolving on them is done with almost machine-like regularity. Moreover, whenever we attempt anything of unusual importance, be it in connection with the laying of a foundation or memorial stone or a Festival in behalf of one of our Masonic Institutions, the success which has invariably attended such gatherings may be looked upon as assured beforehand, the solitary question we set ourselves to consider being the degree or measure of success which will attend each particular meeting. In India and China, Freemasonry, as we have said, is firmly established, and its progress from year to year most gratifying. The lodges, too, as we note them in our Masonic calendars and pocketbooks, make quite a brave show in respect of numbers, so that we are apt to run away with the idea that everything goes as smoothly in our possessions abroad as it does at home. But the lodges in Bengal or the Punjab, in Bombay or Madras, though they are formidable enough in appearance when grouped together on paper, are scattered over an enormous extent of country, while the members of those which are located in outlying stations are constantly on the move. There is not, therefore, the same degree of certainty that a meeting, when summoned, will be held: or that if held, it will be possible to carry out the business set forth in the summons. But notwithstanding the difficulties thus arising, and others which might be enumerated, the work of Freemasonry is carried out very successfully, the District Grand Lodge meetings are in point of numbers fairly well attended, while the Charitable Institutions which have been established in most, if not all, of the Districts are well supported and doing excellent work. Thus on the 28th of December last the District Grand Lodge of Bengal met in Quarterly Communication at Freemasons' Hall, Bentinck-street, Calcutta, under the presidency of Bro. the Hon. H. T. PRINSEP, D.G.M., who but the other day was on a visit to this country and occupied his place in Grand Lodge. There was a large attendance of Present and Past Grand Officers, of the representatives of lodges, and of visiting brethren, and the District Grand Master in the address he delivered found himself in a position, in reviewing the events of the previous year, to speak in terms of almost unqualified praise of what had happened. One case of indiscipline on the part of a Past Master and Past District Grand Officer had occurred during his absence on a visit to this country, and on the matter being brought to his notice on his return by his worthy Deputy District Grand Master, he had unfortunately found it necessary to inflict a somewhat severe punishment on the brother in question; but with this solitary exception there appears to have been nothing to evoke any expression of his displeasure. On the contrary, Bro. PRINSEP had the gratification of stating that during the year which had elapsed "our affairs have been most prosperous, that our lodges are in an excellent condition, and are working in unbroken harmony. We can," he added, "fairly congratulate ourselves upon a considerable progress in the extension of our Order. The impetus to Freemasonry in this city has never been more conspicuous than it has been in the past year. There has been a considerable accession to our numbers, and of members whose zeal and desire to promote the Craft is full of promise for the future, and the attention paid to the management of the various lodges, and the manner in which our rites and ceremonies are conducted is highly creditable to the officers." We must congratulate Bro. PRINSEP and the lodges in his jurisdiction on his finding himself in a position to speak in terms so laudatory of the proceedings in his District during the year 1891.

Not many days after the meeting at which Bro. PRINSEP thus expressed himself, the brethren in the District Grand Lodge of Northern China held their regular Quarterly Communication in the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, and Bro. J. I. MILLER, District Grand Master, who presided, felt himself justified in speaking in similar terms of eulogy of the manner in which the Masonic duties of the preceding year had been fulfilled. The District over which Bro. MILLER presides is more compact, but of more recent organisation and possessing fewer lodges; but the year 1891 seems to have

been a most successful one both here and in the Bengal Presidency. "We congratulate ourselves," says Bro. MILLER, "upon the progress made since the previous meeting of the District Grand Lodge;" while later on he adds, "everything has been going on in a satisfactory manner in our District," the fact that since the establishment of District Grand Lodge in 1877, the District Board of General Purposes should have been only once called upon to adjudicate on any question being rightly adduced by him as evidence that "we are blessed with peace, harmony, and brotherly love." Then, after giving details of some of his visits to the lodges, and after cautioning the new principal officers of lodges that, though "it is highly gratifying to increase our numbers, it is still more desirable that worthy men, and worthy men alone, should be allowed to enter the Craft," Bro. MILLER went on to speak in terms of well-merited praise of the two Institutions they have established in their District—(1) the Masonic School, of which, he says, "every Mason may feel justly proud; it is growing, and daily attracting more attention, under the care and guidance of our Brother the District Grand Registrar;" and (2) our "Masonic Charity Fund," the report of which was in course of publication at the time, and which was also in a state of increasing prosperity. Thus, as regards Northern China and Bengal, the reports from head-quarters leave nothing to be desired. The Craft itself and the Institutions which it has established are in a flourishing position, and though, as we have said, it must not be imagined that the duties of Freemasonry are as easily fulfilled as they are here, it is very clear that what is lacking in the way of numbers and facility of communication, is made good by the unwonted zeal and enthusiasm of the brethren.

## THE "RED CROSS" DEGREE (ENGLAND).

There are several very interesting souvenirs of the "Red Cross of Rome and Constantine" which came into the hands of that body through the Grand Secretaries, William Henry White and John Hervey (of blessed memory), both of whom were members of the organisation. The chief of these are *Minutes* from 1808 to 1813; a *Cash Book* from 1808 to 1814 ("water mark" in paper of the year 1805); *Regulations* in MS. of early this century; *Ceremony* in MS. (a portion only), the "water mark" bearing date 1806; a Certificate of 1810 of the "Holy Red Cross and of the Priestly Order," and several letters and other valuable papers.

The certificate (dated 5th February, 1810), is imperfect, but appears to have been granted by an "Encampment" of Knights Templars said to be working under the warrant of the "Ancient Lodge, No. 318, which was usual in those days. The seal refers to the K.T. and bears the number stated as does the certificate. No. 318 was issued by the "Atholl" Grand Lodge in 1799, and was held at Brompton, Kent.

A curious paper, preserved, refers to the "Ark" Degree, and evidently is a copy of a letter sent to some nobleman desiring his acceptance of the office of "Grand Commander," *vice* Lord Raneliffe, deceased. It is undated, but the "water mark" is of the year 1801.

From whom Major Charles Sherriff, of Whitechurch, Salop, obtained his authority has not transpired, but that enthusiastic brother, in 1788, so the lamented Bro. R. W. Little states, admitted Bros. John Allen, Prov. G.M. Lancashire; James Heseltine, Grand Treasurer; William White, Grand Secretary; and James Galloway, P.J.G.W., to the "Red Cross." Bro. H. Sadler gives some curious particulars about the Major in his valuable work entitled "Masonic Facts and Fictions."

Bro. Little considered it probable that the Abbé Giustiniani, who was long attached to the Venetian Embassy in London, may be credited with the existence of the Order in England, but in the absence of evidence it is quite impossible to offer any opinion on the subject. Lord Raneliffe, as the head of the English Templars and the Red Cross, was a well-known brother of late last century, and was Prov. G.M. of two or three provinces, taking also a most active interest and high rank in the Royal Arch Grand Chapter.

Bro. Waller Rodwell Wright (subsequently Judge and Prov. G.M. of the Ionian Islands) succeeded Lord Raneliffe as Grand Master of the Knights, and was a most energetic ruler from the year 1804. The earliest minute book preserved, however, begins with the 4th May, 1808, and reads like a revival of the Order. The members then in office from that date were Richard Jebb, *Grand Chancellor* (Grand Superintendent of Hereford and Prov. Grand Master Madras, later on); J. C. Burckhardt, *Grand Marshal* (S.G.D. 1816); the Rev. G. A. Browne was one of the Lieutenants (Grand Superintendent Cambridge and Surrey); Bro. F. Perkins, *Grand Chamberlain*, was J.G.D. 1819; and other officers were also appointed. I note

their rank in Grand Lodge in each case, so as to show their status in the Craft.

Each full member (*Grand Cross*) was empowered to confer the "Novitiate Cross" on six brethren who were *Master Masons*, at least. Bro. W. H. White, Grand Secretary (whose father held that office from 1784, and then with the son from 1810, the latter succeeding from 1812 and continued to 1856-7), was one thus honoured, and on 13th March, 1809, was elected and installed as a "Knight Grand Cross," thus following closely in the footsteps of his father. The novitiates had to retire before the formal closing of the "Grand Council," or "Grand Chapter," or "High Council," as the Order was termed from time to time.

Bros. Henry Woodthorpe (S.G.D. 1819) and Joseph H. Da Costa (Prov. G.M. Rutland) with others, were promoted to the Grand Cross on November 22nd, 1809, and at that meeting it was agreed to petition "the Grand Lodge of England for one of the vacant numbers in Craft Masonry, and also the Grand Master of the Knights Templar for a warrant of constitution to hold an encampment." I do not know as to their success for a Craft warrant, but they obtained a charter for the "Palestine" Chapter of the Royal Arch, in 1810, as No. 154, to assemble at the Freemasons' Tavern, where the Knights also met.

On 15th December, 1810, Bro. W. R. Wright is styled "Grand Commander," and throughout the minutes the knights are distinguished with the prefix "Sir" (not "Sir Knight"), which is certainly correct, if such should be used to describe Masonic rank. The Rev. S. Hemming, D.D., of Masonic fame (S.G.W., 1813), Rev. John Austin, (G. Supt. Sussex), and others, received the Grand Cross on May 23rd, 1811.

"Sir" Richard Jebb obtained permission to create a certain number of novitiates in India (as Prov. G.M., &c.), and "to instal two of such to be of the Grand Cross." This was at a special Grand Chapter holden 6th June, 1811 (*Anno Ordinis* 1498). The next meeting was on 13th April, 1813, when "Sir A. Perkins and Sir J. White were elected and installed as Sovereigns of the Order," and the "Cross," it was stated, had been conferred upon several brethren, including Simon McGillivray (well-known for his valuable services in Canada Masonically and President of the Board of General Purposes), William Williams (Prov. G.M. Dorset), Lord Hawke, and seven others, several receiving the "Grand Cross" at the assembly on 18th May following. At this meeting Judge Wright resigned his high position as Grand Master because of an appointment abroad, and stated he should propose H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex to become a knight novitiate of the Order. Between then and the 19th July he conferred that distinction on his Royal Highness (then the Grand Master of England), and on the latter day the Duke of Sussex received the Grand Cross, "and made his offering according to ancient custom," after which his Royal Highness was elected to be the Grand Master of the Order, and there and then installed. There were then seven of the High Council, four Intendants-General, 23 Grand Crosses, and 11 Knights, 45 in all, on the roll (A.D. 1813).

The sum of £100 was raised by the members to purchase a sword for presentation to their late Grand Master (Bro. W. R. Wright), and duly ratified by the Duke of Sussex, the signature of the Prince to the document being still preserved.

For some years subsequently the Degree languished, and no actual records are preserved of any knights that were made down to the decease of H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex in 1843. A few of the members met at the Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell, but no information has been obtained as to their proceedings. The Novitiate Cross was conferred on Bro. Hyde Clarke in 1837 by Bro. Da Costa.

The three knights who *revived* the Order were Bros. H. G. Buss (Past Assistant Grand Secretary), W. H. Hubbard, and Robert Wentworth Little (Prov. Grand Secretary and then Deputy Prov. Grand Master Middlesex), who received the "Cross" from old members, viz., H. Emly, William Henry White (so long Grand Secretary), and Sir J. Doratt respectively. Bro. W. H. White was elected Grand Sovereign, and was succeeded by Lord Kenlis, now Earl Bective, Prov. Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland. On his lordship's resignation, the late Sir Frederick M. Williams, Bart., M.P. (Past J.G.W.) became the chief, and now, and for many years, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, is the honoured Grand Sovereign, and Bro. C. F. Matier (P.G. Std. Br. of England, and the *Mark* Grand Secretary) is the efficient and energetic Grand Recorder of the Order.

W. J. HUGHAN.

### ARE YOU A MASONIC STUDENT?

Brother reader, Are you a Masonic student? If not, why not?

If you are a Freemason you are under obligation to be a student. A candidate cannot be advanced from an Entered Apprentice to a Fellow Craft without being a student. He must learn the Craft's lesson, and recite that lesson to the satisfaction of the Craft. The rising generation of brethren, we are proud to say, *are* students, all of them.

But Freemasonry proffers not a single study only to its initiates, but numerous studies. All of these may be classified in two sections, to which we invite our readers' attention.

The work of Masonry is one study, and a noble one—noble in itself and noble in its method of instruction. It is noble in itself because its substance purifies the heart, clarifies the mind, and improves the life. The precepts of Masonry are perfect in their morality and nobility. Any brother who lives up to them will be acknowledged to be blameless, even in the estimate of his most exacting critic. The study of such a system of truth must be pleasing and profitable. But it is more than this. It qualifies for office in the Craft. It enables one to be elevated to stations of honour and responsibility, and thus to be placed in positions to instruct and benefit his brethren and glorify Freemasonry.

We cannot say too much in behalf of the closest study of the work of the Craft. Brethren have spent their Masonic lives, almost, in acquiring and teaching it, and have thereby shed lustre on the Fraternity and themselves.

But there is another class of Masonic students. They are not set apart from the first class, but are those who have passed through that class, become expert workers, and then not satisfied with a knowledge merely of the verbiage of the work, have desired to understand its underlying mean-

ing, and to trace back, to some degree at least, its history towards its origin, and thereby discover its development. No one who has not become a Masonic student of this class, and shared in this most engaging quest, can measure the amount of pleasure and profit in store for himself should he pass into this higher class of students.

In our era the Masonic world is more indebted to one lodge than to any other score of influence, for the congregation of Masonic students into one organisation, and the diffusion by and through them of Masonic light to the entire Craft of Freemasons 'round the globe.

That Lodge is the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, of London, England, a lodge composed exclusively of Masonic students, whose only ambition is to discover Masonic truth, to find old Masonic documents and records, and elucidate from them the facts of past and now unknown Masonic history. Days and nights, weeks and years are spent by these brethren as Masonic students. They are illustrious in various exalted walks in life, but a large part of their ambition is to glorify Freemasonry. They will spend any time or money necessary to enlarge the sphere of Masonic knowledge. They will dig and delve in old minute books, charters, Constitutions, and recondite works of general literature to find anything shedding "more light" on the Craft. All praise to such brethren as Hughan, Lyon, Gould, Speth, Bywater, Rylands, Fort, Schultz, Vaux, and their peers in the ranks of Masonic students. The Craft universal is under obligation to them, but they do not assert it. They are self-sacrificing, but not self-asserting. Their only aim is to benefit Freemasonry. They have their reward in their quest for Masonic knowledge in their discovery of Masonic truth and important facts in the life of the Fraternity in the past.

Brother reader, there is no reason why you should not be a Masonic student, in both of these classes. You may and should learn the work, and you may and should understand its philosophy, and the genesis and exodus of Freemasonry out of the past.

The attentive ear qualifies one to be a student in the first class, that of the work and the attentive eye to be a student in the second class, that in Masonic philosophy and history. The first student hears and learns; the second student reads and learns.

We would that all Freemasons were readers of the Craft's literature, that all took a Masonic journal, read Masonic histories, and manifested an interest in Masonic literary inquiries. There is a world of pleasure to be derived from this source, which is open to all Craftsmen. Brethren, become greater Masonic readers, and you will become greater Masonic thinkers and greater Masonic actors. You will enlarge both your sphere of enjoyment and your sphere of usefulness. Are you a Masonic student? If not, become one at once.—*Keystone*.

### THE DIGNITY OF FREEMASONRY.

Pride is commendable, provided it is tempered with wisdom. That is, wise pride is not to be despised. There is just pride of one's ancestry, whose names run back in the centuries untarnished, noted for deeds of valour and unsullied honour; of our intimate friends, whose characters are above reproach and whose reputations are honourable; of our own lives, free from the imputation of wrong-doing, and noted for righteousness. This sort of pride begets dignity. We hold ourselves aloof from the baser part of humanity, not from a feeling of superiority, but because we fear contact with evil. We recognise the fact that we are mingling with those whose tastes differ from ours, whose preferences are for the ways of sin, cannot benefit them, but must injure us. A pint of muddy water poured into a gallon of clean water will pollute it, but a pint of clean water poured into a gallon of muddy water will be lost in the pollution. And so pride or dignity leads us to rather remain with the pure than mingle with the impure.

There is a dignity about Masonry that ought to be observed. Masons are but men, but when they become Masons they add to their responsibility in the world. Masonry elevates, or should do so, every man who enters its mysteries. After a man has passed the threshold of the lodge room, he enters upon a new life—one that should make him a more dignified and better man. He voluntarily assumes the uniform of virtue, and from the moment he wears the emblem of innocence he is marked. The world has a right to expect that he will be a better citizen, a more considerate, truer friend, a man of probity, to follow whose example will be safe.

In all the ceremonies incident to making a man a Mason, in all the lessons that are taught, in every lecture there is a marked dignity, and that man who fails to see the ennobling, elevating principle of the Institution loses the true meaning of its existence. Masonry, like the Church of God, draws its inspiration from the same divine source, and holds forth the same sublime teachings. Many, perhaps the majority of Masons, fail to recognise the real glory of the Institution. It is in no way the Church. It never pretended to be. It is in no way antagonistic to the Church; it is a helper. It would dignify manhood, and elevate man to a higher and purer plane of morality. Nowhere in all its multifarious avenues is there a spot where vice can creep in. Every road in Masonry leads to God and truth. There are inexhaustible mines of divine wisdom in it that are yet to be explored. Every one who searches in its recesses beholds something new, and every new thought is ennobling.

It does not proscribe a man's religious belief. The real essence of Masonic teaching is a belief in God, and a reverential service paid to His holy name, but the manner in which that service is to be rendered is left to each individual heart. The Christian of every sect, the Jew, the Mohamedan may accept the principles of Masonry, and living by them dignify their profession as Christian, Jew, or Mohamedan.

We ought to recognise the dignity of our position as Masons. The fact that a man was connected with the Institution ought to be a passport into any respectable society. Membership in a lodge ought to give a man an undoubted reputation for honesty and fair dealing. The reason such is not the case is because we do not recognise the dignity that attaches to membership in the Institution. Men unite with it for mercenary purposes, and do not respect the principles of virtue that are inculcated. Such men are not Masons, except in name. They do not possess the qualification of heart or mind necessary to fit them for the dignity of Masonry. They have falsified their very first statements. They were not "prepared in heart," as they professed to be, for the revelations of Truth that were made to them. Alas, that there are so many in the Institution whose lives belie their professions, and whose actions destroy the dignity of the name they bear! The dignity of Masonry cannot be preserved without a more careful selection of men for members—those who will dignify the Institution and the Institution will dignify.—*New York Dispatch*.

THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Secretary would esteem it a great favour if those Stewards at the last festival who did not send in their lists would do so *at once*, to enable him to complete his arrangements for the collection of amounts, so that all may receive their proxies prior to day of election.

The following new lists and additions to lists have been received since the publication of our last report:

Chapter	LONDON.	£	s.	d.
13 Comp. G. W. King, additional	(raising his list to £73 10s.)	5	5	0
Lodge				
25 Bro. F. J. Deaton, new list		31	10	0
172 " John Whaley, new list		10	10	0
179 " Jas. W. Cain, new list		67	4	0
217 " Joseph Owen, additional	(raising his list to £131 5s.)	5	5	0
657 " W. Maple, new list		97	13	0
Lodge of Instruction				
1320 Bro. C. H. Stone, additional	(raising his list to £94 10s.)	10	10	0
Lodge				
1695 Bro. Thomas G. Hodges, new list		31	10	0
1901 Bros. W. Mills and J. Lightfoot, additional	(raising their joint list to £225 15s.)	5	5	0
1963 Bro. Edwin Beaven, new list		26	5	0
1963 " Alfred Harvey, new list		10	10	0
1964 " H. Chapman, additional	(raising his list to £98 14s.)	3	3	0
2157 " John Tidmarsh, additional	(raising his list to £43 11s. 6d.)	1	1	0
2348 " R. T. Bowman (new Stwd.) new list		15	15	0
Mrs. G. W. King—not W. G. King—additional	(making her list £9 18s.)	0	6	0
Unattached				
Bro. Oscar Philippe, additional	(raising his list to £283 10s.)	5	5	0
" R. Mills, new list		21	0	0
" W. R. Plaford, new list		7	11	0
" W. H. Toye, new list		31	10	0
PROVINCES.				
CAMBRIDGESHIRE.				
88 " O. Papworth, additional	(raising his list to £117 10s.)	65	0	0
441 " S. H. Sharman additional	(raising his list to £63.)	10	10	0
809 " Geo. Carrick, additional	(raising his list to £66 13s. 6d.)	10	10	0
CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.				
The Province				
Bro. G. J. McKay, new list		6	6	0
Lodge				
403 Bro. J. L. Campling, additional	(raising his list to £38 15s.)	0	10	0
KENT.				
1174 and 2404 Bro. Francis Powell, additional	(raising his list to £37 8s. 6d.)	0	8	6
1206 Bro. R. J. Emmerson, additional	(raising his list to £105.)	10	10	0
Miss Gertrude Russell, additional	(raising her list to £63.)	10	10	0
LANCASHIRE (East Division).				
Unattached				
Bro. A. H. Jefferis, additional	(raising his list to £105.)	52	10	0
The Province				
Bros. Staniforth, C. Smyth, and M. Smith, additional	(raising their list to £490 5s.)	5	5	0
MIDDLESEX.				
Unattached				
Bro. T. G. Plaford, less	(reducing his list to £6 10s.)	1	1	0
The Province				
Bro. Jas. S. Haddon, additional	(raising his list to £386 15s.)	5	5	0
Lodge				
2096 Bro. J. H. Price, additional	(raising his list to £337 18s.)	10	10	0
SUSSEX.				
40 " John Pearce, additional	(raising his list to £32 10s.)	1	1	0
WORCESTERSHIRE.				
377 " G. W. Grosvenor, new list		10	10	0

THE LEEDS MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

The annual report of the Leeds Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution has just been issued to the subscribers, and is one of the most satisfactory documents yet issued in connection with this admirable Charity. It is now 15 years since its foundation, and though the calls upon its funds have increased with passing years, the support of the Leeds brethren has grown in greater ratio, so that out of current income all expenses have been met and a handsome emergency fund has been created to meet with any future difficulties that may arise. At the annual meeting Bro. Charles Letch Mason, President, occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance.

The annual report which was submitted by Bro. Chas. Lowrey, the Hon. Sec., was to the following effect:

"Your Committee, in presenting their fifteenth annual report, have again to congratulate the Patrons, Governors, Subscribers, and friends of the Institution on the undiminished interest manifested in the working and the success which has crowned their efforts. During the year last past one brother, viz., R. H. Fowler, of Lodge 1042, has taken his name off the list of Life

Governors, with the object of increasing his contribution, so as to qualify himself as a Patron under Rule 15. The occupant of the chair of I.P.M. of the Zetland Lodge has been made a Perpetual Governor by the donation of £10 10s. from the lodge fund in memory of the late W. Bro. A. F. McGill.

Fifteen brethren have each paid one guinea in further contributions as Life Governors, thereby increasing the capital by £27 6s., less deduction from last year's entertainment, nine tickets accounted for twice, £1 2s. 6d.—£26 3s. 6d.—making the capital as at present £1965 0s. 10d., which is invested as follows, viz.: £1000 Leeds Corporation Four per Cent. Stock, at a cost of £1036 11s. 8d.; £450 Leeds Corporation Three-and-half per Cent. Stock, at a cost of £454 18s. 11d.; and £400 Three per Cent. Stock, at a cost of £398, the balance being in the London and Midland Bank. On the 28th day of January of the present year an entertainment was given on behalf of the funds of this Institution by the Leeds Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society, which will, when the accounts are completed, show a sufficient amount of profit to carry the capital over £2000. The revenue account includes brought over from last year £63 3s., less error 10s., should be £62 13s.; interest from Leeds Corporation, £66 1s. 2d.; bank interest, £4 0s. 10d., and subscriptions, £63 16s. 6d. The payments thereout are—For education and partial maintenance, £43 3s. 4d.; incidental expenses, £10 6s.; rebate on interest from Leeds Corporation for time elapsed previous to investment, £3 10s. 7d., showing a balance to carry over to next account of £139 11s. 7d. There have been during the year on the funds of the Institution only six children, which number has now been increased to 11, and will in the near future be further increased."

Bro. MASON, in a short speech, explained the salient points in the report, and alluded to the work which had been accomplished during the past year, and the report was at once adopted.

Bro. C. Anderson, P.M. 1311, was elected President, and Bros. H. Cowborough and R. P. Brindley, Vice-Presidents, with a large and representative Committee. The proceedings, which throughout were characterised by the greatest unanimity and harmony, concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

ANNUAL LADIES' NIGHT OF THE DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1830.

The annual ladies' banquet and dance in connection with the above lodge was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Friday evening, the 18th ult., when there was a very large attendance, the number of visitors being far in excess of any previous occasion. The W.M., Bro. Joseph Bladon, held the reception shortly before six o'clock, after which the guests proceeded to the banquet in the large hall, where the toasts of the evening were interspersed with items from a well-selected programme of music.

Bro. Cox, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," spoke of the success of the lodge during the year which had just closed, and pointed out that the lodge had not only flourished under the rule of the outgoing Master, but that it had been able to give substantial sums in the cause of Charity.

Bro. BLADON, W.M., in responding, said that he wished to acknowledge the faithful support which he had received from Bro. Cox throughout his term of office, and wished to sincerely thank the I.P.M. for his help.

The toast of "The Ladies" was proposed by Bro. JOHN CULVER, W.M. elect, and responded to by Bro. FREDERIC HUMPHREYS, who said that the task was a pleasing, though responsible one, and in a few words tendered the congratulations of the ladies to the W.M., and trusted that the evening might be remembered as equal to or more successful than its forerunners.

The guests then visited the Masonic Temple, whence they returned to the ball-room, where the remainder of the evening was spent.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE COBORN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1804.

The ninth annual supper of this flourishing lodge of instruction was held at the Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, on Monday, the 14th ult. Bro. J. H. Brown, P.M. 933, was announced to preside, but illness prevented his attendance, and his place was taken by Bro. R. R. Green, I.P.M. of the mother lodge. A capital supper was served by the host, Bro. Huggins, and some amusement was created by the menu which the Supper Committee had arranged, and which was printed in a tasteful manner with apposite quotations, which were, however, most appreciated by the local brethren.

After supper the PRESIDENT proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and afterwards "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. H. T. NELL, P.M., then proposed "The President and the Masonic Charities," alluding to the fact that the President was the Secretary of the Charitable Association connected with the lodge.

Bro. R. R. GREEN, the President, in responding, expressed his regret at the absence of Bro. J. H. Brown, and proceeded to dilate upon the extraordinary success of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He considered that success was very largely owing to the Charitable Associations connected with lodges of instruction, and he appealed to all present to

see that the Boys' and Girls' Festivals did not suffer owing to the great effort which had been made on behalf of the one already held.

Bro. BLYTH proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," which was responded to by Bro. TIJOU, P.M.

The PRESIDENT then proposed "The Visitors," Bro. PERRYMAN, 2411, and others responding.

The toast of "The Preceptors" was proposed by Bro. BASIL STEWART, who was heartily greeted, being a well-known Preceptor himself.

This was replied to by Bros. NELL and TAYLOR.

The "Supper Committee" was next toasted, Bro. TIJOU, in a neat speech, thanking them for their services.

Bro. HIND, in reply, thanked the neighbouring lodge, the Clarence and Avondale, for the presence of so many members, and for their assistance in the musical arrangements.

The Tyler's toast concluded one of the most successful gatherings held in connection with the Coborn Lodge of Instruction.

With thanks to Bro. Birch for his gift of the printing, a very enjoyable evening closed with "Auld lang syne."

Among those present were Bros. R. R. Green, I.P.M., in the chair; H. T. Nell, P.M., Sec. 45, vice-chair; Paterson, W.M. 1804; Tijou, P.M.; Victor Medcalf, Tom Taylor, Bertie Taylor, Preceptor; Blyth, Hind, Lindus, Neave, P.M.; Tholander, Holloway, P.M.; Stokes, Cox, Greig, Jenks, Basil Stewart, P.M.; Bland, Latter, P.G.O. Essex; Perryman, S.W.; Ranger, Reid, Pick, T. E. Mills, W. G. Mills, Langdon, and several other brethren.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE IVY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1441.

The annual dinner of the above lodge of instruction was held at the Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, on Thursday, the 24th ult. Bro. Burcham Cooper occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Phillips, Randall, Edwards, Bradbury, Thwaites, Brown, Hall, Richmond, Ingram, Walter George (Sec.), R. Judd-Green, Gill, Hyem, Martin Wills, Daily, Pratt, Dupree, Hegarty, Louis Beck, Dr. Davis, and others. The lodge was nicely decorated with flowers, kindly lent by Bro. Richmond.

The lodge having been opened, and some business disposed of, the brethren sat down to a nicely-served banquet.

Bro. BURCHAM COOPER gave the usual loyal toasts, which were duly honoured, and he proposed some complimentary toasts in felicitous language. Referring to the success of the lodge, he said he was delighted to know that latterly the numbers had considerably increased.

The toasts having been disposed of, harmony was the order of the evening. Bro. Richmond gave some excellent violin selections; Bro. Phillips gave a clever parody on the "Charge of the Light Brigade;" and Bros. Judd-Green and Dr. Davis spun a couple of interesting yarns about their own personal experiences. Other songs were well rendered by other brethren.

The lodge was called, several brethren were elected, and then closed, after a very enjoyable evening.

THE SURROUNDINGS OF A MODERN COCOA FACTORY.

The surroundings of the place have a charm of their own that banishes the thought of smoke and machinery, and gives quite a zest for the inspection of this happy and busy scene of labour. Bournville is certainly a model factory, both for its size and its completeness, and because it contains the most modern improvements in the application of machinery for the manufacture of cocoa and chocolate. Five tall chimneys and some acres of warehouses and workshops divided by streets connected by bridges, and intersected by railway lines, give some idea as to the extent of the works, but for all this our first impression on being taken through the porter's lodge was that of entering into a garden with a welcome of the sweet breath of flowers and the song of birds, for we have to pass by the girls' garden and playground, which is well planted and bordered on three sides by trees and shrubs, while the plantations of Bournbrook Hall give the substantially country surroundings of which it boasts. One of the sights of Bournville is to see the girls in their white costumes after dinner sitting to read under the trees, or enjoying in other ways a breath of fresh air. The name "Bournville" was suggested by the immediate contiguity of the pretty streamlet known as the "Bourn," which meanders through the estate and forms the northern boundary of the factory. This rippling rivulet adds to the attractiveness of the locality, and is regarded with no little satisfaction by the disciples of Izaak Walton, who recognise in the pretty trout stream an important feature which often gladden the heart of the angler. Among those engaged at the works are lovers of the enthralling pastime, and we are informed that recently trout of very respectable dimensions had been landed from the Bourn. On ground contiguous to the factory, and bordering on the road which runs on the southern side of the works, Messrs. Cadbury have built 16 semi-detached villa residences, which are inhabited by their most prominent hands—workmen who have shown by their general demeanour, diligence in business, and assiduity, that they are worthy the consideration their employers have evinced for their interests. These villas are model residences, let at a comparatively small rental; they are well built, of brick, in two colours, fitted internally with taste, and each would easily bring a rent of £40 per annum in the suburbs of the metropolis. The inhabitants of these residences pay 5s. to 6s. per week. To each house is apportioned a front and back garden, and the tenants are enabled to grow their own vegetables and fruit, and decorate the front parterres with flowers.—Cocoa: *All About It*, by "Historicus."

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A QUARTERLY COURT of the Governors and Sub-  
scribers will be held in the LARGE HALL, FREEMASONS'  
TAVERN, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London,  
on FRIDAY, the 5th day of APRIL, 1892, for the transaction  
of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To Elect a Treasurer for the ensuing twelve months.  
To Elect as Members of the Council, representing the Life  
and Annual Subscribers, Twelve Brethren not being Life  
Governors.

To Elect Ten Life Governors, from a list of Twenty-one  
Candidates nominated at the Council held 5th March, to  
fill vacancies on the Board of Management. Five to be  
members of London Lodges or Chapters, and Five to be  
members of Provincial Grand Lodges or Chapters.

To Elect Twenty Boys from an approved list of Thirty-  
eight candidates, reduced to Thirty-seven by the withdrawal  
of

(No. 1 on list) Howell, Bernard; Brockas.

The chair will be taken at TWELVE o'clock at Noon pre-  
cisely.

The Ballot for the Election of Boys and for Members of  
the Board of Management will open at ONE o'clock, or so  
soon as the general business of the Court shall have  
terminated, and will close at Three o'clock precisely.

By order.

J. MORRISON McLEOD,  
London, March 25, 1892. Secretary.

N.B.—Copy of the agenda (with names of candidates  
nominated for the Board of Management) may be had on  
application to the Secretary, and will be handed to each  
qualified voter attending the Court.

The NINETY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL  
will be held on the 29th JUNE, 1892, under the distinguished  
presidency of the Right Hon. Sir MICHAEL E. HICKS  
BEACH, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. for Gloucester-  
shire. The services of Brethren as Stewards representing  
Lodges or Provinces on this important occasion are earnestly  
solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION**  
FOR GIRLS.

APRIL ELECTION, 1892.

The favour of the Votes and Influence of the Governors  
and Subscribers is earnestly solicited on behalf of

MAY WINIFRED VOCKINS,

Aged 8 years, daughter of the late Bro. JAMES HERBERT  
H. VOCKINS, who died of pneumonia, at Adelaide, in 1888,  
leaving a wife and three young children dependent on her  
exertions.

The Masonic career of Bro. Vockins was long and dis-  
tinguished. He was initiated in St. George's Lodge,  
No. 900, Tewkesbury; he was a Founder and P.M. of the  
Sphinx Lodge, No. 1329; a Founder and P.M. of the  
Crichton Lodge, No. 1641; P.Z. 1329; and Steward for  
the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Under the  
South Australian Constitution he was P.M. of the Mostyn  
Lodge, No. 18, P.S.G.D. of the Grand Lodge, and, at the  
time of his death, Grand Treasurer elect.

The application is strongly recommended. Proxies will  
be thankfully received by Mrs. VOCKINS, 29, Shelgate-  
road, Clapham Junction; or by Bro. C. WILSON, P.M.,  
Bloom Grove, West Norwood, S.E.

MAY ELECTION, 1892.

TO THE GOVERNORS OF THE

**ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR**  
INCURABLES,  
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The favour of your Vote and Interest is earnestly solicited  
on behalf of

JAMES HENRY GABALL,

Candidate for the Pension,

Married, aged Sixty-one Years, who for nine years has  
been afflicted with Paralysis Agitans, and has entirely lost  
the use of both hands, walking with great difficulty. He is  
dependant upon the precarious earnings of his wife, who  
lets apartments in a small house in Worthing.

Applicant was formerly Journalist and Overseer-Printer  
in various London establishments, and was for many years  
Printer and some time Editor of *The Artizan* (Engineering  
Journal), *The Freemason's Magazine*, and afterwards  
Printer of *The Freemason*, *Civil Service Gazette*, and other  
publications.

Being for some years a member of a Freemasons' lodge,  
he applied for the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent  
Institution, when it was discovered that his subscriptions  
fell three months short of the qualification necessary to be  
placed on the list of Candidates.

The Case is recommended by  
Sir ARTHUR BLACKWOOD, Secretary General Post Office,  
GEORGE KENNING, Esq., Proprietor of *The Freemason*,  
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The Rev. C. DOUGLAS CROUCH, Pastor of Worthing Bap-  
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Miss M. H. GREER, Woodlawn, Upland-road, Dulwich.  
JAMES ROY, Esq., 102, Chapel-road, Worthing.  
Proxies will be thankfully received by the Applicant,  
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A GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers  
of this Institution will be held in the Hall of the FREE-  
MASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn  
Fields, London, on THURSDAY, 7TH APRIL, 1892, at  
Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the  
Institution, to elect 16 Girls into the School, from a list of  
23 approved candidates, and to consider Notices of Motion  
as under. The Election will commence at One o'clock, or  
after the usual business is over.

NOTICES OF MOTION—

By Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS:

"That with a view to induce Brethren to subscribe  
annually to the Institution in future, all Subscribers  
of One Guinea for six consecutive years shall be  
constituted Life Subscribers, and for twelve con-  
secutive years shall be constituted Life Governors."

By Bro. PETER DE LANDE LONG, P.G.D., Vice-Patron:  
Upon recommendation of the House Committee.

(1.) "That in recognition of the valuable services so  
generously rendered to the Institution for many  
years past by Bro. Wharton P. Hood, M.D. (Hon.  
Surgeon), his honorary Vice-Presidency be ex-  
tended to an honorary Vice-Patronship."

(2.) "That in recognition of the valuable services so  
generously rendered to the Institution for many  
years past by Bro. John Faulkner, L.D.S. (Hon.  
Dental Surgeon), he be made an Honorary Vice-  
Patron."

F. R. W. HEDGES,

5, Freemasons' Hall,  
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March 31st, 1892. Secretary.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION**  
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THE

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The Votes and Influence of the Governors and Subscribers  
are earnestly solicited for the Election of

HARRIOT MEHETABEL WHITE,

Daughter of the late Bro. THOMAS WILLIAM WHITE, who  
was initiated in the Lodge of Emulation, London, in 1804,  
of which he became Past Master and Grand Steward, and  
continued a Subscribing Member for nearly 22 years. He  
was also P.Z. of the Cyrus Chapter, No. 21, and served the  
Stewardships of the Masonic Schools; was a Life-Governor  
of the Boys' School and Royal Benevolent, and a Vice-  
President and member of the House Committee of the  
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He died April 2nd, 1891, leaving a Widow and Four  
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The late Bro. T. W. WHITE comes by direct descent  
from an eminent Masonic family, who were all members of  
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WILLIAM HENRY WHITE, in 1799, who succeeded his  
father as Grand Secretary from 1813 to 1857. The brother  
of the last named, THOMAS EDWARD WHITE, was also a  
member of the same lodge, and so also was the son of this  
one THOMAS REYNOLDS WHITE, who was the grandfather  
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SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1892.

**Masonic Notes.**

We are pleased to be able to announce that the Duke of Connaught has appointed Wednesday, the 18th May, as the day on which he will preside at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. "Prize day" has been fixed for the Monday preceding—the 16th May—when her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught has very graciously consented to distribute the prizes to the fortunate winners.

We cannot too strongly urge on our brethren the necessity of making an extra effort on this occasion to render the Girls' Festival a successful one. Circumstances in connection with the other Institutions have, during the past three or four years, adversely affected the receipts, and it will need much exertion even to restore the average of recent years. We regret to learn that up to the present there appears little sign of such a result, but we have every confidence that the next week or two will show a very different state of things.

We remind our readers that the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday next, the 7th inst. The chair will be taken at 12 noon precisely, and when the general business of the Court is over, the ballot will be taken to fill 16 vacancies from an approved list of 23 candidates. Three of the girls, who all hail from London and stand in the list at Nos. 5, 8, and 22 respectively, are "last" cases, and as we have done at previous elections, we earnestly appeal to the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution, but more especially to those who are still unpledged to the support of any particular candidate or candidates, to give their votes and influence to these children, who have this one and only chance of obtaining admission into the School.

The Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held in the same place, on Friday, the 8th instant, and the chair will be taken at the same hour. In this case a ballot will be taken to fill 20 vacancies, from an approved list of 38—reduced by the withdrawal of No. 1, to 37 candidates. Here also there are three "last" cases, namely, No. 2, hailing from Staffordshire; No. 24, from London; and No. 33, from Victoria; and in their behalf we make the same earnest appeal for support as for the three girls who are similarly circumstanced.

We have also to announce that at the Boys' School Court the 10 vacancies (five London and five Provincial) which have occurred on the Board of Management of that Institution will be filled up by ballot. The number of brethren nominated to fill these vacancies is 21, namely, 10, including the five retiring members, to fill the five London vacancies; and 11, likewise including the five retiring members, to fill the five Provincial vacancies. The poll in this contest also will close at 3 p.m. punctually, but there will be no voting by proxy, only those being entitled to vote who are present at the Court and sign the attendance register.

A very influential meeting of the lodges held in the Three Towns—Devonport, Plymouth, and Stonehouse—was recently held for the purpose of considering the invitation addressed to the lodges and chapters throughout England by the officers of "The Shad-

well Clerke Trust," to contribute to the fund now being raised for the widow of our late respected Grand Secretary. There were present the representatives of 15 out of the 18 lodges in question, and, after full discussion of the subject, it was resolved (1) that the proposal was not one that could be justly entertained; and (2) that the meeting regretted that Grand Lodge had voted a sum of £500 to the Fund, and hoped that no such grant would be voted in the future under parallel circumstances.

The Grand Lodge of Tasmania, which was established towards the end of June, 1890, held its first annual communication on the 28th January last, it having been resolved that the annual meetings should take place in the height of the summer season. However, the exceptionally long year of 19 months appears to have been turned to excellent account, and when Grand Lodge met, as stated, the work of organisation may be said to have been virtually completed. A brief afternoon session sufficed for the consideration and adoption, clause by clause, of the Book of Constitutions, which had been compiled in the interim; and at the evening session the Reports of the Board of General Purposes, of the Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary were adopted without question.

From these reports it is evident that the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, though far from being numerically strong, already enjoys a considerable measure of prosperity. The lodges on its roll are only 20 in number, and their members are under 1000, but it has closed its account for the first and most critical period of its existence with a fair balance in hand, and that, too, notwithstanding that six months' dues from its lodges were still outstanding at the close of the financial term, while certain items of expenditure had, of necessity, been abnormally high.

In the course of the proceedings, the following resolution of sympathy with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. England, and Patron of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, was adopted unanimously: "That this Grand Lodge having heard with deep regret of the untimely death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire, England, desires to express its heartfelt sympathy with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England and Patron of this Grand Lodge, in his bereavement."

We have been favoured with a full account of the Lodge of Sorrow held by our brethren in Antigua on the 20th January last in honour of his late lamented Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, Past S.G.W. of England, Prov. G. Master of Berkshire. The solemn function, which was very fully attended, appears to have been carried out in a manner which reflects the greatest credit on those who organised it. Nothing was omitted which could by any possibility enhance the impressiveness of the scene, while the oration delivered by Bro. Past Master Este was marked throughout by a deep feeling of reverence and respect for the memory of the departed Prince.

We continue to receive many reports of meetings of District Grand and private lodges from abroad giving particulars of speeches and resolutions of sympathy and condolence on the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. We trust our correspondents will not consider that we have treated their communications with disrespect, but for the reasons we gave in a recent issue we were compelled to omit them. The expressions of sympathy with our Grand Master have been so universal that the space at our disposal would be inadequate to deal with a moiety of them.

Very elaborate preparations are being made for the celebration in Dublin in the month of May of the Centenary of the foundation of the Masonic Female Orphan School. The celebration will take the form of a bazaar and fancy fair, which will be held in Dublin under the patronage of the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, and others, during the week commencing the 16th of May, the principal object being to raise a capital sum, which will be called "The Centenary Fund," and will be set apart for the purpose of being applied to the advancement in life of deserving children who have been educated in the School. We shall take an early opportunity of referring at length to this important subject.

## Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

## KNIGHT TEMPLARY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read with very great interest Bro. Whytehead's remarks on the Knight Templary section of the new Masonic History, especially the paragraph dealing with the ritual question, which I sincerely hope may, at no very distant date, be re-opened and thoroughly discussed, and I trust altered and modified by the Convent-General.

Nothing could be more incongruous than the mixing up of Masonic forms and ceremonies with those of Knight Templary, and nowhere does this incongruity show itself more glaringly than in the opening and closing of the preceptory. The title of sir knight is scarcely less meaningless than the direction given to "ground arms," a noisy military manoeuvre entirely unknown to our sainted predecessors, and utterly out of harmony with the circumstances which are supposed to necessitate this unique proceeding. I wonder whether many or any of our worthy modern sir knights have ever thought of the symbolism attaching to, or the why and wherefore of the shape of their sword manubrium. Even in the columns of the *Freemason* I cannot further discuss these anomalies, but the Degree (!) is the one I like most outside of Craft Freemasonry, and I regret that ceremonies which ought to be solemn, imposing, and educating, are marred in the attempt to mix up in harmonious elements. Bro. Whytehead and the York fratres gave a year or two since, in the Ancient Merchants' Hall, an illustration of what Templar ritual ought to be, and although there were a few points which I did not quite agree with, yet they certainly presented us with a ceremony more in accord with the principles, spirit, and teachings of the ancient foundation than our own modernised hybrid jumble, and I wish the illustration could be repeated in the presence of the dignitaries of the Convent-General, when, I feel sure a change for the better would be the result. As a loyal and deeply interested member of the Order, in which I have taken perhaps more than my fair share of work, I write in no captious spirit, but with a sincere desire to see those doctrines which we profess to uphold and teach, expressed in words and observances which are in harmony with, or, at least, do not detract from, the lofty ideal which the novice is encouraged to aspire to.—Yours fraternally,

C. D. HILL DRURY, M.D.,  
P.E.P., Prov. Sub-Marshal.

## HONORARY MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Is a P.M. of another lodge who happens just now to be elected honorary member with all the privileges of a full subscribing member of a lodge here eligible for the chair of W.M. of the latter lodge, though not a full subscribing brother to said lodge? There is nothing *pro* or *con*. concerning such an incident in the by-laws of that lodge, and I am at a loss to find anything bearing on it in the Book of our E.C. As a reader of the *Freemason*, I shall thank you very much to enlighten me on this subject in your next issue as briefly as possible.—Yours fraternally,

Malta, March 22nd.

[An honorary member is not *ipso facto* a member of the lodge at all, and cannot therefore hold office. He cannot even speak therein. His name cannot appear in the annual returns, and Grand Lodge, not recognising his position, of course lays down no laws as to his election. It would clearly be impossible to include in the Constitutions regulations on a subject not recognised by it. The Constitutions legislate entirely for subscribing members, whereas honorary members are actually not members at all.—Ed. F.M.]

## SUSPENSION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the official report of the meeting of Grand Lodge on the 2nd September last I find it stated, in the account of the proceedings on the appeal of Lodge La Cesarée that the representatives of the lodge, "without Masonic clothing," were conducted into Grand Lodge, &c.

Can you or some competent brother inform me by what authority brethren conducting an appeal against the suspension of a lodge are admitted into Grand Lodge without being properly clothed?

Doubtless the proceedings were controlled by high authority, but, with the greatest deference, I submit that the deprivation of Masonic clothing, "a painfully humiliating circumstance"—as it has been termed—was unjustifiable.

I have before now stated my entire agreement with the legal opinion of Sir Frederick Pollock, quoted by *Oliver, Masonic Jurisprudence, edition 1874, page 232*, "that the parties under sentence of suspension, may, pending the appeal, exercise their Masonic rights and privileges until the final decision on their respective appeals has pronounced them either innocent or

guilty . . . and it is the essence of an appeal that it should stay execution of the judgment appealed against."

But without pressing this, the legal opinion of a great legal luminary, I would point out that Grand Lodge so recently as March, 1885, expressly decided in favour of the interpretation of the Board of General Purposes "that the suspension of a lodge means the suspension of its warrant, during which time the lodge cannot meet or perform any of its Masonic functions. The suspension of any particular brother involves an entire incapacity on his part to exercise any rights or duties as a Mason, or to participate in any Masonic privileges during the period such suspension continues in force."

In moving the adoption of the report, the V.W. President of the Board, Bro. Fenn, in a most cogent and lucid manner, pointed out the reasons why the Board thought that the previous interpretation, viz., that suspension of a lodge was the suspension of all its members, which interpretation they did not always follow, was unjust, and he stated that "the Board had therefore considered that it would be far better to interpret the suspension of a lodge as the suspension of its warrant, thereby preventing the lodge meeting or performing any Masonic functions, while those brethren on whose wrong doing the lodge had been suspended might be dealt with individually, according to their respective deserts."

V.W. Bro. Fenn's arguments were so conclusive that the motion was carried *nem. con*.

With this decision of Grand Lodge before us, it seems clear that in the case of La Cesarée, which was an appeal against a sentence of suspension passed "on the lodge," the lodge only was suspended, and not the individual brethren who appeared in Grand Lodge. If by "Masonic clothing" only the insignia of office in the suspended lodge be meant, there may be some question; but if the report means more than this, I cannot see how the deprivation could be legal.—Yours fraternally,

## LEX SCRIPTA.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

978] "THE NEW ATLANTIS."

Can Bro. Yarker or any other brother inform me whether there is any cheap edition of this work or where I can get a copy? I have unfortunately no good public library within reach.

## LEX SCRIPTA.

## Reviews.

## ELLIS AND ELVEY'S GENERAL CATALOGUE OF BOOKS AND MSS.

Part I of this grand catalogue can now be had from this firm, 29, New Bond-street, for 12 stamps. There are over 1100 articles, many being choice and rare. Under alchemy, antiquities, architecture, astrology, bibliography, calligraphy, catalogues and chiromancy, the Masonic and occult student will find many interesting and curious pieces, and the series when completed (3s. 6d., *in advance*) bids fair to be one of the most important volumes of the kind issued of late years.

## THE PROBLEM OF IMMORTALITY. By EMMANUEL PETAVEL, D.D.

This extraordinary volume, published in French, in two parts, 1890-1, is now, thanks to the conscientious labours of Mr. Frederick Ash Freer, to be had in an excellent English translation, the character of which cannot be improved upon, so that the original has in no wise suffered through the medium of another mind. The work is issued in demy 8vo. and runs to over 600 pp. of closely printed matter, the usefulness of the line being considerably increased by a carefully prepared index. "Le Problème de l'Immortalité," thus treated by Dr. Petavel, has greatly exercised the thoughts and affected the aspirations of all races and tribes of mankind from "time immemorial," and beyond question far transcends in importance any other study whatever. The question of future existence, and the condition of such, especially as affected by conduct in this life, and future rewards and punishments, have formed the basis and superstructure to a great extent, not only of Freemasonry in modern days, particularly in relation to the *Hautes Grades*, but also as a study and a problem, were the chief points sought to be elucidated by the old Rosicrucians and occult bodies of all kinds, mystic and otherwise, so far back as we have any light and knowledge. It is, however, to the Volume of the Sacred Law, that we have to turn, and therein only do we obtain authoritative and complete information. Dr. Petavel views the great subject from all standpoints—scientifically, philosophically, judicially, patristically and theoretically, and then finally cites the evidence in the New Testament in proof of his special views, about which here we can say nothing, save to point out that the author accepts the rapidly increasing doctrine that man is not naturally immortal, but only conditionally so. In this respect, he and his numerous confrères differ from the ancient beliefs, as generally accepted; but as no end of evidence is supplied to guide the enquirer, and the volume is as strong polemically, as it is constructively and Biblically, it cannot fail to prove a real boon to all Truth Seekers. It may be ordered through any bookseller, from Elliot Stock, for 10s.

The Hargreave jewels which have been the cause of so much painful interest for several months past were disposed of by auction by Messrs. Christie, Manson, and Co., at the Mart, King-street, on Monday. The attendance was very large, the majority of those present being ladies. The jewels were sold in two lots, the earrings realising £600, and the set of pearl pendants £416, the total being £1016.



## Craft Masonry.

## METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

## Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 60).—

This old lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 25th ult. Amongst those present were Bros. H. Slade, P.G. Stwd., P.P.G.O., W.M.; W. H. Kempster, M.D., P.M., G.S., S.W.; R. Clowes, P.M., P.P.G.W., G. Std. Br., J.W.; H. Young, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; F. Binckes, P.M., P.G.S., P.G.S.B., Sec.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., S.D.; Masters, P.M., P.P.G.O., J.D.; W. H. Kempster, jun., I.G.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; Chancellor, P.M., P.G.S.; Josling, P.M., P.G.S.; and E. Rogers, P.P.G.D., P.G.S., I.P.M. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Debenham, W.M. 1479, and Henry Higgins, P.M. 1381.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Ford was *impressively* passed to the Second Degree. A Committee having been elected to carry out the arrangements of the annual summer outing, the lodge recommended the petition of the promoters of a new lodge, to be called the Sir Walter Raleigh. Apologies for non-attendance were received from numerous members.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts received full justice.

Bro. Dr. Kempster, G. Stwd., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers;" Bros. Debenham and Higgins for "The Visitors;" Bros. Rogers and Chancellor for "The Past Masters;" Bros. Young and Binckes for "The Treasurer and Secretary;" and Bros. Walls and Masters for "The Officers."

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

## United Pilgrims Lodge (No. 507).—

The installation meeting of this highly successful and flourishing lodge took place at the Bridge House Hotel, on Thursday, the 24th ult. There were present Bros. J. Ellson, W.M.; C. Thomas, S.W. and W.M. elect; C. H. Stone, J.W.; C. W. Peters, P.M., Sec.; R. B. Gilson, S.D.; J. A. Laing, J.D.; G. W. Beste, I.G.; J. Terry, P.M., Stwd. G. Harrison, Tyler; T. J. Noakes, P.M.; H. E. Cockell, P.M.; W. G. Joyce, P.M.; J. Watts, P.M.; T. H. Dixce, C. H. Gold, Wm. Lipscomb, G. W. Terry, P. C. Low, G. W. Comfort, Hy. Bowles, W. Giggins, and Geo. Casson. The visitors were Bros. C. Shewell, 28; J. B. Evans, W.M. 172; F. Greene, 1687; W. B. Segrave, S.W. 1672; J. T. Caverly, I.G. 1685; J. Axford, P.M. 890 and 1803; E. Fielden, 172; J. Shelton, I.G. 1558; H. Pynegar, 890; J. Richards, 75; F. Heywood, 802; J. H. Laing, 231; C. E. Osman, 820; W. Robin, 1350; H. W. Chambers, 822; H. Bunn; Harry Wood, J.W. 101; Aubrey M. Ohren, W.M. 452; J. Harrison, 810; A. Harrison, 810; G. A. Pickering, 890; H. T. Bing, P.M. J.W. 1223; P. B. Skelton, 1691; J. J. Mustart, 174; J. W. 1962; W. G. Hunter, P.M. 452; W. J. Nutting, I.P.M. 231; E. Hay, 1793; R. J. Stonham, 2046; W. Burford, Schartau, 1549; P.P.G. Org. Middx.; Thos. Gummant, P.M. 1559; Walter Martin, P.M. 879; S. Ainsworth, 569; and N. Sherwood, P.M. 231.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot having been taken for Mr. Low, which proved unanimous, he was afterwards initiated in a most perfect manner by the W.M., who gave the charge. Bro. C. Thomas, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. W. G. Joyce, P.M., to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed in an excellent manner, and the new W.M. afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. H. Stone, S.W.; R. B. Gilson, J.W.; C. W. Peters, P.M., Sec.; J. A. Laing, S.D.; G. W. Beste, J.D.; Hy. Bowles, I.G.; J. Watts, P.M., D.C.; R. S. Terry, P.M., and W. Giggins, Stewards; and G. Harrison, Tyler. Letters of regret for non-attendance were read from Bros. Sharman and Grellett through business engagements, and wishing the W.M. a happy and successful year of office.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was much enjoyed. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given in a commendable way by the W.M., and received by the brethren most loyally.

"The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was given in complimentary terms, and responded to most cordially.

The toast of "The W.M." was given by Bro. Ellson, I.P.M., in such terms which called forth the heartiest response from the brethren, stating the diffidence which he seemed to have in accepting the high compliment of W.M. conferred by the brethren, and Bro. Ellson remarked what brother was there who did not experience the same amount of diffidence the first time in filling the Master's chair? He was sure of this—the W.M. would perform his duties ably and well, and would prove a credit to the lodge.

In reply, Bro. Thomas, W.M., stated that he was grateful to the brethren for their very kind indulgence in bestowing such a compliment upon him. He would endeavour to do his duty, and with such an excellent array of officers he was confident the lodge would not suffer, but that their heartiest support would be given. He would not prolong his reply, as there was such an excellent programme of music to be carried out, but he would most heartily thank the brethren and trust he should prove the words of Bro. Ellson "to be a credit to the lodge."

The next toast was that of "The Installing Master, Bro. Ellson," who the Worshipful Master remarked was deserving of the highest praise, for none could have carried out his duties in a more creditable way. His work for the past year had never been excelled in the lodge, and to show the esteem of the brethren he had the greatest possible pleasure in presenting the Past Master's jewel which had been unanimously voted, trusting that he might be spared for many years to wear it, and adorn the lodge by his presence.

The toast was received with acclamation. Bro. Ellson replied in a highly intellectual speech, eulogising the grand principles upon which the Order is founded,

and when one considers the magnitude of its tenets and the splendid manner in which they were carried out, one was amazed. He was proud to belong to such, and of such he would say the brethren of the United Pilgrims Lodge were doing their very utmost to carry out. The brotherly love and true benevolence which permeated the whole was to him most gratifying. Before closing he must express his deep thanks to the Past Masters for their most able and ready assistance during the past year, and also to the officers who had supported him in such a way that could not have been surpassed, for every one had been at his post at every meeting, which proved their zeal. The year of office and the kindness received at the hands of all was most indelibly impressed upon his memory, and he heartily thanked the brethren for the handsome jewel awarded, which he trusted to wear for many years, and he enabled to support the lodge to his very utmost, which he was delighted to say had a bright future before it.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Visitors" in high terms of welcome from the brethren of United Pilgrims Lodge, which was most cordially given.

This was responded to by Bros. Walter Martin, Pickering, Evans, Chambers, and W. Harrison, who highly congratulated the lodge upon its choice of Master, paid the highest compliment on the Installing Master and the officers of the lodge, and heartily thanked the brethren for such hospitality. One and all agreed the work had been carried out in an excellent manner.

The toast of "The Initiate" was next given by the W.M. in terms of hearty welcome, stating he was convinced from such recommendations and attention paid he would prove a good and true Mason.

In reply, Bro. Low remarked he was delighted at such a reception, and would endeavour to carry out those excellent principles he had heard dilated upon to his best ability.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was given in high complimentary terms, and most ably responded to by Bros. Joyce, Watts, Terry, and Peters, specially remarking upon the pleasure they all had in witnessing the working of such a lodge, and the rapid strides that it had made, particularly as to its benevolence, which was most ably explained to the initiate by Bro. Peters, P.M., in his remarks.

The next toast was that of "The Artistes," who the W.M. stated would receive the best thanks of all for such an able performance. He would couple the name of Bro. J. A. Laing, S.D., with the toast, as he had been most indefatigable in his exertions to present the best programme he possibly could.

In reply, Bro. Laing thanked all for such kind expressions, and stated he had been most ably supported by Bro. Schartau, who had carried out the arrangements so ably. As long as he had a duty to perform he should always carry it out to the best of his ability.

The next very important toast, the W.M. said, was that of "The Officers," which body could not be excelled anywhere he was sure. He felt confident he should receive at their hands the same hearty support as his predecessor, and the lodge must go on and prosper.

The whole of the Officers replied, pledging to do all in their power to keep up the prestige of the lodge.

The Tyler's toast closed a most successful meeting. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Schartau, ably assisted by Bros. Bradford, Beste, Johnston, Dalzell, and Cockell.

**Royal Arthur Lodge (No. 1360).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., when Bro. T. R. Porter was installed as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The members present included Bros. J. H. Wade, W.M.; T. R. Porter, S.W., W.M. elect; W. F. Driver, J.W.; G. Cranmer, Treas.; J. J. D. Magee, P.M., Sec.; J. S. Pearce, P.M.; G. March, P.M.; J. Hay, P.M.; H. Baker, S.D.; F. Tomlin, J.D.; R. J. C. Cawse, I.G.; J. Reeves, P.M., D. of C.; and others. Visitors: Bros. A. Blenkarn, W.M. 1558; Stuart Lane, 1614; W. Parkinson, 463; J. F. Lewis, P.M. 20; W. C. Page, P.M. 1475; W. H. Ramson, P.M. 1790; J. Kilvington, P.M. 1790; W. J. Green, 1986; A. H. Cole, J.D. 1744; T. Jeffries, D.C. 1744; W. Mayo, D.C. 1614; J. O. Connell, P.P.G. Org. Surrey; G. R. Langley, W.M. 2381; W. T. Holmes, W.M. 1981; H. Cole, 749; W. C. Burgess, P.M. 1407; W. C. Jeffery, 1622; J. H. Mayo, J.D. 2222; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. T. R. Porter was then presented, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Reeves, P.M., D.C., assisted by Bro. Magee, P.M., Sec. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bro. W. F. Driver, S.W.; H. Baker, J.W.; G. Cranmer, Treas.; J. J. D. Magee, P.M., Sec.; F. Tomlin, S.D.; R. J. C. Cawse, J.D.; J. Reeves, P.M., D.C.; A. Fulman, I.G.; A. E. Halfhide and J. R. Rutter, Stwds.; and Couchman, Tyler. Votes of thanks were accorded the following brethren for their gifts to the lodge: Bro. Gould, Worshipful Master's chair; Bro. Reeves, P.M., D.C., lodge banner; and Bro. Porter, W.M., Wardens' columns. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. H. Wade, I.P.M., and duly acknowledged. The sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Bro. March, P.M.

The lodge was closed, and after banquet the usual toasts received hearty recognition.

Bro. Wade, I.P.M., briefly proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," observing that Bro. Porter, W.M., and he were initiated on the same day, and had followed each other closely through the various offices, and it therefore gave him great pleasure to be in a position to submit this toast.

Bro. T. R. Porter, W.M., expressed his thanks for the manner in which the toast had been drunk. He had been elected to the position which it had been his ambition to occupy, and he thought it should be the ambition of every Mason to occupy the chair, especially in his mother lodge. He found that if he worked he might obtain preferment, and he had obtained it and had gone through all the duties in the lodge, and the Masters he had served would say he had carried out his duties in a conscientious manner. It would be his sole aim to carry out the duties of the important post he held—and which should not be trifled with—to the best of his ability, and at the expiration of his year of office he hoped to hear the members say "Well done."

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Installing Master," and said it had been a great pleasure to be installed by Bro. Reeves, P.M., the oldest member of the

Bro. J. Reeves, P.M., in his reply, said the W.M. had referred to the Royal Arthur Lodge as a ship. It had certainly been through rough gales when it was doubtful if she would right herself, but she had done so through the efforts of several members, and now seemed to be sailing under a fair wind. He could not, however, help looking back and asking himself in the words of the song they had heard, "Where are the boys of the old Brigade?" On the present occasion they must not forget them. He again thanked them for their kindness and hoped to meet them for many years.

Bro. J. F. Lewis, P.M. 20, replying for "The Visitors," thanked the members for the hospitality afforded them and expressed his appreciation of the work he had witnessed.

Bro. J. O'Connell, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, also replied, and said it was a matter of very great pleasure to him to be present amongst the brethren with whom he had been so closely associated, and whose good fellowship and friendship he had so deeply appreciated. It was his privilege to be present when the W.M., Bro. Porter, was initiated, and he had watched that brother work in the various offices. He was pleased to have the opportunity of saying that in every office the W.M. had occupied he had discharged the duty in a most perfect manner and with the greatest fidelity and zeal. Bro. Porter would doubtless bring the same qualities to bear in his present position with as good results. He had worked with the W.M. in a lodge of instruction for many years, and was sure the predictions made by previous speakers for a very successful year of office would be amply fulfilled.

"The Officers" was next given and duly responded to, after which the Tyler's toast concluded an enjoyable evening, during which Bro. Stuart Lane presided at the pianoforte, and was assisted by several members and visitors in a good musical programme.

**Corinthian Lodge (No. 1382).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the George Tavern, Cubitt Town, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., under the presidency of Bro. Millington, P.M., Bro. Pitt, W.M., being still too ill to attend. Bros. C. McLeod, P.M.; J. Morrison, P.M.; C. B. Smith, P.M.; W. Parry, P.M.; and H. Doring, P.M., supported the chair. The following officers were present: Bros. G. A. Saunders, S.W.; J. Limn, J.W.; C. Carnaby, P.M., Treas.; A. H. Oakley, Sec.; A. J. Delves, S.D.; W. Blois, J.D.; F. Bassett, I.G.; and E. Brindley, Stwd. Among the members present were Bros. J. Barcham, H. Eviston, G. Parrett, W.M. 1259; J. W. Willis, C. Chatfield, R. Lock, W. Latta, F. Dawson, E. Helmes, J. H. Nightscapes, E. Stoneham, G. Salt, R. Allen, G. Cramp, D. Hawkins, R. Wake, H. Earle, H. A. Dunn, C. K. Maddox, R. W. Cosher, W. S. Esmond, S. G. Bonner, H. A. Bailey, A. J. Murrell, L. W. Innocent, R. Sinclair, C. J. Piles, T. Gildesley, F. J. Hince, J. Horrocks, T. W. Reynolds, J. Archer, H. Lane, W. Lea, T. W. Osbaldiston, W. H. Drew, and many others. Visitors: Bros. J. Finch, P.M. 861; S. J. Lacey, 387; J. Wyners, C. Badcock and G. H. Seage, of 781; A. F. Webster, P.M. 27; D. W. Dodridge, 202; C. Crookford, 672; M. J. Hayes, 174; C. P. Lawton, 147; W. J. Blewers, W.M. 45; W. C. Scott, 202; J. T. Andrews, 2332; H. H. Spencer, 1876; E. Gentry, 1259; Alfd. Fowler, 1349; Geo. Skinner, 1898; M. Bleick, 2374; and J. Mills, 1765.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Messrs. Pike and Sinclair were initiated. Bro. G. Saunders, the W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M. as a candidate for the chair of K.S., and a Board of Installed Masters being formed, Bro. Saunders was duly inducted into the chair as W.M. He then proceeded to invest the following officers: Bros. R. J. Pitt, I.P.M.; J. S. Limn, S.W.; W. Blois, J.W.; F. S. Hince, Treas. (Bro. Carnaby, P.M., having resigned after 14 years' service); A. H. Oakley, Sec.; S. Bonner, S.D.; F. Bassett, J.D.; J. Barcham, I.G.; W. J. Millington, P.M., D.C.; E. Brindley and G. Treators, Stwds.; and Williams, Tyler. Bro. Millington, who acted as Installing Officer, then delivered the addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren generally. As on past occasions, Bro. Millington delivered them with due impressiveness and precision, and worked the whole of the ceremony from beginning to end in a manner worthy of the occasion.

Further business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in a way that reflected great credit on the worthy host, Bro. Innocent.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, that of "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was proposed, and received with Masonic fervour.

Bro. Millington proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and alluded in feeling terms to the absence of Bro. Pitt, I.P.M., whose place he filled on that occasion. He spoke of the merits of Bro. Saunders as a worker in the lodge, and his fitness to fill the high position to which he had attained, and his own assurance that he would fulfil all his duties in a way that would reflect credit on the lodge.

Bro. Saunders briefly responded, thanking Bro. Millington and the brethren for their good opinion, and was resolved that he would do nothing to lose it. He had the interests of Freemasonry and their own lodge too much at heart for him to let any opportunity pass which might be of benefit to both. He then proposed "The Health of the Installing Officer," who had on that occasion, as on all past ones, done honour to the lodge for the manner in which he had worked the installation ceremony.

Bro. Millington briefly responded. To the toast of "The Past Masters," Bros. Smith, Morrison, Parry, and others replied.

The remaining toasts were proposed and received in a hearty manner.

By permission of the W.M., Bro. C. McKenzie drew the attention of the brethren to a very deserving case, viz., that of J. Feather, orphan son of the late James Feather, engineer. Votes were required for the May election of the Wanstead Orphan Asylum. It was the last chance, but with some exertion and the kindness of friends he hoped they might secure the election of the child.

The proceedings were closed by the Tyler's toast, after a very agreeable evening.

During the evening various brethren contributed to the harmony, among them being Bros. Greatorex, Parrett, Barcham, and others.

In reference to the case of James Feather above alluded to, Bro. C. McKenzie will be glad to receive any votes at his address, 40, Crescent-road, Upton Manor, Plaistow, E.

**Covent Garden Lodge (No. 1614).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, S.W., on the 5th ult., when there were present Bros. G. H. Foan, W.M.; Herbert Reynolds, I.P.M., as S.W.; J. Jacobs, P.M., acting as J.W.; G. Reynolds, P.M., Sec.; C. O. Burgess, acting as S.D.; W. Belsham, J.D.; G. Stacey, P.M., Org.; H. Willis, I.G.; J. Mayo, Steward; R. F. Potter, Tyler; George Coleman, P.M.; S. Jacobs, P.M.; W. Downes, H. J. Keen, A. Oddenino, C. Liddiard, W. J. Thrussell, J. Wise, T. Middleweek, Samuel Jacobs, W. V. Morgan, W. M. Carter, W. R. Faulks, J. W. Davis, E. F. Britton, H. G. Walker, C. Morrell, T. Costa, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Rowe, 2191, and L. Sach and A. Cogliati, of 1559.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Messrs. C. Morrell and Edwin Britton were unanimously balloted for as initiates, and being present, were initiated. Bros. S. Jacobs, W. V. Morgan, C. Liddiard, and J. W. Davis were passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. A. Oddenino and T. Costa were raised to the Degree of M.M. Bro. Geo. Reynolds, P.M., Sec., thanked the brethren and others for their kind support towards him as Steward to the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the list amounting to £56 2s. A candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The W.M. worked the Three Degrees in a most clear manner, being well supported by his officers, and before the lodge was closed, the brethren expressed themselves as being pleased and delighted with the whole of the proceedings.

**Skelmersdale Lodge (No. 1658).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, there being a very large attendance of brethren and visitors to receive the W.M. elect. Among the visitors were Bros. T. L. Bristowe, M.P., P.M. 83; J. Richards Kelly, M.P., 1329; ex-Supt. T. But, P.M. 700; J. King, P.M. 1692; S. Napper, P.M. 1471; W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507; J. L. Apsey, P.M. 534; F. King, P.M. 1063; J. Howard, P.M. 1692; E. Francis, W.M. 917; T. H. Clapp, W.M. 15; W. H. Dallimore, S.W. 87; G. White, S.W. 795; R. Binkett, S.W. 1692; C. G. Holmes, J.W. 342; W. T. Warner, J.W. 1297; T. Peper, J.W. 1507; F. Wint, S.D. 101; T. Till, 30; J. Armour, 172; Wakley, 1475; Richards, 1901; J. S. Smith, Org. 2272; A. Walden, 2146; V. Clowes, 1381; M. Cohen, 430; S. Redfern, 1319; C. Lawton, 147; and J. Smith, 1598.

The minutes of the last regular lodge and audit meetings having been confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. Augustus Berry Norman, was duly installed, Bro. John Cox, P.M., acting as Installing Officer. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. J. Letchford, S.W.; S. F. Bygrave, J.W.; Jas. Hill, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Boys, P.M., Sec.; R. Rowlands, S.D.; B. Cohen, J.D.; H. B. Buckeridge, I.G.; C. J. Smith, D.C.; S. F. Mackway, A.D.C.; E. M. Gibson and J. George, Stwds.; and H. Thomas, Tyler.

Mr. Geo. Henry King having been initiated, the company adjourned to the banquet hall.

The usual loyal toasts were given and honoured in Masonic form, after which Bro. J. Cox, P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M.," stating that having known him for over 25 years, he could assure the brethren they would find they had chosen a W.M. who would do credit to the lodge, as his heart was in the work. The way in which the ceremony of initiation had been performed was simply perfect.

The Worshipful Master having suitably responded, proposed the toast of "The Initiate," and Bro. King, in a few well-chosen words, acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. T. Lyne Bristowe, M.P., P.M., in responding for "The Visitors," said although he was a Mason of many years' standing, he had not been in the habit of mixing with the Craft, having devoted himself to his own lodge, the United Lodge of Prudence, which was connected with the Stock Exchange. This lodge, through the care of its members, was in the happy position of having a Benevolent Fund amounting to £23,000. He merely mentioned this fact as an incentive to others to raise the amount standing to the credit of the Benevolent Fund, so that should any brother need assistance the lodge would be able to grant it. As an extraordinary instance of compound interest, he referred to his lodge, which very many years ago deposited £5000 at interest to form the Benevolent Fund, and this fund had so grown that notwithstanding £7000 had been given away £23,000 still remained. From small beginnings came great ends, and he hoped that other lodges would put by of their plenty when they were young, so that in later years they might be of benefit to those who required aid. He concluded by hoping that the Skelmersdale Lodge would flourish like the green bay tree.

Bro. J. R. Kelly, M.P., also responded. He thought the Lodge of Prudence must date back to ancient days, and that in some way or other it had managed to get hold of the widow's cruse of oil. How they could have spent £7000 out of £5000, and still have £23,000 left he could not quite understand. He confessed to being greatly surprised at the immense strides the Craft was making in the Colonies, and had been convinced since joining the Sphinx Lodge that Masonry was the grandest institution in the world.

The remaining toasts were "The Installing Master," "The Charitable Institutions," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers of the Lodge."

Bros. McCall Chambers, S. Redfern, R. Rowlands, Hay, Humphrey, Cohen, and others contributed to the musical part of the programme, and the company separated after spending a most enjoyable evening.

**The Abbey (Westminster) Lodge (No. 2030).**—This lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, the 14th ult., at the Town Hall, Westminster, where the lodge was consecrated by the late lamented Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, in 1884. Present: Bros. Charles Christmas Piper, W.M.; F. J. Smith, S.W.; W. Bonwick, J.W.; Jas. Gibson, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Shand, P.M. 1563, founder, Sec.; H. E. Poole, Asst. Sec.; H. Hambling, S.D.; J. Hayler, J.D.; J. E. Smith, I.G.; A. Walkley, Tyler; Goffin, P.M.; Pain, P.M.; T. Bull, P.M.; D. C. Montague, A.D.C.; H. H. Bridgman, Stwd.; Chabot, Baugham, A. C. Piper, T. Cox, Clorto, T. W. Davies, and others. Visitors: Bros. Doggett, Daoust, Badderly, Bradford, and some 15 others. The lodge was opened, and the preliminary work being disposed of, five gentlemen were initiated into Freemasonry, viz., Messrs. Spauton, Nash, Danielli, Hendré, and Ben

Kirk. Bro. Harry Clark was passed to the F.C. Degree, and three brethren were raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Francis J. Smith was elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. J. Gibson, P.M., Treas.; and Bro. A. Walkley, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel, value £10 10s., was voted to the W.M., Bro. C. C. Piper, who has well deserved it for his interest and work in the lodge. Bro. Shand, P.M., Sec., read letters of regret at being absent from Bros. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., P.M., P.G.W., first W.M. of the lodge; F. Seager Hunt, M.P., P.M.; R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chap., all prevented on important business. Three resignations were received, and four propositions for initiation at the May installation meeting. Before the lodge was closed the Worshipful Master, in subdued and sympathetic terms, drew the attention of the brethren to the draped mourning of the lodge on the lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., and also of the late Grand Secretary, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who consecrated the lodge in March, 1884, and was an honorary member. He said the brethren would, he knew, desire Bro. Shand, the Secretary, to record on the minutes their expression of regret and profound grief, but he did not deem it necessary to send now any formal resolution to open up the wounded susceptibilities of the Grand Master, his family, nor that of the family of the late Grand Secretary.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren dined in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Bro. Raven supplying an excellent banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the W.M., Bro. C. C. Piper, inviting a goodly array of lady and brethren vocalists, and one of the very best meetings of the lodge was enjoyed.

### PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

#### CHESTERFIELD.

**Hardwick Lodge** (No. 2373).—The first anniversary of this lodge took place on Monday, the 14th ult., in the Masonic Hall of the Scarsdale Lodge, No. 681, by kind permission of that lodge. There were present Bros. W. W. Jeudwine, W.M.; O. J. White, I.P.M.; L. F. Shaw, S.W.; C. F. Margerison, J.W.; J. K. Swallow, Treas.; I. W. Flather, Sec.; J. B. Jenkinson, S.D.; J. H. Bennett, J.D.; W. H. Crofts, I.G.; W. T. Buckland and A. Boden, Stewards; F. Hill, G. Allcock, W. G. Cook, E. Taylor, W. Gregory, A. Seaman, J. C. Roper, H. Butler, T. Wardle, C. E. Jones, and B. Waddington. Visitors: Bros. W. Gringer, W.M. 149; G. Gregory, W.M. 1962; F. W. Lewis, Sec. 149; J. H. Sykes, 149; J. T. Windle, P.M., Sec. 681, P.G.P.; H. N. Biggin, W.M. 681, P.P.G.O.; T. Sipton, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; E. S. Shuttleworth, Chap. 681; A. E. P. Voules, I.P.M. 681; W. M. Hewitt, P.M. 681, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Wilde, J.V. 681; W. Hawksley Edmunds, Steward 681; H. Price, W.M. 253, P.P.G.C.; and W. S. Symes, P.M. 681, P.G. Reg.

The lodge having been opened, the W.M. elect, Bro. L. Firth Shaw, P.M.—one of the founders of the lodge—was most impressively installed into the chair of K.S. by the outgoing W.M., Bro. W. W. Jeudwine, P.P.S.G.W. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bro. W. Wynne Jeudwine, P.P.S.G.W., I.P.M.; C. F. Margerison, S.W.; J. B. Jenkinson, J.W.; J. K. Swallow, Treas.; C. E. Jones, Sec.; J. H. Bennett, S.D.; W. H. Crofts, J.D.; B. Waddington, D.C.; T. Wardle, Org.; W. T. Buckland, I.G.; and William Grayson, Tyler. After this ceremony had been performed the W.M., on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, presented to Bro. Jeudwine a very handsome founder's jewel. He alluded to the excellent manner in which Bro. Jeudwine had filled the chair during the past year and to how much the success they, as a new lodge, had attained had depended on his exertions and his Masonic knowledge. They had had 27 ceremonies during the year, nearly the whole of which Bro. Jeudwine had conducted in a manner which has brought him such Masonic repute. The I.P.M. warmly thanked the brethren for the handsome jewel. The gift had come as a complete surprise and he could assure them it was deeply appreciated and valued by him. He should always prize the jewel and he hoped that his successor would wear it with equal pride and pleasure. He warmly complimented the lodge on the excellent W.M. they had just installed. His election was a happy augury for the lodge's prosperity during the coming year.

After the transaction of other business the lodge was closed, and the W.M. received the warm congratulations of the brethren.

An excellent banquet was partaken of in the Upper Corn Exchange, Bro. Hadfield surpassing his previously high reputation in this direction.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

#### CHINGFORD.

**Shurmur Lodge** (No. 2374).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Forest Hotel on Thursday, the 24th ult., when a large number of brethren were present, among whom Bros. Sutton Abbott, P.M. 2077; J. Hall Brown, P.M.; Dr. W. E. Dring, W.M. 2318; Frank Matthews, P.M. 1766; S. Smithers, P.M. 1766; J. Wilson, P.M.; W. H. Harris, W.M. 1662; H. Poston, W.M. 19; and F. Thornton.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Wm. Shurmur, I.P.M., acting W.M., Bro. Sutton Abbott acting as S.W., and Bro. J. Hall Brown acting as J.W. A dispensation was read, stating that the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Brooke, had been graciously pleased to accede to the request to increase the number to be initiated. Bros. A. J. Smith, W. Morison, S. Fortescue, H. J. Woodington, and C. E. Lewis were raised to the Third Degree. Bros. G. J. Reed, G. T. Bagnell, Wm. Stevens, and T. Smith were passed to the Second Degree. The following gentlemen were initiated: Messrs. J. R. Carter, E. Loeb, R. H. Tongue, W. G. Tomlinson, J. R. Friend, C. E. Berry, S. J. Gray, W. Gower, J. Cutler, and G. H. Pizey, jun. It was unanimously resolved to present Bro. H. F. Inman Hallows with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge as founder and acting I.P.M. It was also unanimously resolved that the lodge should devote 400 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, thus acquiring 600 votes in perpetuity. Several gentlemen

having been proposed for initiation, the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Initiates," each of whom responded with exceedingly good taste.

The Tyler's toast closed a most successful and happy meeting.

#### GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

**Industry Lodge** (No. 48).—The installation meeting of this old-established lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 28th ult., when Bro. Mark R. Wright, S.W., was installed W.M. by the retiring Master, Bro. Wm. Richardson. The charges subsequent to the installation were delivered by Bro. W. Brown, P.M. There was a full Board of Past Masters. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Richardson, W.M.; Wm. Brown, P.M.; R. B. Reed, P.M., P.P.G.T.; M. Corbitt, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; R. Whitfield, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. G. Smith, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. M. Pybus, P.M., P.P.G.R.; E. Shewbrooks, P.M.; Wm. Dalrymple, P.M.; T. Purvis, W.M. 481; T. R. Short, P.M. 424; G. A. Allan, P.M. 991; T. A. Moffitt, P.M. 424; R. Stewart, J.W. 424; R. H. Holmes, S.W. 1676; Geo. Wilson, I.P.M. 541; T. Wright, S.W. 1342; J. G. Hammond, P.M. 481; E. W. Middlemast, P.M. 991; J. A. Armstrong, W.M. 1664; and T. R. Jobson, I.P.M. 1664; and others. The following officers were invested: Bros. Wm. Richardson, I.P.M.; W. J. Jobson, S.W.; Geo. Craighill, J.W.; M. Corbitt, P.M., Treas.; Rev. W. Bowker, Chap.; W. Stafford, Sec.; A. Dodds, S.D.; R. Bagnall, J.D.; H. Jackson, I.G.; Jas. Douglas and W. Campbell, Stwds.; R. Terry, Org.; and J. Curry, Tyler.

An interesting feature of the proceedings was the presentation and dedication of a banner by Bro. R. B. Reed, P.M., P.P.G.T., sent as a token of fraternal greeting from a brother in the East to his brethren in the West, as a recognition of kindly interest in the welfare of this ancient lodge. It may not here be out of place to mention that the munificent donor, Bro. Jeejeebhoy Nowrojee, was initiated in Lodge 48 on 28th November, 1887, by the Worshipful Master, Bro. E. Shewbrooks. He received the Three Degrees in this lodge, and before he left England for the East, he took the Mark Degree in Industry Mark Lodge. Bro. Nowrojee is of a good Parsee family, well connected in the silk-spinning trade in India. On two previous occasions he has shown his fraternal feeling towards his mother lodge by sending a Christmas cake, also a pair of handsome Indian inlaid salvers. The banner has been made in Bombay, and has a groundwork of silver grey silk. In the centre is interwoven the emblem of the lodge—a beehive—irradiated by the sun in coloured silks of various shades. Near the top is a scroll worked in pink silk, bordered with chenille, bearing the words, in bullion gold: "Lodge of Industry, 48." At the bottom is a corresponding scroll, similarly worked, bearing the word, "Gateshead," underneath which is the following: "Enrolled 1735. Presented by Bro. Jeejeebhoy Nowrojee, Tadiwalle." The border surrounding the banner is made of crimson narrow velvet, decorated with silver worked flowers. The banner is hung, top and bottom, on ebony rollers with silver ends. Through the kindness of Bro. William Brown, P.M., and other officers of the lodge, an oak standard with brass fittings fixed into an ornamental cast-iron socket, surmounted by a gilded spear-head, has been made for its use, when required. The lodge is now in possession of four banners, two with its former number (56) on them; one, about the date 1864, with No. 48; and the acquisition now received. Bro. Reed, in unfurling the gift, spoke in very feeling terms of the donor, and of the kindly relationship between Parsees and Freemasonry in general. On the proposition of Bro. R. Whitfield, P.M., it was agreed that the thanks of the members of the lodge should be engrossed, and forwarded to Bro. Jeejeebhoy Nowrojee, as a memento of the goodwill of his Western colleagues. The proceedings closed after the W.M. received the congratulations of the visitors.

The annual festival was afterwards held at the Half Moon Hotel, when between 60 and 70 brethren sat down to a capital dinner provided by Bro. T. Pearson. The W.M. presided, and the usual Masonic toast list and excellent harmony completed an enjoyable evening's entertainment.

#### HAMPTON COURT.

**Hemming Lodge** (No. 1512).—This influential lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 18th ult. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Fisher, P.M. 834, W.M.; J. Smith, S.W.; J. W. Clarke, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.W., Sec.; Robinson, S.D.; Trotter, J.D.; Hopkins, I.G.; G. Ransford, P.M., D.C.; G. J. Tagg, A.D.C.; Cronin and C. Wheatley, Stwds.; W. Spearing, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; R. Eales, P.M.; E. Clarke, P.M.; A. F. Scholding, I.P.M. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Glass, P.G. Std. Br. Jersey; Fisk, W.M. 1733; and Pearson, 106.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Clark and Greet were duly passed to the Second Degree. The resignations of Bros. Chilcott and Connell were received with great regret. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. H. Wheatly, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Steward; T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. Kent, W. Hill, A. Macchi, and others. The news of the recent death of Bro. William Hammond, P.M., P.P.G.D., a founder and first Master of the lodge, was received by those old members who knew him with great regret.

The lodge was then closed, and the W.M. being compelled to leave, his place was ably taken at the banquet table by Bro. A. F. Scholding, I.P.M.

Bro. W. Spearing responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers," and Bros. Glass, Fisk and Pearson for "The Visitors."

During the proceedings several of the members entertained the brethren, notably Bro. Greet, who recited most powerfully and ably.

#### YORK.

**York Lodge** (No. 236).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, on the 21st ult., the W.M., Bro. E. W. Purnell, presiding, supported by his officers and Bros. G. Bahmford, P.M.; C. M. Forbes, P.M.; W. Draper, P.M.; H. Foster, P.M.; and T. S. Brogden, P.M. The visitors were Bros. P. Pearson, 1611, and J. W. Wakefield, 1157, Egypt.

The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed, the Worshipful Master said that no doubt it would be in the memory of most of the brethren present that since the last regular lodge he had had the pleasure and privilege of representing the lodge as Steward at the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he felt that after the kind manner in which the lodge, the chapter, and individual brethren had supported him, he ought to give them some account of his Stewardship. He would claim their indulgence whilst he rapidly reviewed the origin of the Institution. The idea seemed to have first occurred to a reverend brother in the year 1831, and two lodges viz, the Bank of England Lodge and the Neptune Lodge, with some individual brethren, supported the project with more or less energy, but, unlike its elder sister Institutions, it did not find immediate favour with Grand Lodge. This was perhaps in some measure due to circumstances, because, the Girls, and Boys, Institutions had been furthered respectively by the "Modern" Masons and the "Antient" Masons, and on their amalgamation, became by natural sequence the Institutions of United Grand Lodge. However, considerable opposition was evidenced towards this younger scheme, and the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, was amongst those who discountenanced the idea, the principal reason against it being that it would tend to pauperise the Order. However, in 1836 Bro. Crucefix, P.J.G.D., took the matter most firmly in hand, and in 1837 Grand Lodge seemed to have been induced to pass a resolution recommending the idea to the favourable consideration of the lodges, and funds no doubt began to be collected. However, whilst this asylum branch was struggling for existence, Grand Lodge in 1842 established the fund for giving annuities to aged Freemasons, and five years later, in 1847, extended that principle by forming another fund for widows of Freemasons. In this interim the friends of the Asylum had not been idle, and in 1850 were ready with their Institution, and then came the uniting of these three funds under the present title. In 1851, the first Festival was held under the presidency of the late Earl of Zetland, which of course has special interest for York Masons, as he was the father of the present Provincial Grand Master. It would be observed that York Masons did not date their existence from this Festival, but from the first fund recognised by Grand Lodge in 1842. The W.M. next touched upon the recent Festival which he described as "the crowning success of Masonry," and representing a total subscription of £63,000, which was the largest sum ever contributed towards Charity at one meeting by any association in the world. It was £12,000 more than was given at the Girls' Festival, and from £20,000 to £30,000 more than has ever been given outside Freemasonry. About 1450 Stewards were present. The sum of £63 taken up by himself was well above the average. What was going to be done with all this money? Well, previous to this Festival the Institution had on its books 180 aged Freemasons, each receiving £40 per year; 230 widows, each receiving £32 per year; and 20 widows of Freemasons who were receiving £20 per year, being half what their husbands who had been recipients had been having. This gave a total of 430 recipients from the fund, and the next election gave 32 vacancies, with 139 applicants. This Festival would enable 40 more vacancies to be created, 20 male and 20 female, and get 72 out of the 139 applicants on the Charity—a most satisfactory result. The W.M. next described the brilliant scene which he witnessed at the Festival in Covent Garden Theatre, and he appealed to the brethren to support Bro. Terry in the matter. Bro. Jos. Todd, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas., remarked that it was indeed satisfactory that the large sum of money had been raised as described by the W.M., and he moved a vote of thanks to all who had contributed, especially to the W.M. and Bros. Brogden, I.P.M., and A. Jones, J.W. Bro. Forbes, P.M., seconded, and the motion was cordially adopted. On the motion of Bro. Todd, seconded by the W.M., a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hughan, who had made the lodge several valuable presents.

After some other business the lodge was closed.

### Royal Arch.

**Covent Garden Chapter** (No. 1614).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on the 17th ult. at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, S.W., when there were present Comps. J. Coltart, M.E.Z.; F. Kedge, H.; S. Hewett, I.P.Z., acting as J.; C. O. Burgess, Treas.; Geo. Reynolds, S.E.; W. Hancock, S.N.; G. Coleman, P.S.; C. W. Frommholz, Stwd.; W. J. Thrussell, acting as Org.; R. Potter, Janitor; J. Grieve, J. S. Blyth, G. H. Foan, G. A. Bergholz, J. B. Grieves, E. Jacobs, A. L. Bullen, J. Woodward, J. W. Elvin, W. Hoggins, W. R. Faulks, and others. Visitor: Comp. W. Kedge, 177.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and Comp. John Skinner, who was unable to be present at the last meeting through illness, was installed into the chair of J. A ballot was taken for Bro. W. B. Faulks, 1614, for exaltation, and, being unanimous, that brother was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. A notice of motion was given by Comp. S. Hewett, I.P.Z.—"That the meetings of this chapter take place on the fourth Thursdays in the months of March, June, and October, instead of the third Thursdays." This was to meet the wishes of several companions who cannot always attend on the third Thursday, and who are anxious to bring several brethren into the chapter. Letters were read from several companions regretting their absence.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent repast, provided by Bros. G. P. Bertini and A. Audenal.

The usual toasts were given by the M.E.Z. in a very happy vein, and Comp. W. Kedge, in replying for "The Visitor," regretted he was the only one. He was delighted not only with the work of the chapter—from the M.E.Z. to the Janitor—but with the thorough good feeling and harmony existing among the companions. He had had a most pleasant evening, and he wished the chapter continued success.

The Janitor's toast having been given, the proceedings were brought to a close.

#### DONCASTER.

**St. Magdalen Chapter** (No. 242).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 25th ult., in the Masonic Rooms, Nether 12<sup>th</sup> road, when there were

present Comps. R. B. E. Ogle, Z; G. Wilkie, H.; S. Peglar, J.; T. Foster, S.E.; J. Constable, S.N.; J. Pawson, C. Goldthorpe, J. Fitzgerald, C. Woodhouse, F. Rand, P.Z.; F. D. Walker, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; H. T. Bellerby, P.Z.; A. Parkin, P.Z.; and J. Hirst, Janitor.

After the chapter was opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. H. Foster, which being unanimous, he, with another candidate, will be duly exalted at next convocation. The chapter was afterwards closed.

**TWICKENHAM.**

**Era Chapter (No. 1423).**—This chapter met at the Albany Hotel on the 12th ult., when there were present, among others, Comps. H. Higgins, P.Z. 1381, P.P.G.D.C., M.E.Z.; W. H. Matthews, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S., acting H.; W. Fisher, P.Z., J.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.S., S.E.; R. Poore, 1st A.S.; W. Kirkland, 2nd A.S.; and F. W. Robinson, D.C.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bro. Andrew Macchi, 1512, was duly and most impressively exalted to the Royal Arch Degree. The resignation of Comp. W. T. Peat was received with regret. A sum of money was voted to the "Raymond Thrupp Testimonial Fund." Comp. H. Higgins, M.E.Z., was elected to represent the chapter at the next Festival of the R.M.I.B. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. J. B. Ryley, M.D., P.Z., P.P.G.J.; G. L. Wingate, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; W. H. Lee, P.Z., P.G.S.E.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z. 1381, H.; and others. A vote of sympathy was passed to the last-named companion on the serious illness of his eldest son.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. A few toasts followed. The First Principal presided most genially.

**Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.**

**HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 754).**—A special meeting was held at the Coach and Horses, Tottenham, on Thursday, the 24th ult., when Bro. Capt. Knightley presided, to do honour to their late Preceptor, Bro. Everdell, P.M., who had resigned through ill-health. The brethren presented him with an illuminated address on vellum, of which we give a copy below, together with a gold albert chain:

"To Bro. Edward John Everdell, P.M. 1579.

"We, the members of this lodge of instruction, beg to ask you to accept at our hands this address, together with a gold albert chain, as a small token of the esteem and regard we have for you, and we are sure you have for us, and to mark our thorough appreciation of the untiring zeal and ability you at all times displayed during the nine years you acted as our Preceptor.

"May you for many years to come continue to be with us, so that we may profit by your Masonic wisdom and knowledge of the great ritual of Freemasonry, and when called off from your labours by the Great Architect of the Universe, may you be found worthy to receive the promised reward.

"E. H. Bassett, M. Barnes, W. Binnie, P.M.; J. Broughton, R. C. Courtman, J. Driscoll, P.M.; J. L. Driscoll, J. M. Dexter, A. G. Fidler, P.M.; B. Gotch, P.M.; J. Garrod, P.M.; J. Howlett, R. B. Harper, M. Hart, C. J. Knightley, E. Lovell, P.M.; T. Lewis, S. J. Longfellow, H. B. May, W.M.; H. Murrell, W. Murrell, S. Parsons, P.M.; G. Rice, J. H. Roach, P.M.; F. G. Roach, A. Reeves, G. Richards, P.M.; J. Shelton, P.M.; B. Stocker, G. Tegg, P.M.; J. H. Thompson, P.M.; F. Voller, W. M. Ward, L. E. Wilson, P.M.; H. Wilkinson, J. Whitfield, A. Wood, H. Woodley, and S. Wright."

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 25th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. J. Banks, W.M.; W. Hide, S.W.; H. Blackman, J.W.; D. S. Long, Sec.; A. Williams, Treas.; H. Bone, S.D.; J. Jefferis, J.D.; R. Pearson, I.G.; L. Bryalt, P.M.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834; J. A. Dennis, and R. Reid.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Reid acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. Long. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. A. Williams, P.M. The W.M. having risen, Bro. Hide was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes" given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. H. Campbell, W.M.; W. R. Hatton, S.W.; M. Rosenberg, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. W. Roe, S.D.; E. T. Ginder, J.D.; G. Wedlake, P.M. 121, I.G.; G. Weaver, Stwd.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834; J. W. Belsham, W.M. 733; D. Gellion, P.M. 1425; J. T. Shapcott, T. M. Lambie, S. N. Isaacs, W. Smith, and H. Windeatt.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Isaacs was instructed in his duties leading to the Third Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Gellion being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Smith being the candidate. Bro. Hatton was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. A vote of thanks was passed, to be entered on the minutes, to Bro. Campbell for the very able manner he had presided as W.M., which compliment was duly acknowledged. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. R. P. Upton, W.M.; E. J. Softe, S.W.; J. W. Clarke, J.W.;

W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; A. Oliver, S.D.; T. E. Newman, J.D.; H. P. Kimbell, sen., I.G.; H. B. Harding, R. W. Nicole, J. Amand, E. H. Bury, J. Duncan, and Milton Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Duncan being the candidate. Bro. Bury answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Bury being the candidate. Bro. Harding answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and a portion of the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Harding being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Softe was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE (No. 1612).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, W., on Monday, the 28th ult. There were present Bros. H. R. Elkin, W.M.; T. Simpson, S.W.; E. Prince, J.W.; J. Tidmarsh, Preceptor; E. J. Acworth, Treas.; H. G. Gabb, Sec.; W. Squire, S.D.; A. Poolay, J.D.; R. Burbrook, I.G.; F. W. Botley, P.M.; W. A. Cocks, H. G. Danby, G. Harper, T. S. Henson, C. Mead, E. Taylor, H. S. Timpson, L. H. Walker, and J. Wells, P.M. Visitor: Bro. E. Marlet, P.M. 1743.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. A. A. Hardy, 2163, and T. S. Henson, 1612, were unanimously elected joining members. The Preceptor then took the chair and rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. F. W. Botley acting as W.M. elect. The Board of Installed Masters numbered eight. On the re-admission of the brethren the W.M. was duly proclaimed and greeted, after which he appointed and invested his officers, giving to each the customary address. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered by the Preceptor. The lodge was called off and on, after which Bro. Elkin again took the chair, and resumed to the Third Degree. The lodge was then closed in the Third and Second Degrees, and the Preceptor assisted Bro. Botley in working the 4th Section of the First Lecture. A very encouraging report was brought up by the Committee appointed to make arrangements for the annual dinner on April the 11th. Announcements were made that at the next meeting the first and second ceremonies would be rehearsed by the W.M. and officers of the mother lodge; that no meeting would be held on Easter Monday; and that on April the 25th, which will be the closing meeting of the session, the offices would be held by the brethren of the Jersey Lodge. The lodge was then closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 24th ult., when there were present Bros. W. Hoggins, W.M.; W. J. Rymer, S.W.; W. R. Jones, J.W.; J. Greenway, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; H. J. Keen, S.D.; J. Guffanti, J.D.; T. C. Seary, Org.; W. Hawkins, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. F. Buxton, J. Cater, C. Morrell, E. Harris, T. Hawkins, J. Wise, C. O. Burgess, W. Downs, R. Sandland, G. H. Reynolds, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Preceptor worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. Bro. C. Morrell having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. W. F. Buxton having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bro. C. Morrell, of the mother lodge, was unanimously elected a joining member. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. J. Rymer was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Hubbard, W.M. 463, P.J.G.D. Surrey, W.M.; E. E. Gellowski, S.W.; T. Kington, J.W.; George Read, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; W. Thwaites, S.D.; W. B. Neville, J.D.; H. R. Elkin, I.G.; H. G. Danby, Steward; A. Williams, P.M.; H. W. Dyne, Lewis Beale, and J. H. Neville.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Beale acting as candidate. The W.M. gave the charge incident to the initiation. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. J. H. Neville offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Gellowski was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The annual supper was postponed until Thursday, the 28th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the lodge was closed.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A meeting was held on the 25th ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Cruttenden, 779, M.E.Z.; W. H. Chalfont, M.E.Z. 975, II.; J. C. Tilt, P.S. 860, J.; J. Davies, M.E.Z. 733, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. Gregory, 1st A.S. 862, S.N.; A. J. Turner, 1st A.S. 1199, P.S.; W. R. Hatton, 1642, 1st A.S.; G. Coop, P.Z. 1604; R. D. Poppleton, H. 51; and H. F. Williams, 742.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Williams being candidate. Comp. Coop was elected a member. It was announced that the M.E.Z. would, at the next convocation give "The History of Moses' Rod." The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times. Communications were read from Comps. Shedd, Clowes, and Wood. "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was closed.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, on Friday, the 25th ult., when there were present Comps. Murché, M.E.Z.; H. G. Martin, H.; North, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Voisey, Treas.; Stone, S.E.; Hill, S.N.; Pullen, P.S.; H. M. Williams, Phillips, R. T. Vincent, Lazenby, Wilson, Jackson, and Addington.

The chapter was regularly opened, and the ceremony of installation of First Principal was rehearsed by Comp. Jackson installing Comp. Lazenby. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Jackson personating candidate. Comp. Jackson was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when an installation ceremony will be rehearsed. The chapter was then closed.

**Mark Masonry.**

**Borough of Greenwich Lodge (No. 332).**—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the King William the Fourth Hotel, East Greenwich, Bro. George Burney's handsome hostelry, when Bro. Sidney J. Gore, J.W. and W.M. elect, was duly inducted into the chair of A. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. G. Thomas, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. A. H. Bateman, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., by special request, assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and Bro. Gore having been duly presented, was installed and saluted. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Thomas, I.P.M.; W. H. Burney, S.W.; G. P. Carter, J.W. and acting Sec.; E. W. Carpenter, M.O.; T. P. Newton, S.O.; G. Burney, J.O.; F. Couldery, P.M., Treas.; H. T. Fryer, R. of M.; W. J. Huntley, S.D.; G. Burney, jun., J.D.; J. F. J. Sexton, I.G.; and W. Spinks, Tyler. Bro. Bateman then proceeded with the ceremony, delivering the addresses in faultless style. He was awarded a cordial vote of thanks for his services, and returned thanks. Bro. Thomas was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel for services rendered the lodge during his year of office, and as a mark of the esteem of the brethren, for which he returned thanks, after which the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served in the handsome and commodious saloon of the hotel, and was worthy of Bro. Burney's fame as a past master in the arts of the cuisine.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. H. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.I. of W.; H. W. Partridge, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; W. C. Burney, M.D., P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; W. Kipps, P.M. (Hon.), P.P.G.O.; E. M. Roe, P.M. 294, P.P.S.G.W.; and C. Jolly, S.W. 226, J.W. 309, P.P.G.O.

The banquet having been discussed, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Grand Mark Lodge toasts, and also that of "The R.W. Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., Prov. G.M.," followed by that of "The V.W. Bro. the Rev. Hayman Cummings, M.A., D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," both the latter toasts being heartily responded to.

Bro. Coe, in response, said he tendered them his most hearty thanks on behalf of the rest of the Grand Officers first, and then on his own behalf. The Grand Officers at all times did their utmost to promote Mark Masonry, especially in the Province of Kent. They had one of the best of Provincial Grand Masters in the person of their esteemed Bro. Robinson, and not only one of the best Masters, but also one of the best Deputy Provincial Grand Masters in Bro. Cummings, to whom their thanks were due for the able and admirable manner in which he carried out his arduous and important duties. He then gave a most encouraging account of the Charity contribution of the province (Mark) during the last 20 years, and concluded by pressing upon the brethren and officers the necessity of an effective and perfect working of the ritual, which could only be obtained by attending a lodge of instruction.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," and said he was sure that as Bro. Gore had done good work in the Craft, so he would in the honourable and important position in which he had been placed that day.

Bro. Gore, who is deservedly popular among the brethren, thanked them for their hearty reception of the toast, and at the same time felt and was aware of his own inability to do justice to the lodge at the present time. It was perfectly true, as Bro. Coe had said, that as a rule there was not the same interest taken in a perfect working of the Mark ceremonial as there was in the Craft. Knowing this, and feeling his own inability, he had hesitated in accepting the office, but it was a sort of "Hobson's choice" in his case, he being the only officer eligible and so accepted it, but with a full determination to make himself, before their next meeting when he trusted to have some work to do, worthy of their confidence and perfect in his working, for, having accepted the responsibility, they would find no "shirking the work" in him. He thanked them again, and hoped to have with them a happy, harmonious, and prosperous year of office.

Bro. Jolly responded for "The Visitors," who were heartily welcomed by the W.M. and brethren.

Bro. Thomas, in responding to a flattering reception of the toast of "The Past Masters," said there were so many Past Masters present, a fact that he and the lodge might well be proud of, that it was not his intention to take the wind out of their sails by making a long speech, yet he must say that as a rule a W.M. who was at all a hard-working Mason now-a-days had his mind constantly employed in ritual work. During his year of office he had to fill the arduous task of H. in a chapter, and other work as well, so that he was unable to work up the ceremony of installation. Bro. Bateman had kindly consented to do it for him, in the unavoidable absence of their esteemed first Master, Bro. Ralph Gooding. He thanked Bro. Bateman for his kindness, and the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received the toast.

Bros. Kipps, Roberts, Couldery, Partridge, and Burney also responded, and then "The Officers" and Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which had been brightened by some good singing and reciting, Bro. Kipps presiding at the piano.

**Egerton of Tatton Lodge (No. 400).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 23rd ult., at Mark Masons' Hall, Bro. Dr. Brodie, W.M., presiding. There were also present Bros. G. H. Thomas, S.W.; Lennox Browne, J.W.; Henry Wright, S.O.; George Danford Thomas, J.O.; A.

Peckham, Treas.; Charles Moore Jessop, Sec.; Henry Juler, J.D.; H. W. Kiallmark, P.M.; and Belgrave Ninnis, P.G. Stwd. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Vincent, P.M. 139; G. D. Harris, S.W. 224; and H. Massey, P.M. 22.

Bro. Harry Seymour Foster (Sheriff of London) was advanced to the Mark Degree by Bro. Kiallmark, and afterwards Bro. Dr. Brodie installed Bro. Lennox Browne as W.M. of the lodge. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. G. T. Harley Thomas, S.W.; Wm. Thomas, J.W.; A. Peckham, Treas. and J.O.; C. M. Jessop, Sec.; Henry Wright, M.O.; Geo. Danford P. Thomas, S.O.; H. E. Juler, S.D.; Raymond Tucker, J.D.; H. Seymour Foster, I.G.; and E. J. Mills, Tyler.

Lodge was thereafter closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where they partook of a choice banquet, under the presidency of Bro. Lennox Browne, and subsequently honoured the customary toasts.

Bro. Dr. Brodie proposed "The W.M.," a toast which, he said, would meet with the brethren's cordial appreciation for his Masonic services. All the brethren knew him and the work he had done for Masonry. He wished him a very successful and happy year of office.

Bro. Lennox Browne, W.M., in the course of his reply, said that in the short time that this lodge had been established he had been preceded by several distinguished members of the medical profession who were also distinguished Masons, each of whom had done his work in a manner that had made him desirous to do his work in the chair as well as possible, and to show that he did not want to shirk it. He would introduce one or two candidates at the next meeting, and then he was going to do the work himself. This time next year he hoped to perform the ceremony of installation, and in the I.P.M. he would have an excellent assistant. The brethren had acknowledged the services of Dr. Brodie by presenting him with a jewel. He (Bro. Lennox Browne) was very sensible of the high honour conferred upon him by being made Master of a lodge composed of so many members of his own profession, and so many Masons whom he had known in other lodges and whom he highly esteemed.

Bros. Vincent and Massey acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors," which was proposed in most cordial and kindly terms by the W.M.

Bro. Lennox Browne, in proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," said that those brethren formed at present but a short roll, but they were nevertheless a worthy band. He was deeply grateful to Dr. Brodie for installing him. Bro. Brodie was well up in Masonic work, and some years ago took a section of the lectures in the Craft in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. Bros. Kiallmark and Ninnis were also invaluable, and he hoped that next year the brethren would find another brother not altogether unworthy to be associated with them. He then suggested that the warrant of the lodge should be endorsed every year by the W.M. of the lodge, and offered to present a morocco case in which to keep it. It would be an interesting memento years hence.

Bros. Dr. Brodie and Ninnis replied. The toast of "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings of a very pleasant evening.

TWICKENHAM.

**Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).**—This prosperous lodge met at the Albany Hotel on the 17th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. A. J. R. Simmonds, W.M.; W. Thomas, S.W. and W.M. elect; Davis, J.W.; Woodruff, M.O.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; Meacock, R. of M.; Bonney, S.D.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Bailey, P.M.; and W. J. Porter, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Wm. Thomas was duly installed into the chair of A. by the Secretary. The following appointments and investitures took place: Bros. Davis, S.W.; Woodruff, J.W.; H. Von Joel, M.O.; George Everett, S.O.; Meacock, J.O.; Bonny, R. of M.; W. Fisher, P.M., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.M., Sec.; W. W. Westley, S.D.; Conway, J.D.; and Harrison, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Master. The sum of three guineas was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, per Bro. A. J. R. Simmonds, I.P.M. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. Fisher, P.M., Treas.; H. Von Joel, M.O.; George Everett, S.O.; W. W. Westley, S.D.; and others. It was unanimously resolved that in future the installation meeting take place in March. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The W.M. presided most ably, his speeches being exceedingly happy and terse.

During the intervals Bros. Porter, P.M.; Bailey, P.M.; and others instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren.

OBITUARY.

BRO. MOSES BENNETT.

Bro. Moses Bennett, one of the old members of the Panmure Lodge, No. 715, we regret to say died on Wednesday morning, after a short illness. He was one of the best known of the London shorthand writers, and had followed that calling for more than half a century. He died in his 69th year. The whole of the male portion of the family were brought up as shorthand writers, but there is only one of the brothers now surviving, and he, in conjunction with a nephew, is still pursuing the same calling. All the family made considerable mark in their profession. Bro. Moses Bennett attached himself in early life to the firm of G. and N. Cherer, which he never afterwards left, and at the time of his death he was the senior partner in that firm, which was carried on under the title of Cherer, Bennett, and Davis, the firm which took the official notes in the Tichborne case. Bro. Moses Bennett was as well known on the Western Circuit as he was in metropolitan legal circles, and as a genial, kindly-hearted, charitable man, with an immense fund of anecdote, will be long remembered.

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FREEMASONS' HALL, GREAT QUEEN STREET, W.C., 5th February, 1892.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

We regret to inform you that the Widow of our late much lamented Grand Secretary, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, has been left very inadequately provided for.

A Committee of Grand Officers and others, who have had many opportunities of knowing how conscientiously, efficiently and courteously Col. Clerke discharged all the duties of his important office, and the eminent services he has rendered to Masonry, has been formed for the purpose of inviting Lodges and Brethren to show their appreciation of his high character and services by joining with them in raising a Fund for the purchase of a Government Life Annuity for Mrs. Clerke.

We send herewith a List of the Committee who have already given their names, to which additions are solicited.

The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcombe; and Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), P.G.W., G.D.C., have kindly consented to act as Trustees, and an account will be opened immediately in their names at the Bloomsbury Branch of the London and Westminster Bank.

Personal Subscriptions are limited to a maximum of £5 5s. In the case of Lodges, Chapters, and other Masonic Bodies there is no limit. Cheques are requested to be sent, addressed to the Treasurer, Bro. Robert Grey, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., made payable to him, and crossed "London and Westminster Bank, Bloomsbury Branch, o/a Shadwell Clerke Trust."

Inasmuch as Bro. George Kenning has kindly undertaken to insert advertisements in the *Freemason* free of expense, and as the cost of Printing, Stationery, Postage and Receipt Stamps, &c., will be paid by Members of the Committee, the whole amount of Subscriptions, without any deduction, will be available for the proposed object.

We remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

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"SHADWELL CLERKE TRUST."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The reference in the newspapers to Col. Shadwell Clerke's will having caused some misconception as to the income left to Mrs. Clerke, we think it right to state that we have been furnished with a list of the securities in which the personal estate was invested. Their value at present prices is £10,461 8s. This includes the £1000 mentioned in the will, of which Mrs. Clerke has the testamentary disposition, and also a policy for £1000, payment of which is in question. The sum of £10,461 8s. invested in securities suitable for trusts would yield a yearly income of £310. Out of this by the will £100 a year is to be paid to each of the sons, and the balance to Mrs. Clerke on condition she provides a home for and maintains the daughter. Should the policy money not be received, the balance will be reduced to £80 a year. Mrs. Clerke has a small entailed property of her own in Ireland which brings in a precarious income, the average of the last two years being £133 10s.

So far as we are able to learn, the whole of her income will therefore be either £243 or £213 to provide a home and maintain herself and daughter, which is sufficient to show that for a lady in her position she "has been left very inadequately provided for."

When the will was read it was believed that Mrs. Clerke was left a life interest in her husband's real estate in Ireland, but this appears not to have been legally carried out, and it is to fulfil, to some extent, the evident intention of Col. Clerke that "The Shadwell Clerke Trust" has been formed.

The brethren to whom our circular was addressed are reminded that the case was not put before them as one of *Charity*, nor were they solicited for subscriptions. They were invited to join with the Committee in testifying by the purchase of a life annuity for Mrs. Clerke "their appreciation of Col. Clerke's high character and services."—Yours fraternally,

THOMAS FENN, Pres. B. of G.P., Chairman.  
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Freemasons' Hall, 22nd February, 1892.

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The next meeting of this Committee, with the addition of those Brethren who, in the meantime, may have signified their wish to join, will be held here on MONDAY, 4th April, at FIVE o'clock, of which this is to be taken as notice.

FRANK RICHARDSON, Secretary.  
Freemasons' Hall, 5th March, 1892.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, April 9, 1892.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 2.

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

RAFT LODGES.

1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1949, Brixton, Horns Tavern.

LOGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30. Duke of Connaught, Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8. Eccleston, Bro. Dickie's, 13, Cambridge-street, Pimlico, at 7. Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8. King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7. Manchester, Old King's Arms, Poland-st., W., at 8. Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. St. Paul, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7. St. Paul, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's Park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30. Urban, Freemasons' Hall. Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Ho., 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., 8.

MONDAY, APRIL 4.

RAFT LODGES.

69, Unity, Inns of Court Hotel. 83, United Lodge of Providence, Albion Tavern. 114, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hotel. 125, Unions, Freemasons' Hall. 139, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall. 149, Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall. 189, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall. 1813, St. Botolph's, Albion Tavern.

LOGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Herne Hill, at 8. Carnarvon, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30. Caour, Eagle Hotel, Snarebrook, at 8. Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30. 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. Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30. Marquis of Ripon, Lord Stanly, Paragon-road, Mare-st., at 8. Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30. Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., 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. Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30. Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30. Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8. 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, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8. St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. Savage Club, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, at 8. Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8. Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 8. Tyson-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Mon., at 8. United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30. Upper Norwood, White Hart Ho., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, at 8. Union, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8. Waltham Cross, The Chequers, High-street, Waltham Cross, at 8. Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, at 8. West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. 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. Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8. North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall. 124, Cable, Cafe Royal.

MARK LODGE.

5, Mallet and Chisel, Mark Masons' Hall.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

17, Bard of Avon and Drury Lane, 33, Golden-square.

ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR.

20, Fenrose Dunbar, Black Horse Hotel, Tower Hill.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5.

RAFT LODGES.

18, Old Dundee, Cannon-street Hotel. 201, Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel. 219, Marquis of Dalhousie, 31, Golden-square. 229, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road, E. 231, Golden Rule, Cafe Royal. 242, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. 265, Kingsland, Cock Tavern. 270, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.

LOGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8. Upper City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6. Curdson, Guildhall Tavern. Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7. Caxton, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8. Carlthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8. Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, corner of Queen's-road and Middle-ton-road, Dalston, E., at 8. Derby All-roit, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8. Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Champs, at 8. East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 8. Easlematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Edgemoor, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8. 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, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30. Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 7.30. Highbury, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30. Highbury, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30. Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, at 8. Lion, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8. Mount Edgcombe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E. Nelson, Strand Chapter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8. New Cross, The Nester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., 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., at 6.30.

Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 8. Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8. Robert Burns, Old King's Arms, Poland-street, W. St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8. South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30. Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, 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. Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1, Grand Master's, Hotel Victoria. 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.

MARK LODGES.

236, Clapton, 191, Bishopgate-street, E.C. 355, Royal Savoy, Criterion.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6.

RAFT LODGES.

311, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel. 1298, Royal Standard, Cock Tavern. 1491, Athenaeum, The Athenaeum, Camden-road, N. 1687, Rothesay, St. James's Hall. 1766, St. Leonard, Shoreditch Town Hall.

LOGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8. Burgoyne, Rising Sun, York-road, Lambeth, at 6. Confidence, Deacon's Tavern, 3, Walbrook, at 7. Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, at 8. Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8. Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 169, Battersea-park-road, at 8. Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8. Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8. Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8. Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8. Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8. Hammersmith, Board Room, Bath and Wash-house Co., Blacksmith, Hammersmith, at 7. Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15. Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8. La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Great Portland-street, W., at 8. Londonborough, 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. Mitchell, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8. Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-street, Boro', at 7.30. New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8. Plucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45. Prosperity, City Arms Tavern, 2, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8. Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey 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. Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 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., Euston-road, at 8. Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30. Warrant Officers, 35, St. Martin's-street, W.C., at 7. Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. Andrew Chapter, Wind-or Castle Hotel, King-street West, Hammersmith. Domatic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

55, Constitutional, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar. 1106, Urban, Freemasons' Hall. 1328, Granite, Holborn Restaurant.

MARK LODGE.

Grand Masters', Mark Masons' Hall.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Tavern, at 12.

RAFT LODGES.

10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall. 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel. 45, Strong Man, Guildhall Tavern. 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. 747, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace. 812, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall. 1155, Excelsior, White Swan, Deptford. 1155, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel. 1174, Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1216, Macdonald, The Courts Restaurant, Strand. 1351, St. Clement Dances, The Courts Restaurant, Strand. 1672, Mornington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel. 1700, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel. 1773, Pimlico, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W. 1790, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath. 2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.

LOGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, Covent Garden, at 8. Burnett-Courts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8. Clarence, 1A, Fitzroy-square, at 7.30. Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8. Creation, Wharfedale Hotel, 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, at 8. Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8. Leopold, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. Montehore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7. Priory, Berryred Priory, Acton, at 8.15. Regent's Park, Waterloo Arms, High-street, M. rylebone, at 8. Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte-st., Fitzroy-square, W., at 8. Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30. Rose, Striding 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, 8. Strong Man, Tiptree Restaurant, Whittington-avenue, Leaden-hall-street, at 6.30. The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30. Tregear, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 7.30. Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich, 8. Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 7.30. Victoria, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30. Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8. Clapton Chapter, The Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, at 8. Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8. Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

2, Chapter of St. James, Freemasons' Hall. 143, Mount Moriah, Albion Tavern.

181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall. 1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern. 1716, All Saints, Vestry Hall, Bow.

MARK LODGES.

197, Studholme, 33, Golden-square. 244, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place, W.

ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR.

7, University of London, Holborn Restaurant. 11, George Andrews, White Swan, Deptford.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8.

Quarterly Court Boys' School at Freemasons' Tavern, at 12.

RAFT LODGES.

134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall. 1559, New Cross, Portland Hotel, Greenwich. 1704, Anchor, Cafe Royal. 1997, John Carpenter, Albion Tavern. 2399, Ordnance, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead.

LOGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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. Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6. Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8. Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8. Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, 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, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8. Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8. Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-rd., at 8. Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 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. Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8. Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6. Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8. The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30. United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, St. John's Wood, N.W., 8. Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8. Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Fri., at 7. Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8. Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8. Mount Zion Chapter, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Fri., at 7.30. Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. St. George's, Striding Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 7. Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall. 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

ROSE CROSS CHAPTERS.

3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-square. 101, Adoniram, Mark Masons' Hall.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9.

RAFT LODGES.

108, London, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall. 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hotel. 1607, Loyalty, London Tavern. 1612, West Middlesex, Municipal Buildings, Ealing. 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tavern. 1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel. 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall. 2304, Cornish, Mark Masons' Hall. 2384, Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Lower Mitcham.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1918, Gallery, Anderton's Hotel.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House Hotel.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

For the week ending Saturday, April 9, 1892.

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 Cross, &c., in "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," both published annually at the office of The Freemason.

MONDAY, APRIL 4.

Table with columns for Craft Lodges, Mark Lodges, and Knights Templar, listing towns and lodge numbers.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Table with columns for Lodges of Instruction, listing towns and lodge numbers.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5.

Table with columns for Craft Lodges, Mark Lodges, and Knights Templar, listing towns and lodge numbers.

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The Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will hold its regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, at 3 p.m.

The M.W. Frater Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, IX°, Supreme Magus of England, has conferred the VIIIth Grade Honoris Causa upon Frater Dr. Hill Drury, Celebrant of the York College.

Her Majesty's ship Phaeton sailed from Malta for Alexandria on Saturday last, having on board Bro. Rear-Admiral Markham, who succeeds Rear-Admiral Lord Walter Kerr as second in command of the Mediterranean Squadron.

We are glad to hear that the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who has been staying at Hastings for the purpose of recruiting her strength after her recent attack of illness, has returned to her house in Stratton-street, Piccadilly, much improved in health.

Bro. George Augustus Sala presided at the annual dinner of the London District of the Institute of Journalists, which was held at the Criterion Restaurant on Saturday evening last, among the principal guests being Bro. Lord Mayor Evans, Bro. Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., and others.

The exhibition of the Royal Society of British Artists is now open in Suffolk-street, the number of paintings being about 600, supplemented by a few pieces of sculpture. There is, perhaps, too great an abundance of landscape, but the excess is in some measure atoned for by the number and character of the figure pictures of cabinet dimensions.

Monday was the eighth anniversary of the death of the Duke of Albany, and in memory of the sad event the Duchess of Albany visited Windsor Castle and was present at the service held in the Albert Chapel, where lie the remains of the late Duke. The Dean of Windsor officiated, and among those present was Bro. Sir R. Collins.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), and Bros. Lord George Hamilton, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., and W. L. Jackson attended the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Saturday last. The Duke of Rutland, who is Minister in attendance on her Majesty at Hyeres, and Bro. Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland) were the only absentees.

The children's fancy dress ball which was to have been held in January for the purpose of endowing a cot in the Victoria Hospital, Chelsea, but was postponed in consequence of the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, has been arranged to take place in Princes' Hall on Thursday, the 21st inst. The cot will be named after the late Duke.

The portrait of the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth, as advertised in the *Freemason*, is photographed from a miniature in possession of the old lodge at Cork, and is well done. The memoir that accompanies it is also most interesting, and, as the cabinet is being sold on behalf of the Centenary Bazaar in aid of the "Masonic Female Orphan Schools," Dublin, for one shilling, the sale should be considerable.

Some very good prices were realised at Messrs. Christie's sale of pictures on Saturday last, 670 guineas being paid for "Aqua Benita," by J. Philip, R.A.; 530 guineas for "Old Holland," by Clarkson Stanfield, R.A.; 630 guineas for "The Nearest Way in Summer Time," by T. Creswick, R.A., and R. Ansdale, R.A.; and 900 guineas for a water-colour drawing of "Bolton Abbey," by P. de Wint. "After Vespers," by Bro. Sir F. Leighton, P.R.A., fetched 585 guineas, and "A River Scene," by T. S. Cooper, R.A., 380 guineas.

Most of the Metropolitan Volunteer Corps have made their arrangements for Easter. The London Rifle Brigade will take up their quarters at Winchester, and there will be a considerable force assembled at Dover, including a company of mounted infantry furnished by the Queen's Westminster and the Inns of Court, and a detachment of the Cyclist Rifle Corps, consisting of about 50 men, under Col. Savile. Most of the regiments going out of town will leave on the Thursday evening before Good Friday, in order to earn as much as possible of the extra grant allowed under the regulations.

Lord Sheffield's English team fared indifferently in their first two matches with teams representative of the whole of the Australian colonies, being defeated on both occasions by the Colonials. But in a third match which was concluded on Monday, the Englishmen proved victorious in one innings by 230 runs, the scores being, Lord Sheffield's team—199; Australia, 1st innings, 100; 2nd innings, 169. Nine out of the English team got into double figures, Mr. A. E. Stoddart scoring 134; Dr. W. G. Grace, 58; Maurice Read, 57; Peel, 83; Briggs, 39; Mr. McGregor, 31; and Attewell, not out, 43. Among the Australians, Bruce, 5 and 39; R. McLeod, 20 and 30; and J. J. Lyons, 23 and 19; were the most successful.

The Loan Exhibition of Pictures at the Guildhall, which was opened on Monday afternoon, and will remain on view during the whole of the present season, illustrates the whole history of painting from the days of the Van Eycks, in the 12th century, to the present time. The collection includes two gems by Jan van Eyck, a portrait by Albert Dürer, which is a masterpiece of its kind, and works by Franz Hals, the Teniers, father and son, Gerard Dow, Caspar Netscher, Jan Steen, and other members of the Dutch school. Our great English painters, also, with the exception of Wilkie and Mulready, are well represented, and as many of the works are exhibited for the first time, the exhibition will doubtless be one of the chief art attractions of the present season.

**FISH! FISH! FISH!** The Co-Operative Fish Supply Co., LTD., are now sending out cheap BASKETS OF FISH or OYSTERS, carriage paid, to any part of the Kingdom, from 2s. 6d. each and upwards, direct from the landing stage. Address orders and remittances to the Co-Operative Fish Supply Co., Ltd., Pontoon, Grimsby, or to Billingsgate Buildings, London, E.C., as may be most convenient. Try our London House for their celebrated Bloaters, Findon Haddocks, Kippers, &c.

The installation of Bro. Wm. Shurmur as W.M. of the Highbury Lodge by Bro. C. F. Hogard took place at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, yesterday (Thursday). A report will appear in our next.

The Marquis of Dufferin and Ava will be installed as Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports in the month of June, the last occasion on which the ceremony was performed in full being when Lord Palmerston was installed.

We are very pleased to be in a position to announce that Bro. Edmund Yates, after a severe illness, which has lasted for quite four months, is now fully restored to health, and has resumed his accustomed duties at the offices of the *World*.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson will deliver his Friday evening discourse on "The Physiology of Dreams," on the 29th inst., in place of Dr. William Huggins, who will give his lecture on "The New Star in Auriga," on the 13th of May.

A quarterly court of the Governors of the Foundling Hospital was held on Wednesday, when Bro. Robert Grey was unanimously elected to the office of Treasurer, rendered vacant by the death of Mr. G. B. Gregory. The court was very numerously attended.

Mr. Harry Furniss, who has been suffering from the effects of overwork, is much better, and has been ordered by his medical adviser to take a sea voyage. He left England by the Teutonic on the 30th ult. for the United States, and will be absent about six weeks.

Bro. Dr. Wynn Westcott has been elected by the Vestry of St. Mary, Islington, to succeed the late Dr. Maymott Tidy as Medical Officer of Health, *pro tem.*, of the parish. Owing to the provisions of the Public Health Acts, a permanent appointment cannot be made for some months.

The Duchess of Edinburgh, accompanied by the Princesses Victoria and Marie, arrived in London from Devonport early on Monday morning, and in the course of a few hours left Charing Cross for Darmstadt, where her only son, Prince Alfred of Edinburgh, has been lying ill since the funeral of the Grand Duke of Hesse.

His Majesty, Leopold II., King of the Belgians, opened an Exhibition of British Art-Photography at the Cercle Artistique, Brussels, on Saturday afternoon last. His Majesty was accompanied by his nephew, Prince Albert, and several of the Ministers together with a large number of the British residents in the Belgian capital were present.

Her Majesty's first-class cruiser *Crescent* was floated out of dock at Portsmouth on Wednesday, the ceremony of naming the vessel being very gracefully performed by Lady Elizabeth Meade, eldest daughter of Admiral the Earl of Clanwilliam, Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth, whose recent severe attack of influenza prevented him from being present at the ceremony. The *Crescent* is a ship of 7700 tons, its engines are of 12,000 horse-power, and its complement of officers and men will be about 545.

Madame Waddington, wife of the French Ambassador, opened a sale of work at the Town Hall, Kensington, on Tuesday, in aid of the mission to the French in London and Great Britain, in connection with the unendowed French Reformed Evangelical Church in Bayswater. The sale remained open on Wednesday and Thursday, and having had the advantage of Royal and other patronage, we trust the result will prove beneficial to the mission interested.

The W.M. of the Abbey (Westminster) Lodge, No. 2030, Bro. C. C. Piper, together with the Secretary, Bro. Shand, had an interview with the Grand Secretary, Bro. Letchworth, on the subject of a dispensation to lay the foundation-stones in Westminster of the Public Free Library and Public Baths with Masonic ceremony. The Grand Secretary, with great courtesy, explained that there were insuperable difficulties, and that he could hold out no hope of the sanction of the M.W.G.M.

The Chairman and Committee of the Freeman's Orphan Schools gave a dinner at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday evening, the principal guests including Bro. Lord Mayor Evans, the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs, Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, Alderman Ritchie, &c. The day selected happened to be the 38th anniversary of the foundation of the institution, which is situated at Brixton, and which in the course of its existence has educated and maintained some 800 girls and boys, at a cost of about £157,000. In the course of the evening the Chairman presented his predecessor in office, Bro. Loveridge, with his portrait, in recognition of his valuable services to the charity during his term of office.

The promise of spring not only brings us the usual catalogues from seed growers, florists, and nurserymen, but renders their study something more seasonable and appropriate than during the past month or two of hard frosts and dreary skies. Bro. J. K. King's catalogue came to us from his noted seed farm at Coggeshall, Essex, many weeks ago, but it needed an effort to imagine that with such wintry surroundings we should need any use for it for an indefinite time. But we can only say with regard to this catalogue that for comprehensiveness and careful arrangement it is equal to anything we have seen. The firm is one of the oldest in the country, and its reputation is a guarantee that all they promise will be performed.

As differences of opinion have arisen as to whether the standards of weight and measure deposited in the wall of the staircase leading to the Committee Rooms of the House of Commons exactly correspond with the standards now in use, a party of inspection consisting of the Right Hon. the Speaker, Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., President of the Board of Trade, the Hon. W. Carrington, representing the Lord Chamberlain's Department, and other officials will to-morrow (Saturday) visit the House of Commons for the purpose of testing them. They will afterwards be again imbedded in the wall, where they were deposited in 1853, and whence they have only once been removed for the purpose of being tested—namely in 1870.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.**—During piercing winds and excessive variations of temperature everyone is more or less liable to internal and external disease. Throat, chest, liver, bowels, kidneys, and skin all suffer in some degree, and may be relieved by rubbing in this Ointment, aided by proper doses of the Pills, for administering which full directions accompany each box; in truth, anyone who thoroughly masters Holloway's "instructions" will, in remedying disease, exchange the labour of an hour for the profit of a lifetime. All bronchial, pulmonary, and throat disorders require that the Ointment should be thoroughly well rubbed upon the skin twice a day with great regularity, considerable briskness, and much persistence.

Bro. Samuel Rideal has been admitted to the Livery of the Fanmakers' Company.

The Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction, No. 2192, will in future hold their meetings at the Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow.

Bro. J. Leach Barrett, P.M. of the Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201, was, on Monday last, installed as First Principal of the Eclectic Chapter, held at Freemasons' Hall.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Fife will leave Cape Martin before the present week is over, on a visit to Italy, and will return to England at the end of the month.

Intimation has been received by the Town Clerk of Belfast that the Government has decided to recommend her Majesty to grant the style and title of Lord Mayor to the Chief Magistrate of that city.

The Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) has very graciously consented to open the new Convalescent Home which has been established at Broadstairs in connection with the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea. The ceremony will take place some time during the month of May.

The meeting for the election of candidates and other business of the Clock and Watch Makers' Asylum will be held at the Horological Institute, 35, Northampton-square, on Monday, the 11th inst. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Geo. Lambert is one of the Patrons, and Bro. T. Baxter the Chairman of this deserving Charity.

Bro. H. J. Restomjee, the head of the well-known mercantile house in Kurrachee, announces that he has taken his three sons into partnership, and the firm will henceforth be known as H. J. Restomjee and Co. We wish the firm under its new designation as much success as it has hitherto achieved.

The biennial festival dinner in support of the Hampstead Home Hospital and Nursing Institute, Parliament Hill-road, was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of Mr. E. Brodie Hoare, M.P., who was well supported by Dr. Heath Strange, founder of the Charity, and others. The subscriptions amounted to £1050.

Rehearsals for "The Magistrate" are now in active preparation at Terry's Theatre, under the personal superintendence of Mr. A. W. Pinero, and, according to present arrangements, the production will take place on Wednesday evening, the 13th inst., in which case matinées will be given on the Saturday following Good Friday and on Easter Monday. The first night promises to be a very brilliant affair, and the applications for seats for that and the following evenings are already very heavy.

As will be seen by our advertisement columns, Bro. James Stevens' new work, "The Evolution of Symbolic Masonry," is to be ready for issue on the 21st inst. Bro. Stevens informs us of his intention to close the subscription list for the first edition (now nearly complete) on the 11th, in order to prepare his appendix of subscribers. Up to and inclusive of that date, he can receive particulars of names, addresses and Masonic rank, of brethren desirous of subscribing and remitting to him at Evelyn, Catford, S.E., thirteen pence per copy.

The Electric Exhibition at the Crystal Palace still maintains its attractions. It gives a very fair idea of the present position of the industry and shows what rapid progress has been made since the last exhibition in the same building 10 years ago. Not many firms then in existence are at this year's show, but among the few are Messrs. Woodhouse and Rawson, of 88, Queen Victoria-street, who have greatly extended the field of their operations and are now well known all over the world. Their stall is numbered 103, and occupies a prominent position in the north nave, near the orchestra. A very ingenious mechanical arrangement in which the initials of the firm are shown alternately in red and blue coloured lamps renders their exhibit specially noticeable.

In aid of the Building Society Sufferers' Relief Fund the brethren of Portsmouth have arranged to give a ball in the Town Hall on the 19th instant (Easter Tuesday). The lodges of the district have taken the matter up very cordially, and have agreed to bear all the initial expenses, so that the entire proceeds may be handed over to the fund. A General Committee has been formed, with Bros. E. S. Main, P.P.G.D.C., and J. Howarth, W.M. 1776, as Hon. Secretaries, and consisting of Provincial Grand and lodge officers throughout the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The first meeting of the Committee was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-road, on Thursday, the 24th ult., and was well attended. Many matters in connection with the preliminary arrangements were discussed, and tickets were issued to those present for disposal. There is already a considerable demand for tickets, the price for which has been fixed at 5s. for gentlemen, and 3s. 6d. for ladies. The Committee determined to engage the Royal Marine Light Infantry band for the ball, which promises to be a great success and a brilliant spectacle, the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., having granted a dispensation to brethren to wear Masonic clothing, besides giving permission for the ball to be held under the banner of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Bro. Brickwell, the well-known business manager at Terry's Theatre, has devised an ingenious plan, which he believes will be a perfect check to the receipts of a theatre, but the working of the system will require that a programme should be presented gratis to the public. The plan is thus described: The programme has attached to it two perforated slips. When you pay your money at the box-office you receive a programme with the perforated slips attached. One of these is retained by the box-office clerk; the other is detached by the checktaker. What is left is the ordinary programme, and this, as it bears the number of the seat and the date, is of additional value as a record. The great beauty of Bro. Brickwell's plan is that it is to the advantage first of all of the audience, because it ensures that every one will get a programme actually free; secondly, because every member of the audience will take good care to get a programme, and so the most perfect check of the house will be established. The audience, in fact, checks itself. Bro. Brickwell's ticket programme ought to be especially valuable to touring managers and entertainers who cannot carry round their own checktakers, and consequently often find themselves puzzling over the perplexing problem of a night's receipts in inverse ratio to the size of the audience.