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APPROACHING CENTENARY OF THE MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL, DUBLIN.

Our Irish brethren are leaving no stone unturned in order to ensure the success of the Centenary Festival of the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin. The event will take the form of a Bazaar and Fancy Fair, which will be held in Dublin during the week commencing from the 16th May, and for months past the Craft in Dublin and throughout the Provinces have been busy accumulating all sorts and descriptions of material which will be disposed of at the Fête in question. Moreover, the Committee in charge of the arrangements have been very successful in obtaining such an amount of patronage and support as justifies them in the belief that the celebration will be a brilliant success. Her Majesty the QUEEN, the Prince of WALES, who is Patron of the Order in Ireland, and the Princess of WALES, the Duke and Duchess of CONNAUGHT, his Grace the Duke of ABERCORN, Grand Master of Ireland, and the Duchess of ABERCORN, his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant and the Countess of ZETLAND figure in the list of Patrons, while among those who support and sympathise with the movement, and in very many cases are taking an active part in the preparations, are many of the most prominent personages in the capital and the chief cities and towns in the Emerald Isle. The principal object which the promoters have in view is to raise a sum of money to be known as the Centenary Fund, which shall suffice to enable the authorities of the Institution to assist the children on leaving in obtaining situations which will enable them to obtain an honest and honourable livelihood. There can be no two opinions as to this purpose being a most laudable one, and we sincerely trust that the strenuous efforts which are being made in order to raise this Fund will prove as successful as the most sanguine well-wishers of this deserving Charity could desire.

There can, indeed, be no question as to the importance of the Institution in whose behalf the Festival we refer to is about to be held. It was founded in 1792, just four years after our own Girls' School was established by Bro. the Chevalier RUSPINI and his friends. We gather from an address delivered in the Ulster Minor Hall, Belfast, some six or seven weeks ago, by Bro. Lord Justice FITZGIBBON, who is one of the Governing Committee of the Charity, that at the outset it was located in an obscure part of the Irish Capital, and was only capable of providing for a very small number of children. But in 1852, thanks to the efforts made by the late Duke of LEINSTER, who was Grand Master of Ireland from 1813 to 1874, and the venerable Bro. Judge TOWNSEND, who, though retired from active duty, is still a member of our Order, the Institution was enlarged sufficiently to accommodate 36 children, while the system of education was very materially improved, a slight amount of assistance being rendered to the girls on leaving school and going out into the world. Thenceforward the School prospered abundantly, but though the number of applicants for admission kept on increasing, the utmost the Governors, with the accommodation at their disposal, found themselves able to do in order to meet this pressure was to enlarge the establishment to 42 girls. In 1879, the question began to be discussed whether the Irish Craft was not strong enough and wealthy enough to maintain a still larger Institution, and it having been apparently resolved in the affirmative, the present building, which is located at Ball's Bridge, adjoining the grounds of the Royal Dublin Society, and one of the handsomest structures of its kind in Dublin, was commenced, the foundation-stone being laid in 1880 by the then Duke of ABERCORN, M.W.G.M., in the presence of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant (Bro. Earl COWPER) and the Countess COWPER, and the élite of Irish society. Two years later a great Masonic bazaar was held in the buildings now occupied by the Royal University, the object being to obtain the necessary funds for furnishing and fitting the School. The result was eminently satisfactory. The sum required was £2000, and after clearing all expenses—which amounted to £1000—the four days' bazaar was found to have yielded a clear profit of £6400. Since then the Governors have become the fee-simple owners of the property at an outlay of between £14,000 and £15,000, the Masonic Orphan Schools, with the nine acres of ground in which they are situated, forming, as we have said, one of the handsomest structures of the kind in Dublin; but what is of still greater importance, the number of children clothed, educated, and maintained within its walls has been increased to 81. As regards the training of the girls, the utmost care is taken in order to make them useful members of society. "The capacity of each and every one of the children was carefully studied, both by the teachers and the Committee in charge of the School. They never lost sight of them until they had them placed safe in the world in suitable situations. Many of them occupied responsible and independent positions in various parts of the world, and upon their history they could look back with pride." These

results, so admirably described by Bro. Lord Justice FITZGIBBON, have been attained at an outlay of less than £25 per child, so that the School must be economically as well as efficiently administered. The present income appears to be about £2500 a year, but this is only sufficient for the maintenance and education of the girls, and leaves no margin for assisting them when they have completed their career in the School. Hence the Fête which will be held in Dublin next month, and which, it is hoped, will furnish capital enough to allow of the Governors rendering these orphans still further help, by procuring for them positions in which they will be able to turn their talents to good account, and by generally doing what lies in their power to advance their interests at a time when they stand most in need of assistance and encouragement.

The Fête has our heartiest good wishes for its success. In England we can point with pride to two brilliant successes—the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in 1888 and the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February of the current year. Not very long ago, too, our brethren north of the Tweed organised a grand Masonic bazaar in Edinburgh for the purpose of establishing a Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, the result being, after all expenses had been defrayed, the splendid sum of between £14,000 and £15,000 towards the object in view. It is now the turn of our Irish brethren, who are desirous of putting the Centenary Anniversary of the foundation of their Masonic Orphan School to good account by raising what will materially enhance the usefulness of their Charity; and, as we have said already, we sincerely trust the success which awaits the promoters of the Fête will far exceed their most sanguine expectations.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Mechanics' Institute, Ashton-under-Lyne. There was a large muster of influential Royal Arch Freemasons present. Comp. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, G. Supt., presided, and was supported by Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, Prov. G.H.; A. H. Jefferis, Prov. G.J.; J. Chadwick, Prov. G.S.E.; and others.

The Grand Superintendent, along with the Provincial Grand Officers and Principals, having entered the Provincial Grand Chapter, the roll of Provincial Grand Officers was called over, and all were present, with the exception of three, who sent apologies.

The roll of chapters of the province was called, and all, with one exception, were represented.

Comp. JOHN CHADWICK, Prov. G.S.E., read the minutes of the Provincial Grand Chapter, held at Bury on March 19th, 1891, which were confirmed.

The excellent report of the Prov. G.H. and J. was read by Comp. J. H. SILLITOE, and was received with great satisfaction.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT thanked Comps. Sillitoe and Jefferis for the report they had submitted, and congratulated the companions on the very satisfactory state of the province. He strongly exhorted them to throw more zeal into that noble Degree. He was pleased to know from the report just read there had been such a decided improvement in the general working of the chapters, and he had not the slightest doubt it would continue.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's account was submitted, and adopted, the finances being in a highly satisfactory state, having a balance of about £65.

Comp. Rev. J. E. Roberts was duly elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, and the following were invested for the ensuing year:

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| Comp. J. H. Sillitoe | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.H. |
| " A. H. Jefferis | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.J. |
| " John Chadwick | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.E. |
| " Rev. Bigoe Bagot | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.N. |
| " R. Gornall | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.P.S. |
| " J. Stovold | ... | ... | ... | Prov. 1st A.G.S. |
| " Evan Williams | ... | ... | ... | Prov. 2nd A.G.S. |
| " Rev. J. E. Roberts | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " T. W. Bromley | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| " E. Moss | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.B. |
| " John Cliff | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " Scott Young | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.D. of C. |
| " W. J. Melling | ... | ... | ... | Prov. A.G.D. of C. |
| " Sam. Smith | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " James Newton | ... | ... | ... | Prov. A.G.S.E. |
| " J. Higson | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Janitor. |

On the motion of Comp. J. STOVOLD, P. 1st A.G.S., the sum of 30 guineas was granted from the Provincial Grand Chapter to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

As no application was made, it was not arranged where the next annual meeting should be held.

The Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed, and terminated a most satisfactory and important meeting.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROSE CHAPTER,
No. 1622.

On the 26th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, was witnessed by a large number of Royal Arch Masons one of the most imposing and impressive ceremonies in the consecration of the above chapter, which is attached to the Rose Lodge—one of the most successful and distinguished lodges in South London. The Consecrating Officer was Comp. E. Letchworth, G.S.E., who was ably assisted by Comps. T. Fenn, P. Pres. Committee of General Purposes, as H.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.A.G. Soj., as J.; Sir John B. Monckton, G.S.N., as S.N.; and F. Richardson, G.D.C., as D.C.

The other companions present were—

Comps. F. Hilton, P.M. 1475 and 1622, P.Z. 1275, and H. 172, M.E.Z. designate; H. G. Martin, W.M. 1622, A.S. 1275, H. designate; F. W. Williams, I.P.M. 101, J. 657, J. designate; E. A. Whitby, P.Z. 1329; J. H. Cureton, P.S. 2182; J. Addington, P.Z. 1275; H. Sadler, 169, G. Janitor; R. J. Vincent, P.Z. 1329, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; W. H. Simons, 2182; J. Barnett, jun., P.S. 59; G. H. Phillips, P.Z. 186; W. R. Hunt, 2021; E. Voss, P.H. 5; C. H. Knuth, 1839; C. H. Stone, P.N. 1275; T. Dally, 1269; G. King, P.Z. 172; C. Meierhoff, P.Z. 172; J. Bladon, 118; J. H. Price, P.Z. 1321; C. H. Cox, J. 1839; R. C. Davis, J. 146; J. Morgan, 1269; V. T. Murché, J. 1329; W. M. Stiles, P.Z. 1321; H. Vickery, P.Z. 1507; F. Oldfield, 134; F. Wint, P.S. 101; E. S. Laidner, P.Z. 101; J. M. Flegg, P.H. 101; G. L. Moore, P.Z. 169; C. J. Smith, S.N. 1269; C. T. Fleck, P.Z. 172; C. F. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C.; F. S. Smith, 2182; Wm. Price, 2182; J. Schüller, 5; J. H. Worstencroft, P.S. 198; T. Grummant, P.Z. 1275; G. Munday, H. 1507; and G. Thompson.

The chapter having been formally opened, and the companions admitted, the CONSECRATING PRINCIPAL addressed the companions on the nature of the meeting, and called on the D.C. to state the wishes of the companions, and the proceedings they had taken with respect to the chapter.

The petition and charter having been read, the CONSECRATING PRINCIPAL inquired if the companions of the new chapter approved of the officers who were nominated in the charter to preside over them. On signifying their approval, the following oration was given by Comp. the Rev. R. J. SIMPSON, P.A.G. Soj. :

Most Excellent and Companions,—I have with pleasure accepted the kind invitation of the Grand Scribe E. to assist at the consecration of the Rose Chapter, to the members of which allow me at once to heartily wish long life, health, and benediction. You will pardon me if for a moment I allude to a circumstance which, I feel sure, is uppermost in your hearts as well as in mine—I mean the loss of our late dear Grand Scribe E., Colonel Shadwell Clerke. His thorough knowledge of Masonry and of Masonic ritual, his business-like habit and love of order, his uniform courtesy to all the brethren, and withal his genial and happy manner, all these gifts had a peculiar charm which justly endeared him to us, and will, I am sure, preserve his memory green amongst us for many a day. It is a consolation, however, to feel that the choice of the M.E.G.Z. has been at once so wise and so popular, and that in Bro. Letchworth we have a Grand S.E. who will, doubtless, carry out the important duties of his high office with dignity, efficiency, and brotherly regard. We tender to him on this his first consecration our fraternal welcome and our "Hearty good wishes." And now, M.E. and companions, I cannot presume to teach you anything as to the Royal Arch Degree, in which you are one and all so well skilled. I will, therefore, content myself with briefly dwelling on two ideas suggested by this phase of Masonry: (I.) the value of the Sacred Records; (II.) the true wisdom of the sojourner. (I) The antiquity of the Sacred Records cannot be doubted, and when we bear in mind that they have been for upwards of five-and-twenty centuries religiously and zealously guarded by that ancient and Royal race whose history is so interwoven with the records, that every word, syllable, and letter has been preserved and noted, and that 280 years before the Christian Era they were translated into Greek, and that the Septuagint translation still remains an independent witness to the Hebrew text, we may fairly conclude that this Volume of the Sacred Law is: (2) a guide to our faith, a support to our hope, and an eternal well-spring of our Charity, as well as—(3) the foundation-stone of our lodges and the key-stone of our Royal Arch. The Holy Volume has been subjected to rough treatment in many a day of rebuke and blasphemy, it has often been consigned to the flames, and has had to pass through the fire of hostile, captious, and ungodly criticism, but it has survived the floods of ungodliness, weathered the storms of abuse, and come out unscathed from the fires of persecution, and it is to-day, as ever, the guide, the hope, and the comfort of believing millions, and this leads me to say a word on—(II.) the true wisdom of the sojourner. From the Divine Volume of which I have been speaking, the sojourner learns that he is a sojourner, and has assistant sojourners, and in those two words, so familiar to our lives and hearts, and which commence our second dedication prayer to-day, "Our Father," he learns two sublime truths: (1) the brotherhood of man; (2) the Fatherhood of God. These two thoughts steadfastly impressed on our hearts, minds, and lives would of themselves go far to carry us safely through the wilderness to the Promised Land. In that journey, as in all journeys to sacred shrines, dangers must be met, difficulties encountered, and trials, even perils, be faced; but as the hope of reward sweetens labour, so the anticipation of the victory of good over evil, and of life over death, gives us Divine strength and power to bear and to suffer, looking forward to the crown that awaits the victor, and the rest and joy that remain for the faithful when the labourer's task is done. It reminds us of those simple and beautiful lines:

"O happy band of pilgrims,
Look upward to the skies,
Where such a light affliction
Shall win so great a prize."

Or those words in the wisdom of Solomon, our Grand Master: (1) Then shall the righteous man stand in great boldness before the face of such as have afflicted him and made no account of his labours. (2) When they see it they shall be troubled with terrible fear, and shall be amazed at the strangeness of his salvation, so far beyond all that they looked for. (3) And they repenting and groaning for anguish of spirit shall say within themselves, this was he whom we had sometimes in derision and a proverb of reproach. (4) We fools accounted his life madness, and his end to be without honour. (5) How is he numbered among the children of God, and his lot is among the saints?

The ceremony was then resumed, and the chapter solemnly dedicated and constituted in the usual form.

The installation of Principals followed: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., M.E.Z.; H. G. Martin, H.; and F. W. Williams, J.; after which the election and investment of officers took place as follows: Comps. J. N. Kirby, Treas.; Dr. Webb, S.N.; J. H. Pullen, P.S.; G. Thompson, 1st A.S.; J. Schüller, 2nd A.S.; and J. Wightman, Janitor.

The M.E.Z. rose and proposed that the heartiest thanks of the companions be accorded to the G.S.E. and the rest of the Grand Officers for their eminent services in consecrating the chapter, and that they be elected honorary members.

This was seconded by Comp. H. G. MARTIN, H., and being put by Comp. F. W. WILLIAMS, J., was carried with acclamation.

The G.S.E. most suitably replied.

Comp. F. HILTON, M.E.Z., on behalf of the chapter, and as a memento of the occasion, asked the Grand Officers to accept a miniature founder's jewel, which they graciously received.

The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and notice was given of 18 propositions for exaltation and two joining members.

With "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet provided by Mrs. Venables, the proprietress, which was highly appreciated.

The cloth removed, the M.E.Z. rose and gave in a truly sympathetic manner the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts, which were duly honoured.

In giving that of "The Pro Grand Z., the G.H., the G.J., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the M.E.Z. stated those who had the privilege of attending Grand Chapter, could not but be struck at the order, regularity, and propriety with which every duty was carried out, and their sincerest thanks were due to them for performing their duties in such an excellent manner.

The toast was received most heartily.

In reply, Comp. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON stated the exceeding gratification it gave him to respond for the Grand Officers, for which he thanked the companions. It was an unexpected pleasure, and he was delighted to witness the first solid work of the G.S.E. in consecrating this chapter with the utmost promise. He would draw a moral from two words—Loyalty and Charity. He would announce that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught had graciously accepted the Chairmanship at the next Festival of the Girls' School, and he hoped the chapter would send up a Steward on that occasion.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," remarking that the best thanks were due to the G.S.E. for his very great kindness in consecrating the chapter so soon after his appointment so as to allow them to get to work. He with the other Grand Officers had been elected honorary members, which was no empty name, for the M.E.Z. trusted on many an occasion when their multifarious duties would allow, they would visit the chapter and see the working. He at once accepted the challenge of the G.S.N., and hoped to represent the chapter at the coming Girls' Festival, as also Comp. F. W. Williams, J., would represent the Temple Chapter. It would be their utmost endeavour to carry out the grand principles so eloquently propounded by the P.G. Chaplain, and to prove the labour of the Grand Officers that evening had not been in vain by carrying out to the fullest the trust reposed in them.

In reply, the G.S.E. expressed his warmest thanks for such fraternal greetings. He was much delighted to augment the number of Royal Arch chapters by the addition of the Rose Chapter, which he felt confident would prove most successful. No higher compliment could have been paid the Consecrating Officers than that paid them by the M.E.Z., when he announced that two Stewards would hope to represent the companions at the coming Festival of the Girls' School, as four of the Consecrating Officers were on the Committee of Management of that Institution.

The next toast was that of "The M.E.Z., H., and J.," in proposing which the G.S.E. said he considered was the toast of the evening, and stated that the three Principals who had been installed were so well known, and had done such excellent work in Masonry, that the chapter had done wisely in its choice. The qualifications of the M.E.Z. were especially of a high order, he having passed already the chair of Z. and P.M. in two lodges, but particularly in the Star Chapter of Instruction, where his eminent services were most valuable in Royal Arch Masonry. He had great pleasure in proposing the toast.

In reply, the M.E.Z., on behalf of the Principals, thanked the companions for giving the toast such a splendid reception. He had, firstly, to return hearty thanks to the founders; secondly, to Grand Chapter for granting the warrant, and the companions who consecrated the same; and, thirdly, for such an array of companions in so readily supporting him. On all sides he had most worthy companions to assist him in carrying on the chapter to a certain success. They all knew the very deep interest he had taken in Royal Arch Masonry for many years, and especially was taking in the Star Chapter of Instruction, where he was happy and proud to witness during the last three years many companions who were enabled to install their successors, which had not been carried out in such a manner before in South London. He would state he had had the very hearty support of many companions now present, and he trusted he might see such an array for many a year, and so long as he received such support, so long would he bestow his best abilities to make the chapter a thorough success.

The next toast remarked the M.E.Z. was one of great importance—that of "The Visitors," who numbered 38, whom the companions would always be delighted to welcome on a future occasion and see the actual work, for visiting the various chapters and witnessing the working was the only possibility of improving oneself in the splendid ritual.

In reply, Comp. J. H. PRICE said he was delighted to respond on that auspicious occasion. One special interest was witnessing the excellent work of the G.S.E. He could not but be saddened at the loss of the late G.S.E., whom he had been privileged in pinning to his breast one of the last jewels he received. He would say that in the Emblematic Chapter they had beaten the record, having had 19 exaltees, and he hoped that the Rose would beat that number. The whole ceremony had been most impressive, and it would live long in his memory.

Comp. DEVSNAF, in reply, congratulated the choice of the companions in the election of M.E.Z. one of the most worthy in London. His working was excellent, and he wished the chapter every success. He might say

in passing, the only other M.E.Z. present, he had been elected for the second time M.E.Z. of the Joppa Chapter, which was a Jewish chapter, and he the only Christian companion among them, and that he considered a very high honour. He thanked the companions for such a hearty reception.

Comp. T. GRUMMANT, who had been intimately acquainted with the M.E.Z. for many years, and the first lieutenant at the Star Chapter of Instruction, stated he had never enjoyed a Masonic meeting better, and wished the chapter a most hearty and prosperous career. The mantle of their late Comp. Bumstead had indeed fallen upon the M.E.Z., and he trusted he would for many years go on in the same excellent manner. The one spirit which would permeate the chapter he was confident was benevolence, and he was delighted to hear after the words of Comp. Sir John Monckton that the M.E.Z. and his old friend, Comp. Williams, J., would act as Stewards. He would promise them his most hearty support, and trusted they might have a large number of exaltees, and prove, as he was sure the chapter would, second to none in London.

Comp. STILES returned thanks most heartily on behalf of the remaining visitors, and felt confident he was only echoing the sentiments of every companion present in congratulating the G.S.E. on his appointment by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the pride they all felt in witnessing his first consecration. For himself, as P.G.D., it was indeed a special pleasure. He must congratulate the chapter upon its choice of M.E.Z. as being most excellent. There was the same wring of friendship as in the Rose Lodge, and he was certain that it must prosper. He trusted to be the recipient of such hospitality on a future occasion.

The M.E.Z. stated there was one more very important toast, that of "The Officers." He had before him an excellent body. Their dear old Comp. J. N. Kirby, Treas., quite a veteran, was a most valuable officer in the lodge, where he had rendered signal service, and he (the M.E.Z.) was confident he would so prove himself in the chapter. The S.N. was an old member of the lodge likewise, and would prove himself worthy of the position. Of Comp. J. H. Pullen, P.S., he could not speak too highly, for the wonderful progress he had made in Royal Arch Masonry fully justified his selection as P.S. The Assistant Sojourners, Comps. G. Thompson and J. Schüller, he was exceedingly pleased to invest with their collars, as they were worthy of the position. The M.E.Z. also stated that he could not allow that opportunity to pass without expressing the best thanks of the chapter to the 1st and 2nd Assistant Sojourners for acting as Wine Stewards at the banquet table, and who carried out their duties so admirably.

In reply, Comp. J. H. PULLEN stated the extreme pleasure he had in responding for himself and brother officers. He would assure the M.E.Z. on their behalf nothing should be wanting on their part to make the chapter a thorough success as the lodge had attained. Little did he think a twelve-month ago, when he was exalted, that he should now hold such an honourable position. It was all owing to their M.E.Z., with his wonderful tact and patience at the Star Chapter of Instruction, and if a companion did not succeed in learning the beautiful ritual it was his own fault. All would pledge themselves entirely to carry out their duties as perfectly as possible.

Comps. J. N. KIRBY, Treas., thanked the companions for the honour done in electing him Treasurer. He would assure them that the funds should be well guarded and placed to their proper account. He had been a Royal Arch Mason for 10 years, but now should attend regularly to his duties to do all in his power for the prosperity of the chapter.

Comp. Dr. T. E. WEBB, S.N., thanked the companions most cordially for the honour done him, and pledged himself to do his work as efficiently as possible.

The Janitor's toast closed one of the most enjoyable gatherings ever experienced.

The musical arrangements were under the able superintendence of Comp. W. Price, assisted by Madame Agnes Thayer, Miss Ethel Bevans, Comps. F. Swinford (organ accompanist) and W. H. Simons, with Mr. Edgar Simons at the piano. The programme was an excellent one.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of subscribers to this Institution was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. for West Yorkshire, P.G.D., Treasurer of the Institution, in the chair. A very large number of brethren were present, and the Chairman was supported on the dais by Bros. Robert Grey, Frank Richardson, J. H. Matthews, George Everett, Capt. S. G. Homfray, Peter de Lande Long, W. H. Spaul, C. F. Money, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS had the following motion on the paper:

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 12 consecutive years shall be constituted Life Governors.

In mentioning the subject to the Court he said that on looking over the accounts which had been presented to the General Committee two months ago, he found that £2700 odd was subscribed in annual sums, and he thought that the Institution did not sufficiently benefit by annual subscriptions, and that it ought to have more. To bring a better state of things about, he thought an advantage should be offered to annual subscribers, and he therefore gave notice of the present motion. Still, he was of opinion that the subject had come somewhat suddenly on the brethren, and that they had not had sufficient time to consider it. After conferring with various brethren who took an interest in the Girls' School, he had come to the conclusion that it would be better to deal with the matter at the next Quarterly Court, and with the permission of the brethren he would adjourn the consideration of it to the next Quarterly Court. (Cries of "No, no.") In the meantime he would ask the General Committee to consider whether it was expedient, and he had no doubt the proposition he made would come better from them than from himself.

Bro. BODENHAM objected, and moved that the matter be now considered.

There would be very few brethren at the Quarterly Court in July, and the question would be better dealt with at the present meeting. None of the brethren who were connected with the organisations considered it would interfere with the Institution.

Bro. F. R. SPAULL seconded Bro. Bodenham's amendment.

It was suggested that the motion should be considered at the October Quarterly Court, and Bro. BODENHAM said he had not the same objection to a postponement to that Court. He objected, however, to the matter being remitted to the July Court, and pressed his amendment.

Bro. H. T. THOMPSON, P.M. 742, thought the motion should be withdrawn unconditionally, and Bro. Saunders could give a fresh notice for October.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH thought there were sufficient brethren present to decide on the matter now, and he supported Bro. Bodenham.

Bro. GEORGE FAIRCHILD took the same view.

The amendment was put and carried.

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS then proposed his motion, and said he was speaking not only on behalf of himself, but on behalf of various friends in different parts of the country. There were many people who could give their guinea a year, but could not give their five or ten guineas all at once. He did not think it would affect the liberality of the brethren if his motion was carried.

The motion having been seconded,

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., said the brethren would no doubt remember that about 12 months ago a Special Committee was appointed to revise the laws of the Institution. That Committee was very carefully selected from all classes of the brethren, and from all series of subscribers. He had the honour to be on the Committee, and he could say it took the Committee very nearly 12 months to complete their labours. One matter that was brought forward specially for discussion was this very question suggested by Bro. Saunders, but it was the unanimous feeling of the Subcommittee that it was not judicious to make this alteration. But in order to meet the matter a law was framed that Subscribers of one guinea every year for 10 years should become Life Subscribers. That was Submitted to a Quarterly Court, and it was agreed to unanimously at the next Quarterly Court. Therefore, he thought he had a right to say that the recommendation was favourably received. He asked the brethren not to commence at once to alter laws which had only passed a short time.

Bro. SAUNDERS then asked to withdraw his motion, but it was not agreed to, and on being put to the vote was unanimously negatived.

Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, P.G. Std. Br., proposed, and Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, Grand Treasurer, seconded, the re-election of Bro. Henry Smith as Treasurer.

The motion was carried unanimously amidst applause.

Bro. PETER DE LANDE LONG, P.G.D., moved, and Bro. F. RICHARDSON, P.G.D., seconded, the following resolutions:

(a.) 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 extended to an honorary Vice-Patronship.

(b.) 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.

The motion was carried *nem. con.*

Scrutineers of votes for the election of 16 girls out of an approved list of 23 candidates for admission to the School were then chosen, and the election was commenced. The names of those elected will be found in our advertisement columns.

ELOCUTION IN FREEMASONRY.

Too much cannot be made of correct elocution as one of the minor adjuncts to good Masonry. By "minor" we, of course, mean that it cannot be classed amongst the cardinal virtues of the Craft, nor even as taking other than a secondary position to such points as correct knowledge of the ritual, punctuality at meetings, or reverence during the ceremonies. But it is of very great importance all the same, and too often utterly neglected. On the way in which the ceremonies of admission to the different Degrees of the Craft are performed depends more perhaps than upon anything else the extent to which the candidate will understand, appreciate, and practice the lessons of those Degrees, and this being admitted, it cannot be denied that one great factor in the impressiveness of a ceremony is the tone of voice in which the oral part of it is delivered. The words of the spoken ritual in most of the Degrees are exquisitely beautiful, they are indeed prose poetry of the highest class, and, as we have said on some previous occasion, it is this characteristic which accounts for the comparative facility with which these lengthy compositions are retained in the memory. But the different portions of the rituals are exceedingly varied in character. Sometimes they rise to dramatic intensity, forming part almost of a histrionic scene. Sometimes the officiating Master is giving a calm historic narration, sometimes a logical exposition of some Masonic theory or fact, sometimes delivering a charge destined to impress upon his hearers certain truths after the manner of a sermon, sometimes an explanation piece by piece of some tracing board or working tool, sometimes putting a question, sometimes offering up a prayer, and again on occasion taking part in a colloquy involving displays of grief, anger, commendation, reproof, surprise, or what not. Now, it is obvious that however letter-perfect a Master may be, the effect of his words are lost if a charge is delivered in the same tone as a mere narration, or a prayer with the same vocal inflections as a tracing board. Some elocutionary variations are necessary, or the whole has the appearance of a lesson recited by a schoolboy. Surely, then it is the paramount duty not only of every Master, but of every officer, to endeavour to acquire some grasp of the elocutionary requirements of his parts. And we need not be daunted by the difficulties of the task. It is not expected by the Craft that its officers should all attain the level of a dramatic artist in their work. Only the favoured few, with natural gifts and special training, can do that. But any man with an ordinary education can, by dint of a little application, learn to say his words with such an amount of elocutionary effect as will give point to their implied meanings. All that is required is for a man to picture to himself the design and "drift" of each sentence, and then to represent that design in such a tone of voice and with such a manner as he would himself unconsciously adopt were he using his own words in a similar sense. A little thought and less private rehearsal is all that is required to attain a sufficiently high level of elocution for practical Masonic purposes. How is it that this little is so often wanting?—*South African Freemason.*

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At a GENERAL COURT of this Institution held at FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on THURSDAY, 7th APRIL, 1892, Bro. HENRY SMITH, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, Treasurer and Vice-Patron, in the chair, after the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION by BALLOT of 16 Girls into the Institution from a list of 23 approved Candidates, when the following were declared duly

| No. on Poll. | No. on List. | ELECTED. | VOTES. |
|--------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | 22 | Adair, Agnes Lucy (<i>last</i>) | 4482 |
| 2 | 5 | Procter, Grace (<i>last</i>) | 3480 |
| 3 | 9 | Ticehurst, Hyacinth Frances | 3348 |
| 4 | 10 | Hughes, Daisy Elizabeth | 3343 |
| 5 | 6 | Fuller, Margaret Ellen | 3202 |
| 6 | 11 | White, Harriot Mehetable | 3139 |
| 7 | 15 | Lampen, Ida Mary | 3050 |
| 8 | 12 | Dodd, Grace | 2966 |
| 9 | 8 | Southcott, Mary Elizabeth Maud (<i>last</i>) | 2934 |
| 10 | 2 | Cash, Alice Mary | 2818 |
| 11 | 18 | Salisbury, Lydia Mary Kate | 2797 |
| 12 | 21 | Issard, Ethel Annie | 2641 |
| 13 | 23 | Seller, Dorothy Gertrude | 2562 |
| 14 | 20 | Slaymaker, Isabel Julia | 2517 |
| 15 | 14 | Wakefield, Alice Maude | 2139 |
| 16 | 7 | Davies, Rose Frances | 2125 |

The number of Votes recorded for Unsuccessful Candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's Office, No. 5, Freemasons' Hall, and will be duly carried forward at the next election, if eligible.

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APRIL ELECTION.

The Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, together with the relatives, friends, and other supporters of the case of

AGNES LUCY ADAIR,

beg to return their best and most sincere thanks to the Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, for their generous assistance in electing the Candidate to the benefits of this Institution. The Candidate was returned at the head of the poll with the unexpected aggregate of 4482 votes.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1892.

Masonic Notes.

We again remind our readers that the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern to-day (Friday), at noon precisely. The business will include the election of 10 members of the Board of Management (five London and five Provincial), from a list of 20 brethren (10 London and 10 Provincial), and of 20 boys from a list of 38 approved candidates—since reduced by the withdrawal of No. 1 to 37 candidates. The poll will close at 3 p.m. punctually for both elections. The boys placed at Nos. 2, 24, and 33 respectively are *last* cases, and we take this final opportunity of renewing the earnest appeal for support from unpledged voters which we have already made in their behalf.

The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at the Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday, the 7th instant. The chair was occupied by Bro. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, and as soon as the regular business of the Court was concluded, a poll was taken for the election of 16 from an approved list of 23 candidates. The names of the successful candidates will be found recorded in our advertisement columns.

We have no intention of anticipating the announcement of those brethren who will be appointed to Grand Office for the ensuing year, which will be made in Grand Lodge at the Grand Festival on Wednesday, the 27th instant, though the names of several who have had the good fortune to be selected have reached us. But we see no reason why we should not endorse the statement which has already been made that Bro. the Duke of Portland will be the new Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. the Earl of Durham the new Junior Grand Warden. The latter belongs to a family which has supplied more than one member that has won distinction in the ranks of our Society.

The Sydney *Freemason*, in its issue of the 1st February last, expresses itself in terms of very strong disgust because our United Grand Lodge, acting on the advice of its Grand Registrar, has ruled that Article 219 of our Book of Constitutions means what it says. Some two or three years previously our Colonial Board, having first of all consulted the same Grand Registrar, had decided that the said Article meant what it did not say. Subsequently the question at issue was again brought under the notice of our Grand Lodge authorities by prominent New Zealand brethren, the result being, as we have stated, that our Grand Lodge reversed the decision of its Colonial Board.

It cannot be denied that there is a clear and absolute inconsistency between the decision of our Colonial Board in 1888 and that of our United Grand Lodge last year, but this inconsistency does not establish the correctness of the earlier decision and render the later one iniquitous. In our High Court of Judicature there is not a term passes in which the decision of one of the judges is not reversed by the Court of Appeal, but no one dreams of calling the reversal "stupid folly," nor if a counsel sees fit to change his opinion, does any right-minded person charge him with "coercions and judicial depravity." It would have been far better, and certainly far more frank and out-spoken, if the Sydney *Freemason* had said—the first decision, or ruling, of Bro. Philbrick was right, because it accorded with our own interpretation of Article 219; his second ruling is wrong, because we do not so interpret the said Article. But this would be mere assertion, not argument.

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.]

HAUTS GRADES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

There is a certain French expression which occurs frequently in your paper, and which, by reason of its inaccuracy, invariably sets my teeth on edge and causes a cold shiver to run down my back. I do not suppose for one moment that you desire to put me to torture of malice prepense, and therefore take the liberty of pointing it out to you, in order that you may instill just so much knowledge of the French language into your compositors as may enable them to avoid exasperating me beyond endurance. I allude to the words *Hauts Grades*, which some malignant power apparently impels your compositors to invariably spell *Hautes Grades*. Now *Grade*, degree, is a French substantive masculine, and *Haute* is the feminine form of the adjective *Haut*, high. You will at once perceive that the *e* is altogether excessive, and calculated to drive a French scholar to a strength of language quite incompatible with his Masonic obligations. Please dismiss instantly any compositor who in future shall print the words *Hauts Grades* with the redundant *e*, and inflict any further punishment upon him which your ingenuity may be able to devise, thereby contributing to the peace of mind, and obliging yours fraternally,
G. W. SPETH.

[We fear the unfortunate compositors' delinquencies in the matter of the redundant *e* must be shared not only by several of our correspondents but by more than one Masonic author of repute. We have no desire to add a fifth victim in the person of Bro. Speth to the four whose fame the worthy Secretary of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge has done so much to perpetuate, and readily promise to inflict all the penalties suggested by him on any member of the staff who in future shall be found guilty of the atrocity which has so shattered our correspondent's nervous system.—ED. F.M.]

Masonic Notes and Queries.

979] "THE NEW ATLANTIS."

This short fragment of Bacon's will be found in any edition of his works, and as, like "*Lex Scripta*," I am at a distance from any public library, no doubt some of your readers will supply him with it. No Masonic work has thought it worth while to reprint it; Bros. Findel and Gould both comment upon it, but only to refute the views of foreign Masons who have attributed to it the present aspect of Freemasonry.

JOHN YARKER.

980] THE TEMPLAR RITUAL.

The difficulty of dealing with this subject seems to arise from the inability of the body to ascertain who and what they are. I take it that the degree originates in the Christian Master, and if it actually has any connection with the old knights, it could only be from the Scottish members found in the Stuart party, who had modified it. In later times (last century) it was undoubtedly a mixture of Templar, Rose Croix, and Kadosh. As the two last grades are now worked by several other bodies, the most practical course would undoubtedly be to adopt a modified form of the Scottish ritual, which is excellent in its arrangement.

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Reviews.

THE DORSET MASONIC CALENDAR, A.L. 5892, &c.

This valuable and welcome annual is edited, printed, and published by Bro. J. A. Sherren, of Weymouth, and as it is about as near perfection as possible, it is compiled on the old lines. As becometh a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, Bro. Sherren relieves the dry details with interesting bits of information, and in this year's issue has had occasion to add an Obituary, death having been terribly busy amongst prominent Craftsmen during 1891-2. These notices of departed worthies form a feature of the present publication, and should generally be followed by other editors; because permanent registers of active service, of those the provinces desire to gratefully remember. There are 13 lodges in Dorset, with 176 Past Masters, and a total of 628 members—much as last year. There are seven R.A. chapters (a large number in proportion) and five Mark lodges. The votes in the Central Masonic Charities, notwithstanding the serious losses by death, run up to 2189, which represents one of the largest proportionate totals in England.

THE MASONIC YEAR BOOK FOR THE PROVINCE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE, 1892.

Bro. W. P. Spalding is the printer, publisher, and editor of one of the most artistic and handy Masonic directories issued in this country. In its compilation he has been advised and assisted by a Committee appointed by Provincial Grand Lodge, though, practically, the present year book is much the same as its immediate predecessor of 1891. The province is a very small one—only six lodges—but its influence is extensive notwithstanding, and far-reaching, especially through the medium of the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859. There are four Royal Arch chapters, two Mark lodges, a Knights Templar preceptory, and two Rose Croix chapters. What the voting strength of the province is as respects the Central Masonic Charities is not stated. Make a memo of this, Bro. Spalding, and give particulars in the directory for 1893.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Faith Lodge (No. 141).—This old lodge met for the discharge of business at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 29th ult. Among those present were Bros. C. Welch, W.M.; Taylor, S.W.; Ryan, J.W.; W. Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Trott, S.D.; White, J.D.; Godfrey, I.G.; Langdale, I.P.M.; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; Capt. Walls, P.M.; Frommholz, P.M.; Coop, P.M.; Hakim, P.M.; and Weizlar, P.M. Bro. Hunt, 1977, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. S. N. Isaacs was raised, and Bro. G. Salmon passed, both ceremonies being ably performed.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A few toasts followed.

Bro. Hunt responded in a neat speech for "The Visitors;" Bro. Langdale for "The Past Masters;" and Bro. Taylor, Ryan, and Godfrey for "The Officers."

During the intervals several of the members vocally entertained the brethren.

Lodge of Unity (No. 183).—The installation meeting of this ancient and prosperous lodge took place at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Monday, the 28th ult., when there was a large attendance of brethren. The members present included Bros. J. D. E. Tarr, P.P.G.D. Middx., W.M.; G. H. Lindsey-Renton, S.W., W.M. elect; A. G. Side, J.W.; G. W. Pinnock, P.M., Treas.; G. W. Speth, P.M., Sec.; A. Cook, S.D.; T. G. Tassell, S.D.; W. Burgoyne Watts, I.G.; W. Newbold; Stephen Richardson, P.M., D.C.; G. R. Langley, P.M., Stwd.; P. Corsham, P.M.; A. Hirsch, P.M.; E. A. Francis, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. A. Blenkarn, W.M. 1558; W. F. Petigrew, 624; C. Sheppard, P.M. 1366; J. E. Hasling, P.M., Treas. 39; E. Wareham, S.W. 1366; F. Spicer, P.M. 1269; J. T. Ashby, I.P.M. 228; J. Jennings, P.M. 228; G. Appleson, 173; R. L. Barrett, 172; F. Burman, 1987; J. Archer Smith, P.M., Treas. 1269; J. C. Yates, W.M. 1366; Lovett King, 2199; J. A. Wilson, P.M. 822; W. Sidney Bard, 19; F. Cull, P.M.; Carey, 179; Sir Norman Pringle, I.P.M. 92; E. L. Shelton, P.M. 1866; J. Holding, 1538; W. C. B. Bellamy, J.D. 1397; B. G. Elliott, S.D. 2080; J. Mortimer Davis, 92; N. B. W. Whitley, 1706; S. H. Norris, S.D. 231; J. Pullen, 1446; Dr. J. Pollard, P.M. 2000; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

Lodge having been formally opened, and routine business transacted, the chair was assumed by Bro. Geo. R. Langley, P.M., who installed Bro. G. H. Lindsey-Renton as W.M. for the ensuing year in an able and impressive manner that was enjoyed by all present. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest the following officers: Bros. J. D. E. Tarr, I.P.M.; A. O. Side, S.W.; A. Cook, J.W.; G. W. Pinnock, P.M., Treas.; G. W. Speth, P.M., Sec.; T. C. Tassell, S.D.; W. Burgoyne Watts, J.D.; Walter Newbold, I.G.; S. Richardson, P.M., D.C.; and G. R. Langley, P.M., and W. E. Watson, Stewards. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented by the W.M. to Bro. J. D. E. Tarr, I.P.M., who acknowledged the gift in appropriate terms.

Lodge was closed, and after a *recherché* repast the usual toasts were drunk with the customary heartiness.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Tarr, I.P.M., said he was sure the brethren were all pleased to see Bro. Lindsey-Renton in the chair. The way in which the W.M. had invested his officers was most satisfactory, and he had shown himself a shining light in the lodge. They all wished the W.M. health and strength during the coming year to afford them as much satisfaction as he had done that night.

Bro. G. H. Lindsey-Renton, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren very heartily for the kindly manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. The I.P.M. had put it in a very kindly way, and had said many kind things of him, not a tittle of which he deserved. He could only say that he supposed it was the correct thing on these occasions to enumerate all the virtues of the W.M., and he also supposed it was the correct thing not to enumerate his bad qualities. He knew he had many shortcomings, but he trusted those would not prevent him from using his earnest endeavours to make his year of office one not altogether unworthy of those which had preceded him. To a great extent it depended on the support given him by the members. He would not detain them in reference to this toast, as it was a difficult matter to speak of oneself, but would simply thank them for the kind manner in which they had received the toast.

The W.M. then gave "The I.P.M., Bro. J. D. E. Tarr, and Installing Master, Bro. G. R. Langley, P.M." He said the lodge was very proud of the I.P.M., who had spent a very happy year of office, and who was now doubtless glad to join the Past Masters, where the brethren hoped to see him on many occasions. All those who were present during the beautiful ceremony of installation, would acknowledge that it was rendered by Bro. Langley, P.M., in a scholarly manner, and on their behalf he would say they were much obliged to the Installing Officer.

Bro. J. D. E. Tarr, I.P.M., in response, said he had been supported during his year by the officers and Past Masters, which had enabled him to carry out the duties in, he trusted, a satisfactory manner.

Bro. Geo. R. Langley, P.M., having returned thanks, said that with reference to the proceedings he had had anything to do with, it had been an entire pleasure to do so, and had been a privilege accorded him by the senior Past Masters, whom he thanked accordingly. As far as the manner in which these duties had been conducted, they had been done to the best of his ability, and if they had pleased them he was grateful to them, and also grateful for the kind reception he had always received at the hands of the members of this lodge.

Bro. Col. Sir Norman Pringle, P.M. 92, responded for "The Visitors," and remarked that they had seen the installation ceremony performed in a manner which shed the

greatest credit upon the lodge and upon the Past Master who rendered it. They had also seen the earnest given by the W.M. of the manner in which he would conduct the work of the lodge. He answered to this toast exactly 12 months ago, and was then deeply impressed, and that impression had now been coloured with more vivid colours. However much he should say, he could hardly express the great gratitude the visitors felt for the opportunity of seeing not only Unity in name, but also in existence among the members.

Bros. Wilson, Archer Smith, and Dr. Pollard also replied. Bro. G. R. Langley, P.M., in reference to "The Masonic Charities," thanked the lodge for the sum of 10 guineas, which had been placed on his list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution when representing another lodge. The Lodge of Unity was Vice-President of all the Institutions, and the lists sent up during the time he had been a member had been well supported.

Bro. S. Richardson, P.M., acknowledged the toast, after which the W.M. gave "The Past Masters" in cordial terms.

Bro. E. A. Francis, P.M., in response, said he had been delighted, as the Preceptor of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, with the encomiums passed by the visitors upon the working that night. He felt proud to be present, as the work had been done by pupils of that lodge of instruction. He hoped this dear old lodge would maintain its standard of working for many years, and he trusted that those following in office would follow in the wake of those who had preceded them, and they should year after year hear the working praised by the visitors.

Bro. G. W. Speth, P.M., Secretary, replying for "The Treasurer and Secretary," said that during the time he had been Secretary he had received universal kindness from all the members, and the confiding manner in which each successive Master had entrusted the interests of the lodge to his care had touched him deeply.

"The Officers" was duly honoured, after which the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

During the evening a charming selection of music was excellently rendered under the direction of Bro. Lovett King, assisted by Madame Laura Brown, Miss Ethel Bevans, and Bros. Chilly and Franklin Clive.

Highbury Lodge (No. 2192).—A large number of brethren attended the installation meeting of this successful lodge, held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., on Thursday, the 31st ultimo. The members present included Bros. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., W.M.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., S.W.; Wm. Shurmur, P.P.G. Treas. Essex, J.W.; Major W. H. Baker, P.M., Treas.; T. Hastings Miller, I.P.M., G.S.B., Sec.; W. Maple, P.M., S.D.; H. Sprake, D.C.; E. S. Crick, I.G.; C. Cope, Stwd.; J. Barnett, jun., I.P.M.; F. Fenn, Pres. Board of General Purposes; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; A. A. Blott, and others. Visitors: Bros. T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C.; R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; Rev. Dr. J. Lindsay, P.P.G. Chap. Middx.; W. D. Church, I.P.M. 1365; T. H. Lloyd, 2074; S. Cochrane, P.M. 3; A. Leighton, 263; D. P. Holness, W.M. 2374; C. Weeden, P.M. 813; G. P. Pointer, W.M. 1013; W. T. Farthing, P.M. 55; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.W. Middx.; J. Cutler, 2374; C. A. Denny, 1671; A. Boden, 2168; A. Harvey, 1348; W. Hindford, J.W. 862; W. C. Mann, 2168; A. N. Clemow, S.W. 2205; A. E. Bull, 2030; C. MacColla, 2374; A. Berry, 2030; Capt. W. Lurcott, S.D. 1964; Lovett King, 2190; C. D. Lindsay, 957; G. S. Elliott, P.M. 749; M. J. De Leeuw, W.M. 2265; C. Dearing, W.M. 795; J. Spiller, S.W. 1677; N. Fortescue, 1366; J. Holland, 2374; J. Bunker, P.M. 1158; Rev. Dr. Dunbar, 2374; L. J. Drew, P.M. 287; G. Russell Beardmore, J.D. 9; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received and adopted. Bro. Wm. Shurmur, P.P.G. Treas. Essex, was next presented as W.M. elect, and received the benefit of installation at the hands of Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., the retiring Master. The following appointments and investments were then made: Bros. James Terry, P.G.S.B., S.W.; W. Maple, P.M., J.W.; Major W. H. Baker, P.M., Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; H. Sprake, S.D.; E. S. Crick, J.D.; Bell, I.G.; A. Blott and S. H. Miller, Stwds.; and Morley, Tyler. The W.M., in presenting a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. C. F. Hogard, I.P.M., referred to the excellent services rendered by that brother to the lodge since its foundation, and expressed the earnest wish that Bro. Hogard would be spared for many years to wear the jewel.

Bro. Hogard, I.P.M., having briefly returned thanks, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The toast list was commenced by a hearty reception of "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.V.G.M."

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the Worshipful Master made brief and appropriate reference to the members of that body present. He said it was his opinion that Bro. Philbrick, Grand Registrar, and Deputy Prov. Grand Master Essex, had done more to further the true interests of Freemasonry than any man breathing. His name was respected and beloved by the Board of Management of the Boys' School, which fully appreciated the services he rendered at the great enquiry held in reference to that Institution. Bro. Thomas Fenn was President of the Board of General Purposes, of which he (the W.M.) was a humble member by the suffrages of the brethren, and he was astonished at the extraordinary amount of time and trouble given by the President to the affairs of the Order. It had been his (the W.M.'s) good fortune to be associated with Bro. Ralling, Prov. Grand Secretary Essex, in his capacity as Prov. Grand Treasurer, and a better Mason he never wished to meet. Bro. Hastings Miller, G.S.B., was one of the founders of the lodge, and Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., had just been shown the opinion in which he is held in the Craft by having the sum of £63,000 subscribed for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., had been, from several causes, the acting Master for two-and-a-half years, and there was no brother more popular.

Bro. R. Eve, P.G. Treas., in response, having referred to the eminent services of the Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, said the Grand Officers gave their time and attention to further the best interests of the Craft, and Bro. Fenn was a striking example, for he contained in himself an amount of discretion and ability seldom to be found. Bro. Philbrick, G. Reg., in conjunction with Bro. Fenn, had come to decisions of a most righteous order, and the

right and proper thing was always done to the best of their lights.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., in responding, said there was one sentence which had dropped from Bro. Eve to which he would refer, which was the fact that we do not value the blessings we enjoy in a proper sense until they were taken from us, and that remark had a peculiar meaning in their lodge. There were many present that night who would at once divine what he referred to. When the Highbury Lodge was consecrated, the Consecrating Officer was their dearly beloved friend and brother, the late Col. Shadwell Clerke, and now they had but to show that they were still mindful of that distinguished Mason, that they respected him, and endeavoured to walk in the example he set before them. He was quite satisfied that in this lodge his name still remained green, and his reputation was one which was very dear to all the members. From time to time the Great Destroyer took from amongst the ranks of the Grand Officers those whose time here had been fulfilled. They had missed of late years that distinguished nobleman who was an ornament to the Craft, whose sound and clear judgment, and whose elegant tastes reflected the highest honour on the highest positions which any man could hold in the kingdom. They now lamented the death of their friend and brother, Col. Clerke, one of the most accomplished Masons who ever existed, and no brother who came into contact with him but recognised the great power and ability of the late Grand Secretary, and the genial and kind interest he took in every matter of Masonic concern placed before him. The office had been filled by his Royal Highness the M.V.G.M., who had made a worthy selection, but to many of them who had for so many years personal relations with the late Grand Secretary, they might be pardoned for saying that the office was filled but the place with which he was so intimately connected could never be supplied. With the loss of this distinguished Mason, one felt that the great Institution to which they were so much attached depended not upon the eminence or the ability or the goodwill of those who for the moment served its interests and ministered to its concerns, but that it was the attraction for all that is good that would ensure its prosperity, notwithstanding that those who may be highly valued, and for the time being deemed indispensable, had passed away. They still found the Institution went on, having the power to attract that which was best, and which elicited the highest sympathies of the human heart, bringing to it that which induced them to meet on a platform which was common to their human nature, and the needs felt by that nature were met by their Masonic Institution and their Masonic Institution alone.

Bro. T. Fenn, Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps., also responded, and informed the brethren that the Earl of Lathom would preside at the Grand Festival. It had appeared that the loss of Col. Clerke was irreparable, but he thought in his successor they would find one who would give satisfaction, and in time rival his predecessor. The present Grand Secretary had been brought out as a Consecrating Officer, and had given great satisfaction, performing the ceremony for the first time in his life in a very admirable manner.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., I.P.M., in proposing "The Worshipful Master," said they had that night installed Bro. Shurmur, who had already been through the chair of at least two lodges, the Islington Lodge and another, which did him the honour of naming itself after him, in the Province of Essex. He (the I.P.M.) did not quite know the number of candidates Bro. Shurmur initiated during his year, but believed it was between 60 and 70, which spoke well for the work their W.M. was able to undertake. In the Highbury Lodge they did not aspire to such a large amount of work, but the W.M. had proposed an initiate, and any gentleman he proposed would be an honour to the lodge. Bro. Shurmur was not only a good worker in Freemasonry, but was also a good worker on behalf of the Charities. He need not go further back than the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when Bro. Shurmur took up over £700, which he believed was the largest list of any single Steward on that occasion. Their W.M. was also a member of the Board of General Purposes, where he attended very regularly, so that no further remarks were necessary to ensure a hearty acceptance of the toast of "The W.M. of the Highbury Lodge," wishing him a successful year of office.

Bro. W. Shurmur, P.P.G. Treas. Essex, W.M., in reply, said: I am extremely grateful for the cordial expression of your good feeling towards me. Our brother, the I.P.M., has been good enough to refer to a somewhat juvenile lodge with which I have the good fortune to be associated in a neighbouring province, and which has been constituted now something like 17 months. In that young lodge we have already voted from the funds 500 guineas to the Masonic Charities. It was our peculiar privilege to subscribe the largest amount—£756—from any individual lodge at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival. I am sure you will be pleased to know that I have reasons to believe that that amount will be increased to over £800. I was not the Steward appointed to represent that lodge, that brother being present this evening in the person of its W.M., Bro. Holness, and the amount was the combined efforts of five Stewards. I hope you will excuse me for saying so much about this lodge, but it was an offshoot from the Highbury Lodge. I am extremely grateful for the cordial way you have received me, and for having elected me your Worshipful Master, and I shall endeavour to prove my gratitude by doing my very best to further the interests of the Highbury Lodge. I thank you again most sincerely.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next given in cordial terms by the W.M., and the following brethren responded: Bros. Rev. Dr. Dunbar; S. Cochrane, P.M. 3; W. D. Church, P.M.; and Capt. T. C. Walls.

Bro. James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., replied for "The Masonic Charities," and other toasts having been given, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Bro. Lovett King presided at the piano during the evening.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BROXBOURNE.

Kingswood Lodge (No. 2278).—The business of the season was commenced at an emergency meeting at the Crown Hotel on Saturday, the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. J. G. Cobb, P.G.S., W.M.; C. M. Coxon, S.W.; H. T. Nell, P.M., J.W.; J. Petch, P.P.G.S.B., I.P.M., Treas.; J. F. Bell, P.M., Sec.; T. Wye, S.D.; E. H. Moore, J.D.; R. W. Nicole, I.G.; G.

T. Chretien, D.C.; T. Williams, Tyler; John L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Ball, P.M.; N. Pearce, and R. Von der Sahl. Visitor: Bro. J. Duncan, W.M. 59.

The W.M. explained that the lodge of emergency was summoned for the purpose of raising Bro. Von der Sahl, who anticipated going abroad for a short time. As he and Bro. Ball, P.M., were very old friends, Bro. Ball had expressed a wish to perform the ceremony. The W.M. said he had much pleasure in acceding to that wish and vacating the chair in his favour. The first portion of the ceremony was therefore rendered by Bro. Ball, when the W.M. resumed the chair and completed it. The duties of each of the brethren were performed in a most admirable manner. The lodge was then closed.

It being a glorious spring day the brethren separated according to their bent, and an hour or two was passed in strolls in the neighbourhood. They assembled again in the evening, when an enjoyable repast was partaken of, after which the customary toasts were briefly proposed and as briefly responded to.

CHISLEHURST.

Chislehurst Lodge (No. 1531).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 26th ult., at the Bull Hotel, when there were present Bros. Charles Francis Quicke, P.M., W.M.; John Marshall, S.W.; C. A. Dettmer, J.W.; Wm. Hollis, P.M., Treas.; E. J. Goodale, P.M., Sec.; Thos. Smith, S.D.; A. J. Perriam, J.D.; Geo. Procter, I.G.; Richard Nevill, P.M.; G. H. Dowsett, Andrew Muir, G. N. Tanner, John Storey, J. C. Wyld, W. Tunstall, Geo. Whomes, and John Shaw. Visitors: Bros. W. F. Lord and W. Mann, of 2168; W. White, Thos. Poole, and E. L. Berry, of 1321; Alfred Cocks, Sincerity Lodge; Jas. Hopps, 1900; and Charles Bradley, 1760.

The chief business of the day was the initiation of Mr. John Shaw, who being personally known to and held in much esteem by many members of the lodge, received a very hearty welcome into the Order. The ceremony was most ably carried out by the popular Master of the lodge, Bro. C. F. Quicke, who is serving his second year of office as W.M. of this well-known lodge.

At the dinner which followed the meeting, the W.M. made a special feature of the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master, Earl Amherst," whose birthday it chanced to be. The meeting fully endorsed the remarks of the W.M., that few provinces possessed so able and devoted a Grand Master as Earl Amherst.

Bro. Nevill, P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," was most felicitous in his remarks. He reminded the brethren of the debt of gratitude they owed to the present estimable Master for the untiring efforts he had made on behalf of the lodge for a number of years.

Quite an ovation followed, and Bro. Quicke was most cordially greeted by all present. In replying to the toast of his health, the W.M. referred to the special pleasure it had given him that day to initiate Mr. John Shaw into Freemasonry, both on the grounds of personal friendship, and also for the privilege of being colleagues in the same company.

Bro. Dettmer responded in a capital speech to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and Bro. Shaw suitably responded to the toast of "The Initiate."

The brethren and visitors contributed to the enjoyment of the evening, and all expressed their pleasure at being present at the opening meeting of the year of the lodge.

CROOK.

Crook Lodge (No. 2019).—On Wednesday, the 23rd ult., the brethren of the above lodge, together with a large number of visiting brethren from the neighbouring lodges, met at Freemasons' Hall, Church-street, for the purpose of installing Bro. George Emmerson, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Joel, P.P.G. Stwd., the retiring W.M. At the conclusion of the ordinary business, the W.M. elect was presented and duly installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed in a very creditable manner by Bro. W. Arrowsmith, P.M. Bro. George Emmerson, W.M., appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Joel, I.P.M.; A. Y. Talbot, S.W.; Myles Taylor, J.W.; Rev. F. Newsome, P.P.G.C., Chap.; R. Proud, Treas.; George Smith, Sec.; W. T. Wanless, S.D.; W. Turner, J.D.; T. Hall, D.C.; J. H. Pollard, I.G.; J. Hughes, Org.; T. Walton, Almoner; T. Linton and T. D. Buston, Stwds.; and John Dowson, Tyler.

The brethren retired to the lower room, and partook of an excellent banquet in celebration of the annual festival, provided by Mrs. Young.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, after which a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. Joel, the retiring Master, which was appropriately acknowledged.

CROYDON.

George Price Lodge (No. 2096).—The election meeting of this lodge took place at the Public Hall, on the 2nd inst. There were present Bros. J. H. Price, W.M.; J. C. Leaver, S.W.; F. W. Leaver, J.W.; J. D. Langton, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; J. S. Hinton, acting S.D.; G. C. Leaver, J.D.; W. D. Hayward, D.C.; J. Wayle, I.G.; F. T. Ridpath, Stwd.; W. Lane, Tyler; W. W. Goode, I.P.M.; F. Cambridge, P.M.; F. West, D.P.G.M.; G. Pearson, N. C. Crews, E. Battack, W. G. Sheldon, Thos. Whitford, J. D. Hunt, H. A. Brown, F. Jones, J. F. Fielden, Thos. W. Hale, and C. W. Ridpath. The visitors were Bros. D. A. Langdon, Stwd. 45; W. G. Mills, 45; F. Blake, 2182; C. Sargeant, 1261; W. B. Fendick, E. W. Berry, T. Grumman, P.M. 1559; C. H. Stone, S.W. 507; W. J. Harris, S.W. 1321; W. Clifford, 1826, P.P.G.S. of Works; G. W. Eve, 1670; D. Leslie, T. Cotton, 60; W. Burns, W.M. 858; Chas. Wilkinson, 1287; and R. Bowers, 15 and 1321.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Sheldon was raised and Bro. Brown passed in a most perfect manner by the W.M. A ballot was taken for Messrs. C. W. Ridpath and T. W. Hall, which proved unanimous. The D.P.G.M. having arrived, he was saluted, and the W.M. cordially vacated the chair in favour of Bro. F. T. Ridpath, who wished to initiate his own brother with Mr. Hall, which he did in good style, also giving the charge. Bro. F. W. Leaver, J.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. A letter was read from Bro. Hobbs, Treas., resigning the lodge on account of ill-

health, which was received with very deep regret. Bro. F. T. Ridpath was unanimously elected Treasurer in his stead. A Past Master's jewel was voted unanimously to Bro. Price for the admirable manner he had conducted the business of the lodge during the past year.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a capital supper, which was well partaken of.

The cloth removed, the Worshipful Master gave the loyal and Masonic toasts in capital style, which were well received.

Those of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Pro G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were given with a few very appropriate remarks, and received quite loyally.

The next toast was that of "The Prov. G.M., Deputy Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. remarking that they were honoured by the presence of the D.P.G.M., and their heartiest thanks were due to him for the eminent services he had rendered the lodge. It was hoped at a meeting to be called on May the 5th their appreciation would be shown in a most tangible form.

The toast was received with acclamation.

In reply, Bro. West, D.P.G.M., stated he had already spoken on behalf of the Grand Officers, to the effect that the Pro Grand Master had honoured them by installing the P.G.M. of Surrey on the last occasion, which added to the prestige. It gave him great pleasure to be there that night at the lodge named after so good a Mason as the late Bro. George Price. He heard read in lodge the resignation of Bro. Hobbs, which he greatly regretted, as he was a most valuable brother. He urged the initiates to emulate all that was good. For his part he must state at once that whenever he saw a worthy brother doing excellent work, so it was his endeavour to reward such, but not otherwise. For such a cordial greeting he heartily thanked the brethren.

The toast of "The W.M." was given in high terms of praise by Bro. Goode, I.P.M., stating that the W.M. had taken up as Steward to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution £337, which was the highest in the province.

In reply, the Worshipful Master thanked all most sincerely for their cordial greeting. He had had a most happy and successful year, and was delighted he had given such satisfaction. A very worthy brother was about to follow him, whom he hoped would have another such year.

The next toast was the important one of "The Initiates," which the W.M. gave in very appropriate terms.

The Initiates responded with thanks for their reception, and a desire to make themselves acquainted with the beautiful ceremony they had witnessed, and to prove themselves worthy.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was given in a few well-chosen remarks, and responded to by Bros. Goode and Cambridge very ably.

"The Visitors" followed with a very hearty greeting from the W.M., and was as equally well received by the brethren. Bros. Burns and Rev. C. Painter very suitably responded.

The toast of "The Officers" was given by the W.M. eulogising their work and thanking them for past services, and replied to with thanks and good promise for the future.

The Tyler's toast closed a very delightful evening.

Bros. Harris, Pearson, F. W. Leaver, Cotton, Berry, and Cambridge (piano) added greatly with some capital harmony.

DONCASTER.

St. George's Lodge (No. 242).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Nether Hall-road, when there were present Bros. J. Fitzgerald, W.M.; F. J. Forth, I.P.M.; F. Webb, S.W.; E. Newsum, J.W.; C. M. Hartley, Treas.; J. Rayner, Sec.; J. F. Hanson, J.D.; C. Woodhouse, Org.; T. Foster and S. Lester, Stewards; G. W. Fretwell, P.M.; G. Brooke, P.M., P.P.G.W.; F. D. Walker, P.P.J.G.D.; C. Goldthorpe, P.M.; F. Rand, P.S.G.D.; N. B. Gibson, H. C. White, W. Goodair, H. Foster, W. Blake, H. Hinchcliffe, R. Allott, F. H. Buckland, T. W. Turner, J. H. Pawson, J. Hirst, Tyler, and J. Mason, Asst. Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. Constable, I.P.M. 1482; P. Jenner, 985; and T. Barber, 2259.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the election of W.M. was proceeded with, when Bro. F. Webb, S.W., was declared duly elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. C. M. Hartley was re-elected Treasurer, and Bros. Hirst and Mason re-elected Tylers. It was resolved that the sum of 10 guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and ten guineas to the Benevolent Institution.

After other business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of light refreshment in the ante-room.

JERSEY.

Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 491).—One of the most interesting and successful gatherings held under the banner of this increasingly popular and prosperous lodge took place on Monday, the 28th ultimo, at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, the occasion being the 49th anniversary and the installation of Bro. F. A. Juhel as W.M. for the ensuing year, who has been for some years a respected and highly esteemed member of the lodge. There was a full attendance of the members of the lodge and a large number of visitors, among whom were some 20 members of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The lodge room, which has been recently decorated in a most elaborate and recherche style, looked very imposing with the great assembly present, there being a very fair sprinkling of the purple and a goodly array of Past Masters.

The lodge was opened by Bro. T. Palmer, W.M., supported by Bros. E. L. Bisson, P.P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; M. Gallichan, J.P., P.M.; F. A. Juhel, P.G.D.C., S.W. and W.M. elect; W. H. Hambly, P.M. 245, acting as J.W.; G. F. Baker, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; J. H. Goldsmith, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; S. Gilley, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., acting as S.D.; E. H. Drake, J.D.; H. W. Bowles, P.M., P.J.G.W., D. of C.; W. Fentum, S.W. 244, P.P.G. Org.; Org.; A. C. M. Quercé, I.G.; Geo. Rogers, P.M. 1003, P.G. Tyler, Tyler; L. Kelly, P.M.; E. H. Drake, J. E. Costard, P.S.W.; and the following visitors: Bros. E. C. Aubin, 958; L. P. Hesprioux, P.M. 244, P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Hambly, P.M., J.W. 245, P.P.G. Stwd.; Rev. O. M. Holden, M.A., 357, Chap. 877, P.G.C.; J. C. Barrette, P.M. 245, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Coutanche, W.M. 1003, P.P.G. Stwd.; W. H. Chapman, P.M. 958, P.P.S.G.W.; H. M. Walden, P.M. 958 and 1003, P.P.S.G.W.; H. Wakley, 1003; T. M. Harper, 1003; J. Flinn, 1003; H. E. Le V. Durell, P.M. 590, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Baudains, P.M. and Sec.

958; J. W. Hamling, P.M. 245; G. McKee, 1003; A. McKee, 244; J. F. Le Gresley, 244; Dr. M. Le Cronier, J.W. 877, P.P.G.S.B.; G. H. Masters, 1003; F. A. Bossy, S.D. 590, P.A.G.P.; W. T. Pugsley, P.M. 245, P.P.S.G.W.; H. Becker, W.M. 590, P.P.G. Stwd.; D. Sullivan, 245; W. H. G. Bennett, 1003; J. Bond, 1463; J. H. Raymond, 958; T. Cummings, 958; F. Britton, 1036; J. Midgley, 245; and J. T. Baker, P.M. 244, P.P.G.D.C.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and a very satisfactory balance-sheet was unanimously adopted. Bro. F. A. Juhel was presented as W.M. elect by Bro. M. Matthew, the oldest Past Master and one of the founders of the lodge, and was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Thos. Palmer, retiring W.M., who has presided during the past year in a manner conducive to the good working of the lodge, and then had an opportunity, of which he made good use, of evincing his knowledge of the ritual and his ability to render it in an impressive manner. The following officers were appointed and invested in a very able way by the new W.M.: Bros. Thos. Palmer, I.P.M.; J. H. Le Poidevin, S.W.; J. D. Tocque, J.W.; G. F. Baker, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Goldsmith, P.M., Sec.; J. E. Costard, P.S.W., S.D.; E. H. Drake, J.D.; H. W. Bowles, P.M., D.C.; T. Marguerie, Org.; A. C. M. Quercé, I.G.; S. Gilley, P.M., and L. Kelly, P.M., Stwds.; and Geo. Rogers, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Thos. Palmer then proceeded with the ceremony, and gave the addresses in such a manner as inspired the brethren present with the full importance of their Masonic obligations, for which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and for which he duly returned thanks.

Routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, excellently served by Bro. Geo. Rogers in the large dining room of the building, most beautifully redecorated by Bro. Newman. Some 40 sat down to do ample justice to the good things provided.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were shortly proposed and appropriately replied to.

Music being a strong feature in this lodge, owing to the exertions of Bro. Walter Fentum, P.P.G.O., and the Masonic caterer of music *par excellence* in this province, the brethren turned their attention to the excellent selection prepared for them, under Bro. Fentum's directions, which included excellently rendered songs by Bros. Bisson, Rev. O. M. Holden, J. H. Goldsmith, F. A. Juhel, H. M. Walden, T. J. Baker, and others. Bros. Dr. Maxwell Le Cronier and Geo. Rogers provided an intellectual treat with their elegant and heart-stirring recitations. Bros. Fentum, piano, and A. Mc Kee, violin, created quite a sensation for their magnificent playing, rivetting the attention of their listeners from beginning to end. Altogether a most pleasurable and happy evening was spent, which the Tyler's toast terminated all too soon for those who were present. The artistic skill and great ingenuity displayed in the redecoration of the ante and reading rooms and of the refectory was much admired, and loudly praised by all present.

UXBRIDGE.

Royal Union Lodge (No. 382).—This lodge held its installation meeting at the Chequers Hotel on the 21st ult., when there was an unusually large attendance of brethren to witness the installation of Bro. John A. Carter, W.M. elect. Among the visitors present were Bros. W. H. Liddall, W.M. 45; J. Tidmarsh, W.M. 2157; G. Harper, W.M., S. Meech, P.M., W. A. Cocks, S.W., C. C. Sanger, J.D., and W. F. Sanger, of 2163; W. Tyler, I.G. 1707; E. S. Berry, J.D. 1321; L. B. Liddall, 45; and T. Smith, 152.

Lodge was opened, routine business transacted, and a letter of apology was read from Bro. T. Aitken, W.M., after which Bro. J. A. Carter was presented as W.M. elect, and impressively installed into the chair by Bro. A. G. Fleming, I.P.M. The following officers were then invested: Bros. A. G. Fleming, I.P.M.; C. Mead, S.W.; H. J. Bragg, J.W.; E. Cotton, P.M., Treas.; H. W. Nicholson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; W. H. Reed, S.D.; A. Foyer, J.D.; C. Rose, I.G.; J. Lonsdale, P.M., P.P.A. G.D.C., D.C.; J. Taplin, P.M., Asst. D.C.; J. King, Org.; H. Mercer, J. A. Martin, and C. Brown, Stwds.; A. Bailey, Almoner; and G. Duffin, Tyler. The delivery of the usual addresses by Bro. Fleming, I.P.M., concluded the installation ceremony, during which Bro. Lonsdale, P.M., efficiently performed the duties of D.C. Subsequently a vote of £3 3s. was made to a distressed brother, and the lodge was closed, after which an excellent banquet was served by Host Bro. Twamley.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bros. Fehrenbach, Lonsdale, and Nicholson responding for "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. A. G. Fleming, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," spoke highly of Bro. Carter's zeal in Masonry, and expressed a hope that, although he (the W.M.) had recently been called by duty to reside many miles from them—at Barnstaple, in Devonshire—yet his attendance and interest in the lodge would not, he was sure, relax in any degree.

The W.M., who, on rising, was received with every mark of welcome, acknowledged the kindness with which he had been received, not only on that occasion, but during the 10 years he had been a member of the lodge. He hoped long to be spared to meet the brethren whenever circumstances permitted.

The toast of "The Past Masters"—always heartily received at the Royal Union gatherings—was ably responded to by Bros. E. Cotton, J. J. Wilson, and J. Taplin; and "The Visitors" was acknowledged in complimentary terms by Bro. Liddall and others.

In responding to "The Masonic Charities," Bro. Bailey, Almoner, gave some interesting particulars relating to the progress and management of the benevolent institutions, which work he thought should stimulate the brethren to continue the good and holy work of affording relief and assistance to distressed brethren, their widows and orphans, thus demonstrating to the world that their profession of brotherhood was thoroughly real in its character.

In giving "The Health of the Officers," the W.M. spoke hopefully of the help he expected from them.

Bro. C. Mead, S.W., responding, said he hoped the year before them would be marked by good work and faithful attention to duty.

Bro. H. J. Bragg, J.W., expressed a wish that the Worshipful Master's anticipations with respect to his fellow officers and himself might be fully realised.

Bros. E. Cotton, P.M., Treas., and H. W. Nicholson, P.M., Sec., expressed their intention of assisting the W.M. and the lodge to the utmost of their power, whilst Bros. Reed, S.D.; Foyer, J.D.; and C. Rose, I.G., also ably responded for themselves.

Under the direction of Bro. W. C. Hall, P.M., a choice selection of glees, songs, and duets was contributed by Bros. T. Smith (principal alto Eton College Chapel); C. Brown, Stwd.; S. Meech, P.M. 2163; and H. J. Bragg, J.W. The evening will long be remembered as one of the most successful and enjoyable of the many installations held in connection with the oldest lodge in the province.

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SHIPLEY.

Moravian Chapter (No. 387).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Saltaire Institute on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., when Comp. J. L. Atherton, Prov. G.H., M.E.Z., was supported by Comps. John Tillotson, H.; C. W. Curran, J.; W. Oddy, P.Z., S.E.; John Niven, S.N.; G. R. Macgregor, P.S.; J. T. Last, D.C.; Walter Slicer, Janitor; T. M. Holmes, P.Z.; J. Arthur Godwin, and J. B. Fearnley. Comp. Joseph Wilson, P.Z. 302, was a visitor.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the convocation held in December last were read and confirmed. A communication from Sincerity Chapter, No. 600, was read to the effect that recently Comp. C. W. Curran had, in the interest of Moravian Chapter, been installed into the chair of J. in that chapter, he having been unavoidably absent through sickness from the installation meeting of this chapter in December last. The ballot was taken for Bros. Richard Knight, W.M. 387, and Frederick Holmes, P.M. 1545, which resulted in their favour, and both being in attendance, they were duly exalted by Comp. Atherton, Prov. G.H., Z.

The chapter having been closed, the companions adjourned to refreshment, during which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting of this successful lodge was held on Thursday, the 31st ult., at 1A, Fitzroy-square, when the following brethren were present: Bros. F. M. Noakes, W.M.; J. Cooper, S.W.; H. S. Wellcome, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Baker, Sec.; D. D. West, S.D.; W. H. Bourke, J.D.; Jas. Corp, I.G.; J. Hart, A. G. Sandberg, G. T. Cox, E. Swain, Morris B. Evans, and H. Sadler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. Swain, which proving unanimous in his favour, he was cordially welcomed as a joining member. Bro. Hart volunteered to act as candidate. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, and also delivered the charge. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Hy. Sadler worked the 2nd Section of the Second Lecture. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. H. S. Wellcome was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers, and announced that the work would be the ceremony of passing, an explanation of the second tracing board, and the ceremony of installation. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. Hilton, W.M.; Voisey, S.W.; Murché, J.W.; Channon, P.M., acting Preceptor; Cass, Treas.; Stone, Sec.; Turner, S.D.; T. H. Salmon, J.D.; Rice, Asst. Sec.; Butcher, I.G.; Lake, Tyler; F. Bate, Orton, R. Kimpton, B. T. Kimpton, A. J. Martin, Flood, Eckersall, H. Eyre, Head, Snell, Loader, Kirby, Mallinson, Batchelor, Clarke, Sercombe, Chabot, Hooper, Lazenby, A. Salmon, Hubbard, Miller, Grumman, Gaze, Ruff, H. G. Martin, Hexter, J. Dunn, Cooke, Pike, W. E. Jeffery, Hobbey, Munson, Mattock, J. White, Joel, Elgar, Rymer, Shipton, and Hill.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the Sections were worked by Bro. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor, as follows: First Lecture: 1st Section, Bro. H. C. Turner, S.D. 1622; 2nd, Bro. T. R. Cass, J.D. 1320; 3rd, Bro. E. A. Rice, 1320; 4th, Bro. T. H. Salmon, 1475; 5th, Bro. D. Channon, P.M. 1475; 6th, Bro. R. J. Voisey, P.M. 1329; and 7th, Bro. V. T. Murché, P.M. 1963. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the Second Lecture was worked as follows: 1st Section, Bro. T. Hooper, W.M. 1320; 2nd, Bro. T. Grumman, P.M. 1559; 3rd, Bro. C. H. Stone, S.W. 507; 4th, Bro. R. J. Voisey, P.M. 1329; and 5th, Bro. R. Elgar, Sec. 1329. The lodge was resumed in the Third Degree, and the Third Lecture was worked as follows: 1st Section, Bro. G. C. Pike, 1320; 2nd, Bro. H. G. Martin, W.M. 1622; and 3rd, Bro. J. Loader, P.M. 1622. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. The W.M. rose the usual number of times. It was unanimously resolved—"That the heartiest thanks of the brethren be tendered to Bro. F. Hilton, President, for so ably performing the onerous duties of the Fifteen Sections in such a masterly manner." Bro. Hilton acknowledged the great compliment in a very appropriate manner. It was also proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously—"That the best thanks of the lodge be tendered to the brethren who had so excellently rehearsed the Sections." This was very ably responded to by Bro. Cass, Treasurer. The following brethren were elected members: Bros. H. Sercombe, 1901; J. J. White, P.M. 1963; J. Joel, 2381; A. E. Mallinson, 1329; J. C. Shipton, I.P.M. 1922; C. E. Head, 1329; T. Batchelor, 45; W. T. Snell, 1329; and L. T. Chabot, 453. The lodge was then closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. J. W. Roe, W.M.; D. Gellion, P.M. 1425; S.W.; E. A. Boughton, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511; Treas.; H.

Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. J. Lovegrove, P.M. 1295, S.D.; R. W. Reed, J.D.; T. M. Lamble, I.G.; G. Weaver, Stwd.; W. Craggs, P.M. 1425; M. J. R. Dundas, P.M. 1361; J. W. Belsham, W.M. 733; J. M. Hutchings, W.M. 1425; C. Coleman, J. T. Shapcott, M. Rosenberg, W. Hillier, W. Edlestein, J. C. Conway, J. Mason, G. U. Milne, A. Crossingham, A. Edy, and H. Campbell. Visitors: Bros. W. L. James, 2021, and T. S. Franklin, 2361.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Edlestein being the candidate. The W.M. gave the charge. After the usual preliminaries, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hillier being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bros. James and Franklin were elected members. Bro. Gellion was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed, to be entered on the minutes, for the very able manner Bro. Roe had presided. Communications were read from Bro. Craggs and Mr. C. Chalfont. A vote of condolence was passed, to be entered on the minutes, with the widow and family of the late Bro. W. H. Chalfont, Deputy Preceptor of the lodge of instruction, on the occasion of his death, after only five days' illness. A wreath was ordered to be sent as a mark of respect from the brethren, many of whom signified their intention of attending the funeral. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. E. E. Gellowski, W.M.; J. W. Barker, P.M., S.W.; H. R. Elkim, J.W.; W. Hillier, acting Preceptor; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; R. J. Williams, S.D.; L. Beale, J.D.; T. Kington, I.G.; James Wiggins, W.M. 1767; A. Williams, P.M.; W. B. Neville, W. H. Dresden, 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. W. B. Neville acting as candidate. Bro. Dresden offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Barker was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of sympathy and condolence was passed with the widow and family of the late Bro. W. H. Chalfont, P.M. The lodge was then closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on the 1st inst., 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. Hillier, 834, H.; J. C. Tilt, P.S. 862, J.; John Davies, M.E.Z. 733, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. March, P.Z. 733, S.N.; A. J. Turner, 1st A.S. 1196, P.S.; J. N. Roberts, S.N. 1196, 1st A.S.; R. D. Poppleton, J. 51; G. Gregory, 1st A.S. 862; 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. Gregory being candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks—Comp. John Davies as M.E.Z. The companions expressed their regret at the absence of Comp. Chalfont through indisposition. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, on Friday, the 1st inst., when there were present Comps. R. Jackson, M.E.Z.; H. G. Martin, H.; T. Grumman, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; J. Hill, S.N.; J. Pullen, P.S.; G. F. Smith, Moss, Schadler, Ashby, Bannister, Dale, Lazenby, and G. L. Moore.

The chapter was regularly opened by the Principals and Past Principal. The installation of First Principal was rehearsed by Comp. Jackson installing Comp. Lazenby. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Bannister personating candidate. The chapter was placed at the disposal of Comp. Hilton, M.E.Z. 1622, for the next meeting, when the installation of J. will be rehearsed. The chapter was then closed.

JERSEY.—EMULATION LODGE (No. 244).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the British Hotel, St. Helier's, on Tuesday, the 29th ult., when there were present Bros. Major H. Stevenson, W.M.; W. H. Edmunds, S.W.; W. Hunter, J.W.; Jas. Caton, Preceptor; Geo. P. Hamilton, Treas.; L. P. Hespéradoux, Sec.; Geo. Parkinson, S.D.; W. F. Simon, J.D.; Waller Femont, Org.; J. H. Gilby, I.G.; Major E. de Saumarez Dobrée, 877; Jas. Wright, 1003; Tom Parris, 244; W. Newman, 1003; A. Baudoux, 277; and Jos. Lesbinel, 244.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Major Dobrée acting as candidate. The charge was delivered and the tracing board explained by Bro. Hespéradoux. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and closed down with the usual formalities. Bro. Edmunds will occupy the chair at the next meeting, the work being the second ceremony with explanation of tracing board. The Secretary read a reply with which he had been honoured from her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, acknowledging the letter of condolence he had sent to the Most Excellent Sovereign to express the grief and sorrow of the members of the lodge at the sad loss her Majesty had sustained by the death of her dearly beloved grandson, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., P.G.M. of Berkshire. The reply was ordered to be entered on the minutes. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

HUDDERSFIELD.

Prince of Wales Chapter (No. 69).—This chapter was opened by Ill. Bro. Gill, 30, P.M.W.S., in the unavoidable absence of the M.W.S., E. and P. Bro. H. S. Holdsworth, assisted by the officers of the chapter, on Saturday, the 26th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street. Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G.,

33°, Inspector-General of the District, was received under an arch of steel.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The visitors present were the M.W.S., E. and P. Bro. W. Colver, Ill. Bro. W. H. Brittain, 32°, P.M.W.S., E. and P. Bros. W. F. Tasker, P.M.W.S., and H. J. Garnett, P.M.W.S., of 16; the M.W.S., E. and P. Bro. Charles Letch Mason, and Bro. J. D. Kay, P.M.W.S., of 77. Letters of regret at inability to attend were received from the M.W.S. and Recorder of the Hull Rose Croix Chapter; the M.W.S. and Recorder of the York Rose Croix Chapter; and several other brethren. The announcement of the sad death and great loss to the Order of V. Ill. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°; Ill. Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, 33°; Jonas Craven, 30°, P.M.W.S. of the Prince of Wales Chapter; and E. and P. Bro. Heram Burley, of the chapter, which were recorded on the minutes with great regret, and a vote of condolence in each case recorded. Two candidates were proposed for perfection. Correspondence being read, and the balance-sheet passed, the M.W.S. elect, Bro. E. A. Beaumont, was then presented for installation to Ill. Bro. Chas. James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, Inspector of the District, by E. and P. Bro. Frank Wm. Banister, P.M.W.S., who performed the ceremony with his usual impressiveness. The M.W.S. then appointed the following officers: Ill. Bro. C. Crabtree, 30°, P.M.W.S., Prelate; E. and P. Bro. Richard Hodgson, 1st General; Bro. Thos. Pickles, 2nd General; E. and P. Bro. Hy. Shaw, P.M.W.S., Treasurer; Ill. Bro. Atherton, 30°, P.M.W.S., Recorder; Bros. A. H. J. Fletcher, Marshal; Thomas Norfolk, Raphael; J. P. Priestly, D. of C.; Chas. J. Schott, Herald; George Garbert, C. of G.; J. B. Mathewman, Organist; and W. H. Jessop, O.G. The M.W.S. addressed each officer as they were presented to him, and then delivered the charge. The visiting brethren having each proposed "Hearty good wishes" to the M.W.S. and the chapter, it was closed.

The banquet was held in the dining hall under the presidency of the M.W.S., having on his right Ill. Bro. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°; Ill. Bro. W. H. Brittain, 32°; and Bros. Colver, M.W.S., Garnett, P.M.W.S., and Tasker, P.M.W.S., of 16; and others; and on his left Ill. Bros. Gill, 30°; Crabtree, 30°; Atherton, 30°; Bros. Shaw, Treasurer; F. W. Banister, P.M.W.S.; E. and P. Bro. J. D. Kay, P.M.W.S. 77; Bro. Charles Letch Mason, M.W.S. 77; Bro. W. Gaukroger; Ill. Bro. Minshall, 30°, P.M.W.S.; and other members of the chapter. The vice-chair was occupied by Ill. Bro. Richard Hodgson, 30°, 1st General.

The M.W.S. proposed in suitable terms "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," and "The Supreme Council of the 33°."

In giving the health of their dear friend, Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, the M.W.S. said how pleased he was to see him again amongst them, and in renewed health, which he trusted would long continue. It was a red-letter day for him, seeing that his dear friend, their illustrious chief, had come expressly to install him as M.W.S., and the ceremony was so impressively rendered that the effect would continue in his mind through life.

The toast was drunk with all the honours.

On rising to return thanks, Bro. C. J. Banister was received with great applause, many times repeated. Ill. Bro. Banister thanked the M.W.S. and all his dear friends for their great kindness to him at all times, and trusted that he might yet be spared a few more years to come amongst them, finishing a most fraternal speech by proposing "The Health of the M.W.S.," which was duly honoured, and responded to by the M.W.S. in an excellent speech.

The M.W.S. proposed "The Health of the Members of the 32°, 31°, and 30°," which was responded to by Ill. Bro. W. H. Brittain for the 32°, and Bros. Gill and F. Atherton for the 30°.

The M.W.S., in suitable terms, proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which was admirably responded to by Bros. Colver, Garnett, and Tasker from Sheffield, and Bros. Mason and Kay from Leeds.

"The Health of the P.M.W.S." was responded to by Ill. Bros. Crabtree, 30°, Atherton, 30°, Gill, 30°, H. Shaw, and F. W. Banister.

The toast of "The Officers" was responded to by Ill. Bro. Hodgson, 30°, 1st General.

Some very charming songs were sung by Ill. Bro. Atherton, Bros. Tasker, Gaukroger, Priestly, Garbert, Mathewman, and Jessop. Bro. Garnett gave excellent recitations, and a truly happy evening was spent.

Every brother expressed the great gratification they had in seeing their old and dear friend, Ill. Bro. Banister, again amongst them.

WAKEFIELD MASONIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

BRO. GEO. L. SHACKLES, P.M., ON MASONIC MEDALS.

The annual meeting of this Society was held at the Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield, on Friday, the 1st inst., when, in the absence of the President (the Prov. G.M., Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P.), the chair was taken by Bro. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. There was a moderate attendance of members, amongst whom were Bros. G. L. Shackles, P.M. 57 and 1511, P.P.G.D. N. and E. Yorks; C. L. Mason, P.M. 304, P.P.G.T.; E. S. Peterson, W.M., and J. T. Last, J.W., of 2321; H. S. West, 1610; H. S. Child, W.M., W. Statten, P.M., G. Bolton, P.M., W. Fennell, P.M., and Wm. Watson, P.M., of 154; H. Oxley, P.M., E. Pickersgill, P.M., B. F. Glover, P.M., W. H. Kingswell, and J. Marten, of 495; J. Matthewman, P.M., W. Ash, P.M., J. J. Martin, P.M., E. White, T. Gosney, D. Stephenson, and W. Hall, of 1019.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the CHAIRMAN called upon Bro. Matthewman to read the annual report. This was of a very satisfactory character, as was the balance-sheet, which Bro. W. H. Kingswell, the Treasurer, produced, and both were very favourably received and adopted by the meeting.

The election of officers and Committee followed, when Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., was re-elected President. The Vice-Presidents chosen were Bros. Henry Smith,

D.P.G.M.; and H. S. Childe, H. Hardman, and Barron Kilner, the W.M.'s of the three Wakefield lodges. Bro. W. H. Kingswell was asked to continue in the office of Treasurer, the duties of which he had so ably discharged, and amid applause consented. Bro. Matthewman, who has held the office of Secretary of the Society since its commencement, was re-appointed, and Bro. W. Fennell expressed his willingness to serve with him. The Committee was then chosen, there being three brethren selected from each of the three Wakefield lodges. A vote of thanks to the retiring officers and to those who were re-elected concluded the routine portion of the meeting, after which the CHAIRMAN briefly introduced the lecturer for the evening.

Bro. GEO. L. SHACKLES, P.M. 57 and 1511, then came forward and read a most exhaustive paper on Masonic medals. He said that little interest was taken in the subject in this country, and comparatively few brethren knew how large a number of Masons' medals had been struck during the past 150 years, that some European, but more particularly American, lodges had valuable collections. Bro. Shackles divided his subject into—(1) medals proper, for the production of which two dies, obverse and reverse, are required; (2) engraved medals, which are merely metallic discs, capable of being supplied at a few hours' notice by any engraver, and therefore historically or archaeologically valueless; and (3) Masonic jewels. He explained that he had excluded classes 2 and 3 from his collection, and confined himself mainly to class 1. The books on this interesting subject, he said, were but five in number, two German, two English, and one American. The last is undoubtedly the best, and is styled "The Medals of the Masonic Fraternity," by Wm. T. R. Marvin, of Boston, Philadelphia, U.S.A. It is a quarto volume of about 350 pages, enumerating some 700 medals, and has 16 plates. This book, as well as those previously named, Bro. Shackles handed round for inspection. Of the medals struck in a die it was noted that they were chiefly of two classes, those in honour of some distinguished member of the Fraternity or of some event of interest, and those called members' jewels, or lodge tokens, which are badges of membership. Calling attention to collections, one of the best was said to be that of Lodge Pythagoras, a German lodge under the authority of the Prussian Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, and holding its meetings at Brooklyn. This has, however, been quite lately for some reason or other dispersed. The collections of the late Dr. Lewis of Boston, and Professor Anton, President of the American Numismatic and Archaeological Society of New York, were referred to, but especial note was made of those of General Lawrence and the Grand Lodge of Iowa. In England there are but two collections of any size, viz., one made by Bro. George Taylor, Prov. Grand Secretary of Worcestershire, now the property of that province, and the other that owned by the lecturer. This latter collection, containing 595 specimens (the largest known has 618), some of great beauty and splendid artistic merit, Bro. Shackles brought with him, and freely exhibited to his interested audience. He also pointed out that perhaps the best method of illustrating them would be by means of lantern slides, but that this at present was impracticable. The lecturer then took up, passed round, and explained those of a character the most interesting, at the same time giving their history and associations. This portion of the lecture was most charming, and was listened to with great zest. Bro. Shackles's thorough knowledge of his subject, and his mastery of the details, illustrated by the strong side lights of extensive heraldic and general reading, enabled him to present to his hearers, in a few well-chosen sentences, a brief yet lucid description of every specimen he selected, Great Britain, Ireland, Germany, France, America, Belgium, Holland, and Switzerland in turn supplying examples, and each instance was illustrated by historic sketch, legend, or story, whereby the base metal became as it were imbued with life, and spoke of the deeds of fame or the acts of Charity which called it into existence. It would be impossible within the limits which prescribe this notice to go into particulars, but we strongly recommend every brother Mason whose bias is historic or heraldic to take the opportunity, should it occur, of hearing Bro. Shackles. The learned lecturer concluded in the following words: "I trust that the few remarks I have been permitted to address to you may stimulate some brother to take a further and deeper interest in this branch of Masonic archaeology. Should it do so I shall feel amply repaid for the expense and trouble I have been under in making this collection and studying this subject. Of one thing I feel certain, and that is that a student of Masonic numismatics will be bound, not only to make himself thoroughly acquainted with the history of Masonry in our own country and abroad, but also will have to study general European and Continental literature, a habit which will in a very short time become as engrossing and interesting as it is improving and self-educating."

A most cordial vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. GEO. BOLTON, who spoke in very appreciative terms of the subject and the lecturer's treatment of it.

This was seconded by Bro. C. L. MASON, supported most warmly by Bro. E. P. PETERSON, and others, and enthusiastically carried.

Bro. SHACKLES thanked the brethren for the attentive interest they had shown, and explained how fascinating the pursuit and study of medals had become. He also gave a sketch of the beginning and progress of his collection, the methods he adopted, and the system he had created by which he was able to ascertain when and where medals were in the market, how he was thus able to intercept many which would otherwise (so little

interest in the subject being shown in this country) unquestionably pass over to the Americans, who, regardless of expense, are eagerly snapping up every book, MS., medal, jewel, or Masonic relic they can lay hands upon. Bro. Shackles had much of value and importance to say on the subject of duplicates, and we trust his remarks may be productive of good.

The evening was an undoubted success, and worthily inaugurated the fourth year of the existence of the Wakefield Masonic Literary Society.

THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

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

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| Chapter | | £ s. d. |
| 7 Comp. Lt.-Col. Egerton Bennett, additional | (raising his list to £35 14s.) | 4 4 0 |
| Lodge | | |
| 871 Bro. A. T. Dealer, additional | (raising his list to £189 15s.) | 32 5 0 |
| 1259 " Wakefield, additional | (raising his list to £362 5s.) | 115 10 0 |
| 1381 " James Dennis, additional | (raising his list to £120 15s.) | 15 15 0 |
| 1539 (not 1537) Bro. W. G. Cannon, additional | (raising his list to £37 10s.) | 2 16 0 |
| 1789 Bro. Capt. Weston, new list... | | 22 1 0 |
| Unattached | | |
| Bro. J. M. Klenck, additional | (raising his list to £52 10s.) | 18 19 0 |
| PROVINCES. | | |
| Lodge CAMBRIDGESHIRE. | | |
| 441 Bro. G. Wareham Harvey (new Stwd.), new list | | 5 5 0 |
| DERBYSHIRE. | | |
| Bro. W. Naylor, additional | (raising his list to £142 1s. 6d.) | 21 0 0 |
| Lodge HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT. | | |
| 35 Bro. E. A. Mursell, additional | (raising his list to £80 17s.) | 10 17 0 |
| OXFORDSHIRE. | | |
| 478 " Weyland, additional | (raising his list to £39 6s.) | 10 10 0 |

PRESENTATION TO BRO. PIERREPONT HARRIS, P.G. SEC. BRISTOL.

Unique interest was attached to a meeting held in the Freemasons' Hall, Bristol, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., for the purpose of presenting Bro. Pierrepont Harris, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec., with his portrait painted in oils, which had been subscribed for by the members of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 187, of which he is P.M. and Treasurer, and of the Powell Lodge, No. 2257, of which he was the first W.M. Probably for the first time in Bristol a united lodge was held. Bro. James Cochrane, W.M. 187, occupied the chair of W.M., and Bro. P. S. Allison, W.M. 2257, that of S.W. The remaining offices were distributed thus—Bro. Albert Petter, S.W. 187, J.W.; W. R. Chandler, S.W. 2257, S.D.; the Rev. James Fountaine, J.W. 187, Prov. G. Chap., J.D.; Harold Lewis, P.M. 686, D.C. 2257, P.P.G. Stwd., D. of C.; and John Northam, J.W. 2257, Prov. G. Stwd., I.G. Bro. W. Gayler, P.P.G. Stwd., Sec. 187, and H. F. Lewis, Sec. 2257, sat at the table, and took the minutes for their respective lodges.

The other members of the Royal Sussex Lodge present included Bro. C. H. Law, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; H. F. Price, P.M., P.P.G.R.; E. A. Barnett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; H. A. Benham, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; C. E. Barry, S.D.; R. Groome, I.G.; W. E. Chessell, C. W. Randall, R. Champion, H. B. Hicks, E. Bullock, H. W. Pearson, W. T. Maddison, G. S. Page, A. C. Powell, P.P.G. Stwd.; H. Kator Cripps, P.M. 1296, P.P.G.S.B. Somerset; and W. Henderson. The remaining members of the Powell Lodge included Bro. David Rose, P.M., I.P.M. 187, P.P.G.D.; W. K. Abbott, P.M., Treas. 326, P.P.J.G.W.; W. E. Parry, P.M. 686, Prov. G. Reg.; J. J. Edwards, S.D.; T. F. Hanley, I.G.; Tom Stratton, J. C. Gilmour, A. H. Fenn, J. B. Higgs, H. Jeans, C. J. Hill, Albert E. Petter, W. Thwaites, J. Nutt, Alfred Chillcott, E. Bound, S. W. Pullen, H. T. Aveline, E. C. Brightman, and W. R. Sprckett. Bro. R. G. Parminter presided at the organ, and Bro. J. Stoate and J. Webber were Tylers. Among the visitors were Bro. R. Burnett, P.M. 1388, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Webley, P.M. 68, Prov. G. Std. Br.; T. M. Chute, I.P.M. 686; S. Bolt, I.P.M. 1388; F. R. Geary, P.M. 68, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. Milligan, P.M. 610, Prov. G. Std. Br.; T. Owner, P.M. 610, P.P.G.P.; W. Pearce, P.M. 610; J. R. Austin, 1125; W. H. Gange, 610; A. H. Bate, 1404; J. S. Gover, 610; R. M. Hatch, W.M. 686; A. J. Woodward, 68, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. W. Pountney, P.M. 439 (I.C.), Mauritius; John Gray, P.M. 686 (I.C.); C. T. P. Smith, P.M. 1388, P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. Rossiter, 610; T. C. Fielding, 326; T. Gard, P.M. 68, P.P.S.G.W.; R. O. Coleman, 1755; W. H. T. Bolt, P.M. 1388, P.P.G.D.; R. Olive, P.M. 610, P.P.G.P.; W. C. Swague, 1404; W. H. Brown, W.M. 326, Prov. G.S. of W.; J. W. Powell, 103; H. P. Withycombe, 326; F. Leigh, 1388; T. Boyd, 326; D. J. Falconer, 29 (I.C.); A. C. S. Paul, P.M. 1404, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. H. Paul, J.W. 1404; C. J. E. Grubb, W.M. 68; E. J. Grubb, P.M. 68, Prov. G.D.; H. A. Flood Daniel, W.M. 1404, P.P.G. Stwd.; W. F. Spratt, 1755; T. W. Stone, P.M. 326, P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. Bamfield, 326; E. G. Machon, 68; W. C. Bamfield, P.M. 326, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. D. Hobkirk, P.M. 1833, Prov.

G. Std. Br. Somerset; F. Burford, and W. Follett, S.W. 686.

The lodge having been opened, the W.M. explained that the object of the meeting was to present Bro. Pierrepont Harris with a testimonial of the regard in which he was held by the members of the Royal Sussex and Powell Lodges, and spoke of the pleasure it afforded the former to co-operate with the daughter lodge in such a work. He hoped that their meeting in a united lodge would draw them together in closer links of friendship even than already existed.

Bro. P. S. ALLISON spoke of the unanimity which had been shown by the lodges in this matter, and said on behalf of the Powell Lodge that it owed a peculiar debt of gratitude to Bro. Harris because he had been the skilful pilot who had steered it through the difficult waters of its foundation and earliest efforts into a haven of assured prosperity.

The W.M. then desired the Deacons to unveil the portrait, which stood on an easel on the north side of the lodge, and made the presentation in a very eloquent and feeling speech. He said the plate on the frame represented the various offices through which Bro. Pierrepont Harris had passed, and he could assure him the presentation was not solely that of his Masonic contemporaries who had been associated with him in his career, but the young members of the two lodges were equally hearty in the matter, for no sooner had they entered the Order than they found that they had in Bro. Harris a kind friend and mentor, who grudged no time or trouble in instructing young Masons, or in rendering any help in his power to any lodge in the province.

The speech was warmly applauded, and when Bro. HARRIS rose to respond he was received with acclamation. He thanked the brethren for their extreme kindness, which had touched him to the heart. So much so indeed that words failed him to express all that he wished to say, and he was bound to content himself with a simple expression of gratitude. He should value the picture very much, and should hand it on to his children, who would learn from it that their father enjoyed the good opinion and esteem of those with whom he was associated.

The lodge was shortly after closed.

The picture, which is on exhibition at the Bristol Fine Arts Academy, is the work of Mrs. Gayler, whose reputation as a figure painter is more than local, and whose picture, "Love's Watch Keeping," was hung last year at the Royal Academy.

THE "WAISTELL MS."*

[Those portions in italics have been supplied from the "Lodge of Hope MS."]

The might of the father of heaven and the wisdom of his gracious Son through the goodness of the holy ghost viz. three persons and one god be with us at the begining and give us grace soe to governe our lives; that we may come to Eternal Joy Amen.

Good Brethren and fellows our purpose is to relate unto you how and in what manner the Craft of Masonry was at the first begun and afterwards how it was found out by mighty Kings and whereby Princes and many other worshipfull men and alsoe to them that be hear, will declare the charge that belongs to every true Mason to keep; for in good faith if you take heed therunto, it is well worthy to be kept for a worthy craft, and a Curious Science, for their be Seaven liberall Sciences of the which it is one of these following.

The first is Gramer that teacheth man to speake, the Second is Logicke y^e teacheth to discern the truth from falshood; The Thirde is Rhetoricke that teacheth to speake and in Subtill Tearms; The fourth is Musicke that teacheth art of Song and voice of Organs and Harpe.

The fifth is Aretmaticke that teacheth to account and reckon all maners of Numbers.

The sixth is Geometry that teacheth to measure the earth and other things of which Science is Masonry.

The seaventh & last Science is called Astrology or Astronomy that teacheth to know the course of the Sun and moon and othr ornaments of the heavens.

The Seaven Liberall sciences wh be all by one science (Geometry) it teacheth mett and measure ponderation & weight of all maner of things on the Earth & there is no man that worketh by any Craft but he Worketh by some measure & all is Geometry Craftsmen & Merchants depend upon this Science & especially Plouomen and Tillers of the ground both for Corne & Seed vines and Plants and fllovers and other fruits of the earth for neither Gramer nor Astronomy nor any of the rest doe find a man one measure without Geometry wherefore that Science is most worthy that findeth out all other.

How this Science first began I shall tell y^e before Noah's flood was a man call^d Lamech who had 2 wives the one called Ada & the other Zillah as it is written Gen: the 4th Chap: by the 1st wife Adah he begot 2 Sonns the one was called Jabel the other Tubell & by the other wife he had a sonne called Tuball-Cain and a Daught^r called Rama & these Chldrn found out all the Crafts & Sciences in the World the Jabell was the Elder and found out y^e Geometry & p^{td} Flocks of Sheep and Lambs in y^e Field & first wrought house of Stone & Timber as is writt in Charg: afors^d verse

*Bro. Watson's excellent transcript of the "Waistell MS." has been kindly supplied for the readers of the Freemason. Particulars of the Roll will be found in the same paper for December 12th, 1891, by Bro. HUGHAN.—ED. F.M.

21st & his brother Tuball found Musick of Song & harp and Organs & the 3^d Broth^r found out Smiths as of Iron & Steel & their Sistr found out the Craft of Weaving. These Child^rn did know y^t God wou^d take vengeance for Sin either by Fire or Water wherefore they wrote y^e Sciences that they had Invented in 2 Pillars of stone y^t they might be found after the flood. The one Stone was Called Marble w^{ch} cannot burn wth fire the other Stone was Called Later y^t would not drown wth water. The great Hermerions y^t was Sonne unto Cush & Cush was Sonne to Ham wh was 2^d Sone to Noah. Hermerians was afterwards called Hermes the ffather of Wisdom & he found out the 2 Pillars of Stone & the Sciences w^{riten} therein he taught and all y^e Building of the Tow^r of Babilon was called Nimrod. Nimrod was a Mason and Loved well the Craft & it is s^d by the Mast^rs of the Stones y^t wth the City of Ninevah and oth^r City's should be builded, Nimrod the King of Babylon sent there sixty Masons at y^e desire of y^e King of Ninevah his Cosin & wth they went forth he gave a Charge on y^s maner 1st that they should be true and Love one another truly that they should serve truly the Lord for his pain^t y^t he might have worshipp by sending of y^m unto him & other things he gav^m Charge & this was the first time y^t Masons had any charge of their Craft.

Moreover when Abraham & Sarah his wife went into Egypt & he taught the Seaven Sciences to y^e Egyptians he had a worthy Schollar called Euclides & serv^d right well & was mast^r of all y^e 7 Sciences & it befell in his Days y^t the L^{ds} & States of y^t Land had so many sonnes y^t they had begotten some by their wives & some by other Ladies of y^e Rhealm for that Land was holden a plenisht Generation & no Living competent for their s^d Child^rn wherefore they were sore troubled in mind in what sort to pvide for them & the King of that Land made a great Consell & Parliam^t to know how they might find y^e Child^rn & could find noe good way but causd a P^{cl}amation to be made throughout the Rhealm if there were any man could inform them y^t they should come to him & he should be well rewarded for his Travaile & hold himself well pleased. After this cry or P^{cl}amation was made came the worthy Clerk Euclides and s^d to the King and all his great Lords if you will give me y^r Child^rn to govern and teach honestly as Gentlemen should und^r condicon y^t y^u will grant y^m and me a competency that I may use honestly as y^t Science ought to be used and Ruled & the King granted it and Sealed their Commission and then the worthy Doctor took the Lords Sons and taught them in the Science of Geometry for to work in Stone & all man^r of worthy work that did belong to Castles and all man^r of courts Temples and Churches with all oth^r Buildings & he gave Charge in this maner 1st that they should be true to y^e King and the Lord whom they served and that they should be true one to another that they should call each oth^r fellow and not Servant or his Slave nor any other foul name & they should ordain one of the wisest of them to be Ruler or Mast^r of y^e L^{ds} Work and neither for Love nor great Livings nor Riches & lett not any that y^t hath no undstanding be master of the L^{ds} Work whereby the Lord should be Evill serv^d & they Ashamed and that they should call the Governour of the Work y^e Mast^r of the Work as long as they wrought with him, many other Charges w^{ch} were too long to relate & to all the Charges he made them to Swear that great oath wh men used to Swear att y^t time ordain^d them Reasonable paym^t that they might Live by it honestly and also that they should come and assemble themselves and have Counsel in the art of Geometry govnd there and that worthy master gave it that name and it was called Masonry in this Land Since Long after the children of Israel were come into y^e Land Belie it is now called amongst us the Country of Jerusalem.

King David began the Temple of Jerusalem wh is wth them the Temple of Diana & he loved Masons well and Cherished them and gave them good paym^t. and he gave them their Charges in manner as he had it out of Egypt given by Euclides and other Charges wh shall here afterward and after the death of King David Solomon his Sonne P^{form}ed the Temple w^{ch} his father had begunne and sent divers masons of diverse Lands and gathered them together so y^t there was eighty thousand Workers of Stone & they were named Masons & he had 3300 of them wh were ordained to be Mast^rs and Governours of y^e work & there was a Knight called Hierom & he loved King Solomon and he gave him Timber for his worke and he had A sonne named Aaman & he was Master of Geometry and was the Master of all his Workmen or Masons and Master of all his graven or carved workes and to all other Masonry that belonged to the temple as it is written in the 1st of Kings Chap 5th.

And Solomon Confirmed both y^e Charges & maners y^t his Father had given Masons & thus was the worthy craft of Masonry first confirmed in the country of Jerusalem & many other Kingdoms. Glorious Craftsmen walked abroad because of Learning more craft & others to teach their Craft and so it came to pass that a curious Mason named Minus Granentis or (Grennis) that had the Building of Solomons Temple & in ffrance he taught the art of Masonry to many. And there was one of the Royall Line of France named Charles Martell he loved Minus Granentis well because of his Craft & took upon him the Charges & maners and after ward by the grace of God he was elected King of ffrance and when he was in his Rhealm he took to him many Masons and allowed them good paym^t & gave maners wh he had learned of oth^r Masons & he confirmed to them a Charter to hold from year to year & Cherished them much and thus came the Craft into ffrance.

England all the while stood void of Masons until the time of St Albaine & in his time the King of England was a Pagon & he Buildded the Town wh is now called St Albaines after that in Albans Time there was a worthy Knight who was chiefe Steward to the King & had y^e Governance of y^e Rhealm and also making the Town wall & he loved Masons well & Cherished them & and he made the' Payment right standing as the Rhealm did require for he gave them every week three shill six pence to their Double Paym^t (or wages) before y^t time through all y^t Land a Mason took but a penny a day and afterwards St Albanes amended it much and got them a Charter from y^e King & the Counsell and gave it the name of an Assembly & thereat he himself made Masons & gave them Charges as you shall hear afterwards.

Soone after y^e Death of St Albanes came great wars into England through divers nations so y^t good Rule of Masonry could not be used untill y^e time y^t Athel stone y^t was a worthy King in England who brought that Land into peace and buildded many great Buildings of Abbeyes & Castles and many other great Buildings & he loved Masons very much & he had a sonne whose name was Hodrine & he loved Masons much more yⁿ his Father for he was full of Practice in geometry wherefore he drew himself to common Masons to learn their Craft & afterwards for love he had to Masons & their Craft he was made Mason himself & he got of his Father the King a Charter & Commission to hold Every year to hold Every yeare an Assembly where they would wh'in their Rhealm & Correct wh'in themselves faults & Trepases that was done wh'in the Craft and Caused an assembly to be made att York & there he made Masons & gave them Charges & taught them maners of masons and commanded that Rule to be kept Ever after and to them he gave the Charter & Comission to keep and made ordinauce y^t it should be ruled from King to King.

(To be continued).

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A meeting of the Council of the Boys' School was held on Saturday, the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., in the chair. A notice of motion for the Quarterly Court on Friday on behalf of the Board of Management was handed in, giving the Council power to negotiate in reference to an offer made for the purchase of the site and buildings at Wood Green.

The Grand Registrar's opinion on the question of the nomination of Bro. Burgess, from the Province of West Lancashire, was read, stating that the nomination was good, but that Bro. Burgess's name should not be placed on the list for election on Friday, seeing that no extraordinary vacancy had occurred.

Considerable discussion followed, and much difference of opinion was expressed. On a division being taken, it was resolved by 12 votes against 8 that the nomination should not be admitted.

Scrutineers were appointed for the election to the Board of Management.

The CHAIRMAN, in reply to questions, stated that proxy voting was not permitted in elections for the Board, but only actual subscribers properly qualified who personally attended could vote.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the forthcoming Festival took place at Freemasons' Hall on Monday last, Bro. Sir John B. Monckton in the chair. The gathering was a large one, and most of the members of the House Committee were present. The usual proceedings were varied by the election of six Hon. Presidents of the Board, viz., Lord Egerton of Tatton, Prov. G.M. Cheshire; the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts; Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. G.M. Somersetshire; Viscount Templetown, W.M. Nine Muses Lodge, No. 235; T. W. Tew, Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire; and Colonel G. Noel Money, Prov. G.M. Surrey. The Right Hon. Sir W. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Dep. Prov. G.M. Sussex, was elected Hon. Chairman; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., acting Chairman; Edward Terry, Past G. Treas., Treasurer; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D., Chairman of Ladies' Stewards; and F. R. W. Hedges, Hon. Sec. Various Committees were appointed, and it was decided that the Festival should be held at the Freemasons' Tavern.

The Craft Abroad.

PINETOWN.

Umlazi Lodge (No. 1976).—The annual installation ceremony of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Saturday, January 23rd. There was a large attendance of brethren, including the officers of District Grand Lodge. Bro. James Bateman, P.M., the W.M. elect, was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The duties of Installing Officer were ably performed by Bro. J. B. Cottam, D.G. Sec. Bro. Bateman then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. P. Pullock, I.P.M.; F. Hill, S.W.; T. P. St. James, J.W.; V. W. L. Blake, Treas.; A. H. Jennings, P.M., Sec.; E. Dunn, S.D.; H. Hazell, J.D.; A. Heron, I.G.; and J. H. Dickets, Org. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared by Mr. K. Stone of the Imperial Hotel. The hall

was rendered more attractive by the floral contributions presented by Mr. J. W. Payn, M.L.C., and the display of bunting lent for the occasion by Bro. T. P. St. James. Bro. Bateman presided, and amongst those present were the officers of the District Grand Lodge and the following brethren: Bros. W. H. Kinsman, P.M.; S. Behr; H. E. Royal; W. Coleman, I.P.M.; J. Thompson, P.M.; and J. Hughes, P.M. About 50 brethren were present at the banquet, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM HENRY CHALFONT.

Bro. Chalfont, P.M. Hyde Park Lodge, No. 1425, M.E.Z. Rose of Denmark Chapter, No. 975, we regret to say died on the 1st inst. from an acute attack of pneumonia after only five days' illness. Our late worthy brother took an active interest in Freemasonry, holding the position of Deputy Preceptor in the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, and was one of the Committee of Preceptors in the Hornsey Chapter of Improvement, and until recently Secretary of the Creation Lodge of Instruction. He (as well as his wife) was a Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a subscriber to the Boys' and Girls' Schools. Having served all the offices with correctness and great ability, he was, much to his gratification, installed M.E.Z. at the last convocation of the Rose of Denmark Chapter, the companions naturally anticipating under his sway the chapter would continue to bear out its character for good work and happy gatherings, but such was not to be. Our brother and companion, by his amiability, universal courtesy, and readiness at all times to render instruction, had endeared himself to a large number of brethren. He has left a widow, two sons, and three daughters to mourn his loss. He was interred in the Kensington Cemetery, at Hanwell, on Wednesday last. The chief mourners were his two sons, his brother Charles, and Mr. C. Pardoe, Bro. S. B. Pilling, A. Dunning, and S. J. Pilling, and amongst a very large body of brethren we noticed those more intimately connected with him the following of the Hyde Park Lodge: Bros. J. M. Hutchings, W.M., C. Coleman, S.W., C. A. Bond, P.M., W. Craig, P.M., J. Stevens, P.M., G. Read, Sec., M. Rosenberg, I.G., W. Chapple, J.W., and J. Cruttenden; Comp. Bentley Haynes, I.P.Z. 957; Bros. H. Dehane, P.M., W. Hiller, J. V. Woodman, A. Crossingham, W. G. Reynolds, E. A. Boughton, J. T. Shapcott, and T. M. Lambie, of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction; A. Williams, P.M.; A. Love, W.M. 1791; G. Higginson, P.M., and A. Rowley Cross, P.M., of the Creation Lodge of Instruction; H. Cotton, J. Sanson, H. Gane, R. N. Larder, and H. J. Bridger, of the Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction; R. H. Rogers, P. Stoneham, and G. B. Johnson. The Hornsey Chapter of Improvement was represented by nearly one-third of its members. The Rev. H. Miller Presbyterian Minister of St. Andrew's, performed the burial service. Numerous beautiful wreaths from Masonic bodies and other sources surrounded the grave.

EASTER RAILWAY FACILITIES.

LONDON AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

The London and North-Western Railway Company announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad-street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day, from Monday, April 11th, to Monday, April 18th, inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North-Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Tickets for all the principal stations on the London and North-Western system and its connections can be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) at the town receiving offices of the company. They can also be obtained at Gaze and Sons' Tourist Office, 142, Strand, at the same fares as at Euston Station. On Thursday, April 14th, a special express will leave Willesden at 2.45 p.m. for Bletchley, Northampton, Rugby, Trent Valley Stations, and Stafford; a special train will leave Birmingham for Northampton at 4.5 p.m., calling at Coventry and Rugby; a special express train will leave Euston Station at 4.20 and 6.50 p.m. for Birmingham, calling at Willesden Junction, Rugby, Coventry, and Stechford, arriving at Birmingham (New-street) at 7.0 and 9.35 p.m. respectively. On Good Friday, April 15th, the 5.15 a.m. newspaper express train from London (Euston Station) will run to Northampton, Rugby, Nuneaton, Tamworth, Lichfield, Rugby, Stafford, Crewe, Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Warrington, Runcorn, Liverpool, Manchester, Wigan, Preston, Lancaster, Carnforth, Oxenholme, Kendal, Windermere, Tebay, Penrith, Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, and Aberdeen. With some exceptions, the trains of the company on Good Friday will run as on Sundays. On Friday night and Saturday morning, April 15th and 16th, the 11.41 p.m. and 12.5 a.m. trains from Carlisle will run as usual; the 12.10 a.m. Holyhead to Crewe, 4.30 a.m. Holyhead to Chester, and 2.25 a.m. Chester to Liverpool will not be run on Saturday morning, there being no boats from North Wall or Greenore on the evening of Good Friday. By special arrangement with the Postmaster-General, one passenger carriage will be attached to the 8.30 p.m. postal express from London (Euston Station) on Good Friday night, April 15th, for the conveyance of passengers booked from London to Dumfries, stations on the Portpatrick and Wigtownshire Railway; Stranraer, Larne, and stations in Ireland on the Belfast and Northern Counties Railway. Passengers for those stations wishing to join the postal train at Rugby, Tamworth, Crewe, Wigan, Preston, or Carnforth, can do so, provided there are vacant seats in the passenger carriage. There will be no sleeping accommodation. On Saturday, April 16th, and on Easter Monday, April 18th, passengers for the 12.0 noon and 4.0 p.m. will leave Euston at 12.10 noon and 4.10 p.m. respectively. The 4.30 p.m. train will not be run; passengers will be conveyed by the 5.0 p.m., except those for Melton

Mowbray, Nottingham, and the G.N. line, who must on these dates travel by the 3.15 p.m. train from Euston. The dining saloons between London and Liverpool and London and Manchester will not be run on these dates. On Bank Holiday, Easter Monday, April 18th, the express trains to and from the City, St. Albans, Watford, and Kensington will not be run. Numerous residential trains will also be discontinued, the particulars of which will be advertised locally. The company also announce that they will run excursions to and from London and Wolverhampton, Leamington, Coventry, Walsall, Leicester, Macclesfield, Stoke, Stone, Liverpool, Manchester, Chester, North Wales, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Oswestry, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, Morecambe, Carlisle, the Lake District, Scotland, and other places, on the occasion of the Easter holidays.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

The Great Western Railway Company issue ordinary as well as excursion tickets at their City and West-end offices, viz.—193 and 407, Oxford-street; 23, New Oxford-street, Holborn Circus; 29, Charing Cross; 26, Regent-street; 5, Arthur-street East, London Bridge; 82, Queen Victoria-street; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; 67, Gresham-street; 4, Cheapside; 269, Strand; and at the London Brighton and South Coast Railway Company's Excursion Office (under Grand Hotel), Trafalgar-square, at any of which places tickets can be obtained during the whole week preceding Easter for use on any day up till April 16th. Tickets can also be obtained at Victoria, Kensington (Addison-road), Aldgate, the stations on the Hammersmith and City line, and at most of the stations on the Metropolitan and District Railways. The booking office at Paddington Station will be open for the issue of tickets the whole day on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday before Easter. Cheap tickets at special low fares and available from April 14th to 20th will be issued from London to Bath, Bristol, Exeter, Plymouth, Falmouth, Penzance, Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, and certain other stations in the South and West of England. On Thursday, April 14th, an excursion reaching Exeter in 5½ hours, and Plymouth in 7½ hours, will leave Paddington at 7.15 a.m. Excursions will also be run on the same day to Oxford, Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Chester, Cirencester, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c. On Good Friday, cheap trains will run to Maidenhead, Reading, Oxford, and other riverside stations. On Saturday, April 16th, an excursion will run to Bath and Bristol, and on Monday, excursions will be made to Maidenhead, Reading, Bath, Bristol, Cirencester, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c. In addition to these excursions cheap trains will also be run to London from most of the provincial towns, and between the principal centres of population. On the Wednesday and Thursday before Easter most of the long distance trains will be duplicated; the first portion as a general rule, will take passengers for the longer distances and the second those for less distant places, but both trains will stop at the usual places. On Good Friday, the trains will run as on Sundays, except that the 5.30 a.m. newspaper train will run as far as Oxford, Exeter, and Swansea, calling at the usual intermediate stations, and connecting at Oxford with trains to the Worcester, Birmingham, and Wolverhampton districts.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

The Great Northern Railway Company announce that on Thursday, April 14th, cheap six days' excursions will be run to and from London (King's Cross) and Scarborough, Whitby, York, Bradford, Keighley, Halifax, Leeds, Wakefield, Doncaster, Huddersfield, Liverpool, Southport, Manchester, Sheffield, Leicester, Derby, Nottingham, Hull, Grimsby, Lincoln, Gainsborough, Lynn, Yarmouth, Norwich, Spalding, Wisbech, Cambridge, St. Ives, Ramsey, &c. A cheap excursion will also be run on Thursday, April 14th, from London to Edinburgh and Glasgow, returning April 18th. On Good Friday, April 15th, the 5.15 a.m. express from King's Cross will be run through to Lincoln, Nottingham, Sheffield, Manchester, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, York, Newcastle, and Scotland. Cheap two or four days' excursions will be run from Keighley, Halifax, Bradford, Leeds, Wakefield, York, &c., to London. On Saturday, April 16th, cheap three days' excursion trains will be run from Manchester, Oldham, Huddersfield, &c., to King's Cross. A cheap half-day excursion will also be run from Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, King's Cross, and Finsbury Park to Luton same day. On Easter Monday, April 18th, cheap day excursions will run from Victoria (L.C. and D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, King's Cross, Finsbury Park, &c., to St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Dunstable, and Cambridge. A cheap day trip will also be run from Moorgate, King's Cross, Holloway, Finsbury Park, &c., to Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea, and Mablethorpe. Cheap day excursions to London will also be run from Derby, Nottingham, Lincoln, Huntingdon, Cambridge, Luton, Dunstable, &c. To prevent inconvenience from crowding at the company's principal terminal station, King's Cross, tickets dated in advance will be issued at King's Cross (G.N.R.), Victoria (L.C. and D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, and Finsbury Stations, and at the following ticket offices: 90, Tottenham Court-road; 285, Oxford-street; "Star" Office, 138, Victoria-street, Pimlico, S.W.; 139 and 141, Brompton-road, S.W.; Albert Gate Office, 1, William-street, Lower-des-square, W.; 169, Edgware-road; Royal Oak Office, 6, Porchester-road, Westbourne-grove; Cambridge Circus, Shaftesbury-avenue; 328, Strand; "Bee Hive," Whitecross-street; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; So, Bishopsgate-street Without; Charles-street, Farringdon-street; 230, Essex-road, Islington; 264, High Holborn; 16, Fish-street Hill; 95, High-street, Boro'; 190A, Westminster Bridge-road; 44, Bread-street, Cannon-street; 1, Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall-street; 3, King Edward-street, Newgate-street; 22, Wood-street; 217, Old-street; 2, Beresford-square, South Woolwich; Great Northern Company's Poplar Dock Station, Preston-road; Royal Victoria and Albert Docks (Great Northern Company's Offices); at the offices of Messrs. Swan and Leach, 3, Charing Cross, and 32, Piccadilly Circus; of William Whiteley, 151, Queen's-road, Bayswater; and at the Army and Navy Stores, 105, Victoria-street, S.W.

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THE SHADWELL CLERKE TRUST.

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 Edgcumbe; 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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Freemasons' Hall, 5th March, 1892.



The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, will hold their next monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 13th inst., at 4 p.m.

It is officially announced that her Majesty will hold Drawing Rooms at Buckingham Palace on Monday and Wednesday, the 10th and 18th May, respectively.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Fife were received by their Majesties the King and Queen of Italy on Tuesday, and afterwards were present during a sitting of the Italian Chamber of Deputies.

H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, attended by General Bateson, and accompanied by Lord Abergavenny, Lord Randolph Churchill, Sir George Wombwell, and Sir Henry James, honoured the Empire Theatre with their presence on the 31st ult.

The Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), has promised to be present at the annual meeting of the Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, which will be held at Exeter Hall on Monday evening, the 16th May, and will distribute the certificates of the St. John's Ambulance Association.

The Duke of Cambridge has very kindly consented to present the cup and medals to the winners of the final tie in the Army Association Football Challenge Cup Competition, which will take place on the Lyric Club ground at St. Anns, Barnes, to-morrow (Saturday), after the Oxford and Cambridge boat-race has been rowed.

We are very pleased to hear that Prince Alfred of Edinburgh, the only son of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, who had been very seriously ill at Darmstadt, has very greatly improved in health. He is now able to take nourishment, and, although still in a very feeble state, the internal complications have disappeared.

The extremely rare event of the funeral of a student of Eton College took place on Tuesday. The deceased, Mr. Cecil Wilkins, who was only 17 years of age, caught a chill on Friday last, and died of pneumonia on Sunday. Dr. Warre, the head master, attended the interment, the remains being followed by the deceased fellow students.

The annual ball in aid of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage will take place at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Thursday, the 28th inst., under the patronage of Bro. Lord Mayor Evans and the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs and Under-Sheriffs of the City, and the Metropolitan and City Commissioners.

The annual dinner of the Institute of Naval Architects, was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Wednesday evening. Bro. the Earl of Ravensworth occupied the chair, and Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, was the principal guest, among the other guests present being Bro. Sir E. J. Reed, M.P., Sir N. Barnable, Admirals Long, Colomb, and Mayne, Captain Le Clerc, French Naval Attaché, and others. The toast of "The Navy, Army, and Reserve Forces" was replied to by Bro. Lord George Hamilton.

Her Majesty the Queen received a deputation of French Crimean veterans at Hyères on Wednesday, together with M. Bodinier, a descendant of the old Trafalgar hero, who recently died, and to whose funeral her Majesty regretted she was unable to send a representative. The veterans, who all belonged to the naval service, and wore their Crimean medals, were severally introduced, and went away delighted with their reception.

Bro. W. J. Hughan has accepted the dedication of Bro. James Stevens' new work, "The Evolution of Symbolic Masonry," which will be issued to subscribers on the 21st inst. A first edition of over 1000 copies has been subscribed for, but the list will remain open until Tuesday morning next for the addition of the names of other brethren who may be desirous of having subscription copies. Address, Masonic lodge and rank, and thirteen pence per copy should be forwarded by the date named to Bro. Stevens, Evelyn, Catford, S.E. The second edition will be ready for issue on the 1st May, as advertised.

The remains of the late Bro. Merrick B. Bircham, foremost in all good work in Norfolk, were laid to rest in Dunton churchyard on Friday, the 1st inst., in presence of a large assembly of friends and neighbours. He was for many years a solicitor at Fakenham, and for more than 20 years Clerk to the Guardians of Docking Union. The Philanthropic Lodge, No. 107, and Joppa Lodge, No. 1114, of which the deceased had been an active member, were represented by Bros. W. Seppings, G. A. Watson, C. W. Horsley, A. Goddard, R. S. Butcher, W. Harvey, R. Harrison, E. Case, H. S. Smith, R. Riches, J. W. Smith, and others. The floral tokens of respect were both numerous and beautiful.

The Oxford and Cambridge crews have been diligently practising during the week for the race, which will take place to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon over the usual course from Putney to the Ship at Mortlake, and as the weather has been very favourable, crowds of people have thronged the towing-path in order to watch the performances. The Oxford crew is the heavier, but the Cambridge includes more of last year's crew than its rivals. Both seem to be in excellent trim, and given such weather as we have been favoured with during the last few days, the river and its banks and the river-side houses will be thronged with sight-seers.

The standards of the British yard measure and pound weight which have been immured in the wall in one of the staircases of the House of Commons since 1853, and only once removed from their resting-place for the purpose of being tested, were again taken out and examined by Mr. H. J. Chaney, Superintendent of the Standards Department, on Saturday last, in the presence of the Right Hon. the Speaker and Miss Peel, Bro. Sir Michael and Lady Lucy Hicks-Beach, Bart., Bro. the Hon. D. Plunket, M.P., First Commissioner of Works, and other officials. The examination proved satisfactory, and the standards we again immured in their resting-place, where doubtless they will lie undisturbed for another 20 years.

Bro. Gabriel Lindo, C.C., has been presented with a handsome cigar cabinet in recognition of his services during the past year as Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company.

Bro. the Marquis of Tweeddale has been re-appointed Lord High Commissioner of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland for the present year, and will go to Holyrood in May.

The 12th annual Fine Art Exhibition, conducted by the Rev. S. A. Barnett, was opened at St. Jude's Schools, Whitechapel, on Tuesday, by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and will remain open, Sundays included, till the 24th inst.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught has undertaken to preside at the annual meeting of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, which will be held at the Royal United Service Institution, Whitehall Yard, on Saturday, the 7th May next.

Bro. the Duke of Fife has consented to preside at the anniversary festival of the Infant Orphan Asylum, Wanstead, on Wednesday, the 29th June, and her Royal Highness the Duchess of Fife will distribute the prizes to the pupils on the occasion.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord High Chancellor), Bro. Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), and Bros. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., Lord George Hamilton, and the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson attended the Cabinet Council which was held at the Foreign Office on Tuesday.

Among the more recent contributors to the memorial window which is about to be placed in St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, in honour of the late Right Hon. W. H. Smith, M.P., are the Speaker and Bros. Akers-Douglas, Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., Sir John Mowbray, Bart., John Aird, and Sir E. Watkin, Bart.

Three journalistic brethren were invested at the Savage Club Lodge on Tuesday: Bro. Sir J. R. Somers Vine, P.M., P.G.D., as Secretary, with Bro. P. Soman, P.P. G.S. Norfolk, Assistant, and Bro. T. Catling, P.M., Treasurer. The working of the W.M., Bro. Ebbetts, P.M., P.G.S., and his officers is generally admired.

The *Local Government Journal* is the new title by which *The Metropolitan* will in future be known. After an existence of 20 years, it has outgrown London and spread far into the country. The contents now comprise items of and comments on news connected with every branch of local government.

Bro. R. Henri Goddard gave his seventh annual dramatic recital at St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, on Wednesday evening, which was well attended. The programme was an attractive one, and Bro. Goddard was, as usual, eminently successful in the pieces chosen for the display of his elocutionary powers. He was ably assisted by musical artists.

The annual dinner of the Institution of Civil Engineers was held in the Town Hall, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on Saturday evening last, under the presidency of Mr. George Berkeley, among the principal guests being H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, the American Minister (Mr. Robert Lincoln), the Earl of Aberdeen, and the Earl of Kimberley.

Bro. Sheriff and Mrs. Foster entertained Bro. Lord Mayor Evans and the Lady Mayoress at dinner at their residence, 40, Cornwall-gardens, on the 1st instant, among the guests invited on the occasion being the Persian Minister, Bro. Littler, Q.C., Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Tyler and Mrs. Tyler, Bro. Alderman and Mrs. Newton, and Mr. and Mrs. Rider Haggard.

The Duke of Cambridge presided at the annual meeting on the 1st instant of the subscribers and friends of the Royal School for Daughters of Officers of the Army. The reports of the school were in all respects satisfactory, while though there had been many losses through the death of friends and a falling off in the subscriptions, the financial position, thanks to the excellent management of the executive, had greatly improved.

The 21st International match, under Association Rules, between England and Scotland, was played at Ibrox Park, Glasgow, on Saturday last, and resulted in an overwhelming victory for the former by four goals to one. England played with so much dash and spirit, and their team worked so admirably together, that they obtained three goals in the course of the first 20 minutes. Scotland, though greatly demoralised by their opponent's success, played in far better form in the second half of the game, but were unable to retrieve the fortune of the day, and were beaten as stated.

The Joint Committee of both Houses, to whom will be referred all the schemes now before Parliament, for the construction or extension of new or existing electric and cable railways within the limits of the Metropolis, will consist of the following members, viz.: The Earl of Lauderdale, Earl Strafford, Viscount Barrington, Lord Thring, and Lord Kelvin representing the House of Lords. The following members will represent the House of Commons, viz.: Mr. T. H. Bolton, Mr. J. S. Gathorne-Hardy, Mr. Storey-Maskelyne, Mr. Stansfeld, and Mr. Whitmore.

The Master and Wardens of the Company of Pewterers held a conversation on Wednesday night at Haberdashers' Hall, Gresham-street, which had been placed at their disposal by the Haberdashers' Company. Some two hundred guests, who were received by Mr. W. Mullins, the Master of the Pewterers' Company, assembled, and, after the reception, Mr. C. Welsh read a paper, which was well received, upon the history of the institution from its foundation in the reign of Edward IV. down to the time of George IV. After the reading of the paper an opportunity was afforded for the inspection of the charters, records, specimens of pewter, &c., belonging to the Company, the exhibition being supplemented by specimens lent by the Goldsmiths' Company, the Haberdashers' Company, and the Library Committee of the Corporation of the City of London.

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The Duke of Connaught has consented to preside at the annual meeting of the Army Scripture Readers' Society, which is to be held at Princes' Hall, Piccadilly, on June 3rd.

The Duke of Connaught and the Duke of Saxe-Coburg on Wednesday visited the Toulon Arsenal. In accordance with orders from the Naval authorities, their Highnesses were afforded every facility.

The Scottish National Gallery have purchased from Mr. C. Wertheimer a portrait of a young woman, by Rembrandt, at the price of 5500 guineas. The money was presented by Mr. M'Ewan, M.P.

The date of the ceremony of installation of Lord Dufferin as Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports has, with his lordship's consent, been fixed for June 22nd. Lord Dufferin is expected at Walmer Castle at Easter.

Bro. R. A. Frazer-Frizell, S.W., was, on the 28th ult., unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. W. A. Bennett was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Johnnie Paull, Tyler of the Boscawen Mark Lodge at Chacewater. The installation take place in June.

Lady Jeune opened on Wednesday a bazaar, arranged as a Spanish city, in aid of the Upper Clapton Congregational Schools. Princess Christian would have presided at the ceremony, but was prevented by the recent death of the Grand Duke of Hesse.

We notice in the *Launceston Examiner* of February 20th that no less than 13 first-class awards were gained by Messrs. Sutton and Sons, the Queen's Seedsmen, Reading, at the Tasmanian Exhibition; a far larger number than has been awarded to any seed house in England or any other part of the world.

The Bishop of Carlisle on Wednesday re-opened and re-dedicated St. Mary's Church, Maryport, which has just been restored at great expense. At a luncheon in the afternoon, the Bishop was presented with an address of welcome. Among those present were Sir Wilfrid Lawson and Lord Scarsdale.

Sir Arthur Blackwood, K.C.B., Secretary to the Post Office, has made over to the Wesleyan Methodists the Village Hall and British Workman Coffee Palace, with all its furniture and appointments—estimated to be worth £4000—at Crayford, in Kent, where for many years Sir Arthur has carried on evangelistic and temperance work.

Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone dined with Mr. P. Stanhope, M.P., and Countess Tolstoi on Wednesday night, and there were invited to meet them the Russian Ambassador and Madame de Staal, the Earl and Countess of Cork, Sir Stafford and Lady Northcote, the Countess of Chesterfield, Mr. and Lady Fanny Marjoribanks, and Sir Francis and Lady Jeune.

The will of the late M. Martel, formerly President of the French Senate, has been an agreeable surprise for the town of St. Omer, which has inherited his important gallery of pictures, and numerous other works of art. M. Martel has also left 6000 francs a year to be shared equally between 30 needy families, or deserving persons, who may be incapable of working in consequence of illness or accident.

The House of Commons Point-to-Point Steeplechase will take place to-morrow (Saturday) at Kineton, over about three-and-a-half miles stretch of country on the Warwickshire estate of Lord Willoughby de Broke. The heavy-weight entries—not under 14 stone—include Lord Henry Bentinck, Bros. Victor Cavendish and W. Hume Long, Messrs. Beckett, Muntz, Logan, and others, while the light-weight entries—not under 12 stone—are four in number.

Prince George of Wales was on Wednesday, on the motion of the Earl of Feversham, elected a Governor of the Royal Agricultural Society of England. The nomination had been made by the Prince of Wales. Lord Feversham, as President of the society, expressed his confidence that Prince George of Wales would follow in the footsteps of the other members of his illustrious house, who had ever shown interest in and done all in their power to promote the great cause of English agriculture.

Bro. Lord Mayor Evans presided at the 26th annual festival of the Royal Medical Benevolent College, Epsom. The institution supports 50 pensioners, who receive annuities of £21 each, and a school of 240 boys, of whom 50 are foundation scholars. The presidents of the Royal College of Physicians, the Royal College of Surgeons, and the General Medical Council, together with a large number of professional men, supported his lordship, and among the donations and subscriptions announced in the course of the evening was a special gift of £1000 towards an enlargement scheme, which will entail the large outlay of £26,000.

"Mallet," in the *Glasgow Evening News*, says: Bro. W. J. Hughan, whose merits as a Masonic student must be sufficiently well known to my readers, has prepared a "List of Histories of Lodges in Scotland" for the "Masonic Record," and which will appear in the March number. It is, he informs me, the first sketch of the kind ever attempted for Scotland. He has, as stated in a former mem., written a similar list of English lodge histories from his own collection, and which number over 100. The lodges he has noted in Scotland with published histories, and he wishes to be notified of omissions, are: Kilwinning, No. 0; Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1; St. John, Melrose, No. 1¹; Aberdeen, No. 1²; Canongate Kilwinning, Edinburgh, No. 2; St. John, Glasgow, No. 3¹; St. John Old Kilwinning, Inverness, No. 6; St. John, Falkirk, No. 10; St. Andrew's Kilwinning, Inverness, No. 31; St. Michael's, Dumfries, No. 63; Operative, Dumfries, No. 140; and St. John, Thornhill, No. 253. Lord Haddington's experience as Grand Master Mason of Scotland has, he says, been most encouraging, and his efforts in the future will be redoubled. He hopes to continue in the Grand Lodge visitations to provinces, and to give such counsel as will better enable the officers to perform their duties.

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