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## THE APPROACHING ELECTIONS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Though there is a moderate reduction in the number of candidates for the approaching elections of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution as compared with last year, the total is still a formidable one. For the Male Fund, there were 66 candidates in 1891, and for this election there are 69; for the Female Fund, there were 81 candidates in 1891, and this year there are only 70. But if the decrease in numbers from 147 to 139 is not much to boast of, the prospects of the candidates at the elections which take place at the annual meeting on the 20th instant have been very materially enhanced by the increase in the number of vacancies which will be competed for. In 1891 those on the Male Fund, including the three deferred, were 21, while the number declared in February last, including the deferred, was 31. For the Widows there were 17, including the three deferred, elected last year, the number of vacancies declared in February being 21, including, of course, the three deferred. To these must be added the further vacancies which have occurred or may still occur by deaths since the declaration was made, so that the number of unsuccessful candidates, instead of being, as it was last year, in excess of 100, will be in all probability about 80 or even less. Consequently, we shall be to this extent nearer to the time when, as we have pointed out more than once already, there will be a reasonable chance that when an applicant's petition has been once approved and his name ordered to be placed on the list, he will be elected in a comparatively short time, instead of being compelled, as has been the case in too many instances, to wait for eight, ten, or even a dozen years. However, on this point we have said enough in former articles, and, therefore, we shall proceed to analyse the lists, so that our readers may be able to judge better of the prospects of the several candidates.

For the

### MALE FUND

there are, as we have said, 69 candidates for the 31 vacancies declared in February last, and such others as have occurred, or may occur between now and the annual meeting. Of these London furnishes 15, and the Provinces 54, the London candidates being as follow, namely: No. 5—seventh application—with 718 votes to his credit; Nos. 10 and 11—fifth applications—of whom the former has the satisfaction of bringing forward 2388 votes, while the latter has only 97 votes in hand; No. 12—fourth application—who has 2492 votes to the good; Nos. 20, 22, and 24—third applications—with 2220, 157, and 142 votes severally to their credit; Nos. 27, 35, and 36, who were candidates for the first time last year, and have standing to their credit 910 votes, 1672 votes, and 57 votes; the remaining five being Nos. 46, 48, 51, 56, and 57, who will obtain their first insight into the mysteries of the ballot at this election. The 54 country candidates are furnished by 24 provinces, of which Devonshire and Kent are each responsible for five, the Devonian five being No. 4, a candidate for the eighth time, who has only 166 votes to start with; No. 9—a fifth application—who brings forward 28 votes from his four previous attempts; No. 13, who has stood three ballots and scored only 13 votes; No. 16, who, though he has been a candidate at two elections, has no votes to his credit; No. 53, who makes his *début* on this occasion. The Kentish candidates are No. 23, who starts with 687 votes obtained at the elections last year and the year before; No. 25, who has 21 votes in hand from last year; and Nos. 52, 55, and 67. Three provinces send up four candidates, namely, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, No. 1, who in the course of his ten ballots has amassed 958 votes, and I will make a further and let us hope final attempt on the third Friday in May, and Nos. 45, 65, and 66, who are new candidates. The North and East Yorkshire brethren are No. 2, who is about making his tenth endeavour to obtain the annuity of which he has been adjudged worthy, and has 82 votes in hand; No. 6, the number of whose applications corresponds with his place on the list and who has 44 votes to the good; No. 8, who will present himself for the fifth time of asking with 112 votes in hand, and No. 47; while the four from West Yorkshire are Nos. 15—third application; 30—second application; and 54 and 60. Three candidates hail from Durham, namely, Nos. 17 and 18, who started their candidature in 1890 and have 18 and 14 votes in hand respectively, and No. 28, who made his first attempt last year but obtained no support; and there is a like number from West Lancashire—No. 21, who began in 1890, and No. 29 and 39, who made their first appearance in 1891. There are no less than nine provinces which furnish two representatives, Cheshire being responsible for Nos. 40 and 68; Cornwall for Nos. 33 and 49; Gloucestershire for No. 31, who brings forward 21 votes, and No. 37; East Lancashire for No. 34, who has 40 votes in hand, and No. 42; Lincolnshire for No. 14, who has 13 votes from three previous

ballots, and No. 32, who obtained 161 votes in May, 1891; Norfolk for No. 38, who starts well with 819 votes, and No. 41; Suffolk, for Nos. 44 and 58; Sussex for 59 and 64; and Warwickshire for No. 26, who obtained 22 votes at the last election, and No. 69. The remaining eight country candidates hail from as many Provinces, No. 7, with 60 votes to the good, being from Berkshire; No. 19, with 289 votes, from Cambridgeshire; No. 43 from Essex; No. 63 from Monmouthshire; No. 3, who brings forward 238 from eight previous ballots, from Northumberland; No. 62, from Oxfordshire; No. 50 from the Western Division of South Wales; and No. 61, from Staffordshire.

Of the 70 candidates on the list for the

### WIDOWS' FUND

London furnishes 24, and the Provinces and abroad the remaining 46. The former include No. 1—a widow who started endeavouring to obtain an annuity in 1881, but as yet has only succeeded in scoring 147 votes. No. 2, who ought to win a place this time as she began her endeavours in 1883, and now has 2527 votes in hand; Nos. 8 and 9, who began in 1885 and have 1721 and 796 votes to their respective credits; No. 18, who has 135 votes to the good from four previous attempts; No. 22, with 1749 votes; No. 23, with 343 votes; No. 26, with 469 votes; No. 27, with 860 votes; No. 30, with 8 votes; and No. 35, with 708 votes, all applicants for the fourth time; No. 40, with 1607 votes; No. 41, with 673 votes; No. 44, with 72 votes; No. 45, with 1082 votes; and No. 50, with 604 votes, who were candidates for the first time in 1890; No. 51, who scored 1661 votes last year; Nos. 57 and 58, who have 1103 votes and 2905 votes to their respective credits; and Nos. 59, 63, 64, 65, and 70, who are new candidates. The 46 country candidates are distributed amongst 19 Provinces, and there are two who hail from foreign parts, the Provinces of Devonshire and Kent furnishing, as for the Male Fund, the most numerous contingents. The following are from the former of the two, namely: No. 10, who is seeking admission for the seventh time, but has only 152 votes in hand; No. 12, who has had the same number of chances, but is only slightly better off with 181 votes; No. 14, with 74 votes from five previous ballots; No. 20, who will present herself to the electors for the fifth time, with 115 votes to her credit; Nos. 21 and 37, who are applicants for the fourth time, but with only a few votes to the good; No. 48, who was a candidate for the suffrages of the electors last year, when she polled 117 votes; and No. 60, a new candidate. The Kentish eight are—No. 6, who brings forward the excellent total of 2399 votes from her seven previous trials, and No. 7, who has been on the list as long, but has only 702 votes to her account; No. 16—fifth application—with 39 votes; Nos. 28, 31, 32, and 33—all applicants for the fourth time—who bring forward 2714, 149, 113, and 399 votes respectively; and No. 43, who has 126 votes standing to her account from the last election. The Province of East Lancashire sends up four candidates—No. 4, who starts on this occasion with 185 votes from eight previous attempts; No. 54, who scored a solitary vote in 1891; and Nos. 66 and 68. Cornwall is responsible for three candidates: No. 13—sixth application—with 31 votes; No. 39, who has a small credit from the last two elections; and No. 53, who scored 2804 off the reel in 1891, and therefore stands an excellent chance of winning an annuity. There are likewise three Essex candidates—No. 36, whose total of 349 votes was obtained at the three last ballots; No. 49, who polled 1797 votes last year; and No. 62. A ninth application, ranking as No. 3 on the list and bringing forward 25 votes, and No. 67 hail from Cumberland and Westmorland; No. 5, whose name appears for the eighth time, and with 1466 votes to her credit; and No. 19, with 210 votes from four ballots, from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; and Nos. 56 and 69, from West Yorkshire. Ten Provinces supply each a single candidate, namely, Bristol, No. 15, who has no votes, but has been a candidate since the 1888 election inclusive; Cheshire, No. 29, who stands well with 2166 votes from three previous ballots; Lincolnshire, No. 34, who has stood the same number of elections, but has only a trifle in hand; Northumberland, No. 42, who started as an applicant in 1890, but with very poor results so far; Norfolk, No. 46, who has 2220 votes to her credit from the same elections; Oxfordshire, No. 47, who has had the same trials and stands almost as well, with 2119 votes in hand; Somersetshire, No. 55, who has a small credit from last year; Staffordshire, No. 25, who is similarly circumstanced, but from three elections; Suffolk, No. 61; and Sussex, No. 52, who scored 364 votes in 1891. The candidates from abroad, Nos. 24 and 38, who have been on the list since 1889, have 16 and 610 votes to their respective credits.

A glance at the foregoing details will show that there are quite 20 candidates, taking the two Funds together, who enjoy the immense advantage of being able to start with votes in hand varying from 1000 to close on 3000, and who, if their friends and supporters will only exhibit a little judgment and a fair amount of influence, are, in the majority of cases, almost bound to secure vacancies. Unfortunately, judgment is not always exercised, and the requisite votes are not always forthcoming at the critical moment, and candidates whose chances appear less formidable find themselves by sheer good luck among the elect.

## GRAND LODGE AND GRAND FESTIVAL.

The annual Grand Festival of English Freemasons was held on Wednesday. The Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M., opened Grand Lodge at Freemasons' Hall shortly before six o'clock in the evening, when he was supported by Bros. Col. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey, as D.G.M.; Hugh D. Sandeman, Past District G.M. Bengal, as Past G.M.; Gen. Somerset Calthorpe, P.G.W., as S.G.W.; and Admiral Sir E. Ingfield, J.G.W. There were about 300 brethren present in Grand Lodge, and among these were Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, Sir John B. Monckton, Sir Albert W. Woods, Capt. N. G. Philips, Frank Richardson, J. H. Matthews, Thomas Fenn, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Gen. Laurie, P. Dist. G.M. Nova Scotia; Sir W. Clarke, G.M. Victoria; John Aird, M.P., Sir Reginald Hanson, M.P., Lennox Browne, E. Terry, G. Everett, R. Eve, D. P. Cama, H. Smith, W. F. Smithson, R. C. Sudlow, and others.

Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., read that part of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of March 2nd which recorded the election of the M.W. Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Sir ALBERT W. WOODS (*Garter*), G.D.C., then proclaimed his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales duly installed as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England for the year ensuing.

The Earl of LATHOM announced that the M.W.G.M. had been pleased to re-appoint him as M.W. Pro Grand Master, and the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe as R.W. Deputy Grand Master.

Both these announcements were received with loud applause.

Bro. LETCHWORTH informed the Pro Grand Master that the Grand Master had appointed the Duke of Portland to be Senior Grand Warden, and the Marquis of Granby to be Junior Grand Warden, but neither of those brethren were in attendance. He had, however, that morning received a letter from the former to the effect that he was unavoidably prevented from attending there that evening, and desiring him to present his apologies for his absence. He had received a similar communication from the Marquis of Granby.

The following is a list of Grand Officers for the year:

Bro. The Earl of Lathom	...	Pro G.M.
" The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe	...	Deputy G.M.
" Duke of Portland	...	S.G.W.
" Marquis of Granby	...	J.G.W.
" Rev. Sir W. Vincent, Bart., M.A.	...	} G. Chaplains.
" Rev. H. R. Cooper-Smith, D.D.	...	
" J. D. Murray	...	G. Treas.
" F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	...	G. Reg.
" Thomas Fenn	...	Pres. Bd. of G.P.
" Edward Letchworth	...	G. Sec.
" Dr. Ernest Emil Wendt	...	G. Sec. Ger. Cor.
" Robert Grey	...	Pres. Bd. of Ben.
" Major-Gen. J. Crosland Hay, C.B.	...	} S.G.D.'s.
" Samuel Gibson Sinclair	...	
" Charles E. Keyser	...	} J.G.D.'s.
" Perceval A. Nairne	...	
" Charles Barry	...	G.S. of W.
" Sir Albert W. Woods, K.C.M.G., C.B. ( <i>Garter</i> ), P.G.W.	...	G.D.C.
" G. H. Hopkinson	...	D.G.D.C.
" H. J. Strong, M.D.	...	A.G.D.C.
" Frederick W. Coles	...	G.S.B.
" Dep. Inspctr.-Gen. Belgrave Ninnis, M.D., R.N.	...	} G. Std. Brs.
" William Peter Brown	...	
" Edward Cutler, Q.C.	...	G. Org.
" Alfred A. Pendlebury	...	A.G. Sec.
" S. Victor Abraham	...	G. Purst.
" Thomas Minstrell	...	Asst. G. Purst.
" Henry Sadler	...	G. Tyler.

The Earl of LATHOM on investing Bro. Letchworth, informed Grand Lodge that by command of the M.W.G.M. a short time ago he attended at Grand Secretary's office and privately invested Bro. Letchworth for the time being as Grand Secretary for part of last year.

The following are the new Grand Stewards who had been presented by the outgoing Stewards and were approved by the Prince of Wales:

John Henry Parker Wilson, 259; Hon. W. Fredk. Barton Massey-Mainwaring, 23; Arthur Wellesley Peckham, 99; Major-General Frederick Gadsden, 1; Edward Evelyn Barron, 2; Richard Thomas Kingham, 4; Capt. Francis Horner Lyell, 5; Alfred Farquhar, 6; Edward England Pullman, 8; Charles William Stephens, 14; William Grellier, 21; William Augustus Saunders, 26; George Alfred Pickering, 29; Algernon Cooke Banke, 46; John Smithers, 58; William Masters, 60; Henry John Treadwell, 91; His Honor Judge Wm. Masterman, D.C.L., 197.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a sumptuous banquet provided by the outgoing Grand Stewards was partaken of by about 400 brethren, under the presidency of the Earl of Lathom.

The usual Grand Festival toasts were proposed and honoured.

The Earl of LATHOM having said: Brethren, I give you the first toast of the evening, "The Queen and the Craft," the toast was drunk enthusiastically.

In proposing the toast, "The Most Worshipful Grand Master," his LORDSHIP said he knew when he rose to propose it it would be received in the most enthusiastic way by all the brethren, for Masons were always loyal. But there was another reason he had for knowing it. During the Prince of Wales's late great grief and sorrow, no body of men more warmly, kindly, and thoroughly sympathised with him than the Freemasons. His Royal Highness was a most enthusiastic Mason, and that morning sent him a letter he now held in his hand, sending his cordial greetings to the brethren. He would only add that he hoped that the sad day which had fallen on his Royal Highness lately would not come again, and that the brethren would see him again amongst them soon, good Mason as he was.

The toast was most cordially greeted.

Bro. Sir W. CLARKE, G.M. of Victoria, proposed "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom," and said the noble Lord was very much like his predecessor in the Pro Grand Mastership, and thoroughly devoted to Masonry. He thought the Grand Master had been very fortunate in having the Earl of Lathom to represent him in his absence. Masonry must be carried on by good officers. The Prince of Wales with his numerous engagements could not do all the work of Masonry by himself, and it was

necessary that he should have some one to represent him. In the Earl of Lathom he had a most admirable representative.

The Earl of LATHOM, the toast having been most warmly received, said: Sir William Clarke and brethren, I thank you most sincerely for the way in which you, Sir William, have proposed the toast of my health, and you, brethren, for the kind way in which you received it. I assure you it gives me very great pleasure to occupy the chair on this occasion. It is the first opportunity I have had of doing so since his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master placed me in the high position I now have the honour to hold. I have been here on many occasions, and I assure you it gives me great pleasure to receive the hearty welcome you have given me on this occasion. When I think, brethren, of the years that have elapsed since I first worked in this hall, it certainly is a marvellous thing to me to see the strides Masonry has made in that time. I am open to correction when I say that the lodges have increased in number—I am speaking before the Grand Secretary—by more than a third since the day I first entered Grand Lodge. That is a very large number, and what strikes me when I go about the country is this—that I find the tone throughout all the provinces is that we have a better class of men who form the body of Masons, and that care is taken in admitting them. That is a thing that should be carried out everywhere. There is an impression that we are a benevolent society. We are not, we are a Charitable Institution; and wherever I go I say this—Make your entrance fees high enough to keep out a man who wishes to come in for the supposed benefit he may receive from it. That is the right thing in Masonry. We are charitable, I need not say: I defy any one to say we are not, when we look at the enormous sums which have been subscribed to your Charities in the last few years. But I say our Charity ought to be well looked after, to see that it goes into the right hands, and not into the hands of men who come in only to get what they can out of it, and whom we all know too well. And I am quite sure of this, that if you refer to the Board of Benevolence, they will all bear witness to the same thing, that during the last two or three years there has been a decided decrease in the begging spirit. The only reason I can give to account for that is this, that the different lodges throughout the country have been more careful in selecting their candidates. I hope that will go on. I thank you very much for your cordial reception of me.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., proposed "The Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," a toast which was to have been committed to General Laurie had he been present. The Grand Officers, he said, whom they had seen that night were proper looking men, from the beardless boy to the grey-headed veteran. From many years' knowledge of the beardless boy he could say he was not quite so young as he looked. One thing that occurred to him in connection with this toast was how singularly fortunate one of the largest provinces was in various ways to be brought to the front. It happened to be presided over by the Pro Grand Master. His lordship's appointment they most heartily endorsed, and they earnestly prayed he might be re-appointed for many years to come. The appointment of another brother of that province was not an appointment of the Grand Master; he was not in fact appointed, he was the elected of the Craft—in other words the merits of Lord Lathom's province were recognised by the Craft at large in the election of Bro. Murray as Grand Treasurer. Then Bro. Sinclair of the same province had received an appointment that evening, so that the M.W.G.M. recognised the merits of the Province of West Lancashire. He did not wish to be included in the toast himself, because he had just returned from a short holiday in the Riviera, much the better for it, and he congratulated the Grand Officers on their appointment.

The Rev. Sir W. VINCENT, G.C., acknowledged the toast, and regretted the absence of the two principal Grand Officers, who should have been invested that evening. He did not know whether Sir John Monckton referred to him when he spoke of the grey-headed veteran. He had been a great many years a Mason, but he was sorry to say he had not devoted himself to Masonry in the past with the energy that he should. He might, however, tell Lord Lathom that he had the honour of conducting him in the lodge room when he was initiated in the Apollo Lodge at Oxford. Therefore he thought it was he whom Sir J. Monckton alluded to. He only returned the night before from the Riviera, but he had not regained that complete health which the proposer of the toast had, and therefore he hoped to be excused making but a few remarks in response to the toast. It was, of course, of great importance that his Royal Highness the Grand Master of England should have the support each year of men who devoted themselves heart and mind to the interests of Masonry. That tradition had been kept up in the past, and though he felt most unworthy of the honour conferred upon him, yet he trusted during the present year to take part in the work of Grand Lodge, and that the Prince of Wales would have no need to regret having appointed him as a Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Col. NOEL MONEY, Prov. G.M. Surrey, proposed "The Visitors," and called on Sir W. Clarke to reply. Sir W. Clarke was a man of whom all Masons under the English Constitution had reason to be proud; he was a man who held a unique position, being Master of all the lodges in Victoria which had been under the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions. When the Grand Lodge of Victoria was formed it was the Grand Master's wish to have Sir W. Clarke as the Grand Master there, and the brethren elected him.

Bro. Sir W. CLARKE, G.M. Victoria, replied, and said that when the Prince of Wales appointed him District Grand Master of Victoria he requested Bro. Frank Richardson when he was on a visit there to install him. Sir William proceeded to give a very encouraging account of the condition of Masonry in his colony.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYNS, P.G.C., Deputy Prov. G.M. Suffolk, proposed "The Masonic Institutions." Masons all understood that Masonry was nothing if it did not carry out the principles of Charity. As the Pro Grand Master had said if they were not a benevolent society they were a Charitable society. In support of that fact he would only refer to the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, when the unprecedented sum of over £60,000 was raised. Then, four years ago, when the Grand Master presided at the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School £50,000 was collected; and last year when the Pro Grand Master presided at the Festival of the Boys' School nearly £30,000 came in. Under the genial rule of the Pro Grand Master, acting for his Royal Highness, the Craft would progress as it had in the past. They were glad to see him there that night and they wished him long life, health, and prosperity. He called on Bro. Hedges to reply to the toast, and hoped the Festival of the Girls' School would be a success.

Bro. HEDGES, P.G.S.B., Secretary R.M.I. for Girls, in reply, said he expressed his most grateful thanks on behalf of the Masonic Charities. They had already heard of the great success which had attended the efforts

of the Benevolent Institution at its recent Festival. He was quite sure that all the Executive and all the Committees connected with the Institution gratefully acknowledged the liberal support extended. The Festivals of the Girls' and the Boys' Schools were yet to follow, and he was sure it would not be for want of any willingness on the part of the Craft if they fell short in any measure of success when those Festivals were celebrated. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught had most graciously consented to preside that day three weeks in that hall on the occasion of the 104th Anniversary of the Girls' School. The Institution needed very greatly the brethren's cordial help. The Duke of Connaught's province—Sussex—was working extremely hard for it, and it would bring up a list worthy of its previous efforts. He sincerely pleaded for the Girls' School, and hoped that the present list of Stewards might be so augmented that on the 18th May a successful announcement might be made. There was one thing he must on this occasion refer to because he believed it was unique in the history of Grand Festivals—that the Board of Grand Stewards were represented on the Board of Stewards of the Girls' School. He was deeply grateful to Dr. Godson for taking that office, and the other Grand Stewards for so liberally responding to his call.

Bro. Admiral Sir E. INGLEFIELD, proposed "The Stewards," who were a most useful body. Although he was a young Grand Officer he was an old "salt," and he could say that next to the captain on board ship, the most important person was the Steward. If a person took only a short voyage across the Channel, it was the Steward who was most called for. (Laughter.) The Grand Stewards were the hosts that evening, and they had given an excellent entertainment. They not only provided for the ladies, but they provided the ladies. (Laughter.)

Bro. Dr. GODSON, President of the Board of Stewards, responded. It had been the Grand Stewards' effort to make the Festival a success, and they had spared no pains in carrying out that object.

Bro. the Rev. H. R. COOPER-SMITH, G.C., proposed "The Ladies," and said he supposed he was the "beardless boy" Sir John Monckton referred to. He did not know what the duties of a Grand Officer were, but it seemed to him that it could not possibly be part of the duty of a Grand Officer to grow a beard. He had been 21 years in Masonry. We were told that every seven years the whole human body completely changed. Well, it had not changed with him in the three seven years he had been in it, and a beard had not grown. He did not know what would take place in the fourth seven years; perhaps an entire change might come over him. He had no doubt that ladies looked at a Mason with a certain amount of suspicion, because the ladies were excluded from all knowledge of Masonic mysteries; but they did admit them, as they did that evening, to part of their entertainments.

Bro. PHILIP H. WATERLOW, 29, responded, and the brethren proceeded to the concert, which was given in the Temple. The Earl of Lathom again presided.

A selection of music was performed in Grand Lodge on the organ by Bro. Cutler, Q.C., Grand Organist.

### THE GRAND OFFICERS.

#### SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Bro. the Duke of PORTLAND, whom his Royal Highness the Grand Master has been pleased to appoint S.G.W. for the ensuing year, was born in 1857, and succeeded to the Dukedom on the death of his kinsman the fifth Duke in 1879. He served formerly in the Coldstream Guards, and till quite recently was Lieut.-Col. of the Honourable Artillery Company of London. He was initiated in the United Lodge, No. 1629, and if we remember rightly not very long ago was affiliated to a lodge in North Britain. He has not, however, taken a very active part in the affairs of Masonry, owing, no doubt, to the multiplicity of his public engagements.

#### JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Bro. the Marquis of GRANBY, M.P., eldest son of the Duke of Rutland, was born in 1852. He was initiated in the Howe and Charnwood Lodge, No. 1007, Loughborough, and having subsequently joined the Rutland Lodge, No. 1130, Melton Mowbray, is now occupying the chair of W.M.

#### GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Bro. the Rev. Sir WILLIAM VINCENT, Bart., who was born in 1834, and succeeded his father in the baronetcy in 1883, was initiated while at Christ Church College, Oxford, in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, in 1855, and the year following served as Prov. G. Steward of Oxfordshire. Subsequently he joined the Lodge of Union, No. 52, Norwich, and in 1887 was installed as its W.M., his services being further recognised by his appointment to the office of Chaplain in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk. He also joined the Royal Solomon at Jerusalem in 1878 and was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Alfred Chapter, No. 340, in 1856.

Bro. the Rev. H. R. COOPER-SMITH, D.D., well deserves the honour which the Grand Master has conferred upon him, there being few even among our most zealous and prominent Masons who have exhibited a deeper interest in or rendered more valuable services to the cause of Freemasonry. He was initiated by dispensation, while yet a minor, during his career at Oxford University, in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, in the year 1871. The following year he joined the Churchill Lodge, and was elected its W.M. in 1875, his services being additionally recognised by his appointment in 1873 as Prov. G.D.C. Oxfordshire, and his promotion in 1875 to the chair of Prov. J.G.W. In 1874 he made acquaintance with the London Craft, firstly by joining the University Lodge, No. 1118, of which he was elected W.M. in 1885, and then by assisting to found the Lodge of St. Mary Magdalen, of which he was the first S.W. and second Master. In 1878 he had a principal hand in founding the Cholmeley Lodge, No. 1731, which also meets in London, and of which he was installed the first Master. Lastly, on his going to reside in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, he joined the Oakley Lodge, No. 694, Basingstoke, and here also we may hope to hear of him as exhibiting the same interest and activity as have marked his connection with the Craft in London and Oxfordshire. In Royal Arch Masonry he has also won distinction. He was exalted in the chapter attached to his mother lodge (No. 357), and served as M.E.Z. in 1878, and as Prov. G.S.B. Oxfordshire in 1881. He also served as Z. of the University Chapter, No. 1118, in 1881. He was advanced to the Mark in the University Mark Lodge, and was elected W.M. in 1879, and on the constitution of Berks and Oxon as a Mark Province, and the installation of Bro. the Earl of Jersey as its first Prov. Grand Mark Master in 1880, Bro. Cooper-Smith had the honour of being appointed Prov. S.G.W. He is also a P.C.N. of the lodge of Royal Ark Mariners attached to the Oxford

Mark Lodge, and in 1881 was appointed Junior Grand Overseer of Mark Grand Lodge. He is a member of the Allied Degrees, was appointed Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in March, 1891, and served as E.P. of the Cœur de Lion Preceptory of Knights Templar, Oxford, in 1880. He is a P.M.W.S. of the Oxford University Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, and has taken the 32° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite system. As regards our Institutions, he has been a generous supporter of them all, having constituted himself a Vice-Patron of the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution, and a Life Governor of the Boys' School; while he has served five Stewardships for the senior Charity, one for the Boys' School, and no less than 11 in behalf of the Old People.

#### GRAND TREASURER.

Bro. J. D. MURRAY, who at the Quarterly Communication in March was elected by an immense majority of votes to the post of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, and was duly invested with the insignia of his office on this occasion, was initiated in the Lindsay Lodge, No. 1335, Wigan, and is one of its Past Masters. He is also a Treasurer of the Lathom Lodge, No. 2229, Preston, a founder of the Wigan Lodge, No. 2326, and having been appointed Prov. G.D.C. of West Lancashire in 1885, has been since annually re-appointed to that office. He has likewise greatly distinguished himself as a Royal Arch Mason, being a P.Z. of the Chapter of Harmony, No. 178, Wigan, Scribe E. of the Lindsay Chapter, No. 1335, and P.P.G. Treasurer of the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Lancashire. But it is chiefly as an exponent and worker of our ritual that Bro Murray has obtained pre-eminence. Nor are there many experts who could surpass him in his rendering of the ceremony of consecration, in which for many years past he has played the leading rôle at the constitution of lodges in West Lancashire. In the Mark Degree Bro. Murray ranks as P.J.G. Overseer of the G. Lodge, while in the A. and A. Rite he is a Past Master, S. of St. Peter's Chapter, No. 31, Bolton, and has taken the 30°. Lastly, he is a very generous supporter of our Charitable Institutions, for which at different times he has served no less than ten Stewardships, and taken up lists amounting in the aggregate to about £2,000. He is also a Life Governor of them all, and at the same time is a warm supporter of the West Lancashire Institutions, for which he has rendered excellent service on many occasions.

#### SENIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. Major-General J. C. HAY, C.B., who saw much active service in the Afghan and South African campaigns, and has been twice severely wounded and several times mentioned in despatches, was initiated in the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, No. 2 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, on the 22nd January, 1856, and is, therefore, a Mason of over 36 years' standing. He became an English Craftsman in May, 1861, when he joined the Triune Brotherhood Lodge, No. 984. The year following he joined the Star-in-the-East Lodge, No. 67, Calcutta, and then, after an interval of nine years, the Mayo Lodge, No. 1413, Rawul Pindee. In 1875 he joined the Mooltan Lodge, No. 1307, which meets in the city whence it takes its name, and in 1877 the Lodge of Fraternity and Perseverance, No. 1746, Benares, of which he appears to have been the first W.M. After a further interval of five years, we find him accepted as a joining member, firstly, of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, Portsmouth, and then of the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, while in 1890 he joined the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted under the Scottish Constitutions in the Edinburgh Chapter, No. 71, in October, 1875. Two years later he joined the Sandeman Chapter, No. 391 on the roll of England, and the year following was elected and installed M.E.Z. He has received District honours in both branches of Constitutional Freemasonry, having been appointed Dist. G.S. of W. Bengal in 1878, and Dist. G.P. Sojourner in the Grand Chapter of the same District in 1879. He is a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, having taken the 31° in that system in 1882, and being a member of the Studholme Lodge of Rose Croix. He served the office of Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in 1891.

Bro. S. G. SINCLAIR hails from the province of West Lancashire, of which, during the greater part of his career, he has been a very prominent member. He was initiated in the St. George's Lodge of Harmony, No. 32, Liverpool, on the 20th December, 1876, and in due course rose to be W.M., to which office he was elected in 1883. In 1887 he was a founder and first J.W. of the Lathom Lodge, No. 2229, Preston, and on the 27th January, 1890, had the honour of being installed its W.M. In 1886 Bro. the Earl of Lathom appointed him Prov. S.G.W. In Royal Arch Masonry he has won like distinction. He was exalted in Jerusalem Chapter, No. 32, Liverpool, in 1878, and twice occupied the chair of First Principal, namely in 1886 and again in 1887, and in 1889 he was appointed Prov. G.J. West Lancashire. He was installed a Knight Templar in the Jacques de Molay Preceptory in January, 1884, and inducted into office as E. Preceptor in April, 1886. He is in addition a Knight of Malta, was installed E. Prior in 1887, and at the present time is G. Constable and First Lieutenant in the Prov. Priory of West Lancashire. He was perfected Rose Croix in 1879 in the Liverpool Chapter of that Degree, and was installed M.W.S. in 1884, and again in 1890, and has taken the 31° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. He has served two Stewardships in behalf of each of our three Charitable Institutions and has qualified as Vice-Patron of them all, in addition to which he is a Vice-Patron of the three West Lancashire local Institutions—the Educational, the Hamer, and the Alps.

#### JUNIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. CHARLES E. KEYSER, M.A., J.P., was initiated, while yet a minor, in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, Cambridge, and still retains his connection with it as an honorary Life Member. But his chief Masonic work has been done and his highest distinctions obtained in the Province of Hertfordshire, of which he became a member, when he joined the Watford Lodge, No. 404, Watford, in 1876. In this lodge he was soon after appointed to a junior office, and gradually working his way to the front, was in April, 1881, installed W.M. In 1889 he was principal founder, and was installed first W.M. of the Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323, Bushey, and in addition he is a member and D.C. of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, a member of the Halsey Lodge, No. 1479, and outside Hertfordshire, a member of the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549, Great Stanmore, Middlesex, which he joined in 1884, and the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, of which he is the present Junior Warden. In 1881 his earlier services in Hertfordshire were recognised by his appointment as Prov. J.G.W. He was one of the Special Stewards at the Masonic commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee in 1887, and a member of the Board of General Purposes in 1890. He was exalted in the Watford Chapter, No. 404, on the 10th May, 1875, and has twice occupied the chair of First Principal, namely, in 1885 and 1889; while in the Prov. Grand

Chapter of Herts he has successively discharged the offices of Prov. G. Std. Br. (1879-81) and Prov. G.J. (1889-91). In addition he is a P.Z. of the Stanmore Chapter, No. 1549, and P.P.G.P.S. of Middlesex, 2nd A.S. in the Chapter of St. James, No. 2, P.S. of the Hertford Chapter, No. 403, a founder and Treasurer of the Halsey Chapter, No. 1479, and an honorary member of the Cecil Chapter, No. 449, and has been a member of the General Committee of Grand Chapter since 1889. He was advanced to the Mark on the 26th March, 1879, in the Watford Mark Lodge, which he helped to found, and was installed W.M. in 1887, while in the Mark Provincial Grand Lodge of Herts, at the constitution of which he was present, he served as Provincial Grand Treasurer from 1886 to 1888, and as Prov. S.G.W. from the latter year to 1890. He is likewise S.D. of the Hertford Mark Lodge, No. 366, honorary member of the Broxbourne Mark Lodge, No. 428, and a subscribing member of the Grand Master's Lodge, and lastly, J.G.D. of the Mark Grand Lodge. He is a P.E.C. of the Stewart Encampment, No. 28, of Knights Templar at Watford, and a Past Prior of the Order of Malta, M.P.S. elect of the Premier Conclave of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine; and having served three years on the Grand Senate, and one year on the Grand Council, now holds the office of Grand Architect. He is Marshal of the Invicta Rose Croix Chapter, No. 10, in the A. and A. Rite; and in addition, is an officer of the Bruce Chapter, as well as of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter of the Royal Order of Scotland for London and the Home Counties; a member of the Constantine Council, No. 2, Royal and Select Masters; of the Rose and Lily Council, No. 15, of the Allied Masonic Degrees; and of the Horatio Shirley Conclave, No. 5, of the Order of the Secret Monitor. As regards the Masonic Charities, he is a Patron of both Schools and the Benevolent Institution, a Provincial Member of the Board of Management of the Boys' Institution, and one of the Trustees of the R.M.B.I., and has served some 15 Stewardships in their behalf, his greatest success having been achieved at the Jubilee of the Benevolent, when he returned a list of upwards of £600. Moreover, when W.M. of the Watford Lodge, he made it a Vice-Patron of the Benevolent and a Vice-President of the Girls' Institution. He is the Hon. Secretary of the Hertfordshire Charitable Association, and a Vice-President of, and has served three Stewardships for, the Mark Benevolent Fund. Lastly, in 1877, when it was proposed to raise a fund among the Freemasons of England towards restoring some portion of the Abbey of St. Albans, Bro. Keyser was appointed Hon. Secretary, the Prince of Wales and other distinguished Masons giving the scheme their cordial support, and constituting themselves Vice-Patrons of the Fund, the result being the erection of a very handsome pulpit, which in 1883 was unveiled and formally handed over to the custody of the Cathedral authorities by Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hertfordshire.

Bro. PERCEVAL A. NAIRNE was initiated on the 20th November, 1862, in the Caveac Lodge, No. 205—now No. 176—and has been twice elected to the chair of W.M., namely, in 1868, and for the second time in 1874. In 1870 he assisted in founding the Sphinx Lodge, No. 1329, of which in 1876 he was elected W.M., and in 1876 was a founder of the Crichton Lodge, No. 1641. He was exalted in the Mount Zion Chapter, No. 22, on 11th February, 1867, and having joined the Caveac Chapter, No. 176, was installed M.E.Z. in 1870 and for the second time, ten years later, while in the interval he presided in the same capacity over the Sphinx Chapter, No. 1329. He is a Life Governor of the Boys' School and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and a supporter of the Girls' School, while he has served the office of Festival Steward for all three.

#### DEPUTY GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. G. H. HOPKINSON was initiated in the Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, on the 22nd February, 1876, and having filled the various minor offices, was elected and installed W.M. in 1883. He was exalted in the British Chapter, No. 8, on the 1st March, 1878, and occupied the chair of First Principal in 1885. He is also a member of the Grand Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1, Rose Croix, in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. He has served as Festival Steward for, and is a Life Governor of, each of the Masonic Institutions.

#### ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. H. J. STRONG, J.P., was initiated more than 30 years ago in the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, Croydon, and on the 5th April, 1866, was installed in the chair of W.M. Since then he has presided in the same capacity over the Frederick Lodge of Unity, No. 452, and the Lodge of Friendship and Harmony, No. 1616, Weybridge, which he joined in 1883. In the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey he has served successively as Prov. G. Steward, Prov. G. Deacon, and Prov. J.G.W., and on the 23rd July of last year he had the still greater honour conferred upon him of being appointed to the chair of Prov. S.G.W. In Royal Arch Masonry he has borne a similarly conspicuous part, having been exalted in the Frederick Chapter of Unity, No. 452, on the 11th June, 1863, and installed M.E.Z. firstly in 1868, and for the second time in 1870, while in 1867 he was Z. of the East Surrey Chapter of Concord, No. 463. In Prov. Grand Chapter he has been appointed Prov. G.P.S., Prov. G.S.N., and Prov. G.J. He is a Life Governor and has served as Steward for the Girls' and Boys' Schools, and besides having acted six times as Steward for the Old People, has qualified as Vice-Patron of that Charity. But his greatest claim on the esteem and respect of the Craft is due to the services he has rendered to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in his capacity of Honorary Surgeon to the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon, to whom for upwards of 30 years he has been not only their able medical adviser, but likewise one of their truest and best of friends, and by whom, consequently, as by his neighbours round about, he is as much beloved as he is esteemed and respected.

#### GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. FREDERICK W. COLES was initiated on the 7th February, 1877, in the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, No. 1150. Two years later he joined the Lodge of Good Report, No. 136, was installed W.M. in 1882, and for many years has served as Treasurer. He is also a P.M. of his mother lodge, having been installed in 1884. He was exalted in the British Chapter, No. 8, on the 3rd May, 1878, and was installed M.E.Z. in 1886. He served as Steward at the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School in 1888, when he qualified as Vice-President, and in a like capacity at the recent Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, of which likewise he is a Vice-President, and in addition he is a Life Subscriber of the Boys' School.

#### GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.

Bro. BELGRAVE NINNIS, M.D., Deputy Inspector-General R.N., was initiated, while on service, in the Zetland Lodge, No. 515, Valetta, Malta, on the 8th January, 1872, and the year following was appointed G.D. in the

District Grand Lodge of Malta. In 1877 he became a founder and first J.W. of the Quadratic Lodge, No. 1691, Hampton Court, and was subsequently elected and installed its W.M. In 1884 he joined the Pentangle Lodge, No. 1174, Chatham, and was installed W.M. in 1885. He joined the Phoenix Lodge, No. 914, Port Royal, Jamaica, the next year, and two years later the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259. In 1890 he assisted in founding the Cornish Lodge, No. 2369, and in 1891 the Lodge of Æsculapius, of which he is now the W.M. elect. He was exalted to the Royal Arch in the Melita Chapter, No. 349, Malta, served as M.E.Z. of the Phoenix Chapter, No. 914, Port Royal, and is Z. elect of the Quadratic Chapter, No. 1691. In the Mark Degree, he was a founder and first W.M. of the Egerton of Tatton Lodge, No. 400, and Past G.S.B. of Mark Grand Lodge, founder and first W.C.N. of the Matier Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, Past G.P.C. of W. in the Allied Masonic Degrees, Past E.P. and Past Prov. G. Chamberlain Kent, in the Order of the Temple, and Past Prior of Malta; Past M.P.S., Past G. Viceroy Kent, and Intendant-General Jamaica in the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine, Past M.W.S. and member of the Studholme Rose Croix Chapter, No. 67, and a 32° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Nor has he left unconsidered our several Charitable Institutions, having at different times served nine Stewardships in their behalf, and qualified as a Vice-Patron of the Girls' and Benevolent Institution, and a Vice-President of the Boys' School.

Bro. W. P. BROWN was initiated in St. John's Lodge, No. 90, in April, 1871, and was elected and installed in the Master's chair in 1882. In 1881 he joined the Cornhill Lodge, No. 1803, but resigned in 1883, while in 1890 he assisted in founding the Mitcham Lodge, No. 2384. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, and ranks as P.Z. of the St. Martin's-le-Grand Chapter, No. 1538. He was elected a member of the Board of Benevolence—at which he is one of the most regular attendants—in 1887, and has been re-elected annually ever since. He has constituted himself a Vice-President of the three Charitable Institutions, and has served two Stewardships for the Girls' School—in 1886 and at the Centenary Festival in 1888—and has returned his name to act in a like capacity for the Boys' School at its approaching Festival in June.

#### GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. S. V. ABRAHAM, whose career we sketched briefly last year, when he was appointed Assistant Grand Pursuivant.

#### ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. THOMAS MINSTRELL was initiated in the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, on the 11th February, 1874, and was installed W.M. in 1887. In the interval, however, he had become a founder of the very popular Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, and having served as W.M. in 1884, is now its Secretary. On the 5th May, 1881, he was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507, and has filled all the offices up to and inclusive of that of First Principal. He is also a founder and P.Z. of the Gallery Chapter. He is a Life Governor of our three Institutions and has acted as Festival Steward for them all.

### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

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

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

Installation of Principals, and appointment and investiture of officers for the ensuing year.

#### THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 20th January, to the 19th April, 1892, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance Grand Chapter...	£614 17 3	By Disbursements during the	
„ „ Unappropriated		Quarter ... ..	£749 15 7
„ „ Account ... ..	198 16 4	„ Balance ... ..	323 5 8
„ „ Subsequent Receipts ... ..	457 15 0	„ „ Unappropriated	
		Account ... ..	198 7 4
	£1271 8 7		£1271 8 7

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

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions for new chapters in connection with the Lodge of Prudence, No. 2069, Leeds, to be called the Prudence Chapter; the Peace Lodge, No. 2269, Wigan, to be called the Peace Chapter; the Shalden Lodge, No. 2016, Alton, to be called the St. Lawrence Chapter; the James Terry Lodge, No. 2372, Cheshunt, to be called the James Terry Chapter; and the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, London, to be called the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Chapter.

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

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a memorial from the companions of the Palladian Chapter, No. 120, Hereford, Herefordshire, praying for a charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel in accordance with the Royal Arch regulations, Rule 102.

The memorial being in form, and the chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

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

The Star Chapter, No. 1275, Greenwich, from the Ship, Greenwich, London District, to the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, in the City of London.

The University Chapter, No. 1118, London, from the Freemasons' Hall, to the Café Monico, Piccadilly Circus, London.

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

(Signed) HENRY GARRON, Acting President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 20th April, 1892.

After the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed:

That the cordial thanks of the members of the Committee be tendered to E. Comp. Robert Grey, their President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Committee during the past year.

(Signed) HENRY GARROD, Past Assist. G.D. of Cers.  
Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing 12 months.

GRAND MARK MASTERS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION FESTIVAL.

The eighth annual festival of this Mark lodge of instruction was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 21st inst. The ceremony of advancement was worked in an excellent and impressive manner by the following members: Bros. W. Vincent, P.G.I.G., W.M.; F. H. Miller, G. Stwd., S.W.; C. Pulman, J.W.; J. Smith, P.M., M.O.; C. E. Keyser, S.O.; G. S. Criswick, P.M., J.O.; Rev. V. Wyatt, Chap.; E. M. Money, P.G. Stwd., Sec.; H. Schartau, Org.; G. C. Pulsford, S.D.; F. H. Gough, J.D.; and A. C. Gooding, I.G.

The following brethren were also present: Bros. F. Richardson, P.G.W.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec.; John Ramsey, Gordon Miller, G. Treas.; P. W. Wyatt, S. L. Kilpin, F. W. Webb, E. Bilson, A. Hill, Dr. R. Coombs, A. Ewen, J. Smith, H. R. Rose, Dr. Corrie Jackson, A. V. Ramsey, M. Slaughter, Captain Knightley, W. M. Ward, Lennox Browne, G. G. Warren, R. Tucker, W. J. Ebbetts, J. T. Rowe, James Hill, C. Lazenby, J. Shilcock, F. W. Methven, H. E. Joyce, J. Harrison, and W. W. Lee.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the lecture in the Degrees was given in faultless manner by Bro. J. Smith, P.M.

Bro. F. RICHARDSON, P.G.W., in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to those brethren who had worked the ceremony, referred to the Masonic treat their efforts had given to all present. The work of the Degree had been given with absolute perfection, and those who had enjoyed it would concur in awarding a sincere vote of thanks.

Bro. W. VINCENT, P.G.I.G., in acknowledging the vote, said that changes had to be made in those selected to assist, but those who had stepped into the breach at a late hour had worked admirably. If their efforts had given satisfaction they were deeply gratified.

Several new members were elected, and the lodge was closed.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.W., G.R. of M., presided at the banquet which was afterwards held at Freemasons' Tavern, and after dessert gave the usual toasts.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, P.G.W., G. Sec., in rising to respond for the toast of "The Grand Officers," said he feared he could say nothing that had not been very much better said in years gone by, but he would say the Grand Officers were no less anxious than those of the past to promote the prosperity of the Order. In their name as well as in his own, he thanked them most heartily. The toast it was his privilege to propose would be received most heartily and cordially, being that of "The Chairman," who had so gracefully presided. Were he to attempt to extol the qualifications of Bro. Frank Richardson, he should occupy a considerable portion of their time, he would therefore content himself by saying that their R.W. Chairman was no less energetic in the other Degrees in Freemasonry than he was in the Mark Degree. In every Degree of Freemasonry Bro. Richardson occupied a distinguished position as a Grand Officer, being P.G.W., present G. R. of M., and Vice-President of the General Board in Mark Masonry. He (Bro. Matier) had much pleasure in asking the brethren present to drink the health of the eighth Chairman who had honoured them by taking the chair at their social and enjoyable meeting.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.W., in returning thanks, said he felt that to a certain extent he was an intruder that night, he being Chairman at the banquet while another brother had done all the work downstairs. Some men were born to honour, some achieved honour, and some had honour thrust upon them, and he found he came in the last category, because he had had honours thrust upon him in nearly all the Degrees. Whatever honours he might receive, he appreciated none more so than those showered upon him in the Mark, in which he now held the office of Grand Registrar, practically the standing counsel of the Order. He had held that for some years, and hoped to do so for many years to come. He thanked them all sincerely for their kindness that evening, and before he sat down he had to propose an important toast—namely, that of "Success to the Grand Master's Lodge of Instruction." He was old enough to remember when in a Mark lodge they found every officer with a neat little printed book reading his work, and he also remembered that he assisted some brethren to resuscitate an old lodge, and they passed a resolution that for the future no books should be allowed. Now to find a brother reading from a book was an exception, and had arisen from the formation and working of that lodge of instruction. A Mason in the Mark Degree, as in the Craft, now knew exactly where to go for instruction, and as time went on they would find books as unknown as they were in the Craft. For that success they were indebted in an enormous extent to the brother sitting on his left—Bro. Vincent. They had all heard the admirable manner not only in which he had worked, but in which every brother did his portion. He might say it was as faultlessly done as it was possible to be performed, and was a credit to the lodge of instruction. Although the lodge had been in existence for a longer time, there had been eight festivals, and he trusted that would not be the last, but that it would go on and prosper, and attain greater perfection than now, if possible. He personally thanked Bro. Vincent and the others for the manner in which they did their work, and for the manner in which that work conduced to the value and benefit of Mark Masonry.

Bro. WM. VINCENT said that on behalf of the

Executive Committee of the lodge of instruction, and the officers who had assisted him, he begged to thank the Chairman and brethren for the compliment paid them. He was sure he was expressing the feelings of all when he said they would be very glad if they could get such an attendance as to enable them to meet every Friday instead of twice a month. If such an occasion were to arise he was confident the General Board would readily agree. They were at all times ready to meet the wishes of any Worshipful Master and officer in the ceremony of advancement, and also to assist any W.M. in rendering the installation ceremony; for on several occasions they had performed the installation ceremony solely for the benefit of one Worshipful Master. They also worked the ritual of the Ark Mariners Degree, and endeavoured all they could to spread the principles of the Mark Degree and the allied ceremonies. He would ask all the members to assist them next session and also other brethren to visit them. They met again in October, when he trusted to meet as many as he saw around the table that night. The Chairman had spoken of the good done by this lodge of instruction, and judging from the facts he had personally received from Past Masters who were formerly in the lodge he felt the R.W. brother was somewhat correct. The lodge of instruction was founded by the Grand Secretary and for some time was carried on by him as Preceptor, until he (Bro. Vincent) was asked to accept the post, and the friendship offered him and the kindness and goodwill he experienced made him feel he had not altogether disappointed expectations.

Bro. GORDON WARREN, Dep. Prov. G.M. N. Wales, acknowledged "The Visitors," and, on their behalf, said they had witnessed a Masonic treat which seldom fell to their lot to witness. He was an old Mason of many years' standing, and it had been a pleasure he could hardly express to see the manner in which the ceremony was performed. It would be his endeavour to obtain recruits for this lodge of instruction, for he thought every Mark Master Mason should belong to it. The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

VISIT OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, TO SCOTLAND.

From what we hear of the recent visit of the Supreme Council, 33°, of England, to that of Scotland, it has been one not only of personal pleasure to our English brethren, who were received both at Edinburgh and Glasgow with a degree of hospitality that is seldom equalled even in the annals of Freemasonry, but also one that is likely to be productive of the best results in bringing together in fraternal intercourse the brethren of the three Masonic divisions of Great Britain. We learn that an arrangement has been made between the three British Councils of the 33° that these friendly visits are to take place annually, and in turn; thus, the visit of 1892 has been to Scotland; the visit to Ireland will probably come off in 1893, and to England in 1894.

The members of the English Supreme Council who visited the north last week were M. Ill. Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips, Lieut.-Gen. Com.; V. Ill. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, G. Sec. Gen.; V. Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Somerville Burney, G. Marshal; and V. Ill. Bro. Col. G. N. Money, C.B., G. Chamberlain. We may briefly summarise the work which they witnessed in Edinburgh, as follows:—On Monday, the 18th April, at 4 o'clock, a meeting was held of the Royal Order of Scotland, with the Earl of Haddington (Grand Master of Scotland) in the chair; and, at 8.30, a Rose Croix chapter, presided over by V. Ill. Bro. Mackersy, G. Sec. Gen.

On Tuesday, the 19th, at 1.30 p.m., there was a conference between the Supreme Councils. At 2 o'clock a meeting was held in the 32°, presided over by V. Ill. Bro. Dr. Falconer, 33°, and at 2.30 another in the 31°, presided over by V. Ill. Bro. J. H. Balfour, 33°. The candidates admitted to these Degrees were:—To the 32°: John M. Martin, Esq., of Auchendennan, Provincial Grand Master of Dumbartonshire, and Charles Maitland Pelham Burn, Esq., Prestonfield House. To the 31°: The Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington, M.W. Grand Master Mason of Scotland; Lieut.-Col. John Campbell, Perth, Depute Provincial Grand Master of Perthshire East, and Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; and Sir James Buchanan, of Dunburgh, Baronet, Craighend Castle, Milngavie, Substitute Provincial Grand Master of Dumbartonshire.

These were followed at 5.30 by a meeting in the 30°, at which V. Ill. Bro. Mackersy, Grand Sec. Gen., took the chair, and the visiting brethren were afterwards entertained by the Supreme Council of Scotland at a magnificent banquet, presided over by the Right Hon. Lord Saltoun, 33°, as Chairman, and V. Ill. Bro. Mackersy, 33°, as Croupier.

Wednesday, the 20th, was devoted to Templar Masonry, a preceptory being held at mid-day, while in the afternoon the Marquess of Breadalbane was installed as Grand Master of the Order. This ceremony has been described to us as one of the grandest sights that even Masonry has been able to boast of for many a long year. The east end of the Masonic Hall, in itself a very large and handsomely decorated room, was nearly filled up by a high dais and an elaborately furnished altar, the whole of the arrangements being such as must have involved great pains as well as very considerable expense, while the ceremony itself was gone through with an amount of graceful dignity and attention to every point down to the minutest details,

for which those who were entrusted with it received, as they certainly merited, the highest praise. At the conclusion of the ceremony a group photograph was taken, which we sincerely hope may prove successful, as it will be, to all who had the privilege of being present, an agreeable souvenir of what will doubtless long live in their memories among the pleasing recollections of the past.

After the ceremonial the members dined together and entertained their guests in the Board Room of the Hall, the Marquess of Breadalbane being in the chair. On Thursday, the 21st inst., our English brethren proceeded to Glasgow to visit the Prince's Lodge, on the hospitable invitation of Bro. Major Allen (the Master), and the other members of the lodge, the meeting being an emergent one specially called together for the purpose. There was a large attendance of brethren, who seemed to vie one with each other as to who should show the most kindness to their guests. The lodge work was the raising of the Lord Provost, Bro. John Muir, and five other brethren, and the ceremony was most ably and efficiently performed by the Master, Bro. Major Allen.

The banquet in the evening was, we are told, quite a sight. It was held at the Grand Hotel, Charing Cross (not London), and we learn that Bro. Guilford, the proprietor of the hotel, was highly complimented on the wonderfully elaborate arrangements of the table as well as upon the excellency of the dinner itself. R.W. Bro. Allen, of course, presided, and our English brethren took the opportunity, each one, of alluding, in their after-dinner speeches, to the princely hospitality which had been extended to them both at the capital of Scotland and in Glasgow, the second largest city in the world.

We cannot, in a public print, enter into detail on the subject of working, but we learn that while our English brethren noticed in each Degree some discrepancies from what they have been accustomed to in English lodges and chapters, yet they found the main results in all important points to be identically the same, and were much impressed with the general solemnity of the whole of the ceremonies, and the perfect manner in which they were all, without exception, rendered, while the open-handed hospitality extended to them from first to last could not fail to be most gratifying. Looking to the general interests of the Craft, which cannot fail to be advantageously affected by such gatherings as the one which we have thus briefly recorded, we would add our earnest hope that these friendly visits so happily inaugurated may not be allowed to drop, and that when the time comes round for our Scottish brethren to visit London, every opportunity may be afforded them of witnessing our Southern work in all the several Degrees of our Order, and that they may meet, as we are quite sure will be the case, with as much cordiality and generous hospitality as they have extended to their guests on the present auspicious and important occasion.

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To Correspondents.

The following communication, among others, unavoidably stand over:  
Consecration of the Weyside Mark Lodge, No. 442.



SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1892.

Masonic Notes.

The Grand Festival, which was held on Wednesday and of which a full report is published elsewhere, passed off with the usual *clat*. The new Grand Officers, on advancing to the chair to be invested by the Pro Grand Master, were greeted with the utmost cordiality, while the Board of Grand Stewards were most successful in the provision and arrangements they made for the Grand Feast and well deserved the compliment which was paid them in the course of the evening.

We understand that the further progress which has been made in respect of the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls leaves very little to be desired so far as the mere numerical increase in the Board of Stewards is concerned, and that there is every prospect that the Board will be of average strength. But the outlook in respect of donations and subscriptions is by no means promising, and there is great reason to fear that the average amount per list will be lower than usual. We trust the Stewards, when they hear this, will, if possible, throw a little extra energy into their canvas, so that the total, as we suggested last week, may be worthy of the illustrious brother who has undertaken to preside.

At the General Committee of the Girls' School yesterday (Thursday), after the usual business was transacted, the nominations for the House Committee for the ensuing year were made. The existing Committee were re-nominated, and also Bros. R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; George Everett, P.G. Treas.; and W. A. Scurah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.

The consecration of the Carrington Lodge, No. 2421, will take place at the Crown Hotel, Amersham, tomorrow (Saturday). The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, V.W. Bro. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., will perform the ceremony, assisted by Bro. J. E. Bowen, Prov. G. Sec., and Bro. G. H. Charsley, Prov. G. Reg. The W.M. designate is Bro. Harry Nelson Price, P.M. 177, and the Wardens will be Bro. J. C. F. Tower and Bro. James Stephens, P.M. 1425. The lodge starts under excellent auspices, and has our best wishes for a successful future.

The M.W. Grand Master has granted a warrant for a new lodge to meet at Hampden House, to be called the Hampden Lodge, No. 2427. Bro. Alderman Eccleston Gibbs, the founder of the Institution and Club which will be the home of the lodge, is also the founder of the lodge, and will be its first W.M., and the Wardens' chairs will be filled by Bros. R. R. Cummings, as S.W., and W. Laurence, as J.W. A very pretty and well-fitted Masonic temple has for some years formed a part of the building, and we are glad to know that it will be fittingly and, we feel sure, worthily occupied.

A very unusual circumstance occurred at a meeting of a lodge in the London district on Tuesday evening. A candidate, who had been elected and duly prepared and introduced into the lodge, proved on inquiry to be an agnostic. On this the Worshipful Master refused to continue the ceremony and the candidate was requested to retire.

The "Bain Reprints," inaugurated by Bro. G. W. Bain, of Sunderland, have proved both valuable and successful. No. 1, being a reproduction of the rare "Briscoe MS.," is now at a high premium, and No. 2, the preface to "Long Livers," with an introduction by Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., has been subscribed for prior to publication. It is now issued, and makes a most useful, curious, and readable reprint. Bro. Gould's introduction is an exhaustive account of the subject by a master hand, and we congratulate Bro. Bain most

sincerely on the hearty support he has received in his enterprising series from the Craft. We are now anticipating the advent of No. 3, whatever it may be, and wish there were more of Bro. Bain's zeal and enterprise, Masonically. We want, however, not only book makers, but also book buyers.

We understand the result of the investigation by the Board of Management into the scrutiny of the recent election places the boy Kent in the third position on the list of Successful candidates. In the case of the boy Foster, hailing from the Province of Kent, there is no appreciable difference in the position he occupies on the poll, namely, 23rd, so that, after allowing for the two extra boys to be elected, he carries forward votes to the next election as the highest Unsuccessful candidate. The boy Barker, hailing from Victoria, is advanced to the 22nd position, and thus a third foreign case is successful, the other two being Shaw and Austin, Nos. 4 and 19 on the poll.

Although it is unsatisfactory to hear of serious errors in the scrutiny of this election, it must not be assumed that such frequently occur, and we are happy to know that the demand for an investigation is rare indeed. In the present instance we know the Board of Scrutineers was carefully chosen and the errors were mainly passed by brethren of great experience in this work. There is consequently no occasion for alarm, and we should be sorry to see that the voluntary services of brethren for this work should be abolished and a paid service substituted as has been mooted in some quarters. No doubt the careful investigation by the members of the Board of Management (which we are told lasted for four hours) will lead to the adoption generally of such further checks as will prevent the possibility of similar mistakes occurring in the future. Bros. Russell and Adamson, representing the Province of Kent, expressed perfect satisfaction at the result, although it did not end in the election of their protégé.

As we announced last week, Bro. E. P. Delevanti and his pupils will give a performance of "The Mikado" on Friday, the 6th prox., to the boys at the Institution, Wood Green. The Board of Management has issued an invitation to a limited number of the subscribers to the Institution, and those who may wish to be present should apply to Bro. McLeod, Secretary, at the offices, 6, Freemasons' Hall, for tickets as early as possible. The doors open at 6 p.m., the curtain rising at 6.30, and a very excellent entertainment is expected.

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.]

A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

A brother Mason, giving his name as S. Mason, Naphtali Lodge, No. 266, has lately applied to me for relief. His manner was both insolent and objectionable. I wrote to his lodge for information of him, and learn that he was in the lodge about 12 months, and that is some 16 or 17 years ago, and they have not seen him since, but they are given to understand that he goes about from place to place living and sponging on his brethren. I write to you to make this case known, and to say that this kind of professional mendicancy is becoming too painfully frequent, and is disgusting a good many charitably disposed brethren, as well as bringing the Order into contempt.—I remain, yours fraternally,

THOMAS DAY,

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AN OLD ENGRAVING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have recently obtained a large stipple engraving (28 by 18), and am anxious to know the subject. Perhaps some of your readers who are *au courant* with such matters would kindly enlighten me.

It apparently represents a lodge room, with throne on the left, and porch, with Inner Guard admitting a member, on right. The occupant of the chair is handing to a brother standing on the second of three steps a laurel wreath. In the foreground a rather ill-visaged brother, taking an apron out of a wooden chest, whilst around are a number of brethren dressed in knee-breeches and stockings, and wearing full wigs, engaged in conversation and the absorption of punch, which is being ladled out by a brother on the right. In the background is an organ gallery, in which several musicians

are seated, one of whom is affectionately embracing a Scotch bagpipes. The recipient of the laurel wreath bears a resemblance to Burns.

The engraving has been trimmed and mounted on a card, leaving no trace of either the engraver, publisher, or title of the plate. Trusting you will be able to supply these particulars,—Yours fraternally,

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A RARE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CERTIFICATE.

The certificate, of which I append a copy, will, I think, be of considerable interest, as it bears the signature of *Alexander Deuchar* as "Grand Master" of the Knights Templar Encampment No. 31 at Edinburgh, "holding of the Early Grand Lodge of Ireland." Thus it places beyond all dispute the fact that he was a member of the "Early Grand" body when he induced the Duke of Kent, then G.M. of the English Knights Templars, to make him Grand Master of a *new* body, which he himself started in defiance of the fact that a jurisdiction to which he had sworn fealty was already in possession of the Scottish Masonic territory. The original document is in my own collection, and I have given the only signatures that I can decipher, that of Deuchar being both times quite distinct.\* The parchment is cut to receive five ribbons and seals, but of three there are no trace, so that I cannot tell if they were ever inserted. The first seal attached at the left is on a purple ribbon, and in the tin box affixed to it is a black seal inscribed "Grand Assembly of Knights Templars, Edinburgh," and the usual triangle of 12 lights, with the open Bible, skull and crossbones, paschal lamb, and cock. The second seal is of red wax, suspended to three ribbons of red, white, and green, and inscribed "Grand Royal Arch Encampment Edinr.," and bearing the arch, triple triangle, and 12 shields with the initials of the 12 tribes. I leave the inferences to be drawn to the student of Scottish Templar history.

FRED. J. W. CROWE,  
Prov. G.O. Devon.

CERTIFICATE A.D. 1809.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

We the High Priest, Captain, Governors, and Grand Masters of the Grand Royal Arch Encampment in Edinburgh, Do hereby Certify and declare That our Trusty and Well-beloved Brother, *John Forbes*, *Aberdeen*, *Militia* (a regular Master Mason of the *Abyme Lodge*, No. 278 of Scotland, and who has in the Margin signed his Name), having been warmly recommended unto us, and found Worthy, Was by Us Passed the Chair of this Lodge; and afterwards initiate into, and instructed in all the Grand and Holy Mysteries of the Super-Excellent Royal Arch Masonry; He having marched with great Fortitude and Resignation through all the hidden dreary Paths of our Grand Encampment.

Be It Also Known Unto All Men,  
That We, the Grand Master, Captain General, and Marshalls of the Grand Assembly of Knights Templars in Edinburgh.

NO THIRTY-ONE,

Holding Of The Early Grand Lodge of Ireland, Have, after due Trial and Examination, instructed, and initiated our said Trusty & Well-beloved Companion and Brother, the Worshipful Sir *John Forbes*, into all the Mysteries of our Religion, and most Christian Orders of Knights Templars, and Knights of Malta, the Trusty, True, and Faithful Soldiers and Servants of Jesus Christ, by Installing and Dubbing him a Knight Templar and Knight of Malta, and expounded unto him all the Secrets of the Ark, Mark, and Link Masons, The Jordan and Mediterranean Pass, Red Cross Knights, and Prussian Blue, or Royal Order; He having during the whole Ceremony given us the strong Proofs of his Steadiness, Skill, and Valour, during the Amazing and Mysterious Trials attending his Admission. We therefore Greet Well all our Worthy Brethren and Knight Companions of the above Illustrious Orders through the Universe to accept of him as such, and to take him under their Brotherly Care and Protection.

Given under our Hands, and the Seals of our Orders, hereunto appended, at Edinburgh, this *Twenty Eight* Day of *June* in the year of our Lord M.DCCC.IX. of Light 10010000CIX. of Royal Arch Masonry M.M.M.CC.XCIX. since the Institution of Knights Templars D.CXCI. and Malta D.CCX.

<i>Alex. Deuchar</i>	High Priest.
<i>Tho. Miller</i>	Captain Governor.
<i>W. C. Kerstain</i>	1st Grand Master.
<i>Thos. B. Patterson</i>	2nd Grand Master.
<i>Alex. Crichton</i>	3rd Grand Master.
<i>Jno. Dowall</i>	G. Sec.

<i>Alex. Deuchar</i>	Grand Master.
<i>Tho. Miller</i>	Depute Grand Master.
<i>W. C. Kerstain</i>	Capt. General.
<i>Thos. B. Patterson</i>	1st Grand Marshall.
<i>Alex. Crichton</i>	2nd Grand Marshall.
<i>Jno. Dowall</i>	G. Sec.

\* Since writing the above, Bro. John Lane has very kindly succeeded in deciphering the remainder of the names for me.—F. J. W. C.

## Reviews.

## FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF DERBYSHIRE, 1892.

Bro. William Naylor is not only the efficient Prov. Grand Secretary, but also the editor for his province of this excellent and artistic annual. The particulars given are numerous and valuable, and the wonder to us is how provinces managed to do without such useful aids in the days of yore. According to a capital custom, each year Bro. Naylor gives a portrait of some local Masonic luminary, this time the frontispiece being of the respected veteran, Bro. Thomas Cox, the D.P.G.M. of the Mark province. Surely 1893 should contain a reduced facsimile of the ever courteous editor? We hope it will. There are 24 lodges in Derbyshire, and between them they reckon 2416 votes for the Charities, exclusive of 622 for the Mark Benevolent. The details of these and other matters are of a most interesting character, and prove how zealous and energetic is the Derbyshire Craft.

## MADRAS MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1892.

The printers of this indispensable guide for Madras Craftsmen are also those of the "Indian Masonic Review," the organ of the English and Scottish Fraternity throughout India, and they do all their work well. Who the Editor is does not transpire, but it must be a brother thoroughly conversant with the society throughout the district, and one who has the faculty of condensation, without sacrificing a single item of importance. Bro. J. T. Greatorex is the District Grand Secretary, and probably the Editor of this able compilation. There are more particulars afforded in this annual than generally to be found in such publications, e.g., fees on initiation and joining of each lodge, &c. Col. G. M. J. Moore, R.A., is now the District G.M. of Madras, Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch, Prov. G.M. of the Mark, and Prov. Prior of the Knight Templars, Bro. Greatorex being the Provincial Scribe in all these bodies.



## Craft Masonry.

## METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Ranelagh Lodge (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, when there were present Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; H. F. Williams, S.W.; A. Williams, J.W.; Geo. Butt, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Coplestone, P.M., Sec.; W. W. Williams, S.D.; E. Newland, J.D.; H. Hewitt, D.C.; H. Scharien, I.G.; Phillips and Banks, Stwds.; A. Walkley, P.M., Tyler; F. J. Oliver, P.M.; H. Shaw, P.M.; C. Barker, P.M.; Jas. Sims, P.M.; H. Purdue, P.M.; J. G. Doncaster, P.M.; W. Fisher, P.M.; Geo. Read, P.M.; T. Jobson, H. W. Dyne, H. E. Inderwick, J. Worth, E. D. Richards, W. J. Bennett, A. W. Smith, A. White, E. Lucas, C. J. Chambers, H. Stokes, G. E. White, R. Shaw, S. M. Seagar, J. C. Morgan, W. Iredale, H. Lomes, C. Heineemann, R. F. Collins, A. Buck, R. S. Cartwright, G. Stehr, and Jean Stehr. Visitors: Bros. Geo. Gardner, P.M. 2309, P.P.G.S.B. Bucks; W. P. Cockburn, P.M. 1767, 2090; C. Bertram, 1614; R. Reid, 1275; J. Clarke, 901; H. Herman, 2374; H. W. Coplestone, 704; R. Williams, 2116; J. Brown, 2012; J. W. Baker, P.M., 1767; R. Cawley, 172; E. Fox, 1275; T. Greet, 1512; H. Richards, 79; W. Braithwaite, 304; W. B. Morle, 167; J. S. Kingston, 1420; W. Jones, 511; H. Gilbert, P.M. 1828; J. J. Cantle, P.M. 1791; and H. Wake, 720.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the W.M. congratulated the brethren on the success of their efforts in getting Mrs. Fitzwater's son into the Boy's School, this being the first application and obtaining 2655 votes; the seventh on the list. The ballot was then taken for Bro. John Pierpoint as a joining member, which was carried unanimously. The Auditors' report was next considered and adopted. Bro. Shaw, P.M., acting D.C., then presented Bro. H. F. Williams, S.W., W.M. elect, for installation, which ceremony was very ably performed by the W.M., Bro. Craggs. The investiture of officers was proceeded with as follows: Bros. A. Williams, S.W.; W. W. Williams, J.W.; G. F. Butt, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Coplestone, P.M., Sec.; E. Newland, S.D.; H. Scharien, J.D.; F. J. Oliver, P.M., Org.; H. Hewitt, I.G.; R. Philip, D.C.; J. Banks and J. C. Morgan, Stewards; and A. Walkley, P.M., Tyler. The ballot having been taken, Mr. George Stehr was then initiated by the newly-installed W.M. in a very praiseworthy manner. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Craggs, and a vote of sympathy was passed to the widow of Bro. H. W. Blake, P.M. Propositions for new members were then taken, and the lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Victoria Hall, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

**Selwyn Lodge (No. 1901).**—The installation meeting of this very successful and flourishing lodge took place on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green, S.E. Present: Bros. W. Wills, W.M.; J. Lightfoot, S.W.; B. Morgan, J.W.; L. E. Eagle, P.M., Sec.; E. Eagle, Treas.; A. Briant, S.D.; H. R. Hobbs, J.D.; T. Gay, I.G.; W. H. Hook, P.M., D.C.; A. H. Fraser, A.D.C.; F. E. Pow, Steward; W. Davies, I.P.M.; R. Anderson, P.M.; J. M. Wimble, P.M.; E. Gauntlett, P.M.; A. R. W. Powles, P.M.; J. Evans, C. A. Adams, L. Maybaum, E. Aggleton, W. T. Alford, J. Dickason, H. Sercombe, J. A. May, F. H. Ford, J. H. Stevenson, J. Jones, W. Causton, H. T. W. Frost, R. H. Frost, J. Frampton, J. E. Burkmar, J. S. Pointon, A. Campbell, T. R. Morphew, R. Howard, H. Sweeting, C. H. Morrison, S. Boxshall, S. George, W. Ferris, W. Speering, W. H. Lee, T. B. Glanville, P. Allott, and Thos. Bowler, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. D. D. Mercer, P.M. 1329, 1641, P.G.P.; C. H. Stone, S.W. 507; T. Wallis, 901; C. J. Freeman, 1057, Prov. G.S.

of W. Dorset; S. P. Fisher, 217; C. Thomson, W.M. 1297; R. S. Taylor, S.D. 1927; J. G. Marsh, P.M. 28 and 192, Prov. Grand Pursuivant Middlesex; F. Flood, J.W. 1929; F. Neale, J.D. 1951; W. Vail, P.M. 1155; R. Barham, P.M. 144; C. C. Sanger, J.D. 2163; J. D. Wilkinson, P.M. 879; W. T. Snell, I.G. 1818; E. W. Campbell, J.W. 295; A. Oliver, 1669; W. Beecroft, S.D. 1158; B. Rose, W.M. 1537; W. Cock, P.M. 2272; Sidney Hill, Org. 1216; J. A. Thornhill, J.W. 1320; A. Bentley, 2182; H. Eyre, 101; F. G. Nicholls, P.M. 706; H. Mann, 144; W. Martin, P.M. 879; H. Peirce, 1599; Rev. Horace Graham, 1604; Horace Petley, Org. 101; Robt. Elgar, Sec. 1320; J. Hart, W.M. 193; Perceval A. Nairne, P.M. 176; W. Stephen Lee, 108; Hy. W. Pickett, 144; and E. J. Wood, 2272.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Maybaum was raised to the Sublime Degree in a most impressive manner. Bros. Frampton, Aggleton, and Causton were passed most commendably. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bro. Hook, P.M., the first Master of the lodge, then presented Bro. J. Lightfoot, S.W. and W.M. elect, to receive the benefits of installation, which the W.M., Bro. W. Wills, performed in a most excellent manner. Bro. J. Lightfoot, W.M., invested his officers most efficiently as follows: Bros. B. Morgan, S.W.; A. Briant, J.W.; L. Eagle, P.M., Sec.; E. Eagle, Treas.; H. R. Hobbs, S.D.; T. Gay, J.D.; W. H. Hook, P.M., D.C.; F. E. Pow, A.D.C.; J. Evans, Org.; J. H. Stevenson, Samuel George, and F. H. Ford, Stwds.; and T. Bowler, Tyler. Bro. W. Wills, the Installing Master, rendered the addresses in a most masterly manner. The ballot having proved unanimous, Mr. W. H. Lee was initiated into the mysteries by the W.M. most perfectly. Expressions of deep sympathy were expressed by the brethren for Bro. Burnett, P.M., who is very deeply afflicted.

The business of the lodge being ended, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, supplied by Bro. C. G. Slawson.

On the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.V.G.M." in a truly Masonic style, which were as truly and loyally received.

The next toast was that of "The Pro G.M., Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. remarking upon the excellent manner one and all carried out their duties for the benefit of the Craft.

In reply, Bro. D. D. Mercer, P.G.P., stated the pleasure it gave him at all times to respond to that toast. It seemed but as yesterday that he took part in the consecration of the Selwyn Lodge, and he should have been delighted to attend more often, only the night of meeting clashed with his business. He had, however, promised the W.M. to attend on the present occasion, and he was confident the lodge would go on and prosper. It was not the quantity the lodge should boast of, but the quality, and it behoved all to be most careful as to the initiates introduced. His Royal Highness took a great interest in Freemasonry, and he was most careful that the brother who might be called to take Grand honours was worthy and honourable to fill the position. He might say a Grand Officer of Tennessee was present at the Selwyn Lodge some time ago, and he was delighted with the manner the ritual was carried out, and had spoken of the same on his return to America, which was reported in the paper. That certainly spoke most highly for the Selwyn Lodge, and he was delighted at being present that evening to witness such.

The toast of "The W.M." was given by Bro. Wills, I.P.M., who stated in highly complimentary terms that he himself having entered on a new roll, vacated the chair in favour of one with whom he had worked hand in hand for several years, and he was confident that Bro. Lightfoot would carry out the duties with great credit to the lodge. During the coming year he would have the heartiest good wishes and co-operation of all the brethren, the same that had been extended to him during the past year. Having entered the year with such *éclat* it promised well for a most glowing success.

In reply, the Worshipful Master thanked all most heartily for such a cordial greeting. He had looked forward to filling this position, and having attained it was proud of being the W.M. of this his mother lodge. He trusted with the kind assistance of the Past Masters and, as a dutiful son, the prestige of the lodge would be fully maintained. It gave him extreme pleasure to preside over such a grand meeting. It was a purely local lodge, and its great success fully justified the founders in their application for the warrant. For such a cordial greeting he heartily thanked the brethren.

The toast of "The Initiate" was given by the W.M., who remarked that it was a most important one. Their initiate had been known to him (the W.M.) for many years as a near neighbour, and having gone through the ceremony with such rapt attention, he trusted they would for many years still be more closely allied to each other. He was confident he would make a good and true Mason.

The Initiate, in reply, thanked the brethren most sincerely for the honour done him that evening. He had been very deeply impressed, and only wondered why he had not joined years ago. He would endeavour to prove himself worthy of the Craft.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Installing Master," and stated it had been the most interesting part to him. It was the *sine qua non* of the lodge for a W.M. to install his successor, and he doubted if ever the ceremony had been worked better. Bro. Wills had had a most successful year of office, and had beaten the record. Certainly it was due to his great ability; he was a leader of men in every sense of the word. They were all particularly proud of their I.P.M., and none more richly deserved the jewel which he (the W.M.) had the greatest possible pleasure in pinning to his breast for his noble work, and which had been unanimously voted to him. That jewel was no empty bauble, but the outcome of the love and esteem of the brethren, and he trusted he would wear it with pride, and feel that the brethren of the Selwyn Lodge recognised his valuable services rendered during the past year. Personally the W.M. felt that Bro. Wills was a true friend, and he was sure he was only echoing the sentiments of every brother in the lodge.

Bro. Wills, in reply, thanked the brethren most heartily for such a reception. He had filled every office in this his mother lodge, and he was delighted in leaving the chair in at least having given great satisfaction. He had worked to the best of his ability, and would take that opportunity of once more thanking the officers for having so ably supported him during the past year, and he was sure the same would be extended to their worthy W.M. The lodge had

entered on another celebrated epoch, and he was confident it must prosper. He would again thank them for such flattering remarks and cordial greeting, and also for their very splendid recognition of his humble services.

The toast of "The Visitors"—of whom there were 37 present—was given by the W.M. in high complimentary terms, and accorded them a hearty welcome.

Bros. Thompson, Rose, Hart, Freeman, and Perceval Nairne responded, and agreed as to the excellent working, and the installation ceremony having never been worked better during their experience. Likewise that the true principles were fully carried out in the lodge, and that so long as that continued the lodge had a bright future before it.

The toast of "The Past Masters" received at the hands of the W.M. very high eulogiums.

Bros. Hook, Anderson, Wimble, and Gauntlett responded, and promised the same hearty support in the future as in the past.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Masonic Charities," remarking that the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction had sent up over £1000 to those noble Institutions. He thanked the brethren for allowing him and the I.P.M. to take up such a splendid list to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at the last Festival.

Bro. D. D. Mercer, Vice-President of the Boys' and Girls' Schools and Vice-Patron of the Benevolent Institution, responded, and congratulated the lodge of instruction on the great interest the brethren took, for they had from 53 members sent up through the Secretary £231 to the Benevolent Institution, which was highly commendable. On behalf of Bro. Terry, he thanked the brethren most cordially.

The toast of "The Secretary and Treasurer" followed, the W.M. remarking there could not be found two more worthy officers, who did their work splendidly.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Officers," congratulating himself on having such an excellent array, for which he was very grateful. He trusted he should have the same support extended him as had hitherto been given.

The S.W. and J.W. most suitably replied, acknowledging the compliment paid them all, and pledging themselves to do all that lay in their power to further the interests of the lodge.

The Tyler's toast closed one of the most successful and happy meetings ever held.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bros. Hook and Sidney Hill, who were ably supported by Bros. Horace Petley, Arthur Bentley, E. J. Wood, H. W. Pickett, F. G. Nicholls, and Mr. A. G. Pearce.

The banqueting room was beautifully decorated, the floral decorations being by Mr. J. Peyton.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

**Anglo-American Lodge (No. 2191).**—The opening meeting of the session of this successful lodge took place at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, S.W., on the 19th inst., when there were present Bros. James J. Woolley, W.M.; Theodore H. Tilton, I.P.M.; W. Hancock, S.W.; G. H. Reynolds, J.W.; G. Reynolds, Sec.; C. O. Burgess, acting as S.D.; A. Harris, J.D.; J. Rowe, I.G.; G. A. Bergholz, Stwd.; R. F. Potter, Tyler; F. Kedge, P.M.; H. Lowenfeld, J. Williams, C. Hirsch, D. A. Bowie, W. Harvey, G. T. Atkinson, C. G. Sherwood, J. Coltart, Curtis D'Alton, F. Hansen, W. S. Lincoln, S. Solberg, Stanley Spooner, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. M. Carter, 1614; H. F. Dessen, Christiana, Norway; and F. Eckstern, 1191.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot being unanimous in favour of Mr. Stanislaus Solberg as an initiate, and being in attendance, he was received into Freemasonry. Bro. Henry Lowenfeld was raised to the Degree of a M.M. Correspondence was received, which included letters of regret at not being able to be present from Bros. Brackstone Baker, P.M., P.G.D.; J. B. Cumming, Treas.; and others. A letter was read from Bro. F. C. Connor, P.G.M. Tennessee, U.S.A., thanking the brethren of the lodge for the kind reception they had given him in July last. Bro. Theodore H. Tilton, in the name of the Grand Lodge of New York, said he was desired to convey the deep sympathy and condolence of that Grand Lodge on the death of the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale and the late Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. Bro. W. Hancock, S.W., thanked the brethren for the support that had been given him on representing the lodge as Steward at the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. F. Kedge, P.M., stating he wished to represent the lodge as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, on the proposition of Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., seconded by Bro. Theodore H. Tilton, I.P.M., the sum of ten guineas was unanimously voted to his list from the funds of the lodge.

The W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Prince's Room, where a capital banquet was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. P. Bertini.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured,

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," said that the lodge was always happy in welcoming them, and hoped at some future time to see them all again.

Bros. W. M. Carter, H. F. Dessen, and F. Eckstern replied, assuring the brethren they were all pleased with their kind reception, and the manner in which the work of the lodge had been done.

"The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers" toast brought the evening to a close.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

## BATTLE.

**Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. J. B. Foster, W.M.; J. W. Pepper, S.W.; T. W. Avis, J.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; R. Hughes, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; Geo. Smith, acting S.D.; James Hodson, acting J.D.; W. T. Jordan, P.M., D.C.; J. Chance, I.G.; J. Fielding, Org.; W. J. Newmann, Tyler; W. Limborn, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. C. Tilly, Charles Martin, W. E. Skinner, L. F. St. John, H. J. Noakes, and others. Visitors: Bros. G. W. Speth, P.M.

Sec. 2076; G. Randell, W.M. 40; C. E. Botley, P.M. 40; J. M. Jenkins, P.M. 341; F. T. Foster, 2163; and A. H. Blair, 84.

In consequence of the holidays the attendance was not so good as the attractions of the evening merited. After the usual duties had been performed, the Secretary, Bro. Hughes, read a very able paper on "The Legend of the Third Degree," which proved intensely interesting and received the closest attention from the brethren. A sketch made by Bro. Lamborn appropriately illustrated one portion of the paper and served to increase the interest in the subject. At the close of the lecture the W.M. invited criticism and remarks from the brethren and visitors, which was responded to by several (including Bro. Randell, Botley, Jenkins, Jordan, and others), all being unanimous in complimenting Bro. Hughes on the ability and research displayed. Bro. G. W. Speth said he had no intention of criticising the paper, for on the whole he thought it was a remarkably able production, placing the matter in a general light, which could not fail to be of interest and evoke thought in those who had listened to it. He desired merely to add a few notes by way of commentary, which he trusted might add to the interest of the evening. He then proceeded to favour the lodge with some very able observations, which afforded much instruction and information to the brethren, but many of his remarks and quotations are naturally not of a nature to be reproduced here. Suffice it to say the brethren who listened to him had a rare intellectual treat, which was much appreciated. After traversing various points in the paper, and throwing much additional light upon the subject, Bro. Speth concluded by touching upon the sun-myth theory (which had received Bro. Hughes' attention in the paper), and incidentally supplied an explanation of the Masonic paradox based upon this theory, which differed considerably from the usual one, which he called a quibble. Bro. Hughes, in responding to a hearty vote of thanks, expressed his indebtedness for much of his paper to the very valuable and interesting papers read before the Quatuor Coronati Lodge and circulated among the Correspondence Circle, of which he was one of the earliest members. A very cordial vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. G. W. Speth for favouring the lodge with his attendance, and for the instructive speech he had made in further illustration of the legend. The transaction of another interesting detail of lodge business brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

We understand that Bro. Hughes has promised to read his paper at the June meeting of the Wellington Lodge, Rye.

**BURSLEM.**

**St. Martin's Lodge (No. 98).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Municipal Buildings on Thursday, the 21st instant, when Bro. John Mason, W.M., was supported by Bros. W. Garner, I.P.M.; J. Scarratt, S.W.; A. Boulton, J.W.; Rev. L. C. A. Edgeworth, M.A., LL.D., Chap.; T. K. Pedley, P.P.G.S. of W., Sec.; James Beech, S.D.; Robt. Wilkinson, J.D.; F. Weston, P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; R. Dain, P.P.A. G.D.C., Treas.; J. B. Davis, Org.; R. Owen, I.G.; F. C. Gill and H. W. Critchlow, Stewards; and H. Boardman, Tyler. Visitor: Bro. D. Heath, 418, and a good attendance of brethren.

The lodge being opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bros. Robt. Kelsall and S. Pointon were passed to the Degree of F.C. in an able and impressive manner by the W.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. J. Scarratt, S.W., with his usual ability, and the work of all the officers was carried through in a highly creditable manner. Letters of apology were read from several brethren for non-attendance from various causes.

The business ended, the brethren adjourned to Bro. W. Bentley's, Roebuck Hotel, for a social hour, the W.M. presiding, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent.

The intervals between the toasts were enlivened by some capital music and songs by Bros. J. B. Davis, Organist; Emery, Critchlow, and Heath.

**GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.**

**Industry Lodge (No. 48).**—The first meeting under the new Master's sway was held on the 25th inst., when there was a goodly gathering of members and visitors. Amongst those in attendance were Bros. M. R. Wright, W.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M., Treas.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M.; Wm. Brown, P.M., D.C.; W. J. Jobson, S.W.; G. Craighill, J.W.; Wm. Stafford, Sec.; A. Dodds, S.D.; T. W. Bagnall, J.D.; H. Jackson, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; W. Douglass and W. Campbell, Stwds.; J. T. Pragnell, J. R. Bunn, Tom Smith, W. H. Denton, A. Simpson, J. J. Bowman, R. Brason, C. Graham, W. Holtzapfel, G. Hibbert, and G. C. Potts. The visiting brethren were strongly represented, and we noticed present Bros. F. R. Jobson, I.P.M. 1664; T. Purvis, W.M. 481; W. Outhwaite, P.M. 1712; F. W. Sykes, W.M. 1342; Wm. Cooper, I.P.M. 1342; T. Wright, S.W. 1342; W. Anderson, Sec. 1342; J. W. Robson, P.M. 1342; J. Anderson, I.G. 1342; V. Raven, S.W. 1427; H. Geipel, I.W. 1127; T. E. Barnfather, W.M. 541; J. Macgregor, Sec. 541; Jas. Shaw, W.M. 424; and others.

The ballot was taken for Mr. John Armstrong, who being in attendance was duly initiated by the W.M., Bro. M. R. Wright, who commenced his year's work in a very satisfactory manner. Bro. J. R. Bunn was then raised by Bro. Brown, P.M., and after some minor matters had been disposed of the proceedings terminated, and an adjournment was made to the refreshment room.

The work of the lodge throughout the evening was performed by all concerned in a highly creditable style, and was quite up to the old prestige of this flourishing society.

**HAMPTON COURT.**

**Wolsey Lodge (No. 1056).**—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 11th inst. Amongst those in attendance were Bros. H. Sapsworth, P.M., W.M.; T. Grant, S.W.; Bond, J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; Capt. F. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; Spooner, S.D.; W. T. Peat, J.D.; Figg, Org.; Simpson, Stwd.; E. Dare, I.P.M.; and others.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. G. Lornen, who was impressively initiated by the W.M. Bro. T. Grant was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. J. Featherstone, Treasurer; and Bro. J. Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Henry

Sapsworth, W.M. A vote of condolence was passed to the family of the late Bro. W. Hammon, who was the founder and first Master of the lodge. A sum of money was voted to the Thrupp Testimonial Fund. The petition to the Board of Benevolence of a widow of a deceased brother was signed by the members. The Audit Committee having been appointed to audit the accounts before the next regular meeting, apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. H. H. Room, P.G. Sec. Middx.; J. F. H. Woodward, P.G.S.B.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D.; F. Chandler, P.M., P.P.G.P.; and others.

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

On the removal of the cloth a few toasts followed. Bro. Capt. Walls responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. E. Dare, in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," paid a high tribute of praise to the Masonic and personal qualities of Bro. Sapsworth.

"The Initiate" followed, and, in response to this toast, Bro. Lornen made an excellent speech.

"The Health of the W.M. elect" came next in order, and drew from Bro. T. Grant some very interesting remarks.

The brethren then separated.

**HARROW.**

**Citadel Lodge (No. 1897).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, on Saturday the 16th inst. Present: Bros. W. Wright, P.P.G. Org., W.M.; W. Davison, S.W.; P. Young, J.W.; J. Osborne, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., Sec.; O. J. Von Holtorp, Prov. G.D.C., P.M.; J. Gaskin, P.M.; W. W. Lee, S.D.; Horace Banks, J.D.; Wrathall, I.G.; Gray, Stwd.; and others. Visitors, Bros. R. J. Harris and C. J. Andrews, 1625.

Lodge was opened, and minutes confirmed. Bros. S. Wright and L. A. Bourquin were raised to the Degree of Master Mason, and Bros. Holborow, Janetzky, and C. J. Andrews, 1625, were passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being impressively rendered by Bro. Von Holtorp, P.M., Prov. G.D.C. The elections were proceeded with, and resulted as follows: Bros. Davison, W.M.; Hurran (re-elected), Treasurer; and Very (re-elected), Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. W. Wright, P.P.G. Org., W.M., in recognition of his services as Worshipful Master during the past year. Bro. Von Holtorp, P.M. was elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and other business having been transacted the lodge was closed.

After dinner the usual complimentary toasts were given, and a pleasant evening was spent under the genial presidency of the Worshipful Master.

**TWICKENHAM.**

**Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).**—This lodge met at the Albany Hotel on the 13th instant. Among those present were Bros. A. Toulmin, jun., W.M.; Lieut.-Col. R. Cuming, S.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas., acting J.W.; Capt. Walls, P.P.G.W., Sec.; Davis, S.D.; and Harrison, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The vote of five guineas to the R.M.B.I., per Bro. the Rev. S. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., was unanimously confirmed, as also a sum of money to the Raymond Thrupp Testimonial Fund. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.W.; W. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.D.; and others. The lodge was then closed.

Refreshment followed, the W.M. presiding most genially. A few toasts were duly honoured.

**Royal Arch.**

**Jerusalem Chapter (No. 185).**—This old chapter met at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 12th inst. Among those in attendance were Comps. C. A. Harris, M.E.Z.; Hardy, H.; Francis Smith, P.Z., P.P.G.J. Cheshire, J.; G. Davis, P.Z., S.E.; Dr. Frye, P.S.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., J. elect; Ellborn, P.Z.; Cleghorne, P.Z.; Staley, P.Z.; Dehane, P.Z. (visitor), and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Comp. G. Davis impressively installed Comp. Hardy as First Principal, and respectively inducted Comps. F. Smith, P.Z., and T. C. Walls, P.Z., as Second and Third Principals. The following investitures took place:—Comps. G. Davis, S.E.; Dr. Frye, P.S.; and E. Mallett, P.Z. 1623, as Janitor. The other investitures were postponed. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to Comp. E. A. Harris, who suitably acknowledged the compliment. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Nathan Moss, L.C.C., P.Z.; Rivers, S.N.; and others. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts received full justice.

An excellent programme of music was furnished by Comp. F. Smith, the vocal abilities of Miss Smith, a contralto, being greatly admired.

**Lion and Lamb Chapter (No. 192).**—A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, when there were present Comps. H. Hughes, M.E.Z.; Dr. W. A. Dingle, P.Z., H.; J. Taylor, J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Charles Arkell, P.Z., S.E.; H. M. Read, P.S.; Thos. Cohe, P.Z., Stwd.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z.; T. S. Holland, P.Z.; G. Grant, and John Kent. Visitors: Comps. James Copestick and George Ward Verry.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. There being no further business the chapter was closed, the companions afterwards dining together.

**Kennington Chapter (No. 1381).**—This prosperous chapter met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 12th inst. Among those present were Comps. Salter, M.E.Z.; Dowling, H., M.E.Z. elect; G. Gardner, P.Z., acting J.; H. Higgins, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., S.E.;

Sims, S.N.; George Everett, P.Z., G. Treas., Treasurer; Smith, P.S.; Dennis, 1st Asst. Soj.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P. Soj.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. W. Westley, P.Z.; James Ferry, P.Z., P.G. Std. Br., Sec. R.M.B.I. (Hon. Member); and Reinardt, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Comp. James Terry respectively installed Comps. Dowling and Sims as First and Third Principals, the ceremony being most impressively performed. Comp. Austin, H. elect, was unavoidably prevented from attending to be installed. The following investitures took place: Comps. Higgins, P.Z., S.E.; Smith, S.N.; G. Everett, P.Z., G. Treas., Treasurer; Dennis, P.S.; Colwell, 1st Asst. Soj.; and Reinardt, Janitor. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. James Ferry, P.G. Std. Br., for his services as Installing Principal—a position which he has courteously and ably filled, with one or two exceptions, since the foundation of the chapter. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to Comp. Sims, I.P.Z. The sum of £5 5s. was voted to the R.M.I. for Boys. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. W. P. Webb, P.Z.; E. Ayling, P.Z.; Austin, H. elect; and many others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, most ably served by Comp. Buxton.

The customary toasts received full justice. Comps. Geo. Everett and J. Ferry responded in eloquent terms to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

During the evening Comps. Arter, George Everett, G. Gardner, and others instrumentally and vocally entertained the companions.

**TODMORDEN.**

**Justice Chapter (No. 219).**—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall on the 14th inst., when there present Comps. Chas. Crabtree, Z.; John Holt, H.; W. W. Stansfield, S.E.; W. W. Moss, P.S.; and Jno. Marshall, P.Z., Janitor. Visitors: Comps. J. Marshall, P.Z. 61 and 1283, P.P.G.P.S. West Yorkshire; W. Cockroft, P.Z. 307; W. Crossley, P.Z. 288; James Fielden, 288; and A. E. Shackleton, 288.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Comps. J. Holt and W. W. Stansfield were then duly installed into their respective chairs. In consequence of Comp. T. Wilkinson being unavoidably absent, it was decided to postpone his installation until the next regular convocation in July. The following companions were then invested as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. T. H. Crossley, S.E.; Priestley Alderson, P.S.; J. L. Bourds, 1st A.S.; W. W. Moss, 2nd A.S.; C. Crabtree, P.Z., Treas.; and J. Marshall, P.Z., Janitor. Comp. John Holt proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. John Marshall, P.Z., P.G. Reg., for his great kindness in attending and giving the various ceremonies from time to time. This was seconded by Comp. Chas. Crabtree, P.Z., and carried unanimously. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the companions visiting from Nos. 61, 288, 307, and 1283, and the chapter was closed.

**Mark Masonry.**

**BARNESLEY.**

**Portal Lodge (No. 127).**—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. R. Massie, P.M., the W.M. being unable to be present. The Prov. Grand Master then entered, and was duly saluted. After formal business, Bro. T. W. Embleton was presented, and installed in the chair by the Prov. G.M. in a very impressive manner. The investiture of officers was proceeded with as follows: Bros. C. Lingard, S.W.; J. Sutton, J.W.; Fountain, M.O.; F. C. Browne, S.O.; J. Wood, J.O.; W. R. Massie, P.M., Chap.; J. H. Gratton, P.M., G. Stwd., Treas.; E. J. Massie, P.M., Sec.; E. Billington, P.M., D.C. and R. of M.; Squire, S.D.; Braithwaite, J.D.; W. Senior, Org.; F. W. Gratton, I.G.; Smith and Fox, Stewards; and Rogers, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the supper room, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

**Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.**

**CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 21st inst., at 1A, Fitzroy-square, when the following brethren were present: Bros. D. D. West, W.M.; H. S. Wellcome, S.W.; W. H. Bourke, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Baker, Sec.; J. Hart, S.D.; C. F. Cox, J.D.; D. G. Inlay, I.G.; Jas. Corp, A. Leighton, Henry Sadler, and F. Crohn.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bros. F. Mecey and C. A. Cox as joining members, and declared unanimous in their favour. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. A. Leighton, acting as candidate, was examined, and retired whilst the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed excellently by the W.M. The lodge was resumed into the First Degree, and Bro. Corp assisted in working the 6th Section of the First Lecture. 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 first ceremony, the charge, and the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Bro. Kirby proposed, and it was duly carried, that a very hearty vote of thanks and congratulation be given to Bro. West, and that the same be noted on the minutes of the meeting, for the excellent way he had presided over the lodge, and worked the ceremony of the evening, this being the first occasion on which Bro. West had occupied the chair of W.M., and he had done so in a way that reflected the greatest credit not only upon himself, but also on the Clarence Lodge of Instruction, where Bro. West had proved such a constant member. Bro. West returned suitable thanks, and the lodge was closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 22nd inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. H. G. Pearson, W.M.; W. Hide, S.W.; H. Dyne, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; A. Williams, Treas.; D. S. Long, Sec.; C. C. Barber, S.D.; J. Banks, J.D.; H. Blackman, I.G.; F. Craggs, P.M.; H. J. F. Williams, and R. Reid.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. A. Williams acting as candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. Williams. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Ried offering himself as a candidate for raising, was questioned and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen, Bro. Hide was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. It was resolved that a letter be written to Bro. Speigel, P.M., expressing the sympathy of the brethren in his affliction, and the hope that he may be speedily restored to his wonted health. After "Hearty good wishes," 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 25th inst., when there were present Bros. C. H. Stone, W.M.; H. G. Martin, S.W.; T. R. Cass, J.W. and Treas.; F. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor; Rice, Asst. Sec.; Turner, S.D.; Salmon, J.D.; T. Ruff, I.G.; Lake, Tyler; J. Porter, Lazenby, Hubbard, Mattock, Payten, A. E. Mallinson, and W. M. Mallinson.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. M. Mallinson being candidate. The lodge was called off and on. The ceremony of passing was announced, and Bro. Hill having answered the usual questions, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Hill was passed to the Degree of F.C. The lodge was closed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose the usual number of times. Bro. E. A. Rice was elected W.M. for the next meeting. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 25th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. G. A. Boughton, W.M.; Major E. J. Reed, S.W.; E. Thos. Ginder, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. Edlestein, S.D.; H. Campbell, J.D.; M. Rosenberg, I.G.; G. Weaver, Stwd.; J. Hutchings, W.M. 1425; W. J. Biorn, P.M. 733; C. Coleman, J. T. Shapcott, J. C. Conway, W. L. James, and J. T. Haly. Visitor: Bro. Jas. S. Bourn, 1968.

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. Bourne being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Hutchings, at the request of the W.M., resumed the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Coleman being the candidate. The lodge being resumed in due course to the First Degree, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Boughton for the able manner he had rehearsed the duties of W.M. for the first time. Bro. Bourne was elected a member, and acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Major Reed was elected W.M. for the 9th May, the next meeting being officers' night. A communication from Bro. Craggs was read. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. W. H. Tucker, W.M. 144, W.M.; W. G. Danby, S.W.; H. R. Elkim, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., acting Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; E. E. Gellowski, S.D.; T. Kington, J.D.; H. W. Dyne, I.G.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; H. Gane, J. B. Cory, W. B. Neville, A. Williams, P.M.; and W. Hillier.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, a brother offered himself as a candidate for passing, and, having given the necessary proofs, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Tucker vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. R. H. Williams, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, and Bro. Danby, acting as W.M. elect, rehearsed the investiture of officers, the lodge being opened and resumed as necessary. Bro. Danby was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 23rd inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. W. S. Whiteley, W.M.; R. J. Williams, S.W.; W. Hide, J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Dep. Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec. (pro tem.); F. Walden, S.D.; J. N. Baxter, J.D.; W. Hillier, I.G.; J. N. Cumming, P.M., Stwd.; A. Williams, H. Stiles, John Brown, A. W. Smith, and R. Reid.

The lodge was opened, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. A. Williams acting as candidate. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. A. Williams, assisted by the brethren. The 3rd Section was worked by Bro. Hillier, assisted in like manner. Bro. H. Stiles, P.M., and A. W. Smith were elected joining members. Bro. R. J. Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 22nd inst., at the Town Hall, Westminster, when there were present Bros. Ramsay, W.M.; Bonwick, S.W.; Herman, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Treas. 2030, Treas. and Preceptor; H. E. Poole, Asst. Sec. 2030, Sec.; Hayler, S.D.; Geo. Holland, J.D.; Newland, I.G.; C. C. Piper, W.M. 2030; Coghlan, T. Hobbs, Gibbs, Kettlewhite, Budd, C. A. Piper, J. E. Shand, Sec. 2030, and others.

The lodge having been opened, the First and Second Degrees were worked, and a vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for working for the first time in the chair. Bro. Bonwick was elected W.M. for next meeting. The privacy and excellent accommodation at the Town Hall renders this lodge of instruction one of the most comfortable and select of the Metropolitan lodges.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A meeting was held on the 23rd 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.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; C. G. Wetzlar, M.E.Z. 1604, S.N.; W. R. Hatton, 1644, P.S.; G. Gregory, 1st A.S. 862, 1st A.S.; J. Brown, 834; and A. Finch, Janitor 890.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Finch being the candidate. The M.E.Z. gave the history of Moses's rod, and received a vote of thanks. Communications were read from Comps. Davies and Craggs. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks—Comp. Wetzlar as M.E.Z. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was closed.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 22nd inst., when there were present Comps. J. Hill, M.E.Z.; Mcl. North, H.; G. L. Moore, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; H. G. Martin, S.N.; T. Grummant, P.S.; W. E. Jeffery, Loader, Dawson, Lewis, Rymer, Ashby, Mayo, Lazenby, Wilson, Jackson, J. Darwen, Smith, Addington, and Derham.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Wm. Dawson personating candidate. Comps. J. T. Loader, Wm. Dawson, S. Derham, G. Lewis, and W. E. Jeffery, all of 1622, were elected members. Comp. North was elected M.E.Z. for next meeting, when an installation will be rehearsed. The annual supper will take place on the 1st Friday in June, at the above address, at 7 p.m., under the presidency of Comp. Carl T. Fleck, M.E.Z. 1275.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**Mount Calvary Chapter (No. 3).**—This old chapter met at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on the 8th inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. H. J. Lardner, 30°, P.M.W.S., M.W.S.; Major F. J. Stöhwasser, 30°, Preceptor; Pigache, 1st Gen.; G. Grimwood, 2nd Gen.; W. Paas, 30°, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; N. Prower, M.A., 30°, R.; W. Roebuck, 31°, P.M.W.S.; G. Graveley, 30°, P.M.W.S.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.W.S.; F. C. Roberts, Asst. Org.; W. Maple, J. Speller, Corrie Jackson, F.R.C.S., L. Steele, V. Jagielski, M.D., and F. Smith.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. Biddlecombe and Humphreys, and it being unanimous, they were impressively perfected by the M.V.S. Ill. Bro. Major F. J. Stöhwasser was unanimously elected M.W.S., and Ill. Bro. W. Paas re-elected Treasurer. A Past Sovereign's jewel was voted to Ill. Bro. H. J. Lardner. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. B. Williamson, J.P., 30°; W. Fisher, W. J. Mason, M.D. H. Hills, and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet which was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street. The M.W.S. presided most ably. During the intervals of the toasts Bros. F. Egbert Roberts, Francis Smith, and others instrumentally and vocally amused the brethren. The proceedings which were throughout most enjoyable terminated at an early hour.

## Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

### WHITEHAVEN.

**Dykes Conclave (No. 36).**—The quarterly meeting of this conclave was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Duke-street, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., when Sir Knight John Paterson, M.P.S., presided, supported by Sir Knights Robt. Shepherd, Viceroy; George Dalrymple, G. Asst. Marshal, as S.G.; Thos. Atkinson, P.S., J.G.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.S.G.G., Treas. and Recorder; Thomas Brakenridge, Herald; and others.

The conclave was opened, and the minutes confirmed, when Sir Knight Dalrymple gave notice of motion, "That in future for the convenience of the majority of the sir knights the quarterly convocations of this conclave be held on the third Friday in place of Wednesday. And for the same reason it be expedient to consider the removal of the warrant from Cocker-mouth to Whitehaven, being more central, and for the good and welfare of Red Cross Masonry."

Three candidates were proposed for installation, and the conclave was closed.

## Rosicrucian Society of England.

**Metropolitan College.**—The annual obligatory convocation was held at Mark Masons' Hall, on the 21st inst. The fratres present were Dr. Wm. Wynn Westcott, IX°, the S.M.; S. L. MacGregor Mathers, J.S.M.; Robert Roy, 8°; W. J. Ferguson, 8°; Colonel James Monks, 8°; T. J. Armstrong, 8°; T. C. Walls, William Dodd, Dr. T. W. Collin, Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon, George Graveley, Belgrave Ninnis, Nelson Prower, and Oliver Harding.

The M.C. was duly formed. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the election of two representatives on the High Council was read by the Secretary. It showed that R.W. Fratres Ferguson and Roy had each received 15 votes, and that the M.W. Supreme Magus had accepted them, and made them members of his High Council. Bro. F. W. Wright, P.M. 2046, being in attendance, was elected a member of the college, and was duly admitted to the First Grade of Zelator by the Celebrant in an eloquent manner. R.W. Frater Robert Roy gave the lecture, and the Secretary performed the mystic conflagration. A vote was taken for a Celebrant for the ensuing year, and was unanimous in favour of V.W. Frater Dr. T. W. Coffin. A vote

was taken for a Treasurer for the ensuing year, and R.W. Frater Robert Roy was selected, but it having been pointed out that the office of Secretary would need to be filled by some frater other than the Supreme Magus, who has so long held the office, the definite appointment of Treasurer and Secretary was deferred until July. A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring Celebrant and Master, R.W. Frater MacGregor Mathers, to which he suitably responded; and upon the proposal of the M.W. Supreme Magus, it was resolved that in lieu of the customary Past Master's jewel, the retiring Celebrant be presented with such books on mystical subjects as he might select to the same value. The retiring Celebrant said he would accept them with pleasure, and would add them to the library of the High Council for the use of the fratres. The Supreme Magus then took the chair, and all fratres below the Eighth Grade having retired, he installed, according to ancient custom, the V.W. Frater Dr. T. W. Coffin in the chair of Christian Rosenkreuz. The fratres having been re-admitted, and having formed the M.C., saluted the new Celebrant Master. The new Celebrant Master then appointed the following officers: Fratres W. G. Lemon, Hon. 8°, Deputy; Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon, Hon. 8°, 1st Ancient; J. J. Thomas, 2nd Ancient; E. E. Street, 3rd Ancient; Nelson Prower, 4th Ancient; H. H. Shirley, 5th Ancient; J. N. Frye, 6th Ancient; B. A. Smith, 7th Ancient; H. P. Hay, Preceptor; George Gregory, Conductor of Novices; Geo. Graveley, Torch Bearer; Dr. N. Goodchild, Herald; H. Higgins, Medallist; Belgrave Ninnis, Guardian; and J. Gilbert, Acolyte. R.W. Fratres Wynn Westcott and Robt. Roy agreed to act as Secretary and Treasurer pro tem. The report of the Auditors, signed on the 12th inst., was then read by R.W. Frater Robert Roy, VIII°, as follows: "The Auditors desire to report to the R.W. Celebrant and Master and fratres that they have examined the accounts of receipts and expenditure for the past year, and have compared the items with the vouchers produced, and that they find the receipts have been for admissions, £3; for subscriptions, £16 10s.; from arrears, £5; forming a total of £24 10s.; the sum of £27 7s. 5d. was brought forward from last year's account; the expenditure has been £27 13s. 5d.; leaving a balance in hand of £24 4s." The report was adopted *nem. con.* R.W. Frater Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon then exhibited Du Chanteaud's "Carte Philosophique et Mathématique, Accompagné du Calendrier magique et perpétuel." A discussion ensued, and it was resolved that the M.W.S.M. and R.W. Frater Mathers be requested to write a report upon it, to be submitted to the next convocation. The M.W. Supreme Magus then read a lecture upon the curious talismans once carried by a sailor which had been shown to the fratres in February last by the Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon. Unanimous votes of thanks to the M.W.S.M. and to Dr. Lemon were cordially passed by acclamation. The question of the distribution of a large collection of old numbers of the "Rosicrucian Magazine" was referred to the High Council to decide upon. The temple was then closed.

## Knights Templar.

### GRAND PRIORY OF LANCASHIRE.

The Grand Priory of Lancashire was held at Freemasons' Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 21st inst., when the assembly of sir knights was a very large and influential one. It was with great regret indeed, and a disappointment to all that Sir Knight Clement Robert Nuttall Beswicke-Royds, Very Eminent Grand Prior, was unable to be present on account of having sustained a severe accident. In his absence Sir Knight Henry Thomas, V.E. Grand Sub. Prior, presided in a most competent and dignified manner, and to the great admiration of all present. The preceptory was formed under the banner of the Jacques de Molay Preceptory, and the important business of the province was discussed and transacted in a most business-like manner.

Upon the muster roll being called over it was very pleasing and satisfactory to find every preceptory was represented. Letters of apology were read from a few officers, who were unable to be present for various reasons.

The minutes of Grand Priory holden at Manchester on the 16th of April, 1891, were read and confirmed.

The report of the General Purposes Committee was adopted, as was also the Auditors' report, the Treasurer's account being very satisfactory, there being a considerable balance in hand.

The election of Treasurer proved to be unanimously in favour of Sir Knight Thomson. A vote of thanks was proposed to him for the past services he has rendered in that capacity, which was received with great applause.

The officers of the Grand Priory for the ensuing year were invested.

Sir Knight HENRY THOMAS alluded to the great loss the Grand Priory had sustained by the death of Sir Knight Peter Royle, and proposed a vote of condolence to his family. He also expressed in most feeling terms the pain he felt at having to preside at that meeting, on account of the absence of their chief, Sir Knight C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, who was very much indisposed. He was quite sure every sir knight would feel as deep regret as he himself did on that occasion at the absence of one to whom they were all so very much attached, and he sincerely hoped that he might speedily recover, and they should have the pleasure of having him with them once more.

The Grand Priory of Malta was subsequently held. Sir Knight Henry Thomas, Very Eminent Sub. Grand Prior, presiding, and he bestowed the honour of this Order upon seven sir knights, assisted by Sir Knight Sinclair. The meeting was a most successful and pleasant one, and the beautiful ceremony was given with great effect.

Ireland.

CONSECRATION OF THE THOMAS VALENTINE CHAPTER, No. 21.

On Friday evening, the 22nd instant, the Grand Superintendents for the Province of Antrim, Comps. Thomas Valentine, Wakefield H. Dixon, and Wm. Redfern Kelly, consecrated and dedicated a new Royal Arch chapter in Beechpark Hall, Belfast, attached to the Thomas Valentine Lodge, No. 21, which was opened some 18 months ago, and is in a very prosperous condition at the present time, which augurs well for the success of the chapter.

After the chapter had been formally opened, the impressive ceremonies connected with the consecration of a Royal Arch chapter were conducted, and the chapter was dedicated, and Comp. W. Redfern Kelly was requested to perform the ceremonies of installation of the officers of the new chapter.

The officers of the chapter are: Comps. R. B. Andrews, P.K., M.E.K.; D. J. Barry, H.P.; R. G. Dawson, C.S.; A. Orr, C.H.; J. M. Logan, P.K., S.T.; J. Curry, P.K., R.A.C.; W. Curry, P.K., C.S.V.; W. Robertson, E.K., C.P.V.; R. Martin, C.B.V.; J. H. Gault, Treas.; J. Martin, Reg.; and W. H. Hicks, Janitor.

Letters of apology were read from the following: Comps. R. J. Hilton, L. W. Ewart, Geo. Andrews, J. A. Huggins, O. C. Shaw, Robert Carey, W. J. Morton, H. J. Hill, H. O. McCormick, F. Robinson, Gabriel Morrow, W. Robertson, Henry Esterbrooke, Joseph Nesbitt, and P. H. Davis (E.C.).

On the motion of Comp. ANDREWS, M.E.K., seconded by Comp. BARRY, H.P., a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Grand Superintendents for their attendance there that evening and performing the consecration ceremonies, and Comps. Thos. Valentine, Wakfield H. Dixon, Wm. Redfern Kelly, and Henry Valentine were unanimously elected honorary members of the chapter.

After some routine business the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to an adjoining room where supper was partaken of, and on the removal of the cloth the usual Masonic sentiments were given and duly responded to.

A select programme of songs and recitation was well rendered by Comp. A. Anderson, R. Ferguson, G. McCann, W. J. Montgomery, and J. Stuart, after which the proceedings of a pleasant evening were brought to a close.

The Craft Abroad.

The South Australian Register of 15th March contains the following:

"MR. JUSTICE BOUCAUT.—At the monthly meeting of the Duke of Leinster Lodge, No. 363 (I.C.), on Tuesday, March 1, there was a large attendance of Past Masters and brethren, it being understood that an address would be presented to the R.W.P.D.G.M., Bro. the Hon. J. P. Boucaut on the occasion of his departure for England. The W.M., Bro. H. B. Taylor, addressing R.W. Bro. Boucaut, said the lodge, being made aware of his projected departure for England on a well-earned holiday, had entrusted to him the agreeable duty of presenting an address expressive of their warm appreciation of his long and valued services in the interests of the lodge, and of its feelings of sincere esteem for him as a man and a Mason. After other speeches had been made, R.W. Bro. Boucaut responded. He briefly reviewed the past history of the lodge and its present position, and said he hoped to have the greatest pleasure in visiting the Grand Lodge of Ireland and reporting the position of affairs here. He warmly thanked the lodge for the address, the generous tone of which had, he said, deeply touched him, and he trusted, if spared, to return and labour still further in promoting the highest interests of the lodge. A meeting of the Percy Preceptory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta owing allegiance to the Grand Priory of England and Wales, 33°, of which Sir Knight H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is Supreme Grand Master, was held at the Alfred Masonic Hall, Waymouth-street, on Thursday evening, March 10th. The Registrar of the Provincial Priory, Sir Knight G. C. Knight, referred to the approaching departure to England of the Provincial Grand Prior, Sir Knight Boucaut, and recounted many useful acts rendered by the Provincial Prior to the priory and the encampment. He trusted that Sir Knight Boucaut would have a very pleasant trip. Sir Knight Boucaut responded, and promised to convey fraternal greetings to the Grand Priory of England and Wales and other Grand Priors which he may visit."

Marriage.

WALLIS—MILLEDGE.—On April 19th, at St Mary's Church, Weymouth, by the Rev. John Sparshatt, M.A. (cousin to the bride), assisted by the Rev. J. L. G. Hadow, M.A. (rector), Clara Maud, eldest daughter of W. Bro. Zillwood Milledge, J.P., P.M. 170, P.J.G.W. Dorset, The Fernery, Weymouth, to Bro. the Rev. G. C. Wallis, C.M.S., of Ramparts House, North-West Canada. No cards.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

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

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

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

The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe; 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,

THOMAS FENN, Pres. B. of G.P., Chairman. ROBERT GREY, Pres. B. of B., Treasurer. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Secretary.

"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. ROBERT GREY, Pres. B. of B., Treasurer. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Secretary. Freemasons' Hall, 22nd February, 1892.

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The next meeting of this Committee, with the addition of those Brethren who, in the meantime, may have signified their wish to join, will be held here on MONDAY, 2nd May, at FIVE o'clock, of which this is to be taken as notice.

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



The Duchess of Albany was present at an exhibition of Tableaux Vivants at the Esher Village Hall on Tuesday evening, in aid of the Esher Men and Women's Help Society.

The children of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught arrived at Charing Cross Station from Hyères on Tuesday evening, and the following morning left London to join their parents at Portsmouth.

His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief has sanctioned the appointment of Lieut. A. W. Cotton, Grenadier Guards, as Aide-de-Camp to Bro. General Lord Roberts, Commander-in-Chief in India.

The influenza has not quite left us, the number of deaths primarily ascribed to it during the past week being eight, as compared with seven the week previous, but only one-half the total recorded three weeks ago.

Alexandre Dumas' collection of paintings, which includes some magnificent specimens of the best work of Meissonier, Millet, Delacroix, Vollon, and other leaders of the French school, will be disposed of by auction in Paris on the 12th and 13th prox.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, travelling as the Earl and Countess of Chester, arrived in Paris on Tuesday, accompanied by their son and the Princesses Victoria and Maud. During their stay in the French capital their Royal Highnesses will remain in strict incognito.

A vestry meeting of the parishioners of Perivale in the county of Middlesex was held on Monday for the election of Churchwardens. There are only four ratepayers in the parish, and as none of them were able to attend, the vicar, the Rev. Dr. Hughes, was obliged to transact the business.

We regret to hear that Bro. Henry Irving has been suffering from loss of voice consequent upon a cold and that he has had to go to Hastings for a rest. However, he will resume playing at the Lyceum to-morrow (Saturday), at latest. His appearance in "Richelieu" has been postponed till Saturday, the 7th prox.

In consequence of Wednesday, the 25th prox., having been set apart for the celebration of the Queen's birthday, the annual festival of the Royal Caledonian Asylum, which was to have been held on that day under the presidency of the Duke of Connaught, has been changed to Wednesday, the 11th prox., when his Royal Highness will preside.

Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan returned to England last week, accomplishing the journey without discomfort, but on Monday he had a return of the local pains, accompanied by a good deal of feverish disturbance. However, according to the bulletin issued by his medical adviser, he passed a quiet night, and was very much easier on Tuesday morning.

Among the friends and relatives present at the marriage of Capt. the Hon. Herbert Laurence, 17th Lancers, youngest son of the late Lord Laurence, with the Hon. Isabel Mills, eldest daughter of Bro. Lord and Lady Hillingdon, at St. Peter's Church, Seal, near Sevenoaks, on Tuesday, were Bro. the Earl and Countess of Wharcliffe, the Dowager Lady Laurence and Lady Laurence, Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., and Lady George Hamilton, Lady Suffield, and others.

It is the intention of Bro. Lord George Hamilton and certain of his colleagues at the Admiralty to personally conduct a party of members from both sides of the House of Commons over the new battleship *The Royal Sovereign* on Saturday, the 21st prox. The naval authorities are said to be perfectly satisfied with the new ship, which at an early date will be commissioned as the flagship of Vice-Admiral Fairfax, as successor to Vice-Admiral Sir M. Culma-Seymour, in command of the Channel Squadron.

Bro. Lord Mayor Evans and the Lady Mayoress gave the usual Easter banquet at the Mansion House on Monday, when among the distinguished guests present there were included the Duke of Cambridge, the Italian Ambassador and the Countess Torneilli, the Portuguese Minister, Bro. Sir E. Clarke, O.C., M.P., her Majesty's Solicitor-General, and Lady Clarke, Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., and Lady Ellis, Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., and Lady Savory, Bro. Alderman Sir James Whitehead, Bart., and Lady Whitehead, Bro. Alderman Sir H. E. and Lady Knight, Bro. Alderman and Mrs. Knill, the Consuls-General for Germany, Turkey, Italy, Spain, Denmark, Austria-Hungary, and the Netherlands, and others.

The Queen, accompanied by Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, left Hyères on Monday. Her Majesty was received in the waiting room of the railway station by the Prefect, the Mayor, and the Deputy Mayor, who offered her bouquets, accompanied by wishes for a pleasant journey, Madame Collyer, wife of the Protestant pastor, also presented her with a bouquet, and M. Bodinier thanked her for her kindness. The Prince and Princess of Wales, with Prince George and the Princesses Victoria and Maud, Princess May of Teck, Bro. the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., and Mrs. Childers were on the platform to bid farewell to her Majesty, who remained standing at the carriage window graciously bowing to those present as the train left the station. The Royal travellers reached Darmstadt about 9 a.m. on Tuesday morning, where they were received by the Grand Duke, Prince Henry of Prussia, Princess Alice of Hesse, the Princes Henry and William of Hesse, and others, but the reception was otherwise strictly private in consequence of our Royal and the Grand Ducal families being in mourning.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Sudden changes of temperature sorely try all persons prone to rheumatism, sciatica, tic-douloureux, and many maladies scarcely less painful, though of shorter duration. On the first attack of stiffness or suffering in any muscle, joint, or nerve, recourse should immediately be had to fomenting the seat of disease with hot brine and rubbing in this remarkable Ointment, which will assuage the uneasiness of the part, subdue inflammation, and reduce the swelling. The Pills, simultaneously taken, will rectify constitutional disturbances and renew the strength. No remedy heretofore discovered has proved so effective as the Ointment and Pills for removing gouty, rheumatic, and scrofulous attacks, which affect all ages, and are commonly called hereditary.

The meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon is fixed for May 23rd at Exeter.

Bro. Alderman H. D. Davis will be installed as W.M. of the Bishopsgate Lodge, No. 2396, on Monday next, at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street.

We are asked to state that the Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673, has gone into recess for the summer, and will resume work on the second Thursday in October.

It is announced that Mr. Montagu Williams is in a condition that gives the gravest anxiety to his medical attendants and his family. He is under treatment at his house at Ramsgate.

Bro. S. B. Bancroft, W.M., presided on Tuesday last at the annual banquet of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, which had been postponed from the installation meeting in February. About 100 members and guests were present.

Golden Beam is the brand of a very fine cigarette recently introduced by Messrs. N. S. Nicolaides and Co., of 11, Queen Victoria-street. Consumers will appreciate the delicate aroma of this new claimant for favour.

The Duke and Duchess of Teck and Princess May left the Villa Clémentine, Cannes on Thursday, and will reside until the 3rd of May at the Hôtel de Provence. They will then spend a few days in Paris, and afterwards go to Stuttgart.

A man at Winona, Minnesota, took to himself a fifth wife the other day. He has 10 children, 24 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren living. His bride is 22 years old, a cripple, and poor. He is 75, wealthy, and very vigorous for his age.

The Queen on Wednesday conferred upon the Grand Duke of Hesse the Order of the Garter with the insignia that his father had worn. The decorations had, in accordance with time-honoured precedent, been returned to the Queen after the late Grand Duke's death.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by Prince George, paid a visit on Wednesday to President Carnot, at Paris, with whom he conversed for over half an hour. The President subsequently proceeded to the Hôtel Bristol to return the visit.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Portland paid a visit to Hucknall Tockard, the burial place of Lord Byron, on Monday, when the Duchess laid the foundation-stone of a new church, and the Duke expressed a hope that the friendly relations which had always existed between him and the inhabitants would be maintained.

Owing to a prior arrangement, Miss Nellie Ganthony, whose musical sketch forms such a clever *lever de rideau* to "The Magistrate" at Terry's Theatre, has to appear in Manchester next week. During her absence Mr. Ben Nathan will give a new and original half-hour's entertainment, Miss Ganthony resuming her engagement at Terry's on Monday, the 9th prox.

The "Old Masonians" will give their annual entertainment this (Friday) evening at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. An excellent programme of music has been provided, and we trust it will prove as successful as the previous gatherings. The object of this entertainment is to assist the Benevolent and Grant Fund to provide assistance to Old Boys of the R.M.I.B.

The marriage of Miss Milledge was the occasion of a very interesting gathering at St. Mary's Church, Weymouth, on Tuesday last, and created considerable interest. The contracting parties were the Rev. George Charles Wallis, a missionary of the Church of England Missionary Society, labouring in North-West Canada, and Clara Maud, eldest daughter of Bro. Zillwood Milledge, J.P., of The Fernery, Weymouth.

When a stranger presents himself to your notice in the character of a Mason, it behoves you to be particularly cautious in your endeavours to ascertain whether his pretensions be genuine; for if he should prove to be a swan, the slightest word or hint which he might gather from any indiscreet disclosure on your part, would be sufficient for the foundation of any hypothesis that would be boldly trumpeted forth as a new and important discovery.—Beware of it.—*Oliver*.

The installation meeting of the Quadratic Chapter, No. 1609, was held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Monday, the 25th inst. Comp. J. G. Garson, M.D., the M.E.Z., installed his successor, Comp. Belgrave Ninnis, M.D., Deputy Inspector of Hospitals, R.N., as First Principal, and Comp. W. Glynn Smith as Third Principal. Owing to the absence from ill-health of Comp. Dr. Alder Wright, H. elect, the installation of Second Principal was deferred. The Past Principal's jewel of the chapter was afterwards presented to Comp. Garson by the M.E.Z., Comp. Belgrave Ninnis, on behalf of the chapter.

We have no use for the individual who, being a member of a fraternal society, is always to be found predicting all kinds of direful things that are going to happen to it. As a rule he assumes the know-it-all air, and gives the impression that the information he imparts has been received from head-quarters. He is a nuisance. How remarkable the contrast between such a one and the enthusiastic member. Enthusiasm assists the progress of a fraternal society, and the enthusiastic member, the member who is always ready to do his part and say a good word for the society, is a valuable acquisition. The apathetic man is a failure, the enthusiastic man a success.—*A. L. of H. Journal*.

The works of art collected by the late Bro. Lord Chylesmore will be sold by auction by Messrs. Christie and Sons on Saturday next, the 7th prox. The collection includes only a few examples of foreign masters, but British painters who have helped to make our school famous are very numerous represented. There are some 30 works by Sir Edwin Landseer, among them being the famous "Monarch of the Glen," which was exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1857; the "Flood in the Highlands," exhibited at the Academy in 1860; a life-size portrait of "H.M. the Queen," which is still unfinished, but was exhibited at the Academy in its present state in 1873. There is also Ansdell's large picture of a "Traveller attacked by wolves," Goodall, R.A.'s "The Sphinx," Delaroche's "Execution of Lady Jane Grey," St. Michael's Mount—the Morning after the Storm," by Clarkson Stanfield; "Interior of St. Mark's, Venice," by David Roberts.

The Marquis and Marchioness of Lorne left Leighton Buzzard on Wednesday on their return to London, after a visit to Lady Sophia Macnamara and Mr. A. Macnamara at Dillington Manor.

The Albert Palace, Battersea, was offered for sale on Wednesday at the Mart, Tokenhouse-yard, but was not sold. The reserve price was £5000. It is rumoured that an attempt will be made by the inhabitants of Battersea to acquire the palace for a fernery.

A meeting was held on Wednesday evening in the Drill Hall, Whitechapel-road, to consider proposals to ameliorate the condition of the Jewish poor in the East-end of London, but the speakers had a stormy reception, and after several scenes the meeting broke up in great confusion.

The 36th exhibition of sporting and other dogs, by the Kennel Club, will be held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on the 8th, 9th, and 10th June, in connection with the Sportsmen's Exhibition, when prizes to the value of about £3,000 will be competed for. Entries close on the 12th prox.

The will of the late Sir Henry Cotton shows personal estate £59,000, and that of Sir John Coode £55,000. The latter bequeathed £500 to the Colonial and Continental Church Society, £100 each to the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Church Missionary Society, and the Church Pastoral Aid Society, and £50 each to the Religious Tract Society and the Spanish and Portuguese Church Aid Society.

It has been officially announced that the next examination of candidates for cadetships at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, will commence in London on the 23rd June next, the medical inspection taking place the day previous at Woolwich. There will be 50 vacancies competed for, and applications to compete must be sent to the Military Secretary, Horse Guards, War Office, not later than the 14th prox.

Bro. Will Dwigans, the smallest Mason in Iowa, was raised to the Degree of Master Mason on the 14th ultimo, in Benton City Lodge, No. 81, Shellsburg, Iowa. He is 40 inches high and 37 years of age, and was born and raised in Shellsburg. The Degree was conferred by Bro. Sidney Smith, the editor of *Iowa Masonry*, and who is but 10 inches taller than the candidate.—*Keystone*.

Just at present (the first time since 1836) the Zoological Gardens is without a giraffe. This animal, like the quagga, is getting among the vanishing species. It is no longer abundant in the Cape Colony, a few only being found in isolated localities a thousand miles from Cape Town, and in East Africa the natives do not seem to be able to catch the individuals seen there; while the closing of the Soudan trade has cut off any possible supply from that quarter.

Those popular artistes, Mdme. Nordica, Miss Macintyre, Mdme. Patey, Mr. Ben Davies, Mr. Norman Salmond, and Mr. Santley, will all sing at St. James's Hall to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon at the grand concert given by Mr. Percy Notcutt. Miss Meredith Elliott will then introduce a new song by Mr. Oliver Notcutt, entitled "A Message of Life." Miss Fanny Davies and Master Gerardy will be the instrumentalists.

Miss Louisa H. F. Bennett, late of Florence, whose will was proved on the 28th ult., has bequeathed £26,000 to various charitable institutions—including £5000 to the British Home for Incurables at Clapham, S.W., and £6000 to the Royal Infirmary at Manchester)—£30,000 to the only son of Sir Augustus Paget, British Ambassador at Vienna; £19,000 to the wife and children of Bro. Major Charles T. Davenport, late Army Pay Department; and £5000 to the infant son of Bro. Lieut.-Col. F. Egerton Bennett, late Army Service Corps. There are also several smaller legacies to the executors and trustees, and others, and the personalty exceeds £87,000.

On Tuesday night, under the auspices of the Royal St. Edmund's (No. 1208) and the Abbey Lodges (No. 1392) a grand ball took place in the Athenaeum Hall, Bury St. Edmunds. The large hall had been tastefully adorned with Masonic emblems, and being brilliantly illuminated by handsome chandeliers, presented a very imposing scene, but the company was not so large as on former occasions, only about 100 members and friends attending. An elegant supper was supplied by Mr. T. F. Sabin, of the Angel Hotel, who also provided the refreshments. The arrangements for the ball devolved upon a Committee of Stewards, including the following Past Masters: Bro. G. Cornish, J. Hodges, J. M. Harvey, G. J. Paine, J. G. Oliver, J. Campbell Smith, and W. Armstrong, the indefatigable Honorary Secretary, as well as Bros. C. D. Leech, jun., H. W. Tracy, C. Oliver, and H. J. Salmon. All brethren had been requested to appear in full Masonic clothing, and military and naval officers in uniform. Dancing commenced between nine and ten o'clock, to the enlivening strains of Mr. C. E. Skipsey's quadrille band, and was kept up until a late hour.

I heard a Master boasting the other day that he was going to "beat the record." He was going to fire at one shot from his Masonic mortar more full-fledged Master Masons than had ever been fired before at one time in the history of the metropolitan district. He was going to astonish the oldest inhabitant. I asked him how many good men he would get out of the 20 whom he expected to raise. He thought about five—or 25 per cent. At the same ratio, how long would it take to turn his lodge into an undesirable body? I do not know whether he meant that only about 25 per cent. would care anything for Masonry after they were raised, or that 75 per cent. were objectionable, but in either case the lodge would certainly be better off by not "beating the record." I am sorry to see such a spirit as is prevalent among some lodges, and I cannot help looking with suspicion upon every attempt to "beat the record." I do not see that there is anything Masonic in this effort to over-reach others in the making of Masons. An ounce of pure gold is worth many pounds of dross.—*New York Dispatch*.

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