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## NEXT WEEK'S FESTIVAL.

The second great Masonic Festival of the year will take place next week, and we gladly avail ourselves of this one remaining opportunity to offer a few remarks on the subject. We are afraid we cannot say much that is new. It has been known for a long time past that the event has been arranged for Wednesday, the 18th inst., and that it will be held under the auspices of his Royal Highness the Duke of CONNAUGHT. The Board of Stewards is a fairly numerous one—certainly more numerous than it was last year—and will, in all probability, consist of some 300 brethren. London, we believe, will be found to have furnished a fair contingent, but, unfortunately, a considerable proportion of them are Unattached, whose contributions are mostly personal, the number of lodge and chapter representatives, to whom we naturally look for the bulk of the money that is received, being, if anything, rather smaller than usual. As for the Provinces, we imagine there is about the usual number of absentees, while sundry of those who generally enter a strong appearance, are decidedly weak. The Chairman's Province musters well—excellently well, if we bear in mind that both at the Boys' School Festival in June, 1891, and at that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February last it made strenuous and successful exertions to support those Charities. But when we have estimated every *pro* and *con*. that can be thought of, we are obliged to confess that we have some misgivings as to the result being worthy of so illustrious a Chairman, and, what is, if possible, still more to be regretted, sufficient for the year's requirements. The average annual expenditure amounts to between £10,000 and £11,000, but we are afraid this sum will not be forthcoming. We may be wrong in our conjecture—we sincerely trust it will be shown that we are wrong; but those brethren who have undertaken the arduous and oftentimes unpleasant duty of canvassing for donations and subscriptions have had two very serious difficulties to contend with. In the first place, the friends and supporters of the Boys' School made a determined effort last year to retrieve its somewhat dilapidated fortunes, with the result that the large sum of, in round figures, £30,000 was raised. Then in February last the Benevolent Institution celebrated the Jubilee of its foundation, and the Craft responded to the appeal made in its behalf by subscribing upwards of £66,500. Under these circumstances it is hardly to be wondered at that the Stewards for next week's Festival should find the sources whence they look to obtain the component items of their lists are pretty well exhausted, and that where in ordinary circumstances they have experienced little or no difficulty in obtaining 10, 20, or even 50 guineas, they find it hard work to raise the more modest Annual or Life Subscription. We are greatly afraid, therefore, we shall find the average per list on Wednesday next an unusually low one, but whatever our expectations may be, we trust the Craft will do what lies in their power to support a School which during the 104 years of its existence has done so much useful and beneficent work. We ask them to bear in mind firstly, that it is they who have determined that the Institution shall be as large as it is, and that to them we must look principally for the means to support it; and secondly, that the work which the Institution has undertaken to do, is carried out with admirable efficiency. There are few institutions of the same class which can exhibit so bright a record. Since 1888 its muster-roll of pupils has exceeded 260, and that these are well trained is demonstrated by the successes it has been our privilege to announce annually for many years past, at the Middle Class and College of Preceptors' Examinations. Moreover, with the exception of the Head Governess, every member of the educational staff, together with the Matron and her assistants, has been educated in the School; while, with hardly an exception, all the girls who can speak of the School as their *alma mater*, have succeeded in obtaining good positions in life. Add to this that the three Festivals which have been held since the Centenary in 1888 have been far less productive than in ordinary years, and our readers will have no difficulty in realising that a liberal subscription on Wednesday next is a consummation most devoutly to be wished.

## NEXT WEEK'S ELECTIONS.

We remind our readers that the annual meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Friday next, the 20th inst. The regular business will include the consideration of the Report by the Committee of Management of its proceedings during the past year, and of the audited Statement of Account for the period ending the 31st. December, 1891, and the election of a Treasurer, of part of the Committee of Management, and of three Auditors. But the business which will chiefly occupy the attention of

brethren will be the elections of annuitants on the two Funds of the Institution. For the Male Fund there is a list of 69 approved candidates, from whom will be elected 28 brethren to fill the vacancies declared at the meeting of the Committee of Management in February and three to receive the deferred annuities under Law 13, together with such additional brethren as will be required to fill the vacancies—if any—which have occurred between the said Committee meeting in February and the date of the annual meeting. For the Widows' Fund there are 70 approved candidates, and the number to be elected will be, as declared in February, 21, of whom 18 will be immediate and three deferred, together with such further widows as will be required to fill the vacancies which have since occurred. We have already noticed in detail the lists of candidates, which were issued about a month ago, and therefore it is unnecessary we should traverse the same ground a second time. We may point out, however, that though as at the School Elections there are no *last* cases to which prominence may very properly be given—that is to say, no cases which will be removed from the lists in the event of failure within a given time—there are several candidates whose claims have been before the electors for a long term of years. Thus for the Male Fund, there is one candidate whose claims to be elected into the Institution were recognised in time for the 1882 election; another who is making his 10th application; a third his ninth application; a fourth his eighth application; a fifth his seventh application; and two others who are making their sixth application. On the approved list of Widow candidates, one has been before the Governors and Subscribers for 12 years, one for 10 years, two for nine years, five for eight years, three for seven years, and two for six years. Of these poor old people there are only two men who have standing to their credit anything like a substantial number of votes, while of the widows there are two who have scored upwards of 2000 votes, two over 1000 votes, and two over 700 votes. We feel that we shall not be departing from that position of strict impartiality we always observe at these and similar elections if we appeal to those Governors and Subscribers whose votes are unpledged to give their support and influence in behalf of some of these poor folk.

## CONSECRATION OF THE CARRINGTON LODGE, No. 2421, AT AMERSHAM.

Saturday the 30th ult., was an eventful day in the annals of the quiet little town of Amersham, when another lodge was added to the roll of the Province of Bucks, bearing the honoured name of its chief.

The inhabitants of this prettily situated town must have wondered at the appearance of so many of the black-coated Fraternity from the City comfortably seated and making merry in the drags and carriages kindly provided by the founders to convey some 40 or 50 invited guests to the town from the Chalfont Road Station.

It was a most lovely afternoon, and an enjoyable drive along the good roads of the Vale of Amersham, and we shall almost regret that in the near future, when we may again have the pleasure of visiting the growing infant at whose birth we assisted, the demon railway king will have brought the line nearer to the town, and thus rob us of the pleasant half-hour's journey by road.

The founders of the lodge, being brethren of great experience, happily made their arrangements so that everything went off in good style.

To mark the occasion the good Almondshams sported a fire, and the first introduction to the J.D. of the lodge was in his capacity as Captain of the fire brigade, nearly greeting his London brethren as Companions of the Bath on their approach to "The Crown."

Punctually at 3.30, that most rapid of all Consecrating Officers, the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., and the greatly esteemed Deputy G.M. of the province, opened the lodge, being assisted by Bros. J. B. Bower, Prov. G. Sec., as S.W.; G. H. Charsley, P.P.G. Reg., as J.W.; and John Hattersley, P.J.G.D., as I.G. Needless to say the work was admirably performed by the Consecrating Officer, who combined—in his own person—the duties of Chaplain and Director of Ceremonies, as well as the Consecrating and Installing Master.

A pithy address, pointing out to the founders their duty to mark well the character rather than the numbers of their lodge, and excellent hymnal music, were the chief characteristics of the ceremony, the stentorian voice of the J.W. of the new lodge being particularly noticeable.

Bro. Harry Nelson Price, P.M. 177 and 2308, was then installed as W.M. In the good manner which would naturally be expected from such an experienced Craftsman, Bro. Price proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. J. C. F. Tower, 1591, S.W.; Jas. Stephens, P.M. 1425, J.W.; J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753, Treas.; E. A. G. Smith, W.M. 177, Sec.; R. Ferguson, 2016, S.D.; Hy. G. Clarke, 1501, J.D.; Walter S. Andrews, 177, I.G.; R. J. Harding, 2308, D.C.; and John Cheese, P.M. 504, P.P.G. Reg. Herefordshire, acting I.P.M.

The other founders of the lodge were Bros. A. G. Collins, P.P.G.D. of C. West Lancashire, and W. Johnson, P.M. 134.

A special vote of thanks with an honorary membership of the lodge was accorded to the Consecrating Officer, and the like honour was conferred upon Bros. James Terry and J. M. McLeod, the Secretaries of the Benevolent and Boys' Institutions.

Propositions followed for four local gentlemen to be initiated, and the lodge was closed at 4.40 p.m., although not a "record break," still a good proof that the Consecrating Officer was "all there" in his work.

An adjournment was then made to the Town Hall, which had been nicely decorated for the occasion with flowers and flags kindly lent by Bro. Cheese, and by the forethought of the local brethren, had been "propped" with supports to bear the extra weight on the magisterial floor.

A capital dinner was served by the most energetic Bro. Collins, and it is a matter of congratulation to the lodge that it has found its home where convenience, both in lodge and for the inner man, is so happily under the care of an experienced brother with the reputation of the worthy host of the Crown.

After the usual loyal toasts had been properly honoured,

Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, P.G. Treas., replied in his usual happy vein to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and alluded to the affinity between that new lodge and his old lodge—the Domestic—which had been the mother of so many good and strong Masonic children. He had little doubt of the success of a lodge started under such favourable auspices as the present.

The toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers" was most enthusiastically received.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF responded. Lightly touching upon the recent division of the provinces, and the fear that had been expressed in some quarters that there was not much room for expansion in "little Bucks," he pointed to the fact that the present was not the first addition, and would not be the last, inasmuch as he knew of two or three other lodges which would shortly come into existence under as favourable auspices as the Carrington. He congratulated the brethren on the excellent start they had made, and did not doubt that under the experienced guidance of the W.M. and his officers a good future was in store for them.

Bro. BOWEN, Prov. G. Sec., also responded, and gave the brethren some sound advice as to the admission of members to their lodge.

"The Health of the W.M." followed, and met, of course, with a good response.

Other toasts, interspersed with good songs, followed, that of "The Honorary Members of the Lodge" being responded to by Bros. TERRY and McLEOD, the latter of whom expressed his pleasure at having discovered this new Masonic centre, and in having introduced the W.M. to an old friend in Bro. Collins. He had not anticipated the honour so kindly conferred upon him for the little service he had rendered, but was more than repaid by the knowledge that the W.M. and S.D. of the lodge intended to signalise its formation by serving the office of Steward at the next Festival of the Institution of which he was the chief executive officer. They knew that on the success or otherwise of the annual Festivals of our Institutions much depended, and he was grateful for the assistance afforded to him by the many good friends of the Institutions who were around the board on the present occasion.

With the Tyler's toast the return journey was commenced, and despite many fears on the part of some of our timorous brethren, the last "drag," with its full complement of 19, safely reached the station for the journey back to town.

Amongst the visitors were—

Bros. George Everett, P.G. Treas.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M. Ben. Inst.; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; J. Welford, P.M. and Treas. 733; S. R. Walker, P.M. and Sec. 733; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.S.G.W. Middx.; J. W. Burgess, P.P.G.P. West Lancs.; N. Turner, P.M. 72; H. J. Thomas, 753; J. Page, W.M. 2319; E. Rogers, P.G.S.; W. J. Mason, W.M. 2150; G. V. Wood, W.M. 1608; H. J. Turner, P.M. 1608; F. S. Jarvis, J.W. 511; T. W. Weeding, P.M. 1591; J. Scarlett Campbell, P.M. 1591; H. Richards, J.W. 79; E. Mackrill, W.M. 948; E. Hill, S.W. 948; H. S. Braman, 227; C. Peters, 1765; R. B. A. Lodge, 2308; B. R. Thomas, 511; A. G. Flatman, 1608; G. S. Wilks, P.M. 125; E. Lindsay Pembroke, 211; and C. Sims, P.M. 1208.

### CONSECRATION OF THE EBBISHAM LODGE, No. 2422.

A petition was recently presented to H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. by several brethren residing in the ancient town of Epsom, asking to be formed into a regularly constituted lodge, and his Royal Highness having acquiesced in the prayer of the petition, the new lodge—to be known as the Ebbisham Lodge, No. 2422—was consecrated on Monday, the 9th inst., at its future meeting place, the King's Head Hotel, Epsom, in the presence of a large number of brethren. The founders were fortunate in securing the services of Bro. T. T. Bucknill, Q.C., as the first W. Master, and as the lodge starts under excellent auspices a brilliant future should be in store for it. The Consecrating Officer, Bro. Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., Prov. Grand Master of Surrey, was assisted by Bros. Fredk. West, Dep. Prov. G.M., P.G.D.; A. Lionel Scott, Prov. S.G.W.; G. F. Roumieu, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. E. L. G. Houndle, Prov. G. Chap.; Charles Greenwood, Prov. G. Sec.; and C. Harcourt Knight, Prov. G.D.C.

The following founders were present: Bros. T. T. Bucknill, Q.C., P.M. 136; J. O'Connell, P.M. 1851 and 2157, P.P.G. Org.; J. Andrews, J.D. 1709, I.G. 1892; T. J. Lawes, S.W. 1851; C. P. King, J.W. 1709; W. J. Green, 1986; W. Pile, P.M. 1892, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Edwards, 1892; H. A. Pope Genge, 1367; and George Snashall.

There were also present:

Bros. Major General E. H. Steward, 1665; Dr. H. J. Strong, A.G.D.C.; E. D. Whiting, P.P.G. Sec. Suffolk; J. H. Hawes, P.P.G.S.B. Sussex; C. Harcourt Knight, P.G.D.C.; G. C. Bury, P.P.G. Org.; T. J. Dodd, P.P.G.O. Kent; R. Buice, P.P.A.G.P.; G. C. Gibes, P.P.J.G.W.; and many others.

The Consecrating Officer took the chair and appointed his officers *pro tem.*, and the lodge was opened. He then briefly stated the motive of the meeting and called upon the Acting Chaplain for prayer, after which the brethren of the new lodge signified their approval of the officers designated in the petition and warrant.

An oration on the nature and principles of Freemasonry was delivered by the Acting Chaplain, after which the ceremony was proceeded with, and the lodge was solemnly dedicated and constituted.

The Prov. Grand Master installed the W.M. designate, Bro. T. T. Bucknill, Q.C., into the chair, and the following officers were invested: Bros. J. O'Connell, S.W.; James Andrews, J.W.; W. Pile, P.P.G.S.B., Treas., acting I.P.M.; T. J. Lawes, P.M. Sec.; C. Cooke, S.D.; C. P. King, J.D.; W. J. Green, I.G.; and Rowley, Tyler.

The founders were elected a committee to frame the by-laws, and several propositions for initiation and joining were received.

On the proposition of Bro. PILE, P.M., Treas., seconded by the S.W., honorary membership was conferred upon the Prov. Grand Master, the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Secretary.

The W.M. said he had taken a very pleasing duty upon himself, in proposing the heartiest vote of thanks it was possible for the founders to give to the Consecrating Officers. He was sure he could appeal with confidence to those who had seen the consecration ceremony before, and say it must have struck their minds with great pleasure to have seen the way in which it was performed that day, and to those who, like himself, had never seen the consecration of a lodge, he could say they had felt an emotion never experienced before.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER returned thanks, and, on behalf of those who had assisted said, they were sure the infancy, youth, and manhood of the lodge would afford them even greater pleasure than the consecration had done.

After banquet, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts received due recognition, "The Queen and the Craft" being first given.

In giving "The M.W.G.M.," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said his Royal Highness had sought with his consort relief from public life in the air of a foreign country, and they would hope that he and those still left near and dear to him had returned restored in health and spirit.

Bro. Col. GERARD NOEL MONEY, C.B., Prov. G.M., replied for "The Grand Officers" in brief terms, in view of the toast which followed. He said the Grand Officers were as a body enthusiastic in the cause of Masonry, and always ready to forward it.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in giving "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master," said they were very much indebted to Bro. Col. Money. These were no fine words on his part. He knew that sometimes he erred on the side of flippancy, for that was his nature, but he could claim he had moments of serious feeling, and that he was capable of knowing when the time came to feel serious. That toast was to his mind one he could not properly lay before them. He had, following the incentive of his father, been a great admirer of Masonry, and so soon as his age allowed became a Freemason, and he had been brought up in the belief of his father—a belief which he believed now—that if a man be a good Mason he could not be a bad man. The Provincial Grand Master being a good Mason, was, he was sure, a good fellow. Unfortunately, he had not had the pleasure of Col. Money's personal acquaintance, but fortunately he had made it, and hoped it would not be the beginning and the end. The Provincial Grand Master had performed the ceremony most impressively, and had uttered words which had not been mere words, but had sunk into their hearts, and left a lesson which should bear fruit hereafter. The lodge was now ending its first day, and they owed a deep debt of gratitude to Col. Money for starting them on their life. The members pledged themselves to become a good and useful Masonic lodge, to begin with labour and to think of labour before refreshment, although they could not forget that refreshment does follow labour. They hoped to see the Prov. Grand Master present on future occasions to see the progress made, and they offered him their best thanks on the present occasion.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said that nothing had given him so much pleasure since he was made Provincial Grand Master of that great province than that of assisting as accoucheur to that lodge. He hoped the province of the lodge in the province would equal the fair promise of that evening. No lodge ever started under more auspicious circumstances, and they could feel extremely hopeful of the result, and that it would take its rank as one of the foremost lodges. He need say but little on the present occasion on a subject important to all lodges—the great care and caution with which applications should be received both as initiates and joining members. No lodge could be too careful on this point, for they might get one member incautiously who would sap the foundation and bring great trouble and discomfort. He knew a lodge in India where two members were admitted, and the lodge had not met for some years, the only course open being to return the warrant and apply for it again after a few weeks. Another case happened the other day where a candidate had to be withdrawn from the lodge room, but if the proposer and seconder had taken ordinary care and realised their responsibility such things could not happen. He would advise them that a proposer and seconder incurred a grave responsibility, which did not end until the candidate had taken his Third Degree. It had been extremely painful for him when candidates had been brought forward and had not been able to answer the questions. He called that an utter disgrace in any lodge, and whenever he had been Master and found a brother could not answer the questions himself he would not proceed with the ceremony any further. If a Mason did not think it worth his while to commit to heart those few questions, was he likely to become a good officer? The welfare of a lodge rested as much with the junior officers almost as with the W.M. and he was sure that lodge would set an example. A new broom sweeps clean it was said, but he trusted it would sweep very clean when it grew old and was no longer a new broom. It had given him great pleasure to be with them, and on a future occasion when he visited them he felt he should not have to caution but to congratulate them.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Officers," and said that all the Prov. Grand Officers present had done their best to make the meeting a success, and he tendered to them heartfelt thanks for the great kindness and ability shown in the proceedings.

Bro. G. F. ROUMIEU, Prov. J.G.W., expressed the pleasure it had afforded the Prov. Grand Officers to assist on that occasion. The lodge had started well and had for its W.M. not only a good Mason but a gentleman who was popular wherever he went. He was sure the W.M. would excuse him for saying so, but as an humble representative of the profession to which that brother belonged, he could say the W.M. was one of the most popular members of that profession and would also make a popular Master. He thought the founders had done well in selecting Bro. Bucknill as the first W.M. He wished him a successful year of office and hoped that when he vacated the chair he would emulate the spirit of Masonry pervading the province and install his successor. He trusted the members would not forget the all important element of Charity and that they would practise outside the lodge those virtues they professed.

"The Consecrating Officers" was proposed by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER. He said the ceremony of consecration was not often given, but when given to be remembered always. He had never seen it before, but hoped to see it again, because it was an impressive and holy ceremony. It made men think and meditate about matters not only here, but hereafter.

Gratitude should be at the bottom of every Mason's heart—gratitude for favours received and favours hoped for—and the consecration ceremony that they had seen should make them pause and think of these things, and therefore soberer and better men.

Bro. E. L. G. HOUNDLE, Prov. G. Chap., in response said the arrangements for the day had been excellent, and they looked forward to a successful lodge. It was pleasing to feel that in this ancient town their ancient Order would be represented. He intended to say a good deal more in his oration, but he always felt merciful to his hearers, and endeavoured to reduce his remarks to the lowest possible compass.

Bro. CLAS. GREENWOOD, Prov. G. Sec., also responded. He said the Greenwood Lodge was consecrated at Epsom, but had removed to Sutton, and the Ebbisham Lodge was fortunate in having brethren amongst them who resided at Epsom. The Prov. G.M. had set his face against recommending any petitions unless signed by those residing in the particular locality where it was proposed to found the lodge, and during the last three years the Prov. G.M., or his predecessor, had paid particular attention to that fact. What the Prov. G.M. aimed at in considering every petition was whether the lodge would increase and multiply in numbers, and setting his face against multiplicity of lodges, looked with pleasure on the increase of members in lodges. As one who bore a considerable amount of labour in connection with the official affairs, he (Bro. Greenwood) could tell them that affairs were progressing very favourably in the province. The number of members had increased, and as far as the calibre of the lodges was concerned, everything was going forward in a way he thought was second to no province under the banner of Grand Lodge.

Bro. Rev. H. W. TURNER, P.P.G. Chap., said that, like the W.M., he had occasionally serious moments, and the present happened to be one, for he had very suddenly been called upon to perform a duty—a very delightful duty, which, however, he undertook with the greatest willingness and pleasure. As they all knew, when a lodge was consecrated, and began its new life as this had begun under such very promising auspices, one officer who was generally recognised in all lodges could not exist. That was the I.P.M. There could not be an I.P.M., as the first W.M. occupied the chair, and therefore it was a very great kindness to him and the lodge he represented to be asked to propose "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He had great delight to be allowed to propose that toast. A great deal had been said about the abundant promise with which that lodge had entered upon its new life, and he knew that promise arose from the fact that they had such an excellent Master to start the lodge. Bro. Bucknill was well known to all present, and as a personal friend to many was known as a gentleman, who had already been described by one of the same profession as one who occupied a position of great respect, and, speaking personally, he knew him to be beloved as well as admired for his talents. Bro. Bucknill had also in another sphere of life, which was happily excluded from Masonic gatherings, taken decided views, but all parties loved and welcomed him. They felt sure that under such a Master the lodge would be successful, and in wishing the W.M. a successful year they were sure that wish would meet with ample fulfilment.

Bro. T. T. BUCKNILL, Q.C., W.M., in rising to reply, said for him this was the crisis of the evening, and he did not know how to thank them sufficiently for the kind way in which the kind words of his friend, Bro. Turner, had been received. Bro. Turner had said too much in his favour, but he was sure in that brother he had a firm friend. His (the W.M.'s) stay in that part of the country had not been long. He was a Devonshire man, and came to Epsom a very sad and very sorrowful man, and greater sorrow came upon him; but he found in that sorrow there was one link which soon forged itself in him and those living around him, and that was the true friendship of the true English people. Although the sting had gone, the friendship had more than formed a strong link between himself and his friends. Unfortunately, he had allowed himself to take a political status, and there was a momentary cooling of old friendship between himself and others who had arrayed themselves actively against them, but he was sure those friendships would be renewed again. He was grateful to say such events had no place in a lodge. With regard to himself, he felt exceedingly proud he had been permitted to take the position in which he had been placed. It was in 1873 he was W.M. of his mother lodge. That was a long time ago, and that which he took a considerable amount of trouble to learn had vanished long since. If they would give him an opportunity of performing the work, with the assistance of those who had already assisted him, he was sure those lessons would come back. He could give them one promise—he would do his best, and beyond that no man could go. With regard to the lessons they had to learn they must remember the lesson of Charity to all poor and distressed Masons. Bro. Romieu had spoken very kindly, and regarding his remarks he would say one word. He thanked Bro. Romieu extremely, and believed his words were true, for in his profession he was known, not by his surname, but by his christian name. On one occasion in the Western Circuit Mess, Lord Field insisted on proposing his health, contrary to the rules, and said he had to propose the health of a man who, as far as he knew, never had a surname. It was a nice thing to be called by one's christian name, and if they would extend that kindness to him and forget he had a surname, he should be obliged. He hoped to be in the lodge for many years to see other Masters do the work better than he had done. He was grateful for the reception given the toast, and to Bro. Turner for the kind words spoken.

Other toasts followed, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Under the direction of Bro. John O'Connell, P.P.G. Org., Bros. Elkin, Calling, Heathcote, and Phillips performed the musical selections during the ceremony and after banquet in an excellent manner, and Bros. W. Pile, P.M., and Green, I.G., were unremitting in their endeavours—which were completely successful—to render the proceedings enjoyable to the visitors.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The half-yearly meeting of the above Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield, under the banner of the Britannia Mark Lodge, No. 53. The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened by the Prov. G.M., Bro. Charles Letch Mason, supported by the following Prov. Grand Officers:

Bros. Rev. Dr. T. C. Smyth, P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M.; F. Cleaves, 53, P.S.G.W.; H. J. Garnett, 53, P.G.D., P.P.S.G.W., as P.J.G.W.; E. Billington, 127, P.P.G.O., as P.G.M.O.; J. J. Green, 58, P.S.G.O.; C. J. Schott (T.I.), P.J.G.O.; Rev.

W. J. Jungbluth, 14, P.G. Chap.; Henry Oxley, 110, P.G. Treas.; W. Langbridge, 398, P.G. Reg.; Tudor Trevor, 111, P.G. Sec.; V. G. S. Dearden, 53, as P.G.D.; W. D. Shoebridge, 58, P.G.I. of W., as P.G.S.B.; W. Flockton, 111, P.G.D. of C.; A. G. Kirkham, 53, P.G. Std. Br.; Geo. Edwards, 53, P.G. Org.; H. S. Holdsworth, P.G. Stwd., P.P.S.G.W., as P.G.I.G.; and R. Hodgson, 58, and H. King, 14, P.G. Stwds. There were also present the Deputy Prov. G.M. of the Craft Masons of West Yorkshire, Bro. Henry Smith; Bros. A. E. Mayger, 117, P.P.G.S.B. Lincolnshire; W. Cooke, P.P.G. Sec., P.G.M.O.; J. Unwin, jun., P.P.S.G.W.; J. P. Hewitt, P.P.G. Reg.; T. Howden, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Shaw, P.P.G.I. of W.; Geo. Cass, P.P.G. Org.; and about 30 other brethren.

The Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the D.P.G.M. of Craft Masons having been duly saluted, the PROV. GRAND MASTER addressed the brethren as follows: It affords me much pleasure in again holding our Provincial Grand Lodge in Sheffield. This is the fourth meeting in this town during the time I have had the pleasure of presiding over you as your Prov. Grand Master, the former visits being in April, 1884, October, 1886, and October, 1890. I congratulate the Sheffield brethren on the continued prosperity of their lodge, and sincerely hope that the same active interest in the welfare of Mark Masonry which has distinguished them in the past will actuate them in the future; I desire at the same time to congratulate all the lodges in the province on the very healthy feeling now pervading and to express the hope that the special teaching of Mark Masonry may yet be more fully understood, as I believe the Order is becoming day by day more greatly appreciated. Mark Masonry, I believe, is quite as ancient as any part of our Masonic system, for we find in the earliest records marks were in general use. Our most ancient buildings bear to this day the marks of our ancient Craftsmen, they are to be found on stones forming part of King Solomon's Temple and many of us have seen them on the walls of Fountains Abbey, still visible to the naked eye, which time has not effaced nor obliterated. In this we see the thoroughness with which our brethren of old did their work; they worked not for themselves but for those who came after, and we are to-day the possessors of their labours in these stately and magnificent buildings such as the Cathedral of York, Lincoln, and Salisbury, and even the ruins of Tintern Abbey in their desolation gratify the eye and adorn the landscapes. Does not this, my brethren, point out to us the special teaching of Mark Masonry to let all we do, our words and actions, let them be thorough, to think less of ourselves and more for the commonweal, so that when our life's actions are closed, and all present ourselves to T.G.O.O.T.U., we may be found worthy "to form part of that building not made with hands eternal in the heavens?" The Provincial Grand Master then referred to the special business of the meeting, and concluding said: Our Mark Charities are making quiet but steady progress; we have in West Yorkshire one boy and one girl being educated and one annuitant. I should like to see these Charities more fully utilised. The benefits, although not quite so large as in the great Charities of the Craft, yet they are more immediate. Funds have come in so well that as yet there has not been the expense of an election, and no aged brother or widow who has applied has been kept in suspense or anxiety awaiting his or her election. In our education we spend nothing in buildings or keeping up expensive establishments, and I think I may fairly say without contradiction that all the money you subscribe goes for the welfare of those and those alone for whom it is intended. Brethren, I commit the welfare of the province to your keeping; all the lodges are working, we are free from all internal dissension, I am thankful to say; may we all continue to work for one common object in view, and may the Great Overseer of the Universe be pleased to direct, bless, and prosper us all in our works.

The minutes of the meeting of Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, held on 31st October, 1891, and of the special meeting held on 31st January last were read and confirmed.

The replies of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., to the addresses submitted to them from this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge on the lamented death of his late Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., P.G.W., were read and ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

On the report of the Provincial Board of General Purposes the following amendments of the provincial by-laws were adopted, subject to confirmation at the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge—1, The fees of honour payable on appointment by the Provincial Grand Officers were fixed as follows: The Provincial Grand Master, £5 5s.; the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, £3 3s.; the Provincial Grand Wardens, Overseers, Chaplain, Treasurer, Registrar, Secretary, and Deacons, £1 1s. each; and the remaining Provincial Grand Officers, 10s. 6d. each. 2, The annual contribution to the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge from each lodge in the province was changed from 6d. per annum for each subscribing member to 3d. per quarter or any part thereof. 3, The date of the annual meeting was transferred from October to April.

On the motion of the D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. H. J. GARNETT, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D., supported by Bro. W. COOKE, P.P.G. Sec., P.G.M.O., and carried with unanimous acclamation, it was resolved to recommend to the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., the re-nomination of Bro. C. Letch Mason, P.G.M., as Provincial Grand Mark Master for the ensuing three years.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER having announced that he had arranged to hold the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge in Wakefield, and a cordial vote of thanks passed to the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Britannia Lodge, No. 53, for their kind reception, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

The brethren then sat down to a bountiful repast, presided over by the P.G.M., when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, till train time dispersed the visitors, who all returned home well satisfied with the proverbial hospitality of the Sheffield brethren.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The following address by the Acting Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Henry Smith, was delivered at a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, held on the 25th ult.:

Brethren,—The unfortunate circumstances which compelled me to take this chair and address you at our last meeting at Sowerby Bridge still, I regret to say, continue. The condition of our R.W. Prov. Grand Master during the period intervening has been very precarious, but is now, I rejoice to say, decidedly improved. If this improvement is maintained, as I trust it may be, we may confidently hope that at our next October meeting we shall see Bro. Tew in his accustomed place, and I doubt not, brethren, should that be so, that he will receive

at your hands a welcome which will warm his heart—a welcome such as his long and honourable devotion to the interests of the Craft in this province eminently deserves. Meanwhile, brethren, though I know how much I fall short of it, I will endeavour to the best of my ability to supply his place. My first duty is a melancholy one. The loss which the nation has sustained by the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence is great; the sympathy which that unfortunate occurrence has called forth has been universal, and it would ill become us, who, as Masons, are proud of our loyalty and devotion to our Queen and country, to let this, the first opportunity we have had, pass by without recording upon our minutes how greatly we regret the Prince's untimely death, and how deeply we sympathise with all those to whom he was near and dear. In the direct line of succession to the throne, heir to a noble heritage, beloved and esteemed by all who knew him, betrothed and on the eve of marriage with a young and amiable Princess—all these circumstances only intensify the feeling of sorrow which the death of one so young and apparently so singularly blessed would naturally evoke. Add to this that he was one of us, that he was following in the footsteps of his illustrious father, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and what more can be said? Brethren, you will some of you, I am sure, before we part move a resolution which will adequately express our sympathy and sorrow. By the death of Colonel Shadwell Clerke, too, our late esteemed Grand Secretary, the Craft has sustained a severe blow, and West Yorkshire has lost a good friend. Amiable, courteous, and thoroughly efficient at all points, he was able to combine the *suaviter in modo* with the *fortiter in re* in the exercise of his Secretarial duties in a way which was peculiarly his own. He will long be missed at lodge consecrations and other Masonic functions, at which his charm of manner and complete mastery of ceremonial detail were so conspicuous. In his successor, Bro. Edward Letchworth, we have got, I doubt not, an able and efficient Mason, and it must be our duty, brethren, to render him loyal and hearty support, and to endeavour to maintain that good understanding and pleasant relation which has so long existed between this province and the executive of the Grand Lodge of England. To come now to home affairs. "The Thomas William Tew Presentation Fund" has been successfully completed, and the opinion of our R.W. Prov. Grand Master in relation to it has been expressed in most kindly and grateful terms in the letter which he addressed to me—a letter which I at once circulated in the province with the request that it should be read in all your lodges. This, I trust, has been done, for I cannot too strongly commend that letter to your notice. Bro. Tew, since his appointment as Deputy in 1875, has been unsparing in his efforts, by means of papers and addresses given at installations, consecrations, and Prov. Grand Lodge meetings, to instruct the brethren of this province, and to lift Masonry up to a somewhat higher level. Those addresses have cost him much time, labour, and research, and by consenting to a re-publication of them, under the editorship of Bro. Matthewman, Prov. Assistant Grand Secretary, he trusts, as he says in his letter, that his efforts will meet with appreciation at your hands. It will be within the recollection of many of you, I dare say, that in my address, at Sowerby Bridge, in October last, I endeavoured to impress upon W. Masters, Treasurers, and Secretaries the necessity of a prompt and conscientious discharge of their duties, particularly in relation to the sending in of the annual returns. I regret extremely to be compelled to say that, notwithstanding that admonition, on the 31st January last—the day upon which by Prov. G. Lodge By-Law 46, all these returns should have been in our hands—no less than 23 lodge Secretaries had failed to send in the requisite papers; and it is only within the last few weeks, and by persistent application and repeated reminders, that we have been able to get the statistical information from those who are responsible for its production. Worshipful Masters, this should not be so. I appeal to you all, but more especially to those of the lodges to which these remarks particularly apply. Do not cast the blame on the Secretary—his predecessor, it is true, should instruct him and help him in his duties—but it is you, and you only, who are responsible. You are raised by the suffrages of your brethren to the highest honour the lodge has power to bestow. You accept that honour; you are proud of it; justly proud of it; but, brethren, besides the honour there is the responsibility: when you accept office as W.M., you undertake certain duties, and those duties you should master, and once mastered, thoroughly carry out. How much more gracefully will you wear the honours if you can conscientiously feel that you are doing the work! Down to the smallest detail of organisation and management you should let your supervision extend. Direct, advise, reprove if necessary, and if you cannot get matters accomplished as promptly or as satisfactorily as you would wish, why, do them yourself rather than suffer the stigma of neglect or indifference to be connected or associated with the lodge of which you are the head. The chief reason why our Prov. Grand Master has not called us together quite three weeks ago has been that the returns came in so late, it was impossible to get matters into train earlier. As to arrears, I must again say we are in a condition which permits of much improvement. One lodge has no less than 12 members in this condition. There are others with 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, respectively, 2 with 6, and so on, making a total of 165 brethren who have failed to pay their dues. It is the earnest wish of our Prov. Grand Master that something should be done to alter this. The remedy is simple. Give all reasonable notice or warning, and then apply that remedy. During the year 1890 the increase on our roll was 82. This year it amounts to 36. The figures stand thus:

New.	Resigned.	Dead.	Excluded.	In Arrear.	Total numbers.
1890...300	113	69	36	161	3611
1891...286	126	89	40	165	3647

I notice that whilst some lodges have been very active and added as many as 10, in one instance 11, new members, there are, on the other hand, five who have had neither an initiation nor a joining brother to increase their numbers throughout the entire year. I do not complain of this, if the reasons are satisfactory. Better be without candidates than introduce unsuitable ones. But, brethren (I will not say I very much fear, that would be a subterfuge), I know that those reasons, in some cases, are not satisfactory—that they will not bear going into. I want to lay down a principle which I think cannot be gainsaid, and that is, that no brother has the right to blackball a candidate against whom no objection, Masonic or otherwise, has been taken, merely for the purpose of satisfying his own feeling of animosity, revenge, or pique. By doing this he not only obstructs the progress and advancement of his lodge, but he throws everything out of gear; he strangles its very life, and what is worst of all, he inflicts the greatest possible injustice on those—most probably the majority who have no concern in his quarrel, and have taken no part whatever in bringing about the difficulty under which the lodge labours. All true Masons take a pride in their lodge; they are jealous of its reputation and honour; they delight in the efficiency of its Worshipful Master and officers; they are wishful to increase its numbers and influence; they congratulate themselves when peace and concord reign within its portals, and they are willing, nay anxious, to do all in their power to maintain this satisfactory condition of affairs; and yet in spite of all their zeal and efforts, in some unhappy instances a few discontented brethren will spoil everything—will for peace substitute discord, and for order bring about chaos! This being our annual meeting, it will shortly be my duty to invest with collars those who have been selected for office. Brethren, this conferring of honours is a most difficult task—a task the burden of which year by year increases. Our R.W. Prov. Grand Master has gone most carefully into this matter; he has diligently considered the names of those who may be fairly deemed eligible for the purple, and he has selected according to the best of his judgment. His award can scarcely be expected to give universal satisfaction; there are many, doubtless, who will be disappointed, but I ask you to believe that Bro. Tew has been actuated by the highest motives, that he has striven to be just and impartial, and I know that

he has the fullest confidence that you, brethren, will loyally abide by his decision. There is another aspect to this question I should like to glance at. In an ordinary Craft lodge a brother's rank is an important matter, as the higher he gets the more nearly does he approach the chair—the goal of his ambition. As, however, the office of Provincial Grand Master is beyond the reach of most of us, it seems to me that to obtain a provincial collar of any rank is an honour with which one might reasonably be satisfied, and that the distinctions in Provincial Grand Lodge are more imaginary than real. It is impossible to confer what is deemed high office upon all, and the brother who is considered by his Provincial Grand Master worthy to wear the collar of his province does not need to trouble himself much as to the jewel that hangs therefrom. As to the duties which are associated with the various offices, they are clearly laid down in our provincial by-laws. I would strongly enjoin the brethren appointed carefully to acquaint themselves with those duties, with a view to their effectual performance. I would further suggest that a very valuable method of assisting the executive might be organised, if the Provincial Officers would at intervals systematically visit the lodges, more especially those that lie remote from some great Masonic centre. The brethren visited would value the honour, and a closer and more intimate association would result, which, I am sure, would be productive of good, and conduce to a more general spirit of brotherhood in the province. I commend these suggestions to your sound sense and good feeling, brethren. I fear I am detaining you rather long, but there is only one thing more I would add. Our library, under the supervision, experience, and fostering care of Bro. Watson, is now rapidly becoming a most valuable institution. The province owes much to our Librarian, and whilst I propose to offer him an opportunity to give us some account of the results of his labours, I yet feel that this acknowledgment of his services is justly his due. The support which he receives from our R.W. Prov. Grand Master is another evidence that his work is highly appreciated. And now, brethren, I have done. Death has claimed its victims since I last addressed you, but that is in the ordinary course of events. I trust that when next we meet I shall stand on a lower step, to the right of the chair, and that the place of honour will be occupied by him who has so worthily filled it, whose interest in the Craft is warm as his own warm heart. I know how it will rejoice him (if spared) to visit you again, and great though that pleasure may be to him it will not exceed the gratification and delight which it will afford you to see him amongst you once more.

#### ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

A convocation of the Supreme Council, 33°, was held at 33, Golden-square, on Tuesday, the 10th instant, when the following candidates were advanced:—To the 31°: Ill. Bros. Major-General John Frederick Crease, C.B., 9; John Houlding, 19; and George Cooper, 101. To the 30°: Bros. William Bayley Marshall, 5; Frederick F. Schnitger, 8; John Weston, 10; John Utting, 19; William Henry Burton Atkinson, 23; James Richard Wilson, 38; William Pinder Eversley, M.A., 45; George Fletcher, William Henry Marsden, Thomas Roe, M.P., Sir John Smith, J.P., Percy Wallis, and Abraham Woodiwiw, J.P., of 63; the Most Hon. the Marquess of Hertford and Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., of 101; Charles Vincent Cotterell, 105; and Charles Rackham Gilman, J.P., 116.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies the brethren dined together at the Café Royal, under the presidency of M. Ill. Bro. Capt. N. G. Phillips, Lieut.-Gen. Commander, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

#### THE LATE BRO. CLIFFORD P. MacCALLA, P.G. MASTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The following is from the columns of the Philadelphia *Keystone*, and shows in the first place how terribly sudden was the death of this respected brother, and in the next place how great is the loss which Pennsylvania has sustained by the death of one whose record is so brilliant and so well worthy of imitation by Craftsmen generally:—

"On Saturday last, just after receiving the most interesting letter from Cairo, which we publish this week, from the Editor of the *Keystone*, we received the following cable message:

'Port Said, Egypt, April 23, 1892.

'MacCalla dangerously ill in British Hospital here. Wire instructions.

'Consul BROADBENT.'

A reply was sent, and on Sunday a second cable was received.

'Port Said, Egypt, April 24, 1892.

'MacCalla died at noon to-day. Inter Monday morning.

'BROADBENT.'

On Tuesday last further dispatches were received, one stating the body would be embalmed and shipped. Also one from Bro. Shaheen Makarius, of Cairo, announcing "MacCalla died."

A light went out with these words. Like a flash of lightning from a clear sky, instantly followed by a terrific crash of thunder, came this news of a great calamity to the family and friends and the Masonic brothers of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla. One cannot realise the fact that he is dead to this world and to us here. In a foreign land, thousands of miles from home, just as his heart's desire had been gratified—just as he was turning his face homeward, after he had visited the most wonderful and interesting places on the face of the earth, around which are storied all the traditions and legends of Freemasonry, that witnessed the life, death, and resurrection of Him who spoke as never man spake. After he had visited the place where Solomon's Temple once stood, and where the sites of the second and other temples are marked by ruins and desolation—where he had walked in a land in which every foot of ground is hallowed, and thus after storing his mind full of what he had seen with his own eyes, and heard with his own ears, and was coming back to us to make us participants in his joy, and to die! to die!! to die!!! and

Melt into the vast divine,

Flying from false to true, from wars of sense,

To peace eternal, where the silence lives.

These thoughts pass quickly before us, and we call upon our memory as to what manner of man this was.

Clifford Paynter MacCalla was born in the city of Philadelphia, June 11th, 1837, his ancestors being of Scotch, Irish, and German descent. He was the son of the late Mr. James S. MacCalla, at one time one of the oldest employing printers and successful newspaper publishers in the State of Pennsylvania, who died June, 1885. Bro. MacCalla was educated in the Public Schools of Philadelphia, and graduated a Master of Arts in the Central High School here, in 1855. He read law with Francis Wharton, one of the leading lawyers and counsellors in the United States at that day.

He was also graduated in the University of Pennsylvania law department, in 1858, and was admitted to the Philadelphia bar in the same year. He made the practice of the Orphans' Court his special study, and was an active practitioner and trusted counsellor and advocate.

Bro. MacCalla petitioned for and received the light of Masonry in Concordia Lodge, No. 67, F. and A.M., of Philadelphia, on February 2nd, 1869; was passed March 12th, 1869, and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on April 14th, 1869. He filled the several preparatory offices in the lodge, in which he took an active interest, to the satisfaction of the brethren, so much so that he was elected and installed Worshipful Master of his lodge in December, 1874, serving during 1875, from which he retired with the commendation of the Craft. He was elected and served as Secretary of his lodge from 1877 until 1888, when he declined further service.

In Grand Lodge his merits were quickly recognised, and rewarded in 1882 by election as Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, serving during the years 1883 and 1884, and then as Senior Grand Warden in 1885 and 1886; again as Deputy Grand Master in 1887 and 1888, and finally as R.W. Grand Master in 1889 and 1890, and on retiring was presented by his friends with the jewel of a Past Grand Master.

His official life as a Grand Officer was marked by a close attention to such subordinate duties as were devolved upon him, a careful preparation for the offices awaiting him, so that when as Grand Master he was installed into office, he came fully prepared for the performance of its duties, which was marked by calm, clear, deliberate judgment, a kind regard for the feelings of others, a high appreciation of the responsibilities of the office, and a firm determination to hand it to his successor with all its high prerogatives and ancient rights fully preserved. It was during his administration that the Art Association was brought to life, and he had the proud satisfaction of being its first and only President, and of seeing during and since his retirement from office, some of the finest pieces of artistic decoration to be found in this country or elsewhere, and which now adorn our Masonic Temple. He was the friend of the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, and many a kind word has fallen from his lips during his official life in its favour.

So great was the respect and affection and confidence felt for him as a friend and brother, that R.W. Bro. Thomas R. Patton, Grand Treas., named Bro. MacCalla the first of the five life trustees of the "Thomas R. Patton Masonic Memorial Fund," intended for the relief of widows of Master Masons over forty-five years old. He has served on some of the most important Committees of Grand Lodge—the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in former years, and the present as a member of the Committee on Appeals. He was also the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodges of Michigan and District of Columbia, near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and an honorary member of a number of foreign lodges, &c.

In Capitular Masonry Bro. MacCalla was Marked on May 23rd, 1870; received and accepted a Most Excellent Master on May 23rd, 1870, and exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason on May 23rd, 1870, in the Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, of Philadelphia. In the Orders of Christian Knighthood he was constituted and created a Knight of the illustrious Order of the Red Cross, and dubbed and created a Knight Templar and Knight of Malta on July 14th, 1870, in Mary Commandery, No. 36, K.T., of Philadelphia. He was a member of the Masonic Veterans of Pennsylvania. He never received any degrees in the Concordant Orders.

It might almost be said that Bro. MacCalla was born an editor. As a boy we find him for several years writing a small monthly magazine, his only subscribers being his father and mother, but that encouragement was well deserved. When he became a man he was admitted as one of the editorial staff of the *Episcopal Recorder*, for many years the leading organ of the Episcopal Church. Afterwards he was the editor of the *Episcopal Register* and *The Church*, now known as *The Church Standard*. Of the Episcopal Church he was an ardent adherent, and held many positions, official and otherwise, and was for many years one of the Secretaries of the Conventions in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. He was a member of Christ P. E. Church, Media, Pa. In 1868 *The Keystone*, then but a year old, was printed at the office of MacCalla and Stavely, and it was here that Bro. MacCalla, no doubt impressed with the beauties, began to cultivate his study of Masonry, and soon after his initiation, in 1869, we find him installed as editor-in-chief. Under his able supervision and care *The Keystone* soon became known as a Masonic authority, and earned, after hard labour, the reputation of being the best Masonic newspaper in the country. Under his care *The Keystone*, while not the recognised authority of the Grand Lodge, became, however, almost an oracle, because its teachings were true Freemasonry, based upon the ancient landmarks and work, and they were always in harmony with the Ahiman Rezon, the Grand Masters and common sense of Freemasonry.

We would never tolerate the slightest innovations and never swerved from the straight line of Masonry. He was a writer with a fluent pen, his thoughts were refined and eloquent, his mind was vivid, his descriptive powers beyond the average, his writings and his words always commanded attention from the beginning to the ending, and, above all, he was a careful student of the symbology, the liturgy and jurisprudence of Freemasonry. In the columns of the *Keystone* the credit of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was always maintained, and in it first appeared the proven claims of Philadelphia as being the mother city of Freemasonry in America. His finding of Liber B, the ledger of St. John's Lodge, of 1730, with its full list of members, embracing the leaders of that day in literature, medicine, arts, science, and politics, placed upon record and silenced the counter claims of others. His editorials were always chaste and full of thought and reflection, and were generally republished in other Masonic newspapers or magazines, and duly credited because he wrote as no other man wrote. His editorial letters of travels, as published from time to time in the *Keystone*, mark his ability as a writer. A number of his articles have also been published in book and pamphlet form.

Last year he went abroad for pleasure, and while in England was the recipient of the highest honours and warmest welcomes that could be given to a Mason. Here he met with Bros. Hughan, Gould, Speth, Whythead, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Brown, Wylie, Lyon, and others. It was then his intention to go to the Holy Land, but the party was abandoned and fell through. This year he left home on February 6th, 1892, and sailed direct to Genoa, and thence working his way east, reached Jerusalem, and thence passing north was on his way home, when he was taken sick, of what, or how, or when, we cannot tell, but this we do know—that he is dead.

One year ago, this present month, Bro. MacCalla buried his wife, and her death affected him very much; and while to the public he seemed resigned to his loss, yet in his home and family her memory was tender and deep. He leaves a family of three children, two sons and one daughter.

His eldest son, Willard A., is a member of the firm of MacCalla and Company, printers and publishers of the *Keystone*; a second son, Clifford S. MacCalla, who is 16 years old, and a daughter, Mrs. Asa L. Foster, who, with many friends, await with anxiety the history of his sickness and death, and for his embalmed body's arrival in this country and its final burial in this city. This will not probably be before the middle of May or June.

The R.W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, very justly in testimony of the high appreciation and respect felt for him by the Craft, has through the Grand Master cabled to have Bro. MacCalla's body carefully prepared and embalmed, and forwarded to this city, in order that the brethren may unite in paying their final tribute to his memory.

As a citizen he was a thorough Philadelphian. Everything that could advance the interests of his native city received his attention, hence he was one of the prime movers of the bi-centennial celebration of the landing of William Penn, which was a success during its entire four days.

Such in brief is the story of the life of Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla.

He—dying—leaveth as the sum of him  
A life—count closed, whose ills are dead and quit,  
Whose good is quick and mighty, far and near,  
So that fruits follow it.

His life was a gentle one, marked as all lives are by the shadows of passing sorrows, and to us his death abroad seems like a dream, and we

Learn  
Only when all the dross of sin is quit,  
Only when life like a white flame spent,  
Death dies along with it."

### GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The usual quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on the 5th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, under the presidency (in the absence of the Grand Master Mason, the Earl of Haddington) of Bro. John Graham of Broadstone, Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow, City Acting Grand Master. Bro. Dr. James Middleton, Provincial Grand Master of Roxburgh and Selkirkshires, acted as Grand Master Depute; Bro. the Hon. Thomas Cochrane, Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire, as Substitute Grand Master; Bro. John Campbell, as Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. Charles Baxter, as Junior Grand Warden.

A deputation was introduced from the Lodge Dramatic and Arts, No. 737, headed by the R.W.M., Bro. W. Drummond Young, who, on behalf of his lodge, presented a cheque of 105 guineas as the proceeds of the recent Masonic service in St. Giles' Cathedral in behalf of the Annuity Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence. In handing over this cheque the R.W.M. referred to the able services of the Secretary of the lodge (Bro. W. A. Davis), on whose shoulders had fallen most of the burden of the arrangements for the service.

The GRAND MASTER, in accepting the contribution, said he was much pleased that the R.W.M. had mentioned the Secretary of the lodge, his friend, Bro. Davis, to whom Grand Lodge and the Craft in general owed a deep debt of gratitude for his unwearied labours in connection with the Masonic bazaar.

A charter was granted to Lodge St. Bride, Lochranza, Isle of Arran. Bro. Major R. King Stewart, of Murdostoun, was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire Middle Ward. Bro. William McCullough, J.P., was appointed Provincial Grand Master of New Zealand North.

The Annuity Board had resolved that in future each application for the benefit of the Annuity Fund be sent through the Provincial Grand Lodge to which the petitioner's lodge belongs, but on the motion of Bro. CALDWELL, the Grand Lodge deleted this by a majority of 120 against 53. A proposal that the condition and circumstances of each annuitant be annually reported on by the Provincial Grand Lodges was adopted by 83 against 73.

Grand Lodge next took up consideration of the resolution of which notice had been given by Bro. JAMES SIMPSON, seconded by Bro. D. R. CLARK, to the effect that, as the present minimum fee in lodges under Grand Lodge payable on admission to the Craft was fixed at a time when the funds of Grand Lodge did not allow disbursements for benevolence or annuities, and that, seeing the benefits are now very large, the fees should be very materially increased, and that it be remitted to Grand Committee to consider and recommend the minimum sum it would be advisable to fix, and how it should be applied.

Considerable discussion took place on this, but ultimately the motion was carried by 110 against 59 for the direct negative.

Notice was given of a motion by Bro. M'NAUGHT, seconded by Bro. C. BAXTER, to the effect that the election and installation of office-bearers of Grand Lodge, together with the celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew, be held in Glasgow in November next, provided suitable arrangements can be made.

### MASONIC MSS.—WATSON'S SERIES.

The opportunity afforded by the quarterly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire last week was taken to express the satisfaction of the members at the publication of so many excellent reproductions of old MS. Constitutions under the editorship of Bro. William Watson, of Leeds.

The West Yorkshire Masonic Library has now four valuable MSS. of the "Old Charges," three of which have been published, viz., "Thomas W. Tew MS." (two editions), and "William Watson MS.," with introductions by Bro. Hughan, and the "Clapham MS." by Bro. Watson. Under the same auspices the "Hope, Waistell, and Probity" MSS., have been reproduced, edited by Bros. Hughan and Watson, making a most valuable trio, and the "Hughan MS." is now being prepared for publication by the transcriber and editor, Bro. Watson.

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MARK LODGE.—Derby, No. 301.

Consecration of the St. Stephen's Lodge, No. 2424.

Presentation to Bro. Frederick West, D.P.G.M. Surrey.

We are also compelled to hold over a number of lodges and chapters of instruction.



SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1892.

**Masonic Notes.**

Next week will be an exceedingly busy one in Masonic circles on both sides of St. George's Channel. Monday is set apart as speech-day at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Battersea Rise, and the prizes will be distributed by the Duchess of Connaught. On Wednesday the 104th Anniversary Festival will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Duke of Connaught. On Friday the annual meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place at Freemasons' Tavern, and the elections to fill vacancies on the Male and Widows' Funds will be held. The poll will open as soon as the regular business has been transacted, and will close punctually at three p.m.

In Dublin the whole week will be occupied with fêtes in behalf of the Masonic Female Orphan School. On Monday the prizes will be distributed, while on the five remaining days there will be held in the grounds of the Royal Dublin Society a Bazaar and Fancy Fair, to commemorate the Centenary of the foundation of the Charity. Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M. of Ireland, the Duchess of Abercorn, and all the principal dignitaries of the Order, with a host of ladies, will take part in the proceedings, which we sincerely trust will effect the object in view of providing a fund for the furtherance of the interests of the children on leaving the School.

The Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys have decided to hold their monthly meetings at the Institution, on the Friday of the week previous to the council Meetings, which fall on the first Saturday in each month.

The next Council meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held on the second Saturday in June, in consequence of Whit-Monday (being a Bank Holiday) occurring in the week following the regular day of meeting.

We are glad to learn that Bro. George Everett, Past Grand Treasurer, who is an active member of the Board of Management, has arranged to take "Our Boys" to Kempton Park on Saturday, June 25th, for their annual sports. We hope the Weather Office will set the barometer at "fair," so that the boys and their friends will have an enjoyable day's outing.

It will be noticed in the memoir of the late Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla, P.G.M. of Pennsylvania, which we have quoted in full in another part of our columns from the Philadelphia *Keystone*, that no mention is made of our deceased brother's connection as honorary member with sundry well-known English lodges. We feel sure, however, that our readers generally, and in particular those among them who had the opportunity of making Bro. MacCalla's acquaintance when on a visit to this country a year or two since, will be pleased to learn that he was an honorary member of the Quatuor Coronati, the Eboracum, the United Northern Counties, and the Anglo-American Lodges.

Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D. of England, &c., has promised to lecture under the wing of the United Industrious Lodge, No. 31, Canterbury, on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at an emergency meeting convened for that purpose. The other lodges which assemble in the city will be invited, and the attendance of visitors will be esteemed. The subject desired by the lodge is a most interesting one, viz., "A Masonic Retrospect of Five Centuries."

Bro. Hughan will also deliver another lecture on the following day to the members of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, Chatham, the subject chosen being "Old Lodges." As it is the regular night of meeting of this ancient lodge and many visitors are expected, a good time is evidently before the brethren in Kent, to whom Bro. Hughan's labours on behalf of the Craft are well known and warmly appreciated.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will be held on Saturday, the 25th June, at Teddington, under the presidency of the Prov. G.M., Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.

Our worthy contemporary, the *Statist*, has been reporting upon the accounts of the two Masonic Schools, which he tells us were furnished him by a "good Mason." The criticisms he indulges in, however, are delusive, as all criticisms must be when they are confined to a few extracts or deal only with a few figures. But it is amusing to be told that "our friendly Mason" is "particularly indignant about the extravagance of the recent appointment of an official at a salary of £1000 a year by the Committee of the Institution." We have heard of no such official having been appointed by the Girls' School Committee. The Prince of Wales, as M.W.G.M., has appointed a new Grand Secretary, but this has about as much to do with the Girls' School as the appointment by the Queen of a new Prime Minister or a new Commander-in-Chief would have.

The foundation-stone of the new buildings in connection with the Science and Art Schools at Weston-super-Mare was laid on Monday last with Masonic ceremony by the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Dungravan. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. R. C. Else, and a large number of brethren from different parts of the province were also present. A banquet afterwards took place at the Grand Atlantic Hotel, at which the Prov. Grand Master presided.

Bro. Walter Vaughan Morgan was on Monday last unanimously elected as Alderman of the Ward of Cordwainer in succession to Alderman Cowan, resigned. It will be remembered that on the retirement of Bro. J. Derby Allcroft from the Treasurership of Christ's Hospital, Bro. Morgan was elected to that honourable post. We heartily congratulate him on the additional honour conferred on him by his fellow citizens. An almost unbroken succession of members of the Craft seems to characterise the occupants of the Aldermanic chairs, and Bro. Morgan, as a P.M. of his lodge, and P.Z. of his chapter, is no exception to the rule.

**Reviews.**

**FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF ESSEX, 1892.**

The editor of this artistic and handy Masonic guide for Essex is the esteemed Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. Thomas J. Ralling, who has now for eight years acted in that capacity, and many more as the Secretary of the province. It is published at one shilling. There are 32 lodges, eight R.A. chapters, and five Mark lodges in Essex, the Craft having for its Prov. G.M. Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., the Arch being presided over by the Grand Registrar of England, Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., the Grand Superintendent; and the Mark lodges are included in the Province of East Anglia, Bro. Lord Henniker, P.G.M., as the Prov. G.M.M. The editing is carefully done by Bro. Ralling, as all who know him will readily believe. Special features of the work that may be cited are—the portrait and biographical sketch of Bro. Shurmur (the first W.M. 2374 and P. Prov. G. Treas.); "Masonic Notes," and "Events of the Year 1891." The votes for the Central Masonic Charities, arranged in lodges, chapters, &c., and individual subscribers, compiled by Bro. R. H. Ives, exhibit a total of 5252, which for some 1500 or more members speaks volumes in praise of the zeal and benevolence of the brethren. There is just one wish we have on finishing our perusal of the directory, and that is, to see a statistical summary of the province, as in many other calendars.

**FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY, 1892-93, PROVINCE OF NORFOLK.**

The issue of this year is an improvement on its predecessors, for, as its enlarged title indicates, the present compilation is both a calendar and directory, whereas previously, though termed "Freemasons' Calendar," it was really a directory without the calendar. This *bijou* publication is wonderfully condensed, and the marvel is that in such a small space so much information of a valuable and interesting character has been pressed within its 90 pages. Bro. G. W. G. Barnard, the respected and zealous Prov. Grand Secretary, has ably discharged the editorial duties, and is the honoured medium of placing a most useful and handy guide in the hands of his province. There are 17 lodges, seven Royal Arch chapters, one Mark lodge only, two Rose Croix chapters, and two Knights Templar preceptories. For all these bodies there are full particulars, the number of subscribing brethren who have passed the chair in each organisation being exceptionally large, there being 24 Past Masters for the Union Lodge, No. 52, Norwich, and all the lodges appear to retain their Past Masters as members to a most gratifying extent. Bro. Barnard does not say a word as to the votes for the Central Masonic Charities, but naturally the difficulty is not easily surmounted of increasing the information, and yet keeping the excellent annual to a most convenient vest pocket size.

A concert will be given in St. James's Hall on Monday, the 23rd inst., in aid of the Gordon Boys' Home, at which the Duke and Duchess of Connaught have promised to be present.



**Craft Masonry.**

**METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.**

**Athenæum Lodge (No. 1491).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Athenæum, Camden-road, N., on Wednesday, the 4th inst. The occasion presented the interesting feature in the installation of Bro. Felix Henri Weiss, one of the most popular members of the lodge. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Surgeon-Major Henry Myers, P.M., and amongst those who welcomed the new Master were Bros. P. Wynn Westcott, Miller, Johnson, and others. The W.M. invested the following officers: Bros. P. A. Oliver, I.P.M.; Willoughby Weiss, S.W.; Miller, J.W.; Felix Weiss, P.M., Treas.; Brocksby, P.M., Sec.; A. G. Klugh, S.D.; Wm. Van Praage, J.D.; and J. Rayson, I.G. About 30 brethren sat down to banquet, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

**Royal Savoy Lodge (No. 1744).**—The last meeting of the session of this well-known lodge was held on the 26th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. R. Ross, W.M.; C. J. Knightley, S.D.; Geo. Mordey, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., Treas.; H. Dickey, P.M., Sec.; O. Ruzicka, A. H. Cole, T. Jefferies, E. M. Weston, J. C. Smith, P.M.; J. C. Pratt, E. H. Holland, I.P.M.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M.; Geo. Thompson, J. Moore, J. Greenfield, A. R. Fox, Jno. Fletcher, W. H. Smith, E. Wymer, A. George, G. Sillick, W. Jennings, F. J. Walker, J. Adcock, A. Berg, Thomas Crane, and R. T. West. The visitors were Bros. Geo. Smith, 2331; R. Chattey, 2271; J. Kilvington, P.M. 1790; J. N. Hare, 1987; and George C. Dickey.

The lodge was opened, and in the temporary absence of the W.M., Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M., in excellent manner passed Bro. John Fletcher. It was unanimously resolved to vote £5 each out of the Benevolent Fund to two late members of the lodge who were in distress.

After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast, and on the removal of the cloth the W.M., Bro. Ross, gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were cordially received.

Bro. Holland, I.P.M., proposed in suitable terms "The Health of the W.M."

The W.M., in reply, referred to the great kindness he had received from the brethren while he had the honour of being the Master of the lodge.

In giving the toast of "The Past Masters and the Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. specially mentioned Bro. W. M. Stiles, who was so well known in the Masonic world, and who, he was delighted to hear, was a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer next year. He wished him every success, and felt sure that he would have the unanimous vote of the lodge.

Bro. Stiles, in reply, stated that the Past Masters of that lodge were united in good old fraternal friendship. He was very proud of the honour of having been selected as a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer, and that he and another were at present the only candidates for that important office.

Bro. Dickey, P.M., Sec., also responded. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," the W.M. remarking that they were always welcome at the lodge.

All the visitors responded. Bro. Hare stated that he had been long connected with the lodge, first as a member and afterwards frequently a visitor. He was very pleased to hear that Bro. Stiles was a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer, and he would do his utmost in helping to secure his election.

Bro. Geo. C. Dickey also replied. It was a surprise to him to be there that evening. He had been away from England for some years, and had only just returned. His being present was like old times. This was his mother lodge, and he should offer himself as a joining member. The lodge seemed to be the same as of old—the same good old friendship, and he was delighted to be among the brethren again.

The toast of "The Officers" was given by the W.M., to which Bros. Geo. Mordey and Ruzicka responded.

The next toast, "The Lay Members," was coupled with the name of Bro. Fox, who had done good service that night for a late member of the lodge who was in distress.

Bro. Fox, in reply, mentioned the amount—a substantial sum—which he had collected from the brethren that night, in addition to the sum voted from the Benevolent Fund.

The Tyler's toast closed a pleasant evening. The vocal entertainment was carried out by Bros. Geo. Thompson, G. C. Dickey, Moore, Kilvington, Mordey, and Ruzicka.

**Richmond Lodge (No. 2032).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond. Bro. Albert Crew, W.M., opened the lodge, and there were present, among others, Bros. Blasby, P.M., Treas.; Sapsworth, P.M.; G. E. Rowland, Sec.; and the officers, besides the following visitors: Bros. J. W. Brooking, 1541; W. Bennett, S.W. 732; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; Thos. Neal, D.C. 1348; H. Massey, P.M. 1928, &c.; J. Fryer, Stwd. 1791; J. H. Jarvis, P.M. 1627; G. E. Harrison, 733; W. J. Hatton, 186; J. W. Clarke, J.W. 1512; H. J. Wilson, 1321; G. B. Wheeler, 2032; J. E. Shand, P.M. and Sec. 2030; W. T. Peat, 1650, P.G. Org. Middx.; S. Hunt, 1196; J. A. Allison, P.M. 788; J. D. McDougall, P.M. 788; M. D. Akerman, J.W., 1466; A. Tucker, P.M. 1365; Frank Bridge, 1732; H. McNeill, 733; C. R. Smith, 1650; F. Barber, 503; C. W. Bennett, 179; H. Clifford, 432; W. G. Johnson, 975; and Skewes Cox (Mayor of Richmond).

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Sapsworth raised Bro. Ratchiff to the Third Degree, and Bro. Blasby, P.M. and Treas., afterwards installed Bro. Alfred Aldin, S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M. of the lodge. The following brethren were the officers for the year: Bros. A. Crew, I.P.M.; T. Covell, S.W.; T. Aldridge, J.W.; B. E. Blasby, P.M., Treas.; G. C. Rowland, Sec.; S. Abell,

S.D.; H. F. Nash, J.D.; G. Trinder, I.G.; T. Keys, D.C.; F. Hampton, Org.; E. Dare, P.M., F. R. Robinson, and A. C. Taylor, Stwds.; and Mitchell, Tyler. The new W.M. afterwards initiated Mr. Henry Hill Smith, in excellent style, and concluded by giving the ancient charge perfectly. The W.M. appealed to the brethren to support his list for the Boys' School, and the brethren subsequently unanimously adopted a motion of Bro. Blasby that to guineas be given from the lodge funds towards a testimonial to Bro. Rowland in recognition of his efficiency and energy as Secretary of the lodge. Bro. Rowland read the following letter from Bro. Forster Reynolds, the late Treasurer: "Membrenugé Vassé, Western Australia, March 17th, 1892. To the Worshipful Master of the Richmond Lodge.—Worshipful Sir,—I hope you will receive this on the 3rd May. Although not with you in flesh shall be in spirit, and will drink to the good health of you, sir, and all members of the Richmond Lodge. May it go on and prosper root and branch, and still uphold those truly Masonic ornaments which Bro. Aldin has so much at heart, viz., benevolence and Charity. The watch the lodge so kindly presented to me has been much admired. I wore it away, and since leaving England when I make use of it the watch reminds me of secrecy, the hour hand of fidelity, and the minute hand of obedience, three of the excellencies of a Masonic character. With my good wishes to you all, believe me, Worshipful Sir, to remain yours very truly and fraternally, FORSTER REYNOLDS, P.M."

"Let's drink, laugh, and sing,  
Our wine has a spring,  
Here's a health to an Accepted Mason."

Lodge was then closed, and the usual choice banquet followed.

Bro. Skewes Cox, P.G. Stwd., being called upon to reply for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," said he was glad the W.M. had been in Grand Lodge, as he was able to convey to the brethren the impressiveness made on his mind by the working of the Grand Officers. Many of those brethren were noblemen, who might have remained at home at ease, but their love of the Craft made them put aside their own comfort. The affairs of Grand Lodge could not be in better hands than they were at present. He was sure the W.M. would do his best to develop the bump of benevolence in the hearts of the members of the Richmond Lodge; they had only to be touched in the right way, and then his list would be a good one.

Bro. Albert Crew, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," whom the brethren had known many years. Bro. Aldin was the first initiate in the Richmond Lodge, and he was now installed in the chair. The brethren had seen his working that night, and they must all agree that they had the prospect of a grand year before them.

The Worshipful Master, whose rising was the signal for loud applause, in reply, said that a little time back he never thought he should be placed in the W.M.'s chair, but now that he was placed there he intended to do well. He could only repeat that so far as lay in his power the lodge should be represented and go on well, but he required the aid of the brethren for that purpose. The officers could not be surpassed in efficiency, and he was sure they would do all they could to assist him. If the brethren continued to do that in future years the lodge would be second to none. The lodge had the men, and they only wanted stirring up. He was certain they would help him all they could. Although he should do his level best, the result remained very much with the brethren.

Bro. H. H. Smith responded to the toast of "The Initiate."  
Several brethren responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. Crew, I.P.M., to whom an elegant Past Master's jewel was presented for his excellent presidency over the lodge for the past year, and who was much complimented by the W.M. in proposing the toast, replied, and assured the brethren of his deep interest in the lodge, which would be none the less now that he was enrolled in the ranks of the Past Masters.

The other toasts followed.

Under the direction of Bro. G. H. Breadmore, the brethren were entertained with a cheerful selection of vocal and instrumental music by Bro. Herbert Schartau's part singers: Miss Gertrude Hudson, L.R.A.M., Gold Medallist, Bro. Herbert Schartau, Mr. Sydney Beckley, Bro. C. T. Johnson, and Bro. Edward Dalzell, P.M.

**Quatuor Coronati Lodge (No. 2076).**—The lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 6th inst. Present: Bros. W. H. Rylands, W.M.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; I.P.M.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; E. Macbean, S.D.; W. M. Williams, J.D.; C. Kupferschmidt, I.G.; and Dr. B. W. Richardson; also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. C. N. MacIntyre North, W. Fooks, Dr. R. A. Douglas Lithgow, R. A. Gowan, Rev. H. Thomas, J. W. Stevens, F. W. Levander, as S.W.; Dr. J. Balfour Cockburn, as J.W.; Prof. F. W. Driver, E. Haward, G. Greiner, F. A. Powell, T. Charters White, H. H. Riach, C. B. Barnes, G. Gardner, J. S. Cumberland, G. Gregson, and H. M. French Bromhead; also the following visitors: Bros. J. J. Newland, 1949; J. H. Davis, 33; Dr. H. Pusche, of the Lodge Charlotte of the Three Globes, Meiningen; and Dr. Fletcher Beach, 1837.

The following four lodges and 65 brethren were admitted to the membership of the Correspondence Circle: Lodge of Fidelity, No. 5, Gawler, of St. John, No. 15, Strathalbyn, and Holdfast Lodge, No. 30, Unley, all of South Australia, and West-End Lodge, No. 331, Brisbane, Queensland. Bros. M. V. Adams, P.M. 32, Adelaide; M. M. Irving, P.M. 447 (S.C.), Sydney; G. Robertson, P.M. 1521, Waterloo, N.Z.; T. Scott, P.M. 735, Nelson, N.Z.; C. H. Ward, W.M. 1372, Warwick; R. Aland, P.M. 1315, T. May, P.M. 1315, both of Toowoomba, and J. V. Chataway, W.M. 318 (I.C.), Mackay, all four of Queensland; E. B. G. Peppé, 617, Buenos Ayres; H. J. Dobbs, 73, Amherst, Virginia; T. B. Lamb, 308, Meridian, Mississippi; W. A. Veno, 59, Atlanta, Georgia; H. Gregory, 37, Providence, Rhode Island; S. O. Hingston, 443, and F. P. Hingston, 437, both of Welden, Iowa; J. C. Yorston, Philadelphia, and D. W. Price, 274, Altoona, Pennsylvania; D. H. Greathatch, 1574, and J. H. Helman, 591, both of Kimberley, South Africa; B. P. Vallentine, 1467, Dordrecht, South Africa; G. Webster, 1581, Middleton, South Africa; J. M. Patlansky, Johannesburg, J. R. Harrison, P.M., and W. H. Raymond, both of 747 (S.C.), Barberton, and A. A. J. C. Dieperink, Krugersdorp, South African Republic. W. Hughes, Dist. G.W., Surg.-Capt. M. L. Hughes, D.G. Stwd., and Lieut. G. C. A.

Marescaux, R.N., D.G.I.G., all of 349, Malta; J. Saint, jun., 761, Aberdeen; J. Carruthers, W.M. 465, Asst. G. Soj. of Scotland, and J. W. Ruddock, 772, both of Glasgow; W. A. Dinwiddie, Prov. G.W.; J. Robson, Prov. G. Sec., and P. Sulley, 53, all three of Dumfries; J. Gravell, 1427, and G. E. Macarthy, P.M. 1427, both of Newcastle-on-Tyne; M. Scott, P.P.G.W., P.M. 566, Yorkshire; P. Sword, P.M. 1380, J. Armstrong, P.M. 148, T. A. Bellew, 1380, T. Chesters, 1380, T. S. Hunt, 1675, R. Maggee, W.M. 1675, J. Pittaway, P.M. 1182, W. F. Robinson, W.M. 2132, A. Samuels, P.M. 1350, T. H. Walker, 1675, P. Blackburn, P.M. 1380, and C. Ratcliffe, P.M. 216, all twelve of Liverpool; G. H. Whittaker, P.M. 1723, Lancashire; C. A. Markham, 360, Northampton; W. G. Smith, W.M. 473, and J. T. Collins, P.G.S.B., Dep. P.G.M. Warwickshire, both of Birmingham; A. E. Sharp, 985, Norfolk; A. C. Chapin, 137, Dorset; J. Hodson, 1184, and T. Bushby, 341, both of Sussex; H. M. F. Bromhead, Prov. G.W. Essex; Dr. Fletcher Beach, P.M. 231, Kent; Dr. Lloyd-Tuckey, 1694, H. B. Chamberlain, 2 (S.C.), J. Robbins, P.M. 231, H. C. Monro, 1826, Rev. H. A. Hebb, Head Master K.M.I. for Boys, and H. W. Noakes, 108.

The death at Port Said on Sunday, the 24th ult., of Bro. C. P. MacCalla, P.G.M. of Pennsylvania, member of the Circle, and an annual visitor to the lodge, was greatly deplored by the brethren, and the Secretary was directed to communicate the sentiments of the members to the family of the late brother. Various matters of private business having been attended to, Bro. W. Fooks, LL.B., read a paper entitled "Freemasons in reference to the Laws of the Realm." After reviewing the legislation of an early date which only affected Freemasons as part and parcel of the general body of artisans and labourers, Bro. Fooks dwelt at some length on the two statutes which were undoubtedly directed at them as Freemasons, and his observations lost none of their inherent interest from being interspersed with some fine passages of elquence, a feature which was more marked still when he subsequently replied on the discussion. Suggestions and criticisms were offered by Bros. Dr. Richardson, W. M. Williams, Speth, the W.M., and MacIntyre North, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer, on the motion of Bros. Bywater and Levander.

The brethren then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for refreshment.

**Argonauts' Lodge (No. 2243).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday last at Cromwell Hall, Putney, when there were pre-cent Bros. G. D. Lister, W.M.; T. W. Willis, S.W.; E. T. Smith, J.W.; Gordon Smith, I.P.M., Sec.; H. H. Woodroffe, J.D.; P. S. Smith, I.G.; E. Monteuis, P.M., P.G.S.B., D.C.; C. W. Hughes, Stwd.; F. G. Mitchell, Tyler; H. M. Watt, H. B. Adcock, J. A. Drake Smith, P. A. N. Thorn, J. F. Stilwell, W. Theobald, and W. Webb Benjamin, 1768.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. At the request of Bro. E. T. Smith, J.W. (as W.M. 1768), Bro. Benjamin was passed to the Second Degree. Some formal business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the adjoining room to dinner.

**Bishopsgate Lodge (No. 2396).**—The installation of Bro. Alderman Davies as the second Master of this lodge took place on Monday, the 2nd inst., in the new Masonic room at the Great Eastern Hotel. This excellent lodge was only consecrated last year, but has held some very successful meetings under the presidency of Bro. Geo. Noah Johnson, C.C., P.M. 1, P.G.S., who was the first Master, and as such was presented at this meeting with a handsome jewel from the members of the lodge. Among those present were Bros. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; H. F. Tibbatts, S.W.; A. J. Hollington, P.M. 58, P.G.S., J.W.; Deputy Dadswell, Treas.; Milton Smith, Sec.; S. Jacobs, P.M. 1327, P.P.G.P. Herts, S.D.; E. G. Cherry, J.D.; J. Collinson, P.M. 862, I.G.; A. P. Little, P.M. 1685, Stwd.; H. Mead, P.M. 788, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., D.C.; F. M. Mercer, C.C., F. E. H. Dadswell, David A. Romain, H. H. Richardson, C.C., W. Newman, and other members of the lodge; while the list of visitors included Bros. Tickle, C.C., P.P.G. Reg. Middx.; Alderman Wilkin, P.G.S.; H. M. Bates, P.G.S.; Raddall, J. Laidlaw Cross, P.M.; Tyler, P.M.; Jackson, White, P.M.; Knight, Marshall, Beswick, Meister, and others.

The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. G. N. Johnson in eloquent style, after which the officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year.

At the banquet Bro. Hogard replied to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and Bro. Tickle for "The Visitors."  
In giving "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Johnson spoke of the admirable progress made by the lodge during its short existence, so that it had become quite a local institution, and hoped that a large increase of members would take place during his lordship's year of office. The Alderman was in full sympathy with their desire to promote good fellowship and mutual friendship in the Ward, and he looked upon it as a happy omen that their civic chief had taken a leading part in their councils so early in the Ward's existence.

The Worshipful Master, whose health was drunk with enthusiasm, said he had accepted office with full knowledge of its responsibilities. He trusted that notwithstanding all pressure of public duties he would be a working Master, and he would be glad to perform any work the brethren called upon him to perform. He had excellent officers, and he noticed that no less than five of them had passed through the experience of the chair. The good feeling and devotion to the Order which led a brother to descend from the position of P.M. to that of Steward could not be too highly praised. In following Bro. Johnson he had a difficult task, but would try to emulate his earnestness, and in the meanwhile would ask the brethren to drink to his honour, and to wish him a long career of usefulness.

Bro. Johnson, in reply, referred to his experience in the chair, and the pleasure he had experienced in welcoming so many additions to the Craft. The presence of two visitors reminded him of previous occasions—one about seven years ago, when he was appointed I.P.M. at the consecration of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, over which Bro. Jackson is now W.M., and also of an evening 19 or 20 years ago, when he left the chair of Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, represented that evening by Bro. Alderman Wilkin. The growth of Masonry during that period had been marked, as was shown in the strength of our Charities. The vicissitudes of position were part of the healthy discipline of Masonry, and

experience gained in the chair was always of the highest value among junior officers. The jewel presented him he should ever value as a mark of esteem from the neighbours among whom his life had been spent.

In proposing "The Visitors," the Worshipful Master said he was sure they came to spend a pleasant evening and not to criticise the juvenile efforts of the lodge.

In response, Bro. Tickle declared that when he saw so much red and purple among the officers he considered it a good sign for the lodge. He congratulated the W.M. on his public career having become in some eight years about—a Common Councilman, Sheriff, and Alderman.

After the usual other toasts the meeting was brought to a happy conclusion by a subscription to the list of the W.M., who is serving as Steward at the Girls' Festival, when nearly £30 was raised.

An excellent selection of vocal music was supplied by Miss Masie Riversdale, Miss Hilda Reading, Miss Emily Foxcroft, Bro. John Bartlett, and Mr. M. Dwyer, under the direction of Bro. Haskins, Organist to the lodge.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

### BOLTON.

**St. George's Lodge (No. 1723).**—The installation meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 27th ult. There was a large attendance, amongst those present being Bros. J. B. Goulburn, W.M.; Thos. E. Smith, S.W.; J. Miles, J.W.; M. Fielding, P.J.G.W., Treas.; E. G. Harwood, P.P.J.G.W.; J. H. Greenhalgh, P.G. Treas.; N. Nicholson, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Blain, P.G. Steward; B. Derham, P.M.; W. Court, P.M.; A. Cosgrave, P.M.; G. H. Whittaker, P.M.; and a considerable number of other members. The visitors included Bros. J. L. Hine, 64, P.P.S.G.W.; T. J. Hooper, 1633, P.P.G. Treas.; J. M. Rutter, 221, P.P.G. Reg.; J. W. Taylor, 221, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Forrest, 37 and 221, Prov. S.G.D.; J. Newton, 37, P.A.G. Sec., Sec. East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution; W. H. Cunliffe, 269, P.P.G.D.C.; F. W. Brockbank, 37, P.G. Steward; T. Murphy, S.W. 37; J. Binns, W.M. 146; W. H. Brown, W.M. 221; J. Mantell, W.M. 348; H. A. Thornton, W.M. 2324; T. H. Watson, P.M. 350; J. Waring, P.M. 1134; T. Mellor, 191; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. F. E. Smith, S.W., W.M. elect, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. B. Derham, P.M. The officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested, viz.: Bros. J. Miles, S.W.; W. Atham, J.W.; B. Derham, P.M., Treas.; J. Urmston, Sec.; H. M. Staveley, S.D.; J. Orrell, J.D.; J. B. Goulburn, P.M., D.C.; G. H. Whittaker, P.M. Org.; J. Ashton, I.G.; R. H. Beswick, G. A. Bowness, W. Morris, and T. Taberner, Stewards; and S. Rawsthorne, Tyler. The retiring W.M., Bro. J. B. Goulburn, was invested by the W.M. with a Past Master's jewel, voted to him at the previous meeting. A most interesting proceeding then took place, viz., the investiture of the following 10 brethren with Charity jewels presented by the lodge, the brethren named having qualified themselves to wear the same: Bros. E. G. Harwood, P.P. J.G.W.; B. Derham, P.M.; J. B. Goulburn, P.M.; Thos. E. Smith, W.M.; John Miles, S.W.; John Urmston, Sec.; Miles Settle, Thos. Naylor, Thos. Magee, and A. Taylor. A candidate for initiation was proposed and seconded, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed.

The brethren, to the number of 66, adjourned to the banquet room, and on the cloth being removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and an enjoyable evening was passed.

### FRIZINGTON.

**Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).**—The monthly meeting of the above lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 4th inst. Bro. Wakefield, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. W. Robinson, S.W.; W. Shaw, J.W.; G. Dalrymple, P.M., Treas.; H. Hartley, P.M., Sec.; J. Armstrong, S.D.; E. Jackson, J.D.; R. Douglas, I.G.; W. Barwise, Tyler; Jas. Harper, P.M., P.P. G. Std. Br.; J. Maleham, R. James, R. Wilkinson, J. H. Hin J, J. Baraganath, T. L. Nicholls, Wm. Brown, W. Lowery, J. Elliott, and C. L. Lawson.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, after which one candidate was balloted for and initiated, two passed, and one raised. Bro. Wm. Robinson, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. G. Dalrymple, P.M., Treasurer for the eighth time. One candidate was proposed, and with "Hearty good wishes" from Lodge No. 1959, the lodge was closed.

### GRAVESEND.

**Pegasus Lodge (No. 2205).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the New Falcon Hotel on Saturday, the 7th inst., and attracted a large number of brethren from the Metropolis. Present: Bros. Viscount Dunganvan, P.G.M. Somerset, W.M.; A. N. Clewlow, S.W.; C. Val Hunter, J.W.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; J. Barnett, jun., P.M., Sec.; W. Baker, J.D.; J. H. Pasnore, I.G.; C. H. Driver, P.G. Supt. of Works; G. R. Cobham, P.M.; and H. A. Saunders. Visitors: Bros. Dr. W. H. Kempster, P.G. Stwd.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177; H. Neville, S.W. 1320; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.W. Middx.; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; R. Berridge, W.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge; Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas.; C. G. Moore, P.M. 227; J. C. Biggs, P.P. G.D.C.; F. M. Newton, W.M. 90; J. Packer, 2271; N. Prower, W.M. 1745; F. Pusey, P.M. 1107; W. A. Scurrah, P.M. 167, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; A. Darch, P.M. 72; H. Clewlow, 1744; E. Storr, P.M. 167; T. Glass, J.W. 860; G. Gabb, P.M. 992; T. C. Edmonds, P.M. 1507; B. Kauffman, P.M. 1732; L. Solomon, P.M. 1732; W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507; F. C. Walker, W.M. 1464; J. Solomon, P.M. 1464; M. Christian, S.W. 860; T. B. Dodson, P.M. 860; R. Burtleton, 860; H. Jenkins, P.M. 860; T. R. Brown, 860; W. Russell, P.M. 1464, P.G. Treas.; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., the minutes confirmed, and the Auditors' report received and adopted. Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br., then assumed the chair, and the Wardens' offices were filled Bros. Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas., and C. H. Driver, P.G. Supt. of Wks. Bro. Arthur Nixon Clewlow was presented as W.M. elect by Bro. R. Berridge, acting D.C., and was duly installed as W.M. for

the ensuing year. The following appointments were made: Bros. C. Chaffourier, S.W.; C. Val Hunter, J.W.; C. F. Matier, P.M., P.G. St. Br., Treas.; Jno. Barnett, jun., P.M., Sec.; W. Baker, S.D.; J. H. Pasmore, J.D.; H. A. Saunders, I.G.; Carter, D.C.; Hurst, Stwd.; and Martin, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by the W. Master, in recognition of his services during the past year. Bro. Viscount Dungan, I.P.M., in returning thanks, said this was the lodge in which he first occupied the chair, and although he felt he had not performed his duties as well as many of his predecessors, he was gratified by the appreciation of the brethren in giving him a Past Master's jewel. Bro. J. Barnett, jun., P.M., Sec., was elected as the Charity representative for the province, and apologies from several distinguished brethren having been read, the lodge was closed.

After an excellent banquet the customary toasts were given, the speeches being commendably brief in order to allow the brethren to catch the return train to town.

Bro. Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas., replying for "The Grand Officers," said he felt it a very great honour and privilege in the presence of so many Grand Officers and so many distinguished brethren to respond to this important toast. It was by the mere accident of his Masonic rank that he was called upon to do so, and not by any special fitness on his part. The W.M. had been good enough to submit the toast in a kindly manner, and the brethren had received it with every cordiality. The Grand Officers felt a great satisfaction in thinking they stood so well with the Craft in general, and that the mention of their names was always received with kindness. They also felt pleasure in attending—especially on occasions such as this—to testify the great interest they took in the Craft, and their desire to see the grand principles carried out in the best possible manner. Perhaps he would be allowed to digress to make an allusion to the W.M. It was a great pleasure to see installed into the chair one so fitted to adorn it, for Bro. A. Clemow possessed in an eminent degree those great characteristics that so much tended to constitute a good Master and a true Mason. The kind heartedness and geniality of Bro. Clemow had endeared him to all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and every brother in the room would unite in wishing him a very happy and prosperous year of office. On behalf of the Grand Officers, he (Bro. Everett) again returned thanks for the kind reception given them, and assured the members that they would carry away very pleasant recollections of their visit to the Pegasus Lodge when Bro. Clemow was installed.

Bro. W. Russell, Prov. G. Treas., responded for "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." He was sorry the Prov. Grand Master was unable to attend, and also that the Deputy Prov. Grand Master was so ill that it was impossible for him to attend to his Masonic business. The rest of the Prov. Grand Officers did what they could to keep Masonry going in Kent, and personally he was not forgetful that money was the sinews of war. They relieved cases of distress, but did not forget appropriate occasions of enjoying themselves in a becoming manner. They held two provincial meetings, the first being for actual business, which he hoped many members of this lodge would attend, for they liked to see those brethren who resided in London fraternising with those residing in the province, for they thus were enabled to know each other better and become knit more closely in the Masonic brotherhood. The provincial meeting would probably be held at Ramsgate, and nothing would delight the Prov. Grand Master more than to see a good meeting on that occasion.

Bro. Viscount Dungan, I.P.M., then said he rose to propose a toast which he was sure they would receive most heartily—"The Worshipful Master." Freemasonry reminded him of the seven ages of man, for there were seven principle officers in the lodge. It had given him great pleasure to occupy two chairs in that lodge—those of S.W. and W.M.—and also to rise as I.P.M. to propose the toast of the evening. No brother could propose the toast more cordially or more heartily than he, for he was indebted to Bro. Clemow, W.M., for the kindness—for which he was extremely grateful—in giving way, when it was a matter of great importance that he should occupy the chair. The W.M. had been most loyal, and when he (the I.P.M.) was installed in Somerset, was good enough to attend his installation. That was a kindness for which he was also extremely grateful. This lodge possessed few members, but they always found a great many brethren accepting its hospitality. That was a matter of which they were proud, and he hoped it would go on and be accepted as it was tendered. He asked all present to drink heartily to the toast.

Bro. A. N. Clemow, W.M., thanked the brethren very much for the kind manner in which they had received the toast so ably proposed by the I.P.M. He was sure the I.P.M. had spoken rather too flatteringly of his little mannerisms, although he appreciated it very much, and should most certainly endeavour to maintain the working of the lodge in the same manner it had been conducted in the past. He was certain that in doing so he should receive the aid of the Past Masters and the kind assistance of the officers, and in that case his year would be successful.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Visitors," and expressed the gratification of the members in seeing so many visitors present, and their hope that on many future occasions there would be as goodly an array.

Bro. T. B. Dodson, P.M. 860, briefly returned thanks, and the Tyler's toast caused an adjournment to the railway station, from whence a pleasant journey was made to the Metropolis.

**HANDSWORTH.**

**St. James's Lodge (No. 482).**—A very successful meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms on Monday, the 2nd inst., to celebrate its jubilee. The following brethren were present: Bros. G. Shread, W.M.; W. B. Stocker, P.P.J.G.D. Gloucestershire, I.P.M.; William Lister, S.W.; A. E. Hart, J.W.; S. Jenkins, P.M., Chap.; J. F. Pepper, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Treas.; H. Payton, P.M., Sec.; Dr. Holdsworth, S.D.; T. B. Shread, J.D.; H. Loveridge, I.G.; J. F. Thomason, Org.; B. Nock, Asst. Org.; F. Skevington and J. Crouch, Stwds.; W. J. Whittall, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. Jacobs, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Dr. Parkes, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. Deeley, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Warrillow, P.M.; F. Hughes, W. Allman, W. Spencer, F. A. Walton, W. Walton, H. Riley, and F. H. Pepper. Visitors: Bros. W. F. Bradley, P.M. 662, P.G. Chap.; E. Wood, P.M. 662, P.S.G.D. Worcestershire; Mathias Barker, P.M. 1792, P.P.J.G.W.; F. G. Barker, 1792; W. H. Smith, W.M. 347; Alex. Smith, I.P.M. 347; E. W. Smith, 347;

G. H. News, 347; W. Glydon, 74; J. H. Parkes, 938, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Farndale, P.M. 468; H. Crisford, 1474; James F. Wight, W.M. 142; A. E. Parkes, W.M. 739; John Bowen, P.M. 1031, P.J.G.W. Warwickshire; J. Boston, P.M. 1431; G. H. C. Cross, 2034; G. H. Rooker, P.M. 1016; J. C. Whateley, P.M. 1431; F. A. Bird, P.M. 1896; G. H. Maynard, G. J. Payton, F. W. Payton, J. Smith, and others.

The lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, when a ballot was taken for Mr. W. F. Glydon, and being unanimous in his favour, he was initiated by the W.M. and his officers. "Hearty good wishes" were received from the numerous visitors, and the lodge was then closed.

The brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet in the Assembly Room, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," were proposed by the W.M., and heartily responded to.

Bro. S. Jenkins proposed the toast of "The Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. J. Warrillow proposed "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. A. Bindley, and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. W. F. Bradley, P.G. Chap., in responding, alluded to the great loss the province had sustained in the death of its P.G.M., Bro. Col. Foster Gough, and hoped the Deputy Provincial Grand Master would derive much benefit from his voyage and return to England restored to health.

Bro. Mathias Barker, P.P.J.G.W., also replied, and said as Treasurer to the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association he was pleased to bear testimony to the good work done on behalf of the Charities by the Treasurer of St. James's Lodge and other Provincial Grand Lodge Officers.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. W. B. Stocker.

The Worshipful Master, in replying, thanked the brethren for their hearty response to the toast, and hoped all would enjoy themselves. He then proposed "The Health of the Initiate," the son of an old and worthy Mason, the present father of the Athol Lodge, Birmingham.

Bro. Glydon replied.

Bro. H. Payton, in an impressive manner, then proposed "The Jubilee of St. James's Lodge," which was very ably responded to by Bros. Whittall, Jacobs, and Parkes, the senior Past Masters of the lodge.

Bro. Pepper, in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," alluded to the pleasure the brethren of St. James's Lodge had in seeing them among them, and that at all times Warwickshire brethren would be particularly welcome, as had it not been for six worthy Birmingham Masons who signed the warrant and founded the lodge 50 years ago, probably St. James's Lodge would not have been in existence. After relating many notable occurrences of the first 25 years of the lodge, and mentioning several large gifts to old members, he hoped the visitors, though perhaps they would not be able like the first visitor the lodge ever had, to visit it 11 times consecutively, would do their best to give them the pleasure of their company on many occasions.

Bro. J. F. Wight, W.M. 142, in a humorous speech, thanked the brethren for the hearty reception given him, and the other visitors—Bros. J. H. Parkes, P.P.J.G.W.; G. H. Maynard, G. J. Payton, and W. H. Smith—also replied.

"The Past Masters" was proposed by Bro. T. B. Shread, J.D., and responded to by the I.P.M.

Bro. W. Lister, S.W., replied for "The Officers," and afterwards the Tyler's toast closed a meeting long to be remembered.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bros. J. F. Thomason, Mus. Bac., P.M. 739, P.P.G. Org. Warwickshire, and B. Nock, F.C.O., Org., assisted by Bros. W. Spencer, F. Skevington, G. A. Shread, W. H. Smith, A. Smith, E. W. Smith, G. H. News, and W. F. Glydon.

**LEWES.**

**Pelham Lodge (No. 1303).**—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 29th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, when, in the presence of a very numerous assemblage of brethren from other lodges in the province, Bro. George Holman, P.M. 311, was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being faultlessly carried out by the outgoing W.M., Bro. Richard Weston. The new W.M. appointed the following as his officers for the year: Bros. R. Weston, I.P.M.; A. F. Lamette, S.W.; J. C. Woolgar, J.W.; T. R. White, P.M., Treas.; G. Langridge, Sec.; J. C. Berry, D.C.; S. R. Hunt, S.D.; F. R. Bruce, J.D.; W. Gates, I.G.; W. Lintott and A. Hales, Stewards; and H. Hall, Tyler; and they were presented and invested with the insignia of their respective offices. Bro. W. Wright, Prov. J.G.W., was appointed to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charities Committee.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the new Assembly Room, adjoining the Royal Oak Hotel, where a most tempting and excellently-arranged menu had been prepared by Bro. James Cox, whose catering called forth unqualified approval. The W.M., Bro. G. Holman, presided, the company numbering about 50.

Amongst the visitors present were Bros. V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., Prov. G. Sec.; Dr. A. King, W.M. 2201; H. Packham, W.M. 1829; J. Howe, W.M. 1465; G. Creighton, W.M. 1110; W. Stone, W.M. 311; G. Randall, W.M. 40; H. Balean, W.M. 271; H. W. G. Abell, W.M. 1797; T. Wickham, W.M. 2187; J. Farncombe, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Gill, Prov. G.D.C.; A. A. V. I. Marchand, W.M. 1572; C. Nye, P.G.P.; J. H. Every, P.M. 311; I. Marchand, J.D. 1572; A. Russell, S.W. 311; S. Stone, P.M. 311; W. Flint, S.D. 311; G. E. Chapman, P.M. 311; W. Beatty, 311; H. Constable, 311; Sims, 1619; Walder, 1619; Chapman, 1619; J. A. Drake; G. Wilson, W.M. 1619; and the following brethren of the lodge: Bros. W. Wright, Prov. J.G.W.; T. R. White, P.M., Treas.; A. F. Lamette, S.W.; J. C. Woolgar, J.W.; G. Langridge, Sec.; J. C. Berry, D.C.; S. R. Hunt, S.D.; F. R. Bruce, J.D.; W. Gates, I.G.; A. Hales and W. Lintott, Stwds.; J. J. Snelgrove, A. Cox, R. Wilson, J. Miles, Captain Aylmer, J. P. Pearce, M. Langridge.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, Bro. T. R. White, P.M., submitting that of "The Officers of Grand Lodge," to which Bro. Freeman, P.G.D., replied, that of "The Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge" being responded to by Bro. Wright, Prov. J.G.W., and Bro. Farncombe.

Bro. Weston, in complimentary terms, proposed "The Health of the new W.M.," and in alluding to the successful manner in which Bro. Holman carried out his duties as W.M. of the South Saxon Lodge during the year of the Queen's Jubilee, said that it augured well for the Pelham Lodge that the present Master would bring experience to the work.

Bro. Holman, in reply, thanked the brethren for their kind welcome to him in the chair, and said he trusted he would receive every assistance from his officers, and that a pleasant and successful year would result therefrom.

The W.M. then gave "The Visitors," expressing the pleasure it gave the Pelham Lodge to welcome them, and the gratification it was to himself that so many had responded to the invitation.

The toast was replied to by Bros. Dr. King, W.M. 2201; Balean, W.M. 271; and A. Marchand, W.M. 1572.

"The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Weston," proposed by the W.M., was enthusiastically received, reference being made to the really excellent work performed by him during the past year. In concluding his remarks, the W.M., amid loud applause, presented Bro. Weston with a very handsome gold Past Master's jewel as a token of the appreciation of the brethren of his services.

Bros. T. R. White and Wilson having acknowledged the toast of "The Past Masters," the latter submitted that of "The Officers of the Lodge," to which Bros. Woolgar, J.W., and G. Langridge, Sec., replied.

Bro. J. P. Pearce being called upon, responded in appropriate terms to the toast of "The Initiate."

The evening was enlivened by the musical abilities of relatives and friends of the W.M., songs being rendered by Mrs. A. Marchand, Miss Bessie Devin, Bro. I. Marchand, and Mr. W. S. Devin, who also contributed pianoforte selections, and recitations were given by Mrs. G. Holman and Bro. A. Marchand, each and all being warmly applauded for their efforts.

An interesting feature in connection with the lodge was the presentation by Bro. Weston of a very handsome set of gavels. They are of antique formation, of ivory and ebony, having an emblem and shield in silver, with suitable reference to the presentation engraved thereon. The gift is a handsome one, and the donor received the most cordial thanks of the lodge.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

**MARPLE.**

**Benevolence Lodge (No. 336).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the Jolly Sailor Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. C. Wilson, W.M.; J. T. Twidale, P.M.; J. E. Steward, P.P.G.D.; John Sherwin, P.M.; Jesse Tymms, P.M.; W. Fielding, J.W.; Hy. Jackson, P.P.G.D.; R. Andrew, P.P.G.D.; J. Radford, P.M.; W. Caldwell, P.M.; J. Osbaldston, P.M.; J. Marshall, Sec.; M. Middleton, Org.; Dr. Keyworth, I.G.; J. Taylor, J.D.; H. D. Malan, J. McEwan, J. Creever, W. Bradley, J. E. Robinson, W. Lazenby, and F. Henry. Visitors: Bros. Arrowsmith, S. D. Hayes, J. Barlow, F. Stretch, S.W. 2359; James Sharples, Stwd. 2359; Clare Edgar Towell, W.M. 2359; and G. S. Smith, P.M.

The lodge was opened by Bro. J. C. Wilson, the W.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for two gentlemen, and being favourable, they were subsequently initiated respectively by Bro. Steward and the W.M. The latter also performed the ceremony of passing. The charge was well rendered by Bro. W. Fielding, J.W.

Other business being completed, the lodge was closed. Subsequently the brethren had tea together.

**PONTYPRIDD.**

**Merlin Lodge (No. 1578).**—On Monday, the 2nd inst., the annual meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, when there was a large gathering of the members and visitors, among the latter being the W.M.'s and brethren of the following lodges: Loyal Cambrian, St. David's, Glamorgan, Bute, Tennant, Ogmores, Indefatigable, and Falbot. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Samuel Davies, and Bro. the Rev. David Phillips, M.A., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. W. R. Davies. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. J. S. Davies, I.P.M.; John Evans, S.W.; F. King, J.W.; Wm. Lewis, Chap.; A. Stanley Cobb, Treas.; T. R. Phillips, Sec.; J. W. John, Asst. Sec.; H. T. Wales, S.D.; W. Lewis, J.D.; Joseph Davies, Org.; Wm. Phillips, D.C.; A. O. Evans, I.G.; W. T. Leysoun and J. A. Thomas, Stewards; and A. Parsons, Tyler.

The usual banquet was held at the New Inn Hotel, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

**STOCKPORT.**

**Unanimity Lodge (No. 287).**—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 4th instant, at the White Lion Hotel. There were present Bros. Hy. Smith, W.M.; James Cookson, P.M., P.P.G.T. East Lancs., Sec.; J. T. Hudson, P.P.G.S.; J. Clarke, A. J. Hewett, John Hazeldine, Joshua Preston, C. Bullock, J. A. Cookson, L. Jagger, John Leigh, P.M., D.C.; R. C. Blakehurst, P.M.; T. E. Rigby, P.M.; Wm. Lancaster, P.M.; A. Taylor, G. McClelland, P.P.G.D.; H. J. Carrington, P.M.; and C. Dawson. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Harrison, S.W. 104, and G. S. Smith, P.M.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and during the evening active discussion took place with reference to the centenary and the consideration of Charity. A vote proposed by Bro. T. E. Rigby, P.M., Charity Representative, seconded by Bro. J. Lancaster, P.M., was carried unanimously, to grant 10 guineas to the R.M.I. for Boys and 10 guineas to the R.M.I. for Girls; also handsome subscriptions were received for the R.M.I. The W.M. said he had the extreme felicity and great honour of proposing as a member of the lodge Lord Egerton of Tatton. A letter was read from the noble lord very graciously consenting to be proposed—an honour which naturally all the brethren fully appreciate. Bro. Carrington, P.M., proposed a vote of condolence to the widow and family of Bro. Martin, whose decease is so deeply felt by all the members of the lodge. This was seconded by Bro. G. McClelland, P.P.G.D., and unanimously agreed to. After other important business, and "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

## Mark Masonry.

**Henniker Lodge** (No. 315).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. J. Barnett, jun., P.P.G.M.O., W.M.; W. J. Crutch, S.W.; W. J. Nicholls, P.P.G.D., M.O.; H. Warner, S.D.; E. S. Crick, J.D.; C. F. Hogard, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; I. H. Gluckstein; H. Cox, P.M.; Col. H. Radcliffe, P.M.; H. Tipper, P.M., G. Stwd.; J. Culverwell, W. Bellingham, C. Cope, and A. Moore. Visitors: Bros. J. L. Mather, P.G. Treas.; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Shurmur; E. P. Freeman, P.P.S.G.W. Sussex; W. M. Stiles, P.G.S.B.; and W. W. Lee.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee adopted. Bro. Cornelius Cope, 2192, was unanimously approved by ballot, and impressively advanced to the Degree of M.M. by the W.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. J. Crutch, was next presented, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. J. Barnett, jun. The following officers were appointed: Bros. J. Lane, S.W.; W. J. Nicholls, J.W.; M. Bromet, M.O.; J. A. Farnfield, S.O.; C. G. W. Moore, J.O.; James Terry, P.M., Treas.; H. Warner, R. of M.; C. F. Hogard, P.M., Sec.; E. S. Crick, S.D.; I. H. Gluckstein, J.D.; C. Turner, D.C.; J. Kift, Org.; Culverwell, I.G.; F. Gale, Stwd.; and E. Mills, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bro. Jno. Barnett, jun., I.P.M., who performed the ceremony of installation throughout in a very able and efficient manner. The W.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel in acknowledgment of his services during the past year, and the gift was suitably acknowledged. Several letters of regret for non-attendance were read, and the lodge was closed.

A banquet was held at Freemasons' Tavern, and the customary toasts were afterwards duly honoured.

Bro. J. L. Mather, P.G. Treas., in reply to the toast of "The Grand Officers," expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be present, and also to see Bro. Crutch installed as W.M. The ceremony of installation was performed by the I.P.M. in a happy and effective way that was very praiseworthy. He had watched Bro. John Barnett, jun., I.P.M., in various Degrees, and had always seen him endeavour to carry out in the best possible manner any duty he had been called upon to perform. There were many present whom he (Bro. Mather) highly esteemed, and it had been from no want of kindness, good feeling, or invitations that he had not been a frequent visitor.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.G.S.B., heartily endorsed Bro. Mather's remarks, and said they had had a great treat in the working of the lodge and the I.P.M. They were sure the I.P.M. would work in a satisfactory manner and were pleased to see him work so well.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G. Reg., returned thanks for "The Prov. Grand Officers," and said he was very gratified that the lodges in the province subscribed so loyally to the recent presentation to Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M., in commemoration of his 21 years' service, and amongst those lodges he would mention the Henniker Lodge. Many of the members of that lodge took a great interest in the matter, and the I.P.M. in particular rendered great help to the Committee. He thanked the I.P.M. and the Secretary for bringing forward the matter in the lodge. It was a great pleasure to be present that evening, for there were so many brethren in attendance whom he esteemed, and he thanked the I.P.M. for the splendid manner in which he installed his successor and performed the ceremony of advancement.

Bro. J. Barnett, jun., I.P.M., said the brethren would see by the gavel in his hands that he had the responsibility of proposing "The Health of the W.M." Never had he had any office thrown upon his shoulders he undertook with more pleasure. In any office he had previously held he had never experienced so much difficulty as he had in inducing Bro. Crutch to accept the office of W.M. Bro. Crutch was a Mason well known to everyone in the room, was a Provincial Grand Officer of the Craft in the province to which he belonged, and had been a liberal subscriber to the Masonic Charities. Having filled the office of S.W. of their lodge, it would have been a calamity deeply regretted by the members if he (Bro. Crutch) had not filled the chair of W.M. He had no hesitation in saying that during the forthcoming year the W.M. would discharge his duties to the satisfaction of himself and the advantage of the lodge, and would install his successor, and receive the congratulations he had so well earned.

Bro. W. J. Crutch, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for the kindness shown in the proposition and reception of the toast. He had stood by for two years not wishing to go into office, and now that he had consented he almost felt sorry, for he found his troubles had begun. He had to follow an excellent Mason who had been a good Master, and that increased the difficulty of his position. He would do all in his power to perform the duties of his office in a satisfactory manner.

Bro. Cornelius Cope replied for "The Advance," after which "The Visitors" was heartily given.

Bro. V. P. Freeman, P.P.S.G.W. Sussex, in response, said that, although an active worker in the Craft for 35 years, his experience in Mark Masonry did not go so far, but he flattered himself that during the last four or five years he had done as much for Mark Masonry as many would do in a lifetime. He thought he might take some credit for the progress of the Degree in Sussex. He was impressed with the manner in which the I.P.M. performed the installation ceremony.

"The Past Masters and Installing Master" was given by the W.M., who said that if Bro. Barnett, I.P.M., was not the father of the lodge, he had certainly been a very prolific mother in introducing so many members. The Past Masters had undoubtedly done their best for the lodge, and he should look to them for support during the coming year.

Bro. J. Barnett, jun., P.P.G.M.O., I.P.M., thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks. Any honour he had attained in Mark Masonry had been brought about by no merit in himself, but by belonging to that lodge. He had had the advantage of introducing a considerable number of Mark Masons. His full intention was to remain a member of the lodge as long as circumstances would permit and the Great Architect would allow. Any service he could render in the future would be readily and cheerfully given, and he thanked the officers for their cordial support during the past year.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Sec., also responded, and said the Past Masters were at all times most

anxious for the prosperity of the lodge, and as long as he was spared to be a member he would use his best endeavours for the same purpose.

"The Officers" was given, and the J.W. having replied, the Tyler's toast closed a pleasant evening.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 11th instant, under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution. There were present Bros. W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; C. J. Perceval, Chas. Daniel, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; T. H. Miller, Charles Kempton, T. B. Purchas, P.A.G.D.C.; Charles Lacey, C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; John Barnett, jun., W. Belchamber, R. P. Stevens, G. E. Fairchild, S. J. Attenborough, H. Garrod, P.G.P.; R. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D.C.; G. W. Verry, J. Newton, William Fisher, James Brett, P.G.P.; G. Bolton, H. Cox, Charles G. Hill, A. Durrant, W. Webber, Hugh Cotter, A. Mullord, E. M. Money, C. G. Dilley, F. Mead, P.G.S.B.; W. H. Hubbert, R. Griggs, W. H. Making, and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of an approved candidate. The Warden's report for the past month was read.

It was resolved that the sum of £30,000 should be invested in the purchase of India Three per Cent. stock and also that, in recognition of his valuable services at the Jubilee Festival, the rights and privileges of a Vice-Presidency should be conferred upon Bro. Richard Newhouse, Prov. G. Sec. of Cheshire.

The draft annual report was read and approved, and it was left to the House Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the Festival Stewards' visit to the Institution at Croydon.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The regular Council meeting of this Institution was held on Saturday last, presided over by Bro. Stanley J. Attenborough, Vice President and Member of the Board of Management. There were present Bros. R. Eve, Glass, Corble, Saunders, Gillard, Cumberland, Brett, Adamson, and J. M. McLeod (Secretary).

The SECRETARY reported the investment of a further sum of £2500 in India Three per Cents., and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Thomas Fenn, Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps., for again transacting this business without the usual brokerage charges. Also that a legacy of 50 guineas had been paid from the estate of the late Bro. Dr. H. E. Price, of West Brighton.

Two candidates for the October election, on the Report of the Petitions Committee, were placed on the list, one being a first and last chance case from Staffordshire, the other hailing from Suffolk, whilst seven cases were deferred for further information and completion of certificates.

On the proposition of Bro. CUMBERLAND, seconded by Bro. RICHARD EVE, and supported by Bro. CORBLE, a vote of condolence with the Secretary on the death of his wife was unanimously passed and ordered to be entered upon the minutes.

The agreement with the Province of Northumberland for the purchase of a perpetual presentation was produced and sanctioned by the Council.

A cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business of the meeting.

## ENTERTAINMENT BY BRO. DELEVANTI.

A performance of "The Mikado" was given to the boys by Bro. E. P. Delevanti, of 21, Edgware-road, Hyde Park, W., and his pupils on Friday, the 6th instant, in the Assembly Hall of the Institution at Wood Green. Some 250 brethren and their friends availed themselves of the free invitation which had been given by the Board of Management, and enjoyed a great treat.

We can scarcely credit that so excellent a performance could be given by amateurs who for the first time appeared in public. Where there was so much excellence all round, it is difficult to particularise, but the chorus parts were given in faultless style, and the Misses Thomas (daughters of Bro. J. J. Thomas, recently elected on the Board of Management) were peculiarly happy in their rendering of the important characters of the rivals, Yum-Yum and Katisha. Miss Kate Noel earned deserved applause for her acting and splendid voice as Pitti-Sing. Mr. Harry Bates, as Pooch-Ba, the "Lord High Commissioner for Everything," was extremely funny, and grasped the opportunities of his part with great power, whilst Messrs. John Hopkins (The Mikado), Fredk. Garratt (Nanki-Poo), and F. Bates (Pish-Tush) ably sustained their respective parts. Bro. Delevanti was a host in himself as Koko, and fairly "brought down the house" in more than one instance. Encores were numerous, and the boys—who looked well and were in strong voice—gave full vent to their lung power, and highly enjoyed the performance.

A capital impromptu stage had been improvised, and the beautiful hall was profusely decorated for the occasion. Bro. C. H. Fox, of Russell-street, kindly

lent the wigs and costumes, and Messrs. Victor Delevanti and F. B. Wood, Music Master of the Institution, F.C.O., at the pianos and harmonium, performed admirably.

Great credit is due to Bro. Delevanti for his entertainment, and we can only conclude by hoping for a speedy return visit.

## THE FOURTH CITY MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

The members of this Association dined together at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, on the 4th instant, on the completion of its four years' existence. A very excellent repast was provided by Bro. George Anderson, and a pleasant evening spent by the brethren, the chair being filled by Bro. John Newton.

After congratulating the members on the result of the Association which had just been completed, the CHAIRMAN proposed "Success to the Fifth City Masonic Benevolent Association," which already numbers 115 members. He gave an interesting account of the rise of these useful Associations, having been himself Treasurer of the second one started, Secretary of the First City Masonic Benevolent Association, and President of the remaining four, the amounts collected by them having been £873, £723, £1073, and £1160 respectively.

Bros. G. WARD VERRY, Treasurer, and HUGH M. HOBBS, Secretary, replied.

Among the other toasts were "The Chairman," proposed by Bro. VERRY; "The Visitors," for which Bro. ANDERSON responded; and "The Committee," with which was coupled the names of Bros. C. H. WEBB and H. MAGEE.

## THE MACLEAN MEMORIAL.

The unveiling of the Maclean Memorial, erected by the Logic Club and members of the theatrical profession, took place at Paddington Cemetery on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., in the presence of a representative gathering of Masonry and the stage. The Memorial Committee included the names of Bros. Henry Irving, J. L. Toole, Wilson Barrett, and Fred. Burgess.

The Chairman of the Committee, Bro. G. E. FAIRCHILD, in unveiling the memorial, said that the simple, though suitable, inscription expressed the feelings of the Craft and the stage for the well-known actor.

The inscription was as follows: "To the fraternal memory of John Maclean, actor, born March 31st, 1836. Died March 15th, 1890. Erected by the members of the Logic Club of Freemasons and other friends and comrades. He was highly esteemed in the dramatic profession, admired as an accomplished Freemason, and beloved by all with whom he came in contact."

## LAYING FOUNDATION STONE OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT CAMBRIDGE.

The people of Cambridge are not unaccustomed to congregations, assemblies, and processions, but, from a Masonic point of view, there has been nothing to equal the function which took place on Friday, the 6th inst., upon the occasion of laying the foundation-stone of the new hall which is being built by the Isaac Newton University Lodge, referred to in the last number of the *Freemason*. Not only were the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master present, but in all there were 19 Grand Officers assisting, and the brethren of the province turned up in large numbers.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire held a special meeting at the Guildhall soon after one o'clock, Bro. Col. R. Townley Caldwell, P.G.M., presiding. The officers present were Bros. F. C. Wace, acting D.P.G.M.; Oliver Papworth, P.S.G.W.; G. F. Rogers, P.J.G.W.; Dr. Cunningham, acting P.G. Chap.; Col. B. W. Beales, P.G. Treas.; John Bonnett, P.G. Sec.; Frank Piggott, P.S.G.D.; T. F. Symonds, P.J.G.D.; C. H. Banham, P.G.S. of W.; F. Dewberry, P.G.D.C.; P. H. Young, P.G.S.B.; F. O. Carr, P.G. Org.; A. J. Elworthy, P.G.P.; and J. Owen and R. P. F. Simpson, P.G. Stwds.

The following members of Provincial Grand Lodge were also present: Bros. W. M. Fawcett, Rev. J. W. Cartmell, E. M. Money, H. T. Trevor-Jones, Rev. J. H. Gray, Oscar Browning, W. P. Spalding, J. Royston, W. R. Girling, C. A. Vinter, J. Sheldrick, T. Watts, J. Vail, J. F. Miller, J. Grover, F. Cole, W. Purchas, G. Whitmore, A. Hird, G. W. Courtney, J. Fuller, W. H. Francis, G. Cole, J. V. Pryor, B. Anningson, C. E. W. Broughton-Leigh, A. E. Chaplin, H. C. Knott, F. G. G. Barber, and W. B. Redfern.

Many brethren of the several lodges in the province, also visitors from the Apollo Lodge, Oxford, and other distant parts attended.

Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened, and the P.G.M. saluted, the Grand Officers were introduced, and the Pro Grand Master was saluted.

A procession was then formed, and moved round by the Guildhall through Wheeler-street into Corn Exchange-street. The route was lined with spectators, who appeared to take the liveliest interest in the varying insignia. On arriving at the site the Pro Grand Master was conducted to the dais, the Grand Officers standing in his immediate vicinity, right and left, near the stone.

The W.M. of the Isaac Newton Lodge addressed his lordship, and requested him to lay the foundation-stone. Bro. G. F. ROGERS said: My lord, it is a great honour

to me to have in my capacity as W.M. of this lodge to ask you to lay our foundation-stone here to-day, and at the same time to express on behalf of our lodge and the brethren of the Cambridgeshire Prov. Grand Lodge the sense of the deep honour they feel it to be at your having come down from London attended by Grand Officers to lay this foundation-stone. No doubt it is, and always has been, amongst all nations that the first, or foundation-stone is the first line of civilisation, and we hope this will lead many more brethren into the light of Freemasonry, so that when from this University they go to various parts of the earth, they may spread those great truths that we as Masons wish to uphold. Our lodge was founded in 1861 by Bro. the Duke of St. Albans, who, unfortunately, cannot be present here to-day owing to serious illness. We have now of the original 15 but three left, and of these three one is present here this afternoon. We have since the opening of our lodge initiated 983 brethren, and we have received as joining members over 100 brethren, so I consider we have done some fairly good work in bringing the light of Freemasonry to the Undergraduates of Cambridge. And that the education they received in the lodge has proved very acceptable is seen by the work these brethren have done in after life. Last year we initiated over 30 members, and we have at the present time as subscribing members over 200. I now, on behalf of the Isaac Newton Lodge, ask you, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, if you will lay our foundation-stone.

The Earl of LATHOM said they were assembled there that day to erect a building for the use and advantage of Masonry, which they prayed God might prosper as it might seem good to Him.

Prayer having been offered by the GRAND CHAPLAIN, the GRAND SECRETARY read the inscription on the plate: "This foundation-stone of the Isaac Newton University Hall was laid by Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, M.W. Pro Grand Master of Freemasons of England, on the 6th May, A.D. 1892, A.L. 5892." The Grand Treasurer then deposited a phial, containing coins of the realm, papers, and other things, in a recess in the lower stone, and this having been closed, the plate was put above it, and the whole closed in with cement.

The W.M. of the Isaac Newton Lodge then presented the Pro Grand Master with a silver trowel, and the laying of the stone was performed. The upper stone was lowered with three distinct stops, and the Pro Grand Master proved the just position and form of the stone by the plumb rule, level, and square. Having rapped it with a mallet, the Earl of LATHOM declared the stone to be truly laid. Corn, the emblem of plenty; wine, the emblem of joy and gladness; and oil, the emblem of peace and unanimity, were poured upon the stone.

The architect, Bro. W. M. FAWCETT, was presented to the Pro Grand Master, who inspected the plans, and bade him to proceed to the completion of the work in conformity therewith.

The ceremony then closed with prayer, and the procession returned to the Guildhall in reverse order.

In the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Prov. Grand Master proposed in eulogistic terms—"That this Prov. Grand Lodge passes a hearty vote of thanks to the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, for the honour he has paid the province by coming here to-day, attended by all the Grand Officers, to lay the foundation-stone of one of the lodges." This was seconded by Bro. F. C. WACE, acting D.P. G.M., and carried with acclamation.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then formed, and the brethren adjourned to the Corn Exchange, where a *dinner* was served.

At the luncheon Bro. Col. Caldwell presided, supported by the Grand Officers. A capital *menu* was furnished by Bro. A. H. Moyes, of the Lion Hotel.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER commenced the toast list by proposing "The Queen and the Craft," after which he proposed "The Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of the Order," and remarked that they all knew the great interest his Royal Highness took in the growth of Freemasonry, therefore an occurrence such as they were celebrating that day would be very gratifying to him. The Prov. Grand Master expressed the sympathy of the gathering with the Prince in the loss he had sustained this year. They had the death of the Duke of Clarence peculiarly brought to their memory that day, for it was in the Guildhall where they had met that day the Duke of Clarence was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next proposed "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom," a toast, he said, which he was sure they would receive with the heartiest acclamation. He was only acting as their mouthpiece, and as the mouthpiece of those brethren in the province who from various causes were unable to be present, when he expressed their great thanks to the Pro Grand Master for the honour which he had conferred upon the province and upon the lodges in it by coming there that day. They welcomed the Earl of Lathom especially, because the ceremony they had been taking part in that day was the laying of the foundation-stone of a building for the University lodge at Cambridge. The University lodge of Cambridge had always been, and he hoped ever would be, in very close relationship with the Apollo University Lodge at Oxford, and when he told them that the Earl of Lathom was a member of the Apollo Lodge they would see that that was another instance in which the two Universities met in order to assist one another in the building up of the great bodies to which they belonged.

The Earl of LATHOM, Pro Grand Master, who was

received with prolonged applause, thanked them for their kind manifestations towards himself, and said it had given him very great pleasure to come there that day to lay the foundation-stone of a new lodge room for the Isaac Newton Lodge. He could assure them that he looked upon the University lodges, the Apollo and the Isaac Newton, as the two lodges out of which they must draw the backbone of Masonry in the future, for they got a high class of Masons from the University lodges which they could not otherwise get. Men came into those lodges who would not have entered Masonry unless they had come up to the Universities, and to such men they looked forward to in the future to be leaders or rulers in the Craft. He had always loved Freemasonry, and had seen so much good done by it that he was bound to respect it. He saw before him a number of young men just entering upon the summer of life, and he hoped that they would all attain to dignified positions therein in the Order. He wished them all success, and that their new lodge room might prove of value to the brethren.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "The Deputy Grand Master, and the Present and Past Grand Officers," and said he did not think he had ever seen so many Grand Officers together before, except in Grand Lodge.

Bro. LORD EUSTON briefly responded. The PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "The Prov. Grand Master of Cambridgeshire," and expressed many good wishes for the future of the province and of its Grand Master.

Bro. COL. CALDWELL suitably acknowledged the toast, and remarked how sorry they all were that Bro. A. H. Moyes, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, was unable to be with them that day owing to illness.

Bro. Rev. C. J. MARTYN, acting Grand Chaplain, proposed the toast of "The Isaac Newton Lodge," and observed that the lodge occupied a position of influence which carried with it great responsibilities, and he heartily and sincerely congratulated them upon the work which had been commenced that day, and upon which occasion the universality of Freemasonry had been demonstrated by the number of Oxford men who had taken part in the ceremony.

Bro. G. F. ROGERS, the W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said he hoped the hall would lead many more Undergraduates to become Freemasons.

Bro. Rev. DENNIS HALL, the Secretary, in responding, gave some interesting particulars of the history of the Isaac Newton Lodge. He said it owed its origin to a remark made by himself in the October term of 1860 in the presence of Bro. John Deighton, who carried the remark away to Bro. Arthur R. Ward, and the two worked out his suggestion, and at the beginning of 1861 the Isaac Newton Lodge sprung into existence. The lodge had long had in view the erection of a hall, but it was not until 1880 when they received a nucleus for the necessary funds from Sir George Maxwell that they made any great progress. He was thankful that he had been preserved to see the foundation-stone laid, for it had been the pet object of his life.

Bro. G. F. ROGERS proposed "The Visiting Brethren," and Bro. T. GREENWOOD, B.A. (W.M. of Apollo University Lodge, Oxford), responded, and this concluded the toast list.

The building will be 128 feet in length and 116 feet in height, and its extreme width will be about 53 feet. It will be built of red brick with terra-cotta mouldings, and will therefore form a pleasing contrast to the white buildings of the schools, although it will harmonise with their general designs. The principal room is the lodge room, which is situate on the ground floor and is 50 feet in length by 25 feet in breadth. Adjoining to this are two preparation rooms, the larger being 25 feet by 22 feet. A banqueting hall is situated on the first floor and is 37 feet in length by 20 feet in breadth. The basement is occupied by the kitchen, heating apparatus, room for waiters, stores, &c., and the whole building is well equipped with necessary and convenient offices, lavatories, &c.

We regret to learn that soon after nine on Sunday evening the door of the boarding erected around the site was found to be unlocked. Further investigation revealed the fact that the foundation-stone had been removed bodily, and a bottle containing coins of the realm had been stolen.

#### ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE HENLEY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The members of the above flourishing lodge celebrated their twelfth anniversary banquet on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at the Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, when a goodly gathering of the members and visitors assembled to do honour to the occasion.

The chair was filled by Bro. C. Powling, W.M. of the mother lodge, faced by Bro. B. Curtis, S.W., and who is also Secretary of the lodge of instruction; while among the other brethren present were Bros. A. T. Ives, P.M., Preceptor, A. Knight, I.P.M., C. Jolly, P.M., Sec., J. Savage, P.M., C. Canning, P.M., Treas., J. Glading, J.W., W. Turvey, J.D., S. Bow, W. Baker, Stwd., Ross, J. Howe, H. Hayes, T. Lait, J. Ward, Keen, G. Harnwell, and A. Wren, of 1472; J. Davies, P.M., Preceptor 13; J. H. Roberts, P.M., Treas., W. Chambers, A. Walklin, W. Long, and C. Benstead, of 700; and others.

The banquet, which was admirably served, having been discussed, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts, which were enthusiastically received and honoured in bumpers.

"The Health of the W.M." was heartily drunk.

The next toast was that of "Success to the Henley Lodge of Instruction," coupled with the name of Bro. Ives, the esteemed Preceptor, to whom the W.M. in putting the toast attributed its present stable condition and undoubted popularity.

Bro. IVES, who was cheered on rising to respond, said he was proud to have his name associated with the toast. He was also pleased to tell them that the mother lodge, the dear old Henley, was in a flourishing condition, and was one of the best appointed lodges in the Province of East London, and so he was proud to say was their lodge of instruction. It might be said perhaps that he had that night at least a new and self appointed office, that of trumpeter to the lodge; well, if so, he would accept it and say that their lodge of instruction had done splendid work not only in turning out good workers, but for the Charities of the Order. It had, at the recent Jubilee Festival of the Benevolent Institution sent up the handsome sum of £110 from the funds of its Benevolent Association, a sum which, taking into consideration the fact that the Association had not yet been much over a year in existence, he felt every confidence in saying was worthy of them, and he also felt sure that when the lodges of instruction in the eastern part of London knew it they would say "Well done, Henley!" They had not only done good work for the Charities, but good work for Masonic knowledge, and he was pleased to say that he knew of many of the brethren, members of their lodge of instruction, who, if occasion required it, could take and worthily fill any office in the lodge that their W.M. might, in cases of emergency, appoint them to. He thanked them for their kind wishes, and felt confident of the prosperity of the lodge.

Bro. CURTIS, in responding to a hearty reception of the toast of his health, said he was very pleased to be the Secretary of their lodge, an office he had held for the last six years. It had been most beneficial to him, and now as S.W. of their mother lodge he felt every day he got nearer to the object of his Masonic ambition—the Master's chair. He had much to thank the lodge of instruction and their excellent Preceptor for. The Benevolent Association attached to the lodge had 33 members, seven of whom had that year drawn Life Subscriberships in the Charities, while the lodge of instruction itself had over 100 members. He thanked them for the toast, and trusted for many years to have the honour of being Secretary to the lodge.

"The Health of the Visitors" was responded to by Bro. G. DAVIES, who on his own behalf thanked them for their invitation and courteous hospitality. He had been for 20 years Preceptor of the Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction, and could well remember how the work was done some 30 years ago by the one or two old Masters who alone worked the most important ceremonies of the Craft. But now, through the instruction given in their lodge, aspiring Masons could and did render themselves perfect in the ritual, and ready for any office to which they might be appointed. In his own mother lodge, No. 13, the oldest lodge outside London, and the mother of all the neighbouring lodges, an instance occurred at a recent meeting which showed the benefits of attending a lodge of instruction. There happened to be only one officer present, but they were able to fill every office from the lay brethren of the lodge, all of whom had shown their proficiency in their lodge of instruction.

Bro. ROBERTS said it was quite a treat to be present and hear the progress they were making, and also of the success of their Benevolent Association. He spoke of the great success of a Benevolent Association at South Woolwich and Plumstead, of which he was a member, and said that the handsome sum of £1500 had been taken up from it to the several Charities since its formation. He thought it a grand idea to have an Association attached to lodges of instruction, and should endeavour to introduce the scheme to the lodges of instruction in South Woolwich.

Bros. CHAMBERS, WALKLIN, and LONG having also responded, a handsome solid gold brooch was presented to Mrs. Canning for her kindness in preparing the assembly room at Bro. Canning's house for their meetings during alterations at The Three Crowns.

Bro. CANNING received the present, which was in the shape of a double horse-shoe, and, in the name of Mrs. Canning, thanked the brethren for their handsome gift.

Some good songs and recitations enhanced the proceedings, which were both enthusiastic and harmonious.

#### Obituary.

##### BRO. JOHN POTTS.

We regret to record the death, on the 28th ult., at Banbury, of Bro. John Potts, P.P.S.G.W. Oxon. Our deceased brother was editor and proprietor of the *Banbury Guardian*, having succeeded his father in that position five-and-twenty years ago. In Masonic circles he was well known, the various offices he held from time to time testifying to the high esteem in which he was held. He was initiated in the Cherwell Lodge, No. 599, in 1869, and subsequently became W.M., as well as Z. of the Cherwell Chapter, and G.S.N. of the province. In the Order of Knights Templar he was P.E. Preceptor. Not the least prominent of his Masonic virtues was his devotion to the Charities, having served no less than 15 Stewardships.

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The Merchant Tailors' Company have voted £21 and the Clothworkers' Company £10 towards the funds of the Seaside Camp for London Working Boys, Northumberland-avenue.

His Excellency the Spanish Ambassador has consented to preside at the second annual banquet of the Ibero-American Benevolent Society, which will be held at the Hôtel Métropole on Thursday, the 2nd June next.

Bro. Lord Herschell presided at the annual dinner of the Strolling Players' Orchestral Society, which was held in the International Hall of the Café Monico, on the 6th instant, there being present about 200 ladies and gentlemen as guests.

The Library Committee of the Corporation of London, under the presidency of their Chairman, Mr. Horn, entertained Bro. Lord Mayor Evans and the Sheriffs at dinner at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday evening.

A three days' bazaar in aid of the Postmen's Rest Houses will be opened on Tuesday next, the 17th inst., by Bro. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., M.P., H.M.'s Postmaster-General. The bazaar has the patronage of Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Fife.

Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., presided at the second annual meeting of the Kennington and Chelsea Branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children on Friday, the 6th inst., when a very encouraging report of the proceedings of the past year was read.

The celebrated oyster-rooms and restaurant in Coventry-street, Haymarket, known as "Scott's," was almost totally destroyed by fire early on Monday, and unfortunately four waiters, who resided on the premises, lost their lives, their escape by the staircase being cut off by the flames. The other nine inmates had the good fortune to make their escape.

The addition which is about to be made to St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, will, by desire of the Prince and Princess of Wales, be named the Clarence Memorial Wing. The work is estimated to cost £100,000, and a festival in its aid will be held at the Hôtel Métropole on Friday next, the 20th inst., under the presidency of the Duke of Cambridge. Her Majesty has headed the subscription list with a donation of £100.

The 47th anniversary festival in aid of the German Hospital, Dalston, was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Wednesday evening under the presidency of the Duke of Cambridge. There was a numerous body of guests present, and the subscriptions, which included £200—given annually—from the German Emperor, £50 from the Queen, and £20 from the Chairman, amounted to £2862. The musical arrangements were in charge of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O.

The seventh annual meeting of Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association was held in the Royal United Service Institution on Saturday afternoon last, under the presidency of the Duchess of Connaught. Her Royal Highness was accompanied by the Dukes of Edinburgh and Connaught, and there were present, among others, Bros. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., the Countess of Yarborough, Lady FitzWygram, and Bro. Admiral Sir G. O. Willes. A vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to the Duchess for her kindness in presiding.

The Horticultural Exhibit at Earl's Court was opened on Saturday afternoon last by the Duke of Connaught, and the weather being exceedingly fine and the band of the Grenadier Guards present under Bro. Lieut. Dan Godfrey, there was a large and fashionable attendance, including the Bishop of London and Mrs. Temple, Bros. Lord Balfour of Burleigh and Lord Ashbourne, the Persian Minister, Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., the American Minister, Bro. Sir Frederick Milner, Bart., M.P., and others. On the same day and in an arena adjoining, Buffalo Bill and his Wild West re-opened their display of the Jubilee year. In the evening the garden and the show were brilliantly illuminated.

A meeting of the Bute Lodge, No. 960, Cardiff, held on the 3rd inst., was a notable one in its history. It was visitors' night, and among those who had received and had accepted the invitation of the W.M., Bro. W. B. Ferrier, were Bros. Sir Augustus Harris, P.G. Treas., and Edward Fletcher, lessee of the Theatre Royal and the Grand Theatre. Bro. Sir Augustus Harris received a warm greeting from a crowd of musters of the brethren, when, in company with Bro. Fletcher, he entered the lodge shortly after nine o'clock. When an adjournment was made to the refreshment room, the health of their distinguished brother—the genial and popular knight—was enthusiastically drunk by the brethren present, and Bro. Sir Augustus Harris spoke felicitously in acknowledgment of the courtesy. A similar compliment was paid to Bro. Edward Fletcher, who also spoke in appreciation of it.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will to-morrow (Saturday) open the Fine Art Exhibition at Battersea, and on Tuesday will preside at the festival of the Royal Maternity Charity at the Albion. On the 19th the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs will attend Divine service at St. Mary Aldermary in aid of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum; and on the 20th a meeting in support of the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital will be held at the Mansion House. On the 21st the Lord Mayor will open the Islington Baths and Wash-houses; and on Sunday, the 22nd, a service, attended by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, will be held at St. Mary Aldermary in support of the Ward schools. On the 23rd a meeting of the Soldiers' Employment Society, on the 24th a meeting in aid of the Rochester Diocesan Society, and on the 25th a meeting in support of the Saskatchewan Bishopric Fund will be held at the Mansion House. Bro. Lord Mayor Evans will take the chair at the festival of the Royal General Dispensary on the 24th instant.

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The "Old Masonians" gave their annual entertainment at Anderton's Hotel, which was in every respect successful. The programme was excellent, and the audience numerous and appreciative. We trust it has brought a considerable addition to the funds of the "Benevolent and Grant Fund," which was the main object of the gathering.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lonsborough have returned to Grosvenor-square from visiting Mr. and Lady Sybil Codrington at Dodington Park, Gloucestershire.

Prince Henry of Battenberg presided at the 20th annual festival held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Monday evening, in aid of the Provident Surgical Appliance Society, the subscriptions and donations, including one of 25 guineas from the Chairman, amounting to £1077.

We are much gratified to learn that our veteran Brother W. Kelly, P.P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland, is speedily recovering from his recent severe indisposition, and it is hoped that a projected visit to Eastbourne on the 1st of June for a month will completely re-establish his health.

Bro. Viscount Powerscourt presided at the 79th anniversary festival of the Artists' General Benevolent Institution, which was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Saturday evening last. The Treasurer announced that the subscriptions amounted to £2363.

The Duke of Edinburgh concluded his visit to the Queen at Windsor on Sunday and returned to Clarence House. He left to resume his official duties at Devonport on Monday morning. The Duchess of Edinburgh is expected home early in June and Prince Alfred of Edinburgh in July.

The Speaker gave his fifth Parliamentary full-dress dinner of the session on Wednesday evening, there being present, among others, Viscount Newark, the Hon. B. Coleridge, Bro. Sir Edward Watkin, Bart., Sir William Plowden, and Messrs. Holden, G. Lambert, Asquith, Newnes, and Penn.

Dr. Emil Reich has been appointed by the directors to the Lectureship in General History in the Ladies' Division of the Crystal Palace School of Art, Science, and Literature, in succession to the late Dr. G. G. Zerffi. Dr. Reich will soon lecture, but he will not commence his great course till the October session.

The Queen held a Council at Windsor Castle on Monday, when Colonel Sir W. Barttelot, Bart., M.P., and Mr. A. B. Forwood, M.P., were sworn members of the Privy Council, and Colonel Ross, Principal Geddes, Mr. Grenier, Attorney-General of Ceylon, and Dr. Buchanan had conferred on them the honour of knighthood.

The 48th annual festival of the Ragged School Union was held in Exeter Hall on Monday evening, when the Baroness Burdett-Coutts distributed the "faithful service" prizes to old scholars. There was some excellent part-singing contributed by a choir of upwards of 1000 old scholars from the various missions affiliated with the Union.

At the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction, No. 2192, held at the Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, the Fifteen Sections will be worked on Monday, the 30th inst., at six p.m. Bro. J. Pinder, P.M. 15, &c., will occupy the chair as W.M.; Bro. J. D. Caseres, P.M. 1349, as S.W.; and Bro. W. Shurmur, P.M. 2374, &c., as J.W.

The Select Committee of the House of Commons to inquire into the laws affecting theatres and other places of public entertainment met, under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. D. Plunket, H.M.'s First Commissioner of Works, on Wednesday, the members present including Bros. Dixon-Hartland, Isaacs, Viscount Ebrington, and B. Samuelson.

Mr. Eille Norwood's matinee of "The Noble Art" takes place at Terry's Theatre on Wednesday, the 25th instant, and the following ladies and gentlemen have been engaged to appear in same: H. Reeves Smith, Julian Cross, Syd Valentine, Sidney Stuart, and Arthur Williams, Miss May Whitby, Florence Tanner, Lillie Belmore, and Beatrice Goodchild.

A meeting of the Royal Commission of the Patriotic Fund was held at the Horse Guards on Wednesday under the presidency of the Duke of Cambridge, there being likewise present Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Earl Nelson, Viscount Cranbrook, Lord Chelmsford, Bros. Lord Herschell, the Hon. E. F. Leveson-Gower, Sir Reginald Welby, Sir G. H. Chubb, and Baron H. de Worms.

Mr. W. H. Lecky presided at the 102nd anniversary dinner of the Royal Literary Fund, which was held in the Victoria Hall of the Criterion Restaurant on Wednesday. The guests included Lord Kinnear, Sir James Anderson, Sir John Fowler, Bro. Major-General Shaw-Stewart, Bro. W. H. Preece, Professor G. Darwin, Professor Grylls-Adams, Professor H. Drummond, Mr. R. Bentley, Mr. F. Macmillan, and Mr. Norton Longman.

The annual meeting of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was held in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House on Wednesday afternoon. The chair was taken in the first instance by Bro. Lord Mayor Evans, and when his lordship was obliged to leave to attend the festival in St. Paul's, his place was taken by the City Chamberlain. Among those present on the platform were Bro. the Duke of Fife, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, Lady Margaret Howard, the Bishops of Rochester and Portsmouth, the Countess of Idlesleigh, and Lord Robert Cecil. The report was adopted.

Princess Christian presided on Wednesday at a sale of work at Elmfield, Windsor, in aid of the funds of the St. Andrew's Society, for "The Poor Ladies of England." The Princess was accompanied by Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein. Her Royal Highness was conducted to the handsome dining-room, in which several stalls had been arranged, and where the company had assembled to meet the Royal party. Princess Christian assisted in selling at the principal stand, upon which some interesting specimens of needlework, Japanese, Maljolica, and other wares, and numerous fancy articles, were displayed.

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It has been officially announced that the Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein (Princess Helena of Great Britain) will hold Drawing Rooms at Buckingham Palace, on behalf of the Queen, on Monday, the 16th inst., and Wednesday, the 18th inst.

The fifth annual festival of the Devonians in London was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Saturday evening last under the presidency of the Earl of Morley. Among the principal guests were Bros. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., and General Sir Redvers Buller, V.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone arrived on Wednesday afternoon at Carlton House Gardens, having driven from Dollis Hill. In the evening they dined in Carlton House Gardens with Lady Frederick Cavendish. Mr. Gladstone will remain in town until to-morrow (Saturday).

At the sale of the late Bro. Lord Cheylesmore's collection of pictures on Saturday last, Sir Edwin Landseer's "Monarch of the Glen" realised 6000 guineas, and Clarkson Stanfield's "St. Michael's Mount—the morning after the storm," 3000 guineas. The total proceeds reached £31,317.

Bro. Lord Talbridge, Chairman of the London and North-Western Railway Company, presided at the 34th anniversary festival of the Railway Benevolent Institution, Bros. the Earl of Cork, Lord Balfour, Lord Claud Hamilton, and Mr. Biddulph, M.P., being among the principal guests. The subscriptions and donations amounted to £9300.

The 10th annual meeting of the Metropolitan and National Nursing Association for providing trained nurses for the sick poor, was held in Grosvenor House, on Monday. A vote of thanks to the Duke of Westminster—who moved the adoption of the report—for his kind aid to the society, was passed by acclamation.

The Committee of the Imperial Federation League have selected for erection in St. Paul's Cathedral a bust of the late Bro. Sir John Macdonald, Premier of Canada, which has been executed by Mr. George Wade. The memorial will be executed in marble, and placed, by permission of the Dean and Chapter, in the crypt of the Cathedral, close to that of the late Bro. Earl Mayo.

Lord and Lady Knutsford entertained at dinner on Wednesday evening, at their residence in Eaton-square, Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, Earl and Countess Temple, Lord and Lady Morris and Miss Morris, Sir Henry James and Miss James, Sir Malcolm and Lady Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Abel Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Munro, the Mayor of Cape Town, and Miss de Villiers Graaf, and Captain Shute.

Following closely on Mr. Imre Kiralfy's return from America, the work of laying out the new Olympia gardens has been commenced, and is being actively pushed forward. By the latter end of the month, when *al fresco* amusements may be undertaken with safety, the gardens will be opened to the public, and will doubtless prove an additional attraction to visitors to "Venice in London." A lengthy lease of Olympia has been secured by the directors of the Imre Kiralfy, Limited.

The first important match of the season was concluded at Lord's, on Friday, the 6th instant, when the M.C.C. and Croude defeated Sussex by 70 runs. The Club made 127 runs in their first innings, and 57 in their second, while Sussex were only able to put together 66 and 48. The principal scorers were Mr. A. N. Hornby, 3 and 22; E. Smith, 11 and 17; J. T. Hearne, 31 and 9; and Martin, 28 and (not out) 2 for the M.C.C.; and J. Hide, 18 and 7; and G. L. Wilson (not out) 13 and (not out) 17 for Sussex.

In aid of the West End Hospital for Diseases of the Nervous System, 73, Welbeck-street, there will be a matinee at the Avenue Theatre by members of the Brighton Green Room Club on Tuesday, the 17th inst. The piece selected is "Diplomacy," and from the reputation the Club has acquired, we have little doubt that the performance will be successful in every respect. The funds of the hospital, which sadly need replenishing, will also, we hope, receive a substantial addition.

The Duke of Connaught, on behalf of the Queen, held the second *levée* for the season on Thursday afternoon at St. James's Palace, driving in State from Buckingham Palace, accompanied by an escort of Life Guards and the chief officers of his household. Out of compliment to the Duke the function was principally of a military character, and many Indian princes attended. Among those present were Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Lord Salisbury, Lord Cross, Lord Cranbrook, Lord Knutsford, Sir Henry James, and Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, and representatives of different foreign embassies, while State officials included Lord Lathom, Earl of Mount-Edgumbe, Lord Sulfield, and Lord Walter Gordon Lennox.

Archbishop Walsh, who recently issued a pastoral letter forbidding Catholics, on pain of excommunication, to have anything to do with the great Masonic bazaar about to be held in Dublin, in celebration of the Centenary of the Female Orphan School, sends to the *Freemason and Press* a correspondence which has just taken place between a lady and himself on the subject. The lady wrote asking for a signed portrait of the Archbishop to include in a portrait gallery. Thus the Archbishop writes: "I should wish to assume that you are not aware of its being most strictly forbidden to Catholics by his Holiness the Pope to take part in any Masonic proceedings such as the coming *fête*. You seem to indicate a wish to bring out the fact that some Catholics are taking part in the *fête*. This, so far as it may be the case, is a thing deeply to be lamented. But, unfortunately, among Catholics, as amongst the members of every other body of professing Christians, there are some who are far from faithful to the duties imposed on them by their religious creed. Any Catholic who may act in disregard of the law of the Church in this particular matter of encouraging in any way a Masonic proceeding, is by the very act excommunicated from the Catholic Church."

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