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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, THE M.W. GRAND MASTER OF ENGLAND; HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ABERCORN, M.W. GRAND MASTER OF IRELAND  
RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF HADDINGTON, M.W. GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND; AND THE GRAND MASTERS  
OF MANY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

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## HARD TO PLEASE.

None are so blind as those who will not see, and similarly, none are so difficult to please as those who will not be pleased under any circumstances. They experience some trouble more or less serious, some difficulty, which they do not see their way to overcome, or some annoyance, and you at once express your sympathy with them, but they resent it as though it were a personal affront or insult. They again find themselves in a difficulty or unpleasantly circumstanced and with your previous experience as a guide you stand aloof and say nothing. On this they charge you with indifference, with coldbloodedness, and even it may be with taking a certain fiendish delight in the troubles and misfortunes of others. Those of our New Zealand brethren who have seceded from the old-established order of things Masonic in that Colony are just now enacting the part of people who will not be pleased under any circumstances. You seriously and sincerely deplore the condition of the Craft in New Zealand, and you suggest that, though under the concurrent jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland there may have been occasionally a little friction, and those living under the English Constitution may not exactly have hit it off with the Scotch Masons, or the latter with their Irish brothers, still that occasional friction and those little differences of opinion were far preferable to the state of open and declared hostility which now prevails among the Masons in the Colony. You state this in sincerity from your general experience, from the information you receive from your correspondents, and from the articles and letters you read in the New Zealand Masonic papers. But you are directly told that you know nothing whatever about New Zealand, and that Freemasonry, according to the New Zealand Constitution, is in a flourishing state, both financially and in all other respects. You then avoid expressing any opinion and say, as we have said on many occasions, not that you consider a state of occasional friction among two or three communities preferable to open warfare, but that the Craft in New Zealand is in the position of a house divided against itself, and on hearing this, you are charged with an insane desire to protract and embitter a state which you have had no hand in bringing about, which you would have done your very best to prevent, and which you have repeatedly said you deeply and sincerely regretted. Thus, in our Review of Freemasonry for the year 1891, we stated the undeniable fact that the differences among the several sections of the Craft in New Zealand were as acute as ever, and that we feared there was very little prospect of those differences being reconciled. We also referred incidentally in another part of the same review to the irregular establishment of a Grand Lodge of New Zealand—a fact about which, considering that our Grand Lodge has declined to recognise this body, there can be, in our opinion, very little dispute. Hereupon we are told that evidently “the London *Freemason* does not desire to supplement the endeavours of the Craft to bring about the reconciliation so earnestly desired by many holding opposite views here.” There is absolutely not the slightest justification for this assertion. We say the Craft is divided against itself, and the New Zealand paper from which we have quoted confirms our statement when it speaks of a “reconciliation” being “earnestly desired by many holding opposite views.” We say further that there does not appear to us to be any prospect of the differences existing among the several sections of Craftsmen being healed, and we are forthwith given to understand that we do not desire that any reconciliation should take place. This is, of course, as absurd as it is illogical, and might be passed by with contempt, were it not that it shows the spirit which actuates the members of the New Zealand Constitution and the journals which represent them in the press. It may be quite true, as the *New Zealand Mail* informs us, that the adherents of the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand, “both before and after its formation, showed and are still showing every desire to conciliate those who entertain a reluctance to see the three Constitutions rolled into one.” It may be, and we hope it is, equally true that “a strong feeling of reciprocal conciliation has been steadily growing in the thinned ranks of the opponents to the new order of things Masonic.” But “it was all very well to dissemble your love, but why did you kick me downstairs?” What is the good of people exhibiting what they call a conciliatory spirit if they make it clear at the same time that they mean to carry out their project—whether you accept their conciliation or not? The partisans “of the new order of things Masonic” were resolved on seceding from the old order, *coute que coute*. Either it did not strike them that their secession would have the slightest effect in disturbing the relations at the time existing among the Craft in the Colony, in which case they exhibited an amount of folly which may almost be described as criminal; or it did not matter to them what the effect might be on the Craft as a whole, in which case they showed themselves to be the most determined enemies of Freemasonry. But what kind of conciliatory

spirit could that have been which determined on having its own way in any circumstances that might arise. Conciliation implies a certain amount of forbearance, a readiness to give as well as take in order to bring about an arrangement that shall be as agreeable as possible to the different parties concerned. But the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was established in the teeth of a strong opposition from those who adhered to the old order of things. Certainly one half of the whole Masonic body in New Zealand considered the movement to establish an independent Grand Lodge undesirable. Why they so considered it is no business of ours or of the adherents of the new order of things, but we imagine it was because they held that the movement was premature. Nearly everybody appears to be looking forward to the day when New Zealand, like Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania, Canada, Nova Scotia, &c., will be in a position to boast of having an independent and sovereign Grand Lodge of its own, which the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland will gladly recognise. But the adherents of the old order of things thought the time for such a consummation had not arrived. They had a perfect right to their opinion, the same right as the supporters of the new and irregular Grand Lodge had to their opinion that it was desirable to establish such a Grand Lodge, no matter what might be the consequences to Freemasonry. But when, we ask, was there anything like a conciliatory spirit in pressing forward a movement which everybody was agreed would come sooner or later? Even the most uncompromising supporters of “the new order of things Masonic” must admit that so far the effects of forcing forward the movement has been disastrous to the best interests of Freemasonry. These interests, indeed, appear to have been entirely overlooked in the hurry and scramble to establish the new Grand Lodge, and it is no apology for having overlooked them that the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand is now a flourishing body, both as regards means and members. However, we have said enough to show that whether we content ourselves with playing the rôle of chronicler and recording facts which no one disputes, or whether we occasionally express opinions which are logically deducible from those facts, our statements are equally obnoxious to the partisans of the local Grand Lodge. We say the state of Freemasonry in New Zealand is to be deplored, and that there is no immediate prospect of a reconciliation between the rival supporters of the old order and the new, and we are immediately credited with a desire to protract and embitter the controversy between them. However, just now—and for a considerable time past—our brethren in this Colony for all this talk about conciliation seem determined not to be pleased with any account that is given of their doings, and all we can hope for is they will in time become a little more amenable to reason.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, London. The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, M.W. Pro Grand Master, presided. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, acted as Dep. G. Master; Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. G.M. of Somersetshire, as Past G.M.; Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., as S.G.W.; Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, P.G.W., as J.G.W.; Edward Letchworth, G. Sec.; and there were about 1000 brethren present.

After the formal opening of Grand Lodge, the minutes of the March Quarterly Communication and of the Grand Festival were read by Bro. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., and confirmed.

The Earl of LATHOM rose and said that at the Grand Festival the Senior Grand Warden, his Grace the Duke of Portland, was unable to be present, he was, however, present to-night, and he (the Earl of Lathom) should have the pleasure and honour of investing him now.

The Duke of Portland was thereupon presented to the Earl of Lathom, who invested him with the insignia of Senior Grand Warden, and congratulated him on his appointment. His Grace was afterwards conducted by Bros. Sir Albert Woods and Dr. Strong to the chair of Senior Grand Warden amidst loud applause.

The Earl of LATHOM next said that in like manner the Marquis of Granby, M.P., J.G.W., was unable to be present on the last occasion, but being now in attendance he would have the honour of investing him.

The Marquis of Granby was then also introduced to the Pro Grand Master, who invested and congratulated him. The noble marquis was also conducted by Bros. Sir Albert Woods and Dr. Strong to his chair amidst applause, and at the direction of Bro. Sir Albert Woods the two Grand Wardens were saluted according to ancient custom.

The Earl of LATHOM then rose and said he regretted that on account of a previous pressing engagement he was unable to stay any longer with the brethren that evening; but he could not resist attending to invest two such old friends of his own in Grand Lodge that evening.

His lordship, as well as the two new Wardens, vacated their chairs and

left the Temple. Bro. Beach occupied the throne, and Bro. Col. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey, acted as Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. BEACH said he had great pleasure in announcing that Bro. Thomas Fenn had been again appointed by the M.W. Grand Master, President of the Board of General Purposes. (Cheers.)

Scrutineers of votes for the election of members of the Board of General Purposes were appointed, Bro. J. H. Matthews being chosen Chairman, and having been obligated to make a true and faithful return, they collected the balloting cards, and withdrew.

Addressing Bro. Thomas Fenn, who approached Bro. Beach for re-investment as President of the Board of General Purposes, Bro. BEACH said he had performed his duties in that office so well that it was an honour to Grand Lodge to have him in that position. He congratulated him and Grand Lodge.

Bro. LETCHWORTH informed the Acting Grand Master that the M.W. Grand Master had appointed on the Board of General Purposes, besides Bro. Thomas Fenn, Bros. Sir Albert W. Woods, K.C.M.G., C.B., Garter, Sir John Braddick Monckton, Frederick Adolphus Philbrick, Q.C., Robert Grey, Frank Richardson, Samuel Pope, Q.C., Ralph Clutton, Sir George David Harris, Maj.-Gen. J. Crossland Hay, C.B., and Chas. Edward Keyser.

Colonial Board: Appointed—Bros. Sir George David Harris (Chairman), Frederick Adolphus Philbrick, Q.C., and Brackstone Baker. Elected—Bros. Major-Gen. Frederick Gadsden, G.S., P.M. 434 (Vice-Chairman); Reginald St. A. Roumieu, P.M. 1537; Lennox Browne, P.M. 2108; William Farquharson Lamony, P.M. 752; John Speight Cumberland, P.M. 2128; James Brett, P.M. 177; and Captain Thomas Charles Walls, P.M. 141.

Bro. BEACH said there being no other candidates than the required number, he declared these brethren duly elected.

On the motion of Bro. LENNOX BROWNE, V.P. of the Board of General Purposes, seconded by Bro. JAMES BRETT, P.G.P., Bro. John Smith was unanimously re-elected Auditor of Grand Lodge accounts.

Bro. LETCHWORTH said he had now to announce that H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. had been pleased to appoint the following brethren members of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons: Bros. E. Letchworth, Jabez Hogg, R. Turtle Pigott, T. B. Purchase, F. Mead, Deputy Inspector-Gen. Belgrave Ninnis, W. P. Brown, J. Smith, S. Vallentine, and S. V. Abraham. The following—the required number—had been nominated, and there would be no election: Bros. Charles A. Cottebrune, P.M. 733; Robt. D. Cummings, P.M. 1677; Hugh Cotter, P.M. 554; Chas. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155; Lieut.-Col. Alfred Durrant, P.M. 569; Charles Kempton, P.M. 1287; Alfred H. Tattershall, P.M. 140; Isaac Dixon, P.M. 1567; R. Griggs, P.M. 228; and Wm. Henry Hubbert, P.M. 1625.

The Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter having been read, recommendations for the following grants were confirmed:

A brother of the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxford ... ..	£50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 21, London ... ..	75 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Polish National Lodge, No. 534, London ... ..	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Enfield Lodge, No. 1237, Enfield ... ..	50 0 0
A brother of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, London ... ..	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293, Hampton Court ... ..	50 0 0
A brother of the Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834, London ... ..	50 0 0
A brother of the Leopold Lodge, No. 1571, London ... ..	50 0 0

On the motion of Bro. T. FENN, seconded by Bro. LENNOX BROWNE, the following report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board beg to report that a lodge at Guildford had returned the name of a brother as a joining member from the United Lodge, No. 697, Colchester, who was not on the register, and on being informed of this, forwarded to the Grand Secretary's office the clearance certificate the brother had received from Lodge 697 at the time of his resignation, stating that he joined the lodge in October, 1879, continued a member until February, 1881, when he resigned having previously paid all dues and demands.

The Board being unwilling to summon the officers of Lodge No. 697 to attend in London if it could be avoided, requested the Grand Registrar, who is also Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the province, to summon them before him, when he should be in Colchester, and to hear their explanation.

The Grand Registrar reported that the lodge had paid to him the amount due to Grand Lodge, and expressed their deep regret at the omission for which they were unable to account satisfactorily, the Secretary and others who had signed the clearance certificate being dead.

It appeared that the brother had joined the lodge from a lodge under the Scotch Constitution, but owing to the lodge at Colchester neglecting to register his name, he had not received a certificate under the English Constitution, to which he was entitled.

The Board, taking into consideration the lapse of time, and that probably few of the present members were members at the time of the offence, were of opinion that the justice of the case would be met by a resolution that the lodge be severely reprimanded, admonished to be more careful in future, and fined the sum of £1 1s., and they resolved accordingly.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of May instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £8903 13s. 8d., and balance of annual allowance for library £33 5s. 8d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
17th May, 1892.

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 17th of May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed:

That the cordial thanks of the members of the Board of General Purposes be tendered to the President, V.W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Board during the past year, and that the Board desire especially to express their appreciation of the services rendered to the Craft by Bro. Fenn in superintending, in conjunction with the Grand Registrar for upwards of two months, from the lamented death of the late Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, until the appointment of his successor, the work of the Grand Secretary's office.

(Signed) LENNOX BROWNE,  
Vice-President.

The annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated 20th May, 1892, being laid before Grand Lodge, was taken as read and then adopted.

Bro. JOHN ALBERT FARNFIELD, P.A.G.D. of C., next moved—

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

He said when the brethren reflected upon the last two winters, how inclement they were and how much these poor annuitants required warmth he felt sure it would not require many words from him to commend the vote to them. He was certain they would vote the money immediately.

Bro. Dr. JABEZ HOGG, P.G.D., seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.D., President of the Board of Benevolence, moved—

That in future the Board of Masters and Board of Benevolence do meet at 5 p.m. instead of 6 p.m.

He said he had been asked by several of his colleagues on the Board—and he entirely concurred with their views—to have the Board meet at five instead of six. It was well known to most of the members of Grand Lodge who attended that Board, that they frequently had to sit there until the hour of ten, and sometimes almost eleven, at night, and that they had many country cases which brethren came from long distances to support. If the Board met at five instead of six it would enable those country brethren to return to their homes by late trains, where they were debarred from doing that at present. He would not detain Grand Lodge by many words, because he had not heard any opposition to the motion.

Bro. JAMES BRETT, Senior Vice-President, seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Reg., brought forward the following appeal by Bro. J. Louis:—"Firstly, against the sentence of the District Grand Master of Bengal, of the 3rd and 7th December, 1891, suspending him from his rank and privileges as a Freemason for twelve months for un-Masonic conduct; and secondly, against his decision of the 6th December, 1891, refusing to entertain a complaint against Bros. Jones and Rustonjee, preferred by the said Bro. Louis in a letter dated the 5th December, 1891." The circumstances out of which the appeal arose were very numerous and intricate, but briefly stated they were that in a Masonic benevolent institution in Calcutta, to which some few persons who are not Freemasons, as well as Freemasons, subscribe, some alterations were proposed in the by-laws. The District Grand Master, who was about to proceed to England on furlough, thought the proposed change would not be beneficial and set out his reasons in a circular which he sent to the subscribers. By the accident of two persons being of the same name one of the circulars reached the hands of a non-Mason. The District Grand Master came to England, and in due course District Grand Lodge was held, at which the Deputy District Grand Master presided. Bro. Louis before Grand Lodge was closed, rose to refer to the matter of the circular, but as it was not on the agenda paper the Grand Secretary called attention to the fact that nothing but business on the paper could be transacted, and the Deputy ruled Bro. Louis out of order, and he sat down. This appeared in the printed report of the proceedings of June 24th. Bro. Louis shortly afterwards appealed to United Grand Lodge. When the papers came before Col. Shadwell Clerke, he wrote courteously, as he always did, but in most direct terms that the District Grand Lodge had no power or right to entertain any matter concerning the Bengal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which was a voluntary Institution. It was a matter for the subscribers alone. The District Grand Master returned in October. On November 12th or 13th when the Courts met, Bro. Louis had a circular printed which was the real cause of his being suspended. It contained twelve closely printed pages. Among other things it professed to give an account of what occurred in the District Grand Lodge, and stated that Bro. Louis was in order, but the Deputy Grand Master shut his mouth and closed the lodge. The fact was that Bro. Louis acquiesced and submitted, but Bro. Louis said the assertions were utterly untrue. Bro. Louis in his circular set out letters he had received in answer to his application to brethren as to their version of what occurred, and one of these brethren said he understood it was a perfectly private communication to Bro. Louis, and he was very much surprised at its being published without his consent. Various charges were made against the District Grand Master. On being called before the District Grand Master, he admitted that he had written the circulars, and that he had circulated them at least in one case among non-Masons. Thereupon he had to show cause why he should not be suspended. He said the minutes of the District Grand Lodge of 24th June were not correct. But he had acquiesced when the District Grand Master called him to order, and sat down, and this was all the minutes represented. Therefore they were correct. He said he had not misled by his circular, and secondly he said it was published in good faith. Bro. Philbrick said he could not think that even a young Mason believed it was not wrong to publish such matter as a squabble; but here they were dealing with an experienced Mason, a Past District Grand Warden. Having read through and weighed the whole of the correspondence, he thought it would be a most evil example if one who had been raised to honour and dignity and who ought to know his Masonic obligations were allowed to violate them in the way Bro. Louis had done. He asked Grand Lodge to dismiss the appeal.

Bro. THOMAS FENN seconded. He had read through all this voluminous correspondence. All that occurred before 12th November was to his mind irrelevant to the appeal now before Grand Lodge. Col. Shadwell Clerke had very properly pointed out that an appeal on that matter could not be entertained. Bro. Louis accepted that, and there was an end of it. Afterwards he published the proceedings of Grand Lodge, and that became the subject of his suspension—he (Bro. Fenn) thought very properly. Now he came to Grand Lodge and appealed. Bro. Louis had broken the law. The District Grand Master was perfectly right, and no doubt, as Bro. Philbrick had said, in publishing these letters he had shown a rankling spirit. No doubt those on the spot could deal with the matter better than people elsewhere. Bro. Louis had deserved suspension. The brethren ought to recollect that in India there were a great many castes. Masonry had tended in a great measure to reconcile them, and also to render the private life of India more reconciled to the rule of the British Empire. He thought that anything that tended to disturb the harmony and union should be deprecated, and this Grand Lodge should do all it could to cement it. Therefore, he seconded the motion that the sentence of suspension on Bro.

Louis be confirmed, and that the District Grand Master's ruling be upheld, and the appeal dismissed.

The motion was carried.

Before closing Grand Lodge, Bro. BEACH said, as the Scrutineers had not completed their work, he would take their report in the Grand Master's private room.

Grand Lodge was then closed in form.

The following is the result of the election of the Board of General Purposes: Masters—Bros. William James Mason, William Shurmur, Arthur Blenkarn, P. H. Waterlow, F. G. Ivey, John G. Albert, and C. L. Hudson, M.D. Past Masters—Bros. E. C. Mulvey, G. E. Fairchild, S. Cochrane, George Read, F. E. Pocock, J. J. Thomas, and Captain T. C. Walls.

**CONSECRATION OF THE WOOD GREEN LODGE,  
No. 2426.**

The consecration of this lodge took place on Monday, the 23rd ult., at the Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green. The ceremony was performed by Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas., as S.W.; W. E. Stewart, P.A.G.D.C., as J.W.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., as I.G. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br., officiated as Chaplain. The choir was under the direction of Bro. Vernon Lee.

There was a numerous attendance of brethren (including the 25 founders all residing in Wood Green), and among the visitors were Bros. Wm. Shurmur, P.P.G.T.; H. Pritchard, P.P.G.T.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M. Benevolent Institution; J. Morrison McLeod, P.P.S.G.W., Sec. R.M. Institution for Boys; A. Durrant, P.M. 569 and 1185; R. W. Hunter, P.M. 1685; J. Westerby, P.M. 1613; E. Lovell, P.M. 754; W. F. Bull, P.M. 1707; Harry Price, W.M. 2420; Stallard, P.M. 1613; G. Powell, P.M. 1185; J. Bladon, W.M. 1839; N. G. Boswell, P.M. 1339; and W. J. Duck, W.M. 1950.

In addressing the founders, Bro. LETCHWORTH congratulated them on their success in obtaining the warrant for the lodge, reminding them that it was the opinion of H.R.H. the Grand Master that it was not advisable at present to increase to any great extent the number of lodges in the London district.

After the consecration, Bro. Letchworth installed Bro. N. Salmon, P.M. 177, as W.M., and the following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. J. T. Davies, I.G. 1348, S.W.; S. H. Wright, D.C. 2331, J.W.; T. B. Goodfellow, P.M. 177 and 1185, Treas.; H. E. Case, I.G. 1185, Sec.; J. W. Murray, 145, S.D.; G. B. Wood, 1580, J.D.; A. Wood, Stwd. 1185, I.G.; J. R. Duff, W.M. 145, D.C.; J. J. Cook, 1185, A.D.C.; F. W. Drew, I.G. 145, Org.; G. T. P. Pointer, W.M. 1613, and G. Vinton, 145, Stwds.; and W. Webb, Tyler.

The Consecrating Officers were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge, and a founder's jewel was presented to Bro. Letchworth.

Alter the names of several candidates for initiation had been proposed and seconded, the lodge was closed, and adjourned to July.

A banquet followed, at which about 80 brethren sat down.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The Most Worshipful Grand Master" were proposed by the W.M., and duly honoured.

In proposing the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. acknowledged the kindness of the Grand Officers who had attended and taken part in the consecration ceremony.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., in responding, expressed the pleasure which the Grand Officers who had attended felt in being elected honorary members of the lodge. They did not at all regard it as an empty compliment, and would probably surprise the brethren by coming among them at an early date.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Health of the V.W. Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary, the Consecrating Officer," and referred in graceful terms to the admirable manner in which the ceremony of consecrating the lodge had been performed.

In responding, Bro. LETCHWORTH stated that he had peculiar pleasure in consecrating a lodge in a neighbourhood with which he had been connected for so many years. He little thought when he was accustomed to drive through Wood Green upwards of 30 years ago that it would become such an important suburb. He acknowledged the assistance he had received from the other Grand Officers who taken part in the ceremony, and particularly thanked Bro. G. Everett, who had attended, notwithstanding he was suffering from illness.

Bro. LETCHWORTH then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and alluded to the good work done by Bro. Salmon as W.M. of 177. He congratulated the brethren in having a first Master so well able to guide the destinies of a young lodge.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in responding to the toast, acknowledged the kindness of Bro. Goodfellow, who, having passed the chair in the Lewis and Domatic Lodges, had stood aside and accepted the office of Treasurer in this lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bros. Wm. SHURMUR, H. PRITCHARD, H. PRICE, A. DURRANT, G. POWELL, and N. G. BOSWELL. Bro. J. TERRY, Sec. R.M.B.I., and Bro. J. MORRISON McLEOD, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, acknowledged the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and spoke eloquently and earnestly in support of the claims of the Institutions.

The remaining toasts were "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast.

During the evening an excellent musical programme was rendered by Bro. Vernon Lee's Opera Part Singers and by Bros. J. Bayne and F. W. Drew.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF BERKSHIRE.**

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Tuesday, the 24th ult., Comp. John Thornhill Morland, Grand Superintendent, presided, supported by Comps. John Tomkins, P.G.H.; Edward Grisbrook, P.G.J.; and the other officers of the province.

Those present also included—  
Comps. J. W. Martin, P.G.S.E.; R. C. Mount, P.G.S.N.; Charles Stephens, P.G. Treas.; J. O. Carter, P.Z., R. Nicholson, P.Z., and W. S. Cantrell, jun., P.Z.,

of 771; T. Kingston, P.Z. 771 and 862; S. Payne, P.Z. 945; E. Margrett, P.Z., F. Blackwell, P.Z., and W. H. Belcher, of 414; W. H. Gardener, P.Z.; H. J. Stollery, M.E.Z. 771; W. G. Flanagan, H., W. Ravenscroft, J., and M. J. Withers, S.N., of 414; E. Barber, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; and others.

Comp. J. W. MARTIN, P.G.S.E., having called the roll of chapters in the province, then read the financial statement of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, which showed a balance in hand of £48 3s. 3d., out of which the Provincial Grand Chapter voted the sum of £10 10s. to go on Comp. Mount's list for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The Provincial Grand Officers for the year were appointed and invested as under:

Comp. E. Grisbrook, P.Z. 414, 771	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" R. C. Mount, P.Z. 414...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" J. W. Martin, M.E.Z. 414	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" E. L. Shepherd, P.Z. 945	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Charles Stephens, 414	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. H. Belcher, P.Z. 414	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. Nicholson, P.Z. 771...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" H. J. Stollery, M.E.Z. 771	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" W. G. Flanagan, H. 414	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" W. Ravenscroft, J. 414...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" A. H. Simpson, S.E. 945	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" G. H. Morland, 945	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" W. Hemmings	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The new by-laws of the province, as prepared by the Special Committee appointed for that purpose, were approved and adopted.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed.

The companions then adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where the Grand Superintendent presided at a banquet, well served by Comp. W. G. Flanagan, P.A.G.S.

There were 30 companions present, and a very pleasant evening was spent, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being honoured.

**GRAND MARK LODGE.**

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, was held on Tuesday evening, at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street. The Marquess of Hertford, Pro Grand Master, presided. Bro. the Earl of Euston, D.G.M., occupied his seat as Dep. Grand Master. Bro. W. J. Hughan acted as Grand Senior Warden, and Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, M.P., Grand Junior Warden; and Bros. Charles Belton, G.M.O.; Jabez Church, G.S.O.; Richard Clowes, G.J.O.; Gordon Miller, G. Treas.; the Earl of Yarborough, Frank Richardson, G. Reg.; C. F. Matier, G. Sec.; Robert Berridge, G.D.C.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, J. E. Le Feuvre, Edward Letchworth, C. H. Driver, Col. A. B. Cook, J. H. Matthews, Sir J. B. Monckton, the Earl of Radnor, G. J. McKay, J. S. Eastes, Col. Harding, E. Monteuuis, George Gardner, Alderman E. G. Harwood, Sir Augustus Harris, Col. Somerville Burney, Alfred Williams, James Moon, P.G. Treas., and about 200 other brethren were present. Hon. Mr. Justice Boucaut, from New South Wales, was present as an honoured visitor.

After Grand Lodge had been opened, Bro. MATIER read the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication. Before they were put for confirmation, Bro. Matier said he would read the following letter from the Home Secretary, addressed to the Marquess of Hertford, in answer to the address voted by Grand Lodge to her Majesty the Queen on the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale:—

Whitehall, 29th February, 1892.

My Lord,—I have had the honour to lay before the Queen the loyal and dutiful address of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons on the occasion of the death of his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., and I have to inform your lordship that her Majesty was pleased to receive the address very graciously.—I have the honour to be, my lord, your lordship's obedient servant,  
Marquis of Hertford, 115, Eaton-place, S.W. HENRY MATTHEWS.

The Earl of EUSTON moved, and Bro. ALFRED WILLIAMS seconded, that this letter be entered on the minutes.

The motion was carried.

The minutes were then confirmed.

Bros. Col. Harding, F. Mead, Major Probyn, Ward, and Tipper having been appointed and entrusted as Scrutineers of votes for the election of five members of the General Board, collected the balloting papers and withdrew.

The following Report of the General Board was, on the motion of Bro. Col. A. B. COOK, President, seconded by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, Grand Registrar, taken as read, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

During the three months ending 31st March, 1892, there have been issued: Mark certificates, 386; total number registered, 29,474. Warrants for new lodges, three, viz.:

- No. 440, Sincerity, Cairo, Egypt.
- " 441, St. Michael, Barbados.
- " 442, Weyside, Woking, Surrey.

Royal Ark Mariner certificates, 50; total number registered, 3578.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W. Grand Master, has been pleased to appoint the Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough to be Provincial Grand Master for Lincolnshire, in succession to R.W. Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, whose term of office has expired, and to whom the thanks of Grand Lodge are due for his services to the Order since 1883.

The Right Worshipful Lieut.-Col. George Montgomerie John Moore, J.P., has been re-appointed District Grand Master for Madras, for a further term of three years.

On examination of the returns of St. John's Lodge, No. 214, it was discovered that Bro. John Nesbitt had been installed in the chair of W.M., he not having previously served as the Master of a lodge of Craft Freemasons, and the dispensation of the Grand Master not having been applied for or granted according to Art. 99. On consideration of this irregularity the Board ruled—

That the lodge shall apply for a dispensation at once.

That so soon as this is granted, Bro. John Nesbitt shall be re-obligated as an installed Master at the next regular meeting of the lodge, previously to which the dispensation shall be read and recorded on the minutes.

And further that the lodge be fined the sum of two guineas.

**FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.**

The Board have great pleasure in announcing that the 24th Annual Festival will be held on Wednesday, the 20th of July. R.W. Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., Past Grand Warden, has most kindly consented to preside, and the Grand Secretary will be happy to receive the names of brethren willing to act as Stewards.

The Board have elected, without a poll, the following candidates for the Educational and Annuity Grants: Educational Branch—Ernest Bunt; Annuity Branch—John Jeffrey Beer, and Thomas Morant Compton. And have to report the death of Jane Drewett, the first widow elected on the fund.

The Board have relieved the following case:

Mrs. S. E. (widow of a brother of No. 15) ... £10 0 0  
And recommended to Grand Lodge:  
Mrs. E. S. (widow of a brother of No. 2) ... £15 0 0

(Signed) A. B. COOK, President.  
FRANK RICHARDSON, Vice-President.  
C. FITZGERALD MATIER, G. Secretary.

On the motion of Bro. Col. A. B. COOK, seconded by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, the grant recommended to Mrs. E. S. of £15 was confirmed, and the report was adopted.

This being the day for the installation of M.W.G.M. and the appointment and investiture of the other officers of Grand Lodge, that portion of the proceedings then commenced.

The Marquess of HERTFORD announced the unanimous re-election of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., and Bro. ROBERT BERRIDGE proclaimed his Royal Highness as duly installed M.W.G.M.M. for the ensuing year.

The Marquess of HERTFORD afterwards announced that the Prince of Wales had again been pleased to appoint him as M.W. Pro G.M.M., and the Earl of Euston as R.W. Deputy G.M.M.

Bro. BERRIDGE having formally proclaimed each of these right hon. brethren by his respective titles, the customary salutes were duly given, and thanks were expressed by their lordships for the fraternal greeting, and the cordiality with which their appointments were received.

The following brethren were then announced as Grand Officers for the year, and, with the exception of two or three, who were unavoidably absent, and sent apologies for not being able to attend, were invested by the Pro Grand Master:

Bro. The Earl of Radnor ...	...	G.S.W.
" Sir John B. Monckton ...	...	G.J.W.
" Rear-Admiral A. H. Markham ...	...	G.M.O.
" Hon. Hubert V. Duncombe ...	...	G.S.O.
" J. H. Matthews ...	...	G.J.O.
" Rev. Viscount Molesworth ...	...	} G. Chaplains.
" Rev. F. W. Macdonald ...	...	
" Sir Augustus Harris ...	...	G. Treasurer.
" Frank Richardson ...	...	G. Reg.
" Col. A. B. Cook ...	...	Pres. Gen. Bd.
" C. F. Matier ...	...	G. Sec.
" Edgar A. Baylis ...	...	} G.S.D.'s
" Thomas Purvis ...	...	
" Alderman E. G. Harwood ...	...	} G.J.D.'s
" Philip Colville Smith ...	...	
" C. H. Driver ...	...	G. Insp. of Wks.
" Robert Berridge ...	...	G.D. of C.
" William Vincent ...	...	} G. Asst. D. of C.'s
" J. Loxdale Warren ...	...	
" Major S. G. Fairtlough ...	...	G.S.B.
" Frederick Cleaves ...	...	} G. Std. Br.'s
" Nelson D. Marks ...	...	
" F. Osmond Carr, Mus. Doc. Oxon ...	...	G. Org.
" John Nasmyth ...	...	G.I.G.
" Hans B. Olsen ...	...	G. Asst. I.G.
" E. J. Mills ...	...	G. Tyler.

At the conclusion of the investitures, Bro. C. F. MATIER informed the Pro Grand Master that Bro. Frank Richardson had been appointed by the M.W. Grand Master of New South Wales representative of the Grand Lodge of that colony in Grand Mark Lodge of England. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.M., had been pleased to approve of the appointment, and the patent of appointment was now produced.

Bro. Frank Richardson then conveyed the patent to the Marquess of Hertford, and received his lordship's congratulations on his appointment.

Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, speaking from the dais, said he wished to point out that that was the first time an appointment of a representative of a Mark Grand Lodge to a Mark Grand Lodge had been made. It was decidedly unique. Hitherto it had not been done in the whole world. As was done in Scotland and Ireland, the Mark Degree was recognised by the Craft Grand Lodge in New South Wales. Certainly they had got the right man in the right place.

The following brethren were announced as having been approved of as Grand Stewards by the Prince of Wales: Bros. W. Hyder Goodchild, 418; John Whitehead, 406; Louis Mantell, 176; Chas. Jas. Smith, 223; Sampson Hodgkinson, 224; Henry Walter Kiallmark, 400; Henry Peacock, 229; Eugene Monteuuis, 363; J. D. Errington Loveland, 320; W. Epps Morrison, 409; Alfred Cooper, 399; Chas. Wm. Cope Proctor, 183; David Chas. Lloyd Owen (Howe T.I.); and Alphonse Fortune Lamette, 75.

The following brethren were nominated by the Prince of Wales as members of the General Board: Bros. Alfred Williams, James Moon, C. H. Driver, R. Loveland Loveland, Gordon Miller, and Charles Belton. The following brethren were elected: Bros. Major C. W. Carrell, A. R. Carter, Jabez Church, Richard Clowes, and the Rev. Hayman Cummings.

Grand Mark Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to a banquet provided by the liberality of the Grand Stewards of the year. The Marquess of Hertford presided, and about 100 brethren sat down.

The banquet was everything that could be desired, and at its conclusion grace was sung and the toasts were proposed.

When "The Queen and Mark Masonry" and "The Most Worshipful Grand Master" had been duly honoured,

BARON DE FERRIERES rose to propose "The M.W. Pro Grand Master." He said at the present time the Prince of Wales was unable to be with the brethren, as he was suffering under a severe family bereavement. However, he had one to represent him whom all the brethren trusted. The Marquess of Hertford was one who took an interest in Masonry, and made a point of attending whenever he could. On behalf of the brethren he (Baron de Ferrieres) assured the Pro Grand Master that Mark Masons greatly appreciated his services. Mark Masons were very much favoured; they had a Pro Grand Master and a Deputy Grand Master who were very careful to discharge their duties, and he trusted the Great Overseer of the Universe would give them health and prosperity.

The Marquess of HERTFORD, in reply, assured the brethren it gave him very great pleasure to come and attend to his duties in Mark Masonry. He had always thought that if a thing was worth doing at all it was worth doing as well as one possibly could do it, and he thought that applied to Masonry as much as it did to everything else. To him it appeared that it was all the easier to carry out that principle, when everything was made so exceedingly pleasant for the doer, who as a rule was the person most pleased. (Laughter.) As long as he lived he would help Mark Masonry in any way, either by attending to the work of Grand Lodge, or in any other way he might be called upon. (Cheers.)

The Marquess of HERTFORD, in proposing "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said the brethren could not possibly have a better Deputy Grand Master than Lord Euston. The Earl of Euston was a brother well known to all brethren, but it was not so well known to all the brethren the amount of work his lordship did for Masonry, and for Mark Masonry in particular. It was not only on occasions like the present, at dinners and festivals, that Lord Euston attended, but he was a regular attendant at the General Board, and he was always at work helping Mark Masonry in every way. The real executive in Mark Masonry would bear him out in what he said of Lord Euston. He hoped he might go further, and say that all the Grand Officers, Present and Past, took a great interest in Mark Masonry, and no doubt all who followed him would do the same. (Cheers.)

The Earl of EUSTON, in reply, said on behalf of the great array of Grand Officers, Present and Past, he thanked the Pro Grand Master sincerely. With respect to the kind words used regarding himself, he could only say he did nothing more than he considered it his absolute duty to do—to keep Mark Masonry up to the very highest pitch. In saying this he was sure he was expressing the sentiments of every other Mark Mason. Mark Masonry certainly was second to no other Masonic Order. If they had succeeded in carrying forward Mark Masonry in past years as they surely had done, they would go on doing so, and the Order must prosper. What he had done was a pleasure to himself, and a labour of love.

The Marquess of HERTFORD said he could not help thinking that at all Masonic dinners the real toast of the evening must be the toast that dealt with Masonic Charity, because what did Masonry exist for? It ought to exist chiefly for the sake of doing good. He did not think that among all the Masonic Charities there was a better one than the Mark Benevolent Fund. (Cheers.) Therefore, he would call the present toast the toast of the evening. In saying that, he ventured to ask the support of all the brethren, and all Mark Masons in fact on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund, the Festival of which would take place on July 20th. He was sorry to say that at present the results did not look quite so well as they had looked on other occasions. They were very far short of the number of Stewards. Still, there was plenty of time, and he trusted many more Stewards would come forward before the date of the Festival. He would like to couple with the toast the name of one who had worked he might almost say harder than anybody on behalf of this Fund—Bro. Matier. (Applause.) Those matters were not arranged and settled without a great deal of hard work on the part of somebody, and that somebody had always been found in the person of Bro. Matier. (Cheers.)

Bro. C. F. MATIER, in response, said he felt that this year the Mark Benevolent Fund would not meet with anything like the success it had had in years gone by. (Expressions of dissent.) But there was one thing which reconciled the whole of the Board to that, which was that although their income might be small, it was sufficient to meet the outgoings. The Board had never yet turned away any worthy candidate who applied for relief, no matter whether he came for relief in the greatness of his own distress, or on behalf of his son or his daughter for education, or whether he or his widow came for an annuity. He thought he need not make a long speech or expatiate upon what the Mark Benevolent Fund could do. He could only tell the brethren that during the time it had been established it had either educated or was educating 62 children at the grammar schools nearest their own homes—(cheers)—that it had given to those children every New Year's Day £5, in addition to the education fees, to enable those children to go to school properly clothed—(hear, hear)—that it gave to every male annuitant a sum of £26 a year, and a Christmas present of £5; to each old lady annuitant £21 a year, as well as a Christmas present of £5. The brethren had that day passed the vote of £15 to one lady applicant, and the Board had given altogether from their funds an aggregate of over £2500 since the Fund was established. He was speaking of very small figures when they were compared with the great imperial figures of the Craft; but it must be remembered by the Mark brethren that their wants were few, and he was happy to say that those who asked assistance were also few. He knew he should never have to appeal to the great Order of Mark Masons in vain, and if ever the time came that the demands should be more than the accumulated funds could meet, the brethren would come forward in the handsomest manner to extend the relief which might be required.

The Earl of EUSTON proposed "The Visitors," to whom Grand Mark Lodge gave, and would always give, the most hearty welcome. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Justice Boucaut, of South Australia, whom he had the honour to serve under in the Courts of Law there. Justice Boucaut was one of the kindest masters, one of the best Masons, and one of the hardest workers. His lordship was very pleased with the reception he had had, and also with the working of Grand Lodge. He could assure the visitors that Charity, hospitality and everlasting friendship would always be shown to those who were visitors. (Cheers.)

Bro. Justice BOUCAUT, in reply, said that he had during the short time he had been in London responded so frequently to this toast at the many places he had visited that he could not but repeat himself in the few observations he made. He had been the recipient of the most astonishing kindness at the hands of the London Freemasons, Bro. Lord Euston, and others. He was afraid they could not realise the depth of his emotion when he experienced the brethren's kindness. He left England 46 years ago in one of the old sailing vessels which took 120 days on the voyage, and he had not been in England since. He came home in one of the magnificent steamers. He saw at Colombo and Bombay the English redcoats governing untold millions of people; he saw them at Perim, and Malta, and Gibraltar, and he felt that they were his redcoats also. The brethren in the great Metropolis of England, in the seat of learning, taking part in the government of the western part of the empire, could not realise the feeling that sprang up in his breast on coming home. He was no separatist. (Hear, hear.) In Masonry he could not speak on politics, but he might say he was no separatist. He was a Mason in Australia, but he would sooner be governed by the M.W. Grand Master than by the brethren in South

Australia. Blood was thicker than water. He was born in England, and he would be an Englishman in spite of everything. In some other lodges to which he belonged he adhered to the British government. No more loyal brethren existed in the empire than the Australian Masons. Allow him to express the pride and pleasure he had in being an Englishman. Only yesterday he went down to see that most magnificent cathedral of Canterbury. After he had looked with emotions which he could not express at the glorious pile he saw outside a gentleman who asked him a question which he could not answer, as he was a colonist. The gentleman said so was he; he was from Canada. He (Bro. Boucaut) told him he was from Australia, and they shook hands in memory of their glorious country. The Canadians, the gentleman said, were as loyal as the South Australians. He should remember his visit as long as he lived, and he should tell his children and his friends when he got back of the intense pleasure he felt at the hospitable reception he met with in the old country. (Cheers.)

Bro. Col. A. B. COOK proposed "The Stewards," mentioning that the Grand Lodge had been more largely attended than it ever was before, and the hospitality of the Stewards could not have been exceeded. He congratulated them on their success, and assured them that their kindness was appreciated to the full. (Cheers.)

Bro. Major CARRELL, President of the Board of Grand Stewards, responded, and said the Stewards had tried to carry out their duties in the best way, and they hoped the brethren had had a sufficiency of everything.

Under the direction of Bro. Alfred King, Mus. Doc. Oxon., P.G.O., a pretty selection of music was performed by Bros. Herbert Schartau, Edward Daizell, W. Bradford, and C. T. Johnson.

The company separated shortly after 10 p.m., having experienced a most enjoyable evening.

"ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM."

The first part of volume five of the "Transactions of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, London," speaks most emphatically of the extraordinary, in fact phenomenal growth and prosperous condition of this, the literary lodge, not only of the English Constitution, but in a still wider sense of the Craft universal. The frontispiece to the new volume is devoted to our esteemed W.M., Bro. W. H. Rylands, P.M. No. 2, P.G. Steward, whose abilities, Masonically, artistically, archæologically, scientifically, and generally, are of a high order, and whose researches relative to Freemasonry have been well directed and most fruitful in results. Bro. Rylands is a Master of whom the oldest lodge on the English roll was proud to have in its chair, and beyond question his rule will be as warmly appreciated by the members of the Inner and Outer Circles of No. 2076.

The full financial statement submitted by the Audit Committee is satisfactory and complete as usual, save that annually I consider it my duty to protest against the action of our respected Secretary in arranging that his well-earned salary shall not be paid for the past year, but only for the preceding one. It is time this injustice to himself should be rectified. Over £1500 for the financial year represents a large total, the only sorrowful picture in the printed account being the heavy list of arrears, which, for the sake of the lodge, and the credit of the members affected and concerned therein, should soon be paid, and never allowed to occur again. *No pay, no privileges*, will have to be a rigid motto in the future.

"Brahminical Initiation" in relation to "The Noose Symbol" is a thoughtful article by Bro. W. Simpson, P.M., but not quite the subject for discussion in these pages, and there is also a suggestive paper by Bro. John Yarker on the same study. The latter brother thinks that "all the papers on Indian thought" that have appeared lack the links which connect them with the Craft. In the discussion at the lodge on the 8th January, Bro. Rylands confessed he could not quite follow the arguments, and was unable to see clearly where the Masonic connection enters in the subject. This is my position. Bro. Speth thinks that the paper has increased the possibility of tracing the Cable Tow through the Noose to the Sacred Cord of Eastern initiatory rites.

Bro. Ladilas de Malczovich continues his very interesting article on "The Earlier History of Masonry in Austria and Hungary," and this time affords some invaluable information respecting the Lodge of the "Three Hearts," one of the oldest instances of what is known as a "Deputy Lodge." When the whole has been printed, I venture to state that we shall all feel much indebted to my friend for his researches, and shall esteem his paper as by far the most useful, accurate, and most important account of the Craft in those two countries that has ever appeared. I hope to refer to the completed history in due course.

Bro. Dr. Dieperink writes most vigorously in defence of his statements concerning the three different Rites or Systems of Dutch Freemasonry. Though Bro. Crowe took an opposite view, his authority was stated to be Bro. Vaillant, so, naturally, Bro. Dieperink addresses his remarks to the latter brother, who, doubtless is well able to hold his own. In the present communication however, it does appear as if the "High Degrees" are on a more favourable footing than Bro. Vaillant allows, though not more so than they deserve in Holland, and I am glad that Bro. Speth has decided to permit of Bro. Vaillant writing a rejoinder, confined exclusively to the evidence adduced.

The pleasing and instructive paper by Bro. F. J. W. Crowe on "Masonic Clothing" is on a topic familiar to my friend. He has a wonderful collection of aprons, collars, and jewels of various Grand Bodies, and is quite at home on the subject of their peculiar differences and varied character. Quite recently I had the pleasure to look over his curious stock of these articles, and to refresh my memory as to his enormous albums of certificates, summonses, and Masonic relics of all kinds. Brethren may entrust to him, with every confidence, any curiosities they can part with, especially as ultimately the whole of his important collection will come into the hands of our lodge. The illustrations to the present contribution are very useful, and add much to the value of the historical account. Brethren not acquainted with the numerous styles of clothing will be surprised to read the many singular facts which have been accumulated and now made known by Bro. Crowe. So many are these that I must forbear reference to them just now, except to express my admiration of the sketches themselves.

The "Remarks on the Craft Legend of the Old British Masons" call for careful study, as they are written by my able collaborator, Dr. Begemann, Prov. Grand Master of Mecklenburg. The completion will probably be printed in part two, so that it would scarcely be fair to say much about it at present. I may, however, state that he emphasises the value of the "William Watson" version, and maintains that much of the ordinary MSS. was made up from this noted Text, besides illustrating the importance

of the "Thomas W. Tew MS." as forming a kind of link between the former scroll and the prevailing text. The professor considers that the "William Watson" version was revised "in the 16th century, say about 1510 to 1520." I await, with pleasurable anticipation, the completion of this able analysis of the legends of the Old Charges.

The "Masonic Genius of Robert Burns," by Dr. B. W. Richardson; "Who was Naymus of the Greeks?" by Bro. S.R. Forbes; and other papers call for treatment, but my space is filled up, so they must be left to other writers, as also the welcome Reviews and Notes and Queries, which are of even more than ordinary value, these departments being a strong feature of the journal so ably edited by Bro. G. W. Speth.

I strongly object to Bro. Gould's dictum, in his review of Dr. Barlow's valedictory address, that "The first three Degrees, as we now have them, though communicated in two steps, instead of three, were in existence before the era of Grand Lodges." My opinion is (and Bro. Gould knows it is also shared by Bros. Lyon, Lane, and several other Masonic students) that *there were no separate Masonic Degrees* before the era of Grand Lodge, and hence I object to my conscientious belief being entitled "a popular delusion." Surely we should tolerate each other's views, and also eschew infallibility.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE LATE BRO. COL. SIR FRANCIS BURDETT, BART.

Few members of our Order have taken a more active part in the affairs of Freemasonry, or held at one and the same time a greater number of important offices than Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., nor are there many whose services to the Craft will be more gratefully remembered. Our Middlesex brethren especially will be deeply grieved by the loss of their Provincial Grand Master, who had presided over them with such conspicuous tact and judgment, and so genially from the date of their constitution as a Province. The loss will be the more severely felt from the suddenness of its occurrence, his death having taken place in Chesham-place on Tuesday, when he was on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Houston, and when to all appearance he was in the enjoyment of his usual health. True he had attained the ripe age of 79 years, but he bore himself bravely in spite of his age, and was accustomed to exhibit so much activity, and was so frequently in our midst, enacting one or other of the many parts assigned to him with so much vigour, that it is difficult to realise that he is no longer with us, and will never again discharge those duties, in the fulfilment of which he found such pleasure. For more than 20 years our distinguished brother had been a foremost member of our Grand Lodge, his earliest appointment being that of a Past S.G.W., which was conferred upon him in 1869, when the Grand Lodge of Ireland selected him as its representative at our Grand Lodge. Later in the same year, on the constitution of Middlesex as a Province, Bro. Col. Francis Burdett—as he then was—was chosen to be its first Provincial Grand Master, and was formally installed in office in the early days of the following year. In 1870 he had conferred upon him the office of Provincial Grand Mark Master of Middlesex and Surrey, while in 1871 the range of his duties and responsibilities was still further extended by his appointment as Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry in Middlesex. Then these important positions—together with that of representative at our Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Ireland—our late brother had held continuously till his death, and it was in these offices that his chief services to the Craft were rendered. But in addition he was M.I. Grand Sovereign of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, as well as Chief Intendant-General for Middlesex, Essex, and Surrey in England, and Past Grand Sovereign of the same Order in Scotland; Inspector General, 33°, Unattached in the Ancient and Accepted Rite in England, and an honorary member of the Supreme Council of the rite in Ireland; and one of the Hon. Vice-Presidents of the Rosicrucian Society of England. Other offices of distinction had also been conferred upon him at different times during his career, and it may justly be said of him that whatever he put his hand to, that did he right well with all his heart and soul and strength. Nor is there a Mason of our day with whom it was a greater pleasure or a greater honour to be associated in any branch of Masonic duty. As regards our Charitable Institutions, he was a warm supporter of them all. He headed the contingent of Middlesex Stewards both at the Centenary of the Girls' School in 1888, and at the Jubilee Festival in February last of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, while in 1890 he presided as Chairman at the Annual Festival of the former Charity, and his daughter presented the prizes. Two other occasions on which our late brother took a prominent part are also worthy of mention. The first took place a few years since, when his cousin, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, presented a set of chairs to the Lodge No. 1278, which bears her name, and a dispensation having been granted for the purpose by the M.W. Grand Master, her ladyship was conducted into the lodge room by Sir Francis Burdett—it is almost needless to say the lodge was not at labour at the time—and the vote of thanks for her gift was acknowledged by him. The more recent occasion was in 1884, when he accompanied the same lady on her visit to Wood Green to lay the memorial stone of the new hall. It was, however, as we have already pointed out, in his Province of Middlesex that his chief services to the Craft were rendered, and though his death will be very generally lamented, it will be in Middlesex that the blow will be most severely felt and most deeply and sincerely regretted. Outside that province he was known and respected as one of the leading members of our Society, but within its borders he was known and beloved as the ruler who had presided successfully over its destinies for close upon a quarter of a century. The knowledge of this fact and the feeling that in their bereavement they have the sincere sympathy of all English Freemasons will doubtless be some slight consolation to the widow and family of our late distinguished brother.

The remains of Sir Francis Burdett will be interred at Foremark, his Derbyshire seat, to-day (Friday). The funeral will be attended by the tenantry on the estate, and also by a deputation of the tenantry on his Ramsbury estate in Wiltshire.

## ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LONDON AND METROPOLITAN COUNTIES.

The Knight Companions will meet in Council at 33, GOLDEN SQUARE, W., on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd day of JUNE, 1892, at 5 p.m. precisely, where W. Bro. the EARL OF EUSTON will be installed as Prov. Grand Master by M.W. Bro. the EARL OF HADDINGTON, M.W. Dep. G.M. and Governor of the Order, and the Dep. Prov. G.M. desires the attendance of all duly qualified Brethren.

Names and Addresses of Candidates, with the name and number of Craft Lodge and R.A. Chapter, must be sent to me not later than SATURDAY, the 8th June, 1892.

The ANNUAL BANQUET will be held at the CAFE ROYAL, Regent-street, at 8 p.m. precisely.

By order,  
FRANK RICHARDSON,  
28, Golden-square, W., Prov. Grand Secretary.  
27th May, 1892.

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## THE NINETY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

Will be held at

THE FREEMASONS' TAVERN, LONDON, W.C.,

On WEDNESDAY, 29th JUNE, 1892,

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENCY OF

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By Order,

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Hon. Secretary Board of Stewards.

6, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.,

2nd June, 1892.

The services of Brethren and Ladies as Stewards are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Members of the House Committee desire to offer their sincere thanks to the Governors who, many no doubt at considerable personal inconvenience, attended on the 26th of May at Freemasons' Hall and supported their re-election by so decisive a majority. In requital they can but promise, as they most heartily do, their best services in behalf of the Institution in whose welfare the whole Craft takes so deep an interest.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Bro. NOAH MARTIN, P.M. 299, P.P.S.G.D. Kent, returns his sincere thanks to all Brethren who have taken an interest in the successful issue of the election of annuitants of the above Institution.

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Contributions to the Building Fund and Annual Subscriptions will be thankfully received by JOHN DEACON, Esq., Treasurer and Trustee at the banking house of Messrs. WILLIAMS, DEACON, and Co., 20, Birchin-lane, and at the Hospital by

ROBERT J. NEWSTEAD,  
Secretary.

## TO ARCHITECTS.—The Directors

of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Central Masonic Hall Company, "Limited," invite Competitive Designs for their new Masonic Hall, and offer the following premiums:—

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GEO. H. TURNER,

Derby, May, 1892.

General Manager.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

W. BRO. RAYMOND H. THRUPP, P.A.G.D.C.,  
Deputy Provincial Grand Master in charge.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Provincial Grand Lodge, for the purpose of passing a vote of condolence to Lady Burdett and Family on the lamented death of Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, will be held at the TOWN HALL, Twickenham, at HALF-PAST FIVE o'clock, on FRIDAY, the 10th JUNE.

By order.

HOWARD H. ROOM,

Prov. Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—The Annual Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting, summoned for 25th JUNE at TEDDINGTON, will be held as arranged.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

E. COMP. RAYMOND HENRY THRUPP, Provincial  
Second Grand Principal in charge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at the GREYHOUND HOTEL, Hampton Court, on SATURDAY, the 18th instant, at FOUR o'clock p.m.

NO BANQUET.

By order.

WILLIAM HENRY LEE,

50, Shakespeare-road,  
Herne Hill, S.E.,  
1st June, 1892.

Provincial Grand S.E.

## ORDER of the SECRET MONITOR.

GRAND FESTIVAL, 1892.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the GRAND FESTIVAL of the ORDER will be held at MARK MASONS' HALL, GREAT QUEEN STREET, W.C., on

WEDNESDAY, 22ND JUNE, 1892,

WHEN

M. WORTHY BRO. DR. ISSACHAR ZACHARIE  
Will be re-installed as Grand Supreme Ruler for the Year,  
AND WHEN

M. WORTHY BRO. EDWARD LETCHWORTH,  
Grand Secretary of Craft Masonry,  
Will be installed as a Past Grand Supreme Ruler of the  
Order.

AT THE SAME TIME

The other GRAND OFFICERS and GRAND STEWARDS for the Year will be invested and proclaimed.

All Princes of the Order are entitled to be present, and all Bro. Secret Monitors are invited on this important occasion.

Brethren belonging to a foreign jurisdiction, and desiring to be present, should apply to

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 The V.W. Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D.  
 Cheques to be sent to the Treasurer, Bro. ROBERT GREY, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.  
 The next meeting of the Committee will be held here on MONDAY, 4th July, at FIVE o'clock, of which this is to be taken as notice.  
 FRANK RICHARDSON,  
 Freemasons' Hall,  
 3rd May, 1892. Secretary.

**WANTED.—FURNITURE** for a ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, New or Secondhand, the latter preferred.—Particulars to CRAFTSMAN, Freemason Office, 16, Great Queen-street, W.C.

**A NATIONAL DRINK REFORM.**

Our prisons and our workhouses are filled with people ruined through drink. Our Judges attribute the majority of the crimes committed to the same cause, and our people are now thoroughly convinced that some radical cure must be found to reduce this national failing.

A great temperance wave is passing over the country, but the rock which so far has stopped its progress was the entire absence of a really good non-alcoholic beverage. How are the people to do without liquor, when no proper non-alcoholic substitute offers?

It was my happy lot to remove this great stumbling block in the progress of temperance, and to discover a sound substitute for alcoholic beverages. This is a bold statement to make. I, however, make it without fear of contradiction, as I have the unimpeachable testimony of thousands to back me up; and I have not only discovered the Drink, but I have also built a large brewery capable of producing 150,000 bottles of this new national beverage per day.

The Editor of the *Lancet* thought the subject of my discovery of sufficient importance to warrant the sending of a Special Analytical Commission to my brewery. The report of this Commission (*Lancet*, 21st May, 1892) winds up as follows:

Kops Ale affords an excellent and satisfying drink in hot weather, and while it contains all the tonic and refreshing qualities of beer, it can never be accused of stealing a march upon the mental faculties. It keeps well, as our examination of samples some months old shows. The public, and especially the teetotal public, may evidently drink Kops Ale with confidence; it contains nothing that is injurious but is on the contrary a salutary and palatable beverage possessing distinct tonic and stimulating properties by virtue of the choice ingredients which form the basis of its preparation.

Full copies of this report can be obtained from me free. Hundreds of scientific men have made similarly favourable statements. Clergymen of all denominations are my strongest supporters; two great men—who, unfortunately, are no longer among us—Cardinal Manning and the Rev. Mr. Spurgeon, gave me their aid, the latter using Kops Ale at his own table, and it is only necessary to read the reports in *The Christian World*, *The Presbyterian*, and others, to obtain a reflex of the opinion of the clergy; I have even succeeded in convincing the most unlikely community—sportsmen—that there is more virtue in Kops Ale as a thirst quencher and for training purposes than in alcoholic liquor (*vide Sportsman*, *Sporting Times*, *Man of the World*, *Cycling*, *C. T. C. Monthly Gazette*, *Field*, *Football*, &c.).

For farmers and farm labourers Kops Ale is equally valuable (*vide Farmer and Stockbreeder*), and to the working man the new comer has proved a real blessing. The Working Men's Union have awarded me a Gold Medal, and in my immediate neighbourhood the labouring classes to-day spend their money cheerfully on Kops in preference to alcoholic liquors.

Thus grand results have been achieved, and still I have only worked in a small circle. There are to-day millions of people in England who have never heard of Kops ALE. I can now conclusively prove that Kops has the right to be called a national drink reformer, and I now call upon every right-minded man to help me in the great work which I have undertaken.

The true way out of Darkest England is a reduction in the drink traffic. It will empty our prisons, it will reduce our poor rates, and prevent much of the misery and crime which now prevail. Let the people of England know that they need drink alcoholic beverages no more, as a drink has been invented which will be equally acceptable to them, and still produce no foul effects. Let the publican know that he can now sell a drink which will give him as much profit as beer, be preferred by his customer, and not ruin him. Let these facts be proclaimed throughout the length and breadth of the land, and we shall soon hear no more of drunkenness and crime.

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**To Correspondents,**

The following communications amongst others unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT LODGES.—Temperance-in-the-East, No. 898; Hesketh, No. 950; Zetland, No. 1005; Henry Mugeridge, No. 1679; Cordwainer Ward, No. 2241; and Hiram, No. 2416.  
 ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.—Rose, No. 1622.  
 Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire.  
 Provincial Grand Chapter of North and East Yorkshire.  
 Consecration of the Ferdinand de Rothschild Lodge, No. 2420.  
 Numerous reports of lodges of instruction also stand over, but will appear next week.



SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 1892.

**Masonic Notes.**

The meeting of Grand Lodge on Wednesday was a crowded one, and it was found necessary to set apart an overflow room to enable the votes for members of the Board of General Purposes to be duly recorded. Increasing interest appears to be taken in the elections to the Masonic Parliament, and the process of election which answered well enough in the old days is not unlikely soon to be inadequate to present day requirements. The election of Grand Treasurer also strains the capacity of the Hall to the utmost, and we think that if some plan could be devised to take the votes of the members of Grand Lodge—something after the method adopted recently at the election of the House Committee of the Girls' School—it would be accepted as a boon by the Craft generally.

It will be seen by an advertisement in another column that the Deputy Grand Master in charge of the Province of Middlesex has called a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, on Friday next, for the purpose of passing a vote of condolence to Lady Burdett and family on the lamented death of the Provincial Grand Master. This will not affect the annual Provincial

Grand Lodge meeting on the 25th, which will be held as previously arranged. The annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter will also take place on the 18th instant.

We are informed that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent will be held at Ramsgate on Friday, the 24th inst. The preparatory meeting was held at Gravesend on Thursday, the 26th ult., under the presidency of Earl Amherst, a good number of the brethren of the Province of Kent attending, and afterwards dining together at the New Falcon Hotel.

It will interest many of our readers to know that Bro. George Dalrymple, of Whitehaven, P.P.S.G.W., P.A.G. Sec., and P.G.S.E. for Cumberland and Westmorland, has been appointed Prov. G. Secretary, in succession to Bro. G. J. McKay, P.G. Std. Br., whom we announced last week had received the appointment of D.P.G.M., vice Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, P.G.D., resigned. Bro. Dalrymple has for many years past been a most assiduous and energetic worker in many departments of Masonry in the Border Province, besides taking an active part in the Charitable Institutions of the Order, and, as he is a *non dormis* in Craft matters, the onerous duties of P.G. Secretary could not possibly be in better hands. Bro. Dalrymple, it may be added, is to be named as the first M.E.Z. of a new Royal Arch chapter proposed to be attached to Whitwell Lodge, No. 1390, Millom.

A remarkable incident, illustrating the peculiar circumstances under which people occasionally run against one another, after a long lapse of years, transpired at Grand Mark Lodge last Tuesday evening. Twenty years ago an officer in the army advanced a journalist to the honourable Degree of M.M.M. in a lodge in the North of England, long ago extinct, and from that day up till the present week the brethren in question had not met. During the past score years each had played an active part in the work of Masonry in different parts of the world, and the "foregathering" was in this wise.

The soldier was summoned to the dais of Grand Mark Lodge to receive the honours and insignia of a Grand Officer for the ensuing year. Grand Lodge closed, the journalist at once sought out his father in Mark Masonry. It further transpired that the latter had actually signed the attendance book—both are Past Provincial Officers—consecutive to the long time *débutante*, whose name had arrested his attention. Thus the recognition was, in a practical measure, mutual.

**Correspondence.**

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

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."  
 Dear Sir and Brother,  
 I notice in your report of the election of members of the House Committee of the Girls' School, on the 27th ult., you did not give the number of votes polled for each candidate. I think many of your readers would like to see the figures, unless there is any objection to their publication.—Yours fraternally,  
 LIFE GOVERNOR.

[As the meeting only took place at the moment of our going to press, we had time for a brief report only, but we now give the figures asked for.—Ed. F.M.]

Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, 490; Robert Grey, 489; Thomas Fenn, 487; Ed. Letchworth, 481; C. Hammerton, 481; Frank Richardson, 478; James Moon, 477; Peter de Lande Long, 473; H. A. Hunt, 472; J. H. Matthews, 471; Alderman Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., 459; Ralph Clutton, 458; Richard Eve, 112; George Everett, 104; and W. A. Scurrah, 85.

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."  
 Dear Sir and Brother,  
 Permit me to call your attention to the report of the annual meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, held on the 20th ult., in which you state that my amendment to the motion of Bro. Perceval was put to the vote and *lost* by 17 to 9. It was just the reverse, otherwise it would not have stood over for consideration at the annual meeting, when I regret the motion was not allowed to be discussed and disposed of. As it is, the motion now stands for consideration at the meeting of the Committee of Management on the 8th inst., when I trust a decision may be arrived at without in any way affecting the well-being of the Institution.—Allow me to remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,  
 CHAS. DANIEL,  
 June 1st. P.M. and P.Z. 65.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

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LES FREEMASSON'S PLATE FROM PICART'S  
"CEREMONIES."

The large plate in this work of A.D. 1736 is well known to the Masonic student. It represents in the foreground the Worshipful Master, his Wardens, and brethren, all in the costume of the early part of last century; beyond them stretches a table in the shape of a square, and behind this table rises a high-pannelled wainscoting. This panel is divided into 129 smaller squares, on each of which appears a number, the copy of a tavern sign, and the name of the tavern in question. On the cornice in the centre we have the coat-of-arms of Lord Weymouth, and immediately below this a medallion likeness of Sir Richard Steele. The panel is, in fact, an artistically arranged version of Pine's "Engraved List of Lodges for 1735." The plate is valuable as showing us the Masonic costume of the period, and curious as suggesting that Sir Richard Steele must have been a Freemason. It is, indeed, our only evidence on that point, as, although many expressions in his writings might be held to confirm such a view, we have no records in lodge minutes or members' lists that such was the case. Picart's "Ceremonies" was published in many editions at various times and places, and in more than one language, and I believe all of them originally contained the plate in question, although the book is oftener without it, some Masonic collector having evidently taken it out. In many of the later editions the plate is reversed, and the numbers of the lodges run from right to left, instead of from left to right. At the same time some inaccuracies in the spelling of English names have been corrected. But, on the other hand, in one of these reversed copies (owned by our lodge) Sir Richard is entitled "Richcard"—a blunder not made in the first edition. All those I have seen are of the same size—16 inches by 12 inches—exclusive of the margin, but the plate in any addition is becoming somewhat scarce, and the last one I saw advertised, of a later and reversed edition, was quoted at 25s. Bro. T. W. Embleton, of the "Cedars," Methley, Leeds, held till he lately presented it to the library of the Province of West Yorks an original edition of Picart, with a very fine specimen of the plate, and he has deserved well of all students by issuing a very fine and well-executed facsimile of the plate in question, with a handsome margin all round of five inches, which, if nicely framed, would be a desirable addition to any lodge room or Masonic library. We fear, however, he has made a mistake in confining the prints to such a very small number, and would-be purchasers must be disappointed. The price—5s.—brings it well within the reach of the humble student. Copies may be procured direct from Bro. Embleton or from Bro. G. W. Speth.

G. W. SPETH.



## Craft Masonry.

## METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Polish National Lodge (No. 534).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 12th ult., when Bro. E. Edward Gofowski was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Dr. Corrie Jackson, P.M., was the Installing Master, and performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner. Among the visitors present were Bros. the Rev. Offord, M. M. Bhawnaggee, C.I.E., P.M., Arnold Birch, Thomas, Moody, Segert, and many others.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

**St. Mark's College Lodge (No. 2157).**—A regular meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Holborn Restaurant, W.C., on Friday, the 20th ult., when there were present Bros. John Tidmarsh, W.M.; W. Goulden, S.W.; A. Preece Lye, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.C. Leicestershire and Rutland, Treas.; John Stanton, Sec.; Rev. C. J. Smith, Chap.; J. R. Phillips, S.D.; R. H. Catling, J.D.; G. H. Heathcote, I.G.; L. H. Walker, Org.; W. T. Thompson, Steward; W. Whiteman, Tyler; J. Easterbrook, P.M.; J. O'Connell, P.M., P.P.G.O. Surrey; E. W. Cox, R. H. Elkin, T. Gunning, H. Kinsey, J. Parry, T. Simpson, and A. Williams. Visitors: Bros. E. G. Feild, W.M. 1362; C. Mead, S.W. 382; and T. K. Pearce, 1362.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The work for the evening consisted of raising Bro. Hamlet Kinsey to the Sublime Degree. This was done by the W.M. and his officers in a highly efficient manner, the W.M. giving the traditional history, and the S.W. presenting the working tools, after which two candidates were proposed for initiation.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where an admirably arranged menu had been prepared.

"Non nobis Domine" was sung as the grace after meat, and was rendered in good old St. Mark's style.

The usual loyal toasts were submitted from the chair, and were duly honoured.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed in a very complimentary manner by Bro. Rev. J. H. Smith, the "father of the lodge." He referred to the great interest Bro. Tidmarsh had taken in the founding of the lodge, and

from the manner in which he had performed his duties in the various offices the brethren were led to expect great things from him when he reached the chair. Nor had they been disappointed, for both in the lodge and at the banquet table their Worshipful Master's conduct had been beyond reproach. Their lodge was now firmly established, and it was a matter for mutual congratulation that they had been able this year to support their W.M. in his Stewardship of one of the Charities. Under the genial rule of their W.M. they had spent a very happy year and, now that his term of office was drawing to a close, the Past Masters would welcome his accession to their ranks, and they and all the brethren trusted that Bro. Tidmarsh would long be spared to take his place amongst them. The toast was very heartily received.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, said the Master-ship of a lodge was a position which any Mason would naturally and justifiably be proud of having attained. But, from the character of its constitution, there were special reasons for pride and gratification in being Master of the St. Mark's College Lodge. Personally, he was exceedingly proud of that position, and that feeling was increased when he found that he was performing his duties to the satisfaction of the distinguished brethren who had preceded him as well as to the members generally. He thanked them most sincerely for the handsome manner in which the toast of his health had been proposed and received, and joined them in hoping that he might long continue amongst them to witness a continuance of the harmony and hearty good fellowship at present existing in their lodge.

In welcoming "The Visitors," the Worshipful Master was glad to say that in neither case was there any necessity for an introduction, for they had all visited the lodge before. He, therefore, considered their presence that evening as a great compliment, and one which he trusted would be repeated.

Bro. E. G. Field, W.M. 1362, thanked the brethren for their hearty welcome. As their W.M. had said, that was not his first appearance amongst them. He had very pleasant recollections of a former visit, when he met with a very cordial reception, and much admired the work he saw performed in the lodge, and the true fraternal spirit that existed amongst the members. The favourable impression then made had been confirmed, and, indeed, enhanced on the present occasion. He could assure them it was not as a "matter of form" that he complimented them on the excellence of their working. He could only characterise it as the acme of perfection. He should like to say a special word of praise on the manner in which the minutes were kept. He had never heard any that were so comprehensive and that gave so strong an evidence of a lodge having a painstaking Secretary. They reminded him of the minutes of some of the old lodges that have afforded so much help to the compilers of Masonic histories.

Bros. Mead and Pearce also responded.

The toast of "The Past Masters" followed. After referring to them as a body of which any lodge might be proud, and acknowledging the support he had received from them, the W.M. said he was sure the brethren would like to hear their voices in lodge once more. As two initiates were coming forward next time, he intended so distributing the work that the Past Masters should all have a share in it.

After the toast of "The Officers" had been duly honoured, and responded to by Bros. Stanton, Secretary; Walker, Organist; and Heathcote, I.G., the Tyler's toast brought a most successful meeting to a close.

During the evening the lodge, under Bro. Walker's direction, maintained its reputation as a musical lodge by rendering several glees and part songs in admirable style. Songs were also contributed by Bros. Heathcote, Feild, Smith, and Williams, and Bro. Pearce gave two recitations.

**London Scottish Rifles Lodge (No. 2310).**—A regular meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., on the 19th ult., when Bro. J. T. Norman Callaway was installed as W.M. in the presence of numerous brethren, including many members of Metropolitan Volunteer Corps. The lodge was opened by Bro. Capt. W. H. Glynn Smith, W.M., supported by Bros. Col. H. Lumsden, I.P.M.; J. T. Norman Callaway, S.W.; S. A. Hardiman, J.W.; W. H. Pardoe, M.D., Secretary; E. I. Husey, Treasurer; J. J. Mackay, S.D.; S. F. Mackway, J.D.; R. B. Fowler, D.C.; J. A. Braik, I.G.; W. Y. Carlin, Stwd.; J. Hepburn Hastie, P.M.; Stanley J. Attenborough, P.M.; J. A. Watkins, C. J. Downer, J. Anderson, J. McKinlay, R. Grant, and A. Hourling. Visitors: Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; P. A. Nairne, G.D.; H. H. Nuding, P.M. 1962; W. Stanley, 63; J. Lancaster, P.M., Sec. 534; E. Watkins, Treas. 1585; J. G. Garson, W.M. 1691; G. M. Wilson, P.P.G.S. Wilts; W. T. Warner, S.W. 1297; W. Dawson, P.M. 1228; E. Marquet, 1107; W. Collings, 2014; F. E. Pow, A.D.C. 1901; F. L. Smith, Org. 2272; R. A. Marshall, 1216; Major G. H. Newington Bridges, P.M. 1216; C. Sims, 1216; W. T. Taylor, 1598; E. Tilling, 1216; E. Scantlebury, 913; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; Col. Villiers, W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381; and others.

The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. C. J. Downer was raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., who then proceeded to install Bro. J. T. Norman Callaway as W.M., and rendered the ceremony in a very excellent and impressive manner. The following officers were appointed: Bros. Capt. W. H. Glynn Smith, P.M., I.P.M.; S. A. Hardiman, S.W.; J. J. Mackay, J.W.; Ernest I. Husey, Treas.; W. H. Pardoe, M.D., Sec.; S. F. Mackway, S.D.; J. Alexander Braik, J.D.; R. B. Fowler, I.G.; Col. W. E. Nicol, D.C.; R. Grant, A.D.C.; Capt. Graham Gordon, Org.; W. Y. Carlin and James Gow, Stwds.; and W. Robertson, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented by the newly-installed W.M. to Bro. Capt. Glynn Smith, I.P.M., in recognition of his services during the past year, and the gift was suitably acknowledged. Several propositions were received, and the lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet was then enjoyed, the menu, as usual on these occasions, including the favourite dish of "haggis," which was ushered in to the strains of the bagpipes.

After dessert the customary toasts were given and received with enthusiasm.

Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., replying for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," tendered the warmest thanks of that body for the compliment paid in the proposition and reception of the toast. The W.M. had alluded in most

feeling terms to the great loss Masonry had sustained by the death of their dear friend, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. He could not claim to possess either the knowledge, ability, or experience of their late brother, but this he could say—that he was animated by no less a desire to discharge his duty to the best of his ability, and advance by every means in his power the interests of their important Order. He could not sit down without expressing his extreme gratification at being present, through the kindness of Bro. Colonel Lumsden, and making the acquaintance of that distinguished lodge. He felt sure when he entered the lodge the work would be thoroughly well done, and he had not been disappointed. Everything was done as it should be, with regularity and precision, and while that was the case the lodge would continue to occupy a high position in the Craft.

Bro. P. A. Nairne, G.D., also responded, and said he had known the W.M. for many years, and was sure that under such a Master the lodge would flourish.

Bro. Capt. Glynn Smith, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said most of the members were aware of Bro. Norman Callaway's services in the past for the benefit of that lodge, but for the benefit of the numerous visitors he would like to say that the present Worshipful Master was their first Secretary, and that it was chiefly through his hard work and tact that the lodge was got into working order. Since then Bro. Callaway had performed the duties of Warden with zeal and ability, and that night he had been installed into the highest honour it was in their power to bestow. Not only was their W.M. now presiding in the Craft, but he also occupied chairs in three other branches of Masonry.

Bro. J. T. Norman Callaway, W.M., said he had been so much interested in the Highland reel just danced by four brethren present, that he had forgotten the duty of thanking the I.P.M. and brethren for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed and received. It was one of the proudest moments of his life to have attained the chair in the Craft. During the years he had been a Mason it was a position he had looked forward to attain some day, and now that he had attained it, it had taken him by surprise. By their kindness they had elected him and he felt unworthy to fill the post. He hoped that the example of his father in Masonry, Bro. Hastie, P.M., and of Bro. Col. Lumsden and the I.P.M. would induce him to do his best to follow in their footsteps. He was initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Hastie in a lodge which had some happy traditions indeed, and the impressions he gained never had and he trusted never would be dispelled. The working of Bro. Hastie so impressed him that he should endeavour during his year of office to follow upon his lines, and he hoped that at the expiration of that time they would consider he had acquitted himself with as much satisfaction to himself and credit to the lodge as he knew the Past Masters had. During the past year, owing to illness, his voice had not been strong, but he hoped to have health and strength to carry out the work, and he hoped the members would supply plenty of it. They knew by the number of years he had been in the regiment—23 years—that he had always been a hard worker, and in that lodge he should carry out the same idea if they would give him opportunities of demonstrating that he could do something in Masonry as well as in drill. Theirs was a young lodge, and there was room for new members, and he hoped they would raise their numbers to 40 or possibly half a century. Up to the present they had had excellent gentlemen joining as initiates. He thanked the I.P.M. for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast and for the far too eulogistic terms in which he had referred to him.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The I.P.M.," and referred to Bro. Capt. Glynn Smith, I.P.M., as a thorough good Mason and a good officer of the regiment. During the past year the I.P.M. had endeared himself to them, and had distinguished himself by the able manner in which he had carried out his duties. In Masonry as well as in the regiment, all who knew the I.P.M. appreciated him in the fullest sense of the word.

Bro. Capt. Glynn Smith, I.P.M., in response, said he was very sorry to leave the chair of that lodge, for he had been well supported by all the officers, and he thought the visitors would say they had not seen better working officers.

Bro. Major Newington Bridges, P.M., replied for "The Visitors," and said there was no meeting he looked forward to with more pleasure than this. He was present at the consecration, and made a forecast that in a few years the lodge would attain a considerable amount of success in the Craft, and that prediction was now fulfilled. The work was always performed with a great deal of accuracy and precision, and their military drill had had something to do with that result. He congratulated the lodge on its Master, for Bro. Callaway was initiated in a lodge of which he was the father.

Bro. Garson having responded, Bro. Col. Villiers referred to the brotherly and fraternal feeling existing between the 1st Surrey and the London Scottish Regiments. The lodges which had sprung up helped the Volunteer Regiments and he had generally found that a good volunteer would make a good Mason, and a good Mason would make a good soldier. Their interests were identical and one would help the other.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, Secretary R.M.I. for Boys, on behalf of "The Masonic Charities," made an eloquent appeal for support for the Institutions in general and the Boys' School in particular.

Other toasts followed, and the proceedings terminated with "Auld lang syne."

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

## BRADFORD.

**Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 12th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, when Bro. E. Pearson Peterson, W.M., was supported by Bros. S. A. Auty, I.P.M.; John Niven, S.W.; John T. Last, J.W.; Chas. H. Ellis, Treas.; Jas. B. Fearnley, Sec.; John Morton, as S.D.; John Thornton, as J.D.; R. S. Hird, as I.G.; Goodman Root, Tyler; Alfred Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; Thos. Wainman Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Chap.; Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. E. Harris, Stwd.; Isaac Hirst, J. Armitage Drake, and John W. Bland. Visitors: Bros. F. W. Reuss, P.M. 203; W. A. O. Sutcliffe, 97; H. J. Marten, Sec. 302; W. B. Sewell, 600; T. Rhodes, 1018; R. Wilson, 1303; A. Butterworth, W.M.

John Virr, I.P.M., H. F. Hartmann, Sec., Richard Revell, P.M., John Haley, S.W., Wm. Small, S.D., J. Lightfoot, Tyler, John Akam, and E. Schuman, all of 1034; J. Pelham Browne, P.M., F. W. H. Durant, S.W., S. Nutter, S.D., J. E. Russell, I.G., Joseph Fry, and J. W. Hainsworth, all of 1648.

After the lodge had been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. C. Wood, a candidate for initiation, which resulted in his favour, and, being in attendance, he was initiated by the W.M. Bro. Last, J.W., explained the working tools, and Bro. Niven, S.W., delivered the charge. A resolution changing the date of meeting from the second to the first Thursday in the month was unanimously passed, on the motion of Bro. Stephenson, P.P.G.D.C., the first W.M. of the lodge.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the numerous visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. Morton, S.D., proposed the toast of "The Initiate."

Bro. Wood suitably responded. The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by the W.M., who, on behalf of the lodge, gave the numerous visitors a very hearty welcome.

Bros. Butterworth, W.M. 1034; F. W. Reuss, P.M. 208; and W. Pelham Browne, P.M. 1648, responded, and, after complimenting the W.M. and the officers on the satisfactory manner in which the ceremonies in the lodge had been conducted, they expressed the pleasure it had afforded them to visit the lodge—many of them for the first time.

Bro. Butterworth, W.M. 1034, in felicitous terms, proposed the toast of "The W.M."

Bro. Peterson, W.M., in responding, warmly thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received, and alluded to a remark once made to him by his friend, Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.G.S.B., of York, that there was no test like a Masonic lodge for gauging a man's character; if he had weak points they were soon brought out, and if he had abilities they were speedily discovered and appreciated by the brethren. The members of a lodge were very jealous of the dignity of the chair, and when any brother received the appointment of W.M., he took it with this grave responsibility upon him, and felt the honour attached to it accordingly, and in order that the dignity of the chair might be upheld, the assistance and support of the Past Masters and brethren to any Master who endeavoured to do his duty might always be relied upon. Eight months of his year of office had gone by, and he was looking forward with pleasure to vacate his office, but he could not even now contemplate the end of his term without some anxiety as to whether he should be able to leave the chair as unsullied as he found it, and he thanked the brethren heartily for their kindly wishes and warm support.

The Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable and happy evening.

Bros. Reuss, Durant, Hirst, Fearnley, Holmes, and Last contributed songs, recitations, and musical solos, which added much to the harmony of the meeting.

**BURSLEM.**

**St. Martin's Lodge (No. 98).**—The regular monthly meeting of this ancient lodge was held at the Municipal Buildings on Thursday, the 19th ult., when Bro. John Mason, W.M., was supported by the following: Bros. W. Garner, I.P.M.; J. Scarratt, S.W.; A. Boulton, J.W.; Rev. L. C. A. Edgeworth, M.A., LL.D., Chap.; R. Dain, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; T. K. Pedley, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Sec.; J. Beech, S.D.; R. Wilkinson, J.D.; R. Owen, I.G.; F. Weston, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; J. B. Davis, Org.; H. W. Critchlow, Steward; J. Boardman, Tyler; J. Godwin, P.M., P.G.S.B.; E. Pearson, P.M.; W. Brickel, P.M. 546; J. Berriford, W. H. Emery, J. Roden, W. S. Kellern, W. Bentley, S. Pointon, and J. Minshull. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Howson, W.M. 2064; J. White, W.M. 2214; R. Tooth, P.M. 2214, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Wilks, S.W. 2064; S. G. Torr, 2064; and Boughey, Org. 546.

The lodge being opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. J. Minshull was passed by the W.M., the working tools being explained and the charge given by the S.W., Bro. J. Scarratt, in a very able manner, and the work of all the officers was carried out in a highly creditable style. Apologies were received from several absent brethren.

After the usual greetings the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, after which the usual toasts were briefly but efficiently disposed of, Bros. Tooth, White, Howson, Wilks, Torr, and Boughey replying for "The Health of the Visitors," and the brethren dispersed after having had a pleasant evening.

**CANTERBURY.**

**United Industrious Lodge (No. 31).**—A large muster of brethren attended at the Masonic Temple, St. Peter's-street, on Tuesday, the 17th ult., to hear a lecture on "The Progress of Freemasonry during the past five centuries" by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D. England, the well-known historian of the Craft. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. the Rev. H. M. Maugham, P. Prov. G. Chap. Kent, and supported by the Worshipful Masters of the other Canterbury lodges, the Worshipful Master of the Graystone Lodge, Whitstable, and many other visitors. Amongst those present were Bros. G. W. Speth, Sec. 2076; H. Ward, P.P.G.W. Wilts, P.P.G.W. Kent; J. E. Wiltshire, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Kent; Blamiers, P.M. 1449, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. B. S. Saunders, P.M. 1915, Prov. G. Stvd.; Plant, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; E. Lukey, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Dr. Longhurst, P.P.G. Org.; S. Pringner, P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. Easton, W.M. 972; John Wood, W.M. 1915; G. Pope, W.M. 1449; Francis, H. Mount, R. Fairbrother, F. Clarke, R. Wheeler, C. Richardson, Byron Dewhurst, S. Moorcroft, E. Plume, D. Lajng, R. Blake, E. Mills, A. J. Pilcher, J. Whichcord, S. Newman, E. L. Gardener, J. Rennie, E. G. Walthew, J. W. Farmery, and others.

The lecturer was received with much cordiality, and all his remarks listened to with great interest. At the close of the lecture the brethren were invited to put any questions to him, of which permission many availed themselves. Bro. Hughan also brought with him copies of many of the Old Charges and other very interesting documents, which were much appreciated by the brethren. At the close of the proceedings a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to

Bro. Hughan, who was also unanimously elected a hon. member of the lodge. The brethren felt deeply grateful for the great treat afforded to them, and many expressed a hope that at no distant date another lecture of the series might be given. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

All the brethren present being invited by the W.M., in the name of the lodge, to adjourn to the Royal Fountain Hotel for light refreshments, where "The Health of the Lecturer" and "The Visitors" were received with great enthusiasm, information, instruction, and discussion were then continued, and closed a very pleasant and agreeable evening.

**CHINGFORD.**

**William Shurmur Lodge (No. 2374).**—A regular meeting of this munificent lodge was held at the Royal Forest Hotel on Thursday, the 19th ult., when a large number of distinguished brethren were in attendance. The lodge was opened by Bro. Wm. Shurmur, P.P.G. Treas., I.P.M., and the minutes of the last regular meeting, and also of three emergency meetings, were confirmed. The ballot was taken for five candidates, viz.: Messrs. P. Barnett, J. Hopwood, John Carey, W. Schofield, and J. W. Thurlow, all of whom were elected unanimously, and the three present were initiated. Twelve brethren were passed to the Second Degree, and four raised to the Degree of M.M. Several propositions for initiation and joining were received. The vote of 400 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was unanimously confirmed. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, 98 brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall for refreshment, under the genial presidency of the W.M., Bro. D. P. Holness.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and responded to with heartiness and enthusiasm.

Bro. Joseph Wilson, P.M., and representative of the lodge at the Essex Charity Committee, reported that he had forwarded to Bro. T. J. Railing, Prov. G. Sec., over 1300 votes, which included the 600 lodge votes and 240 from the J.W., Bro. N. Fortescue, C.C.

The musical arrangements were under the able and skilful management of Bro. Dr. Haskins, R.A., Prov. G. Org., assisted by Bros. Joseph Cutler, T. H. Lloyd, and S. J. Gray. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

**GRAYS.**

**St. John's Lodge (No. 1343).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, King's Arms Hotel, on the 18th ultimo. There was a large attendance, and amongst those present were Bros. J. H. Potter, W.M., in the chair; M. T. Tuck, S.W.; W. J. Godwin, J.W.; J. Howell, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas.; G. R. Cobham, P.M., Sec.; F. S. Guy, S.D.; C. Cobham, P.M. 949, P.P.G.S. of W. Durham, J.D.; C. Westwood, I.G.; F. J. Wingrove, Org.; F. W. Pelling and G. W. Forsdick, Stwds.; G. Martin, Tyler; W. B. Heagerty, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; R. Atkins, P.M.; A. J. Baldock, Edward Ayres, W. H. Scott, Dr. H. Harley, F. J. Clark, H. L. Coates, J. Weymouth, A. Dyson, T. Baldwin, T. K. Bohn, C. B. Chatter, J. Capstick, F. J. Dover, Wm. Robertson, and E. Reynolds. Visitors: Bros. B. Thomas, W.M. 1000; G. Pritchard, W.M. 9; R. Jennings, W.M. 1437; G. May, 771; E. Hobbs, 453; W. R. Skinner, Percy Lodge; J. Cook, S.W. 907; E. Gilbert, I.G. 173; J. Solomon, W.M. 77; J. C. Biggs, P.M. 77; W. Norton, 907; H. Hyde, 1227; Felix Bohers, 2066; J. W. Joyes, 2184; G. Burt, jun., 18, P.P.J.G.W. Dorset; A. Clemow, W.M. 2205; J. W. Ellick, 1259; W. E. Warren, 1536; W. M. Taylor, 1076; G. Cunningham, 347; J. Taylor, 45; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, and the Auditors' report received and adopted, Bro. Matthew Thomas Tuck, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Atkins, P.M., acting as D.C., and was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested as follows: Bros. W. J. Godwin, S.W.; F. S. Guy, J.W.; J. Howell, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Geo. R. Cobham, P.M., Sec.; C. Cobham, P.M. 949, P.P.G.S. of W. Durham, S.D.; P. C. Westwood, J.D.; F. W. Pelling, I.G.; J. Wingrove, Org.; W. B. Heagerty, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; G. W. Forsdick, T. K. Bohn, E. Ayres, and A. J. Baldock, Stwds.; and G. Martin, Tyler. The W.M. then invested the retiring W.M., Bro. J. H. Potter, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, voted to him at the previous meeting. Four candidates for initiation having been proposed and seconded, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, 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 last train for town.

The proceedings were enlivened by the musical abilities of Bros. Pritchard, W.M. 9; G. May, 771, and of St. Paul's Cathedral; and Taylor.

**HAMPTON COURT.**

**Bushey Park Lodge (No. 2381).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel on the 21st ult. Bro. G. R. Langley, W.M., was supported by Bros. W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D., I.P.M.; W. W. Lee, S.W.; A. Blenkarn, J.W.; H. Hooper, P.M., Sec.; G. Castle, J.D.; S. Latham, J. Galbraith, C. Fruen, P.M.; A. Mayer, P.M.; and many others.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, and Messrs. E. F. Williams and W. J. Barton were initiated. Bro. A. S. Bailey was passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. H. J. Syrett and J. S. Sherwood were raised to the Degree of M.M. The election for W.M. was next proceeded with, and resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. W. W. Lee, S.W. Bro. J. D. E. Yarr, P.P.G.D., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Mitchell re-elected Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. G. R. Langley, W.M., as a token of esteem, and in appreciation of eminent services rendered to the lodge.

Lodge was closed, and a pleasant evening was spent under the presidency of the W.M.

**LINCOLN.**

**Ermine Lodge (No. 2351).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the County Assembly Rooms, on the 24th ult., when there was a good attendance. The members present included Bros. Col. R. G. Ellison, W.M.; the Hon. Victor A. Pelham, S.W., W.M. elect; E. A. Cousins, J.W.; H. E. Cousins, P.P.G.W., I.P.M.; Rev. T. Gregory, P.G. Chap.; Chaplain; R. C. Carline, P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; E. P. Dalton, Sec.; and the Earl of

Yarborough; F. L. Thornton; R. C. Hallows, P.M. 33, D.C.; C. P. Kemp, I.G.; E. Whitton, the Hon. H. C. A. Pelham, H. C. N. Allanby, H. Watson, W. Scorer, W. H. Sissons, P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Smyth, P.G.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. E. Letchworth, P.G.D., G. Sec.; J. Fowler, D.P.G.M.; P. Colville Smith, P.P.G.W.; A. Dixon, P.M. 297; J. J. Sale, W.M. 1386; F. W. Shaw, J.W. 297; W. W. Smith, S.W. 297; J. L. Pragnell, P.M., Sec. 297; E. G. Foster, Treas. 297; W. Mortimer, P.P.G.S.B.; M. Dawson, P.P.G.W.; H. B. Kirkby, I.G. 297; W. R. Lily, Org. 297; and W. W. Lee, W.M. elect 2381.

The lodge was opened by Bro. H. E. Cousins, I.P.M., the minutes were confirmed, and the audit report adopted. Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., then assumed the chair, and impressively installed Bro. the Hon. Victor A. Pelham as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed: Bros. the Earl of Yarborough, S.W.; E. A. Cousins, J.W.; Rev. T. Gregory, P.G. Chap., Chaplain; R. C. Carline, P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; E. P. Dalton, Sec.; F. L. Thornton, S.D.; the Hon. H. C. A. Pelham, J.D.; R. C. Hallows, P.M., D.C.; C. P. Kemp, I.G.; and R. Whitton, Stvd. On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by Bro. H. E. Cousins, P.M., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Grand Secretary for attending and performing the installation ceremony, and he was unanimously elected an honorary member. Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., thanked the brethren for their kindly welcome, and accepted the honour conferred upon him with the greatest possible pleasure. The W.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented Bro. H. E. Cousins, P.M., with a very handsome diamond stud as a small memento of the services he had rendered the lodge. He said the county owed a great deal to Bro. Cousins, P.M., for his valuable work, and there was no better Mason in Lincoln than he. He hoped that as Bro. Cousins was leaving them, he would wear their gift as a slight memento of them. Bro. H. E. Cousins, P.M., said it was impossible to adequately thank them, as he had not the slightest idea that a presentation was to be made to him. He would, however, endeavour to express what he felt for the kindness of the brethren who had been good enough to give that handsome present. It was needless for him to say that nothing was required to remind him of the province or that lodge, but their present would bring that occasion to his mind many times, and he should appreciate most heartily the kindly way in which it had been given. It was a pleasure to feel one's services, however small, were appreciated by the members. He thanked them for their handsome present, and more for the kind way in which it had been given.

Lodge was closed, and a banquet was held at the White Hart Hotel, and the usual toasts followed.

Bro. H. E. Cousins, P.M., P.P.G.W., proposed "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said he must refer to the loss of one whom they looked upon as one of themselves. The late Bro. Col. Clerke took a great interest in that lodge, having consecrated it and installed the Masters, and he was looking forward to be present to install their W.M. on the present occasion. His death was a loss the Craft would have to look back upon very seriously for many years. That evening they were honoured by the presence of his successor—a Mason whose name had been well known in the provinces and in London as a hard-working and enthusiastic Mason for some years past. They were also honoured with the presence of another Grand Officer, who was also a member of their province, and his services had been acknowledged by the M.W. Grand Master and the Pro Grand Master.

Bro. W. H. Sissons, P.A.G.D.C., in response, said the Grand Officers were, he was sure, aware of the fact that great office brought great responsibilities, and that was a point they must emphasise in every one appointed. He was a humble illustration that everyone, like the French soldier, bears in his knapsack the baton of a Field Marshal, for he did not think 30 years ago that he should ever be the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, but he was proud to say he should succeed Bro. Fowler in that position next month. They all regretted that Bro. Cousins was about to leave them, for he had been energetic in his Masonic work, and was respected and esteemed by a large body of Masons.

Bro. W. H. Smyth, Prov. G.M., in returning thanks for the toast of his health proposed by Bro. Allanby, said he was delighted to be present. It was a great delight to him to know the present Grand Secretary, who had been welcomed on the part of that lodge, and whom he welcomed on the part of the province. He was happy to report that there was no hitch in the province, and that everything was going on well. During the time he had ruled over the province he had received the greatest kindness, and all had done their best to ensure its prosperity. Their Provincial Grand Lodge would celebrate the centenary of its existence at Grantham, where the first meeting was held in June, 1792. He trusted all who could would attend, and that they would have the largest meeting yet held in Lincolnshire.

Bro. Col. R. G. Ellison, I.P.M., gave "The W.M.," and said he was sorry the toast had not fallen into more able hands. The last year had been a very pleasant one, and he hoped the coming year would be equally as successful.

Bro. the Hon. Victor A. Pelham, W.M., having thanked the I.P.M. and brethren, said it was difficult to follow Bro. Col. Ellison, who was a much older Mason. He wished to refer to Bro. Cousins, P.M., for nobody realised more than he what he had done for that lodge. Bro. Cousins started it and put it on its legs, and he hoped it would be kept going for many years. It was now his (the W.M.'s) duty to propose "The Health of the Installing Master." Personally he considered it a great honour to be installed by the Grand Secretary, and he hoped Bro. Letchworth would continue the connection with the lodge formed by the late Grand Secretary.

Bro. E. Letchworth, P.G.D., G. Sec., acknowledged the high compliment paid him in the toast so kindly proposed by the W.M. and received by the brethren. Bro. Cousins referred in most feeling terms to the great loss Freemasonry had sustained by the lamented death of his dear friend, Col. Clerke, and he had also kindly referred to the great honour the M.W.G.M. had done him (Bro. Letchworth) in appointing him to the office. He could not claim either the knowledge, ability, or experience of their late brother, but he could say that his utmost endeavour would be to follow his example as far as he could. He knew he had a bright and shining example to follow, and he trusted to be able to discharge his duties in a manner to justify, to some extent,

the choice of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. When Bro. Cousins asked him to come down and instal the W.M., he informed him it was a promise of the late Grand Secretary to perform the installation, and he, therefore, regarded it almost as a sacred duty to perform the ceremony that evening. It had given him the greatest possible pleasure to instal the W.M., and he had to thank them not only for the cordial welcome accorded him but also for the honour done him in electing him a member. He trusted it would not be long before the pleasure was repeated, and he hoped the pleasure would be repeated on an occasion, not far distant, when they should welcome back from his foreign travels their Bro. Cousins, P.M.

The W.M. proposed "The I.P.M.," and said they all knew that Bro. Col. Ellison performed his duties in a manner leaving nothing to be desired, and they were sorry his year had come to an end.

Bro. Col. Ellison, I.P.M., in response, said he hoped the lodge would always continue to succeed, and that it would be second to none in the province.

Bro. J. Fowler, Dep. Prov. G.M., replied for "The Visitors," and said that on former occasions he had had pleasure in attending, and that evening the visitors had been most cordially received.

Bro. the Earl of Yarborough, S.W., on behalf of "The Officers," returned their warmest thanks for the kind reception given the toast, and assured the W.M. they would endeavour to support him in the same way in which previous Masters had been supported. For himself he had to offer some apology for having caused delay in the lodge. He felt extremely honoured to be in the position of S.W., and he would endeavour to follow in the steps which the W.M. had trod with so much success. He felt the lodge was honoured by the presence of so many visitors, and if he could say so as a junior officer, the lodge would always welcome them. He thanked them for the kind reception given the toast.

The Tyler's toast then closed a successful and pleasant evening.

#### MANCHESTER.

#### Manchester Dramatic Lodge (No. 2387).

—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 26th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Bro. T. Ramsey, W.M., presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for two joining members and two candidates for initiation which proved favourable. The W.M. performed the ceremony in a manner which called forth great praise from all present. Bro. Chas. Swinn, P.M., Sec., gave the charge. All business being completed, the lodge was closed.

The following were present: Bros. T. Ramsey, W.M.; J. M. Simpson, J.W.; J. Barlow, Treas.; C. Swinn, P.M., Sec.; Elliott Crompton, S.D.; J. H. Gore, I.G.; E. G. Simpson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Thomas Cavanale, P.M.; F. R. Cooper, P.M.; J. T. Richardson, P.P.G.D.; and Herbert Brooks. Visitors: Bros. Jas. A. Walsh, G. S. Smith, P.M.; F. Neebe, Edgar Towell, P.M.; and Thos. Wood, W.M.

#### Royal Arch.

#### Westbourne Chapter (No. 733).

—This chapter met at the Holborn Restaurant on Thursday, the 19th ult., when the following companions were present: Comps. G. March, M.E.Z.; John Davies, H.; C. A. Cottebrune, J.; T. W. Allen, S.E.; G. S. Wright, S.N.; C. J. Davison, P.S.; C. Hutt, 1st A.S.; T. Shepherd, Janitor; W. C. Williams, P.Z.; L. Ascott, P.Z.; John Welford, P.Z.; F. Larner, P.Z.; T. Haynes, P. J. Davies, C. E. Betts, S. Siddens, F. Cox, Thos. Jobson, H. Robinson, F. Thomas, Wm. Burton, A. Arrowsmith, J. W. Belsham, F. Fowler, J. West, and others. Visitors: Comps. T. Spink, 753; J. Cruttenden, 779; H. E. Dehane, P.Z. 890; E. E. Gelfowski, 534; and J. J. Cantle, P.Z. 186.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report showed the chapter to be in a flourishing condition. Bro. Edwin H. Johnson, S.W. 109, was exalted. The Principals and officers for the ensuing year were then installed and invested as follows: Comps. John Davies, Z.; C. A. Cottebrune, H.; G. S. Wright, J.; T. W. Allen, S.E.; C. J. Davison, S.N.; P. J. Davies, P.S.; C. Hatt, 1st A.S.; T. Jobson, 2nd A.S.; L. Ascott, P.Z., Treas.; and T. Shepherd, Janitor.

After the banquet, the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts having been honoured,

Comp. March, in proposing "The M.E.Z.," said it would be a great pleasure to everyone who came to the chapter meetings to hear his admirable working and general management of the affairs.

This toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

Comp. Davies, in the course of his reply, thanked the companions sincerely, and promised to do all that lay in his power to promote the welfare of the chapter. He knew there would be work to do, especially as he had one or two apples in the basket, although he had introduced an exalte during his predecessor's year of office, and concluded by proposing the toast of "The H. and J.," saying they all knew what a good officer Comp. Cottebrune was, and that the J. had his qualities also, so that the companions might congratulate themselves on having elected them, as they would add lustre to the chapter.

Comp. Cottebrune was afraid his voice would not be heard quite so often as in former years, as with the present officers it would not be required, excepting in the discharge of his own particular duty. It was a strange coincidence that 24 years ago that night he held the same office as he occupied at that moment, and next year it would be the same if he was re-elected their M.E.Z. He had been obliged to resign the Treasurership in order that he might hold the office to which they had elected him.

Comp. Wright also thanked the companions for the flattering reception they had given him, and said he would do his best to merit their approbation.

The M.E.Z. in giving "The I.P.Z.," referred to him in terms of endearment and hoped that the jewel which he had the greatest pleasure to affix to his breast would be worn by him for many years to come to remind him of the many pleasant evenings he had spent in the chapter.

Comp. March expressed his thanks in very felicitous terms. He had looked forward for many years to be M.E.Z. and now he had passed to the left of the M.E.Z. yet he hoped to be of service should it be required.

The Exalte, in response, said he was delighted to have been received into Royal Arch Masonry. From the time he joined Freemasonry he had always considered it as the most splendid of institutions. He had followed their M.E.Z. step by step in the Temperance Lodge, and since he had been put into office he had been faithful to his duty and would continue so in the future.

The M.E.Z., in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," coupled the names of Comps. Dehane and Cantle, saying they were well-known companions.

Comp. Dehane was well pleased to respond on behalf of the visitors, and said he had watched the Royal Arch career of many in the Westbourne Chapter, and was delighted at the excellent, correct, and admirable work that he had witnessed that night. He advised those who were coming on to follow the example of their present officers, and attend those excellent schools of instruction, and make themselves familiar not only with the ritual but also with the precepts taught by Royal Arch Masonry.

Comp. Cantle also responded, and congratulated the chapter on its present prosperous condition.

"The Past Principals'" toast was well received. The M.E.Z., alluding to a vote of thanks passed to Comp. W. C. Williams, said it was due to his exertions and great popularity that the chapter had made such headway.

Comp. Williams responded suitably and with much feeling.

"The Officers" and Janitor's toast followed.

The musical arrangements by Comp. Spink—assisted by Comps. J. Davies, M.E.Z., Cantle, Cruttenden, Robinson, and Comp. Thomas with his violin solos—were carried out so well as materially to enhance the pleasure of the companions.

#### CROYDON.

**Mozart Chapter (No. 1929).**—This chapter met for the dispatch of business at the Greyhound Hotel on the 17th ult. Amongst those present were Comps. H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.Z. 2, P.P.A.G.S., M.E.Z.; Major T. Richardson, P.Z., acting H.; J. Castello, J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, S.E.; Alliston, S.N.; and H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas. Visitors: Comps. N. Prover, M.A., M.E.Z. elect 1745; E. B. Lane, Mus. Bac., H. elect 1745; and Cople.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Comps. Felix Weiss, H., was elected M.E.Z.; J. Castello, H.; and Major Richardson, J. Comps. Capt. Walls was invested as S.E.; Alliston, S.N.; and H. J. Lardner, Treas. A vote of thanks was passed to the M.E.Z., and he was also voted a P.Z.'s jewel. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. F. Weiss, H., and E. J. Hoare, P.Z. The resignation of Comp. Dr. E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.Z., P.G. Org. England, &c., was received with regret.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

The customary toasts received full justice. During the proceedings Comps. J. Castello and E. B. Lane instrumentally, vocally, and dramatically entertained the brethren.

#### TWICKENHAM.

**Era Chapter (No. 1423).**—This prosperous chapter met at the Albany Hotel on the 14th ult. Among those present were Comps. H. Higgins, P.P.G.D.C., Z.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z. 1381, H.; W. Fisher, J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, S.E.; E. H. Thiellay, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; R. Poore, P.S.; and G. L. Wingate, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The election of Principals and officers for the year ensuing resulted as follows: Comps. C. H. Köhler, M.E.Z.; W. Fisher, H.; G. Moss, J.; Capt. Walls, S.E.; R. Poore, S.N.; Thiellay, P.Z., Treas.; Kirkland, P.S.; Robinson, 1st A.S.; and Gilbert, Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed to the M.E.Z. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. W. H. Lee, P.Z., P.G.S.E.; W. H. Matthews, P.Z.; Kirkland, and Robinson.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts received full justice. The M.E.Z. presided most genially and well.

Comp. E. H. Thiellay responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," in a neat speech.

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

#### Mark Masonry.

#### Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 4).

—The installation meeting was held at Mark Masons' Hall on Monday, the 23rd ult. Bro. W. F. Bates, W.M., opened the lodge, and, after the transaction of the ordinary business, Bro. W. A. Scurrah was requested to take the chair, and install Bro. W. G. Brighton, P.P.G.W., P.G.I. of W. England, Prov. G. Sec. The officers invested were as follows: Bros. E. W. Lewcock, S.W.; W. Hunt, J.W.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G.I. of W. England, Treas.; and C. Pulman, P.M., P.P.G.O., P.G.I.G., Sec. The brethren afterwards dined at the Holborn Restaurant.

#### GREAT YARMOUTH.

**The Youell Lodge (No. 317).**—This lodge held its installation meeting at the Norfolk Artillery Mess House on the 30th ult, and after Bro. J. W. Nightingale, G. H. L. Blake, and J. Hanan had been impressively advanced to the Mark Degree, Bro. Richard Martins was installed in the chair, the Installing Master being Bro. J. B. Bridgman, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.S.G.W. East Anglia, who performed the ceremony faultlessly. The Worshipful Master invested his officers as follows: Bros. Major W. Diver, S.W.; J. Bellamy, J.W.; J. Bond, P.M., Sec.; A. Smith, M.O.; H. Blagg, S.O.; Sill, J.O.; Durrant, S.D.; Lieut. W. R. Arnold, S.W. and W.M. elect 411, J.D.; Youngman, I.G.; and Knights, Tyler.

#### TWICKENHAM.

#### Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).

—This lodge met at the Albany Hotel, on the 18th ult. Among those present were Bros. W. Thomas, W.M.; Davis, S.W.; Woodruff, J.W.; H. Von Joel, M.O.; W. Fisher, P.M., G.S., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; H. Higgins, P.M.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; W. J. Porter, P.M.; and A. J. R. Simmonds, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. W. Bass Pentelow, 2032, and it proving to be unanimous, he was advanced to the Degree of M.M. by the Secretary. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. W. Westley, S.D.; D. P. Cama, P.M.; and others. The lodge was closed and adjourned to November next.

The W.M. presided over the banquet in a manner that left but little to be desired.

Bro. W. Fisher responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and Bro. J. T. Briggs for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. A. J. R. Simmonds responded on behalf of "The Mark Benevolent Fund," and trusted that the members of No. 181 would largely contribute to his Steward's list at the forthcoming Festival of that excellent Institution.

A few other toasts followed, and the proceedings closed.

#### Royal Ark Mariners.

**Matier Lodge (No. 400).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at Mark Masons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Wm. Vincent, P.J.G.D. (visitor), acting as W.C.N.; Lennox Browne, J.; Belgrave Ninnis, P.C.N., acting as S.; C. M. Jessop, Scribe; Dr. Danford Thomas, S.D.; Raymond Tucker, Guardian; Edward J. Mills, Warden; Gordon Miller, P.C.N., G. Treas.; and C. F. Matier (Hon. Member), P.C.N. Bro. H. W. Kiallmark, P.C.N., was unavoidably absent.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the Treasurer's statement, which showed a balance in hand, was read. Bros. Henry Edward Juler, 400, and Geo. E. Lake, P.G.D., and Charles Edward Keyser, J.G.D., of 241, were then elevated. Bro. Lennox Browne having been installed by Bro. Wm. Vincent, P.J.G.D., the investiture of officers took place. Bro. Belgrave Ninnis, P.G.S.B., was elected as Treasurer. Letters of apology and regret from Bros. Brodie, W.C.N., Wm. Thomas, A. W. Peckham, and Deputy Inspector-General T. B. Purchas, R.N., were read.

The brethren afterwards dined together at Freemasons' Tavern, when the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

#### Cryptic Masonry.

#### Grand Masters' Council (No. 1).

—This influential council met at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 19th ult. Among those present were Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, T.I.M.; H. J. Lardner, P.D.M.; B. R. Bryant, D.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.D.M., &c., Recorder; H. H. Shirley, M.A., C. of C.; R. Roy, M.A., and A. McDowall, Marshals; Major W. B. Williamson, J.P., S.S.; J. J. Pakes, J.S.; G. Gregory, J.S.; R. L. Loveland, P.T.I.M.; D. P. Cama, P.T.I.M.; H. Higgins, H. Rogers, B. Stewart, J. N. Frye, G. Briggs, J. I. Rowe, J. J. Thomas, S. H. Parkhouse, Hay, P.G. Std.; N. Prover, M.A., P.G. Marshal; C. A. Harris, J. J. Perkins, F. C. Pocock, M.D., and others. Bro. A. F. Lamette, P.T.I.M. 15, was a visitor.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. W. H. Toye and Major-General T. Cuming, R.A., and it being unanimous, they were most impressively admitted, received, and greeted as M.E.M., R.M., S.M., and S.E.M., by the T.I.M., assisted by Bros. H. J. Lardner and B. R. Bryant. Bro. Bryant was inducted into the chair of T.I.M. by Bro. Baron de Ferrieres. The following appointments and investitures took place: Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, P.D.M.; Edwin Storr, D.M.; G. Powell, P.C.W.; G. Graveley, Treas.; Capt. Walls, Recorder; Rev. Dr. W. Lemon, P.G. Chap.; Rev. R. Peek, M.A., Asst. Chap.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., C. of G.; R. Roy, M.A., C. of C.; A. McDowall, W. A. Scurrah, and Major Williamson, Marshals; J. J. Pakes and Dr. Pocock, Stds.; G. Gregory, Warden; Hay, Asst. Warden; J. J. Thomas, J.S.; and E. Mills, O.S. A vote of thanks was passed to Ill. Bro. H. J. Lardner for his services. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Graveley, P.T.I.M., Treas.; Rev. Dr. W. Lemon, P.G. Chap.; E. Storr, D.M.; Carman, G. Powell, and many others.

The council was then closed in the Degree of Select Masters, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where the annual festival was held. The Thrice Illustrious Master proved to be an excellent chairman. The ordinary toasts received full justice.

#### Allied Masonic Degrees.

#### TODMORDEN.

#### Prince Edward Council (T.I.).

—A number of enthusiastic and zealous Freemasons belonging to the Knights Templar and other Degrees meeting in this town, having repeatedly expressed an earnest desire that the Council of St. Lawrence the Martyr, K. of C., R.C. of B., and G.H.P., lately working here, should be revived, requested Bro. John Marshall, of Manchester, a member of the Order, and Registrar of the Prince Edward Encampment, No. 18, to take such steps as he might find necessary in carrying out the same. He accordingly undertook the duties, first premising he could only do so providing the surviving members would consent to sign a petition to the Grand Council for a confirmatory warrant to work under the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees. A petition, signed by Bros. Wm. Shackleton, James Lord, Thomas Schofield, and John Marshall, was forwarded to the Grand Secretary, Bro. C. F. Matier, and in due time Bro. Marshall received notice that the prayer of the petition was granted, with an intimation that if so desired the M.W. Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, and other Grand Officers would attend the re-inauguration meeting.

Bro. Marshall made arrangements for the meeting on the 25th ult., at the Station House Hotel. The Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, Grand Master of England, presided, and was supported by Bro. C. F. Matier, G.S., P.D.G.M.; A. H. Jefferis, P.G.W.; William Jaffray, P.Z.; John Patterson, P.G.W.; John Marshall, P.G. Reg.; Wm. Shackleton, P.M.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.Z.; G. A. Myers, P.M., Z.; James Lord, P.M., and

others. The brethren assembled and duly received the Grand Master and officers. After they had been saluted, the council was opened by Bro. A. H. Jefferis, and Bro. C. F. Matier subsequently took the chair and conferred the Degrees upon the following brethren: Bros. Thos. Wrigley, J. J. Green, Wm. Haigh, Herbert King, Wm. Cockcroft, David Bradley, Thos. Uttley, R. D. Kendall, Thomas Gaukroger, J. Hardwicke Marsh, Daniel Hargreaves, J. W. Monckman, James Winterbottom, S. F. Simons, and Thomas Hodgson.

The Grand Master took the chair, and said what a great pleasure it was for him and the other Grand Officers of the Council to be there on that occasion to assist the Yorkshire brethren to resuscitate the ancient council Prince Edward, and he was very much gratified indeed to see such a large amount of interest in this honourable Degree, as evidently was evinced by the large number of candidates who had received the Degree that day. He hoped they would continue as they had commenced, and work with great energy to try and make these beautiful Degrees better known. By such surroundings as they had that day it could not help being a great success. He concluded by saying it gave him great pleasure in granting them a new warrant, so that now it will be strictly under the Grand Council of England, and called upon Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Sec., to read the warrant, which was received with great applause. Bro. Matier resumed the chair, and installed Bro. T. Wrigley as W.M. for the ensuing year, and the following were invested as officers: Bros. K. Green, S.W.; Wm. Haigh, J.W.; T. Uttley, Treas.; John Marshall, Sec.; H. King, S.D.; W. Cockcroft, J.D.; Dr. Bradley, I.G.; and T. Hodges, Steward.

MASONIC LECTURE BY BRO. HUGHAN AT BRIGHTON.

Under the auspices of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex a very enjoyable evening was spent on the 27th ult., when a most interesting lecture on "Freemasonry" was delivered in the Masonic Room at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, by that well-known member of the Craft, Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. of England, &c., to a very appreciative audience. Bro. R. Clowes, P.G. Std. Br. of England, P.P.S.G.W., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. T. Trollope, M.D., P.P. S.G.W.; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., P.G. Sec.; W. E. Morrison (Mayor of Eastbourne), P.P.J.G.W.; A. King, P.G.O.; J. Slingsby Roberts, P.G. Stwd.; W. Wright, P.J.G.W.; C. B. Warre, P.P.S.G.D.; and others.

Letters of apology were read regretting their absence from Bros. the Right Hon. Sir W. Marriott, O.C., M.P., D.P.G.M.; Rev. E. Currie (Dean of Battle), P.G.C.; and Gen. Randolph, Grand Superintendent.

Bro. CLOWES then introduced Bro. Hughan in suitable terms, who selected for his lecture "Ancient and Modern Freemasonry—a Retrospect of Five Centuries," of which the following is a syllabus: Legends of the Craft—their use and abuse.—Masonic Assembly at York, and Ancient Charters.—The old charges of British Freemasons—their English origin and Christian character.—Earliest references to Freemasons, and meaning of the prefix *free*.—The Society *Speculative* as well as *Operative* for many Centuries.—Secrets to "Hele Conceal and never reveal."—Loyalty and Charity.—Permanent pre-requisites and characteristics of the Fraternity.—The continuity of the Brotherhood.—Lodge Records from 1599.—Membership of noblemen, gentlemen, and also tradesmen during the Seventeenth Century.—Mark Books.—"The Mason's Word" and litigation thereon, 1714.—Cowans and Eavesdroppers.—Origin of Grand Lodges.—York Masonry.—Rival organisations.—Four Grand Lodges in England, and then but one united Organisation.—Metropolitan, Provincial, and Foreign Lodges.—The Queen and the Craft.—Peace and Prosperity, "so mote it be."

A hearty vote of thanks at the conclusion was given to Bro. Hughan, proposed by Bro. MORRISON (Mayor of Eastbourne), seconded by Bro. Dr. TROLLOPE, and carried unanimously, for his able, instructive, and comprehensive lecture, which delighted all who had the good fortune to hear it.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman and Honorary Secretary concluded the proceedings.

INTERESTING PRESENTATION TO BRO. PERCY WALLIS.

A very graceful compliment was paid our genial and popular Bro. Percy Wallis on Thursday evening, the 26th ult., when, to commemorate his 50th birthday, he was entertained at dinner at the Bell Hotel, Derby. Although originally designed upon a very limited scale, the project in the course of a few days grew rapidly, and at the last moment the promoters found themselves besieged with applications from friends anxious to participate in it—applications which, to their deep regret, existing arrangements did not enable them to entertain. It may be remarked that the gathering proved one of the most delightful of its kind ever held in Derby. Mr. F. Rayner, the worthy host of the Bell, may be said to have excelled himself, placing on the table a banquet of the most elegant description, and serving it admirably.

The chair was occupied by Bro. Wm. Heathcote, J.P., P.P.S.G.D., who was supported by the guest of the evening, Bro. G. H. Turner, 47; Bro. W. B. Hextall, P.P.S.G.W.; Mr. G. Fletcher, Mr. Clement Bowring, J.P., and Bro. Dr. Fielding, P.M. 1085. Mr. Councillor Clemson occupied the vice-chair, and those present were Bro. Ald. Roe, M.P., Prov. G. Treas.; Mr. J. H. Gascoyne, J.P., Col. Gascoyne, Mr. S. R. Cox, Lieut.-Col. Delacombe, Mr. George Morrall, Mr. Councillor Doherty, Bro. Councillor F. Stone, P.P.G.

Reg.; Bro. Councillor F. E. Leech, J.W. 884; Mr. J. H. Richardson, Bro. W. J. Piper, P.P.G. Treas.; Bro. T. R. Gee, 253; Mr. John Close, Bro. W. Whittaker, P.P.G.D.C.; Mr. S. Briddon, Mr. J. Bland, Mr. J. E. Murphy, Bro. L. Russell, W.M. 1085; Mr. J. Maxey, Mr. E. Cassell, Mr. T. Goddard, Mr. T. Webster, Mr. E. Whitney, Mr. S. A. W. Howmann, Mr. G. P. Knaption, and Bro. W. L. Dodd, P.P.G.O.

"The Health of Mr. Wallis" was proposed most effectively by the CHAIRMAN, who congratulated that gentleman upon being the happy possessor of troops of friends. Incidentally, Bro. Heathcote invited his acceptance of a beautifully bound address, prepared in book form. In this tangible token of goodwill testimony was ungrudgingly born to Bro. Wallis's many admirable personal qualities—to his sturdy independence and straightforwardness as a public man, to his geniality in social life, to his readiness to serve a friend, and, above all, to his large-hearted labours in the cause of Charity. The Chairman dwelt especially upon the last-mentioned point in the address, and said no man had done more, according to his opportunities, for the noble work of alleviating the distresses of his unfortunate fellowmen, than Bro. Percy Wallis. Amid cordial cheering, he expressed the hope that Bro. Wallis's useful life might long be spared, and that prosperity might attend him and every member of his family.

Bro. WALLIS, in the course of a happy little speech, modestly disclaimed having done more than his duty. He gratefully acknowledged the compliments which had been bestowed upon him, and promised that the gift he had received should be treasured by him as long as he lived.

Other toasts were given, and were pleasantly interspersed with music.

It should be added that to the address were attached the signatures of all those present. Among the old personal friends of Bro. Wallis who were prevented from attending was the Mayor of Derby (Mr. T. H. Harrison). His worship wrote warmly sympathising with the object of the gathering, and remarked that only a very pressing engagement could have kept him away.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. G. W. CASTLE, ASST. SEC. BRIXTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

At a largely attended meeting of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, held at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, S.E., on Tuesday, the 17th ult., a handsome clock was presented to Bro. G. W. Castle, on the occasion of his approaching marriage.

Bro. E. A. FRANCIS, P.M., Preceptor, in making the presentation, said he had to move that the hearty congratulations of that lodge of instruction should be given to Bro. G. W. Castle, Asst. Secretary, on his approaching marriage, with best wishes for his future health and happiness. He asked Bro. Castle to accept this resolution in good faith from the brethren, and, in order to demonstrate that they meant what they said, they wished him to accept a slight present. It took the form of a beautiful clock, which they trusted Bro. Castle would receive in the same spirit in which it was given. The brethren sincerely hoped that Bro. Castle and his wife would live many years in perfect health and happiness, and that whenever they heard that clock strike they would remember it was but echoing the sentiments of the brethren of that lodge of instruction.

Bro. H. HOOPER endorsed the remarks of Bro. Francis, and said that having known Bro. Castle both in business and in Masonry for some years, he was sure all the members wished him everything he could possibly wish himself.

Bro. G. W. CASTLE said the wind had been completely taken out of his sails, for he had not the slightest idea of what was about to take place. He was deficient in words in which to adequately thank them for their kindness, for the small services he had been able to render to be the recipient of such a handsome present was more than generous. Whatever services he had rendered had been done with the greatest pleasure, and he should always look upon their gift with delight. For obvious reasons he had not been able to give so much attention to his duties as he hoped to do in the future. He thanked them sincerely for the handsome present, which he should always prize and cherish.

Obituary.

BRO. JAMES SRAWLEY.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. James Srawley, of Birmingham, who during a period of 18 years rendered much valuable service to the various Masonic bodies of which he was or had been a member. He was W.M. of the Temperance Lodge, No. 739, in 1880-1, and M.E.Z. of the Grosvenor Chapter, No. 938, in 1884-5, and was also a member of the Rose Croix and other Masonic orders. During the course of his Masonic career he delivered several lectures to the brethren of his lodge and others at the Masonic Hall, Birmingham, including one upon "Ancient Masonic Literature in the British Museum," and in the year 1880, with the sanction and authority of Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire, he published "A short History of the origin and growth of Freemasonry in England." He was a staunch supporter and advocate of the Masonic Charities and for five years was the Charity Steward of his lodge, during which time he collected over £300 for various charitable objects. By

his kind and genial nature he won the respect of all who knew him, and his loss will be much felt by the brethren of his lodge, many of whom attended his funeral at Handsworth Church, on the 28th ult. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. J. Bragg, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Haseler, P.M., P.G.P.; Pepper, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Bowley, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Wilkinson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Thomason, P.M., P.P.A.G.S.; Lees, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Taylor, P.M.; Bancroft, P.M.; Candelent, P.M.; Stackhouse, P.M.; Parkes, P.M.; Parker, Brooke, Lamsdale, Miles, Bennett, Wilkes, Reading, Trevitt and others. Bro. Srawley has left a widow and one son (Mr. J. H. Srawley, B.A., of Caius College, Cambridge).

BRO. STEPHEN AUSTIN.

A notable figure in public as well as Masonic life in Hertfordshire has disappeared from amongst us during the last week. Bro. Stephen Austin was the founder and for over 50 years the proprietor of the *Hertfordshire Mercury*. Born in 1804, he early in life entered on the profession of journalism, and during the existing political events of the early part of this century was engaged in many well fought fights. During his long life, Bro. Austin took a very active interest in all public matters connected with the town and county of Hertford, and was one of the earliest initiated members of the Hertford Lodge (which was founded in 1829), and of which he was Worshipful Master upon two occasions, the first time in 1847-8, and the second time in 1878-9. He was also P.P.G.S. of W., having been invested by Bro. Stuart, Prov. Grand Master of Herts. Upon the second occasion upon which Bro. Austin was W.M. a lodge of emergency was held (on the 21st October, 1879) followed by a banquet, to celebrate both the jubilee of the lodge and Bro. Austin's jubilee as a Mason. There was a large attendance of members and of visitors from all parts of the country; and as a memento of the interesting occasion Bro. Austin was presented with a handsome dining-room clock, a pair of antique bronze ewers, and an illuminated address. In the address reference was made to the fact that throughout those 50 years Bro. Austin had been a continuously subscribing member of one and the same lodge—a circumstance, it was remarked, "unprecedented in the annals of the Craft." If it was "unprecedented" in 1879, it is still more remarkable now, 13 years later, and the fact remains as one worthy of being recorded that for the long period of 63 years the deceased brother was a subscribing member of the Hertford Lodge.

BRO. RICHARD DYSON.

A respected citizen and worthy Mason passed away last week in the person of Bro. Richard Dyson. Our deceased brother was closely connected with the Ward of Cripplegate in the City, and took an active interest in all public matters connected with the Ward. He was also much esteemed amongst his brother Masons, having filled the chair of his lodge, and for two consecutive years the chair of M.E.Z. in his chapter. Bro. Dyson had been suffering for some months from an attack of paralysis, so that the sad event will occasion little or no surprise to those who had the privilege of his acquaintance. Deceased was the senior partner in the firm of Messrs. Dyson and Co., 15, Australian-avenue.

DISTRICT GRAND MARK LODGE OF NATAL.

The annual installation meeting of the above District Grand Mark Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple on the 22nd of March, when the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year, and other Masonic business was transacted, under the presidency of Bro. R. I. Pinnemore, District Grand Master:

- Bro. Capt. F. Dickinson ... D.S.G.W.
- " A. W. Rowsell ... D.J.G.W.
- " A. R. Payne ... D.G.M.O.
- " G. Leask ... D.S.G.O.
- " B. S. Kelly ... D.J.G.O.
- " Rev. J. Oxley Oxland ... } D.G. Chaps,
- " A. Ikin, D.D. ... } D.G. Reg.
- " W. H. Harris ... } Pres. C. of G.P.
- " B. Ireland ... } D.G. Sec.
- " A. Chapman ... } D.G. Treas.
- " H. Rutherford, J.P. ... } D.S.G.D.
- " C. Penny ... } D.J.G.D.
- " W. Munro ... } D.G.I. of W.
- " L. C. Hodgkins ... } D.G. Org.
- " G. Pullock ... }

There was a large attendance of brethren from various parts of the colony, and a most harmonious and pleasant meeting was spent.

The 22nd annual meeting of the Coaching Club took place near the Magazine, Hyde Park, on Saturday last. The weather was beautiful in the extreme, and the crowd of spectators immense, the one subject of regret being the absence of the Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughters, and the Duchess of Teck and her daughters. Among the teams present were those of Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prince Hans Henry of Pless, Bro. Lord Hothfield, Bro. Albert Brassey, Bro. F. Seager Hunt, M.P., and Bro. Baron de Stern, M.P. In the absence of the President of the Club (the Duke of Beaufort), Bro. Lord Hothfield led the parade round the Park.

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The Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will hold its regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday, the 11th instant, at 3 p.m.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold its regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 8th instant, at 4 p.m.

Bro. R. J. P. Laundry was installed W.M. of the George Gardner Lodge, 2309, on Saturday last.

Bro. John Aird, M.P., Master (for the second time) of the Needle-makers' Company, entertained Bro. Lord Mayor Evans and the Sheriffs, with the members of the Court of Assistants, at his residence in Hyde Park-terrace on Saturday last.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Bro. Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), and Bros. Lord George Hamilton, Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., and W. L. Jackson attended the Cabinet Council which was held at the Foreign Office on the 27th ult.

Among the guests at the dinner party given at Lambeth Palace on Saturday last by the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Benson were Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe and Lady Edith Edgumbe, Bros. Lord Norton and the Hon. A. Adderley, and Bro. Lord and Lady Herschell.

Princess Christian has consented to lay the foundation-stone of the New British Home for Incurables at Streatham, on the afternoon of Saturday, the 10th July, when invitations to a garden party will be issued by the President and Committee.

Princess Christian attended a meeting on the 26th ult. of the Ladies Committee of the English Section of the Chicago Exhibition, among those present being the Duchess of Abercorn, the Marchioness of Salisbury, Lady Egerton of Tatton, Lady Knutsford, Mrs. Tyssen-Amherst, and Miss Fawcett.

By permission of the French War Minister, M. de Freycinct, the band of the Garde Républicaine has arrived in this country, and is playing at the International Horticultural Exhibition at Earl's Court. Their performances are very attractive, and will greatly enhance the pleasure of the visitors to the "Floweries."

The Duke of Cambridge reviewed the troops, consisting of regulars, militia, yeomanry, and volunteers, which had been engaged in a week's manœuvres near Ashford, on Friday, the 27th ult., and on the following day the camps were broken up and the troops returned to their respective destinations. His Royal Highness took especial interest in the yeomanry, militia, and volunteers, who had been camping out the whole time.

De Beauvoir-square, Kingsland-road, which has been presented to the public by Mr. R. Benyon, was opened by Mrs. Tyssen-Amherst, who was accompanied by her husband, Bro. Tyssen-Amherst, M.P. A vote of thanks to the donor, to the Hackney District Board, and to Bro. and Mrs. Tyssen-Amherst, was proposed by Bro. Sir W. Guyer Hunter, M.P., and carried by acclamation. Bro. Tyssen-Amherst has promised a contribution of £5000 towards acquiring Hackney marshes for the public.

Admiral Sir W. Dowell presided at a meeting held on the 26th ult. for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the late Royal Naval Exhibition, when it was arranged that the trustees of the fund formed out of the surplus for the relief of the widows, orphans, or other relatives of seamen and Marines dying on her Majesty's service should be the Prince of Wales, Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Bro. Sir G. Hayter Chubb, Admiral Sir W. Dowell, Captain Sir A. Jephson, R.N., Sir A. K. Rollet, M.P., and Lieut.-Col. C. H. Scafe.

Bro. Lord Mayor Evans entertained a distinguished company, in all respects representative of the Principality of Wales, at dinner at the Mansion House on Saturday last, among the principal guests being the Duke of Beaufort, the Earl of Powis, Bros. the Earl of Dunraven, Lord Kensington, F. Hanbury-Tracy, M.P., Sir J. R. Bailey, Bart., M.P., Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., Sir John Puleston, M.P., Sir Pryse-Pryse, Col. North, S. Pope, Q.C., Sir Horatio Lloyd, Q.C., and others.

The marriage of the Earl of Westmoreland and Lady Sybil St. Clair-Erskine, second daughter of the late Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, and Blanche, Countess of Rosslyn, and sister of the present Earl, was solemnized in St. Michael's Church, Chester-square, on Saturday last, among those present at the ceremony being Bro. the Earl and Countess of Londesborough, Bro. the Earl of Wharnclyffe, Lady Brooke, Bro. Lord Algernon Gordon Lennox, and others. Afterwards on their journey to Spye Park, Wilts, the newly-wedded pair met with an accident. As they were driving from the station, the horse shied and fell, throwing Lord and Lady Westmoreland into the road, the latter being a good deal shaken. After a short delay, however, they were able to proceed on their journey.

Bro. Charles Pfeiffer, W.M. of 1833, who was injured in the Birmingham railway collision, had so far recovered on Saturday evening that he was able to return in company with his wife to Clifton. He was conveyed in a cab to New-street Station, Birmingham, and the Midland Company made special arrangements for his comfort in travelling. He is being attended by Dr. Herapath and Dr. Miles, but it is impossible at present to ascertain the extent of his internal injuries. Bro. Pfeiffer is well known in Bristol, and since the accident has been the subject of many kind inquiries. He was formerly in the 10th Hussars, and went through the Afghan campaign, in which he received a couple of wounds. His father, Herr Pfeiffer, for many years bandmaster of the Bristol Rifles, was one of the most talented musicians of his day, and much respected in Masonry.

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The Duke of Connaught visited the Exhibition of Lady Waterford's Pictures, at 8, Carlton House Terrace, on Wednesday.

A marble bust of the late Duke of Clarence is to be placed at the entrance to the new Law Courts at York, in memory of his Royal Highness.

The Westbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 733, now hold its meetings at the Red House Hotel, St. John's Wood-road, every Monday, at 8 p.m.

Bro. W. J. Spratling, late Head Master of Aske's (Haberdashers') Hatcham Schools, has been re-elected a member of St. Paul, Deptford, Vestry.

Bro. H. Husted, of the George Gardner Lodge, 2309, has been awarded *Auswers* silver medal (first-class award) for saving life from drowning near Windsor Bridge at great personal risk.

It appears from the Master of the Mint's report for the past year that the total number of good pieces coined was 87,686,317 as against 70,894,045 the year previous. Their value amounted to £8,325,302 9s. 4½d.

The Archbishop of Canterbury will pay a visit to his cathedral city on Saturday, the 11th inst., and remain until the following Tuesday. On Trinity Sunday his Grace holds an Ordination in the cathedral, and on the following day will conduct a Confirmation service.

On the 26th ult. the Prince of Wales decorated Sir Hugh MacDowell, the British Minister at Copenhagen, with the Order of St. Michael and St. George, just conferred on him by her Majesty. His Royal Highness will leave Copenhagen for England to-morrow (Saturday), but the Princess of Wales and the other members of the family will accompany the King and Queen of Denmark to the Castle of Bernstorff.

Bro. Alderman W. V. Morgan presided for the first time since his election at the Cordwainer Wardmote on Tuesday last, when Bro. Sidney Matthews was proposed by Bro. Henry Lovegrove as a member of the Common Council, and duly elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bro. Frank Tayler.

At the meeting of the Liverpool City Council on Wednesday, the Mayor announced that the Duke of Connaught had consented to visit Liverpool for the purpose of opening the new water supply from Lake Vyrnwy. The Duke's visit will be upon the 14th of July. A resolution was passed voting a sum of £1500 for the expenses attending the Royal visit.

The installation meeting of the Ubique Chapter, No. 1789, will be held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on Monday, the 13th inst., at 6 p.m., when Comps. Lieut. W. R. Arnold, Major-General T. Cuming, and Major-General A. H. W. Williams will be installed as First, Second, and Third Principals respectively, the Installing Officer being Comp. James Montgomery, P.Z.

The Zetland Lodge, No. 1157, Alexandria, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, held its installation meeting recently when Bro. Gilhespy was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by the outgoing Master, Bro. Burt. A banquet afterwards took place. During the proceedings a valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Burt in recognition of his zealous and efficient duties in the chair.

Bro. Lord Mayor Evans presided at a meeting on the 27th ult. of the Mansion House Committee of the Fund for the Relief of the Sufferers by the recent disastrous hurricane in the Mauritius, when it was announced that £2700 had been already received. It was arranged that his lordship should make a special appeal to the leading provincial mayors, and that an immediate remittance should be made of 30,000 rupees.

The Board of Trade have awarded their silver medal for gallantry in saving life at sea to Mr. Paul Holland Millar, late fifth officer, and their bronze medal to James Orman, late quartermaster, of the steamship Moselle, of London, in recognition of their gallant attempt to rescue the master of that vessel when she stranded off Point Toro, near Colon, on October 29th last.

The Lord Mayor of York wrote to the Queen's private Secretary to congratulate her Majesty on her birthday, and at the same time to assure her Majesty that the citizens gratefully appreciated the honour done to their ancient city by the revival of the Dukedom of York in the person of her grandson, Prince George of Wales. His lordship received a most gracious acknowledgment in reply. A telegram of congratulation to his Royal Highness was similarly acknowledged by Prince George himself.

Bro. Sir Polydore De Keyser has notified to Bro. Lord Mayor Evans his resignation of his Aldermanic gown, increasing deafness rendering it impossible for him to continue satisfactorily his magisterial duties. Our respected brother became Alderman and Sheriff in 1882, and Lord Mayor in 1888, and received the honour of knighthood for his services in the latter position. This has created a vacancy in the Court of Aldermen for the Ward of Farringdon Without, and the only candidate is Bro. W. T. Treloar, C.C.

The Company of Turners offer this year the sum of five guineas, their silver medal, and the freedom of the company to, and (subject to the consent of the Court of Aldermen) will also obtain the freedom of the City of London for, any workman, whether master, journeyman, or apprentice in the trade, in the United Kingdom, who may send in the best specimen of turning, in either wood turning or in pottery. Prizes will be awarded. Competitors are at liberty to send in any number of specimens, which may be of any dimensions they prefer. The honary Secretary of the Competition Committee is Mr. Edgar Sydney, 53, Gresham House, Old Broad-street.

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Bro. the Duke of Portland has accepted the presidency of the Notts County Football Club for the ensuing season.

The Duchess of Connaught left Charing Cross on Wednesday morning for Germany, on a visit to her family.

On the 21st ult. Bro. Lennox Browne, F.R.C.S., was unanimously elected W.M. of the lodge which bears his name.

A portrait of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, is hung in this year's Academy.

A lodge of instruction is in formation at Eton in connection with the George Gardner Lodge, 2309, which will be of great assistance to the young members of the lodge.

At the last meeting of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, it was resolved to invite Bro. M. R. Webb and Mrs. Webb to a complimentary banquet at the Hôtel Métropole on the 21st instant.

The Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1571, has adjourned for the summer, and will not meet again until the first Thursday in September, when it will resume its meetings at the lodge rooms, the City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7 o'clock, each Thursday.

The Grand Festival of the Order of the Secret Monitor will take place at Mark Masons' Hall on the 22nd instant. The Grand Council meeting will be held at 5.45, and Grand Conclave will be opened at 6.15. A banquet will take place at the Holborn Restaurant at 7 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone entertained at dinner on Wednesday the French Ambassador and Madame Waddington, the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Benson, Earl and Countess Spencer, the Speaker, Mr. Dugdale, and Mr. Herbert Gardner.

In consequence of the success of "Cléopâtre" at the Royal English Opera House, Mr. Abbey has decided to devote the first two weeks of Madame Sarah Bernhardt's season exclusively to M. Sardou's play. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, the 13th, 14th, and 15th inst., "La Tosca," by the same author, will be presented.

The Duchess and Princesses of Edinburgh will leave Potsdam to-day (Friday) or to-morrow. After the review on Tuesday, the Emperor Alexander's Grenadier Guards, of which the Emperor William has made the Duchess honorary chief officer, was drawn up, and the Duchess, accompanied by the Emperor on horseback, drove along the front, whereupon the regiment marched past her Royal Highness.

Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria on Wednesday visited Knightsbridge Barracks, where the Royal Horse Guards (Blue) are stationed. His Highness was received by the commanding officer, and there was a special parade of the regiment. The Prince afterwards visited the Royal Academy, and lunched with Earl and Countess De Grey in Bruton-street. In the evening he was present at Lady Salisbury's reception at the Foreign Office.

Bro. the Lord Mayor is to be honoured by his countrymen. A Committee is about to be formed to promote a national presentation from the Welsh people as a mark of their high appreciation of his services as the chief magistrate of the City. The keen interest he has taken in all Welsh matters during his year of office, and his successful efforts in bringing together, for the good of Wales, representatives of all classes of the Welsh nation, is to be especially recognised.

At the last meeting of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, Bro. H. Heard, the indefatigable Secretary, was presented by the W.M., Bro. J. H. Light, and the officers and brethren of the lodge, with a token of their regard and esteem. Bro. Heard has been Secretary of this lodge for six years, and the brethren, in order to show their appreciation of his services, determined to present him with a souvenir. The presentation took the shape of a valuable gold watch and chain to Mrs. Heard, and a breastpin to Bro. Heard. The lodge was numerously attended. Amongst those present were Bros. Mein, A. E. Workman, J. Fineberg, H. Round, L. Peake, W. Savage, H. A. Bruce, Josef Cantor, T. Shaw, Clark, Volt, and about 60 other brethren.

King Humbert on Wednesday attended the inauguration ceremony of the monument which has been erected at Turin in memory of the Crimean War. There were also present the Count of Turin, Princesses Letizia and Isabella, all the Municipal authorities, numerous Associations, and Crimean veterans. Count Cadorna, a member of the Senate, and the Mayor of Turin delivered speeches, which were loudly applauded by the enormous concourse of spectators. After inspecting the monument, the King walked down the line of Crimean veterans, and spoke a few words to each in turn. His Majesty was enthusiastically cheered both on his arrival and departure.

We have great pleasure in calling attention to Beringer's great spectacle of Egypt in its grandeur, now open at Niagara Hall, Westminster. The scene at "Egypt" in London is beautiful at any time—even on the dulllest day—but now that summer has arrived, the view is positively enchanting. There is so much to be seen that one visit rarely suffices, even for those who have lived or travelled in the Land of the Pharaohs; and it is not surprising to know that all who journey to Niagara Hall are desirous of making a prolonged stay. It is a great mistake to suppose that the cyclorama consists of a collection of colossal statues and mummies. On the contrary, we see the cloudless sky, and miles of beautiful scenery, including the Nile, with palm-covered islets, and villas surrounded by choice plants and flowers; and as to the human element, it may safely be asserted that no phase of Egyptian city life is unrepresented. In the front hall, which represents a "Street in Cairo," there is a comfortable lounge and restaurant and Eastern bazaar, and the entire cost to see the exhibition—which is open from 10 to 10—is only 1s.

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