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## THE PROVINCE OF SURREY.

It is about twelve months since Bro. Col. G. NOEL MONEY, C.B., was installed as Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, and it must be a subject of the highest satisfaction to him to find that under his guidance the Province has fared so well. That he has taken a deep interest in its welfare is a matter of everyday knowledge. He has attended many, if not all, of the lodges under his charge. He has headed the list of Surrey Stewards at each of the three Festivals which have been held since his installation, and by so doing has set an example which, though our Surrey brethren needed it not, cannot fail to be productive of results most beneficial to our Masonic Charitable Institutions. He has, indeed, done just those things which are the most calculated to win the respect and regard of the members of the Province over which he has been appointed to preside. His Deputy, Bro. WEST, has likewise done his duty in a manner which has greatly enhanced his reputation as the foremost of the subordinate officers of the Province, while the lodges and brethren have not spared themselves in their efforts to promote the general welfare. Under these circumstances it is not surprising that the recent annual meeting at Surbiton of the Provincial Grand Lodge should have passed off so successfully. There was, indeed, one occurrence which excited very general regret. Bro. GEORGE PRICE, whose earliest appointment to Provincial office dates back to the year 1844, and who for the last 36 years has uninterruptedly held the important post of Provincial Grand Treasurer, felt it necessary in consequence of advancing age to decline the honour of re-election. There was nothing unreasonable in this. When a man has exceeded fourscore years, it is permitted to him to rest from further care and responsibility, and be thankful that he has enjoyed health and strength beyond the average of men to fulfil his offices to the satisfaction of his brethren. The Provincial Grand Master, however, did wisely and well when he had an address of thanks prepared for presentation to Bro. PRICE in recognition of his long and valuable services, and the brethren were equally well advised when they unanimously adopted as their own the thoughtful act of their popular chief, and joined with him in cordially thanking Bro. PRICE for what he had done in their behalf, and as cordially expressed the hope that he might be spared for many years to enjoy a dignified rest from active Masonic duty. We notice also with pleasure that Provincial Grand Lodge unanimously resolved, at the instance of Bro. J. D. LANGTON, to establish a Provincial Charity Committee, with full authority to act in the name and on behalf of the Province in all matters connected with the election of Surrey candidates for the benefits of the Masonic Charitable Institutions. The difficulties in the way of carrying a candidate at any one of these half-yearly or yearly elections are greater than they were even a few years since, and there is every reason to believe that these difficulties will be increased rather than diminished as a knowledge of the benefits conferred by our Institutions becomes more widely spread. It is also very generally recognised that those Provinces are the most successful in overcoming these difficulties which have some kind of Charity organisation, and for this reason Surrey has done well in adopting the resolution proposed by Bro. LANGTON. Lastly, it is gratifying to find that Surrey will be henceforth the fortunate possessor of a Provincial Calendar. These Calendars are invaluable both as works of record, which exhibit in small compass the constitution of the Provinces they relate to, as well as of the lodges and chapters which each comprises; and as works of reference for people like ourselves, who are being continually called upon to furnish particulars respecting the Masonic careers of more or less distinguished brethren. Twenty years ago there was hardly a Province—with the exception of Cornwall and it may be one or two others—which could boast of having such a Calendar; now the Province which has none is the exception rather than the rule. But we need not prolong this article, the purpose of which is to show that under Bro. Col. MONEY, as under the late Bro. Gen. BROWNRIGG, Surrey is one of the foremost among our Provincial strongholds of Freemasonry. What we have said demonstrates this very clearly, and nothing remains but to express the hope that what it has been and is at the present time, it will remain for many a generation to come.

## COURTESY IN ARGUMENT.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIGG, P.G. Chaplain, has established a further claim upon our respect by the outspoken manner in which he recently denounced the utter lack of courtesy, the incerbity, and in far too many cases, the absolute untruthfulness with which arguments on questions of public interest are nowadays enforced. Taking his cue from the manner in which the controversial part of the late elections—which at the time he spoke were

in full career—were being conducted, Bro. BROWNRIGG had no difficulty in showing that the old familiar practice of abusing your opponent's attorney, when you have no case, is no longer confined to the courts of law, but that it is being very generally adopted whether you have a case or not. Said he: "The most thoughtful men are becoming every day more and more anxious about the rash and unscrupulous methods of attack which men of all parties and opinions are nowadays not ashamed to use against those who differ from them. It is very easy to see the weak points and inconsistencies of our opponents. It is very hard to realise that ignorance and falsehood and dishonour are not confined to any class of society or any shade of opinion. Hence comes the growing evil. The special danger of the moment to all controversialists on all possible subjects is that they construct almost every argument *not* upon the sound basis of its own inherent righteousness, but upon that most rotten of all foundations—the imputation to their adversaries of all that is most base and dishonourable." In Freemasonry we are strictly enjoined against permitting anything in the nature of a religious or political controversy being considered within the precincts of our lodges, and so long as this injunction is observed, there is little or no danger of our falling foul of each other in the manner so truthfully described by our reverend brother. But it must not be forgotten that controversies are by no means confined to questions affecting religion and politics. It is quite possible for different brethren to favour different policies which are not political, but which may legitimately be discussed within the precincts of our lodges. For instance, the members of one and the same lodge may and frequently do differ as to the policy by which its affairs should be conducted. If, in all such cases, the brethren will courteously agree to differ; if, where opinions are pretty equally divided, both sides will consent to sink their differences rather than press them to a direct issue, and by so doing endanger the harmony of the lodge; if, where there is a decided preponderance of opinion in one direction or another, the majority will avoid pressing their advantage too summarily—too much on the principle of *Vae victis*, and the minority philosophically accepts the inevitable, avoiding those petty obstructions and cavillings which have no other effect than to irritate and annoy, there is no danger to be feared to the peaceful career of Freemasonry. But if the manners which are adopted by the political disputants of our day are imitated in our lodges, if brethren, instead of according to those who differ from them that respect which they justly claim for themselves, set about vilifying those who conscientiously think otherwise than themselves, then there is a serious danger awaiting us, against which it is the duty of all Masons, both individually and collectively, to combat with all their strength. We have prospered hitherto, because we have forbidden the introduction of religious and political controversies into our lodges, and have, at the same time, recognised that courtesy in argument and loyalty in accepting the decision as between rival arguments is an essential condition of the existence of every and any Society; and we shall go on prospering or otherwise, only so long as we observe or depart from this salutary law.

## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

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

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

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

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

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£325 0 8	By Disbursements during the	
"    Unappropriated		Quarter	... .. £447 8 0
"    Account	196 12 4	"    Balance	... .. 267 4 1
"    Subsequent Receipts..	381 9 11	"    Unappropriated	
		"    Account	... .. 188 10 10
	£903 2 11		£903 2 11

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

The Committee have also to report that they have received the following petitions:

1st. From Comps. George Dalrymple, as Z; John Mills, as H.; John Atkinson, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Whitwell Lodge, No. 1390, Millom, to be called the McKay Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Millom, Cumberland.

2nd. From Comps. William Pearson Robinson, as Z.; John Spencer, as H.; John Bracewell, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached

to the Lodge of the Three Graces, No. 408, Haworth, to be called the Brunswick Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Haworth, in the Western Division of Yorkshire.

3rd. From Comps. William Shurmur, as Z.; George Graveley, as H.; William Ernest Dring, as J.; and 15 others for a chapter to be attached to the William Shurmur Lodge, No. 2374, to be called the William Shurmur Chapter, and to meet at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, in the County of Essex.

4th. From Comps. John H. Wraith, as Z.; Charles Hacking Woods, as H.; Samuel Hope Shorrocks, as J.; and 12 others for a chapter to be attached to the Harmony and Industry Lodge, No. 381, Darwen, to be called the Hutchinson Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Darwen, in the County of Lancaster (Eastern Division).

5th. From Comps. Walter Davies, as Z.; Edwin Gauntlett, as H.; John Lightfoot, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, Dulwich, to be called the Selwyn Chapter, and to meet at the Montpelier Hotel, Choumert-road, Peckham (London District).

6th. From Comps. William Charles Lupton, as Z.; Alfred Stott, as H.; Robert Newton Rhodes, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Pentalpha Lodge, No. 974, Bradford, to be called the Pentalpha Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford, Yorkshire (Western Division).

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

The Committee have further to report that they have received a memorial from the Universal Chapter praying that the chapter may be detached from Lodge No. 181, and attached to the Cadogan Lodge, No. 162, London—both lodges having given their consent—and that the chapter may be called the Cadogan Chapter.

The Committee recommend that the prayer of this memorial be granted.

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

The Chapter of Hope, No. 54, from the Spread Eagle Hotel, to the Masonic Hall, Yorkshire-street, Rochdale, Lancashire (E.D.)

The Bisley Chapter, No. 2317, from the National Schools, Bisley, to the Masonic Hall, Woking, Surrey.

The Committee recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee have to report that they have received a memorial from the companions of the Perseverance Chapter, No. 275, Huddersfield, praying for a charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel, in accordance with Rule 102 of the Royal Arch regulations.

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

The Committee have also to report the receipt of a letter from the Provincial Grand Scribe E., Durham, stating that De Burghi Chapter, No. 424, Gateshead, has not met for more than five years, and that he thinks the charter should be returned by the last M.E.Z. No returns have been made to Grand Chapter by this chapter since 1882.

The Committee recommend that the chapter be called upon to return the charter, and that the charter be taken off the register.

Notice of motion by Comp. ROBERT GREY, President of Grand Chapter Committee:

That in recognition of the eminent services of the late Grand S.E., Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, the sum of £100 be voted from the funds of Grand Chapter, and paid into the Bloomsbury Branch of the London and Westminster Bank to the account of the Earl of Lathom, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and Sir Albert W. Woods, Trustees of "The Shadwell Clerke Trust," for the purpose of purchasing a Government Life Annuity for Mrs. Clerke.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

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

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DURHAM.

On Wednesday, the 13th inst., the annual convocation of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Durham. The Grand Superintendent, Comp. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., presided.

The other acting officers present were—

Comps. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D.; C. S. Lane, P.G.H.; R. Shadforth, P.G.J.; R. Hudson, P.G.S.E.; William Hobson, P.G.S.N.; R. Singleton, P.G. Treas.; T. Bell, P.G. Reg.; C. D. Hill Drury, as P.G.P.S.; J. J. Wilson, as P. 1st A.G.S.; John Todd, as P. 2nd A.G.S.; John Burn, P.G.S.B.; M. A. Lax, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Logan, P.G.D.C.; E. Sutherst, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Quincey, P.G. Org.; J. R. Pattison, P.A.G.S.E.; and T. Grieve, P.G. Janitor. Among other officers present were Comps. T. Bradley, T. Coulson, J. Bailey, G. Robson, S. Fenny, E. Hudson, R. Whitfield, T. Henders on, F. Bennett, T. Atkinson, J. C. Moor, A. Gray, J. Scarborough, W. Brown, J. H. Swan, Babington Boulton, R. Luck, Colonel Monks, C. F. Sutcliffe, L. R. Davies, Rev. J. Lawson, H. Brown, B. S. Beckwith, H. Lamb, and G. Shaw.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by Comp. W. Logan, and the Principals, Comps. Lane and Shadforth.

The Prov. G. Treas., Comp. R. SINGLETON, read the annual financial statement, showing a balance of £26. The account was confirmed.

A sum of £10 10s. was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £10 10s. for the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows, and £5 to the Durham Masonic Education Fund.

Bro. E. Hudson was unanimously elected as Prov. G. Treas., and Comps. Lamb and Bennett were elected Auditors.

The Grand Superintendent, Comp. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., appointed and invested the following as the officers for the ensuing year:

Comp. C. D. Hill Drury, 111	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" W. Logan, 124	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" R. Hudson, 80 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" G. W. Bain, 949	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" E. Hudson	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. F. Sutcliffe, 240	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. Whitfield, 48	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" J. J. Wilson, 80	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" C. M. Wake, 97	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" J. N. Taylor, 531	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. F. Pearse, 509	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Thos. Atkinson, 80	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" T. E. Biddlecombe, 509	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" J. Scarborough, 94	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Robson Pattison, 97	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" T. Grieve,	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was afterwards closed.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, Surbiton. Comp. Col. Noel Money, C.B., Grand Superintendent, was supported by Comps. Frederick West, Prov. G.H.; Dr. Strong, C. Greenwood, Prov. G.S.E.; J. D. Langton, Hugh M. Hobbs, George Price, Prov. G. Treas.; W. Fox Hawes, F. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org.; T. Clark, Gordon Smith, J. Rhodes, Dr. Gibbs, H. C. S. Dumas, and many others.

Prov. Grand Chapter was duly opened and the minutes confirmed, after which the roll of chapters was called over. The report of the Audit and Finance Committee was received and adopted. Comp. Dr. Gibbs was unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treas., and the following appointments were made:

Comp. Fred. West	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" T. G. A. Barnes, 370...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Dr. Gibbs	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Chas. Greenwood, 410	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" F. Flood, 1149	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" H. C. S. Dumas, 410	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. Nevill, 1395	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" A. Willson, 889	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" W. Fox Hawes, 463	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" T. Clark, 2246	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" C. J. Scott, 432	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Gordon Smith, 2096	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. Laurence, 849	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. Rhodes, 452	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. Potter	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

On the proposition of the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Geo. Price for his very valuable services as Prov. Grand Treasurer for many years past.

Comp. Geo. PRICE, P.P.G. Treas., in acknowledging the vote, said that being in his 83rd year, he had thought it prudent to retire from office, but he should carry with him, and he hoped retain, the good wishes, confidence, and esteem of the companions.

Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed.

### CONSECRATION OF THE JAMES TERRY CHAPTER, No. 2372.

On Wednesday, the 20th instant, another addition was made to the rapidly increasing roll of Royal Arch chapters under the Supreme Grand Chapter of England. It is not very many years since the whole of the lodges and chapters in Hertfordshire might have been numbered on the fingers of one hand, but under the able and popular guidance of the present head of the province Masonry in all its branches has made remarkable progress. The latest acquisition is the James Terry Chapter, No. 2372, consecrated at the Cheshunt Hall by Comp. G. E. Lake, Prov. G.H., assisted by Comps. G. B. Cooper, Prov. G.J., as H.; C. E. Keyser, Grand Svd. Br., P.P.G.J., as J.; and James Terry, Past G.S.B., Prov. G.D. of C., M.E.Z. designate, as D.C.

The other founders present were Comps. R. F. Brickdale, P.Z. 1623, H. designate; James Knight, P.Z. 174, J. designate; W. A. Sproat, Z. 174; W. P. Warren, P.S. 174; J. Tydeman, F. M. Bilby, and Wm. Metcalfe.

In addition to the Prov. Grand Officers named, the visitors included Comps. C. H. Webb, P.Z. 174; H. Sadler, P.Z. 169, Grand Janitor; Egbert Roberts, P.Z. 1623; S. M. Banker, H. 1385, Prov. G. Std. Br.; and T. Wright, Prov. Grand Janitor.

The usual preliminaries having been gone through, Comp. C. E. KEYSER, at the request of the Consecrating officer, addressed the companions to the following purport, with an eloquence which rivetted the attention and elicited the approbation of all present:

Most Excellent and Companions,—It is with the highest gratification, accompanied by feelings of diffidence as to my ability to perform my task, that I find myself called upon for the third time in a comparatively short period to deliver the customary oration included in the ceremony of the consecration of a new chapter. In the first place I must most heartily congratulate our flourishing province and our deservedly popular Grand Superintendent on the rapid progress which Royal Arch Masonry is making amongst us, and I sincerely hope that other lodges, when they feel themselves sufficiently strong to do so, will follow the example set them to-day and establish chapters in connection with their lodges, so that all the brethren may have an opportunity of

sharing with us the complete knowledge of those secrets and mysteries which we, as members of the Royal Arch Degree, profess to have attained. Secondly, I feel myself somewhat in a position of difficulty to-day. Although I am not possessed of sufficient assurance to believe that the address which I have already twice delivered can have so far impressed itself on the minds of those who have heard it as to render them familiar with the arguments therein contained; yet I feel that I should be wanting in deference to those who attended on the previous occasions were I simply to repeat again my former composition; I therefore propose to-day to give an epitome of my earlier lecture, directing attention briefly to a summary of this most interesting subject which I then endeavoured to treat in a more comprehensive manner. The Royal Arch Degree claims to be the completion, climax, and essence of Craft Masonry, and the very foundation and keystone of our whole Masonic structure, and this contention may well be sustained when we consider its religious characteristics, and the manner in which it supplements and expands the morality of the first three Degrees. In these the main principles laid down are our duty towards our neighbours and ourselves, and we are exhorted to exercise, first, the great Masonic principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth; then to extend our researches into the more hidden mysteries of nature and science, and as the result of the progress which we shall make in our religious and moral training, by the practice of the principles thus inculcated we shall be the more fitted to gain a knowledge of ourselves, and to be able with equanimity to contemplate on and prepare for our inevitable destiny, and this naturally brings us face to face with the main teaching of the Royal Arch Degree. To be able to fulfil our duties in life, and to be prepared for the great hereafter or futurity, we must rely on the mercy of our Almighty Creator, and by His grace endeavour to qualify ourselves for that eternal life and immortal bliss which is promised to those who sincerely desire to serve and please Him. Thus the great lesson which permeates this Degree is the merciful dealing of God with man, and the corresponding duty of man to promote the honour and glory of God, and to submit with reverence and humility to the various vicissitudes which are the natural lot of fallen mankind during this mortal life. Thus in the ceremony of exaltation the candidate is impressively instructed in this high religious morality, and his attention is forcibly directed to the occasion of the recovery of the long lost secrets and word, and of the renewal of the presence and favour of the Most High to the remnant of that chosen people who had been carried away in captivity to Babylon. In the three beautiful lectures we have the allegory and symbols connected with the Degree more fully explained. The three Grand Lodges, as portrayed in the historical lecture, typify the three special occasions on which the Almighty Creator was pleased to accept a dwelling-place on the earth, and to occupy with his divine presence, first, the Tabernacle, and then the first and second Temples, which were built at his dictation, and dedicated with such pomp and rejoicing to His honour and glory. In the symbolical lecture our attention is drawn to the various forms, ornaments, and symbols of Royal Arch Masonry, to impress on our minds the providential means by which the ancient secrets were regained, and to engraft in our hearts those exalted lessons of morality which we as members of this Supreme Degree are bound to practice. The chapter itself, and every object connected with it, has its moral and religious signification, and brings before our minds the close interest which the Most High takes in the welfare of His sinful creatures, and the manner in which He is associated, if we will but recognise it, with all our undertakings. And this is still further exemplified in the mystical lecture, where the signs refer us back to special occasions of direct intercourse between God and man, and demonstrates our entire dependence upon Him, and our utter helplessness and inability to counteract the powers of darkness without His Divine and especial favour. So again the distinguishing emblems have been adopted as having from the earliest times been identified with a Divine or supernatural influence, in some mysterious manner exercising its power upon the destinies of mankind; while the sacred words and characters bring before us those titles of the Most High which especially impress us with awe at the very thought of His boundless power and majesty, and at the same time with gratitude for His kindness and mercy to us in spite of our constant failings, and our inclinations to do such things as are displeasing to Him. Let us, therefore, endeavour to follow out in practice the beautiful and Divine morality which this Degree endeavours to instil into our minds, and let us show that it inspires us with the most exalted ideas of God, and that it leads to the exercise of the most pure and sublime piety; a reverence for the incomprehensible name of Jehovah—the Eternal Ruler of the Universe, the elemental life, the primordial source of all its principles, the very spring and fount of all its virtues. May these principles and tenets be observed and adopted in this James Terry Chapter, which will, I hope, commemorate to future generations the name of one who is so highly esteemed in this province (and who for so many years, and with so much honour to himself, has been intimately identified with the greatest and most important of our glorious Masonic Charities), and may they be transmitted through this chapter, pure and unsullied from generation to generation.

The ceremony of consecration having been carried out in all its interesting details, the Principals designate were inducted into their respective chairs, and the following officers invested by the M.E.Z., assisted by Comp. C. H. Webb, P.Z. 174, viz., Comps. F. M. Bilby, S.E.; J. Tydeman, S.N.; W. A. Sproat, Treas.; W. P. Warren, P.S.; W. Metcalfe, 1st A.S.; and A. G. Young, Janitor.

A cordial vote of thanks was then passed to the Consecrating Officer and his assistants, who were also elected honorary members of the chapter, and the first-mentioned companion was invested by the M.E.Z. with a handsome founder's jewel as a memento of the occasion.

Several letters from eminent members of the Order expressing regret at being unable to attend were then read at length, and four candidates for exaltation having been proposed, the chapter was closed.

The companions then adjourned to the Four Swans Hotel at Waltham Cross, where a sumptuous banquet was served in a way that reflects the highest credit on that ancient hostelry, and we shall only be doing bare justice to the caterer and his staff when we say that the cuisine was perfect, the wines excellent, and the service all that could be desired. The comfort of the guests and their enjoyment of the repast, were greatly enhanced by the kindly attention of the worthy host's charming daughters, who spared no effort to make everyone feel quite at home, and at the same time clearly evinced the possibility of young ladies—naturally ornamental—being able to render themselves exceedingly useful when occasion requires.

The usual toasts and responses were given, and with the veteran Comp. James Terry in the chair of M.E.Z., it is needless to mention the fact that a most agreeable evening was spent.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. Egbert Roberts, who, as a matter of course, carried out his portion of the programme with his usual taste and ability.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Oddfellows' Hall, Egremont, on Tuesday, the 19th instant, under the banner of the Sewell Lodge, No. 421, and although the weather was very unfavourable the muster was good, all the lodges in the province being represented. The lodge was opened to receive Provincial Grand Lodge by Bro. Jas. Lowery, P.G. Stwd., W.M.

Bro. Col. Sewell, P.M., D.P.G.M., was supported by the following officers and brethren:

Bros. P. de E. Collin, P.G.D. of England, as D.P.G.M.; Thos. A. Argles, P.M. 119, P.S.G.W.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.A.G.D.C. of England, as P.J.G.W.; J. O. Scott, P.M. 151, P.J.G.O.; Rev. J. Anderson, P.M. 213, P.G. Chap.; H. Burns, P.M. 213, P.G.R. of M.; J. Gardiner, P.M. 151, P.G. Sec.; J. Stout, P.M. 421, P.J.G.D.; Geo. Starkey, 213, P.A.G.D.C.; Dr. Muir, 213, P.G. Std. Br.; T. J. Richardson, 60, and A. Moordaff, 421, P.G. Stwds.; Rev. G. B. Armes, 216, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Wakefield, W.M. 216, P.P.G.I. of W.; H. Hartley, P.M. 216, P.P.J.G.O.; Thos. Richardson, P.P.G. Tyler; John Messenger, 151, P.P.G. Tyler; D. H. Cook, P.P.G. Org.; Thos. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; J. A. Parker, M.O. 421; Thos. Miller, S.O., J. C. Hellen, J.O., W. Bosward, Sec., G. Wilson, J.D., J. Kitchin, T. McLeod, Tyler, and G. W. Roll. of 36; J. Nelson, S.W. 421; Thos. Anison, S.W., and Robt. Leach, M.O., P.P.A.G.D.C., of 151; W. Robinson, S.W., and W. Heathcote, J.W., of 216; E. Jackson, Sec., Wm. Brown, J.D., and J. J. Little, W.M. elect, of 282; and others.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the roll of lodges was called, and all responded. Of the actual Prov. Grand Officers, a few were absent and had tendered apologies.

The minutes of the last annual Prov. Grand Lodge were read and confirmed, and Bro. COLLIN, P.G. Treas., read a statement of accounts which showed a balance of nearly £60 to credit, and, on being put from the chair, were unanimously passed as read.

Bro. DALRYMPLE moved that Bro. Collin be again elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, which was seconded by Bro. ARGLES, and unanimously adopted.

The following brethren were then appointed and invested as officers:

Bro. George Dalrymple, W.M. 213	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" James Stout, P.M. 421	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" John Wakefield, W.M. 216	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" Thomas Atkinson, P.M. 229	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" Edwin Loach, P.M. 282	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. G. B. Armes, Chap. 421	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" P. de E. Collin, P.M. 151	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" James Lowery, W.M. 421	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" James Gardiner, P.M. 151	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Spencer Broadbent, S.W. 213	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. J. Little, W.M. elect 282	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" John Nelson, S.W. 421	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" G. Starkey, M.O. 213	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Irving, M.O. 421	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. T. Richardson, J.W. 60	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. Robinson, S.W. 216	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" A. Moordaff, 421	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" D. Atkinson, 213	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" W. Heathcote, J.W. 216	...	...	...
" Dr. Sturridge, 195	...	...	...
" T. Anison, 151	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. Bosward, 421	...	...	...
" S. McLeod, 421	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

On the motion of Bro. COLLIN, seconded by Bro. ARMES, the four members of the General Purposes Committee were re-appointed.

Bro. DALRYMPLE moved that 10 guineas be given from the provincial funds to the Cumberland and Westmorland Educational scheme, which was seconded by Bro. J. STOUT, and carried unanimously.

Bro. T. A. ARGLES moved that 10 guineas be given from the funds to the Mark Benevolent Fund, which was seconded by Bro. COLLIN, and carried unanimously.

Bro. RICHARDSON, J.W. 60, said he had been empowered by the members of the Cumberland Lodge, Carlisle, to ask the P.G.M. to hold the next annual meeting at Carlisle.

The W.M. of Fletcher Lodge, No. 213, said he had also to give an invitation for the next meeting to be held at Whitehaven.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER said both recommendations would be considered.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER in the chair then said as it had been his rule in past years to say a few words about the doings of the province, he would not deviate from it on this occasion. He was pleased to say Mark Masonry still kept prosperous, and their own province, although slowly, yet steadily, was doing good work. They had secured a Steward in their worthy Bro. Argles to represent them at the next Grand Mark Festival, and it always gave him pleasure to see a willing Steward, because on looking over the Blue Book published by Grand Lodge, the number of boys and girls that were being educated, also annuitants that were being supported in their declining years, it was evident this Fund was doing much good, and it was worthy of the hearty support of all Mark Masters. One other matter he wished to be perfectly understood upon, that was that no W.M. elect could be installed at a lodge of emergency. Such had been the case, and he sincerely hoped it would not occur again in the province.

The brethren were then, for the first time in the history of the Mark province, marshalled in order of procession by Bro. George Starkey, P.G. D.C., headed by the Volunteer band, and marched to the Egremont Parish Church, where an able sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. JAS. ANDERSON, P.G. Chap., from the 44th chapter Ezekiel and 5th verse.

Bro. Rev. W. THWAITES, P.P.G. Chap., read the Lessons, and a collection was taken on behalf of the Mark Masonic Charities.

The brethren were then re-formed, and marched back to the hall, when Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, where the hostess had made ample provision for all.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF  
LEICESTERSHIRE, RUTLAND, &c.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DERBY LODGE, No. 302.

The anniversary of the Derby Mark Lodge, No. 302, was held on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby. Special interest attached to the proceedings by reason of the invitation extended to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Northamptonshire, and Rutland, to meet under the banner of the Derby Lodge—an invitation which was not merely very heartily accepted, but which led to the assembling of a very numerous and influential body of Mark Master Masons from the various counties named.

The business of the Derby Lodge was first transacted, and included the installation of Bro. Walter J. Piper as Worshipful Master, the ceremony being performed by his predecessor in office, Bro. John Walker.

Subsequently Bro. Piper invested his officers in the following order: Bros. John Walker, I.P.M.; W. Beadon Woodforde, S.W.; William Cooper, J.W.; T. E. Yeoman, M.O.; E. J. H. Hoskyns, S.O.; Thos. Oldham, J.O.; J. O. Manton, P.M., Treas.; T. H. Harrison (Mayor of Derby), Sec.; the Rev. Thomas Orrell, Chap.; W. H. Wheeldon, R. of M.; T. C. Eastwood, S.D.; F. E. Leech, J.D.; Edgar Horne, P.M., Org.; Raymond Slater, D. of C.; W. H. Wright, I.G.; John Jones and Harry Slater, Stwds.; and Wm. Stone, Tyler.

After the disposal of formal business, the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge were received with the accustomed honours. In the bodily infirmity of Bro. Wm. Kelly, the venerable and venerated Prov. G.M., his place was ably filled by his worthy Deputy, Bro. Thomas Cox, the acting D.P.G.M. being Bro. Young.

The annual reports from the various lodges were read, and proved in respects encouraging.

The General Purposes Committee also presented a satisfactory account of their operations.

A written address from Bro. Kelly was read by the Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. the Rev. S. WATHEN WIGG, and listened to with sympathetic interest. The writer lamented the fact that physical weakness prevented him being present, dwelt gratefully upon the prosperity which had attended, and was attending, Mark Masonry, and expressed the hope and belief that its future might be in all respects successful. Bro. Kelly also made reference to the removal by the hand of death of Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., and Bro. Cleaver, the latter of whom had long served the province in the capacity of Treasurer.

A vote of sympathy with Bro. Kelly in his affliction, and a vote of condolence with the family of the late Bro. Cleaver having been passed, Bro. A. Woodiwiss, P.G.M.O. England, was unanimously chosen as Prov. Grand Treasurer.

Amid cordial expressions of approbation, it was also resolved to recommend to the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Bro. Kelly to re-appointment as Prov. Grand Master for the ensuing three years. In this connection Bro. S. WATHEN WIGG mentioned that Bro. Kelly was by far the oldest Prov. Grand Master in England, his warrant of appointment bearing date 1858.

The Acting Prov. Grand Master then invested the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year. The appointments included several items of local interest, notably the selection of Bro. John Walker, of the Derby Lodge, as the Prov. S.G.W., and Bro. Alfred Schofield, of St. Martin's Lodge, as Prov. G.M.O.

The following are the Prov. Grand Officers for the year:

Bro. Thomas Cox, P.M. 302	...	...	D.P.G.M.
" John Walker, W.M. 302	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Carl Lowenstein, W.M. 19	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Alfred Schofield, P.M. 414	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" Henry J. Goodall, W.M. 21	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" C. F. Chamberlin, P.M. 339	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. S. C. Hayward, Chap. 414	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Abraham Woodiwiss, P.M. 302, P.G.O.	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Harry Manfield, Treas. 245	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Rev. S. Wathen Wigg, 245	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. H. Cooke, P.M. 353...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Sydney S. Pridmore, W.M. 30	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" George Smedley, W.M. 246	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" H. Goodacre Marriott, J.W. 194	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. H. Orme, S.W. 246...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" William Cooper, Sec. 302	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" R. R. Blackwell, J.D. 19	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" G. A. Capes, Org. 339...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. J. Curtis, P.M. 194...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" Frank Winterton, M.O. 194	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" T. H. Harrison, I.G. 302 ...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" Wm. Davenport, S.W. 353	...	...	
" T. S. H. Ashwell, S.W. 194	...	...	
" C. L. Ferneley, 21	...	...	

Subsequently the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. T. Day, after which a short toast list was gone through.

The festival was altogether a most successful one.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. SWITHIN'S MARK  
LODGE, No. 445, AT HORNCastle.

On Wednesday, the 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Horncastle, under the auspices of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Lincolnshire, the consecration of the St. Swithin's Lodge, No. 445, took place. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, Prov. Grand Master, assisted by Bro. Anderson Bates, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the following Provincial Grand Officers: Bros. W. Mason, 172, P.S.G.W.; W. Mortimer, 117, P.J.G.W.; W. Hurst, 188, P.G.M.O.; Rev. E. M. Weigall, 387, P.G. Chap.; W. R. F. Morton, P.G. Sec.; C. E. Ward, P.S.G.D.; E. J. Dalton, 117, P.J.G.D.; G. A. Gamble, P.A.G.D.C.; F. L. Thornton, P.G. Stwd.; and M. Lancaster, P.G. Tyler.

Other Prov. Grand Officers and brethren assembled in the lodge room, and the Consecrating Officer appointed his officers, the Wardens being Bros. W. Mason, P.S.G.W., and Johnson, P.J.G.W., Bro. Mortimer acting as D.C., and Bro. G. A. Gamble, A.D.C.

The brethren of the new lodge having been arranged in order, the petition and warrant were read, and an excellent oration on the nature and principles of the Institution was delivered by the Prov. Grand Chap., Bro. E. M. WEIGALL.

The invocation, consecration, strewing corn and pouring wine and oil proceeded, and salt was sprinkled, and the Consecrating Officer dedicated and constituted the lodge, which had been duly censured. The Patriarchal Benediction was pronounced, and Bro. the Rev. Humphrey Sandwith Fawcett was installed W.M., Bro. Anderson Bates, D.P.G.M., acting as Installing Master, and Bros. Wm. Taylor Sharpe and Wm. Carrol Otway were made Senior and Junior Wardens.

The brethren afterwards dined at the Victoria Hotel, Woodhall Spa.

This makes the fourth lodge consecrated in this province during the reign of Bro. Jack Sutcliffe as Prov. Grand Master.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

The subject of Masonic Bibliography has not been a favourite study in Great Britain and Ireland, save with a very few, but it has been quite otherwise on the Continent and so in the United States. Yet for works of real importance and critical value, English-speaking countries are more favourably situated than any other, though our foreign brethren "beat us hollow" as respects works on Masonic Medals.

Practically, we have had to rely on Germany for "Masonic Bibliography," as Bro. H. J. Whymper, C.I.E., indicates in his able address before the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab, 27th December, 1888, and more recently in his excellent account of "Masonic Catalogues, Libraries, and Books," delivered to the members of the "Albert Victor Lodge," No. 2370, Lahore; which is by far the best lecture on the subject ever given, and deserves a wide circulation.\*

C. A. Thory's "Acta Latomorum" (1815) contains some 400 titles, whereas the "Bibliographie der Freimaurerei," by Dr. Geo. Kloss, A.D. 1844, has about 6000! The "vast research" exemplified in the latter work is admirably portrayed by Bro. Whymper's translation of the 43 Sections, and quite as many sub-divisions of that colossal work.

Since 1844 a vast accession has been made to our literature, and several old books have been traced, either unknown to Dr. Kloss, or only familiar by their titles. Some idea of the great number published during the last 50 years may be obtained by carefully consulting the "Catalogue of Bibliographies, Lists and Catalogues of Works on Freemasonry,"† issued this year by my indefatigable collaborateur, Bro. Whymper, which is such a remarkable compilation.

This excellent aid, however, is not final, nor was it so intended to be, for even during its printing the compiler discovered more valuable catalogues, titles of which he has sent me (as the subject is very dear to both of us); and I have several more not noted, to all of which he is most heartily welcome.

California (14 and 15) had a catalogue issued, dated March, 1873, and also a very full one for the year 1879, and New York is having a catalogue of its fine library issued in parts annually by my good friend Bro. H. G. Carter, the Grand Librarian, who began the work in A.D. 1883.

The No. 21 of the Whymper series I allude to in the massive "American History of Freemasonry," (Fraternity Co. of Boston, U.S.A.) 1891, in connection with the "Royal Order of Scotland." My copy is dated 23rd February, 1860, but the sale did not then take place. Another edition was issued for the auction on 27th March, 1863, which is Bro. Carson's No. 176 and Bro. Whymper's No. 25. Bro. Carson, who is the Bibliographical authority of America, tells me the collection belonged to Thory. There was also another catalogue, not so large but very valuable, of the 3rd November, 1863, being the library of J. Kilner, 30<sup>o</sup>, and was issued by Claudin; likewise one by Guillemot, in 1862, both of Paris.

The "Pythagoras" Lodge Library, New York, was distributed by auction in 1887, two catalogues being published for that purpose by the vendors, the well-known Masonic Publishing Co. of that city, many of the lots being of great rarity.

The "Masonic Exhibition" Catalogues of the two at York, and one each at Worcester, Shanklin, and Plymouth are very useful guides, and there is now ready a large catalogue of the very valuable collection of Masonic works, medals, curios, &c., at Worcester, edited by Bro. G. Taylor, with "Bibliographical Notes" by myself. About a thousand articles are described. I hope the grand collection of "West Yorkshire Library" will be similarly catalogued, ere long, by my esteemed friend, Bro. William Watson (Leeds), the Honorary Librarian, who has already done so for a portion of his own Masonic books.

The late Bro. Spencer was the best informed, in his time, as to Masonic works, his first catalogue, apparently, being published in 1861. I attended the great sale of his books in 1875 (the catalogue of which was prepared by his son, Bro. Walter Spencer, F.R.G.S., who succeeded to the business), and bought for my lamented friend, R. F. Bower, of Keokuk, Iowa, about £80 worth, out of the total of some £350 in value sold. The prices ran high for some books, but the 600 lots (having frequently many books under one number) realised much less than was expected, and certainly mostly below their value.

Bro. Whymper's catalogue, 2nd edition 1891, of 65 pages, illustrates what can be done by a persevering collector, though so far removed from London, in the procuring of rare and valuable works, some of which are unique, and most of them of considerable importance.

Gustav Wolf, of Leipzig, has been in the habit of periodically publishing catalogues of works on the Craft, many of which numbers I have, but they are mainly foreign. Bro. John Hogg, of Paternoster-row, London, has also done good work in the same direction, and of other catalogues might be enumerated those of the lamented Woodford Collection ‡ (sold by Messrs. Hodgson in 1885), mostly purchased by Bro. Kenning (and given in his Catalogues), the late Dr. Mackey's collection of Washington, U.S.A. (all priced, total about £300), the John W. Simons's Library, New York, 1871 (?), issued about 1881; that of the late Bro. Leon Hyneman's Masonic

\* "Masonic Record of Western India," "April and May," 1891, &c.

† Prepared to assist the students of Lodge 2370, 1891 (only 100 copies printed).

books, sold in New York, 1879, by G. A. Levitt and Co., the Library Catalogue of my revered friend, Bro. Frederick Hockley, sold by Sotheby and Co., London, 1887; the numerous sale catalogues of the Masonic Publishing Company of New York, and especially the catalogue of the "Loge Karl yu dem 3 Ulmen on Ulm," by Bro. Reinhold Taute, printed in 1886 by the Masonic historian, Herr Findel, whose collection is included in this fine Bibliography of some 2800 lots, and of 268 pages octavo. This includes Bro. Findel's Catalogue of the year 1870.

Many more might be enumerated, but this must suffice for the present.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Torquay, England, September 9th, 1891.

[From minutes of proceedings of Lodge "Albert Victor," No. 2370, Lahore, India, 30th January, 1892.]

ARAB MASONRY.

I had been in Cairo some little time, and had been unable to locate any of the native lodges I had heard were held there as the Craft in that country, unlike ourselves, wear no distinguishing marks or badges, with but few exceptions, whereby one brother may know another. The only exception I remember of was a hotel proprietor in Jerusalem, and I have a strong suspicion he did it in the interest of trade. So, one day, after much enquiry, I was directed to an Englishman who was said to be a Mason, and calling upon him found him to be a very cordial and agreeable brother, and he readily agreed to take me around and introduce me. The next evening the Englishman called at my hotel, and we started out and found the lodge room within five minutes' walk of the hotel, on the ground floor of a building I had been passing a dozen times a day without a suspicion of its being a lodge. We found the brothers assembled and about to open, and if any of them had attempted to visit a lodge in Indiana, I think they would have been refused admittance on account of being clandestine, as they were all shades of colour, from a little yellow to jet black. But there was no doubt about their having a true Masonic spirit, as they gave me a hearty welcome.

The lodge was held under the Italian Constitution, and I understand there are about 30 in Egypt. The interior arrangements and stations of officers are very much like ours. The entire floor was a checkered pavement, and the ceiling a starry decked canopy, and upon the altar rested the Koran, the Mohamedan scripture.

The work, as near as I could judge, was like ours, but as none of them spoke a word of English, all of their work being conducted in Arabic, and my stock of Arabic being very limited, of course I was somewhat at a disadvantage. I was left in the ante-room until the lodge had opened, and then the doors opened and the brothers formed an avenue, bearing candles. A P.M. escorted me through the lines and introduced me to the W.M., who invited me to a seat by his side in the E. The routine work then proceeded, during which they balloted on a candidate. The Senior Deacon first carried around a basket of black and white balls, and each member took one of each, and as they passed the basket to me I did likewise. He then came around with the ballot box, and each cast one of the balls in his possession. He then came round with the basket again and collected the remaining balls. Of course I cast a white ball.

After the business of the lodge was finished, the W.M. arose and made a speech of welcome in Arabic, thanking me for visiting them, and assuring me that he considered it a great compliment that one of the Fraternity from so far away should meet with them.

The Secretary, who spoke French, then translated his remarks into that language, and the English brother with me translated it from French to English. I, of course, spoke a few words in reply, which went back in the same round-about course.

Sitting there in a foreign land, surrounded by those dusky brothers, dressed in their long, loose Arabic robes, their heads covered with turbans or fezes, I was reminded of the universality of Masonry in a more practical way than ever before.—*Masonic Advocate.*

READING MASONS.

The Masonic Brotherhood ought to be made up of reading people, and Masons are supposed to be a select people, chosen with much care from the common mass of mankind; sound in body and in mind, who have a desire for knowledge, that they may be serviceable to their fellow-men. And our art is calculated to stimulate rather than stultify a growth of intellect and foster a love for learning.

Now, in order to acquire knowledge, study is requisite; hence it might be readily inferred that Masons would be students—not only readers of books but students of them, and of that class of books which afford food for the intellectual faculties. That they would devote at least some time to those works of science which are calculated to reveal the hidden truths of nature, and lead the mind up through nature, into communion with the Great First Cause—the God who dwelleth in secret, and yet He is not far from him who searcheth after Him.

But it is a lamentable fact that multitudes of the members of our Institution are not reading men. If they ever had any thirst for knowledge it must have died out, or it lies as dormant as does the latent heat in a bar of frosted iron, and requires quite as hard blows to incite it to action. Ask them to subscribe for a journal or purchase a book, and they show no interest whatever. Press the matter and you will soon discover that they have no interest in journals or books. It is true they will tell you that they are fully supplied—have even more than they can possibly find time to read. But converse with them on topics of interest to the man of intelligence, and you will soon discover the utter barrenness of their minds. If they read at all, their reading is made up of the light, frothy fiction which affords no work for the intellectual faculties, and is not calculated to improve either mind or morals.

Now we do not mean to insinuate that there are no reading Masons, far from it. They are not a few who are students indeed. They are often found amongst the most busy of men; those who rise early and retire late, and eat not the bread of idleness. But they rightly divide their time, and sacredly set aside a portion for mental and moral culture, and thus they find time for business, for society, for the study and reading needful in

† Our dear Bro. Woodford published in the "Masonic Magazine" (monthly published by Bro. George Kenning) a catalogue of Masonic books in the British Museum, extending from April, 1879, to March, 1880. An extraordinary compilation, but requires careful re-editing.

order to their keeping pace with the intelligence and progress of the age. And they find time to read a Masonic journal also, and therefore know something of what is transpiring in the Fraternity at home and in sister jurisdictions. They are enlightened Masons—"sons of light." They read the decisions of their Grand Masters, their addresses and the reports of important Committees of Correspondence, &c. In a word they are posted, for they take time to read. They also remember that they have homes, and that they are under as much obligation to provide choice books and publications for the use of their families as they are to provide them food and clothing. Yea, even more important, if possible. Better that children should live on a very plain food, and go poorly clad, than that the culture of their minds should be neglected.

We need more reading Masons; such as will encourage our literature withal, by lending a cheerful support to our publications. Then Masonic journals would not famish and die as a half score have done in the last decade. Then Masonic editors would not retire, after having wrought hard for nearly half a century, poor and without the means of support in their old age. Then, too, our Fraternity would flourish better, and we should all get more out of life, for our enjoyments would be of the higher and nobler kind.—*Philadelphia Keystone.*

WHAT IS MASONRY?

The question may be asked in the negative, what is not Masonry? Everything good, pure, and upright is in harmony with Masonic teaching. Whatever is vicious or bad is contrary to the inculcations of the lodge room. The emphasis of every Masonic ceremony is purity. The foundation of every ritualistic lesson is the Holy Word of God. Masonry, then, is everything good.

Under the broad and comprehensive term Masonry, may be included every avenue of human life. Masonry is interested in every branch of the human family. It would reach down and raise the polluted from the mire and degradation that unfit them for the society of good people. It would plant into the heart of the infidel a faith in one true and living God. It would reverence the almighty, invisible power that sustains the universe. From the starry decked heaven to the clod of the valley; from the gentle rivulet, meandering through the solitude of primeval forests, to the rush of the mighty Niagara; from the snow-capped peaks of the Rocky Mountains to the torrid sun of the Equator, it points to the works of the Great Architect of the Universe. Masonry reads sermons in the rocks, and profound lessons in the lily of the valley. It is universal in its efforts to better the condition of mankind. All may rest in the shade of its temples. It binds up the wounds of those who are afflicted, feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, because they are children of one Father.

Masonry has no creed but the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. It would bridge over and heal differences existing between various beliefs in order to unite the family of man in the service of one God. Masonry is not religion, but it is religious. It bows in humble recognition of the homage due from the creature to the Creator, but forbids narrow and sectarian bigotry that would condemn to outer darkness all who differ from a certain belief. Masonry is the world's religion, in that it contains the foundation of all faith and practice; for Jew and Christian, Mohammedan and Parsee, Roman and Protestant, may enjoy the privileges it affords. One thing all must believe—there is a God. After that, the manner of serving God, the form of doctrine is left to each individual. He reads the message from his Father, and obeys it according to his understanding and agreeably to the dictates of his conscience.

Outwardly the Mason must act uprightly, deal justly, and be a moral man. He is to solace his brothers in their afflictions; soothe, comfort, and aid them in distress; to sympathise with them in their hour of trial; to join in tempered congratulation in their prosperity; to give them the hand of brotherhood, the foot of support, the bended knee in supplications for their welfare; to offer the breast of fidelity as a depository of their just and lawful secrets; and to afford them defence and protection when absent.

Masonry teaches peace and unity. There are no enemies in Masonry, at least there should be none. Men may differ in politics, may not agree on questions of capital and labour, but their differences are not known in the lodge room. The principles of the Fraternity would bring together employer and employee and strikes and riots would be unknown. The rights of both would be recognised and a spirit of fairness on both sides would soon lead to harmony and agreement. Man is an impetus being. He needs some restraining influence. Masonry seeks to be that restraining influence. It is alike opposed to oppression by the rich and unjust demands of the poor. All have rights, and each man views his rights from the standard he sets up. His is an unsafe standard. The needed arbitrator is found in Masonry, which stands with the scales at equipoise and renders to all men their just due. Its judgments are without prejudice, are calm and just. Masonry would to-day pour oil upon the troubled waters of discontented labour, and bring about an understanding between the workman and his employer. It would discountenance bloodshed and riot, and appeal only to peaceful measures. This is Masonry.—*New York Dispatch.*

RULES OF ORDER are necessary for the transaction of business; but with the exception of Grand Lodge—which has certain "Regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge during the Time of Public Business"—in the Provincial Grand Lodge and private lodges, for the most part, unless laid down in the by-laws, which is not common, the matter is generally arranged by the Provincial Grand Master and Worshipful Master. No business can be entered upon until the minutes of the last regular lodge are confirmed; but beyond this, the regulation of business—the "agenda" paper, so to say—is, in the case of Provincial Grand Lodges and private lodges, in the hands of the Provincial Grand Master and the Worshipful Master respectively. As a general rule, the summons declares the business, and the order in which it is to be taken; but it is impossible, as well as unadvisable, we apprehend, to lay down any order of business which could be universally followed by lodges. Good sense and fraternal feeling and business habits and ancient usage constitute, so to say, our common law on the subject. In respect of the actual condition under which the business is transacted in lodge, though there are no laws on the subject—except, as we have said before, as regards Grand Lodge—there is a certain uniformity of action arising from Masonic custom, and which is as good as law. The well-known rules of public meetings are adhered to, and by them our Fraternity is enabled to carry on friendly discussions on all subjects in peace and propriety. The presiding officer is the supreme arbiter and court of appeal in all matters relating to order. The common rules of order, as affecting all public meetings, and which are incorporated into all Masonic parliamentary procedure, are so well known as not to need recapitulation here. They can only be affected, as we have before said, by Prov. Grand Lodge or private lodge by-laws.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

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SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1892.

**Masonic Notes.**

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as First Grand Principal, has appointed the Right Hon. the Earl of Radnor to the office of Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons for the Province of Wiltshire, in succession to Lord Henry F. Thynne.

The lists are now out from the Science and Art Department, and we are very pleased to be able to report that "Our Girls," as usual, have come out well. The following are the results: Geometry, 19 passed out of 20 entered; physiography, 31 passed out of 35 entered, 11 First Class, all the rest Second; Mathematics, 26 passed out of 32 entered, 3 First Class, all the rest Second; Freehand Drawing, 22 passed out of 42 entered, 6 First Class, all the rest Second; Model Drawing, 10 passed out of 28 entered, one First Class, all the rest Second.

We understand that Bro. B. S. Marks has completed an admirable portrait of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, painted at the request of Grand Lodge. Bro. Marks has authorised us to say that he will be happy to see at his studio, 42, Linden-gardens, Bayswater, between the hours of 3 and 6, next Sunday and Monday, and also the following Sunday and Monday, any members of Grand Lodge who may desire to inspect the picture.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Monmouth was held yesterday (Thursday) at Newport, under the banner of the Albert Edward Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1429. Presentations to the Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Col. Lyne, D.L., and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, J.P., in commemoration of their 21st year's rule over the Province, were made by Bro. J. A. Rolls, P.M. 457, P.P.G.W., on behalf of the lodges and brethren of the Province. A report will appear in our next.

The Sydney Freemasons appear to have come to the conclusion that the English method of appointing Grand Officers generally instead of electing them is the better one. A brother writing to the *Freemason* (Sydney) suggests, "as a safe cure for the abominable canvassing for high office" in the Grand Lodge of New

South Wales, that the offices of Grand Warden and some others be annually filled by nominations by the Grand Master. It is a suggestion worth consideration in more jurisdictions than N.S.W.

The Star of the Rand, a lodge in Johannesburg, S.A., holding under the Grand Orient of the Netherlands, celebrated St. John the Baptist's Day with great éclat. The members mustered in strong force to witness the installation of Bro. H. B. Papenhus, J.P., S.W. and W.M. elect. The Golden Thistle, the Johannesburg, No. 2313 (E.C.), and the Libertas Lodge of Krugersdorp were represented, and the officers having been appointed and invested, and the outgoing W.M. having delivered the customary address, the proceedings terminated with the usual banquet. On the following day the Lodge Libertas held its installation meeting, special arrangements having been made for the conveyance by train of intending visitors to Krugersdorp. The success which attended these gatherings may be regarded as a happy omen for Freemasonry in these remote parts.

Bro. General Collin was recently installed W.M. of the Lodge Himalayan Brotherhood, No. 459, Simla, among those present being Bros. General Roberts, General Morton, H. J. Whymper, representing Bro. E. W. Parker, District Grand Master, Sir W. Lockhart, Sir A. Miller, Col. Woodthorpe, Col. King-Harman, Hewitt, MacDermott, I.P.M., Surgeon-Major Owen, and Captain Bower. At the banquet which followed some excellent speeches appear to have been made, Bro. H. J. Whymper, author of the "Religion of Freemasonry," replying humorously for "The Visitors," while Bro. Col. Woodthorpe proposed "The Ladies" in capital fashion.

We strongly commend to the notice of our readers a sermon preached, at the invitation of the rector, Bro. the Rev. L. Richards, D.D., in the parish church of Dungannon, in connection with the Masonic celebration of St. John the Baptist's Day, by Bro. the Rev. T. E. Clarke, D.P.G.M. North Connaught. His text was "Take care of him," and on this our rev. brother spoke at great length and eloquently, enlarging on the necessity for men observing towards each other that brotherly love, which is of the very essence of Freemasonry.

**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.]

**THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,

It is impossible to be indifferent to the fortunes of the Grand Lodge Library, and one feels a glow of welcome every time a treasure is added to the ever-increasing and valuable library of the English Brotherhood.

Bro. Sadler is an exceedingly lucky fellow to fall in so readily with treasures so unique as he catalogued in your issue of last week.

The spirit of generosity influencing Bro. Hughan to present Bro. Sadler with the rare pamphlet of 1765 demands admiration, but the spirit of self sacrifice inducing Bro. Sadler to give the same to our library compels us to thus publicly record the fact and thank him with "Three times three."

I do not, however, agree with Bro. Sadler as to his placing of the prizes—my own experience induces me to exactly reverse the order.

The "Le Clerc" is, without doubt, the treasure and premier book, as many architectural libraries of eminence have never known the work. I believe I was one of the first to draw attention to the book in December, 1890. I missed the work offered, and have never got wind of another copy since.

While I give the place of rarity to the "Le Clerc," or "Sturt's Treatise of Architecture" (as I prefer to call it), I must own that the Cole of 1728 is of greater value intrinsically.

This appears to be an interesting copy from its "Home Rule" associations—the book is one of the treasures, the *crème de la crème* of any library, and will never lose either interest or value. I have always looked with loving eye upon the quartette of Cole's Constitutions in the Worcestershire Library as the most precious set of last century's books to be had.

Having no knowledge of the No. 1 in Bro. Sadler's letter, I must tacitly agree to all he says and wait the reprint. The pamphlet promises to be of interest, and may possibly set our savants at work again to defend their favourite theories.

I hope the day is not so far off when we will be favoured by Bro. Sadler with a revised edition of the Grand Lodge Catalogue.—Yours fraternally,

GEORGE W. BAIN.

Sunderland, July 27.



**Craft Masonry.**

**METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.**

**Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).**—The installation meeting of this, the mother lodge of the district, took place on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant. The lodge was opened by Bro. G. Davies, P.M., who raised Bros. Price, Dyer, Jeffs, and Jenkins, and then installed Bro. J. Matthey, S.W. and W.M. elect. Bro. Matthey then invested his officers as follows: Bros. L. C. Chasteaneuf, I.P.M.; A. Deans, S.W.; W. J. Barnes, J.W.; T. Hutton, P.M., Treas.; H. S. Syer, P.M., Sec.; W. Anson, S.D.; A. H. Russell, J.D.; A. McQueen, I.G.; G. Davies, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Turton, A.D.C.; B. Hancock, F.C.O., Org.; and A. Cleal, P.M., H. Jacobs, J. Quick, and J. Horne, Stwds. Bro. Davies then delivered the charges, and concluded a ceremony certainly not often surpassed for perfectness and impression in any London lodge. He was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, for which he thanked the brethren. A handsome sword for the Tyler was presented to the lodge by Bro. Hodgkinson, and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet was partaken of at the Holborn Restaurant, and among the other brethren present were Bros. W. P. Applebee, P.M., N. Brown, P.M., J. K. Blakey, P.M., C. Jolly, P.M., Sec. 1472 and 2184, P.M. (Hon.); G. W. Reed, P.M., G. H. Milbourne, P.M., H. Grice, P.M., W. G. Lynch, J. Dyer, T. Hackney, J. H. Woodley, H. Crowdey, H. De Grey, W. Hill, W. H. Thomas, J. Hancock, J. Philcox, B. Warren, W. Lush, A. Peaker, W. H. Lister, F. K. Wagg, A. Walker, J. Welch, H. Richman, T. Sanaful, S. C. Spurling, G. Bishop, F. Thomas, J. L. Thorp, F. J. Bell, W. G. Abbey, A. Stamford, G. Easton, G. Dennison, R. A. Steed, J. W. Bailey, W. Joyner, H. Staples, G. Brown, C. H. Hosgood, E. A. Coates, C. A. Bunn, T. Hards, W. P. Lawson, E. Green, and J. Dixon, all of the lodge; Col. C. E. Vansittart, W.M. 2399; T. Wheeler, W.M. 1536; W. C. Taylor, W.M. 913; E. W. Carter, P.M. 858; J. Warren, P.M. and Sec. 700; G. Burney, P.M. 1155; J. H. Cureton, P.M. 2182; D. Belentante, P.M. 435; G. F. Taylor, S.W. and W.M. elect, W. Lawson, J.W., G. R. Nichols, I.G., G. H. Porter, D.C., W. Davis, and A. P. Davis, of 700; Dr. E. Bryceson, S.W., and C. Clapham, J.W., of 913; J. Bilton, S.W. 2399; S. Horton, J.W. 706; W. Booker, S.W. 1989; A. Lord, 72; and T. Green, 1076.

The banquet having been discussed and the usual loyal, and Grand Lodge toasts honoured,

Bro. Davies, acting as I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said it gave him great pleasure and he felt it a great honour to have to propose the toast, because it was now some 18 years ago when he initiated Bro. Matthey into Freemasonry, and that day he had completed his work by installing that brother into the chair of K.S. in his mother lodge. The more they saw of Bro. Matthey the more they liked him, and he felt sure that if they rallied round him during his year of office they would find that he had every qualification for a good Master.

Bro. Matthey, in response, thanked the brethren for placing him on the summit of his Masonic ambition, as Master of his mother lodge. It was a lodge in which he had spent many happy hours, and in which were a goodly number of the companions of his youth, and the friends of his manhood. He should strive to do the work devolving upon him so that they would have no reason to regret their choice, and thanked them for the very hearty reception of the toast of his health.

Bro. Davies, in response to the toast of "The Installing Officer," could not see that any special thanks were due to him, because in carrying out the duties of Installing Officer he had only done his duty, and he could not see that the Past Master of a lodge should be singled out for special praise simply because he did his duty. He then referred to the many years he had worked harmoniously with the brethren as Preceptor of their lodge of instruction, and, while thanking the W.M. for the eulogiums passed on his humble efforts, trusted T.G.A.O.T.U. would spare him long to be connected with them as men and Masons, and receive at their hands the same hearty recognition that he had received that night.

Bros. Applebee and Milbourne responded for "The Past Masters." The latter, in the course of a splendid speech, said he thanked them for their hearty reception of the toast, and expressed the gratification he felt at the continued and increasingly flourishing condition of the lodge, and also of the determination of the Past Masters to sustain it in its present proud position. The Past Masters were only too pleased to assist the W.M. and his officers in any way that would tend to promote the best interests of the lodge, and the unity, peace, and harmony of the brethren. That they had done so was evidenced by the manner in which during the past year they had assisted the W.M., in whose affliction they all deeply sympathised, and whom they all devoutly hoped to see soon restored to his wonted health. It showed that they could be relied upon in an emergency, and were not found wanting when called upon. During the past year they had initiated many excellent candidates. Their funds were in a flourishing and prosperous condition, notwithstanding that they had exceeded their usual liberality to the Masonic Charities materially, thereby proving the truth of the old axiom—"it is more blessed to give than to receive," for not only had the voting power of the lodge been considerably increased and its influence for good augmented, but the consciousness that they had endeavoured to smooth the path of the orphan and comfort the distressed and afflicted, was above all value that gold could give. At the recent Festival of the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, the charity of the Craft had never been witnessed in so marked a manner, no less than £67,800 having been voluntarily contributed, and although it had been said that they, the Craft generally, were too fond of the festive board, yet no other institution could boast of such splendid results of their charitable conscientiousness. During the present year no less than £90,000, or very nearly that sum, had been voluntarily given to the

Masonic Charities, and he thought they would agree with him that they had reason to be proud of an Order which had and would continue to exert its beneficial influence in fostering the brotherhood of man.

"The Visitors," "Officers," and Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened by some splendid singing by Madam Florence Logan and Miss G. Martin, Bros. T. Jefferson, Nell, and H. E. Cockell. Bro. B. J. Hancock presiding at the piano.

**Earl of Carnarvon Lodge (No. 1642).**—PRESENTATION TO BRO. MURLIS.—The usual bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on Thursday, the 14th inst., when, in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Lieut. Thomas Heath, Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., occupied the chair, and was on that occasion supported by Bros. Dr. Pocock, as S.W.; E. Rogers, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M., S.D.; Armfield, J.D.; and R. H. Pearson, I.P.M.

The ceremonies of raising Bros. Johnston, Burt, and G. Price to the Degree of M.M., and the passing of Bro. Dr. Burslem Rotheroe to that of F.C., were performed with that care and finish which is usually expected from so distinguished a Mason as the W.M. This being over, a very interesting function followed, viz., the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. W. J. Murlis, P.M., in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered the lodge from its consecration some 16 years since. Bro. Murlis had held various positions in it, first as a founder of the lodge, next as the first W.M., and subsequently as Secretary of the lodge, but on account of indifferent health he reluctantly relinquished those duties; this being so, a small Committee of the lodge, headed by Bro. James Bartle, P.M., was formed, to give effect to resolutions unanimously passed in the lodge on March 18th and May 12th. These were as follows: "Resolved that W. Bro. William Joseph Murlis (founder) be appointed a life member of the lodge;" and "That a copy of the resolution passed at the last meeting of the lodge, appointing Bro. William Joseph Murlis (founder) a life member of this lodge, be engraved on vellum and presented to him by the lodge as a mark of respect and esteem, and in testimony of the high appreciation of his valuable services to the lodge in the capacity of first Worshipful Master and subsequently as Secretary." It was then thought by some of the brethren that a more tangible testimonial from them should be presented, and from their spontaneous contributions, supplemented by a few brethren from other lodges, who had asked to be allowed to join in their expression of goodwill, a handsome present was obtained, which consisted of an elaborate inlaid cabinet containing a silver and mother-of-pearl dessert service and also a silver and ivory fish service and servers. Bro. E. M. Lander, P.M., being called upon to make the presentation of the framed and illuminated and engrossed vellum on behalf of the lodge, in a few well-chosen remarks referred to the fact that he, with Bros. Murlis and Parkhouse, were the only remaining original founders of the lodge—the Great Architect having called those who had been among the early founders—and as such he could speak of the invaluable services rendered to the lodge by Bro. Murlis throughout its career, and as he spoke then as the representative of the lodge, he expressed the sincerest wish on the part of the brethren that Bro. Murlis's health might improve, and that many pleasant days were in store for them all. Bro. Murlis having very briefly acknowledged this very marked kindness on the part of the lodge, Bro. J. Bartle, P.M., being deputed on behalf of the brethren and subscribers, presented the dessert cabinet and servers, assuring Bro. Murlis that it was one of the greatest pleasures of his life, and of which he felt proud, to hand to such a dear old friend as well as a brother Mason, the testimonial, which was a token of regard from those who knew him best, and concluded his remarks with the earnest wish, in which the old lodge joined him, that Bro. Murlis would be spared for some years to come in improved health to gather with them at their lodge meetings and other gatherings which they all so pleasantly looked forward to. Bro. Murlis, in responding, said he could not find words of force sufficient to express his gratitude, neither would his feelings allow him to express what he felt towards the brethren who had honoured him in the manner they had that evening, and he felt afraid that "Not more than others he deserved, but they had given him more," and he asked them to accept his warmest thanks, and the assurance that as long as the Great Architect gave him the ability he should reciprocate their kindness whenever an opportunity offered itself, whether in the lodge or out of it. Bro. Murlis then gave a brief history of the lodge, which he thought might interest the younger members, and stated that the one object dearest to the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge was to do the greatest good that was possible according to Masonic principles, and from the emulation of the W.M.'s of the lodge they had been able to send more money to the several Masonic Charities than any other lodge had done in London, and he ventured to think more than any other lodge in England with such a brief history. This, he thought, spoke volumes for the lodge and its members, and might be a stimulus for them to continue in the line which the parents of the lodge had adhered to.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned for a little light refreshment—this being an off-night—for they were all anxious that the annual summer outing, and to which they invited their wives, sisters, and friends to join them, should be an unqualified success, and in the course of a few remarks from Bro. R. C. Green, P.M., who has succeeded Bro. Murlis to the office of Secretary to the lodge, in reply to the toast and thanks of the lodge for the part he had taken in the promotion of the testimonial, he said, that that night was the last date on which applications for tickets could be made, and no disappointment must be felt by any one if they did not get a ticket after that date. This regulation had been forced on them as their arrangements would not admit of a large influx of visitors at the last moment.

Among the members who signed the attendance book were the following: Bros. S. H. Parkhouse, P.M.; W. J. Murlis, P.M.; R. H. Pearson, P.M.; J. Bartle, P.M.; R. C. Green, P.M.; F. C. Frye, M.P., P.M.; E. M. Lander, P.M.; G. Davis, P.M.; E. Rogers, P.M.; W. Wadham, E. Huish, Burt, Price, Rotheroe, Chocqueel, Armfield, Lee, Rider, Adkins, French, and others; and among the visiting brethren were Bros. W. Middleweek, W.M. 1793; and R. H. Broom, 1658. The latter brother favoured the audience with a couple of excellent recitations in his best style, which not only pleased his audience, but induced the warmest hopes from them for his success in

this line, for Bro. Broom, in response to the solicitations of numerous friends who had often been amused by him, had decided to place his services at the disposal of lodges and brethren who frequently had the pleasure of meeting him.

After all the loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured and "Hearty good wishes" given, the brethren dispersed.

**St. Mark's College Lodge (No. 2157).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 15th instant, at the Holborn Restaurant, W.C., when there were present Bros. John Tidmarsh, Prov. G. Stwd. Middx., W.M.; W. R. Carter, P.P.G.S. Herts, I.P.M.; W. Goulden, S.W.; A. P. Lye, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Smith, P.P.G.C. Leicestershire and Rutland, Treas.; John Stanton, Sec.; J. R. Phillips, S.D.; R. H. Catling, J.D.; H. R. Elkin, as I.G.; J. L. Johnson and W. T. Thompson, Stewards; W. Whiteman, Tyler; A. G. Fleming, P.M. 382; F. J. Lovell, J. Shakespeare, T. Simpson, J. H. Stanton, and R. West.

The lodge having been opened, a ballot was taken for Mr. Edgar Marsh, M.A., which proving unanimous, he was duly initiated. Bros. Lovell and Shakespeare were then passed to the Second Degree, the working tools in each case being presented by the S.W.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the customary banquet.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

### BATH.

**Royal Albert Edward Lodge (No. 906).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on the 13th instant, when there were present Bros. T. R. Gill, W.M.; Jesse Hayward, I.P.M.; E. W. Loveless, S.W.; James Knight, P.M., acting J.W.; T. B. Montrie, P.M., Treas.; G. H. Bartlett, P.M., acting Sec.; Lawson Howes, P.M., D.C.; T. Cross, S.D.; F. W. D. Reynolds, acting J.D.; T. G. Tucker, Org.; F. A. Smith, I.G.; Ernest Mills and Geo. E. Canning, Stwds.; S. Bigwood, Tyler; E. L. Hill, P.M.; J. H. Macfarlane, P.M.; W. E. Sparrow, P.M.; A. Wadoux, P.M.; H. G. Montagu, H. J. Francis, A. R. Bolwell, J. Kelly, J. Howard, G. H. Tucker, J. R. Howard, F. Baggs, T. Toleman, Geo. Bull, A. Amor, and W. L. Tucker. Visitors: Bros. James Robinson, W.M., E. J. B. Mercer, P.M., C. J. Baldwin, S.W., C. F. Callaway, and Chas. Gilby, of 41; Percy Jackman, W.M., J. Randle Ford, P.M., and C. A. Rumbold, of 53; and E. C. O'Bryan Horsford, P.S.W. 1463, India.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for the following candidates for initiation, viz., Messrs. Robert Henry Baggs and Henry Brewin, and both were duly elected. Bro. J. Robinson then took the chair, and the Worshipful Master elect was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The W.M. having invested Bro. T. R. Gill as I.P.M., the Board of Installed Masters was duly closed. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Thomas Toleman, S.W.; Thos. Cross, J.W.; T. B. Montrie, P.M., Treas.; Charles Beckett, P.M., Sec.; H. Humphries, S.D.; F. A. Smith, J.D.; Lawson Howes, P.M., D.C.; Ernest Mills, I.G.; A. R. Bolwell, Org.; George E. Canning and T. G. Tucker, Stwds.; and S. Bigwood, Tyler. The Installing Master then gave the usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren in a masterly and impressive manner. The W.M. then expressed the thanks of himself personally, as well as the members of the lodge, to Bro. Robinson for his great kindness in so readily filling the place of Installing Master at so short a notice, and for the exceedingly able and impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremony. This was carried by acclamation, and, upon the motion of Bro. Lawson Howes, P.M., it was directed that this should be recorded upon the minutes. Bro. Robinson thanked the brethren in suitable terms, and said how much pleasure it had given him to undertake the duties of the installation. The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the visitors, and being carried with acclamation, was responded to by Bro. P. Jackman, W.M. 53. Bro. G. H. Bartlett, P.M., in the name and on behalf of the Past Masters, officers, and brethren of the lodge, then presented Bro. T. Raymond Gill, the I.P.M., with a very handsome Past Master's jewel. In doing so, he referred to the excellent manner in which all the ceremonies had been conducted during the past year, and said that looking at this fact, as well as to the exceptionally large number of initiations which took place during the year, it was felt that the brethren ought to mark their appreciation of the I.P.M.'s labour in some special manner, and he hoped that Bro. Gill might be spared for very many years to wear the jewel which he then pinned to his collar. At the same time he also presented to Bro. Gill with a beautifully illuminated address on vellum displaying a copy of the banner of the lodge, as well as of the Past Master's jewel—this was framed with a frame richly carved, with Masonic emblems—saying he trusted that Bro. Gill might find room for it on the walls of his residence, so that his family and friends might know the esteem in which he was held by his brethren in Freemasonry. He then read the address, which was as follows: "To Brother Thomas Raymond Gill, Worshipful Master of the Royal Albert Edward Lodge, No. 906. The Past Masters, Officers, and brethren of the above lodge beg to request your acceptance of the accompanying Past Master's jewel upon the occasion of your vacating the Master's chair, as a small token of the high esteem in which you are held by them personally, and of their appreciation of the exceptionally able manner in which you have fulfilled your duties as Master of the lodge during your year of office, which will always form a standard of excellence for the emulation of future Masters of the lodge." Bro. Gill expressed his warmest thanks to the lodge for their splendid recognition of his services, but as the matter had come upon him entirely by surprise, he felt that he was then unequal to thanking them properly, and begged that he might have an opportunity of doing so at a later period of the evening. There being no other business the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent dinner was served by Bro. W. H. Fisher. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

### BELVEDERE.

**Saye and Sele Lodge (No. 1973).**—The pretty little Masonic Temple at Belvedere was, on Monday, the 13th inst., the scene of a gathering of representative

Masons to witness or assist at the installation as W.M. of one who is respected and esteemed not only for his earnestness in the cause of Masonry, but for his genial personality and generosity of heart. We refer to Bro. Thomas Heaps, S.W. and W.M. elect of the above lodge, who, on the occasion under notice, was placed in the chair of K.S.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Walter Reeve, W.M., and, after some preliminary lodge business had been transacted, Bro. Heaps was installed W.M., and afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Reeve, I.P.M.; Dr. A. Greenaway, S.W.; H. F. Greig, J.W.; Capt. W. H. Thomas, P.M., Treas.; Dr. J. Elliott, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Colman, S.D.; F. Cobbett, J.D.; W. A. Messer, I.G.; A. H. Bateman, P.M., D.C.; J. T. Ruck, Org.; and W. Morris, Stwd. Bro. Reeve then gave the charges eloquently and impressively, and concluded the ceremony. He was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and presented with a Past Master's jewel for services rendered the lodge, for which he returned thanks. Bro. Bateman was re-elected representative on the Provincial Charity Committee, and after letters of apology had been read from Bro. Earl Amherst, P.G.M.; Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M.; and others, the lodge was closed.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. F. Wood, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; W. O. Robinson, P.M.; C. H. Lawson, P.M.; W. G. Kentish, P.M. (Hon.), P.P.G.D. Middlesex; A. Penfold, P.M. 913, P.P.S.G.D.; R. C. Rapier, W.M. 33; W. Knott, W.M. 1718; F. G. Nichols, P.M. 706; S. Horton, J.W. 706; W. C. Gilles, P.M. 1910; H. Treherne, S.W. 657; H. M. Dancy, S.W. 2302; F. J. Powles, 1118; and C. Jolly, P.M., Sec. 1472 and 2184.

The banquet was partaken of in the Assembly Room of the Temple, and was splendidly served, the hospitality of the brethren being unbounded.

The usual loyal, Grand Lodge, and Provincial toasts having been honoured,

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "Bro. Eastes, Dep. P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," said that while they were enjoying themselves, Bros. Lord Amherst and Eastes were hard at work for the welfare of the province. He was pleased to see Bros. Penfold and Elliott—one a past and the other a present P.G. Officer—present, and with their names he should couple the toast.

Bro. Penfold said it was customary for the "present" P.G. Officer to respond first, but as Bro. Elliott was a little modest, he had asked him (Bro. Penfold) to respond first. It was a very great honour to be a Prov. Grand Officer, and he looked forward to the time when Bro. Elliott would get a higher honour, to which the office of P.G. Steward was a preliminary step. When that time arrived—and he trusted it would be soon—he felt sure the Saye and Sele Lodge would rejoice at it, as an honour to themselves as well as to Bro. Elliott.

Bro. Elliott said he considered his office in the province an honour paid to the lodge, and not so much to himself. He trusted that when he had served his time as Prov. Grand Steward, he might be deemed worthy of the purple. He thanked them for their hearty reception of the toast.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said he felt it an honour to propose the toast of one so popular, and who threw himself so heartily into his Masonic work as Bro. Heaps. In installing Bro. Heaps he felt it was a compliment paid to him, because he was sure that every Past Master present would have been delighted to have the opportunity of installing so genial a brother and so excellent a Mason. Bro. Heaps had given time, money, and hard work to their service, and he trusted his year of office would be both a prosperous and a pleasant one.

Bro. Heaps, who was cheered on rising to respond, said, with regard to the eulogiums so kindly bestowed upon him by their esteemed I.P.M., they were very gratifying. If he had done anything that they considered of benefit to the lodge, he could assure them that it had been a labour of love on his part. When he was initiated into Freemasonry some years ago by Bro. Kentish, who he was pleased to see present, he was very much impressed by the solemnity of the ritual, and that day he had been as much impressed by the splendid working of the installation ceremony by the I.P.M. He felt confident of the support of his officers during the coming year. With regard to the toast of his health so kindly proposed and received, he tendered his best thanks to all, Past Masters, officers, brethren, and visitors, and could only say that he should endeavour to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of the lodge and the honour of the province. He then, in eloquent terms, proposed the toast of "The Installing Officer," which received a hearty reception at the hands of the brethren.

Bro. Reeve, in reply, said that such was his constitution that he could not make a speech, but must say that it had been a very great pleasure for him to install their W.M., and also to have had the honour to preside over their meetings during the past 12 months. He had endeavoured so to do the work as not to leave discredit upon the illustrious Past Masters who had preceded him in the chair, and if he had done so that was his reward.

Bros. Penfold and Kentish responded for "The Visitors," and Bro. Bateman for "The Charities."

"The Past Masters" and "The Officers" were toasted, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were most enjoyable, some excellent singing by Bros. Corbett, Nichols, Elliott, and others, adding an additional charm.

### BURSLEM.

**St. Martin's Lodge (No. 98).**—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Town Hall on Thursday, the 21st inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. John Mason, assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. J. Scarrat, S.W.; E. Pearson, P.M., acting J.W.; R. Dan, P.M., P.P.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.; J. B. Davis, Org.; F. C. Gill and H. W. Critchlow, Stewards; J. Boardman, Tyler; J. Godwin, P.M., P.G.S.B.; J. Pierpoint, P.M., P.P.G.S.; S. Bentley, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; W. S. Kellern, J. Whittaker, and others. Visitors: Bros. E. V. Greatbatch, P.M. 418, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. White, W.M. 2214; and S. G. Torr, 2064.

The lodge having been opened, apologies for non-attendance from several brethren were read. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the usual greetings were tendered and the lodge was closed, in consequence of the brother who was down on the agenda for raising not being in attendance.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to Bro. J. Whittaker's for refreshment, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts brought a very happy meeting to a termination. Bros. Davis, Critchlow, Bentley, and others contributed songs to the harmony of the meeting.

CHINGFORD.

William Shurmur Lodge (No. 2374).

The regular meeting of this excellent lodge was held at the Royal Forest Hotel, on Thursday, the 21st instant. There was a large attendance of the brethren, including Bros. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., D.P.G.M.; D. P. Holness, W.M.; Archdeacon Dunbar, Chap.; H. F. Bromhead, P.G.S. of W., S.W.; N. Fortescue, C.C., J.W.; W. Shurmur, P.P.G. Treas., I.P.M.; James Speller, W.M. elect 2256, Treas.; James Pinder, P.M., Sec.; G. J. Westfield, P.P.G.S.B., Asst. Sec.; R. Kershaw, S.D.; W. Peter Allen, J.D.; C. H. Bestow, I.G.; Percy Trickett, C. Horst, S. C. Kaufman, J. J. Higinshaw, W.M. 2256; F. Matthews, P.M.; Joseph Wilson, P.M.; S. Smither, P.M.; B. Nicholson, T. Hunt, W. Blenkinsop, J. King, C. MacCalla, H. H. Martin, H. Gumprecht, W. H. Waterman, and F. Taylor.

The lodge was opened, and, after the usual preliminaries, Bros. G. Burton, T. N. Watts, J. R. Carter, E. Loeb, R. H. Tongue, J. R. Friend, W. Gower, J. Cutler, C. H. Pizey, and C. E. Berry were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bros. P. Barnett, J. Hopwood, and J. W. Thurlow were passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. N. Rucker, J. Pritchard, C. J. Hill, J. H. Woolf, and J. Carey were initiated. Bro. H. F. Bromhead was elected W.M.; Bro. W. Shurmur, Treasurer; and Bro. J. Ives, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M., Bro. D. P. Holness, for the admirable manner in which he had discharged his duties, and several propositions for initiation were received.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren (about 100) adjourned to the Rangers' Hall for refreshment, after which their attention was directed to the customary loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. Wm. Shurmur, I.P.M., proposed "The Provincial Grand Officers," and said that, by the kind permission of the W.M., it was his privilege to propose the toast of "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Lord Brooke, and the V.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Philbrick, O.C., Grand Registrar." They were pleased to hear that the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Brooke, had returned from his Western travels, and hoped that under the blessing of the Eternal Architect they might have the gratification of seeing him at the Provincial Grand Lodge restored to health and vigour. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master had been graciously pleased to favour them with his presence, at which he felt sure they were all equally delighted with the W.M. and himself. They greatly appreciated the honour which Bro. Philbrick had conferred by his visit, and one and all greeted him with a respectful and cordial welcome. The name of their beloved Deputy was respected and revered by Freemasons and others in all parts of the world, and whenever a difficult or abstruse question arose, either at Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter, the authorities at once appealed to Bro. Philbrick, and he was at all times willing to give them the benefit of his forensic knowledge, judicial experience, and wise counsels. The Shurmur Lodge had reason to be especially grateful to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, because he had always evinced the greatest interest in their success, and there was no one who rejoiced more than he at their unbounded prosperity. He had also honoured them by acting as President to the lodge of instruction, and they were anticipating the satisfaction and pleasure of seeing him preside at their annual supper in October next; and again, he had graciously recommended the Most Excellent Grand Principal, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, to grant a warrant for a Royal Arch chapter to be held in connection with the lodge.

The Deputy Grand Master upon rising received quite an ovation, and, in response, said it was a great honour to be associated with the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Brooke, and that, together with the kindness and cordiality with which they had received him, was calculated to make even a lawyer blush, if that were possible. It was undoubtedly an arduous undertaking to found a lodge, even though one's name be William Shurmur, and he sincerely congratulated No. 2374 on its unparalleled success, as although it was consecrated less than two years ago, it was by far the largest in the province. There was always an element of danger in very large lodges, but there was little risk of this becoming like Jonah's gourd, because they combined quality with quantity. He was extremely pleased with the manner in which the Worshipful Master, indeed all the officers, had performed their duties, and in conclusion, expressed his heartiest wishes for the continued success of the lodge.

The I.P.M., Bro. Shurmur, in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," said it was highly conducive to the propriety of a lodge when the chief conduct of affairs were entrusted to such an excellent and experienced President as they had the good fortune to possess in Bro. D. P. Holness, P.M., as although this was one of the largest Masonic lodges in the Kingdom, thanks to the extraordinary administrative powers of the Worshipful Master, and the loyal co-operation of a super-excellent staff of officers, the voluminous business of the lodge was transacted without a hitch. The brethren have given the Worshipful Master the best testimony of their respect, regard, and esteem, by having recommended so many of their friends as candidates for initiation. There had been a considerable amount of heart-burning caused by reason of several gentlemen who had expressed a wish to be initiated in the lodge, but had not been considered quite up to the standard. Many of them have since had the consolation of being initiated in other lodges. He felt sure that they would all cordially unite with him in wishing the Worshipful Master health, long life, and happiness.

The Worshipful Master replied to the toast in a most felicitous speech, and eulogised the support he had received from the officers, one and all. He then proposed the toast of "The I.P.M." in most complimentary terms. Bro. Shurmur responded to the toast, and said it was undoubtedly a great privilege and an honourable distinction to occupy the position of I.P.M., or, in other words, Prime Minister, of such an important lodge, and under such an excellent W.M. He would take that opportunity of thanking the brethren for the honour which they had conferred in electing him Treasurer. Having regard to the 500 guineas so generously donated to the Royal Masonic Institution for

Boys and the Benevolent Institution, he could not reasonably hope to have the gratification of paying such large cheques to the Masonic Charities as his predecessor, but he felt sure that the lodge would continue steadfast in well-doing. They were all justly proud of the lodge being already Patron of the Benevolent Institution and Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The toast of "The Initiates" was then proposed, and responded to by Bros. Carey and Wolf.

The toast of "The Officers" was responded to by Bros. Fortescue, Allen, Pinder, and Nicholson.

The musical arrangements were under the skilful direction of Bro. Dr. Haskins, assisted by Bro. T. H. Lloyd.

CHISLEHURST.

Chislehurst Lodge (No. 1531).

A regular meeting of this flourishing lodge, which is one of the most successful in the Province of Kent, took place at the Bull's Head Hotel, on Saturday, the 23rd inst., when there were present Bros. J. Marshall W.M.; C. A. Dettmer, S.W.; N. Robinson, acting J.W.; C. Quicke, I.P.M.; Wm. Hollis, P.M., Treas.; E. Goodale, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Gleaves, S.D.; A. J. Perrian, J.D.; A. Muir, Stwd.; G. Procter, I.G.; J. Rawles, Tyler; C. F. Gardiner, W. Herring, R. G. Robinson, W. Tunstall, J. H. Storey, and G. Whomes. The visitors were Bros. J. Otway, I.G. 2147; Wm. Eckersall, P.M. 217; C. H. Stone, S.W. 507; J. G. Milbourne, P.M. 13; R. Homan, 1602; Wm. White, 1321; S. Dobson, 1321; Alfred Cocks, 1000; and W. C. Norris, 174.

The minutes of the installation meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. R. G. Robinson was passed to the Degree of F.C. in a praiseworthy manner by Bro. Marshall, W.M. Bro. Hollis, P.M., Treas., in highly complimentary terms, and in the name of the lodge, presented to Bro. Chas. Quicke, I.P.M., a splendid gold watch as a mark of their high appreciation of his valuable services rendered to the Chislehurst Lodge during the two years of his membership. Bro. Quicke most suitably acknowledged the present, assuring the brethren it would be a lasting reminder of the goodwill which had always been extended him. A letter from the widow of the late highly esteemed Bro. Nunn was read, thanking the brethren for their condolence, which was ordered to be placed on the minutes. Also one from Bro. Thos. Smith, J.W., apologising for absence through illness. A proposition for a joining member was also given in.

The business of the lodge being ended, the brethren adjourned to a capital repast provided by the worthy host, Bro. Whomes, in his usual excellent style.

At the close the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were well given and received.

The toast of "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was given by the Worshipful Master, who stated they were such excellent officers that he would not dilate more on their excellences.

The next toast was "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Earl Amherst," which the W.M. gave in excellent terms, because he was one who commanded their esteem for the most efficient manner he carried out his duties, as did also the Deputy Prov. G.M. and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers.

The toast of "The W.M." was next given by Bro. Quicke, I.P.M., who remarked that it was the first time as I.P.M. he was giving the toast, and stated that the W.M. had the greatest possible desire to do his very best for the lodge, and none more so. He trusted the tide of prosperity which had begun would continue to flow until the high water mark was reached, and hoped all would drink most heartily to the health and prosperity of the W.M.

The W.M. replied, and heartily thanked the brethren for such a cordial greeting, and said it was a very proud position to be Master of such a lodge as the Chislehurst, with such an array of happy Past Masters and brethren. He would do his utmost for the lodge.

The toast of "The I.P.M. and Past Masters" was given in terms of the greatest possible praise by the W.M., who remarked they were a credit to any lodge in the universe.

In reply, Bro. Quicke said he had never before responded for the Past Masters, but he supposed he should soon get used to it. It was one of the proudest moments in his life to be the recipient of such a handsome present, which he should hand down to his boys. He deeply reciprocated from the bottom of his heart such sentiments, and would always endeavour to maintain the dignified position of the W.M.

Bros. Hollis and Goodale also spoke ably in response.

The toast of "The Visitors" received a most hearty welcome, and was replied to most suitably by Bros. Milbourne, White, Homan, Dobson, Stone, Norris, Otway, Eckersall, and Cocks.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" received at the hands of the W.M. and brethren its just praise, which was responded to by both officers, who stated their pleasure in working for the lodge, and their endeavours to promote its interest in every way.

The toast of "The Officers," the W.M. remarked, was one which must give every brother great pleasure, for the able manner they had carried out their duties. The J.W. was absent through illness, but his office had been most ably filled by Bro. N. Robinson. He congratulated himself on such an array.

All the officers most suitably replied.

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

Some excellent harmony was given by Bros. Dettmer, White, N. Robinson, Milbourne, and Stone.

HAMPTON COURT.

Campbell Lodge (No. 1415).

PRESENTATION TO BRO. F. W. LEVANDER, P.P.S.G.D. MIDDX.—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Mitre Hotel on the 9th instant, when the following members were present: Bros. Graham Buckley, W.M.; G. E. Lewis, J.W.; F. W. Levander, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; Frank C. Joseph, J.D.; A. W. Gerrard, I.G.; F. A. Crabb, Org.; H. Pritchard, P.M.; J. Hutchison, P.M.; J. W. J. Oswald, P.M.; R. M. Jones, P.M.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; C. E. Cassal, P.M.; W. Hicklin, P.M.; A. W. Kelly, E. J. Dixon, G. Sawyer, and J. Wright. Visitors: Bros. J. Philip, 101; W. Westcott, I.G. 1827; and W. W. Lee, W.M. elect 2381.

Lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, Bro. J. J. Dixon was raised to the Third Degree by Bro. Hicklin, P.M. Bro. Cassal, P.M., then assumed the chair,

and impressively installed Bro. Guilford E. Lewis as W.M. for the ensuing year, after which the following officers were appointed: Bros. F. C. Joseph, S.W.; A. W. Gerrard, J.W.; T. Cubitt, P.M., Treas.; F. W. Levander, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; F. A. Crabb, S.D.; E. J. Dixon, J.D.; Kelly, I.G.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Buckley, I.P.M., and appropriately acknowledged. The W.M. then said he had great pleasure in asking Bro. Levander to accept a slight token of the appreciation in which he was held by the lodge, not only as Secretary but as a brother. He was pleased to be the means of making that presentation, for to say that Bro. Levander was held in the highest esteem by every member was but to state a fact. He could remember the kindness he received from Bro. Levander on his initiation into the lodge, and that experience was not singular. In presenting their Secretary with this slight testimonial, the members trusted he would accept it from them, not for its intrinsic value, but as a token of the esteem and regard in which they held him. The W.M. then presented Bro. Levander with a handsome silver inkstand bearing a suitable inscription, and the following address signed by the members of the lodge: "To W. Bro. F. W. Levander, P.P.S.G.D. Middx., P.M., Secretary Campbell Lodge, No. 1415. We, the undersigned members of the Campbell Lodge, No. 1415, beg your acceptance of the accompanying silver inkstand as a mark of our appreciation of the valuable services you have rendered to the lodge both as Past Master and as Secretary. As Secretary you have always performed your duties not only attentively and efficiently but also agreeably, and as a Past Master you have never lost an opportunity of rendering assistance to those who have followed you through the chair of this lodge. Your advice and example have always been most valuable, both on account of its soundness and its tendency generally to promote harmony. Trusting that the G.A.O.T.U. may bless you with long life and happiness. We remain, &c., &c." Bro. F. W. Levander, P.M., P.P.G.D. Sec., in response, said that when he first heard of the idea that it was their wish to present a testimonial to him, and when he listened to the very kind words uttered by their I.P.M. and others, he could assure them he was quite taken by surprise. He could only ask what he had done that he should be thought worthy of such a distinction. The duties of Secretary of a lodge might, or might not, be laborious; that depended upon the members of the lodge. The duties of a lodge might be carried out satisfactory or not; that depended on the Secretary. It should be the bounden duty of everyone who undertook any office to carry out the duties to the best of his ability. He thought he had perhaps done this but he did not think that he should therefore be thought worthy of such congratulations. The Secretary was therefore in a minority on this question, and could not see the matter from the same standpoint as the other members. The hope of reward sweetened labour, but in this case the labour was that of love, and the hope of reward—none, and therefore the reward was more gratifying. It was still more gratifying to hear that this presentation had been made, not from the mere manner in which the secretarial duties had been performed, but that it took its origin partly from the wish to give some tangible proof of the kindly feeling existing towards him. It had been well said that to reign sovereign in the hearts and affections of men was far more gratifying than to rule over their lives and fortunes. The first part of that remark was gratifying to himself, for it was worth doing a great deal to secure a small corner in the heart of each member. He could only trust that so long as he was spared he should be able to retain that good feeling, and do all he could for the harmony and well-being of the lodge. He tendered one and all his most heartfelt and sincere thanks.

Lodge was then closed, and after a *recherché* repast the usual toasts received hearty recognition.

Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C., briefly responded for "The Grand Officers," and Bro. Hutchison, P.S.G.D., acted in a similar capacity on behalf of "The Prov. Grand Officers."

Bro. G. Buckley, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master," and said the brethren would receive the toast with great pleasure. They had all observed the marked progress made by Bro. Lewis in the lodge, and no more worthy successor to the position of W.M. could possibly be found, for he possessed those qualifications that would best adorn the chair. The abilities of the newly-installed W.M. would enable him to discharge his duties to the best interests of the lodge.

Bro. Guilford E. Lewis, W.M., returned thanks for the very kind way in which the I.P.M. had proposed the toast and the brethren had received it. It might not be apparent to the brethren, but although he was possibly not maintaining the dignity of the chair as many of his predecessors had done, yet he felt the burden heavy upon his shoulders and felt the responsibility of his position. The members had it in their power to make that task a pleasure if they would support him. He appreciated his position as a great honour, which was coupled with but one regret, which was that Bro. Wright was not able to take it. He hoped the working of the lodge would lose nothing by his rendering. As W.M., he thanked them for the very kind way in which they had received his health.

"The Visitors" was heartily acknowledged, after which Bro. Buckley, I.P.M., responded for "The Past Masters."

Bro. F. W. Levander, P.P.G.D., Sec., replied for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and returned thanks on behalf of Bro. Cubitt, Treas., who was unable to be present, but to whom the lodge was indebted for valuable services rendered. Speaking personally, the members had made that a red-letter day in his life by presenting him with a handsome testimonial. Whatever he had done had been a labour of love, and he was glad to think that that lodge was known in the province for its working and for the fraternal feeling existing. He hoped he should be long spared to use the inkstand presented to him in sending summonses to the members of the Campbell Lodge.

"The Officers" was given, after which the Tyler's toast concluded a very enjoyable evening.

FERSEY.

Yarborough Lodge (No. 244).

The annual installation meeting of this prosperous lodge took place on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Heliers. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. A. Balleine, W.M., supported by Bros. Major J. T. du Jardin, I.P.M.; J. E. Hamon, acting S.W.; L. P. Hespirdoux, P.M., acting J.W.; C. H. Wilson, J.D.; C. Donaldson, P.M., Treas.; Thos. Adderson, P.M., Sec.; Rev. O. M.

Holden, Chap.; E. Walden, acting Org.; J. Lesbinel, I.G.; and George Rogers, P.M., Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, the routine business of the lodge dispatched, and Mr. S. Bryant, previously balloted for and accepted, duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, after which Bro. C. Baker, P.M., installed Bro. J. A. Balleine, and the addresses were delivered with especial ability, Bro. C. Baker, P.M., performing the ceremony as far as is usual in an excellent manner, which added much to its impressiveness. The W.M. afterwards duly appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, Bro. L. P. Hespirdoux, P.M., acting as D.C.

"Hearty good wishes" were given, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren, to the number of 45, adjourned to the United Service Club Hotel, where an excellent banquet was prepared by the manager, Bro. G. H. Mitchellmore, and under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. J. A. Balleine, a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and acknowledged.

Among the many visitors and brethren present at the banquet were Bros. J. M. McLeod, P.G.W., Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; J. Dupré, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Devon; E. Oldridge, P.M. 1003; Capt. J. C. Barrette, P.M. 245; P. E. Sohler, P.M. 877, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.S.; Major J. C. Raven, P.M. 877; Rev. O. M. Holden, M.A., 877, Prov. G. Chap.; C. Malet de Carteret, 877; Dr. Maxwell Le Cronier, S.W. 877; C. Luke, W.M. 958; and J. G. Renouf, W.M. 590, P.G. Treas.

It only remains to refer to what was really the most interesting feature of the evening—the musical part. Seldom is a lodge favoured with a more interesting programme, or such an array of talent as was present on this occasion. Details cannot be given, but Bros. Aderson, Pooley, Luke, Holden, Williams, and Wilson did their utmost to make the evening's entertainment a success. As regards the banquet, nothing better could have been expected, the brands of the wines, the excellence of the viands, and the prompt service being all that could be desired.

The Worshipful Master having tendered his sincere thanks to those brethren who had so ably contributed to their entertainment, the Tyler's toast terminated a most enjoyable evening.

#### LIVERPOOL.

**Everton Lodge (No. 823).**—This lodge has long held a very prominent position in the Province of West Lancashire, and the gathering on the 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when the W.M. was installed, was numerous and thoroughly representative. The invitations for the specially interesting gathering included the Mayor (Bro. J. de Bels Adam, P.S.G.W.), about 30 other P.G. Officers, and upwards of 50 Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and other officers of the various lodges in Liverpool.

Bro. Edwin Kite was most efficiently installed W.M. of the lodge by Bro. John Mantle, the outgoing Master, the presentation of Bro. Kite being made by Bros. J. M. King, P.M., and J. J. Boyle, P.M. The following appointments were subsequently made by the new W.M.: Bros. John Mantle, I.P.M.; Wm. J. Guilbert, S.W.; Thos. W. King, J.W.; J. J. Royle, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Spencer, Sec.; T. C. Millington, S.D.; Jabez Oates, J.D.; W. Maddox, P.M., D.C.; A. B. Ewart, Org.; J. Bennett, I.G.; L. G. Davey, J. A. Griffiths, J. F. Bulmer, G. H. Welch, and Thomas Harper, Stewards; W. H. Ball, Tyler; and John Galley, P.M., Charity Representative. A Past Master's jewel and clothing were presented to Bro. Mantle in the course of the proceedings.

The banquet was satisfactorily supplied by Bro. Casey, and the after-dinner musical programme was given by Bros. Smith, Batty, Redhead, Porter, Ewart, Brown, Harper, and Spencer.

#### SIDCUP.

**Sydney Lodge (No. 829).**—In the presence of a large gathering of members of this lodge, which was held at the Black Horse Hotel on Tuesday, the 19th inst., Bro. S. B. McClellan was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The retiring W.M., Bro. G. W. Kennedy, performed the installation ceremony in a most creditable manner, at the close of which the usual jewel was presented to him. The officers appointed were as follows: Bros. Farrier, S.W.; Wilmot, J.W.; Hastings, P.M., Treasurer; Moulder, P.M., Secretary; Woolmer, Chaplain; Mills, S.D.; Dawson, J.D.; Martin, I.G.; Davies, P.M., D.C.; Chamberlain, A.D.C.; Seaton, P.M., and Peasley, Stewards; and Verry, Tyler.

During an interval in the proceedings, the brethren (at the invitation of the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. C. E. Shirley Woolmer, P.P.G.C.) paid a visit to the vicarage and grounds, where they were most hospitably entertained. A great feature of the afternoon's enjoyment was a short organ recital at the parish church by the newly-appointed Organist, Bro. A. E. Kipps, which was thoroughly appreciated by the brethren assembled.

#### STONEHOUSE.

**Western District United Service Lodge (No. 2258).**—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 20th instant, at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. Surgeon-Major W. Allan May, A.M.S., the W.M. elect, was installed. Bros. Major C. B. G. Dick, P.S.G.W., the retiring W.M.; S. Jew, P.P.G.T.; and Lieut. and Quarter-master W. Powell, P.P.G.T., were the Installing Officers, and the Board of Installed Masters also included Bros. D. Cross, P.P.G.T.; R. Dickson, P.P.D.G.D.C.; E. Binding, P.P.G.O.; H. S. Best; J. R. Lord, P.P.G.T.; J. Niness, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Gibbons, P.P.G.O.; P. J. Dunn, A. Trout, G. Perring, and G. Perkins, of 1205; W. Allsford and J. Oldfield, of 202; and W. Bartram, 1331. The officers invested were Bros. Major Dick, I.P.M.; J. Davidson, S.W.; Lieut.-Col. G. Vernon, J.W.; S. Jew, Chap.; D. Cross, Treas.; W. Powell, Sec.; W. J. Fry, S.D.; A. J. Verdi, J.D.; Surgeon Collingwood, R.N., D.C.; Taylor, A.D.C.; E. Binding, Org.; Sergeant Dooley, I.G.; Hall and Brebner, Stwds.; and J. Gidley, Tyler. Bro. Jew was re-elected the representative of the lodge at the Committee of Petitions and Charity Steward.

#### THORNE.

**St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Peace Hall, when there were present

Bros. S. C. H. Ashlin, W.M.; J. Constable, S.W.; A. L. Peace, Treas., acting J.W.; W. P. Robotham, Sec.; T. Livingstone, Almoner; B. Maskill, acting S.D.; A. Goodhind, J.D. and Org.; T. Barber, I.G.; F. Pine, Tyler; and others.

The lodge having been opened, Auditors were appointed preparatory to the balance-sheet being prepared, and the passing of Bro. Eland was postponed until the August meeting.

### Royal Arch.

**Lion and Lamb Chapter (No. 192).**—A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, when there were present Comps. W. R. Dixon, M.E.Z.; Dr. W. A. Dingle, H.; Henry Hughes, P.Z., J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Chas. Arkell, P.Z., S.E.; John Taylor, P.Z., P.S.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z.; T. S. Holland, P.Z.; William Hawes, H. M. Read, G. Grant, and Alfred Cotton.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and Comp. William Hawes was installed Third Principal by Comp. F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z.

The companions afterwards dined together under the gavel of the M.E.Z., Comp. W. R. Dixon. Comp. Henry Hughes entertained the companions with a graphic account of his recent visit to the United States.

### Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**ST JAMES' UNION LODGE (No. 180).**—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the St. James' Restaurant, Piccadilly, on the 25th inst., when there were present Bros. Krellwitz, W.M. 511; Haslett, P.M. 145, Asst. Preceptor; Kraus, 511; G. J. Taylor, I, U.V.C.; Bloxham, 206; Brett, 1305; Thomas Baker; C. J. Jones, Hon. Sec. 1472; Cater, 9; Corby, 957; Bullen, 1614; Geissler, 860; T. Blyth, 1681; Mason, 2206; Rymcr, 1891; and Knight, 861.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. Bullen. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Blyth, a candidate for passing to the Second Degree, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Blyth candidate. The 2nd Section was worked by the Preceptor, the 3rd by Bro. Knight, and the 4th by Bro. Bullen. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when Bro. Kraus, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the 8th prox. The W.M. rose for the third time, and in a terse and most eloquent and affecting speech referred to the lamented death of Bro. C. A. Woods, P.M. 145, whose good qualities as a man and a Mason would, we hope, entitle him to ascend to the Grand Lodge above, as in him was personified the true attributes of a Freemason. The whole of the lodge sympathised with the loss sustained by the decease of Bro. Woods, who died on Thursday, the 21st inst., and was buried at Nunhead Cemetery on the 25th. A vote of condolence to his sister and the family was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 15th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. F. Craggs, P.M., W.M.; J. Banks, S.W.; R. Reid, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; A. Williams, P.M., Treas.; D. S. Long, P.M., Sec.; A. Salmons, S.D.; F. A. Barth, J.D.; C. C. Barber, I.G.; E. Austin, P.M.; J. Cummings, P.M.; W. Hide, J. W. Higginson, and R. Phillips.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Cummings offering himself as a candidate for passing, was questioned, and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and called off and on. The W.M. having risen, the S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M., with feeling remarks, and in the name of the lodge, presented a purse and an illuminated address to Bro. Sims, P.M., as a mark of esteem and appreciation of valuable services rendered as Preceptor, supported by Bro. A. Williams, P.M. Bro. Sims replied that words would not express his appreciation of the kindness of the brethren, and assured them that he should always have the interest of the lodge of instruction at heart, and the kindness of the brethren for their token of esteem and approbation. His health having been drunk, and saluted by the brethren, the lodge was closed.

**BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 18th instant, when there were present Bros. Turner, W.M.; Cass, S.W.; Hill, J.W.; P. Hilton, Preceptor; T. R. Cass, Treas.; C. H. Stone, Sec.; Bate, S.D.; Niblett, J.D.; E. H. Rice, Asst. Sec., D.C.; Chabot, I.G.; H. G. Martin, Pullen, Dawson, Lord, Telling, Purkiss, and Hurdell.

The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Dawson having offered himself as candidate, answered the usual questions, was entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Dawson raised to the Degree of M.M. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. F. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was regularly closed to the First Degree. Bros. John Hurdell, P.M. 1348, and A. Purkiss, 879, were elected joining members. Bro. Cass, S.W., was elected W.M. for the 1st Monday in August (Bank Holiday.) Brethren will be welcomed. The lodge was then closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road,

Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. J. Bartlett, W.M. 1637, W.M.; R. W. Board, S.W.; J. Chapple, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. Powell, S.D.; C. S. Mote, P.M. 1732, I.D.; J. C. Conway, I.G.; M. Rosenberg, Stwd.; D. Gellion, P.M. 1425; G. Weaver, and E. Clare.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and, after the usual preliminaries, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Weaver being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the brethren were instructed by Bro. Mote in entry drill. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Bartlett for the admirable manner he had rehearsed the duties of the chair. Communications were read from Bros. Cragg, Haly, and Harvey. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

**IVY LODGE (No. 1441).**—The usual weekly meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., when there were present Bros. Carter, P.M. 1044, W.M.; Higerty, S.W.; Cutting, J.W.; Bircham Cooper, Treasurer and Preceptor; Walter George, Sec.; Wallace Ingram, S.D.; Stafford, J.D.; Wills, I.G.; Guilmartin, Edwards, Thwaites, Bradbury, Hunter, Keen, and Albert Smith.

The lodge was duly opened, and Bro. Carter worked the installation ceremony in his well-known efficient manner, the lodge was called off and on, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Albert Smith being the candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, and Bro. Smith answering the usual questions satisfactorily, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Smith was duly passed to that Degree. By the wish of the brethren, Bro. Higerty, P.M. 1044, P.P.G.D. Surrey, gave the lecture on the tracing board in the Second Degree. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, when Bro. Bircham Cooper proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bros. Carter and Higerty, which was carried with acclamation. Bro. Higerty was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, when nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 30th ult., when there were present Bros. R. Sandland, W.M.; H. J. Keen, S.W.; W. Hoggins, J.W.; G. H. Foan, Asst. Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; R. Lichtenfeld, S.D.; A. Cogliati, J.D.; W. Brown, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; J. Wise, R. Cursons, J. Dukas, C. H. Swan, G. H. Reynolds, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Wise having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. R. Lichtenfeld, S.D. Bro. R. Sandland acted as S.D. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. J. Dukas offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, and having answered the usual questions satisfactorily, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Bro. R. Sandland resumed the chair of K.S. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, the dues were collected. On rising for the second time, Bro. H. J. Keen was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, the Assistant Preceptor proposed that a hearty and cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. R. Sandland for the able and clear manner in which he had worked the ceremony of initiation for the first time, and also for the very efficient way he had carried out the duties of the chair. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. J. Greenway, Preceptor, resigning his position as Preceptor of the lodge, which was accepted, and on the motion of Bro. W. Hoggins, seconded by Bro. J. Lichtenfeld, the letter be entered on the minutes and the resignation accepted, the Secretary to write to Bro. J. Greenway to that effect. Carried unanimously. Bro. J. Lichtenfeld thanked the W.M. for his kindness in allowing him to occupy the chair, and to work the Third Degree. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. H. R. Elkin, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; T. Kingston, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; H. G. Danby, W.M. 1056, S.D.; W. Thwaites, J.D.; R. J. Williams, I.G.; G. W. J. Kirkham, and E. E. Gelsowski, W.M. 534.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Elkin vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. Danby. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Kirkham acting as candidate. Bro. Danby then vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. Elkin. Bro. Kirkham offering himself as a candidate for passing he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Hiller was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. E. Clare, W.M. 865, W.M.; C. Woods, S.W.; C. G. Hatt, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; Joseph Cox, S.D.; Philip Howard, J.D.; T. W. Barth, I.G.; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; A. Williams, P.M.; T. E. P. Bell, C. C. Barber, and James Spragg.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Bell offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having given the necessary proofs, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in a very impressive manner. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bros. Bramley and Spragg were elected joining members. Bro. C. Woods was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. E. Fox, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; W. S. Whiteley, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; M. Spiegel, P.M.; R. J. Williams, S.D.; W. Hide, J.D.; F. A. Sec.; Barth, I.G.; J. H. Cummings, P.M., Stwd.; Jas. Sims, P.M.; F. Craggs, P.M.; R. Reid, and H. Bone.

The lodge was opened in the usual form, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Reid being the candidate. Bro. Bone offered himself as a candidate for passing, and having been examined, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 8th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. G. March, P.Z. 733, M.E.Z.; W. Hillier, 834, H.; J. C. Tilt, P.S. 862, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; A. J. Turner, 1st A.S. 1196, S.N.; W. J. Ferguson, 1056, 1507, P.S.; A. J. Taylor, P.S. 186, 1st A.S.; J. Cruttenden, 779, 2nd A.S.; and G. Gregory, 1st A.S. 862.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Taylor being the candidate. It was announced that the interesting lecture on "Moses' Rod" would be given at the next meeting. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was closed.

### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

#### JERSEY.

**De Carteret Chapter (No. 108).**—The fifth annual meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Temple, on Friday evening, the 8th inst. Bro. Dr. J. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M., M.W.S., occupied the chair, and after the chapter had been duly opened, the M.W.S. proceeded to install Bro. Maxwell Le Cronier, M.W.S. elect. The occasion was one of peculiar interest, being perhaps unique in the annals of this or any other Degree in Freemasonry, in that a father installed his son as his immediate successor in the chair. After the ceremony was completed, the newly-installed M.W.S. appointed and invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. G. M. Robertson, Prelate; Capt. T. W. Lucas, 1st General; F. J. Godfrey, 2nd General; W. T. Pugsley, Treas.; J. C. Barrette, Recorder; C. E. Malet Be Carteret, Marshal; P. Bois, Raphael; and E. Bree, D.C. A vote of thanks to the Installing Officer for the very excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremony having been proposed by Bro. Rev. O. M. Holden, P.M.W.S. 12, and unanimously carried, the M.W.S. closed the chapter.

The brethren then adjourned to the Stopford Hotel, where Bro. Bree, one of the Princes of the Order, had prepared an excellent banquet, and after a very pleasant and harmonious evening, the proceedings terminated.

### Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

#### WHITEHAVEN.

**Dykes Conclave (No. 36).**—The members of this conclave met in the Freemasons' Hall, Duke-street, on Friday, the 22nd inst., when, in the absence of the M.P.S., Sir Knight Dalrymple, P.S., Assist. G.M. of England, presided, supported by Sir Knights R. Shepherd, Viceroy; Wm. Kewlay, S.G.; Chas. Gowan, P.S., as J.G.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.S., P.G.S.G. England, Recorder; J. Mills, P.S., Prelate; Thomas Brakenridge, Herald; A. Moordaff, Org.; J. Hewson, Sentinel; and others.

The conclave was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Three candidates were balloted for and accepted. Bro. Rev. James Anderson being in attendance, was duly installed a sir knight of the Order. Sir Knight Robert Shepherd was elected Sovereign; Sir Knight Thomas Brakenridge, Viceroy; Sir Knight W. H. Lewthwaite, Treasurer; and Sir Knight J. Hewson, Sentinel. As per notice of motion, Sir Knight Dalrymple moved that the warrant of the Dykes Conclave, No. 36, be removed from Cockermouth to Whitehaven, for the better convenience of its members, and said if one member had any objections to make to the motion being carried by a unanimous vote, he would at once withdraw it, as it was purely for the good of Red Cross Masonry. Sir Knight John Mills, P.S., seconded the motion and it was supported by Sir Knights Gowan, P.S., and Moordaff, and unanimously agreed to. It was also unanimously agreed, as per notice, that the regular day of meeting be Friday, in place of Wednesday. A letter was read from Eminent Sir Knight Col. Sewell, Intendant-General, conveying "Hearty good wishes" to the members. One candidate was proposed. The conclave was then closed, and the sir knights subsequently dined at the Black Lion Hotel.

### The Craft Abroad.

#### MASONIC SERVICE AT ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, CAPE TOWN.

After the proceedings at the Goede Trouw and British Temple in connection with the St. John's Day Festival, the brethren adjourned to St. George's Cathedral, where the usual Festival Service was held. The weather all day had been most inclement, and was so bad at the hour of service that the procession, which is one of the great public spectacles of the day, had to be abandoned. Nevertheless, there was a very large attendance of Masons. Amongst those present were Bros. the Very Rev. C. W. Barnett-Clarke, Dist. G.M. of the Western Division; J. H. Hofmeyr, Dep. G.M. of the Netherlands; the Rev. D. P. Faure, Prov.

G.M. of South Africa; and W. Standford, Dep. G.M. (E.C.); as well as the Worshipful Masters and officers of the following lodges: The Lodge de Goede Hoop, Lodge de Goede Trouw, St. John's, Malmesbury, the Southern Cross, the Carnarvon, the Lorne, the Albion, the Woodstock, the Phoenix, the Royal Alfred, and the Zurendracht. On assembling at the cathedral, a double line was formed down the centre aisle, through which the principal officers of the various lodges walked to their places in the front of the church. The service was of a special nature, being composed of hymns, psalms, and prayers selected for the occasion.

The address was delivered by Bro. the Rev. R. SINCLAIR KENDALL, D.G. Chap. (W.D.) South Africa, who took as his text Isaiah xli., 6, 7. In the course of his address the preacher remarked that the picture of brotherly love furnished by the text, as set forth in the beautiful poetry of Isaiah, was one which they must not only need admire as men, but which came home to them as Craftsmen. It was a practical example of the use and the beauty of the three great cardinal principles of Masonry—brotherly love, relief, and truth. To the brethren of the Order, and to those who were not Masons, but who might be some day, he would say that they were speculative and not operative Masons, whose work was the carrying out of the plans given to them by the Great Architect of the Universe, and the erecting of the noblest temple that could be reared in His honour—the temple of the human heart. Freemasonry was a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols; it was a system of moral development inculcated by the science of symbols. No man was ever yet a worse man for being entrusted with the secrets of Freemasonry, and, on the contrary, many had learnt from their training as Masons lessons which had benefited them for all their lives; in a word they are learned to be better men in every respect, and to be more intelligent members of society at large. The preacher went on to relate how his father, when, as a midshipman in the Royal Navy, he was shipwrecked on the coast of this very continent, received such kindly treatment from Masons, that he resolved to become a member of the Order which had so befriended him. He went on to say that it was wise to have an answer ready where the natural question was asked "What is the good of Freemasonry?" and perhaps the best answer possible lay in proclaiming the fundamental principles of the Order, and preaching them not only by their direct action in the comparative sanctity of their Temples, but individually in their daily doings with the world at large; not only preaching them by the action of the body corporate, but also by each, in his own degree, furnishing his quota towards the same great end. Freemasonry was not a religion, and did not claim in any way to be a dogmatic theology; nor did it demand any surrender of creed on the part of its members, provided they believed in the One Great Ruler of the Universe. But yet it was, and always will be, an excellent helpmate and handmaid to religion and religious practice. There was nothing shadowy or unreal in the teaching of the Craft. When that day came that the earth should be full of the glory and the knowledge of the Lord, then the work would remain of such an institution, but, while the present state prevailed, it would have much influence if they practised as worthy Masons the operations of the Craft. Let them ever supplicate the Most High to enable them to be builders, for by His help alone could they build anything which would stand the test.

At the conclusion of the address the hymn "O God, our help in Ages Past," was sung, and an offertory made for the Masonic Education Fund. Bro. J. Barrow-Dowling, District Grand Organist, ably officiated at the organ during the service. The evening was given up to social festivities, the brethren of the British Lodge and their numerous guests dining in the banqueting-room attached to their own Temple. The new W.M., Bro. A. Hilliard, presided, and the usual Masonic toasts were given, and were received with great enthusiasm.

#### AN EVENING WITH THE GRAND MASTER OF CANADA.

A lecture was delivered to the Craft on May 12th in the Freemasons' Hall by Bro. John Ross Robertson, Grand Master of Canada. A large number of the Craft assembled, filling the hall, and the lecture exceeded expectations, being full of Masonic information and filled with witty anecdotes and allusions that though occupying over two hours the audience was not wearied, and the vote of thanks tendered the lecturer was so manifestly sincere and enthusiastic as to be a real compliment to the lecturer.

Bro. Robertson dwelt upon the origin and history of Freemasonry, and in this part of his subject he sifted the evidence and presented the various records. Turning to more modern Masonry, the history of Masonry in England and Canada was dealt with, and a mass of facts presented so interspersed with humorous anecdotes and quaint records of old lodges as to make a really dry record a very interesting relation.

After the lecture a number of the brethren assembled at the Manitoba Hotel, where a banquet had been prepared in honour of the Grand Master. M.W. Bro. Bell, Grand Master of Manitoba, presided, and after the removal of the cloth toasts were proposed, the first being "The Queen and the Craft," which was duly honoured, Bro. Rigg leading in the National Anthem. This was followed by the toast of the evening, "The

Grand Lodge of Canada," coupled with the name of M.W. Bro. J. ROSS ROBERTSON, who responded in a lengthy speech. He recalled his previous visits to Manitoba in 1870 and 1885, in both of which periods the province was in a state of disturbance, and created much amusement by his description of his experiences in these times. Turning to more serious subjects he dwelt upon the state of Masonry, and in this connection offered suggestions that excited no less attention and were no less impressive that they were interspersed with flashes of humour. The universal comment was that Grand Master Robertson's visit is the most pleasing event that has taken place in connection with Masonry in Manitoba for many years. Bro. Robertson informed his audience this visit was the last of 340 visits that he has made in connection with Masonry during his two years' term of office, and he professed his satisfaction with the cordiality of his reception here.

The other toasts proposed were "Craft Masonry," responded to by Bro. GOGGIN, P.D.D.G.M., in his usual happy and appropriate manner; "Capitular Masonry," which was eloquently responded to by Bro. THOMAS ROBINSON; "Templar Masonry," which was assigned to Bro. F. F. WESTBROOK; the "Ancient Scottish Rite," acknowledged by Bro. WILLIAM GRANT, W.M., and several other Masonic toasts, duly responded to, finished, at a late hour, a very pleasant gathering.—*Manitoba Free Press.*

### Obituary.

#### BRO. C. A. WOODS.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Bro. C. A. Woods, P.M., D.C. of Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145, which took place on Thursday, the 21st inst., at his residence, 78, Lorrimore-road, Kennington, and who was buried at Nunhead on Monday, the 25th inst. The deceased brother was well known amongst the Craft for his genial character and thoroughness in all his work connected with the various Masonic Charities. He was followed to the grave by the following brethren of the Prudent Brethren Lodge: Bros. Duff, W.M.; Wood, S.W.; Haslett, P.M., Sec.; Bull, P.M., Treas.; Hampton, P.M.; Cox, P.M.; Brooks, P.M.; Leggett, P.M.; Drew, I.G.; Vears, Steward; and Vinton Warrack. There were also present Bro. Hobbs, Sec., and several brethren of the Prudent Brethren Lodge of Instruction, several brethren of the Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction, and various other lodges were represented by many sincere friends. Upon taking a farewell glance, each brother respectfully dropped a sprig of acacia at the head of the grave. The coffin was covered with beautiful flowers, amongst them wreaths from the Prudent Brethren Lodge, Prudent Brethren Lodge of Instruction, and the Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction. The loss that Masonry will sustain will be felt in many lodges of instruction which have had the benefit of his efficient Preceptorship.

#### BRO. RICHARD GOSSON.

We very much regret to announce the death of Bro. Richard Gosson, late District Grand Organist of Westland, Hokitika, N.Z., which took place on April 10th. The deceased brother had been suffering from an insidious and practically incurable malady for a long time, and it was known that the end was not far off. Bro. Gosson was a very old resident of these colonies. He was born in Dublin, his father being one of the oldest captains in the P. and O. Company's service. Bro. Gosson received his education in Carlow College, being intended for the Roman Catholic priesthood, but displayed a disinclination for the profession, and when 22 years of age came to have a look at the Australian colonies. Arriving in Melbourne when the gold fever was at its height, he yielded to the seductive influence of the times, and followed the fortunes of the gold rushes. The return home was never accomplished, and Bro. Gosson, like many more heroes of the fifties, passed the rest of his days in close connection with the gold fields. He has been a resident of this town for many years, and always bore a high reputation for integrity and good principle, while his pleasant, genial, and courteous manner attached numbers of friends to his side. The greatest possible sympathy has been expressed for Mrs. Gosson and with him during his illness, and only recently the Borough Council, of which he was a member, passed a resolution giving additional expression to this feeling. Bro. Gosson many years ago identified himself with the Masonic Fraternity, and was initiated in the Westland Kilwinning Lodge, No. 467 (S.C.). He very shortly afterwards affiliated into the Pacific Lodge, No. 1229 (E.C.), and remained an active member up to the time of his death. Indeed, he had been elected for the office of Worshipful Master in January last, but owing to his state of health the ceremony of installation was never performed. He was a most indefatigable and hard-working brother, and will be greatly missed in Masonic circles. His funeral was attended by a large concourse of people, including many brethren, amongst whom were the District Grand Master and many prominent officers of District Grand Lodge.—*West Coast Times.*

The annual race for Doggett's Coat and Badge and other prizes was rowed on Monday over the usual course from London Bridge to Chelsea. The number of competitors was originally 10, but reduced by trial heats to six, and of these George Webb, of Gravesend, came in first and won the much-coveted honour.



The Marquis of Salisbury was engaged for some time on Tuesday at the Foreign Office, when he received the French and Italian Ambassadors and the Belgian Minister. His lordship returned to Hatfield in the evening.

At the July meeting of the Board in charge of the annuity branch of the Scottish Masonic Benevolence Fund, annuities of £10 each were granted to the applicants, making a total of 106 annuitants on the roll at an annual cost of £1115.

Coloured Masons resident in California have made application to the Grand Lodge of that State for a dispensation to establish a lodge under its jurisdiction. Masons throughout the country, says the *Freemasons' Journal*, await the outcome of this affair with keen interest.

Estrella Sylvia (the wonderful American serpentine skirt dancer) made her first appearance in England on Monday last at the Empire Theatre. This lady comes with the highest credentials, and her style is a distinct departure from anything before seen in this country.

We regret to hear that the Hon. Charles Fulke Greville, second son of Bro. Lord Greville, is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever. He is at his father's house, No. 8, Upper Belgrave-street, where he is receiving unremitting attention from the medical advisers of the family.

Thanks to the kind permission of the Benchers, Lincoln's Inn Gardens are now opened to the public every evening from 6.30 p.m. till dusk, while on and after the 15th August they will be open as early as 5 p.m. This is a great boon to the vast number of poor children dwelling in the vicinity.

The remains of the late Right Rev. Dr. Claughton, Bishop of St. Albans, will be interred in the Cathedral of St. Albans to-day (Friday), at 3 p.m. This is the first time such an event has taken place since the Abbey was restored and promoted to the dignity of a Cathedral.

The London County Council have come to the conclusion that at the present time there is no land at its disposal on the Thames Embankment or elsewhere which would be suitable for the purpose of building a gallery to contain the fine collection of pictures offered to the Government by Mr. Tait.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught concluded their visit to the Queen at Osborne on Tuesday, the Duke returning to Portsmouth to resume his official duties, and the Duchess with their children following later on in the day. The latter is expected to leave England shortly for the Continent.

The Master of the Mercers' Company visited Horsham on Monday, and laid the foundation-stone of the new grammar school about to be erected there. The Company has undertaken to contribute an endowment of £3000, and £700 per annum under the new scheme sanctioned by the Charity Commissioners.

A New York contemporary has noticed in Masonic papers recently a discussion on "How should a Mason wear his apron?" The writers have spoken of the flap and the corner, the First, Second, and Third Degrees, but have forgotten the one word, more important than any other, and that one word covers the whole duty of a man and a Mason. He should wear his apron worthily.—*Mallet*.

Bro. W. P. Treloar, the newly-elected Alderman for the Ward of Farringdon Without, was entertained at dinner at the Rainbow Tavern, Fleet-street, on Monday, by the City of London Tradesmen's Club. The chair was occupied by Bro. Treloar's predecessor in office, Bro. Sir Polydore De Keyser, and the toast to the health of the principal guest was drunk with great enthusiasm.

The directors of Perry and Co., Limited, steel pen makers, have resolved to pay on the 1st September an interim dividend on the ordinary shares for the first six months of this year at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, free of Income Tax, being at the same rate as for the corresponding period last year. The half-yearly dividend on the preference shares will be paid as usual at the fixed rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

On Tuesday the Prince of Wales presided at a meeting held at Marlborough House of her Majesty's Commissioners for the Exhibition of 1851, among those present being Bros. the Duke of Fife, Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, Sir Sydney Waterlow, Bart., and Sir Frederick Leighton. His Royal Highness subsequently left London by the Bournemouth Express for Southampton West, whence he embarked on board the Aline for Cowes.

Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg on their way from Windsor to Beyrouth recently, telegraphed to Bro. Captain Henry Wright requesting him to be at Buckingham Palace, and to bring his book of autographs. Prince Henry of Battenberg signed it a few weeks back, and then promised Bro. Wright to get the Princess to sign also. Princess Beatrice was pleased to sign next to her husband, and both pronounced the book to be what the Queen said—"a wonderful book." During their visit the King of Roumania, Prince Ferdinand of Roumania, and his father, the Prince of Hohenzollern, signed in the collection, which the Duke of Edinburgh asked the owner to bring to Clarence House.

Masonic lodge meetings are at a discount during this season of the year. They are few in number, and those few are but poorly attended. This is not to be wondered at; indeed, the outdoor attractions that abound in our midst, and the health-giving exercises which are at command, enabling brethren to fortify themselves for the, in many cases, arduous duties associated with the "work" season, would make it a wonder if these means of recreation, so plentifully cast about, were not taken advantage of. In the "off" season, however, there are many opportunities of discussing external improvements which might be suggested for the more perfect working of lodges. One of these subjects, and one which it is desirable not to lose sight of, is "lodges of instruction." Familiarise your minds, brethren, with the subject; let the mind take a grasp of the matter, so that when the "work" season comes round you will be prepared to join in a scheme to form a thoroughly organised "instruction" lodge in your district.—*Glasgow Evening News*.

The match between Surrey and Sussex terminated on Wednesday, the former achieving a hollow victory over its opponents by an innings and 110 runs.

Bro. A. W. Wace was, on Saturday last, installed W.M. of the Henry Levander Lodge, No. 2048, in succession to Bro. A. H. Scurrah. We hope to give a report in our next.

Among the artistes named in our report of the entertainment to the Old Folks at Croydon we omitted to include that of our good Bro. Mackney, who for more than an hour entertained the company in his well-known clever manner.

Bro. the Duke of Devonshire visited Eastbourne College on Monday for the purpose of distributing the prizes to the successful students, and took the opportunity of delivering an eloquent address in behalf of Technical Education.

The Queen has been pleased to confer the vacant Garters on Bros. the Duke of Devonshire and the Duke of Abercorn, and the distinction of a Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath, Civil Division, upon Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Lord Chamberlain.

The Marchioness of Salisbury will present the prizes to the successful exhibitors of the Hatfield Cottage Horticultural Society at the flower show and fête which, by permission of the Marquis, will be held in the grounds of Hatfield House on Thursday, the 4th prox.

A further sum of £300, raising the total profit realised on Canon Fleming's sermon to £1300, has been handed over by Messrs. Skiffington, and by command of the Princess of Wales has been equally divided between the Gordon Boys' Home and the British Home for Incurables, Clapham-rise.

Monday was the birthday of the Duchess of Connaught, and in honour of the auspicious event the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert, the guardship Bellerophon, and the German warship Moltke, in Cowes Roads, were dressed with colours in rainbow fashion. At noon the Bellerophon and Moltke fired salutes.

The Duchess of Teck will attend the Surrey Championship Lawn Tennis Tournament at Richmond Athletic Ground, to-morrow (Saturday.) Her Royal Highness will also present a drinking fountain for animals to the Mayor and Corporation of Richmond on behalf of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

It is satisfactory to learn from the *Australasian Key-stone* that the action, *Blashki v. Smith*, in which Bro. P. Blashki, Past Pres. Board of Benevolence Victoria, sued Bro. T. Smith, Past S.G.W., for libel, has been arranged, some friends having intervened, and two brethren having acted as arbitrators and arranged terms mutually acceptable.

The Emperor of Germany will leave Berlin for Wilhelmshaven to-morrow (Saturday) and embark on board the Kaiseradler and proceed under escort of the ironclad Beowulf for Cowes, where he is expected to arrive on Monday next. The day following his Imperial Majesty's yacht Meteor will take part in the race for the Queen's Cup in the Royal Yacht Squadron Regatta.

Messrs. George Cockerell and Sons, of 13, Cornhill, have recently issued their 50th annual circular with quotations of lowest summer prices for coals. In it reference is made to the strikes and labour disputes, and, notwithstanding the settler's that have been come to, they advise consumers to fill their cellars in view of the unsettled state of the labour market. The habit amongst unscrupulous dealers of advertising Wallsend and other coals at less than cost price is condemned, and they suggest that the County Council should take this matter in hand, as well as the question of short weight.

In reply to a congratulatory address sent by the brethren of Richmond, expressing good wishes for the future happiness and welfare of his eldest daughter, Lady Hilda Dundas, married to Lord Southampton, his Excellency the Earl of Zetland, P.P.G.M. North and East Ridings, has thus replied: "I must ask you to accept and convey to the brethren of the Lennox Lodge my most heartfelt thanks for their kind congratulations on the marriage of my daughter. I beg to assure you the kind sympathy expressed in the address you have forwarded to me is deeply appreciated by Lady Zetland and myself." The address forwarded was signed by the W.M., S.W., J.W., and Secretary.

The annual picnic in connection with the Unity Lodge took place last week. Gisburn, in the picturesque neighbourhood of Ribblesdale, was the place selected, and a good number of the Craft, with their lady friends, turned up. The journey was made by saloon coaches, and on arrival luncheon was served at the Ribblesdale Arms at 11 o'clock. A stroll was afterwards made in Gisburn Park and Grounds, and later a drive to Bolton for Bolton Hall and Gardens and Sawley Abbey was much enjoyed. After tea, partaken of at Gisburn, a successful photographic group of the party was taken by Mr. J. Wrigley, Union-street, and tracks were made for home. The outing was most thoroughly enjoyed by all.

THE NATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE FESTIVAL.—This now well-known co-operative event, which this year enters upon its fifth anniversary, will be held at the Crystal Palace, on Saturday, August 20th. The promoters, who are representatives of working men's co-operative societies throughout the kingdom, intend to a great extent to follow their programme of previous years, and provide a Flower Show, under the auspices of the Agricultural and Horticultural Association; an Exhibition of Co-operative Productions from profit-sharing work-shops; a great choral concert upon the Handel orchestra of 6000 voices; athletic sports for adults; children's sports, games and dances, in which there is a long list of events open to all comers for both boys and girls; a choir contest for gold and silver medals; a public meeting, and many Crystal Palace attractions. The General Secretary is Mr. Wm. Broomhall, 49, Bedford-street, Strand, W.C., who will provide full details of the society's work to enquirers.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Never at Fault.—In all irritations of the skin, sores, ulcers, burns, and scrofulous enlargements of the glands, Holloway's Ointment presents a ready and easy means of cure which never disappoints the most favourable expectations. It manifests a peculiar power in restraining inflammation, removing stagnation, cooling the heated blood, and checking all acrimonious or unhealthy discharges. Whilst thus acting locally, the Pills are no less remarkable for their power in improving the general condition and habit of body, which renders the cures complete and permanent. Under the general influence of these potent remedies, the puny infant becomes the robust child; the pale and emaciated regain colour and rotundity; and the dyspeptic eats freely without fear.

Mr. Morris, in conjunction with Mr. F. B. Slade, of the firm of Messrs. Protheroe and Morris, held a successful sale on Monday last, on behalf of the vendor, A. U. Higgins, Esq., of Lapwater Hall, Leigh, Essex.

At a meeting on Thursday of the British Medical Association a resolution in favour of admitting lady members was carried by a large majority. A confirmatory meeting will be held on August 16th to finally dispose of the matter.

The death is recorded of Bro. Joseph Cahill, who had held several important Masonic offices, of which the most important was that of Deputy Grand Master of Victoria, and whose loss will be regretted deeply by a numerous circle of Masonic friends.

Intense heat prevails in the United States. At Chicago 50 deaths have been reported as being due to the abnormally high temperature, and the hospitals are filled with patients. Business in New York is said to be almost entirely suspended. Elsewhere unusual mortality and sickness are reported.

The Great Officers of the Sovereign Great Priory of the Order of the Temple for the Colony of Victoria include Sir Knights Joseph Copeland, Supreme G. Master; E. A. Collis, Deputy G. Master; the Rev. D. Meadowcraft, G. Prior; G. E. Treen, G. Sub-Prior; C. Chapman, G. Chancellor; L. S. Dumont, G. Constable; C. J. Donaldson, G. Marshal; W. D. Wright, G. Treasurer; and J. M. D. Drew, G. Registrar.

The Field Lane Summer Treat for poor children took place on Tuesday last, when 800 were taken out to Hooley Farm, Coulsdon, on the Brighton line. Starting from the school at 8 a.m., they spent a very happy day. Dinner and tea was provided before returning home. Mr. Noel Cox proposed, and Mr. M. Hunt seconded, a vote of thanks to all who contributed to the feast, and to the earnest secretary, Mr. P. Platt, and to S. Mayne.

PHIL MAY'S ANNUAL, 1892.—There is no good reason why the annual epidemic should invariably come to us in the winter when, amidst the fogs and east winds, every attempt at creating a laugh is a hollow mockery. Phil May's Annual is a seasonable production; it is brimful of humorous sketches, which are almost all in the best manner of that inimitable artist, and the letterpress is excellent. We cannot imagine a better companion for the seaside.

For the third year in succession the Duchess of Albany distributed the prizes to the successful competitors at the show of the Esher Cottage Garden Society in Sandown Park. Among the 450 exhibits were some splendid fruit and cut blooms from Claremont. Her Royal Highness was accompanied by her two children, the Duke of Albany and Princess Alice of Albany, Miss Heron-Maxwell, Fräulein Egebrech, and Sir Robert Collins.

Eton College swimming sports were held in the Thames at Athens. In the 300 yards' race Lloyd gained the Challenge Cup for the second time, defeating Hermon by three yards in the excellent time of 4min. 18sec. In the School Header's contest Chinnery came in first, followed by Allgood and Chetwynd. Kettlewell won the Junior 200 yards by a few feet in 3min. 15sec., and Brewster carried off the Junior Headers' prize.

Mr. A. Griffith-Boscawen, the new member for the Tunbridge Division of Kent, was married on Thursday at Langton Church, near Tunbridge Wells, to Miss Williams, daughter of Mr. Williams, of Shirley Hall, Kent, Master of the Eridge Hunt. Presents were received from the Marquis of Abergavenny and family, and the leading residents of the district. The bridesmaids wore brooches, the gift of the bridegroom, with "933," his election majority, on each.

The Melbourne Lodge, No. 17, Victorian Constitution, has had the misfortune to lose its worthy Secretary, Bro. C. J. Chescoe, who on the 15th May was dragged from his horse when out riding, and though he was at first making good progress towards recovery, at length succumbed to the injuries he had received, leaving a wife and young family to mourn his loss. Bro. Chescoe, who was only 36 years of age, was very greatly esteemed, and at his own request was interred in Melbourne Cemetery with Masonic rites, some 150 brethren, including sundry Grand and Past Grand Officers, being present.

CRYSTAL PALACE COMPANY'S SCHOOL OF ART, SCIENCE, AND LITERATURE.—To-morrow (Saturday) J. B. Burgess, Esq., R.A., Edward A. Goodall, Esq., R.W.S., and Thomas Woolner, Esq., R.A., will make the annual award of medals, certificates, &c., for the works produced during the session by students of the Ladies' Division of the School, in painting—oils and water-colour, from the life; landscape, &c.; drawing—from the antique and the life; modelling and sculpture—instructed severally by Samuel J. Hodson, Esq., R.W.S.; John Scott, Esq., R.I.; E. Wensley Russell, Esq.; Herbert A. Bone, Esq.; and Edward Crompton, Esq. An exhibition of the art works will be opened in the studios at 1 p.m. Students can obtain invitation tickets for their friends on application in the Library.

The City Corporation, at its final meeting before the vacation, did a considerable amount of notable work, fully justifying the Lord Mayor's wishes and congratulations by "clearing the paper." The long-pending scheme of a day school for girls, under the bequest of Mr. William Ward, was definitively approved. The building will be placed on a plot of land on the Victoria Embankment, behind the Guildhall School of Music, and will accommodate 240 girls with class and luncheon rooms. The cost is to be £15,400 for building and £2000 for fittings. For the present, at any rate, the Local Government Committee will have charge and supervision, but when the structure is completed it will probably be handed over to the City School Committee. Before separating, the Corporation voted £500 towards the preservation of Mitcham Common as an open space for the public, and £105 towards a fund that is being raised for removing the statue of the great Duke of Wellington, now hidden in a side chapel, to a more prominent position in St. Paul's Cathedral. Several charitable grants were also voted, and it was agreed to continue the Court's donation of £105 per annum to the Society for the Extension of University Teaching.

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