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THE CRAFT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

It is not often we have news of the proceedings of the Craft in British Columbia. It is one of the most distant parts of the British Empire, and communication between the places in which its lodges are established is by no means easy. Moreover, as regards numbers, the jurisdiction of its Grand Lodge is by no means extensive. However, if the Masons there are not a numerous body, and if it is only occasionally that we obtain glimpses into their doings, there is no doubt they are active in good work, and as time progresses that they will be as strong as they now are reputable. The lodges on the roll of its Grand Lodge are 13, and there is one more under dispensation, the membership of the former being 860. The senior lodge, which was warranted by our Grand Lodge of England, dates from the year 1859, while the Grand Lodge of British Columbia was constituted in the year 1870; but though of comparatively recent origin, the lodges in the jurisdiction are possessed of property and funds amounting in the aggregate to not far short of \$54,000, Lodge No. 1, which has \$8650, No. 3 with \$11,710, and No. 9 with \$20,600, being of English origin. It was under the banner of the first of these lodges that early in January of the present year one of the most successful gatherings that ever took place in the Colony was held, the object being to present testimonials to the three retiring trustees of the Masonic Hall at Victoria, the bodies which took part in the proceedings being the Lodge, No. 1, already referred to, Vancouver—Quadra Lodge, No. 2, and the Columbia Royal Arch Chapter. The brethren thus honoured were Past Grand Master ELI HARRISON, sen., who had the honour of presiding over the Grand Lodge during the years 1878, 1879, 1880; his son, Bro. ELI HARRISON, jun., who was Junior Grand Warden in 1879, 1880, 1881; and Bro. T. TROUNCE, who after serving as Senior Grand Warden in 1882, and Deputy Grand Master in 1883 and 1884, was elected and installed Grand Master in 1885. Unfortunately, ill-health prevented Bro. TROUNCE from attending for the purpose of receiving the proposed recognition of his long and faithful services, and to this extent, the proceedings, which took place under the auspices of Bro. F. W. WILLIAMS, W.M. of Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, were shorn of a very considerable part of their interest. But, in spite of this shortcoming, the enthusiasm exhibited on the occasion would seem to have justified the description we have read of the function as about the most pleasant and encouraging that has ever taken place in British Columbia. The reply of Bro. ELI HARRISON, sen., was, indeed, characterised by admirable taste and feeling, and the account rendered by him of his Trusteeship redounds not only to his credit, but to that of our British Columbia brethren generally. After mentioning incidentally that he had been present 32 years previously at the first anniversary of Lodge No. 1, that during his connection with Masonry he had filled every office from the lowest to the highest, and that among his audience there was present only one brother—Past Grand Master F. W. WILLIAMS, ex-Speaker—who had attended the same anniversary gathering; and, after expressing his thanks for the further token of respect and esteem he had just received, Bro. HARRISON, sen., went on to state that the work which he and his co-Trustees had undertaken to accomplish had been "to furnish the Masonic Order in this city and the Grand Lodge of the Province a suitable place to meet in for the purpose of Masonic work, on a plan suggested by myself and accepted by the Grand Lodge." But the capital they had to begin with was very small, and accordingly "scrip to the amount of \$12,000 was issued in the name of the Trustees, and they were legally responsible for the same. This scrip was sold to enable them to proceed with the work," and the work having been finished and the whole of the scrip redeemed, the Trustees were at length anxious to be relieved of their responsibility. In making this announcement, he had at the same time the satisfaction of stating that during the whole period of their Trusteeship, both he and his colleagues had worked together in perfect harmony, neither had they had from the date of their appointment till then, the slightest dispute or trouble with the brethren who had lent their money. "The lodges and chapters have been troubled with no disputes on account of the Trustees, and the shareholders have all been paid back their money with interest at nearly six per cent." Bro. HARRISON went on to add that their great desire had been "to secure a property worthy of our Order, with every convenience for the ceremonies, at as small a cost as possible," and this, he said, they had succeeded in accomplishing "without any extra cost in dues or fees to the members of either lodges or chapters." In short, he remarked, "we have placed you in possession of a property worth \$30,000, free from debt and unencumbered." But, he continued, "I need not detain you with a long speech on the subject, as the property speaks for itself. Look around at your beautiful hall, one of the finest in the province, examine your valuable premises, and

call to your mind those kind and generous brethren who were willing to plant that posterity might reap the fruit of the sublime principles inculcated by our Ancient and Honourable Order, and be you willing to follow their good examples." As to the future, Bro. HARRISON went on to express his belief "that the revenue received from the property in a few years, will, with care, enable the Fraternity in this city to so reduce the annual dues that few will have any cause to be suspended for non-payment of the same, and also be enabled to furnish a fund for the relief of distressed brethren, and widows and orphans." Bro. HARRISON concluded with an expression of gratitude to his co-Trustees for their able and willing co-operation with him in the task they had undertaken, and to the brethren, and especially the members of the Columbia Chapter, for their exceeding kindness on the occasion. Bro. HARRISON, jun., P.G.W., followed, and after returning thanks, declared that "it was entirely owing to the confidence exhibited by the brethren in buying the scrip that the Trustees were placed in funds and enabled to do what they had done. He had often looked back with surprise at the confidence placed by the brethren in so nobly coming forward and buying the bits of paper with only the names of the three Trustees to them, and it was, therefore, to those brethren that the credit was mainly due." Bro. HARRISON, jun., added that he regretted extremely the absence of Bro. TROUNCE, P.G.M., who was in feeble health, and had attained the ripe old age of 80 years, but he considered he was justified in returning thanks in his behalf "for the kind manner in which that worthy brother's services had been acknowledged." After the new Worshipful Master of Victoria-Columbia Lodge, had been installed in office, and his predecessor had been presented with the usual recognition of his services, the customary banquet was held in celebration of St. John's Day, and then what must have been one of the most successful meetings ever held in British Columbia came to an end. It certainly speaks well for the harmony prevailing among our British Columbian brethren and their evidently intense devotion to the Craft, that the erection of the Masonic Hall in the City of Victoria should have been accomplished in the manner described by Bro. HARRISON, sen. It is not often that even in Masonry we encounter three men who are prepared to undertake so large a responsibility as that of providing the wherewith to erect a suitable hall, nor do we often meet with a body of brethren who have such implicit faith in certain of their leading members as to buy their notes of hand to the tune of \$12,000. British Columbia may not be a very formidable jurisdiction as far as numbers go, nor has Masonry been long established within its borders, but it is evident that its members are deeply imbued with the principles of Freemasonry, or such a picture as we have presented to our readers would have been out of the question.

CONSECRATION OF THE DUKE OF FIFE CHAPTER, No. 2345.

Probably no more successful meeting has ever been held at Anderton's Hotel than the consecration of this new chapter, on Monday evening last. Comp. E. Letchworth, G.S.E., was the Consecrating Principal, and had most able assistance from Comps. Major-Gen. J. Crossland Hay, C.B., A.G.S., as H.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, G. Supt. Bucks, as J.; C. E. Keyser, G.S.B., as S.N.; and F. Richardson, P.A.G.S., as D.C., each of whom is perfect master of the work allotted to him.

The founders of the chapter are Comps. S. Cochrane, G. Treas. elect; J. Wyer, P.Z.; J. W. Folkard, W. W. Westley, P.Z.; G. Everett, P.G. Treas.; Charlie Woods, Alfred Harvey, J. W. Andrews, and J. A. Randall.

In addition to the Consecrating Officers and founders (with the exception of Comp. G. Everett, P.G. Treas.), there were present Comps. J. S. Tavener, J. Bond, P.Z. 619; F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275 and 1622, M.E.Z. 172; H. Price, P.Z. 177; John Read, P.Z. 449 and 720, P.G.S.B. Herts; C. J. Reed, 1524; H. Sadler, G. Janitor; R. J. Voisey, P.Z., M.E.Z. 1226; H. J. Lardner, P.Z. 3, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z. 3, P.P.G. P.S.; and C. Patrick, P.Z. 1623, Janitor.

Comp. the Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIFF delivered the following oration:

Companions,—One of the most satisfactory indications of the reality and genuineness of the advance which our Order is making is that a new lodge seldom fails in due course to apply for the attachment of a Royal Arch chapter. Time was when a few chapters in the metropolitan district were sufficient to satisfy the wants of the few brethren who cared sufficiently about our Craft to seek any progress beyond the Master Mason's Degree. Those days are fast passing away, and every new lodge that succeeds requires and obtains its Royal

Arch chapter. And what, when we reach the summit of this Degree, do we find is the lesson which runs like a golden thread through every lecture and ceremony? Perfection is set before us. We are taught that beyond an eternal of this transitory world there is a Divine Power, which is omnipresent, omniscient, and omnipotent. That absolute perfection is ever kept before the Royal Arch Mason as a living reality. No sceptic can honestly accept the teaching of this Order. The central facts of dogmatic belief are so engrained in the ritual of this Degree that it would be dishonest to ignore their existence, and as we stand reverently gazing at truths beyond our understanding, but not beyond our faith, we recognise two great facts—man's littleness and God's all-gracious power. Modern civilisation is ever tending to make us self-conceited and presumptuous. The more superficial our knowledge of any subject, the more qualified we consider ourselves to give opinions as experts. It is astounding to find how men pose as experts before they have ever begun to learn the rudiments. Our ancient Craftsmen here give us a wholesome lesson. They learnt slowly, but they learnt thoroughly. They were Apprentices before they were Architects. In a book just published about one of our old Oxford Colleges, it is noted as a very significant fact that the Architect was an unknown man, and that he worked at the building himself. He was, in fact, only the Master Mason. He had to bear a share of carrying out with his hands what his head had devised. The results produced by such a system were far more thorough than those of the present day, and were, so I think, as a consequence of man's humility in recognising the fact that education, whether of mind or body, was a life-long task. That perfection, which he never could reach, must ever be before his eyes, and towards that he must ever be striving, knowing that he would be accepted if it were an endeavour to copy pattern, and that when his hand dropped feeble to his side in death the Great Master himself would add the finishing touches, which would alone give merit to the work.

The following were installed as Principals: Comps. Samuel Cochrane, M.E.Z.; John Wyer, P.Z., as H.; and J. W. Folkard, as J.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Comps. Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas. Eng., as Treas.; C. Woods, S.E.; A. Harvey, S.N.; J. Andrews, Prin. Soj.; J. A. Randall, Asst. Soj.; and W. W. Westley, P.Z., consented to act as I.P.Z.

The Committee appointed to settle the by-laws consisted of the officers. In electing the Consecrating Officers as Hon. Members, it was unanimously decided to record a special vote of thanks to them for the excellent way in which they had rendered the consecration and installation ceremonies.

The following brethren's names were given for exaltation: Bros. Boswell, Munslow, and Bonner.

After the banquet, which was well worthy of the occasion, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Comp. COCHRANE, M.E.Z., in proposing "The Grand Officers," referred to the good work they had done generally, and to the particular kindness of those who had consecrated the chapter.

Comp. Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, G. Supt. Bucks., said there were two kinds of Grand Officers, those who made long speeches, and those who did not; he was glad to belong to the latter class.

Comp. COCHRANE, M.E.Z., in proposing "The Consecrating Principal," eulogised the G.S.E. for his kindness to him personally, and for his zeal in the work.

Comp. LETCHWORTH, G.S.E., trusted that under the guidance of a M.E.Z. who would shortly hold such a high office, the chapter would flourish. He followed by proposing the toast of "The M.E.Z."

Comp. COCHRANE responded, and then proposed "The Visitors."

Comps. Capt. T. C. WALLS, H. J. LARDNER, F. HILTON, and R. J. VOISEY replied in able and telling speeches.

Comps. WYER, H., and FOLKARD, J., responded for "The Second and Third Principals," and the officers replied also to their toast.

The pleasure of the meeting was greatly enhanced by songs and recitations from Comps. Capt. Walls, R. J. Voisey, H. J. Lardner, Frost, and Master Folkard.

The statement that the whole of the musical arrangements were in the hands of Comp. J. Read, P.Z., will be sufficient to show that they were well carried out.

THE "STANLEY MS."

R.W. Bro. Tew, Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, has followed up the many priceless gifts to the library of his province by purchasing and presenting one more of the old Masonic MSS. Although the text has not been previously made known, it is already familiar to the Masonic world by the title of *The "Stanley MS."* Its discovery was announced by Bro. G. W. Speth, P.M., of Margate, in the *Freemason* of February 18th, 1888, and specially treated in his paper entitled "Two New Versions of the Old Charges," read before the "Quatuor Coronati Lodge" (of London, of which he is the able and indefatigable Secretary) on March 2nd in the same year.

Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Torquay, the distinguished writer and authority on Masonic MSS., also contributed brief articles on this MS. to the *Freemason* of March 24th, 1888, and October 18th, 1890, and he has also kindly allowed perusal *inter alia* of a letter containing a valuable comment on the document, addressed to him by that eminent and learned brother, Dr. W. Begemann, of Rostock, Prov. Grand Master of Mecklenburg, who has done splendid service in his examination and classification of Old Masonic MSS.

At the time of the MS. being first announced it was the property of Bro. Frederick Stanley, P.M. 127, of Margate. Bro. Stanley, taking a truly laudable and Masonic view of the responsibility of holding these precious curios and the vicissitudes to which they are necessarily subject when in private custody, decided that the valuable scroll should pass into the safe keeping of some public body which could extend to it a permanent and secure resting-place.

Negotiations having been opened on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge Library of West Yorkshire, the MS. was purchased by me for R.W. Bro. Tew, who generously offered at once to present it to that noble collection.

Several learned brethren have already ably—we may say exhaustively—treated on the merits of the "Stanley MS." There remains, therefore, little for this introduction beyond summarising what has already been published.

To quote from Bro. Speth's Paper on the MS. before lodge No. 2076:—

It is of parchment, in four slips stitched together, ten feet over all in length, and seven inches wide. . . . It is dated 1677, and the British Museum authorities, to whom I have shown it, are of opinion that the date is borne out by the style of calligraphy. It shows signs of wear, and I cannot doubt was really at one time a lodge document. . . . Bro. Stanley says the owner was not a Freemason, neither was he descended from such; that he came from the North Country, had possessed the MS. for many years, but was uncertain how he originally came by it. . . .

The text of the MS. contains many peculiarities, and the following are some of those pointed out by him:

Jaball "parted flockes of sheep and Lands," instead of *Lambs*, as in the generality of versions.

"*Templum Dei*" is described as the "Temple now called Voo."

Hiram of Tyre's Son is spoken of by the previously unknown name of *Aplea*. *Prentices* is twice miswritten *Parties*.

In identifying the class to which the Stanley MS. belongs, Bro. Hughan, in his communication to the *Freemason* of March 24th, 1888, says:

The Stanley MS., as regards the text proper, agrees mainly with the "Colne MS., No. 1" (22a *Gould*), which I gave in the *Christmas Freemason*, 1887. Many of the peculiar readings, variations, and substitutions are to be found in both MSS., and beyond question these Rolls may be referred to the same original, notwithstanding the noteworthy differences in the two copies. . . . Singular to state, the Stanley MS. does not contain the "Apprentice Charges" as the Colne MS.

In the *Freemason* of October 18th, 1890, Bro. Hughan also writes:

Bro. Jacob Norton, of Boston, U.S.A., has made known another copy of the *Old Charges*. This document became familiar to the Craft as the "*Hub Manuscript*," and the text was published by Bro. Norton in the "*Masonic Review*" for July, 1890 (*Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A.*).

Dr. Begemann, in writing to Bro. Hughan, sums up his views of the close kinship of the Stanley and Hub MSS. and their position as related to the Colne MS., No. 1, after examining the copies of each:

I compared the *Hub MS.*, word by word, with the *Stanley MS.*, and was astonished at their resemblance, these two manuscripts being totally identical, but that the *Hub MS.* shows a number of errors which are to be attributed to the Scribe. The outer arrangement even is the same, both of them being written in a fortrunning text, but that the latter part has got the title "The Charge." Now I am of opinion that the Stanley copy is more perfect, whilst in the *Hub MS.* there are many mistakes, which I give here:

HUB MS.	...	instead of	...	STANLEY MS.
Subtill formes	Subtill <i>Tearmes</i> .
Tuball	...	"	...	Fuball.
true with one to another	...	"	...	true each one to another.
live honest as gentlemen	...	"	...	honestly.
nor the Greate Learning	...	"	...	nor no great Learning.
all Comands of the Lodge	...	"	...	all counceills.
several times "ye"	...	"	...	"Your"
		&c., &c., &c.		

Dr. Begemann then refers to other peculiarities common to each of the two.

"Judgment of the Starrs and the Planetts." "Hermerens." "Euclid." "Land of Behastie." "Apelo." "Regaline." "Knight of England." "Precepts." "The Year 1677 at the end." Furthermore, the spelling is almost the same in both manuscripts, in a very striking manner, but that the *Hub MS.* omits many times the "e" at the end of words, for instance: Sonn, goodness, four, flockes, instead of Sonne, &c. On the other side the *Hub MS.* writer has almost always "theire" instead of "their" in the Stanley MS. . . . "I am inclined to believe that both the MSS. are transcripts of the same original, because there are some passages in the *Hub MS.* which differ from the Stanley MS. First, there is inserted in the prayer the word "life here Living," which "here" is not in the Stanley MS., but in the Colne MS., therefore, it must have been in the original. We read the good *Reul* of Masonry (in the "*Hub MS.*") instead of *Rent* in the "*Stanley*," where the reading "Rule" is correct, whilst *Rent* must be an error of the Scribe, &c., &c. These trifles could possibly be the work of the Scribe, but the agreement between the *Hub* and *Colne* in two cases ("here" and "rule") make me believe that there was once a manuscript which was two times transcribed, so that the *Hub* and the *Stanley* MSS. are children of the same mother now lost."

So far as the facts at present within our horizon will admit, a fairly complete diagnosis of the case has been presented. Seeing the mass of valuable and unexpected evidence which has been unearthed of late years, we may, perhaps, without being considered too sanguine, venture to hope that the lost original of these two MSS. will yet be brought to light once more and restore another stone to that edifice of history of which, alas! in too many places, the very foundations have been buried or obliterated.

The doggerel lines at the foot of the MS. have no connection with the matter preceding, are in a different handwriting and of a more recent period. For an elaborate and interesting analysis of the text I must refer inquiring minds to the paper to be found at p. 129 in Vol. I. of the *Proceedings of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, No. 2076*. Bro. Speth has displayed much skill and ingenuity in identifying the allusions in the "prophecy" and the dates to which they refer, but I agree with Bro. Hughan in holding back for the present from accepting Bro. Speth's hypothesis as to the date when the "prophecy" was written; no evidence as yet of a conclusive or convincing kind having been adduced.

I am disposed to favour the idea that he was one of the many scoffers who made their views as to Freemasonry known in various ways—more or less offensive—during the third and fourth decades of last century.

There are now 13 "Old Manuscript Charges" known to be located in Yorkshire (speaking roughly, about one-fifth of the total known to be in existence). Of these eight are held in West Yorkshire, six being the property of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The following list of the 13 indicates their ownership and how published—

LIBRARY OF PROV. GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.			
‡ Thomas W. Tew MS.	...	1680 circa	... West York. Reprints.
‡ William Watson MS.	...	A.D. 1687	... West York. Reprints.
§ Clapham MS.	...	1700 circa	... West York. Reprints.
‡ Hughan MS.	...	1700 circa	... West York. Reprints.
‡ Waistell MS.	...	A.D. 1693	... West York. Reprints.
‡ Stanley MS.	...	A.D. 1677	... West York. Reprints.

* It is now the property of Bro. E. T. Carson, of Cincinnati, having been acquired for his splendid Masonic collection. The MS. is now to be known as the "*Carson MS.*"

‡ Presented by R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., Prov. Grand Master.

‡ Presented by W. Bro. J. W. Cocking, P.M. 2035, Prov. G. Supt. of Works.

§ From T. R. Clapham, Esq., Austwick Hall, Yorkshire, per W. Bro. W. F. Tomlinson, P.M. 304, P.P.G.D.C.

LODGE OF HOPE, No. 302, BRADFORD.

The Hope MS. 1680 circa. Hughan's "Old Charges" and West York. Reprints.

PROBITY LODGE, No. 61, HALIFAX.

Probity MS. ... 1736, or earlier ... West York. Reprints.

THE YORK MSS. (YORK LODGE, No. 236).

York MS., No. 1	... 1600 circa	... Hughan's "Old Charges."
York MS., No. 5	... 17th Century	... Hughan's Reprints.
York MS., No. 6	... 17th Century	... Hughan's Reprints.
York MS., No. 4	... A.D. 1693	... Hughan's Masonic Sketches.
York MS., No. 2	... A.D. 1704	... Hughan's Masonic Sketches.

The whole of the West Yorkshire reprints have been published at the sole cost and under the auspices of R.W. Bro. Tew, and in the course of their distribution I have forwarded, at his desire, a presentation copy of each to every lodge in his province.

[Signed by]

WILLIAM WATSON, Leeds.

Hon. Librarian Prov. G. Lodge of West Yorkshire.

The text of the Stanley MS. will appear next week.

AN INTELLECTUAL PHASE OF FREEMASONRY.

That there is an intellectual phase of Freemasonry not sufficiently considered may be asserted without contradiction. Many reasons exist for this neglect.

To devote time and thought to this subject is often a task that not many of the brethren are willing to perform. Opportunity and access to required sources of information do not frequently combine. How often the desire presents itself which, if not encouraged, gives ground for postponing the work, and so it is abandoned.

But energy is necessary to accomplish what is accepted as needful. It requires to begin, to succeed.

There are so many brethren who would be pleased to carry out any reasonable plan, if only they could be shown the basis of a promised success. In order to awaken the desire alluded to, and indicate a method of procedure that is practicable, reference is made to a lodge which has achieved most signal progress in this line of duty. There is a lodge in London called "Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076." It was warranted on November, 28th, 1884. The purpose of its organisation was to provide a centre and bond of union for Masonic students, and to attract intelligent Masons to its meetings in order to imbue them with a love for Masonic research; to submit the discoveries or conclusions of students to the judgment and criticism of their fellows by means of papers read in lodge; to tabulate concisely in the printed transactions of the lodge the progress of the Craft throughout the world; to acquire permanent premises and form a Masonic library and museum.

These are some of the ordained purposes of this lodge. While it is admitted that there are not many localities where the Craft are numerous enough to establish a lodge on the methods of Lodge No. 2076, yet it may be that, if a few of the Freemasons in a Masonic district would meet to discuss the subject, great benefits might result and a nucleus be fixed for extended efforts. At all events it would appear if there were brethren, it may be if only a very few, who would cheerfully dedicate some of their time and talents to the consideration of what could be done for the intellectual phase of Freemasonry, the way might be made clear for efforts to attain some results that would animate other brethren and at last bring forth commendable presentations of the achievements of time and thought expended in these efforts.

It should be known that these proceedings are of an historical character, to gather up whatever belongs to past records of lodges, or individual brethren of the past time. Here and there a paper, or a certificate, or an original minute book might be obtained. A copy of an old, or original *Alman Rezon* could possibly be found by some brother in a search, or some inquiry, that would be of great interest.

Surely in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, there are papers of Masonic interest that have been in days past "put away" by their owners, and forgotten, that a little search might discover. Now let it be fully understood that this lodge, No. 2076, is only engaged in research and inquiry as to Masonic history. It has nothing whatever to do with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England or in any way engaged, directly or indirectly, in interfering with the regular, orderly business which exclusively belongs to Grand Lodge. With the present time it has no concern. Only so far as it can bring to light what interests, or may interest the Masonic student, or explain matters that are doubtful, does lodge No. 2076 devote its attention.

This Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, has enrolled on its Correspondence Circle over thirteen hundred associates. Of course in such a centre as London every opportunity is afforded to secure aid, and gather brethren who can devote some time to the purposes of the lodge.

Here there are but a few brethren who would be likely to engage in the objects which animate the members of Lodge No. 2076.

But remember, "sands make the mountain," and if ever so few brethren could be induced to consider, if it was possible to interest even one or two, a beginning may be made that will be the first step in originating a collection of Masonic material that must be of value to the Masonic student. At all events whatever else might come out of these suggestions, it would at least demonstrate that there is an intellectual phase of Freemasonry that would be worthy of the best efforts of even the two or three of our brethren who started on the way of developing its existence.

It will hardly be considered that time and effort so employed is wasted. Neither will it be willingly confessed that this great historic ancient Craft has no intellectual phase, but rests only on physical forms. The fact that symbology is the inherent characteristic of ancient Masonry must prove that behind this symbology there is a reservoir of philosophical teaching that should be studied by the true Masonic student.

It is most unfortunate that idle and superficial speculations as to historical questions, that are suggested by the unintelligent members of lodges, often arrest attention. Much mischief oftentimes arises from this cause. It ought, therefore, to be at least a corrective, if some investigation was given to the serious subjects of historic study in the field of ancient Freemasonry.—*Keystone.*

A CALL FOR PROGRESS.

An extract from an oration by Bro. A. F. Maberry, Grand Orator, before the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in Arkansas, at Little Rock, November 15th, 1892.

The Spirit of Freemasonry is truly one of peace and tranquility among men; and, in the lessons taught by the solemn ceremonies of our openings and closings, we are earnestly admonished to be true and faithful and to do good unto all men, and let our light shine as upon a hill. This is indeed the spirit of moderation and forbearance which has characterised it through all of its trials and tribulations which it has possessed down the tide of time; and, brethren, it is through this principle that the Order has been enabled to extend its unbroken fraternal chain of brotherhood over the entire inhabitable globe, and erects its altars and propagates its principles in every land beneath the sun. In evidence of the justice of these principles we have indicted in our Constitution: "All men have a natural and inalienable right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences."

This idea of a personal responsibility to God, and the right of each individual soul to meet it in its own simplicity and sincerity of purpose, lies at the foundation of all human progress and civilisation; for the fact is potent at a glance at the history of the race, that as long as the mind of man was held in the thralldom of priestly censorship, ignorance, superstition and mental darkness hung like a blinding and impenetrable vapour over all the world; and that the moment the great master spirit of national liberty and intellectual freedom, about the end of the middle ages, began to strike out in rebellion against the forces by which they were bound, fettered, and harrassed, then the era of enlightenment began.

Hence we are forcibly driven to the conclusion that it was simply for the teachings and encouragement which Masonry in those ages gave to this great movement for the unqualified emancipation of mankind that the anathemas of the Roman Church were hurled against it, and to that fact may justly be attributed that enmity and proscription which she has ever sought occasion to manifest against the Order. The lessons of secrecy which we of the faith so much admire, alone seems so repugnant and repulsive to the Roman Church, which feeling it seems comes down the order of time from the days of the great instructor Pythagoras. History informs us that this great man taught his disciples for the first five years secrecy and silence alone. The five years novitiate of the candidate was passed in total silence, during which time he learned to repress his curiosity and employ his thoughts on God. Of this one and only living God, Masonry in all its ages has ever been a worshiper. "This," a noted historian says, "was the corner stone on which our originators thought it advisable to place the foundation of Masonry." While the world was polluted with sun worshippers and animal-worship and all of the absurdities of polytheism, Masonry even in its spurious forms, as the ancient mysteries have appropriately been styled, was alone occupied in raising altars to the one I Am. With this, why should not the spirit of Masons be proud?

This, my brethren, being the history and teaching of the Order to which we have united ourselves, we need have no fear of its present integrity or for its future destinies. These are fixed and assured, and no hostility or malignity from our enemies without will ever materially impede its grand and triumphant career; and only when human reason refuses to abdicate its throne; and if honour, love and virtue remain among the sons of men, so will it grow and flourish like the green bay tree, and blossom like the beautiful rose, so long as this terrestrial globe shall roll on in its course beneath the great king of day.

My brethren, let us see ourselves for a few minutes, if not as others see us, as we truly are. As we sit here enjoying the many beauties and comforts of our new home, and while our hearts are filled to overflowing with grateful gratitude to the pioneers of the movement that has produced this wonderful effect, let us, my brethren, realise that even with all of this, not half of our duties have yet been done; that the field of labour is just prepared for us to work where we can do so to effect. The next most important movement is the commencement and completion of a Home for the widows and orphans of deceased brother Master Masons, where the loved ones of our deceased brethren may be housed, educated, and provided for in a manner that shall make their widows happy and their children good, honourable, and useful men and women, to go forth in the world as living monuments of the great, good, and noble charity taught and practiced by our beautiful and beloved Order.

My brethren, this brings to my mind an occasion which I look back to with much pleasure, considering it as the most pleasant and impressive visit of any of my life. Some years ago it was my good fortune, together with a number of brethren, to be entertained by the Masonic Fraternity of Louisville, Kentucky, for a day. One of the many pleasures they had in store for us was a visit to their "Widows and Orphans' Home," where we were pleasantly entertained for one hour. There we found that 17 widows of deceased Master Masons, together with their entire families, lived. Also about 300 orphan children of deceased brother Masons were educated, both for literary and mechanical purposes, preparing them to go forth in the world and enter the stage of action as monuments of the goodness of God loving and God serving men, who have pledged themselves as only Masons do.

Let us arouse ourselves, my brothers, from centre to circumference, and keep on with the spirit of the times, the progress of the age, and never stop or halt to rest or refresh ourselves until we have erected within the borders of our great and progressive State a Home for widows and orphans of Master Masons. The voice of those that are seeking wisdom comes from every nook and corner of our land asking for assistance; then again comes in thundering tones the appeal of the poor indigent and distressed brother Master Masons' widows and orphans, who comes to us seeking "Relief and Truth." Then, my brethren, how can we tarry, how dare we procrastinate upon this, their just and righteous demand? Where is the brother that would dare raise his voice in opposition to the movement, or stay his hand in the effort to extract from his purse a contribution for the cause? Let us make the start and begin at once, for once well begun, 'tis half done, and show to the world by our acts that Arkansas Masonry is abreast of the times; leave a monument to that, the sweetest of all virtues, that virtue that lives for ever and extends beyond the grave alone, which is Charity; that by it future ages may pin their faith, and rest, assured by the anchor of Hope, upon which they may rely for their eternal rest and future happiness.—*Voice of Masonry.*

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1	13	Ross, Gertrude, Eleanor (last)	3035
2	3	Taylor, Marion (last)	3021
3	19	Field, Florence (last)	3018
4	25	Kemp, Ethel Rose L.	3009
5	9	Sanders, Bertha Lucie E.	2923
6	8	Vale, Mabel Margaret	2848
7	10	Rooff, Dorothy Maud	2836
8	11	Richards, Jessie	2801
9	27	Roach, Viola Frankham	2786
10	20	Lendrim, Laura	2781
11	30	Underwood, Evelyn Louise	2775
12	18	Cook, Valentina Maud	2652
13	12	Fawcett, Emiline	2633
14	21	Archer, Esther Tietjens	2604
15	24	Milner Florence	2571
16	7	Plaskitt, Georgina	2529
17	16	Curle, Jessie May	2387
18	23	Prideaux, Dorothea Margaret	2384
19	15	Harding, Gladys Mary	2338

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SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1893.

Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly General Court of Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday, at the hour of 12 noon, the chief business being the election of 19 out of an approved list of 30 children, reduced to 29 by the withdrawal of No. 5, a West Yorkshire girl, who has been nominated under the Bentley Shaw Perpetual Presentation, and has thus escaped the anxieties of a ballot in order to secure admission. The poll closed at 3 p.m., and the result of the ballot will be found in our advertisement columns.

The Quarterly General Court of the Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held to-day (Friday) at the same place and the chair will be taken at the same hour. For this school the number of candidates is 49, and the number of vacancies to be competed for is 23. At this Court however, there is other important business to be transacted. Firstly, there is the election of a Treasurer for the ensuing year, and of the 12 members of the Council who represent the Life and Annual Subscribers; and then of 10 Life Governors to serve on the Board of Management in place of the 10 whose period

of service has expired. The 10 to be elected must consist of five London and five Provincial brethren, and the Life Governors nominated for the five London vacancies are Bros. George E. Fairchild, Robert Martin, Henry Pritchard, A. C. Spaul, and James Stephens, the retiring members, and Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald.

The nominations for the five Provincial vacancies include Bros. Harry Bevir (Wiltshire) and Hugh E. Diamond (Derbyshire), two of the retiring members, who offer themselves for re-election; and Bros. T. Bradley (Durham), G. J. McKay (Cumberland and Westmorland), H. Manfield (Northants and Hunts), E. Margrett (Berks), Charles Pulman (Northumberland), W. Russell (Kent), W. H. Spaul (Shropshire), Aaron Stone (Western Division of South Wales), and the Rev. W. Whittle (Devonshire). The poll for the election of the Board of Management will close at 3 p.m.

The second lecture of the series inaugurated at the Defence Lodge, Leeds, was delivered on Monday, the 10th inst., by Bro. Charles Letch Mason, P.M. 304 and 2069, P.P.G. Treas. West Yorkshire, on "Masonic Symbolism." As the address dealt mainly with the inner working of the Craft Degrees, it was of such a nature as cannot appear in print.

The ninth annual report of the Masonic Charity Association for the Province of Cambridgeshire is eminently satisfactory, and fully justifies the congratulations which the Committee tender to the Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and brethren generally on the proceedings of the year to which it relates. The Association now musters 130 brethren, of whom all but seven are members of the lodges on the roll of the Province. The receipts during the year to 31st October last—exclusive of the balance brought forward—amounted to £175 5s., while the amount handed over to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at its Jubilee Festival was £196 5s., there remaining at the close of the account a small balance of £3 13s. 6d. due to the Treasurer. The expenses of management, including those of the election of two candidates, was £21 1s. 3d., the bulk of which was defrayed by subscriptions received from Provincial Grand Lodge and sundry members, there being a balance due to the Treasurer of £5 6s. 6d. under this head. We trust that future reports will disclose a state of things equally gratifying.

Our readers will, no doubt, be both surprised and pained by the announcement it is our duty to make of the death of Bro. James Moon. The sad event was quite unexpected. We saw him but a few days since in apparently his usual good health, and were looking forward to congratulate him on being invested as one of the brethren whom his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master had selected for appointment to Grand Office at the approaching Grand Festival. Under such circumstances as these, the death of so distinguished and highly respected a brother will be the more keenly felt.

Bro. Moon had done good service to the Craft, not only in lodge and chapter, but in the Mark and other Degrees. Moreover, he had strenuously supported the three Masonic Institutions, but more especially the Girls' School, in the government of which, as a member of its House Committee, he had taken an active part for many years. By his colleagues on this Committee, by his brother members of the various Masonic bodies with which he was or had been connected, and indeed by the whole body of Masons under the English Constitution, this sad and sudden death of one of our staunchest pillars will be mourned with a grief which will be as deep as we venture to say it will be universal.

The ninth annual festival of the Grand Masters' Lodge of Instruction will be held on Monday next at Freemasons' Tavern, when the ceremony of advancement will be worked with musical accompaniment. The Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. the Earl of Euston, has kindly consented to preside, and judging from the attendance and interest evinced in former years, we have little doubt that the festival this year will prove an unqualified success.

Bro. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., &c., will rehearse the ceremony of installation at the Borough of Greenwich Lodge of Instruction, held at King William IV. Hotel, East Greenwich, on Friday, the 21st inst., at 7 p.m.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

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Bro. G. W. Bain, of Sunderland (a most indefatigable collector), has just secured a copy of the "Freemasons' Monthly Magazine," No. 1, January, 1841, which is quite new to me, and I have failed to find it noted in any Masonic bibliography, catalogue, or library. It was published by W. E. Painter, Strand (in octavo), and, apparently, was edited either by Dr. Crucefix, or one of his adherents, during the lamentable struggle on the start of the Benevolent Institution. The only one I have discovered who knows of it is Bro. H. Sadler, who saw a few numbers of it recently. It is probable the publication ceased before a complete volume was issued, hence its being such a rarity.

W. J. HUGHAN.

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NON-CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

Would Bro. Spiegel kindly give in this department of the *Freemason* particulars of the decision of the "highest authority," that the *only minutes which need not be confirmed*, are those which relate to the election of W.M., voting money from lodge funds, and alteration of by-laws. The matter is of great consequence, for if lodges are to be guided by the action of Grand Lodge, this cannot be correct.

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Notwithstanding the dictum of our Bro. Spiegel, who claims to speak with the "highest authority," I am of opinion that the election of a Treasurer need not be confirmed, and that the members of a lodge may review their decision in this respect as in the case of the election of a W.M.—Yours fraternally,

FLEJ.

REVIEWS

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1893-94.

This is a wonderful compilation, and full of interest, not only to West Lancashire brethren, but to the Craft generally. Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., the Prov. G. Sec., is the editor of this most useful annual, which is dedicated, as it should be, to the esteemed Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., who presides over the largest province in England or the world, consisting of 107 lodges and some 7000 members. Truly an extraordinary number! Although Bro. Goodacre devotes some 200 pages to the purposes of the province, he is unable to do little more than furnish the roll of officers and Past Masters of each lodge, with dates of warrants and of installations, &c. The installations are also exhibited in a table of an ingenious character, which applies also to the 43 chapters, the latter being duly detailed as to the principal officers, &c. There is also a calendar of all the lodge and chapter meetings from April, 1893, to March, 1894, containing thousands of entries, involving an immense labour, but of great value to the local members, who surely should appreciate such a boon. The "Hints to Secretaries of Lodges" are most useful, but no reference to the "Return to the Clerk of the Peace" appears. This would be a desirable addition, and could be dovetailed in the same capital table. All the appointments to office in the Provincial Grand Lodge (since the County of Lancashire, for Masonic purposes, was divided into East and West) are all arranged according to precedence, but do not exhibit the names of those brethren who are still subscribers. If those brethren who are deceased, or resigned, were placed in *italics*, it would add still more to the interest and value of the compilation, but we almost shrink from making the suggestion, when so many particulars are given. The Provincial Grand Chapter, from 1867, is likewise duly detailed. Bro. Goodacre's report to the Provincial Grand Lodge is inserted, in which reference is made to the formation of a Masonic library for the province. We hope his excellent suggestion has already borne fruit. A striking portrait of the Provincial Grand Master forms the frontispiece to this remarkable publication.

ATTACK ON A MASONIC TEMPLE.

A Correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle* sends the following:

"With reference to the recent intelligence that the United States Minister in Peru had sent a dispatch to Mr. Gresham, the Secretary of State, informing him of the burning by a mob of a Masonic temple, followed by an attack on an American Consulate, it would now appear that the incident referred to occurred at La Paz, in Bolivia, and not in Peru.

"On March 27 a number of American students were attending a service in the Masonic temple at La Paz on the occasion of the funeral of a Chilean merchant, when the building was forcibly entered by an anti-Masonic mob, who drove away the mourners, assailing them with stones and firing upon them with revolvers. The populace then set fire to the temple and burned it to the ground. The American Consulate, however, was not attacked.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge (No. 27).—This very old established lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. R. Douglas Smith, W.M.; A. E. Todd, S.W.; Brendel, J.W.; Matthew Hale, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Macfarlane, S.D.; D. Niven, J.D.; R. F. Potter, Tyler; C. B. Todd, P.M.; D. H. Jacobs, P.M.; F. Harrison, P.M.; T. J. Maidwell, P.M.; W. H. Libbis, P.M.; G. B. Chapman, P.M.; T. H. Wallman, H. Ullman, S. Ullman, H. C. Todd, W. Dunn, J. Whiffen, A. Porter, A. Symmons, H. R. Robinson, A. J. Farrants, J. Symmons, T. C. Farrants, Tom Hughes, J. Hollyman, and J. C. Barns. The visitors were Bros. A. E. Austin, P.M. 619; G. Payne, 1539; W. A. Innes, 1539; C. H. Dancocks, W.M. 1071; F. J. Eedle, P.M. 179; W. H. Squier, 1929; J. Davidson, 1441; H. H. Broughton, 901; A. Rendall, 1441; and R. T. West, 1744.

The lodge was opened, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the W.M. raised Bros. Ham and Todd. The W.M. then initiated Messrs. J. C. Barns, Thos. C. Farrants, Arthur James Farrants, and Joseph Symmons. The working of the W.M. was carried out in an excellent manner and was much appreciated by the members and visitors.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a superb banquet which was prepared by Bro. Clemow in his usual good style.

After the loyal and Masonic toasts had been given by the W.M., the Secretary, Bro. Hale, P.M., in the absence of the I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that the lodge was very proud of their W.M., who excelled all their other W.M.'s, and no one had done more for the lodge. In conclusion, he complimented him on the good working they had witnessed that night.

The Worshipful Master on rising to respond was well received. He thanked Bro. Hale for his kind but flattering words and the members for their warmth. If the little he had done for the lodge had given the members satisfaction he was more than pleased. He could have occupied the position he then held long since, but would not do so until he felt that he could do the work thoroughly, and his advice to all was never to take office unless perfect in the ritual.

In giving "The Initiates," the Worshipful Master observed that it was the toast of the evening. He was glad to receive the four initiates they had that evening, and hoped they would all aspire to become W.M.'s of their mother lodge.

Bro. Burns, in reply, said that he was pleased with his reception, and he was inspired very much with what he had seen and heard that night.

Bro. T. C. Farrants also responded, remarking that it was a grand ceremony, and he hoped to become a good Mason.

Bro. A. J. Tarrant, in a few suitable words, wished some day to become W.M.

Bro. J. Symmons also replied. This was his first speech to a large audience. He would do what he could to promote such a grand Society as theirs appeared to be.

The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Visitors," to whom he gave a hearty welcome. They had only a few that evening, but they were of excellent quality. He hoped to see them there again.

Bro. C. H. Dancocks, W.M., in reply, said that it was his second visit, and he felt honoured that he had been asked to respond. He congratulated the W.M. on his excellent working. He had never seen anything more perfect than that of that night. The lodge was well-known in the metropolis for its working and lavish hospitality.

Bro. Eedle also responded in a genial speech.

Bros. Austin, Davidson, Broughton, Squier, Junes, Rendall, and Pain also suitably replied.

In eloquent terms the W.M. gave the next toast, "The Health of the Past Masters," remarking that they had a goodly array of them, who were the foundation-stones and support of the lodge. He coupled the name of Bro. Jacobs—better known as the "Father" of the lodge—whom he asked to respond.

Bro. Jacobs stated that to respond to the toast, which had been so well received, was a matter of some difficulty to find new ideas to reply. If the Past Masters had done any good for the lodge they were happy. He hoped to be spared for many years to render any assistance.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The Masonic Press," coupled with the name of our representative, to which Bro. R. T. West responded.

The next toast was "The Treasurer, Secretary, and the other Officers." The W.M. stated that he was fortunate in having such efficient officers. Their Secretary was very energetic, and had done everything to promote the interests of the lodge. The S.W. was a good man, and would carry out the duties of his next office—that of W.M.—with *delat*. The others were coming on, and would all hereafter give a good account of themselves.

The Secretary, Bro. Hale, in a happy speech, made a suitable reply.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, after a very pleasant evening.

The vocal entertainment was carried out by Bros. R. Douglas Smith, Ham, Jacobs, Davidson, Eedle, Innes, and J. Symmons.

Faith Lodge (No. 141).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 28th ult. Amongst those in attendance were Bros. J. Cockram Taylor, W.M.; Trott, S.W.; White, J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Godfrey, S.D.; Swan, J.D.; Gluckstein, I.G.; Welch, I.P.M.; E. Hopwood, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; J. Ramball, P.M.; Cant. Walls, P.M.; Frommholz, P.M.; W. J. Hakim, P.M.; C. Wetzlar, P.M.; and Langdale, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. William James was passed to the Degree of

a P.C. in a highly impressive manner. The ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. Harry Bell for initiation, but he was unable to attend. The announcement that the respected and venerable Treasurer, Bro. W. Carter, P.M., was confined to his house by severe indisposition was received with universal regret. Bros. Heaphy, P.M.; Coop, P.M.; Hudson, P.M.; and others, sent apologies for non-attendance.

The lodge was then closed. Refreshment followed labour. At its conclusion the lists of toasts was gone through, the W.M. again proving by his utterances that brevity is not only the soul of wit but the acme of after-dinner oratory.

During the intervals some excellent selections of harmony were given by several of the members.

Lion and Lamb Lodge (No. 192).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Bros. Frederick Hughes, W.M.; James Smith, S.W.; T. W. Fisher, J.W.; Thos. Cobu, P.M., Treas.; Henry Legge, P.M., Sec.; Robert Sarson, S.D.; A. J. Holmes, Stwd.; C. Couchman, Tyler; John George Marsh, P.M.; George Kenning, P.M.; J. M. Mower, I.P.M.; Reginald A. Martyn, Frederick D. Lendon, Wm. Baker, and Charles Garton. Bro. Purser, S7, was a visitor.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Wm. Baker was passed to the Second Degree. Mr. Charles Garton was initiated. Mr. John Irwin D. Bevan was proposed for initiation. The W.M., Bro. Frederick Hughes, will represent the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Royal Commemoration Lodge (No. 1585).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the White Lion Hotel, Putney, on Wednesday, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. E. M. Coombe, W.M.; Fayers, Acting S.W.; Grundy, J.W.; Watkins, Treas.; Williams, P.M., Sec.; Barber, S.D.; Tildesley, J.D.; Warlow, I.G.; Collings, P.M. (Hon. Member), D.C.; J. Cox, A.D.C.; G. A. Knight, Org.; Gregory, Tyler; Robinson, P.M.; Collick, P.M.; and A. Wing, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. E. K. H. Knight, and, being unanimously in his favour, he was duly initiated into Freemasonry. A letter was read from Bro. J. Wright, S.W., resigning his office, and the Past Masters present having declined to stand for the office of W.M., Bro. A. Grundy, J.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Collick, P.M., was elected Treasurer vice Bro. Watkins, resigned, after having been Treasurer since the formation of the lodge in 1875. Bro. Gregory was elected Tyler vice Bro. Walkley, P.M. (deceased), and, after other routine business, the lodge was closed.

At the dinner, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and responded to.

The toasts of "The W.M.," "The Initiate," "The W.M. elect," "The Past Masters," and that of "The Officers" were also duly honoured.

Bros. Grundy, Collick, Wing, and Knight assisted in the harmony of the evening.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Wanderers Lodge (No. 1604).—A large number of brethren assembled at the installation meeting of this prosperous lodge held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday, the 11th inst. The members present included Bros. G. W. Musson, W.M.; F. Ogg, S.W.; T. Sims, J.W.; R. J. Scott, Sec.; F. Butterworth, Treas.; Geo. Holland, I.P.M.; H. E. Fraser, P.P.G.S.B., S.D.; W. Thatcher, J.D.; C. Smalcs, I.G.; H. Gardiner, D.C.; W. Coleman, P.M.; J. Gibson, P.M.; G. Boulton, P.M.; H. Folsom, P.M.; W. Fitz Simmons, P.M.; F. B. Luckherst, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. S. F. Garlia, P.M. 1402; L. Engel, P.M. 247; H. Lane, 1614; R. H. Collins, 49; W. G. A. Stephenson, 1424; C. B. Wasser, 1424; T. G. Hodges, P.M. 1695; C. A. Pugh, 2316; J. Lewis, 730 (I.C.); J. Hitching, W.M. 2346; J. Linton, 2411; T. Ainsly, W.M. 2331; G. King, 1314; W. Simpson, W.M. 1524; J. Culver, W.M. 1839; W. Union, 1614; A. Chevalier, 2021; J. R. Morford, 569; C. J. Ogg, 1681; G. Munro, 1425; and W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381.

Lodge was opened, and after the confirmation of the minutes, several candidates were raised to the Third Degree, and Messrs. H. J. Marshall, F. Gilliver, and A. W. Bates were initiated. Bro. F. W. Ogg was next impressively installed as W.M. by Bro. Musson, and was saluted by the brethren with that military precision which is naturally one of the characteristics of the lodge. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. T. Sims, S.W.; H. E. Fraser, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chap.; Capt. F. Butterworth, Treas.; R. J. Scott, Sec.; W. Thatcher, S.D.; C. Smalcs, J.D.; H. Gardiner, I.G.; J. Roberts, D.C.; E. H. Lewis and G. Mann, Stewards; and J. Harding, Tyler.

A Committee of reference was appointed, and the lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet.

After the usual loyal and complimentary toasts,

Bro. Musson, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," with whom, he said, he had been climbing up the ladder ever since they became Masons. From his knowledge of Bro. Ogg, he was sure the lodge possessed a W.M. who was a painstaking Mason, and one who would do his utmost to perform the work in a proper manner, and prove a shining light in Freemasonry. The W.M. was very persevering, and regularly attended the lodge of instruction. Bro. Ogg had started with a good number of candidates to work upon, and he (the I.P.M.) hoped that during the year he would have as much work as he had had, and more if possible.

Bro. F. W. Ogg, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren for the far too flattering and enthusiastic reception. He could only say he would do his very best to uphold the honour of the Wanderers' Lodge. He hoped he might be blessed with a successful year of office and plenty of initiates. As there was a long programme to be carried through, he would only thank them sincerely.

The W.M., in giving "The I.P.M.," said they had always made a boast in that lodge that they had never installed a Master into the chair who had not been able to do his duty. The I.P.M. had thoroughly performed the work connected with a good number of initiates. There had been some excellent Masters, and it was difficult for

successive occupants of the chair to follow them, and for him to make comparisons. It had been a custom when a brother had done his duty faithfully and well for the lodge to recognise in a small way the manner in which he had performed that duty. At the last meeting therefore they voted a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Musson, to whom he now had the pleasure of presenting it. It gave him extreme pleasure to make the presentation, and he hoped the I.P.M. would live long to wear it.

Bro. G. Musson, I.P.M., returned thanks for the kind remarks of the W.M., and the cordial reception of the toast. Although he had not broken the record of Bro. Holland, P.M., he had had a good and successful year of office. They would see by the balance-sheet that the balance brought forward was the highest since the foundation of the lodge. He hoped the W.M.'s remark that they had never had a bad Master applied to him, for he had done his best, and trusted he had given satisfaction. He was proud to be a member of that lodge, and still more of being a Past Master of it. He thanked them for the jewel presented to him, which he should be proud to wear.

The toast of "The Initiates" was next cordially honoured and appropriately responded to.

The Worshipful Master gave the visiting brethren a hearty welcome in proposing "The Visitors," and expressed his pleasure at seeing several brethren of the Brownrigg Lodge, the W.M. and Wardens of the Warrant Officers Lodge, and many visitors who had journeyed from Chatham.

Bro. Hitchings, W.M. 2346, in response, said the lodge he represented was supposed to be an offshoot of the Wanderers Lodge, but it now numbered 103 members, which spoke well for the progress of Masonry. He considered the working of the I.P.M. had been most creditable, and would show the brethren coming on in office what was required of them.

Bro. W. Simpson, W.M. 1524, also replied, and acknowledged his indebtedness to the Wanderers Lodge of Instruction, under Bro. Holland.

"The Past Masters" and "The Officers" were duly given, and a pleasant evening terminated with the Tyler's toast.

A good selection of music was rendered during the evening by Miss Amy Sargent, Miss Lilian Close, and Bros. W. Sycklemore, and W. H. Wheeler.

Rose Lodge (No. 1622).—This well-known and successful South London lodge met on the 1st instant, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. There were present Bros. J. H. Pullen, W.M.; S. J. Derham, S.W.; J. N. Kirby, Treas.; J. Loader, P.M., Sec.; S. W. Ballard, J.D.; W. Dawson, I.G.; W. E. Jeffery, D.C.; Thos. Bowler, Tyler; H. J. Martin, I.P.M.; W. Hamlyn, P.M.; J. Isaac Dunn, P.M.; F. Hilton, P.M.; Geo. Thompson, W. T. Nelthropp, G. W. Niblett, R. Reichenheim, J. Hight, J. H. Reap, J. R. Colegrave, J. Crow, L. T. Chabot, F. W. Williams, P.M.; and J. M. Ellison. The visitors were Bros. W. Hill, 1572; T. H. Salmon, 1475; Joseph Bledon, P.M. 1839; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, from which it appeared that Bro. Derham, S.W., had presented the lodge with three sets of beautiful gauntlets. The W.M., in an impressive manner, raised Bro. Colgrave.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to a very excellent banquet, served by Mrs. Venables, in good style.

The W.M. having given the loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Martin, the I.P.M., in a happy speech, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," remarking that the brethren must have been impressed with the excellent working they had witnessed that evening.

The toast was drunk very cordially, and

The W.M., in reply, stated that he was honoured by his reception. If his working that night and the little he had done for the lodge were satisfactory to the brethren, he was very proud and gratified.

In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. observed that that was the toast of the evening. They had only a few that night, but that was in consequence of the holiday season. He gave them all a hearty welcome.

Bro. Hill responded. He said one always expected good working in the Rose Lodge, but that evening the W.M. had excelled himself.

Bro. Salmon also replied. He had had the good fortune to be present on many occasions. He was always so well received that he could never summon up courage to refuse when invited. He had seen the W.M. in the lodge of instruction work step by step, with the result that he was now perfect in the working of the ritual. The raising that night was done in a sympathetic way, and he congratulated the W.M.

Bro. Bladon, P.M., also responded, remarking that the lodge was favoured in having such efficient officers. The lodge was well known for its hospitality and the musical abilities of its members. Bro. R. T. West also replied.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," and said that their virtues were well known, and their labours in the past had given the lodge the great reputation it enjoyed. He urged the members to follow the example of the Past Masters, and help to maintain the prestige of the lodge. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Hamlyn, Dunn, and Martin.

Bro. Hamlyn, in reply, stated that it was a pleasure to the Past Masters to do all they could for the interests of the lodge.

Bro. Dunn also responded. The Past Masters were proud of the W.M. He never required any assistance from them, and while he was in the chair the lodge would not lose any of its lustre.

Bro. Martin, I.P.M., also replied. It was nine years ago that night that he was initiated in the lodge where he had spent the best and pleasantest part of his life, and he had not missed one meeting during that time.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said that they were both efficient officers, and the brethren knew their capabilities.

They both suitably responded, Bro. Loader, P.M., Sec., stating that they were glad their services were appreciated, and both would continue to assist in any way to promote the welfare of the brethren.

The W.M. next gave "The Officers of the Lodge." He said their guests that evening had been kind enough to say that they were good, and that was gratifying to him. Bro. Derham, S.W., had made great progress, and when his time arrived to occupy the chair, he ventured to think that he would give every satisfaction to all.

Bro. Derham, in responding, stated that he and the other officers would endeavour to make themselves efficient and eligible for higher office.

Bros. Ballard, J.D., and Dawson, I.G., also replied in appropriate terms.

The Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening.

Bros. Geo. Thompson, Hamlyn, Derham, Ballard, Frank Williams, Hilton, Chabot, Salmon and Loader entertained the brethren with songs and recitations.

Farringdon Without Lodge (No. 1745).

—This lodge met at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 27th ult. Amongst those present were Bros. Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., W.M.; N. P. Lardner, S.W.; C. Bachoffner, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; Dr. E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org.; J. W. Hinton, M.A., Mus. Doc., Asst. Org.; Nelson Prover, M.A., I.P.M.; J. Young, P.M.; T. Simpson, P.M.; E. Schultz, P.M.; and Mallett, P.M. 1623, Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. F. Binckes, P.M. 60, P.G. Stwd., P.G.S.B.; L. W. Harvey, P.M. 9; and T. O. Harding, M.A.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. G. R. C. Stoddart and A. W. Smith were raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. H. G. Hunt and T. Shapcott passed to the Second Degree. Messrs. G. Walter, C.C., and M. C. Chandos, who had been previously balloted for, were initiated. The ballot was taken for Bro. J. W. Gaze, P.M. 1768, as a joining member, and proved to be unanimous. Bro. N. P. Lardner was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. H. J. Lardner, Treasurer; and Bro. E. Mallett, Tyler for the ensuing year. The Audit Committee having been appointed, a vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for his services. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. G. Herbert, P.M.; J. Strugnell, P.M.; H. Herbert, J.W.; and many others.

The lodge was then closed, and a banquet followed.

Bro. F. Binckes, in responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers," made an eloquent speech.

During the proceedings Bros. Dr. Lott, Dr. Hinton, E. Schultz, J. Young, N. P. Lardner, Arton, and others instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren.

Galen Lodge (No. 2394).—The second installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 10th inst. Among the members present were Bros. H. W. Roach, W.M.; P. H. Paull, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; J. B. S. Lancaster, Prov. G.S.B. Surrey, S.W.; J. Hodgkin, J.W.; J. W. T. Morrison, Sec.; H. Mathews, S.D.; W. J. Rogerson, S.D.; K. Patcherly, D.C.; P. C. Maitland, I.G.; J. Haskins, Org.; F. Bascombe, Stwd.; W. Thomas, W.M. 2222; Prof. J. K. Green, and others. Visitors: Bros. Geo. Collins, W.M. 2317; A. H. Gale, 2317; W. H. G. Morris, 1673; Hy. Nuding, P.M. 140; J. Holding, J.D. 1538; E. H. Gale Crowdy, P.M., Sec. 2317; Jas. Hughes, P.P.S.G.D. South Wales; C. Passmore, S.W. 2317; D. C. Jones, P.P.J.G.W. South Wales; N. Glückstein, P.M. 504; T. E. Doughty, I.G. 1287; G. R. Watts, P.M. 104; J. P. Parker, P.M. 1538; A. Clinton, and W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes were confirmed, and the Audit Committee's report received and adopted. Mr. J. H. Arrow was next initiated. Bro. J. B. S. Lancaster was presented as W.M. elect, and was impressively installed into the chair by the retiring Master, Bro. Roach.

The following officers were invested: Bros. Hodgkin, P.M., S.W.; Mathews, P.M., J.W.; Morrison, Sec.; Rogerson, P.M., S.D.; Pachtet, J.D.; Maitland, P.M., D.C.; Dr. J. Haskins, Org.; Bascombe, I.G.; Butler, P.M., and W. Thomas, P.M., Stewards; and Harrison, Tyler. Bro. Mackay, who had been re-elected Treasurer, was unavoidably absent through ill-health. Bro. Roach, I.P.M., effectively rendered the usual addresses, and was presented by the W.M. with a handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of services rendered during the past year. Letters of regret for non-attendance were received from several Grand Officers, and the lodge was closed.

After an excellent banquet, the customary toasts were heartily given and cordially received.

Bro. H. W. Roach, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said they were indeed privileged to have such a Mason to preside over them as Bro. Lancaster, who had filled the chairs of two lodges, and was now a Provincial Grand Officer of Surrey. There was no doubt a prosperous year was in store for the lodge, and the brethren would cordially drink the toast.

Bro. J. B. S. Lancaster, Prov. G.S.B. Surrey, W.M., in responding, said the I.P.M. had been very kind in his remarks, and the brethren had been good enough to enthusiastically receive the toast. An honour was done him at the first meeting held with a view to form that lodge, when it was suggested that he should be the first S.W., but with that caution which should at all times characterise Freemasonry, comparisons were made, and it was found that if he accepted that post he would afterwards be occupying the chair of two Craft lodges at the same time, contrary to the Book of Constitutions. Bro. Roach then kindly changed offices with him, and that had resulted in a service to the lodge. They had as their first W.M. a very deservedly popular and well-known member of the Craft—Bro. Paull, P.G. Stwd.—who was succeeded by the brother who had just vacated the chair. He (the W.M.) was now in the chair of a Mark lodge and a Principal of two chapters, and Scribe E. of another, and that did not add to his working in the Craft. His present position reminded him that some years ago he stood before a board—not as now on the square—but he got over the difficulty, and pulled through in a modified degree. He hoped to pull through his present difficult position by their kind assistance. He desired to make the lodge a success as far as he could, and to deserve the enthusiasm and hearty reception accorded him.

The W.M. then introduced an innovation into the lodge in the form of a Charity box, and expressed the hope that it would be well supported at every meeting.

In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. said they had only two Past Masters, and it would be difficult to say anything too good of them.

Bro. H. W. Roach, I.P.M., in response, thanked the brethren for the very handsome jewel presented to him for his services during the year. It was a great pleasure to preside as their W.M., and he only wished his reign had been more prosperous.

Bro. Paull, P.M., P.G. Stwd., also replied.

"The Initiate" having been honoured, the W.M. cordially proposed "The Visitors."

Bro. D. C. Jones, P.P.J.G.W. South Wales, in response, said he thought in the lodge that evening of his first visit to London 30 years ago, when he felt exceedingly lonely. Since then he had visited London on many occasions, but he must say he never experienced so much delight as he had that night. The working he saw was very similar to what he was accustomed, and he began to think he was back at the Caradoc Lodge at Swansea. He was pleased at having visited that noble lodge. The initiation was nicely done, and also the installation ceremony by the I.P.M., and he regretted his Deputy Provincial Grand Master was not able to be present as he had expected. He had made that visit to London more especially to honour Bro. Grose, a member of the lodge, who was also W.M. of the Caradoc Lodge, and whose installation was one of the most magnificent gatherings ever held in South Wales. He was very much obliged to the Galen Lodge for its kind hospitality, which the members of the Caradoc Lodge would be happy to return if the opportunity occurred.

Bros. Watts, Crowdy, and Doughty also replied.

"The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bro. Haskins, Org., presided at the pianoforte, and several brethren assisted in the musical programme, which included two Welsh songs from Bro. Jones, P.P.J.G.W. South Wales.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

ALDERLEY.

Alan Lodge (No. 2368).—The regular meeting was held at the Queen's Hotel, on Wednesday, the 5th inst. There was an initiation and a raising. The former ceremony was performed by Bro. T. W. Markland, W.M., and the latter by Bro. A. Lawley, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec. The following were present: Bros. F. W. Markland, Prov. G.S., W.M.; Jones, P.M.; Stevens, P.M.; Keymer, S.W.; Baxter, J.W.; A. Lawley, P.P.A.G. Sec.; Treas.; W. Ramsden, P.P.G.D., Sec.; Dumbrell-Davies, J.D.; Bourne, I.G.; Henry, Org.; E. A. Crompton, Asst. Sec.; Tomlinson, G. Metcalfe, Fielding, Danby, Clewley, Nuttall, Peterkin, Pope, T. S. Beaumont, and T. W. Beaumont. Visitors: Bros. Henry Smith, P.M., P.G.D.; George McClelland, P.M., P.P.G.D.; G. S. Smith, P.M.; and J. Sherlock.

CANTERBURY.

United Industrious Lodge (No. 31).—An emergency meeting of this ancient lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, on the 25th ult., for the purpose of initiating into the Order Mr. Frank William Ward, son of Bro. Horatio Ward, P.P.G.W. Wilts., when a large number of brethren were present: Bros. E. B. Goulden, W.M.; the Rev. H.M. Maugham, I.P.M. and P.P.G.C.; E. L. Gardener, S.W.; H. H. Mount, J.W.; H. Ward, P.M. and Treas.; J. Plant, P.M. and Sec., P.P.G.O.; W. Ashenden, P.M., D.C., and Prov. G.D.C.; Dr. W. H. Longhurst, P.M. and P.P.G.O., Organist; Frank Baker, S.D.; J. S. Sutton, J.D.; G. J. Drury, I.G.; P. Blake, Tyler; H. T. Sankey, P.M. and P.P.S.G.W.; W. Tice, P.M. and P.P.G.O.; J. E. Wiltshire, P.M. and P.P.G. S. of W.; J. T. Reeves, P.M. 1915, P.P.A.G.D.C.; R. Rhodes, H. M. Biggleston, J. F. Whichcord, Stwd.; R. T. Wheeler, and E. Johnson. The following visitors were present; Bros. the Rev. Montague Williams, P.G. Chap. Victoria; T. H. B'aires, P.M. 1449 and P.G.S.B.; E. Lukey, P.M. 199, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Saunders, P.M. 1915, Prov. G.R.; S. Newton, W.M. 784; T. B. Rossiter, P.M. 972; T. Easton, P.M. 972 and 2305; W. Plant, P.M. 972; Albert Pilcher, P.M. 972; G. E. Tournay, S.W. 972; J. Farmer, J.W. 1449; J. H. Higgins, J. Grundy, W. Halward, and N. Shaw.

The Worshipful Master informed the brethren that the emergency meeting had been called on the requisition of Bro. H. Ward, P.M., and Bro. Ashenden, P.M., to ballot for, and if elected, to initiate Mr. Frank William Ward into Freemasonry. The ballot having proved unanimous, the W.M. then invited Bro. H. Ward to take the chair and initiate his son. The candidate being admitted, the ceremony was performed in a most feeling and impressive manner, every officer was in his place, and discharged his duties in a perfect manner, Bro. Dr. Longhurst presided at the organ, and the musical arrangements were carried out by Bros. Plant, Rhodes, Grundy, Higgins, and Halward, in splendid style. The charge was given by Bro. Ashenden, P.M., Prov. G.D.C.

The lodge having been closed, a most enjoyable evening was passed by the brethren, Bro. H. Ward taking the opportunity of expressing his thanks to the W.M. for allowing him to initiate his son into the Order, and also to the brethren for attending in such large numbers to do honour to him on such a unique occasion, and more particularly to the members of the cathedral choir for assisting in the musical arrangements, which had given great effect to the ceremony. Altogether, that was one of the red-letter days in the history of the lodge, and also of the records of Bro. H. Ward, who has done so much to promote the progress of the various branches of Freemasonry in the ancient City of Canterbury.

DIDSBURY.

Doric Lodge (No. 2359).—The regular meeting was held on Saturday, the 5th inst., at the Didsbury Hotel. There was, as usual, a very large attendance, the following being present: Bros. F. Stretch, W.M.; G. A. Myers, P.M., S.W.; A. K. Boothroyd, J.W.; J. M. Veal, Sec.; John Walker, S.D.; F. Thomas, J.D.; J. Sharples and F. Morgan, Stewards; J. Lawrence, J. Smith, Worcester, Rousell, Dearnerley, Jepson, Wilkinson, J. J. Booth, Ashworth Kay, Katchford, Norris, Baldwin, Clegg, and Metcalf. Visitors: Bros. W. Nicholl, P.M., P.P.G.T.; Smith, 1773; W. Craig Royle, W.M. elect 1170; and C. Shaw.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Fred Stretch, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There were two passings, both ceremonies being performed by the W.M., Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M., S.W., giving the working tools. The lodge was then closed.

DONCASTER.

St. George's Lodge (No. 242).—The annual meeting of this lodge for electing the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler was held in the St. George's Rooms, on Friday,

the 7th instant. Present: Bros. F. Webb, W.M.; G. Newsum, S.W.; F. Rand, acting J.W.; J. Fitzgerald, I.P.M.; C. M. Hartley, Treas.; J. H. Pawson, S.D.; F. H. Buckland, J.D.; G. W. Smith, I.G.; H. C. White, Org.; S. Lester and T. Turner, Stewards; F. D. Walker, P.P.J.G.D.; A. Parkin, P.M.; A. W. Fretwell, P.M.; C. Goldthorpe, P.M., Charity Steward; G. G. Wilkie, W. H. Chambers, J. F. Hanson, J. B. Gibson, G. M. Parkinson, F. Barron, P. Jenner, H. Foster, W. Goodair, C. A. Woodhouse, C. Hopkinson, J. Rayner, H. A. Loundes, and J. Hirst and J. Mason, Tylers. Visitors: Bros. Rev. G. Stock, Chap. 1848; J. Constable, 1482 and 2259; W. Pardon, 1789; and T. Barber, 2259.

The lodge having been opened, the Treasurer produced his balance-sheet as audited, which was very satisfactory. The election for W.M. resulted in an unanimous vote for Bro. E. Newsum, S.W., and that brother thanked the brethren in a neat, appropriate speech. The same may be said in the election of Treasurer, when Bro. C. M. Hartley was re-elected. The Tylers, Bros. Hirst and Mason were also re-elected. Ballots were taken for Messrs. S. B. Castle and H. Barnett, which, being unanimous, those two gentlemen were duly initiated, and Bro. J. Shores was elected as a joining member.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the ante-room for light supper.

MIDDLESBOROUGH.

Orde-Powlett Lodge (No. 2391).—The annual festival and installation of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th instant, when Bro. T. Gibson Poole, J.W., was installed W.M., the ceremony being impressively performed in the presence of a large company of brethren by Bro. Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W. England, Deputy Prov. G.M. After the installation, the newly-elected W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. J. Watson, P.P.G.R., I.P.M.; F. Shepherd, S.W.; J. Holland, J.W.; T. R. Dent, P.G.S. of W., Treas.; W. H. Johnson, Sec.; R. W. Williams, S.D.; H. Nelson Collingwood, J.D.; J. Forbes, I.G.; R. W. Gibbs, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; J. F. Stewart, P.P.G.O., Org.; W. H. Robinson and A. E. Thomas, Stwds.; J. Ingram, P.M., P.P.G.R., Tyler; and W. Holloway, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Charity Representative.

The following brethren were present: Bros. W. J. Watson, W.M.; W. Holloway, S.W.; T. Gibson Poole, J.W.; F. Shepherd, Sec.; J. Holland, S.D.; W. H. Johnson, J.D.; R. W. Williams, I.G.; R. W. Gibbs, D.C.; J. F. Stewart, Org.; H. Nelson Collingwood and J. Forbes, Stewards; J. Ingram, Tyler; H. Thompson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. A. Manners, P.M., P.P.G.W.; T. Hogg, W. H. Robinson, R. Scutson, P.M.; J. Macdonald, R. G. Clayton, C. W. Jordan, A. E. Thomas, A. Scotson, R. Scupham, R. Braithwaite, P.M.; W. J. Bruce, P.M.; R. W. Goldsborough, G. Garthwaite, and W. Hulsmann. Visitors: Bros. R. Gent, C. F. Jarvis, W. A. Hutchenre, P.M.; W. H. Dixon, W.M.; G. Wood, P.M.; J. Thomas, W. Thompson, W. Snaith, A. Kinghorn, R. Davison, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. Graham, S. F. Thompson, W. H. Cowper, P.M., P.P.G.R.; E. F. Wallace, T. Henderson, J. Hornsby, J. Winterschalden, P.M.; C. Foster, and F. Dunstan.

At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, Bro. W. J. Watson, I.P.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett with a magnificent gold jewel, Masonically designed, to embrace his armorial bearings and motto, "Aymeaz Loyaulté."

In the evening a splendid banquet was served at the Wellington Hotel, by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Scarlett, and the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

During the banquet selections of music were played by H. Johnson Laird and Son's band, and much appreciated. The D.P.G.M., on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented to Bro. W. J. Watson, the I.P.M., an illuminated address, testifying of his services to the Craft, especially as founder of the lodge, first W.M., and re-election to the chair for the succeeding term.

SALFORD.

Newall Lodge (1134).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Adelphi-street, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., when Bro. E. Webb, W.M., presided. The lodge was opened and closed in the Three Degrees. The following brethren were present: Bros. G. S. Smith, P.M.; B. Eckersley, S.W.; John Waring, P.M., Sec.; H. Waterhouse, S.D.; J. Ogden, J.D.; A. H. Duffin, P.M., D.C.; R. W. Martin, I.G.; James Green and W. H. Browne, Stwds.; A. K. Boothroyd, A. R. Holden, Henry F. Atkinson, W. Flitt, and N. Jones.

SUNDERLAND.

Phoenix Lodge (No. 94).—A special emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 10th inst., in order to confer the Third Degree on Bro. Dr. C. Vincent. There was a large attendance of brethren, including many of the leading Masons of the town. Bro. W. D. Thompson, Grand Master, presided, and the Degree was conferred in a very impressive manner by Bro. Ald. Levy, P.P.J.G.W., and Bro. J. D. Dodd, P.P.G. Std. Br., who were assisted by Bros. J. R. Pattison, Asst. P.G. Sec.; W. Watson, Shimmis, J. Craig, and Havelock. Bro. L. Campion presided at the organ.

Subsequently a complimentary dinner was held at the Grand Hotel, which was attended by 55 brethren.

After dinner the usual loyal toasts were honoured, and songs were sung by Messrs. Duncanson, Campion, and J. Napier, Mr. Tate recited, and Mr. G. F. Vincent was the pianist.

TEDDINGTON.

Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This lodge met at the Clarence Hotel, on the 29th ult. Among those present were Bros. W. Middleweek, W.M.; W. H. Windeatt, S.W., W.M. elect; B. Müller, S.W.; R. W. Forge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; E. W. Warner, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; F. L. Chandler, P.M., P.P.G.P., S.D.; J. E. Ruffell, J.D.; W. R. Playford, I.G.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.W., Stwd.; J. Barns, I.P.M.; A. J. R. Simmonds, P.M.; Finch, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; and W. J. Porter, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Rogers, W.M. 733; Barrett, P.M. 742; Harvey, P.M. 1314; Ball, 15; Capel, 495; Campbell, 742; Fish, 1238; Hopkins, 1381; Fox, 1512; Strachan, 1638; Bennett, 2012; Wallace, 2331; Hashan, 2458; J. Chilcott, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. H. Windeatt, W.M. elect, having been duly presented, the W.M. impressively installed him into the chair of K.S., assisted by Bros. Finch, P.M., as S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.M., as J.W.; Warner, P.M., as D.C.; and Simmonds, P.M., as I.G.; The following appointments and investitures were made: Bros. B. Müller, S.W.; F. Chandler, P.M. 1656, J.W.; R. W. Forge, P.M., Treas.; E. W. Warner, P.M., Sec.; J. E. Ruffell, S.D.; W. R. Playford, J.D.; W. Smith, I.G.; J. Barns, D.C.; E. J. Packinton, Org.; Capt. Walls, P.M., T. Middleweek, and E. Hall, Stwds.; and Gilbert, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer, and he was presented with a Past Master's jewel. The Secretary formally announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex would be held at Teddington, on the first Saturday in May. It was a special honour to Teddington and to the many local Masons, and he hoped that the members of No. 1793 would attend largely. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M. in charge; H. H. Brown, P.G. Sec.; J. Piller, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and others. Several propositions for initiation at the next meeting were handed in.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

The usual toasts followed.

Bro. Capt. Walls responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers." In the course of his remarks he touched upon the fact that Bro. the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., P.S.G.W., would be installed as their Provincial Grand Master. An important event in the annals of the province. It was to be hoped that the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, would perform the ceremony, and thus give an additional prestige to the occasion.

"The Health of the W.M." followed. The I.P.M., in proposing this toast, said that he had every reason to believe that Bro. Windeatt's year would be more successful than his (the speaker's) had been. There were three candidates proposed that evening for initiation at the next meeting, and he hoped that others would follow.

The Worshipful Master having replied, gave "The Installing Officer." In the course of his remarks he congratulated Bro. T. Middleweek upon the success that had attended his efforts that day. It proved that he possessed a thorough knowledge of Masonry, and it was a pity that his abilities had not had greater scope for exhibition during the past year.

This toast having been duly honoured, the I.P.M. replied. Bros. Rogers, W.M. 733; Barrett, P.M. 742; and Harvey, P.M. 1314, acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors" in very exhaustive and complimentary terms.

Bros. Finch and Porter replied to the toast of "The Past Masters." Bros. Forge, Warner, Müller, and Chandler for "The Officers;" and Bro. Simmonds, P.M., representative of the Masonic Charity Committee for the province, made a stirring speech on behalf of "The Masonic Charities."

During the proceedings Bros. Packinton, E. Hall, J. Chilcott, Hopkins, and Mr. E. Ruffell instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren, Bro. Hopkins's campanological selections being greatly appreciated and re-demanded.

THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—This lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th instant, in the Masonic Room, Peace Hall. Present: Bros. Constable, P.M., W.M.; S. H. C. Ashlin, I.P.M.; G. Kenyon, S.W.; W. Martin, J.W.; A. L. Peace, P.M., Treas., acting Org.; W. P. Robotham, Sec.; J. H. Bletcher, P.M., Almoner; A. Goodhind, S.D.; T. Barber, J.D.; F. T. Turner, I.G.; B. Maskill, G. Eland, F. Pine, Tyler; and others.

The lodge having been opened, a ballot was taken for Mr. E. Hurst, which proved unanimous, and he was duly initiated by the W.M., Bro. Peace giving the charge, and Bro. Goodhind the working tools.

After lodge the brethren sat down to supper, when the usual Masonic toasts were given, and altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

Royal Arch.

Grand Master's Chapter (No. 1).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on the 4th inst. at the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland-avenue, when there were present the following: Comps. Bradshaw Brown, M.E.Z.; Magnus Ohren, H.; T. P. Griffin, J.; Charles Belton, S.E.; F. Gordon Brown, S.N.; John Dimsdale, Treas.; E. W. Stillwell, P.S.; Joseph Rock, 1st Stwd.; W. Kipps, Hon. Org.; E. Fenner, P.Z.; E. M. Morriss, W. A. Colls, Major-General F. Gadsden, George Raltcliff Steel, Richard Eve, P.G.T.; Joseph C. Dimsdale, Newton Dunn, and Thos. Dinvidlie. Visitors: Comps. Charles M. Ohren, 452; Eugene Monteuis, P.D.G.D.C.; W. P. Brown, A.G.D.C.; Charles F. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.S.B.; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928; and Will. E. Chapman, M.E.Z. 1615 and 2190.

The installation and the investitures were the only work before the chapter, and the former were well performed by Comp. Edward Fenner, P.Z. Comp. Magnus Ohren, P.Z., was installed as M.E.Z.; Comp. T. Poultney Griffin, as H.; and Comp. F. Gordon Brown, as J. The other offices were filled by the following companions: Comps. Charles Belton, P.G. Std. Br., Scribe E.; H. H. Crawford, S.N.; John Dimsdale, Treas.; E. M. Stillwell, P.S.; G. N. Johnson, 1st A.S.; Joseph Rock, 2nd A.S.; Richard Eve, P.G.T., D.C.; Richard Creed and J. D. Langton, Stwds.; and R. W. Goldard, Janitor.

After the chapter was closed, the companions adjourned to an excellent and admirably served banquet, and subsequently honoured the usual toasts, which were interspersed with a nice programme of music under the direction of Bro. T. Lawler, with the assistance of Bros. Geo. May and James Gawthrop, and Comp. Charles M. Ohren.

Comp. Dr. Jabez Hogg responded to the toast which included "The Grand Officers," four of whom were present among the visitors, viz., Comps. Dr. Hogg, E. Monteuis, W. P. Brown, and C. F. Hogard. Comp. Dr. Hogg alluding to a reference made to the fact that he was 76 years old that day said he was deeply indebted to the companions for the very cordial and kind way in which they had received

the toast of his health individually. He had happened to be looking through a very interesting communication he received on work in Masonry and he came across the name of Comp. Glaisher. It occurred to him that he and Comp. Glaisher were running very nearly together, but Comp. Glaisher was much his superior in age though his junior in Masonry. Pointing this out to Comp. Ohren, M.E.Z., that distinguished companion had told the chapter what was perfectly true, that he (Dr. Hogg) was 76 that day. Moreover, it was his 40th year in Freemasonry. He had passed a longer time in Freemasonry than perhaps fell to the lot of many. He was happy to meet so many kind friends and companions, both that night and on other occasions. He hoped that would not be the last time when he would meet the companions of the Grand Master's Chapter and the companion who occupied the chair, whose working was so well known in the Craft and in Royal Arch Masonry.

Comp. Magnus Ohren, M.E.Z., in acknowledging the toast of "The Three Principals," which was proposed by Comp. Bradshaw Brown, P.Z., said some of the visitors might consider it strange that the chapter should have only six Grand Officers in it instead of 60. The chapter really was older than it appeared to be. He had a letter from Comp. W. J. Hughan, the well-known Masonic historian, in which he said doubtless the members of the Grand Master's Lodge worked the Royal Arch from 1759 or before, as it is likely the lodge existed prior to the date of the certificate or charter. No warrant was needed for the ceremony of the Royal Arch in those days under the Ancients, and apparently at the Union in December, 1813, No. 1 did not claim a continuance of the privilege by having a warrant granted by the Grand Chapter for 1817 as many other ancient lodges did. That explained what he (Comp. Ohren) said, that had this Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, taken up in that year (1813) the Royal Arch, instead of six or seven, they might have had 60 or 70 Past Principals of the chapter.

The other two Principals also replied. Comp. W. E. Chapman, responding to the toast of "The Visitors," said he never came to the Grand Master's Chapter without enjoying himself, and he was sure every other visitor that evening would say he had enjoyed himself. He was very much pleased with the work in the chapter. As he was in the peculiar position of being M.E.Z. of the Savage Club Chapter and of the Bayard Chapter, he wished some of the companions of the Grand Master's Chapter would come and visit them. They had had already Comps. Belton and Eve, and any companion would receive a hearty welcome.

Comp. Bradshaw Brown responded to the toast of "The Past Principals." He was sorry the installation ceremony was appointed for so early an hour that he could not attend it, but there was this advantage about the circumstance—that it gave him the opportunity of thanking Comp. Fenner for stepping into the breach and performing the ceremonies. Comp. E. M. Stillwell, P.S., responding to the toast of "The Officers," assured the M.E.Z. that they would support him during his year of office to the best of their ability, and they hoped there would be a great deal of work to do. They felt that as officers of No. 1 chapter they were officers of a chapter second to none in Royal Arch Masonry, and they were proud of being officers of that chapter.

Comp. Charles Belton, S.E., gave some particulars of the antiquity of the chapter, which he had been able to place before Grand Chapter Committee, and he contended that, instead of applying for a warrant for a new chapter, they should have applied for a warrant of confirmation. He had sent the particulars to Comp. W. J. Hughan as follows: At the meeting of the Grand Master's Chapter, No. 1, in January last, I had the pleasure to bring before the notice of the companions the interesting fact that the minute books of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, contained entries showing that a Grand Master's Chapter was in active working existence (under a warrant from the Grand Master's Lodge) in the year 1794, and that it continued to meet and exalt brethren for many years after that date. On making this report I was desired by the companions to place the facts before the Committee of General Purposes in order that, if possible, the antiquity of the chapter might be recognised by the Supreme Grand Chapter. I at once proceeded to carry out this request, and herewith beg to submit copies of the correspondence which ensued on the subject. I regret to say that the Committee of General Purposes did not see their way to comply with the wish of the chapter. Although, however, the want of continuity proved a fatal bar to the present Grand Master's Chapter being recognised as the same chapter which existed in 1794, I have succeeded in proving by the Athol books in the office of the Grand Scribe E. that there was an established Grand Master's Chapter at the date mentioned, the names of the exaltees being duly inscribed in such books. In submitting this correspondence to the companions I feel assured that they with me will deem themselves honoured in belonging to a Royal Arch chapter which, although for technical reasons it cannot be recognised as having had a continuous existence since 1794, is without doubt as ancient as the Grand Masters' Lodge itself.—Yours fraternally, Charles Belton, P.Z., P.G. Std. Br., Scribe E.—In the minute book of Grand Master's Lodge it was distinctly stated that the chapter was held under warrant of that lodge, the lodge issued their own warrant, and they exalted their own brethren after the ordinary lodge meeting. There was not the slightest question or doubt that the chapter worked 100 years ago. But as there had been an interregnum, Grand Chapter could not recognise a continuous working for 100 years. The books of the Grand Master's Lodge showed that the brethren of the lodge were passed through the Grand Master's Chapter.

The companions shortly afterwards adjourned.

Duke of Connaught Chapter (No. 1524)—A convocation of this chapter was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 12th inst. Present: Comps. W. H. Lee, Prov. G.S.E. Middx., P.Z., as M.E.Z.; T. G. Hodges, H.; W. Simpson, J.; N. Green, P.Z., S.E.; A. Berry, P.Z.; J. Hoyt, P.Z.; J. L. Payne, P.Z.; W. W. Lee, S.N.; W. Thomson, P.S.; J. Reed, 2nd A.S.; E. J. Turnbull, and H. B. Burgess.

After the confirmation of the minutes, the election of Principals was proceeded with, and resulted unanimously as follows: Comps. T. G. Hodges, M.E.Z.; W. Simpson, H.; W. W. Lee, J.; and W. H. Lee, P.Z., was re-elected Treasurer. Bro. H. B. Burgess, 1524, was then impressively exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. A letter

was read from Comp. Beasley, M.E.Z., expressing his regret at inability to attend through illness. A P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the M.E.Z. as a mark of respect and esteem from the members.

The chapter was closed, and a very enjoyable evening followed the usual banquet.

Anglo-American Chapter (No. 2191)—The installation meeting of this young and progressive chapter was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Monday, the 10th inst. Present: Comps. P. C. Lambert, M.E.Z.; J. J. Wedgwood, H. and M.E.Z. elect; F. W. Frigout, J.; Ed. Stimson, Treas.; W. Towers, Acting P.S.; C. N. Syder, 2nd A.S., S.E. elect; J. N. Cottrell, T. Sydney Smith, G. T. Atkinson, T. H. Clapp, and J. S. Gregory, Janitor. The visitors were Comps. W. Smallpiece, P.Z. 1201; Harold Carter, P.Z. 92; Wm. C. Curtis, S.N. 1472; T. Grumant, P.Z. and Treas. 1275; C. H. Stone, S.E. 1901; Adolphus Clark, P.Z.; E. L. Horne, P.Z. 7; Frederick Orchard, 192; and C. J. Eccleston, 1624.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. T. H. Clapp, P.M. 15, which proved unanimous for exaltation. That ceremony was performed very creditably by the M.E.Z., the lectures being ably rendered by Comp. Adolphus Clark and the M.E.Z. The installation of Principals was next proceeded with, Comp. J. J. Wedgwood being installed into the chair of Z. by Comp. W. Smallpiece in an able manner. Comp. G. Lambert, P.G.D.C., was inducted into the chair of H., as also Comp. F. W. Frigout into the chair of J. The M.E.Z. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Comps. E. Stimson, Treas.; C. N. Syder, S.E.; W. Towers, P.S.; J. N. Cottrell, 1st A.S.; and G. T. Atkinson, 2nd A.S. The investing of Janitor was deferred. Letters of apology were read from several companions regretting inability to attend.

The business of the chapter ended, it was closed, and the companions adjourned to a *recherche* banquet, which was highly appreciated.

The cloth removed, the M.E.Z. gave the loyal and Royal Arch toasts right royally, and as such they were received.

The toast of "The Pro G.Z., G.H., G.J., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was duly honoured, and responded to by Comp. G. Lambert, P.G.D.C., H., who stated the great pleasure it gave him to reply to the toast, for his long connection with the Pro G.Z., Earl Lathom, and also the G.H., the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, he could assure the companions they were most untiring in their labours for the benefit of the companions, and the distance they each came to Grand Chapter, the former from Lancashire and the latter from Cornwall, to perform those duties deserved the hearty thanks of all, which was always most readily accorded them. He heartily thanked the companions on behalf of the Grand Officers.

The toast of "The M.E.Z." followed, presented by Comp. H. C. Lambert, I.P.Z., who stated that the M.E.Z. had the hearty good wishes of all the companions. He wished him a prosperous year of office, with good health that he might bestow his abilities for the good of the chapter.

In reply, the M.E.Z. remarked he was a founder of the chapter and had rapidly advanced to this honourable position. He hoped he might have plenty of exaltees, and would assure the companions the duties should be carried out to the very best of his ability.

The toast of "H. and J." was well given and replied to by both officers in some well chosen remarks.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "The Past Principals" in becoming terms, at the same time presenting the jewel to Comp. H. C. Lambert for the able services rendered the chapter during the past year.

The toast was well responded to by Comp. H. C. Lambert, I.P.Z., thanking the M.E.Z. for such kind remarks of him and pledging himself to do all he possibly could to further the interests of the chapter.

Comp. A. Clark said he had always taken a deep interest in the chapter, was one of its founders and had witnessed its steady growth with much satisfaction. He was about to go immediately to America, and did not know when he should return, but he should ever pray that God would bless and prosper the chapter, and that he should have the pleasure of again visiting the chapter at some future time.

The toast of "The Exaltees" followed. Comp. Clapp replied in terms of appreciation, both of admitting him as a companion and also of the impressive and admirable manner in which that ceremony was carried out. He would endeavour to prove worthy.

The toast of "The Visitors" received a most cordial greeting. Comps. Grumant, Horne, Carter, and Smallpiece very ably responded.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "The Officers," and said he was proud of such an excellent array.

Comps. Stimson, Treas.; Syder, S.E.; W. Towers, P.S.; and the 1st and 2nd Assistant Sojourners acknowledged the compliment.

The Janitor's toast closed a very happy and successful meeting.

A capital programme of music was provided by Comp. Fred Cozens, ably assisted by Comp. Bell and Mr. Fell. Comp. Cozens presided at the piano.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25)—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 10th inst., at "Frascati's," 30, Oxford-street, when there were present Bros. F. Klein, W.M.; J. J. Dixon, S.W.; F. Hewson, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Preceptor; F. Marx, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; J. Blundell, Treas.; F. Bonham, Sec.; W. Freeman, S.D.; A. Becker, J.D.; J. Grose, I.G.; F. Osborn, and M. Taylor.

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. Bro. Osborn having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Osborn being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree. Bro. Marx worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The

lodge having been closed in the Second Degree, the S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538)—A meeting was held at the Yorkshire Grey, Woodstock-street, Oxford-street, W., on Wednesday evening, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. Evenden, W.M.; Lonsdale, S.W.; Mason, J.W.; Osborne, S.D.; Stait, J.D.; Hill, I.G.; Paul, Preceptor; Wilby, Hon. Sec.; Bicknell, Osborne, Ledger, Vigar, and Bonham.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the W.M. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ledger being the candidate. The 4th Section was worked by the W.M. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time. It was proposed and seconded "That Bro. Stait be elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction." Carried unanimously. The W.M. rose for the second time, and the S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. The Audit Committee were appointed—Bros. Mason, Vigar, and Osborne. The W.M. rose for the third time. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 754)—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, when the following brethren were present: Bros. F. Ruthven, W.M.; J. L. Driscoll, S.W.; Broughton, J.W.; J. W. Wilson, P.M., Preceptor; Garrod, P.M., Treas.; B. Stocker, Sec.; Everdell, P.M., S.D.; Brown, J.D.; Sear, I.G.; Bassett, Hall, Wilkinson, Stephens, and Reynolds.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brown being the candidate. Bro. Wilkinson answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Wilkinson being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Hall was elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Driscoll was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the brethren, the lodge was closed.

BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902)—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the King's Arms, John-street, W.C., when there were present Bros. Fred. Reeves, W.M.; Samuel Rashleigh, S.W.; J. Andrews, J.W.; Baldwin, P.M., Preceptor; Chas. Reeves, Treas.; Chas. Cowland, S.D.; W. J. Jubly, I.G.; and W. Bean.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last lodge read and confirmed. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the W.M. and Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of passing was announced, and Bro. Bean having offered himself as a candidate, and answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Bean duly passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and on the proposal of Bro. Baldwin, seconded by Bro. Andrews, Bro. Rashleigh was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. elect briefly responded, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and in introducing the motion standing in his name, stated that he had sent to every member of the lodge a special notice requesting attendance, and it was a matter of great disappointment to him to find so small a meeting. He then proposed the following addition to the by-laws—"That any brother who shall have introduced 12 new joining members, shall be considered to have rendered signal service to the lodge, and shall be entitled to the privilege of honorary life membership." This was seconded by Bro. Baldwin, who stated that such an addition to the by-laws ought largely to conduce to the prosperity of the lodge by inducing the members to bring in fresh blood, and so well the average of weekly attendances. Bro. Rashleigh, in putting the motion, said he was always willing to work for the lodge without requiring any special inducement, but he considered the proposal now before the brethren would certainly help to swell the membership roll, and for his own part he hoped, in a short time, to have the honour of styling himself an honorary life member of the Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction. The motion was then put, and carried unanimously. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425)—A meeting was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. C. T. Brown, W.M.; J. T. Haley, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; C. Godfrey, W.M. 2021, S.D.; Major E. J. Reed, J.D.; D. Gellion, P.M. 1425, I.G.; S. W. Manktelow, Stwd.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177; Tyler; W. Craig, P.M. 1425; C. J. Brown, P.M. 733; J. C. Conway, W.M. 1891; E. T. Ginder, H. Barnett, M. Rosenberg, and G. Weaver.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Barnett was instructed in the duties leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Conway, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair, and resumed the lodge to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Craig being candidate. Bro. Brown, then re-assumed the chair. Bro. Ferguson, assisted by the brethren, worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture. Bro. Haley was elected W.M. for the next meeting—officers to be in rotation. A communication was read from Mrs. Smith. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed, to be entered on the minutes, to Bro. Brown for the able manner he had presided as W.M. for the first time, which compliment was duly acknowledged. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

It is expected that the Prince of Wales will be present at the West Norfolk Hunt Steeplechases, which will take place a few miles from Sandringham, on Monday next.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D., Deputy P.G.M. West Yorkshire, Vice-Patron and Treasurer of the Institution, presided, and he was supported by Bros. Capt. Homfray, Geo. Everett, Peter de Lande Long, E. M. Money, C. E. Keyser, A. C. Spaul, and Sir John B. Monckton.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. HEDGES stated that he had received letters from the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, Earl Amherst, and Col. James Peters, thanking the Committee of the Institution for electing them as Trustees.

Bro. JAMES BRETT, in rising to move the re-election of Bro. Henry Smith as Treasurer, said it afforded him great pleasure to do so. Bro. Smith was so well known that it was unnecessary to say much in recommending to the brethren that they should re-elect him. Bro. Smith was a great supporter of that and the other Institutions of Freemasonry, besides which he has presided over these quarterly meetings for a long time.

Bro. WALTER HOPEKIRK seconded the motion, which was then put, and unanimously carried.

Bro. HENRY SMITH thanked the brethren for this renewed mark of their confidence in him.

Bro. PETER DE LANDE LONG, P.G.D., moved: "That the rank of Vice-Patron be conferred upon Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D. (Honorary Dentist) in recognition of the eminent services rendered by him for many years past to the Institution." He said that Bro. Hogg for 20 years had devoted himself to the interests of the Institution, besides which he had always been a strong supporter of everything that was for the good of Masonry. Under those circumstances the time might be considered to have come when his services should be recognised in a public manner, and it was with this view that the present motion was submitted to the brethren.

Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, P.G.T., seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted *nem. con.* Scrutineers for the election were appointed, and the election of 19 girls out of an approved list of 29 candidates was proceeded with. After the declaration of the poll, the thanks of the meeting to the Chairman of the day and the Scrutineers of votes, were passed unanimously.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. C. E. Keyser, J.G.D., Patron, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. James Brett, P.G.P.; T. B. Purchas, P.A.G.D.C.; C. H. Webb, C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; S. V. Abraham, G.P.; Hugh Colter, Charles Kempton, R. S. Cumming, A. Mullord, J. Newton, H. Mason, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; G. E. Fairchild, A. Durrant, H. Smith, P.G.D.; A. Monk, J. Harrison, Charles Sheppard, S. Cochrane, W. H. Hubbert, J. Dixon, F. Mead, P.G.S.B.; W. Webber, J. P. Fitzgerald, and J. Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary.)

The minutes of the March Committee having been read and verified, the SECRETARY reported the deaths of two male annuitants and two male candidates. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and that of the Finance Committee read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bros. Farnfield, Newton, and Kempton were appointed a Committee to draw up the annual report.

The applications of three widows for the half of their late husband's annuities were granted, and the Committee adjourned, after passing a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. JOHN DARWIN SMITH, P.M. 1658, P.Z. 1269.

The members of the Great Western Railway staff at Smithfield, on the occasion of the retirement of Bro. J. D. Smith, after a period of 42 years' service, wishing to mark their appreciation and esteem, assembled at the White Swan Hotel, Tudor-street, Whitefriars, on the 8th inst., under the presidency of J. C. KINGETT, Esq., the Superintendent, who in presenting the testimonial, which consisted of a beautifully executed vellum framed in oak and bronze, thanked Bro. Smith for his long and faithful service, highly complimenting him upon his irreproachable character, sterling honesty, and undoubted attention to business and the interests of the great company he had represented in all parts of London for a period of 42 years, and trusted he would live many years to enjoy that retirement and rest from the worry and cares of business which he had so justly earned. He therefore, in the names of his colleagues, asked him to accept an address, which he would read before he placed it in his hands.

Bro. SMITH, in reply, said: Mr. Kingett, brother officers and colleagues of the past and present, I hardly know how to find words to express what I would like to say, my heart is too full; it carried him back many many years during which he had the honour and pleasure to serve the Great Western Railway Company. When he looked at the testimonial before him it spoke volumes, it made him feel young again, he had never dreamt that he was so endeared to them as to deserve such kindness and words of praise from those of his colleagues who had just addressed him. He should value that address as long as he lived and would never

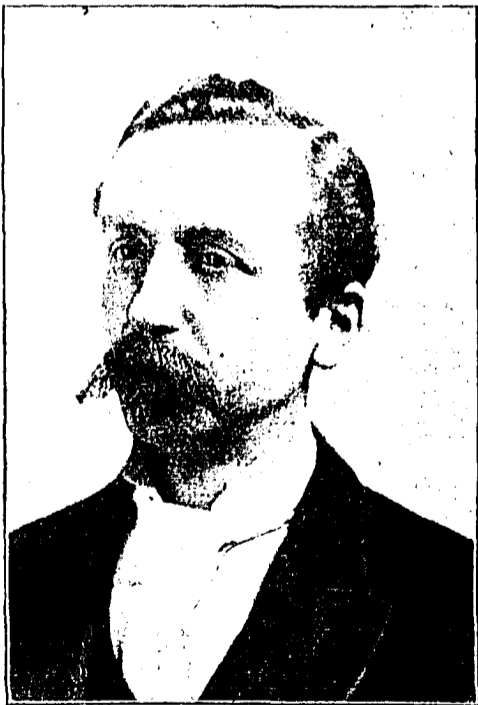
forget this—one of the proudest moments of his life—surrounded by his friends, both old and young; to the older ones who would, like himself, soon be retiring, and the younger who had, he might say, their lives before them, he would desire nothing better than they should meet with that kindness they all had extended to him. In thanking them all if he spoke a volume it would not express more than he felt from the bottom of his heart.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. ROBT. DOUGLAS SMITH,
of Aldgate,

Worshipful Master of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, whose portrait we publish above, was initiated on the 20th October, 1875, in the Lodge of St. George, Aberdeen. He joined the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, on the 17th January, 1883, in which he filled all the principal offices and was installed W.M. He is well known in the metropolis. A report of the Egyptian Lodge appears in another column.



BRO. JOHN H. PULLEN,
of Brixton,

Worshipful Master of the Rose Lodge, No. 1622, whose portrait we publish above, was initiated in the Rose Lodge, No. 1622, in 1886, being proposed by Bro. J. Loader, P.M., and seconded by Bro. H. G. Martin, P.M. He filled all the principal offices in that lodge in which he was installed W.M. He was exalted in Royal Arch Old Concord Chapter, No. 172, in 1890, in which he is now P.S. He is also J. in the Rose Chapter, No. 1622, and is a Life Subscriber to the three Institutions. A report of the Rose Lodge will be found in another column.

The Duchess of Teck and Princess May have expressed their intention of being present at the theatrical performance to be given at the Trafalgar-square Theatre on the 25th inst., in aid of the Invalid Children's Aid Society.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

The annual meeting of subscribers to the above fund was held on the 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, to receive the usual reports and to elect two candidates on the fund. Bro. C. S. Stebbing, J.W. 156, Vice-Patron, presided, and a large attendance included Bros. J. B. Gover, P.P.G.S., Sec.; J. R. Lord, P.P. G.T., Treas.; W. H. Dillon, Asst. Sec.; R. G. Bird, Prov. G.T.; Rev. Dr. Lemon, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Powell, P.P.G.T.; S. Jew, P.P.G.T.; R. Hambly, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. F. Westcott, P.P.J.G.D.; J. G. Kevern, P.P.G.D.C.; N. R. Hammett, P.P.G.P.; W. J. Stanbury, P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. Cornish, P.P.G.T.; G. Whittle, P.P.G.O.; R. Blight, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Griffin, P.P.G.D.; W. Trevena, P.P.G.D.C.; E. H. Littleton, P.J.G.D.; T. R. E. Olver, P.G.S.; James Gidley, P.P.G.S.B.; J. H. Blackell, P.M. 1099; W. Allsford, P.M. 202; C. Watson, P.M. 954; J. Leonard, P.M. 202; W. H. W. Macey, P.M. 1847; Godfrey Evans, W.M. 1550; C. Mutton, I.P.M. 1550; G. Milford, W.M. 1847; E. W. Atherton, P.M. 248; F. R. Thomas, P.M. 189; S. J. Hearle, P.M. 1255; H. J. Barter, P.M. 1247; John Griffin, P.M. 1847; J. Wallis, P.M. 1255; N. Radmore, P.M. 159; W. Cocks, P.M. 106; F. Mabin, 105; E. H. Osmond, 1099; T. Lewin, 1550; and J. T. Rook, 1847.

The Treasurer, Bro. LORD, reported that the total value of the fund at the present time was £1164 9s. 5d., an increase of £100 16s. 10d. since last year, notwithstanding that they were maintaining 17 children on the fund. The concert given a few months since in the Guildhall resulted in an addition of £67 to the fund, and the individual subscriptions of members also showed an increase.

The Treasurer's and Auditors' reports were passed, and the Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary were unanimously re-elected, the proposers and seconders bearing generous testimony to the great devotion and close attention to the work that was ungrudgingly given by Bros. Lord, Gover, and Dillon.

Bros. Allsford and Stanbury were elected as Auditors, and the Finance Committee was re-elected, but on the Educational and General Purposes Committee several alterations were made, Bros. Strode-Lowe, Blackell, Stebbing, and Sweet being elected to succeed others who have previously served on the Committee.

For two vacancies on the fund there were five candidates, of whom three now made their third application, bringing forward to their credit the votes cast for them at the two previous elections.

Bros. Allsford, Sweet, and John Griffin were appointed Scrutineers of the votes, and the election resulted as follows: For the daughter of a deceased brother of Ebrington Lodge 230 votes were brought forward, and to this number 604 votes were now added, making a total of 834. For the son of a deceased brother of Metham Lodge 303 votes brought forward were now increased to 796. These two were elected. A candidate from Torquay (first application) obtained 545 votes, and one from Princetown (also a first application) 113 votes. For the other candidates only 76 votes were recorded, including 28 brought forward.

A motion, of which Bro. Lord had given notice, to vote a special sum to this last-named case was withdrawn, Bro. LORD explaining that from inquiries he had made he had come to the conclusion that if the money were voted some difficulty would arise as to the disposition of it.

Votes of thanks to the Chairman and Scrutineers concluded the business.

INSTALLATION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF STIRLINGSHIRE.

On Tuesday, the 4th inst., there was a large gathering of brethren in Stirling on the occasion of the installation of Bro. George Christie, ex-Provost of Stirling, into the office of R.W.P.G.M. of Stirlingshire, which was rendered vacant through the resignation of Bro. Shaw Stewart, M.P., who has been chosen to succeed his father as Prov. Grand Master of Renfrewshire West. The members of the Provincial Grand Lodge met in the Golden Hotel, and when the lodge had been formally opened, the following deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland was received: Bros. the Earl of Haddington, G.M.M. of Scotland; R. F. Shaw Stewart, Past S.G.M.; Col. Campbell, acting S.W.; D. Murray Lyon, Grand Sec.; D. Reid, Grand Treasurer; Lieutenant-Colonel W. Ivison Macadam, acting J.W.; Allan Mackenzie, Captain Henderson, Wick; R. J. Jamieson, President Board of Stewards; Captain Meddon, Grand Bible Bearer; General Boswell, C.B., G.D.C.; A. Mitchell, J. Carruthers, Mackenzie, W. M. Denholm, and Barton, Grand Stwds.; W. F. Vernon, Kelsc; James Muir, Vice-President of Grand Stwds.; Lindsay Mackersey, Grand Lodge Canada; G. Dobie, Grand Bard; T. Halkett, Past Grand Bible Bearer; and John Davidson, Past President of Grand Stwds.

The members of Grand Lodge, having been marshalled by Bro. General Boswell, were received in due form in the Provincial Grand Lodge by the P.G.M. elect, who tendered to the M.W. the Grand Master the emblem of authority, after which the Grand Master proceeded to instal the P.G.M., which was done in a most impressive manner. In an able and eloquent speech he addressed the newly-installed P.G.M., who briefly returned thanks. The Old Hundredth Psalm was sung, and the benediction pronounced by the P.G. Chaplain. A banquet afterwards took place.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan) For the week ending Saturday, April 22, 1893.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 715, Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel. 1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern. 1641, Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall. 2041, West Kent Volunteers, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30. Duke of Connaught, Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8. Eccleston, Bro. Dickie's, 15, Cambridge-street, Pimlico, at 7. Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8. King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7. Manchester, Old King's Arms, Poland-street, W., at 8. Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7. Urban, Freemasons' Hall. Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's-park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30. Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Ho., 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-street Hotel. 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.

MONDAY, APRIL 17.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Hall. 8, British, Freemasons' Hall. 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern. 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern. 1907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall. 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel. 1694, Imperial, Clot's Restaurant, Victoria-street.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Blackheath, Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Herne Hill, at 8. Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30. Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8. Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30. Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Atlantic-road, Brixton, at 8. Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8. Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd Paddington, at 8. Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30. Marquess of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-st., at 8. Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30. Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30. Perseverance, Daniel Lambert, Lu-gate-hill, E.C., at 7. Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30. Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30. Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8. St. Ambrose, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, at 8. St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) at 8. St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8. St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. St. Michael's, No-land Arms, Addison-rd., North, Uxbridge-rd., 8. Savage Club, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, at 8. Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8. Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6. Tysen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Mon., at 8. United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.40. Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8. Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8. Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, at 8. Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8. Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6. Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8. Israel Chapter, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8. North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 1366, Highgate, Gate House Tavern. 2060, La France, Cafe Royal.

MARK LODGES.

- 173, Temple, Green Dragon, Stepney. 239, Royal Naval, Mark Masons' Hall.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

- 131, Holy Sanctuary, 55, Golden-square.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18.

Board of General Purposes, at 4.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern. 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall. 104, St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hotel. 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall. 1339, Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1695, New Finsbury Park, Holborn Viaduct Hotel. 2022, Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing. 2045, Wharton, White Hart Hotel, Willesden. 2191, Anglo-American, Criterion.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8. Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6. Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone E., at 8. Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.30. Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8. Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30. Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8. Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, corner of Queen's-road and Middle-ton-road, Dalston, E., at 8. Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7. East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 8. Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8. Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8. Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8. Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 6.30. Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30. Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 7.30. Illington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30. Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30. Kennington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, 8. Lily, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30. Mount Edgcombe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E. Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8. New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8. New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8. Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Greatham-street E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 6.30. Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 8.

- Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8. Robert Burns, Old King's Arms, Poland-street, W. St. George's, New Cross Hall, at 8. South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30. Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8. Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., 8. Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8. Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8. Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 1017, Montefiore, Cafe Royal. 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGES.

- 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel. 284, High Cross, Liverpool-street Hotel, E.C.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19.

Board of Benevolence, at 5. General Committee Grand Chapter, at 4.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 1017, Montefiore, Cafe Royal. 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall. Grand Stewards. 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Albion Tavern. Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern. 174, Oak, Freemasons' Hall. 1907, Nelson, Masonic Hall, Plumstead. 700, Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel. 969, Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth. 1044, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall. 1150, Friars, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 1349, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town. 1673, Welcome, Holborn Viaduct Hotel. 1651, Londesborough, Cafe Royal. 2348, Lombardian, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 2409, Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8. Confidence, Deacons' Tavern, 3, Walbrook, at 7. Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, at 8. Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8. Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 160, Battersea-park-road, at 8. Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 7. Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8. Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8. Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8. Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8. Hammersmith, Board Room, Bath and Wash-house Co., Black-rod, Hammersmith, at 7. Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15. Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8. La Tolerance, Yorkshire Grey, Woodstock-st., Oxford-st., at 8. Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8. London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.30. Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30. Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8. Mount Lebanon, Half-Moon Hotel, Boro', at 7.30. New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30. Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 416, Old Kent-road, at 8. Plucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45. Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knight-ridge-street, Doctors Com-mons, at 7. Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8. Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey Green, Catford, at 8. Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8. Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8. St. Leonard, Fr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8. Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8. Strong Man, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 6.30. Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30. United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, Nunhead. United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Buxton-road, at 8. Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30. Warrant Officers, 35, St. Martin's-street, W.C., at 7. Watlington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8. Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 193, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel. 1685, Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone. 2190, Savage Club, 33, Golden-square.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 6, Friendship, Criterion. 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall. 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern. 55, Constitutional, Cannon-street Hotel. 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall. 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford. 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel. 657, Canonbury, Holborn Restaurant. 733, Westbourne, Holborn Restaurant. 1475, Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel. 1613, Cripple-gate, Albion Tavern. 1716, All Saints', Office of Board of Works, Poplar. 1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, Covent Garden, at 8. Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8. Burgoyne, King's Arms, John-street, Bedford-row, at 7. Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8. Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., 8. Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30. Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Lime-house E., at 7.30. Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham. High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8. Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8. Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8. Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8. Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8. Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8. Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, at 5.30. Leopold, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7. Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15. Regent's Park, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8. Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30. Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30. Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8. St. John's, Court House, Halesden, N.W., at 7.30. St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8. Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8. Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8. Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington, 8. The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30. Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 7.30. Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich, 8. Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 7.30. Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bays-water, at 8. Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8. Clapton Chapter, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney, Downs, at 8. Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8. Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 9, Albion, Ship and Turtle Tavern. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

MARK LODGES.

- Bon Accord, Mark Masons' Hall. 357, Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21.

Board of Management Boys' School, at 2.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 975, Rose of Denmark, The Horns, Kennington. 1962, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel. 2157, St. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant. 2346, Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Albion, The Swan's Nest, Great Swan Alley, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7. All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30. Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8. Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7. Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30. Earl of Carnarvon, Kensington-park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting-hill, at 8. Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6. Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8. Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8. Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8. Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8. Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30. Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7. Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7. Queen's Westminister, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8. Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8. Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8. Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8. Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8. Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6. Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, at 8. Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8. The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminister, 7.30 till 9.30. United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8. Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Fri., at 7. Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8. Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8. Mount Zion Chapter, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Fri., at 7.30. Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, 8. Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 1538, St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern. 1591, Studholme, Cafe Royal.

MARK LODGES.

- 226, Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Plumstead. 251, Tenterden, Mark Masons' Hall.

ROSE-CROIXIAN.

- 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-square.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 1541, Alexandra Palace, Holborn Viaduct Hotel. 1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial) For the week ending Saturday, April 22, 1893.

The following is a list of Towns in which the Lodges, &c., whose numbers are appended, meet at the dates given. Further particulars of places of meeting, &c., of Craft Lodges and R.A. Chapters will be found in "The Freemasons' Calendar," and those of Mark, Rose Croix, &c., in "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," both published annually at the office of The Freemason.

MONDAY, APRIL 17.

Table with columns for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, and Lodges of Instruction. Lists towns and lodge numbers for Monday, April 17.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 18.

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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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Bro. the Duke of Fife has very kindly consented to preside at the jubilee festival of the Governesses' Benevolent Institution, which will take place on Wednesday, the 7th June.

Her Majesty has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Bro. the Marquis of Breadalbane to be Lord High Commissioner of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

According to the Registrar-General's returns, the death rate for London fell from 21 to 20.4 per 1000, or 1.3 below the corrected average. The deaths from influenza showed a slight increase.

A "Book of Hours," illuminated with marvellous beauty and finish by artists of the Milanese School, for which some years since the British Museum made an offer of £2000, has been presented to the nation by Mr. Malcolm, of Pollalloch.

The marriage of Mr. George Bancroft, son of Bro. S. B. Bancroft, with Miss Effie Hare, eldest daughter of Mr. John Hare, was solemnised at All Saints' Church, Margaret-street, on Monday, the bride being given away by her father.

Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan, who has been passing the last few days of the holidays in Rome and was expected to town on Thursday, will personally select the members of the orchestra, which he will conduct at the opening ceremony of the Imperial Institute.

The Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury are expected to return to town from Hatfield on Tuesday next, the 18th inst., when the House of Lords will resume its sittings after the Easter holidays. The Marquis has sent a donation of £300 to the Bishop of London's Fund.

The 37th anniversary festival of the Dramatic and Musical Benevolent Fund was held under the presidency of the Lord Chamberlain, Bro. Lord Carrington, at the Hôtel Métropole on Monday evening, when donations exceeding £500 were announced. There was a large attendance of guests, among them being Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, who replied for the toast of "The Drama."

The Paddington Choral Association gave its second concert this season at the Kensington Town Hall on Tuesday evening, when the chief feature of the programme was Mr. J. F. Barnett's cantata, "The Ancient Mariner." The choruses were admirably given, and the soloists gave very capable assistance, especially Master Sydney Lovett, who is gifted with a very sweet soprano voice and a refined style of singing.

The marriage of Mr. John Charles Harford, son of the late Mr. J. B. Harford, with Blanche Amabel, second daughter of the late Bro. H. Cecil Raikes, M.P., was solemnised at St. Peter's Church, Eaton-square, on Tuesday, the Archdeacon of London, the Rev. Walter Raikes, and the Rev. Thornton being the officiating clergymen. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. H. St. John Raikes.

The Royal Commission appointed to consider the conditions under which the amalgamation of the City and County of London can be effected, and to offer suggestions to that end, has been gazetted this week. The members are Mr. L. H. Courtney, M.P., Sir Thomas H. Farrer, Mr. R. D. Holt, Bro. H. H. Crawford (the City Solicitor), and Mr. E. O. Smith.

The Prince of Wales has returned to Marlborough House from his visit to his brother, the Duke of Edinburgh, at Devonport, and on Tuesday he visited his daughter, the Duchess of Fife, at East Sheen Lodge. On the same day the Royal Commission on the Aged Poor resumed its sittings under the presidency of Lord Aberdare, his Royal Highness being present among the members and taking, as usual, a deep interest in the proceedings.

The Queen has been exceptionally favoured with fine weather during her visit to Florence, and has been enabled to visit the chief places of interest in and around the city. On Monday her Majesty inspected the picture galleries at the Uffizi Palace, through which she was conducted by the Cavaliere Ridolfi. On the same day the Royal party at the Villa Palmieri was increased by the arrival of the Princess Louise Marchioness of Lorne and the Marquis of Lorne, who lunched with her Majesty and the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg.

Speaking at a lecture recently delivered in Exeter Hall, the subject being the typewriter, Mr. H. S. Shultess-Young, barrister, said he had been interested in typewriters because it appeared to him that typewriting helped to solve the political question of employment for women. In view of this it may be interesting to note an announcement made on the occasion of the lecture, viz., that the Vost Typewriter Company now offers constant employment to lady purchasers of machines who may wish to augment their incomes by doing copying work at their own homes.

EBBISHAM LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 2422).—The ceremony of installation will be performed on Tuesday evening, the 25th inst., at 6.30, at the King's Head Hotel, Epsom. The chair will be taken by Bro. J. O'Connell, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Surrey, Preceptor, who is also W.M. elect of the mother lodge. Supper will be served at 8 o'clock at a charge of 3s. 6d. Tickets may be obtained from Bro. H. A. P. Genge, High-street, Epsom, on or before the 21st inst. Brethren are cordially invited, and especially Past Masters.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—For the cure of debility, bile, liver and stomach complaints this inappreciable medicine is so well known in every part of the world, and the cur s performed by its use are so wonderful, that it now stands pre-eminent above all other remedies, more particularly for the cure of bilious and liver complaints, disorders of the stomach, dropsy, and debilitated constitution. In these diseases the beneficial effects of the Pills are so permanent that the whole system is renewed, the organs of digestion strengthened, and a free respiration promoted. They expel from the secretory organs and the circulation the morbid matter which produces inflammation, pain, fever, debility, and physical decay—thus annihilating, by their purifying properties, the virulence of the most painful and devastating diseases.—Advr.

Mr. George Herbert Strutt has sent a contribution of £4000 to the funds of the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and suite honoured the Empire Theatre with their presence on Wednesday evening, the 5th inst.

The Marchioness of Salisbury opened a sale of work at Monken Hadley, near Barnet, on Wednesday, in aid of the Parish of St. Saviour's, Walthamstow.

His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief will hold a Levee at the Horse Guards, Whitehall, on Friday, the 24th inst. Applications to attend must be addressed to the Military Secretary.

It is officially announced that on and after the 1st May the London and North-Western and Caledonian Railway Companies will discontinue running second-class carriages between stations in England and stations in Scotland.

The Duke of Westminster has kindly lent Grosvenor House for a meeting, which will be held on Friday, the 21st inst., on behalf of the Young Women's Christian Association. The Duke will kindly preside on the occasion.

Sir A. K. Rollit, M.P., opened the fourth Industrial Exhibition which has been organised by the Holborn Saturday League in the interests of the working classes, and which is held under the patronage of the Prince and Princess Christian, the Duchess of Albany, and the Duchess of Teck.

A concert will be given at the Public Hall, Gravesend, on Thursday next, the 20th inst., in aid of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, of which the Princess of Wales is President, under distinguished patronage, and with a programme in which the names of several eminent artistes appear.

The Duke of Cambridge has generously undertaken to preside at the anniversary festival, which will be held on Monday next, the 17th inst., in aid of the funds of the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell. The Charity is located in one of the poorest neighbourhoods in the East-end, and well deserves support.

On Monday, May 1st, Mr. Gilbert Dalziel will publish from 99, Shoe-lane the first number of his new weekly comic paper. The title is "Larks," and the price is one half-penny. A strong staff of artists and authors has been got together, and the paper insures against railway accidents in the sum of £50.

The anniversary of the declaration of Greek independence was publicly celebrated throughout Greece on Wednesday. The King and Queen and the members of the Greek Royal Family, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, the Duke of York, and their respective suites attended the solemn Te Deum, which was sung in the Cathedral at Athens in commemoration of the event, and there were also present Bro. Rear-Admiral Markham and a number of British officers, as well as the Diplomatic Body.

MASONIC PRESENTATION IN LIVERPOOL.—At the meeting of the Neptune Lodge, No. 1264, held on the 4th inst., an interesting part of the proceedings was a presentation to Bro. William Kohn upon the occasion of his leaving Liverpool to reside in South Africa. The W.M., Bro. E. B. Ironside, in proposing "The Health of Bro. Kohn," spoke of his many services to the lodge, and on behalf of the brethren, asked his acceptance of a suitably inscribed gold cigarette case. Bro. Kohn replied in suitable terms.

The Masonic body, after the splendid success of the fete last year, have been enlarging their school at Ball's Bridge, and have plans and estimates for additions to their schools, which would cost between £11,000 and £12,000 to complete. At the board meeting of the Masonic Female Orphan School held recently it was resolved: "That in consequence of the very great uncertainty as to the future for Ireland, it is not expedient to spend any more money at present on buildings, and that directions should be at once given to stop further expenditure on new work."

The Prince of Wales was present at the reception given by the directors of the New Gallery, which is still occupied with the Burne Jones collection of pictures, on Wednesday, when a numerous and distinguished company were present to meet his Royal Highness. Cardinal Vaughan, the Lord Mayor, the Austrian Ambassador, Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Carmarthen, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Arran, the Countess of Jersey, the Dowager Countess of Airlie, and Lord and Lady Sinclair were among those present.

A NEW MASONIC HALL FOR CARDIFF.—Negotiations are in progress for the acquirement by the united lodges in Cardiff of Guildford-street Chapel for the purposes of a Masonic hall. The purchase has, we understand, been almost completed, but the new premises will not be Masonically occupied for, at least, 12 months, as the lease on the present hall has some time yet to run. If the negotiations are carried to a successful issue the chapel will be structurally altered so as to be made suitable for its new purposes, and it will then afford much better accommodation than the building at present utilised for Masonic purposes.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress gave what is known as the Easter Banquet at the Mansion House on Monday, there being present a distinguished company of guests, among whom were the Duke of Cambridge, the Bishop of London, who preached the Spital Sermon this year, the Italian Ambassador, Count Melternich, of the German Embassy, Bro. Alderman Sir David and Lady Evans, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, Bro. Alderman Sir James Whitehead, Bart., and Lady Whitehead, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Wilkin, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Renals, Bro. Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., and Lady Ellis, and Bro. Sir Charles Hall, Q.C., M.P.

The Princess of Wales and her son and daughters, on board the Royal Yacht Osborne, were met at Corfu by her brother, the King of Greece, on board his yacht, the Sphacteria, and the Royal party reached Corvuth on Monday morning, when they were met by the British Minister, Mr. Egerton. At Athens the King and his guests were received by the Queen of Greece, the Crown Prince and Princess, and other members of the Greek Royal Family, and the whole party drove to the Palace, the reception accorded to the Princess and her family being exceedingly cordial on the part of the inhabitants and the many foreign visitors to the Greek capital.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and suite witnessed the performance of "The Magic Ring" at the Prince of Wales' Theatre on Thursday evening. ||

The Duke of Connaught, Colonel of the Scots Guards and Colonel-in-Chief of the Prince Consort's Own Rifle Brigade, General commanding the Southern District, has been gazetted full General, Supernumerary on the Establishment, his commission as such dating from the 1st instant.

The annual dinner of the Red Rose Club, which consists of officers of Lancashire regiments, took place on Thursday at the Grand Hotel, Charing Cross. The guest of the evening was Major-General Sir Francis Grenfell, Deputy-Adjutant General of the Auxiliary forces, and there was a representative gathering of members.

Mr. R. K. Causton, M.P., will take part on Saturday in the closing meeting of the popular winter gatherings in the Lambeth Baths. The concluding service on Sunday evening will be under the presidency of Mr. W. Saunders, M.P., L.C.C.

Sir Charles and Lady Hallé have kindly promised to give their services on the occasion of the concert which the Stock Exchange Orchestral Society have arranged to hold at St. James's Hall on Tuesday, the 9th prox., in aid of the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

The Working Men's Lord's Day Rest Association at their meeting on Monday at the Holborn Restaurant, Sir Douglas Fox being the chairman, passed a resolution appealing to the Government, to both Houses of Parliament, to the London County Council, and to the Court of Common Council to uphold the laws which secure to the people their right to the rest of the Lord's Day.

Bro. Littler, Q.C., is of opinion that, considering the large amount of undetected crime in the country, and the number of known habitual criminals, it would go a long way to diminish crime if means could be adopted by which the Superintendent of any district could be given authority to call upon any habitual criminal to state privately before a magistrate what he was doing to earn an honest livelihood.

The National Sunday League gave a concert on Sunday afternoon at the Holborn Workhouse, Grays's-inn-road. At the close of the entertainment, which was very heartily enjoyed by the poor people present, a vote of thanks was accorded with great enthusiasm to Mr. Alderman Treloar (the president), the council, and officers of the League for this new and acceptable mode of ministering to the poor inmates of metropolitan workhouses.

The City companies are responding liberally to the appeal made to them for subscriptions towards the prize fund of the forthcoming National Workmen's Exhibition. Those that have already sent contributions include the Mercers' Company, £100; the Grocers' Company, £105; the Goldsmiths' Company, £100 (with another £100 for prizes in industries connected with the goldsmith's art); the Clothworkers' Company, £100; the Leathersellers' Company, £26 5s.; the Saddlers' Company, £25; and the Cordwainers' Company, £10 10s.

We regret to announce the death on the 9th inst., after a short illness, of Bro. Thos. Brailey, of 14, Darenth-road, Stamford Hill. About a year ago our brother sustained a heavy bereavement by the death of his wife, and this was doubtless the main cause of his falling into bad health. Besides having passed through the chair of his lodge, Bro. Brailey was a Past Provincial Grand Officer of Kent, and also took an active part in founding the Cornish Lodge, No. 2369, about three years since. The funeral took place on Thursday at Chingford Mount Cemetery.

A prominent London actor takes exception, says the *City Press*, to the view expressed by Mr. Pinero in *Salva's Journal*, that the theatres are affected by the state of affairs in the City. His opinion is that the public will go to the theatres whatever be the condition of the commercial world. Give the people good plays and they will not hesitate to go and see them. That, in his opinion, is the secret of any depression there may be in the theatres—the lack of really good plays. The playgoers pay good prices, and they demand a good article in return. Those houses, he contends, that give good value for money are most patronised, and always will be.

It appears that after all the report of an attack on a Masonic temple, and the shooting of an American Consular agent in Peru is correct. The affair occurred at Mollendo, and the riot was caused by the American Freemasons disobeying an edict of the Catholic bishop against the performance of Masonic ceremonies. As soon as the remonstrance of the American Minister was received, the Peruvian Government immediately ordered the removal of the Sub-Prefect of the Province in which Mollendo is situated, and, after expressing regret, promised reparation. The United States Government has accepted the satisfaction offered. In the anti-Masonic riots at La Paz, Bolivia, with which the Mollendo riot was at first confused, five men (says Reuter) are reported by the *Herald* to have been killed.

In memory of the late Earl Granville a tower and peal of bells have been erected at the new parish church, Walmer, and on Thursday, in the presence of a large company, the Archbishop of Canterbury conducted a special dedicatory service. In the course of his address the Primate remarked on the great interest which Lord Granville took in the church, with all its historical associations. Lady Herschel unveiled a memorial tablet, the inscription on which, read by the Lord Chancellor, was as follows: "This church was completed, with the tower and spire and peal of bells, A.D. 1892, to the glory of God, and in the memory of the late Right Hon. Granville George Leveson-Gower, second Earl Granville, P.C., K.G., for over quarter of a century the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, and a resident at Walmer Castle. Born May 11, 1815; died March 31, 1891. The cost was defrayed by the public subscription of the numerous friends and admirers of the late Lord Warden." The tablet, which is surmounted by the Cinque Ports arms, is of mosaic work, beautifully executed in Sicilian alabaster, and bordered by the Cinque Ports colours.

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