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THE PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

West Yorkshire, through its esteemed Past Provincial Grand Master (Bro. THOMAS W. TEW, J.P.) has done far more than any other Province to stimulate Masonic study and research. Thanks to Bro. TEW and the Honorary Librarian (Bro. WILLIAM WATSON, of Leeds), the one providing the means without any stint, and the other giving time and study without any remuneration, all the copies of the "Old Charges" in Yorkshire—excepting those at York—have been transcribed and published, and in many ways else these brethren have co-operated with others in making the Province the chief Masonic literary centre, out of London, of Masonic activity and research. All the warrants in the Province have been photographed, and already this novel, but excellent scheme has been proved to be useful, in consequence of a disastrous fire having led to the destruction of one of the charters.

Another instance of activity and originality is to be found in a volume just issued from the press of Messrs. BECK and INCHBOLD, of Leeds, viz., the "Record of the Installation of the Rt. Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., &c., as the Prov. G.M. of the West Riding of Yorkshire at the Albert Hall, Leeds, 27th September, 1893," by the Earl of LATHOM, M.W. Pro G.M. of England.

This imposing-looking work has an introduction by Bro. WILLIAM WATSON, P.M. 61, &c., of an important character, dealing as it does with the origin of the Grand Lodges of England, the formation of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the West Riding in 1738 (not Yorkshire, as is generally supposed), and the progress of the local Craft from the fourth decade of last century down to the present year of grace. Bro. WATSON also furnishes "Notes on the Leeds Lodges," beginning with the year 1754, and ending with the latest lodge of A.D. 1884. Few could accurately have written this part, and undoubtedly the compilation adds much to the interest and value of the publication.

The esteemed Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. HERBERT G. E. GREEN, has likewise written for this choice volume, "Historical Notes," which in chronological order give all the chief Masonic events in relation to the Province of West Yorkshire from 1738 to November 27th, 1893, occupying nearly 30 pages, and being of considerable utility and exceptional importance.

Of the account of the installation we need say nothing now, save to remark that it is well done, and most complete in character; and the volume being illustrated, adds much to its artistic effect, as well as general interest for the brethren. It is the best work of its kind ever issued, and though some 1500 copies have been printed, we understand the edition is nearly exhausted.

NEW MASONIC HALL FOR NORTHUMBERLAND.

Although the Province of Northumberland has long held high rank as one of the most charitable provinces; one likewise noted for correctness and perfection of its "work," and one where the most lively vigour and earnestness in the Craft is phenomenal, yet, strange to say, it does not possess a hall or building of sufficient size or accommodation to permit of the assembling of the Provincial Grand Lodge, or where Masons can meet in large numbers or hold their annual festivals. True, several years ago a beautiful but small Masonic Hall was erected in Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, but it soon proved far too limited in size for any purpose save for ordinary, and not too largely attended, lodge meetings, and furthermore—being situated far from the centre of the town—only about one-half of the Newcastle lodges and chapters met there, whilst the other half had to be content with meeting in the upper room of a building in Grainger-street West, while Provincial Grand Lodge had to be accommodated at public Assembly Rooms.

The whole Fraternity for long had therefore felt this state of things to be anomalous, but it was only when the enormous growth of the Craft which has during the last decade taken place in the province demanded a very great increase in accommodation, that the brethren were compelled to take steps to secure for themselves a much larger and more suitable hall in some central position, where the growing wants of the lodges and chapters, &c., could be suitably met, and to erect a large central hall or temple worthy of the Craft.

Accordingly, at a representative gathering of all the lodges, a Committee was appointed to see what could best be done in this direction, and if possible to secure a suitable site centrally situated.

Months were spent in the search, but at last a Sub-Committee was fortunate enough to secure four properties adjoining each other—situated in the very heart of the city—at a very reasonable figure, having regard to this important position, and occupying an area of over 800 square yards.

Straightway upon these several properties being secured a limited liability company was formed, having for its Honorary Chairman the R.H. and R.W. Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland; as Chairman, Bro. Alderman R. H. Holmes, J.P., the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master; and for a Board of Directors an assembly of brethren representing all the Newcastle lodges. Competitive plans were advertised for, these plans submitted to an arbitrator (Bro. C. Barry, P.G.S. of Wks. Eng.), and the successful architect found to be Bro. J. Johnstone, of Queen Victoria-street, London, who was at once appointed Architect to the Company.

It may be stated that the reason for fixing upon Newcastle as the most suitable place for a building for the province arose out of the fact that it is the only large town in the province, and contains over one half of the Masons of Northumberland; but, besides this, the outer or Allied Degrees of Masonry, in which Northumberland takes a foremost place, are all "worked" in Newcastle, and their annual assemblies and convocations held there, and, as the new hall had to afford facilities for the whole Masonic and Allied Degrees, no other place than Newcastle could possibly be fixed upon.

Bro. Johnstone's plans were subsequently, and after most careful consideration under direction of the Board, materially altered and extended, and as a consequence the new erection will prove to be one of the finest and most suitable Masonic temples in the kingdom, and in design and adaptability excelled only by the Freemasons' Hall, in Great Queen-street, London.

As a few words about the new hall will be interesting to the general Fraternity, we add a short description of the interior arrangements, &c., and hope later on to send a sketch view of the exterior for reproduction in your valuable paper.

The front of the building is to be in Pilgrim-street, which will ultimately be one of the main thoroughfares of the city, and it will be of imposing appearance. The grand entrance leads direct by "seven" steps to the central lobby, and to a spacious corridor leading to the retiring rooms for both ladies and gentlemen, for the whole of the ground floor is devoted to public reception and ball rooms. The large ball room is 72 feet long, 36 feet wide, and 25 feet high, and it is arranged, not only for use as a dancing room, but for large meetings, concerts, lectures, &c., and for Masonic banquets. It will accommodate between 500 and 600 persons for meetings, 150 to 200 couples for dancing, and for 250 diners at banquets.

A ball supper room and Masonic committee rooms, &c., occupy the entresol floor, while large doors shut off the upper portion of the building, which is exclusively devoted to Masonic uses.

The first floor contains: Provincial Grand Lodge room of the same size as the large ball room below, Tyler's rooms, assembling rooms, smaller lodge room (over half the size of Provincial Grand Lodge room), &c.

The second and third floors contain Mark Masters' lodge rooms, R.A. chapter rooms, K.T. encampment rooms, with all necessary offices, while over all, in the highest storey, are the kitchens and larders, and connected by lifts with each floor of the building.

The entire hall will be lighted with the electric light, warmed by hot air, and the most approved system of ventilation will be adopted. The cost of the hall, exclusive of the site, will be from £14,000 to £15,000, and from these figures, and the short description here given, some idea of the magnitude of the work may be gathered.

Perhaps a word about the company itself may here be of advantage.

The directors have laboured incessantly for nearly two years at the work of forming and formulating their plans, and the greatest conceivable difficulties have been met with, only, one after the other, to be, by patience and perseverance, overcome, until now the directors are in the happy position of being able to sign the contract for the building with Messrs. J. and R. Lowrey, one of the best and most trustworthy firms of builders in the North of England.

The whole capital of the company is not yet subscribed on account of so large a sum as £35,000 (the total nominal capital of the company) being somewhat difficult to arrange in so limited (having regard to the size of the province) an area as Newcastle, and many of the country lodges having small halls of their own; but sufficient shares have been taken up, and sufficient money borrowed on debentures, to enable the work to be commenced at once, and to carry it on to successful completion, while an assured income of over £1500 per annum can safely be relied on as soon as the hall is finished, and ready for occupation and letting. The company and directors are to be congratulated also upon their selection of site, as since the purchase was effected the value of it has materially increased, and will continue to increase year by year.

The possession of this ample and convenient building will have the effect, it is confidently believed, of still further stimulating the advance of Masonry in Northumberland, and extending the principles of the Craft in no little degree. More lodges are urgently required, many of those now existing having become large to unwieldiness; new "outer" Degrees are being added yearly, and no one can foretell the extent to which Freemasonry will grow in Northumberland in the near future. There are few, if any, provinces which excel Northumberland for harmony of "work" and intercommunication of "lodges," and the goodfellowship which the new hall will, it is trusted, do much to extend, should bear fruit in increased numbers and in increased subscriptions to the great Masonic Charities, thus materially benefiting the whole of the Craft.

Should any brother desire to know more about this new Masonic Hall Company, Limited, the Secretary, Bro. W. C. Foster, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., will be glad to afford full information. His address is 9, Grainger-street West, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

It may be added that the styles of the various rooms in the new temple will be pure Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian respectively; but that under a so well-known Masonic architect as Bro. J. Johnstone, beauty of design and also of finish is of course fully assured.

In the course of a very short time the "corner stone" will be laid by, it is hoped, some highly distinguished brother of the Craft, and this event should be a function long to be remembered by the whole northern Fraternity. Although full particulars of this ceremony cannot at present be given, they will be fully announced in due time.

"NOR SUFFER THE SAME TO BE DONE BY OTHERS IF IN MY POWER TO PREVENT."

Shirking responsibility is one of the weak features in humanity evidencing a lack of moral courage. We are all more or less inclined to entrench ourselves behind the bulwark of "none of my business," and permit the sin of omission to triumph. The first great criminal on record asked the question from the standpoint of irresponsibility: Am I my brother's keeper? And ever since the adage of "mind your own affairs" has sought for and gained a strong grasp upon the duty we owe our neighbour. Freemasonry has as one of its great dominants this duty clearly defined. We are all obligated not only not to wrong a brother, but when we can we are to prevent a wrong being done to him. In fact, that portion of our O. B. makes us our brother's keeper. Now, it is to be regretted that while the sin of commission in doing a personal wrong to one who has kneeled at the same altar with ourselves may be avoided; still the sin of omission is so frequently lost sight of. How many there are who in the various walks of life, the avenues of trade, the battle for existence by hand, brain, or tongue, have to reflect with sorrow upon the absence of brotherly guardianship when most needed in the warning voice or the kind fraternal words of advice which were lacking in the crucial moment. Do we think sufficiently about this annex to our moral responsibility? Do we fully realise the imperative necessity resting upon us to do as we would be done by? Do we think that by a cowardly neglect of some negative duty we owe to a brother we have done him a positive injustice or injury fully as bad as though we had conspired with his enemy to cheat, wrong, or defraud him? We have often thought that a "warning sign" in Masonry should be more clearly defined. It may be in the superior Degrees, but where the masses of the Craftsmen are found it is conspicuous by its absence. All other secret societies have this method of giving warning of immediate or approaching danger, and it should be found in a society that is the progenitor of all others without the necessity of proving you or he belong to the Sons of Light. When Mrs. Lease starts her "reformed Masonry" we trust she will establish some sign by which her confederates will know the presence of a cowan or eavesdropper. The lady has the hint at first cost and can add it to her esoteric knowledge. But seriously, there should be more attention paid to the language of the O. B. All, or nearly so, can repeat this solemn promise from first to last. Would it not be a good mental exercise some night when your eyes are not inclined to close in sleep to go over it sentence by sentence and with the close of each see how closely you have kept the spirit and letter of what you invited God and men to witness? Ah! how much will be found to be worn and weatherbeaten by the "sin of omission" stealing away the duty pledged to a brother, but in many instances neglected.—*American Tyler.*

WISDOM AND WHAT.

Bro. W. R. Cunningham, writing in the *Voice of Masonry*, thus concludes an article on Masonic research and the reproduction of old manuscripts and records of Scottish and English lodges:

In conclusion, the writer may be permitted to say that, although thus far but comparatively little attention has been given by Masonic writers to other than generalities in relation to the dual features of Freemasonry in considering it under its two denominations of Operative and Speculative; whilst there may be in their separate consideration and a careful analysis and study of all features pertaining thereto, whether historical, practical, or speculative, a possibility of throwing much light upon that which is as yet obscure or contradictory; and the difficulties met with in the endeavour to harmonise its history with its traditions and ritual may be overcome by a correct understanding of its symbolism. It is a matter of congratulation that the "One Degree" theory, and the theory of a common origin and connection with ancient "Trade Guilds" have now been very generally abandoned by Masonic writers, and when it is considered that as late as 1675 a regulation was enacted by the Lodge of Melrose restoring the term of service of th

"Prentisses" from three or four years to seven years, without mention of any difference between the Operative or Speculative, and as it is well known that the Regius and other old manuscripts and copies of the Ancient Constitutions and regulations not only show that many of the requisites to be possessed by the apprentice could only refer to those who were candidates for its Speculative mysteries, but also show that its two characteristics of Operative and Speculative were then as now pertinent to the Institution. Hence it may be reasonably inferred that it was not at all improbable that a difference existed in the initiatory methods or ceremonies of each—and whilst the "Masson Word," &c., may have been, in the Scottish lodges, communicated in a very "simple manner," yet it is not shown that there were no other Masonic ceremonies, either in initiatory or other connections, but on the contrary the Ancient Constitutions, history, charges, songs, &c., in their possession were evidently for a Masonic purpose, and how or when in what connection used, that use was in itself a ceremonial. And in this connection the very existence of these ancient time-worn manuscripts and the consequent regulations and charges, are a sufficient proof of the existence of Masonic ceremonials, whilst the manner and mode of their use is a matter of much less consequence than their symbolic signification.

The speculative character of Freemasonry must have been, to some extent at least, understood by the general public even as early as 1721, as Dr. Stukely says that "His curiosity led him to be initiated into the mysteries of Masonry, suspecting it to be the remains of the mysteries of the Antients."

As the spirit of Freemasonry is its Speculative or Symbolic character, as built upon the Operative, a careful and patient analysis of the two denominations under which it is considered, viz., "the Operative and Speculative," must first be made before we can hope to arrive at even approximately correct conclusions concerning its Ancient Records and Ceremonies, or in obtaining satisfactory results in harmonising its history with its traditions and ritual; and whilst its remote history, outside of these ancient manuscript regulations and fragmentary records, is but the opinion, in their deductions, of its writers, yet we know that its grand principles embodied in the two great Commandments, that "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind," and "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself," are now, as they were in its inception, "its sure foundation," and from which has been evolved its inculcations of "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth," contained in the practical lessons symbolised by the "Operative," which is also, in its practical character, the Symbol of Patience and Endurance, the Operative, therefore, signifies or represents that "good foundation upon which is to be built a life in accordance with Divine Truth," and is the rational and natural foundation of the "Speculative," which symbolises the Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty of the Superstructure, and thereby illustrates the erection of that "Moral and Masonic Edifice," or temple, represented by the perfect man.

THE NUMERICAL GROWTH OF MASONRY.

There are nearly 700,000 affiliated Master Masons in the United States, the exact number at the time the statistics were prepared being 689,587. This was an increase of 23,005 over the previous year. The Craft is growing in almost every country where it is established, and especially rapid is the growth in Great Britain, where the Fraternity, as it is organised to-day, had its start. While we are glad to see our ancient and honourable society gaining in membership, we cannot but think that its rapid growth is going on at the expense of the quality of the personnel. We are glad to see our lodges adding to their rolls and to their funds. But it were better to grow slowly and to be poor in point of treasury balance than to confer degrees on men who are unworthy of them. In England, where the numerical increase is exceptionally great, the wiser and more thoughtful brethren are deploring the fact that so many ignorant and indifferent men are found among the candidates, and are calling upon the lodges to "go slow." And many of our prominent brethren in the United States are sounding a warning to the Craft in this country.

The importance of scrutinising the character and the calibre of candidates cannot be too strongly impressed upon the lodge members. Too many members of lodges are so amiable that they will not blackball a candidate, even if they suspect that the candidate is a person who would not make a good Mason. Masonry regards not the worldly wealth or honours of a man, but it claims to regard the internal qualifications of a candidate. A man who crosses the threshold of our society should be a man of honour and virtue. He should also be a man with something of a Masonic mind and heart—that is to say, a mind to appreciate the beauties of our ritual and our symbols, and a heart full of kindness, ready to respond to the appeals of those in need. We would be delighted to see the membership in the United States larger than it is, provided all the members were good and true Masons. But a small band of earnest, appreciative, loyal Masons would reflect far greater credit upon our institution than a roll of a million, half of whom would be immoral or sordid men or drones.—*Rough Ashlar.*

ORDER OF CARBONARI.—Properly the charcoal burners. The "Handbuch" says, and we agree with it, that it sprung up in Italy, in the early part of this century, though it may have had something to do with other such societies, which were prolific at the end of the last century. Some have affirmed that there was a society in France of "Charbonniers" and "Fendeurs," and "Bons Cousins," from whom the Carbonari also took the appellation of "Bons Cousins." They claim for themselves a high antiquity, and their patron saint is St. Theobald. They appear to have borrowed many of their forms from Masonry, but as a secret political order we entirely agree with Mackey that they are "entitled to no place" in a Masonic cyclopædia, except, perhaps, to give us an opportunity of repudiating the notion that they are in any way, however slightly, really connected with Freemasonry.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia.*

Scotland.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND.

The annual meeting of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., when the following companions were elected and installed to the undermentioned offices for next year: Comps. The Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington, 1st Grand Principal; J. Dalrymple Duncan, Depute Grand Principal; Major F. W. Allen, 2nd Grand Principal; C. C. Nisbet, 3rd Grand Principal; R. S. Brown, G. Scribe E.; J. MacNaught, G. Scribe N.; James Melville, G. Treas.; John MacLachan, G. Recorder; John Campbell, G. Chancellor; John Carruthers, 1st G. Soj.; J. Simpson, 2nd G. Soj.; W. Munro Denholm, 3rd G. Soj.; W. R. Maitland, Bart., G.S.B.; W. Iverson Macadam, G.D.C.; James H. Forshaw, G. Dep. D.C.; John M. Dick-Peddie, G. Supt. of Wks.; Captain Alexander A. Spiers, 1st G. Std. Br.; James A. S. Kerr, 2nd G. Std. Br.; and John Taylor Grand Janitor.

After the business meeting the companions celebrated the festival of the Vernal Equinox—Lord Haddington, presiding.

The Craft Abroad.

CYPRUS.

St. Paul's Chapter (No. 2277).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Rooms, at Limassol, on the 3rd inst. The chapter was opened by Comps. Harriott, M.E.Z.; F. O. Harvey, H.; and White, P.Z. as J. Bro. Flower, 2277, was exalted to the Supreme Degree according to ancient form, the historical and symbolical lectures being given by Comp. Harvey, and the mystical by Comp. White, P.Z. The report of the Audit Committee was received and showed the chapter funds to be in a satisfactory condition, there being no debts, and a small balance in hand. The election of officers for 1894-5 then took place, with the result that the following companions were unanimously elected: Comps. F. O. Harvey, P.M. 2402, M.E.Z.; G. Meyer, P.M. 2277, H.; A. Jones, W.M. 2277, J.; Rossides, S.E.; Morton, P.S.; Greenwood, 1st A.S.; Cannons, 2nd A.S.; and Flower, Treas. The Principals were installed by Comp. Harriott, I.P.Z., assisted by Comp. White, P.Z.; the M.E.Z. invested the officers and gave the usual addresses. The M.E.Z. then presented to the I.P.Z., Comp. Harriott, a handsome P.Z.'s jewel, which had been voted to him by the chapter. In pinning this to his breast, Comp. Harvey remarked that it was a small token of appreciation of the hard work done for the chapter by Comp. Harriott, as his regular attendance at every chapter meeting since its consecration had necessitated making the journey by road of over 50 miles between Larnaca and Limassol on every occasion that the chapter met at Limassol. Comp. Harriott returned thanks. Comp. Harvey said he had undertaken to act as Steward for St. George's Lodge at the next Festival of the Girls' Institution, and should also like to represent the chapter, to which they had done him the honour of electing him to preside over. Bro. Hedges, the energetic Secretary of the Institution, was a very old friend of his, as they had known each other since they were boys together. He therefore hoped the companions would liberally support him, and enable him to send up a good substantial list of subscriptions, as the Institution greatly needed assistance this year on account of recent exceptional expenditure. On the motion of Comp. White, P.Z., seconded by Comp. Meyer, H., the M.E.Z. was thanked for including the chapter in his Stewardship, and the amount of £11 is collected in the charity box was voted to the list of Comp. Harvey. Four proposals for exaltation were made, and the chapter was closed.

The companions afterwards dined together in the adjoining banquetting room, under the presidency of the M.E.Z. An excellent dinner was placed on the table by Bro. F. Drew, the cheery caterer to the Limassol Masonic Rooms.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the company separated.

The chapter will next meet in the Masonic Hall, Larnaca.

MALTA.

Ramsay Mark Lodge (No. 248).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on the 25th January, at the Masonic Hall, Valletta, when Bro. Lieut. R. J. Wishart was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. W. Pariente, D.D.G.M.M.M. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Surgeon-Captain M. L. Hughes, S.W.; Surgeon-Major F. M. Baker, J.W.; Lieut. H. Bradshaw, R.N., M.O.; Surgeon-Captain J. R. Forrest, S.O.; Lieut. H. Boys, R.N., J.O.; Lieut. W. Jameson, R.I.R., S.D.; Rev. W. F. Sorsbie, J.D.; and Surgeon-Captain J. Ritchie, I.G. Bro. J. W. Starkey was re-elected Treasurer. The following visitors were present: Bros. W. E. Cook, 107; H. Sharpe, D.G. Sec.; D. M. Bates, W.M. 107; Box, R. C. Bates, Bromhead, and others. After receiving the hearty congratulations of the assembled brethren, the W.M. closed the lodge, adjourning to the banquetting room, where a sumptuous repast was served by Bro. R. Beck.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. An entertaining musical programme was provided by the W.M., the artistes being Bros. Sharpe, Baker, Ritchie, and Box.

On the same evening, Bro. Wishart was installed as W.C.N. of the Sanct Elmo Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners.

COMPLIMENTARY BALL AND BANQUET TO
BRO. WHITE, P.M., P.Z., P.M.M.,
AT LIMASSOL.

The departure of Bro. White from Cyprus, where he has been stationed for the past seven years, was taken advantage of to give a ball and banquet in his honour as some mark of recognition for the amount of work he has done for Masonry in Cyprus. A Committee was

formed to carry out this object, and was supported by St. Paul's and St. George's Craft Lodges, St. Paul's Chapter, and St. Paul's Mark Lodge. On the 1st inst. the efforts of the Committee were brought to a successful issue, and about 50 or 60 brethren and ladies assembled in the Masonic Rooms, Limassol. The band was provided (by permission of the commanding officer), from the band of the 2nd Connaught Rangers, stationed at Polimedia, the floor was excellent; the ladies all had partners, so it is needless to add that the ball was everything that could be desired. The banquet was well served, and besides the loyal toasts only two others were given, viz., "The Guest of the Evening," and "The Ladies."

Bro. HARRIOTT, P.P.G.M. (S.C.), proposed "The Health of Bro. White," and briefly recounted some of the work done by him during his seven years residence in the Island.

The toast was received with musical honours, and was responded to in a few words of thanks, Bro. WHITE remarking that his forte was not speaking, as he would rather prefer a week's working to five minutes speech making.

Dancing was resumed and continued until near dawn, and one of the most successful Masonic entertainments in Cyprus was brought to a termination. It may be mentioned in explanation of the compliment paid to Bro. White, that it is almost entirely owing to his energy and perseverance that Masonry is established in Cyprus. As early as 1879 a movement was made to establish a lodge in Larnaca, but whether from want of proper organisation or other causes, nothing came of it, and the balance of amount subscribed was sent to one of the Institutions, in whose list it still stands as a record of failure. In 1882, another attempt was made at Limassol, but the brother who was interesting himself in the matter had to leave the place, and again the project fell through. In 1887, Bro. White arrived on the scene, and at once commenced work by getting together all the known brethren in Cyprus and discussing ways and means. Ultimately a petition was sent to Grand Lodge signed by 27 Masons, recommended and presented through Albion Lodge, No. 9, London, and the warrant was granted, and St. Paul's Lodge, No. 2277, was consecrated in November, 1888. From this lodge has sprung St. George's Lodge, No. 2402, Larnaca; St. Paul's Chapter, No. 2277, Limassol; St. Paul's Lodge of Mark Masons, No. 455; and the Zenon Lodge, working under the Grand Lodge of Greece, the founders of which were initiated in St. Paul's. Bro. White was a founder and second W.M. of St. Paul's, founder and acting I.P.M. of St. George's, founder and first M.E.Z. of St. Paul's Chapter, and a founder and first W.M. of St. Paul's Mark Lodge. His last Masonic work in Cyprus was to consecrate the Zenon Greek Lodge at Limassol last month. His loss will be greatly felt in Cyprus, and Gravesend, where he will in future be stationed, is to be congratulated upon acquiring such an energetic and hard-working Mason in their district.

Obituary.

BRO. P. DE E. COLLIN.

Through the death of Bro. Peter de Eggesfield Collin, the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland has lost one of its most prominent and truly popular Craftsmen. For many years he had taken a most active part in every grade of Masonry, and he was furthermore, a liberal supporter of our Charities. His departure from this mortal sphere came with a shock to the majority of his most intimate friends and Masonic coadjutors, seeing that his illness had been of a short duration. He suffered from gout, and, catching a severe chill whilst from home attending a court-leet, succumbed in a very few days, at his residence in Maryport, on Saturday, the 17th inst. Bro. Collin came of an old West Cumberland family. He was a solicitor, and succeeded his father in an old-established practice several years ago, besides which he held a number of public offices in his native town. In Masonry, Bro. Collin had spent a very active life. He was, we believe, initiated in a London lodge, and passed the chair of Sun and Sector Lodge, No. 962, Workington, being also a member of Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, Maryport. He was likewise a P.P.S.G.W. of Cumberland and Westmorland, besides P.Z. of Nicholson Chapter, No. 371, Maryport, and P.P.G.H. In Mark Masonry our brother always evinced a very deep interest. He was a P.M. of Whitwell Lodge, No. 151, Maryport, P.P.S.G.W. of Cumberland and Westmorland, P.G. Treasurer at his death, and moreover a Past Grand Deacon of England. He was also P.E.C. of Collin Lodge, and of F. R. Lodge, R.A.M.; not to omit P.M. of W. M. Sewell Council, No. 11, Allied Masonic Degrees, and Past Grand Warden thereof. In the Ancient and Accepted Rite, Bro. Collin had attained the high rank of 30°, and he was one of the founders and Recorder of Border Chapter, No. 102, Keswick. Finally, he was a founder of the recently-consecrated Robert de Sable Preceptory K.T., at Carlisle. Of the Charities it is sufficient to say that Bro. Collin had served several Stewardships at the Festivals of all three Institutions, as well as the Mark Benevolent Fund. The funeral of our late respected brother, on Wednesday, the 21st inst., was numerously attended, and it goes without saying that very many of his Masonic associates were present to pay the last sad tribute of respect to departed worth. He was 57 years of age, and leaves a sorrowing widow and three children.

BRO. AUBREY THOMAS.

On Wednesday in the presence of a very large number of persons the remains of Bro. F. Aubrey Thomas, medical officer of the Plymouth Workhouse for nearly a quarter of a century, were laid to rest in the cemetery. The cortege consisted of the hearse and 20 carriages, and the boys of the Workhouse walked in front. The chief mourners were the deceased's brothers, Col. William Thomas and Mr. Hy. Thomas, Mr. W. Square, and Mr. E. G. Dyke, the master of the Workhouse. The male officers of the Workhouse were the bearers. The grave was in the Roman Catholic portion of the ground, Bro. Thomas having been received into the Roman Catholic Church about two months ago. Father Keily officiated, assisted by Father Shepherd. After the coffin of polished oak had been lowered into the grave, Father Keily spoke of the kindness of the deceased, especially to the poor who came under his care, and who would regret his loss most keenly. The many and beautiful wreaths were composed of arum lilies, white azaleas, white roses, and Neapolitan violets. A floral cross was sent by the officers of the Workhouse, and a wreath of immortelles by the inmates. Other wreaths were sent by St. John's Lodge, No. 70, and St. John's Lodge, No. 1247. A somewhat painful incident occurred at the cemetery. Bro. Thomas was for many years a Freemason, and once received provincial honours. He was closely associated with the St. John Lodges, and as members of those lodges had received no intimation that there presence would give offence, they attended in fairly large numbers, wearing white gloves and carrying sprigs of acacia. At the cemetery Father Keily communicated with two of the Freemasons that by a recent decree of his Church he was forbidden from identifying himself with a secret society, and he must, therefore, request the Freemasons not to enter the Roman Catholic ground until the service had been completed. Unless they did so he could not conduct the service. The Freemasons at once expressed their willingness to respect the scruples of the officiating priest. At the close of the service they marched down to the grave, and into it dropped sprigs of acacia.

BRO. ALFRED GWYLLYM CROWE.

We much regret to report the death, suddenly, of Bro. A. Gwyllym Crowe at his residence, Clapham. He was initiated in the Lodge of St. John, No. 95 (I.C.), Cork, in 1872, and to those brethren who had the pleasure of his acquaintance he was known as a good and true Mason. His quiet and gentlemanly manner and genial habits endeared him to a large circle of friends, who will remember him with much regard and respect. As a musical composer, his name is known throughout the world in connection with the "See Saw" and other popular waltzes, and he was for many years the conductor at the Promenade Concerts at Covent Garden. We regret to state that our late brother has left his wife and family in very straightened circumstances, and he not having been under the English Constitution the fund of Benevolence is not available in this case. We therefore have no hesitation in referring to the fact that Dr. Anthony Nutt, who has taken a great interest in the case, will be glad to receive subscriptions, however small, in aid of the widow, if sent to him at Craven House, Northumberland Avenue, Charing Cross, W.C. His own donation of £2 2s. will, we hope, form a nucleus of something substantial for the benefit of the widow and orphans of our late brother.

THE M.W. GRAND MASTER AS A MASONIC VETERAN.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will shortly have the evidence of his membership in the Masonic Veteran Association of Illinois. On the evening of the reception, the Veterans at the Acacia Club, the Diploma, which has been prepared under the direction of the venerable Chief Smith, was displayed for the benefit of the brethren. It is a handsomely engrossed parchment, upon which appears the following language appropriately arranged:

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"Witness our hand and seal of the Association,
"(Signed) JOHN C. SMITH, Venerable Chief.
"GIL. W. BARNARD, Secretary."

Besides the diploma, his Royal Highness will receive as a jewel the semi-centennial medal of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, which was issued in 1889, when Bro. John C. Smith was Grand Master, the medal being surmounted by the crest of his Royal Highness, exquisitely designed in silver, the whole attached to a silken ribbon, by which it may be presumed it will depend from the Royal throat of the Royal member of the Masonic Veteran Association of Illinois. Prince Albert Edward is further remembered with a copy of the proceedings of the Association for 1893, handsomely bound and properly inscribed.—*American Tyler*.

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Masonic Notes.

A few weeks hence the Grand Festival will be celebrated, and we shall know on whom the M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to bestow the honours of the year. As a matter of course, this knowledge will bring with it great rejoicing to the chosen few, and really great—or it may be even greater—disappointment to the unchosen many, who consider themselves qualified, by virtue of what they have done in behalf of Masonry, to be advanced to the dais. We fear this disappointment, which is inevitable under any circumstances, is more widespread now than at any previous period in the history of the Craft. A few additional offices have been created in Grand Lodge, but, on the other hand, since the accession of the Prince of Wales to the Grand Mastership, the number of those who, not merely in their own estimation, but in that of the authorities, are worthy of the purple has been augmented a hundredfold. Yet if honours are to be worth having, they must not be multiplied too often or to an unlimited extent.

But who shall decide what are the qualifications for Grand Office if not the Grand Master and his advisers, and who when they have made their award dare sit in judgment upon it? Those who adjudge the honours do so from the special knowledge they possess or are

in a position to acquire as to the merits of every individual member of the Craft whose services are worthy of recognition; those who criticise the awards do so with a knowledge which is necessarily limited to their own immediate circle of Masonic acquaintance.

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The qualifications which justify promotion to Grand Office are almost as various in character as in degree. Some, we imagine, base their claims on having founded many lodges and chapters, and thereby added large numbers to the Masonic roll with more or less advantage to the Order. Some have displayed a knowledge of our ritual approaching almost to perfection, while others have done good service by their labours in behalf of our Institutions. Then there are those who have exercised, or as Grand Officers would become capable of exercising a commanding influence in behalf of our Society, and others who possess several of the qualifications we have enumerated. But where these qualifications are so many and so various, and where we can know so little as to the grounds on which the selections are made, who shall venture to sit in judgment on the judges:

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As for the brethren who have done good suit and service to Masonry, but whose achievements are almost unknown outside their respective spheres of labour, it were unjust that their claims to appointment should be set aside because little or nothing has ever been heard in their favour, while for the benefit of those who consider themselves pre-eminently qualified for the purple of Grand Lodge, we take the liberty of narrating the following anecdote from the history of Ancient Greece. When the Greeks had defeated the Persian fleet at Salamis, the commander-in-chief of the former required each captain of a trireme to return the names of those who had most distinguished themselves in the battle. The command was obeyed, and, on examining the returns, it was found that each captain had placed his own name first, though, strange to say, every one of them assigned the second place to the true hero of the fight—Aristides. The moral is obvious.

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The first active step of preparation in respect of the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be taken on Friday next, the 6th April, when the Board of Stewards will hold their opening meeting, appoint officers, and make such other arrangements as to fees, place—Wednesday, the 9th May, has been already chosen as the day—&c., &c., &c., as are possible.

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As for the prospects of the Festival, so far as any opinion can be passed of them from the present strength of the Board, we are in a position to say this much: that while they are undoubtedly encouraging, they are not of such a character as to justify the Secretary in hesitating to accept even the smallest proffer of service as Steward that may be made to him between now and the day of the Festival. There is a beautiful plasticity about a Masonic Board of Stewards which permits of an unlimited expansion up to the very latest moment prior to the celebration. The more the merrier, and the greater the likelihood of a big total is the order of the day in respect of all these Masonic anniversaries.

Reviews.

"FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND, 1894."—This annual is well named, and has now been published 22 years. The present editor is Bro. B. A. Smith, M.A., LL.M., who is quite an expert at this kind of work. So much so, that it would puzzle anyone to suggest an improvement either in the arrangement or the matter of the calendar and directory. The printing has been done by Bro. E. Shardlow in a most efficient manner. There is no better managed province in England, and all the societies worked in connection therewith are prosperous, peaceful, and united, so far as we can judge from the particulars afforded. The frontispiece this time is a photo of Bro. Sir Henry St. John Hallford, Bart., C.B., who was the Dep. Prov. G.M. of the province 1873 to 1880. The votes for the Central Masonic Charities, all duly given, now number over 2000, which for 14 lodges is very satisfactory. The Lodge of Research, lately started, is on the same lines as the celebrated Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, and bids fair to be the success its promoters anticipated. There are now six lodges in Leicester, so that there should be plenty of room for such a Lodge as No. 2429, and the library and museum will doubtless be much increased and made still more useful, now that more attention will be devoted to Masonic study and research. The directory is all it can well be, and is a credit to the editor and publisher.

"OFFICIAL DIRECTORY PROVINCE OF CORNWALL, 1894."—This most useful guide is in its 23rd year of publication, and this year completes volume five. For Provincial purposes, there is not a better directory issued in England, and the present number has no superior in all the series

from 1870. There are 30 lodges with 1702 subscribing members, the largest number yet reached in the province. Particulars are also afforded of the "Cornish" Lodge, No. 2369, London, which is well supported by Cornishmen in the county as well as in the Metropolis. The Table of Precedency is a valuable compilation, and so the Order of Procession, and cannot fail to be most useful at the annual gatherings. The Annals of the Cornish Craft, 1751-1893, furnish most interesting reading, and bring brought down to date, never being later than 1873 before, are all the more welcome on that account. The rolls of chapters and Mark lodges are also given, and the List of Votes in the Central Masonic Charities is arranged under lodges, as well as carefully summarised at the end, the total being 4098, being the largest yet obtained. It is well edited and most creditable to the Provincial Grand Secretary and staff.

"THE ILLUSTRATED ARCHÆOLOGIST," Vol. 1, No. 4, March, 1894 (London: Chas. J. Clark, 4, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C. Price 2s. 6d.)—The present number completes the first volume of this important and readable quarterly, which of its kind has neither equal nor superior. Part 4 is the best of the quartette, if there is really any choice where all are so good, and the value of the volume is considerably enhanced in our estimation by a carefully prepared index, as well as copious List of Illustrations. The notes on the Corporation Plate and Insignia of Wiltshire, by the Rev. E. H. Goddard, is, we hope, one of a series of most interesting articles on Maces, Loving-Cups, and Swords of State, &c., and the plates accompanying this capital paper are welcome aids to the text. "Pilgrim's Sign," by Mr. Wall, should interest many Freemasons who are fond of pilgrimages, especially our American brethren, and as they also go in so extensively for badges as souvenirs, the author of this brochure will favour them with ancient evidence of the custom thus to commemorate penances of a pleasant character. The chief paper is on *Escomb Church*, Durham, by Mr. C. C. Hodges, and is quite a feature of the volume, the printing of which and the illustrations are excellent, and make most pleasant reading, artistically and generally. The notes are fully up to their usual in variety, style, and thoroughness, and altogether the part and the volume are worthy of very wide circulation and hearty support. We trust that the reception accorded this venture is such as to cheer the able editor, Mr. J. Romilly Allen, and the spirited publisher, Mr. C. J. Clark.

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"THE TABLET" AND FREEMASONRY.

The following appeared in a recent number of "The Tablet," a Catholic journal published in London. Its comment on the fraternal document which it reprints is that "it is indeed significant." We, too, think it significant that the opponents of Freemasonry can see no merit even in such an act of international Masonic courtesy:

"We print here the translation of a significant document from the first number of Dr. Bataille's *Revue Mensuelle Religieuse, Politique, Scientifique, complément de la publication Le Diable au XIXe siècle* (January, 1894). It is a communication from the Grand Orient of Turin, 'the Superior Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite of Scotland, the sole recognised as legal for the Masonic jurisdiction of the Kingdom of Italy and its colonies.'"

To the Venerable Brethren of the Lodges subject to its obedience.

NOTIFICATION.

The Superior Council of the Thirty-three, acting in common with the Grand Orient of the Symbolic Order of Spain, with which we are united in bonds of brotherly friendship, have recently given a proof that the Freemasonry of that illustrious kingdom participates both in the sufferings which afflict us, as well as in the successes which flatter our national honour, having with sums of money come to the assistance of those who suffered by the disaster of the Casamiccola and the cholera of Naples during the past year, and having now sent to the Superior Council of Italy two diplomas destined to his Majesty the King of Italy and to his Royal Highness the Duke of Aosta, by which the Freemasons of Spain express their admiration for the act of charity performed by our Sovereign and his august brother when they went to assist the cholera-stricken in Naples and in other infected parts of Italy. Both his Majesty King Humbert and his Royal Highness the Duke of Aosta, who was already invested by the Grand Thirty-three when he mounted the throne of Spain, through a unanimous resolution taken by the said Superior Council on March 18, 1885, according to the common era, are numbered as members of the Superior Council of Spain.

The aforesaid diplomas bear the following signatures: the Sovereign Grand Commander; Grand Master Manuel Becerra, ex-Minister of the Interior, ex-Senator, deputy to the Cortes, Thirty-three; Adolfo Villalino del Valin, Thirty-three; Don Juan Bravo, Thirty-three; Grand Chancellor; Juan Utor Fernandez, Thirty-three. We believe it opportune to communicate this to our brethren, with the special recommendation that the information should not go beyond our offices, that is, that it should not be communicated to the profane world, and we trust that it will be a gratification to them to see that Spanish Freemasonry is deeply conscious of the bonds of fraternity which bind it to the brethren of Italy, and it will be moreover observed that the Freemasonry of the Scotch Rite, as well as that of the Symbolic Rite, has preferred the medium of this Superior Council in order to manifest its feelings towards Italy and its King.

The union of these continental bands in desire and emotion is indeed significant.—*Tablet*.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

City of London Lodge (No. 901).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., when there were present: Bros. G. M. Gross, W.M.; R. Gillard, S.W.; T. Eade, J.W.; J. Hatton, Sec.; P. C. Rogers, J.D.; G. English, D.C.; M. T. Tuck, I.G.; W. H. Haylock, Stwd.; Turbfield, Tyler; Ginger, P.M.; Beaumont, P.M.; Haylock, P.M.; Dan Hughes, P.M.; David Hughes, P.M.; Rubardt, P.M.; Harbord, P.M.; E. Venner, P.M.; Cohen, Smith, South, Dobing, Head, Burgers, Lingley, Darling, Newman, Broughton, Fisher, Burton, Beadle, Clark, Watkins, Osborne, Carpenter, Jackson, Barnes, Key, Green, and Parsons. Visitors: Bros. Hickman, P.M.; Wise, P.M.; Ellinger, W.M., 2222; Graham, P.M.; Doggett, P.M.; Hooper, Poole, Lockett, and many other distinguished members of the Craft. The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the Auditors' report was received and adopted. The ceremony of raising Bros. Karpf and Uffelman was admirably worked by the W.M., who then proceeded to install his successor, Bro. R. Gillard, into the chair of K.S. The newly-installed W.M. having been saluted by the brethren of the lodge, then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers, and afterwards worked the ceremony of initiating Mr. John Osmut into the ancient Order. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the visitors and the lodge was closed.

Skelmersdale Lodge (No. 1658).—The installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. The W.M., Bro. James Letchford, presided, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. J. Hill, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, as D.C., presented the W.M. elect, Bro. Stuart F. Bygrave, and Bro. J. Letchford installed him in the chair in a very impressive manner. The brethren present were Bros. R. Rowlands, J.W.; W. H. Boys, P.M., Sec.; J. Hill, P.M., Treas.; H. Cohen, P.M.; A. B. Norman, P.M.; B. Cohen, S.D.; H. Buckeridge, J.D.; S. F. Mackway, D.C.; T. Deferer, R. G. Gabell, J. W. Sandell, J. Thornelee, T. Rawlings, E. Side, M. Syer, T. P. Wells, S. E. Rice, W. Crosson, G. H. King, W. Delahaye, A. A. Loyette, W. H. Barber, J. Davies, W. R. Cullingford, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Letchford, 223; M. Emanuel, P.M. 205; H. Conyer, 1475; W. G. Hebb, W.M. 1692; W. C. Hollant, 143; J. Hill, 1441; F. C. Rush, P.M. 1851; T. Laurence, 2332; A. Harvey, I.P.M. 1963; J. Howarth, W.M. 1692; S. Harris, 1805; J. Hay, 1622; J. Armour, 172; G. Boote, 1339; and others.

After Bro. Stuart F. Bygrave had been installed, he invested his officers in a clear and impressive manner in the following order: Bros. R. Rowlands, S.W.; B. Cohen, J.W.; James Hill, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas. (seventh year in succession); W. H. Boys, P.M., Sec. (seventh year in succession); H. B. Buckeridge, S.D.; C. J. Smith, J.D.; S. F. Mackway, I.G.; E. M. Gibson and J. George, D.Cs.; E. D. Side and M. Syer, Stewards; and F. Swinford, Org. Mr. James Davies was initiated by the newly-installed Master in an impressive manner. Bro. H. Cohen, P.M., delivered the charge to the candidate. The addresses were delivered by Bro. James Letchford, the Installing Master, in a manner which deeply impressed those present.

The banquet was prepared by Mrs. Venables in the Pillar Hall, in her usual most satisfactory manner. The table was decorated with several choice ferns, palms, and other hot-house plants, each brother being supplied with a choice button-hole bouquet.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master, the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the R.W. Dep. Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were given, and duly honoured with true Masonic enthusiasm.

Bro. James Hill proposed "The Health of the W.M.," saying that in him the lodge had an enthusiastic Mason, one who would be found to do his work well, study the comforts and happiness of the brethren, and follow in the footsteps of the W. Masters who had preceded him.

Bro. Stuart-Bygrave responded in a suitable manner, expressing his anxiety to do all in his power for the lodge, as he had hitherto done.

The other toasts, "The Initiate," "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers of the Lodge," were all drank and responded to in a most agreeable manner.

The toasts were interspersed with songs, recitations, &c. Among the performers were Bros. H. Cohen, P.M.; R. Rowlands, S.W.; A. B. Norman, P.M.; W. Crosson, Joseph Hay, 1622, and other brethren, the whole of whom greatly contributed to enliven the evening, under the musical direction of Bro. Frank Swinford, to whom great credit is due for the admirable arrangements made, and who presided at the piano.

The Tyler's toast brought a most pleasant and enjoyable evening to a termination.

King's Cross Lodge (No. 1734).—The installation meeting of this well-known lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Finsbury-street, on the 17th inst., when there were present: Bros. G. R. Bolton, W.M.; E. J. Soffe, S.W.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Jacobs, Sec.; J. E. Jacobs, S.D.; W. J. Purle, J.D.; R. C. Carr, I.G.; A. Pettit, Stwd.; R. T. Palmer, I.P.M.; B. Kauffmann, P.M.; L. Solomon, P.M.; C. B. Putland, P.M.; C. S. Mote, P.M.; Yates, P.M.; J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., P.P.G.S.B.; W. W. Underhill, S. T. Leavers, S. Jackson, C. K. Strong, W. N. Race, N. Nowell, E. J. Cross, J. Hemming, P.M.; and R. Whiting, Tyler. The visitors were: Bros. J. J. Tatterall, 1107; A. S. Wilks, 731; W. T. Childs, 1692; L. Lake, 87; Gross, P.M. 1314; J. P. Hamilton, 1708; W. Burt, W.M. 1314; H. Deima, and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read, the W.M. elect, Bro. Lewis Solomon, P.M., was then presented

and installed into the chair by Bro. G. R. Bolton in a most impressive manner. The following brethren were appointed and invested officers by the new W.M. for the ensuing year: Bros. F. Fletcher, S.W.; J. E. Jacobs, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., Treas.; C. B. Putland, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Purle, S.D.; A. Pettit, J.D.; W. W. Underhill, I.G.; S. T. Leavers, D.C.; W. N. Race, and E. J. Cross, Stwds.; and R. Whiting, Tyler. The usual addresses were given by Bro. G. R. Bolton, with marked effect, and were listened to with great attention, and he won for himself the hearty approval of the brethren. Bro. L. Solomon then passed Bro. C. K. Strong, and afterwards raised Bro. S. E. Jackson. The working of the ritual was evidence that the brethren had made an excellent choice in their W.M. In presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. G. R. Bolton, I.P.M., the W.M. stated that it was impossible for any outgoing W.M. to be more worthy of a jewel than Bro. Bolton, who had done his duty nobly, and he deserved the highest praise for the great things he had done for the lodge, to which Bro. Bolton made a suitable reply, remarking that he should always prize the handsome jewel. The inscription on the jewel was: "As a mark of esteem and in recognition of his valuable services as W.M."

Other business being disposed of, the lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a superb banquet, which was admirably served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. A. Clemow and his energetic manager, Bro. Evans.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured, that of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," being responded to by Bro. Terry in a very able speech.

Bro. Bolton, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He said it was his privilege and honour to give the toast. He had had the pleasure of seeing the W.M. install his successor in the lodge many years ago, and he had no idea then that it would fall to his proud lot to install him that evening. He (the W.M.) had made for several years Freemasonry a study, and he knew how to maintain and keep up the great prestige of the lodge.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and Bro. Solomon, W.M., on rising to respond, received a hearty welcome. He stated that he scarcely knew how to thank them for their reception. It was only the second occasion in 20 years that a member had been twice installed as W.M. for the second time and he was proud of having been again elected to the chair. Their good friend, Bro. W. M. Stiles, was the other who had been similarly honoured. The lodge had the reputation for good working and he and the Past Masters were determined that the working of the ritual in the future should be as in the past. He hoped at the end of his year of office that the confidence then reposed in him would not be misplaced.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Installing Master and Past Masters," paid a tribute to the excellent work done that night by Bro. Bolton, who had excelled himself. No previous W.M. had had a more successful year of office in every way and he was a host in himself. He mentioned all the Past Masters by name, remarking that the members were proud of them.

Bro. Bolton replied in eloquent terms, observing that if the little he had done as W.M. was appreciated, he was more than gratified. When he joined the lodge he aspired to become W.M. and now that he had gone through the chair he was satisfied. He honoured the jewel which had been presented to him.

Bro. Kauffmann also responded. He well remembered 15 years ago when Bro. Solomon was installed, and now that he had been elected W.M. for the second time spoke volumes of what the brethren felt towards him. He wished him a pleasant and prosperous year of office with plenty of initiates.

The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Visitors," to whom he accorded a hearty welcome.

Bros. Wilks, Burt, Gross, Tattersall, Childs, and L. Lake replied, all bearing testimony to the excellent working witnessed that night and the profuse hospitality of the members.

"The Masonic Institutions" was next given by the W.M., and he coupled with the toast the name of Bro. J. Terry, who replied in an eloquent speech.

The other toasts were "The Treasurer and the Secretary" and "The Officers," which were suitably replied to by Bros. W. M. Stiles, P.M., Sec.; Fletcher, S.W.; and J. E. Jacobs, J.W.; and the happy gathering was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

During the evening Bros. Nowell, Race, Lodge, Edgar, and Wilks vocally and otherwise entertained the brethren. Bro. Delma ably presided at the pianoforte.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

CROVLE.

Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).—This lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., when there were present Bros. C. Fox, W.M.; W. J. Faulkner, S.W.; H. L. Burtonshaw, J.W.; Jno. Constable, Chap.; R. Wood, Sec.; W. Pickering, S.D.; W. Chamberlain, D.C.; J. Franks, Stwd.; J. Furner, S.B.; G. Naylor, I.G.; H. Hoe, A. W. Cundall, C. Fox, M. Dowson, W. S. Scholey, W. Burtonshaw, and T. C. Horobin. Bro. A. W. Cundall was duly passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Constable. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

DERBY.

Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The anniversary of this lodge was celebrated under the most gratifying auspices on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall. There was a large and influential attendance of members and visiting brethren from other lodges. The retiring W.M. was Bro. John Jones, who impressively installed as his successor in office Bro. G. H. Warde. The newly-elected W.M. appointed and invested his officers. At the close of the business the brethren sat down to a sumptuous repast, after which the usual Masonic and other toasts were given, "The Health of the W.M." being received with great cordiality.

HAMPTON COURT.

Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 15th instant, at the Greyhound Hotel, when there were present, among others, Bros. J. W. Clarke, W.M.; H. Robinson, S.W.; E. H. Trotter, J.W.;

J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., G. Stwd., Sec.; Hopkins, S.D.; Cronin, I.G.; G. Ransford, P.M., D.C.; C. Wheatley, A.D.C.; H. Gale, C. F. Davis, H. Webster, and W. Hill, Stewards; H. J. Jones, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Spearing, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; H. Wheatley, P.M., P.P. A.G.D.C.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.G. Treas.; and J. Smith, I.P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Wilson, P.M. 209; Walter Hancock, I.P.M. 2191; F. Myers, 188; W. H. Lucas, 548; F. Bridge, late 1733; T. Spurr, 2012; and S. Fisher, 2120.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. Smith was invested as I.P.M., and presented with a Past Master's jewel by the W.M., who congratulated the recipient upon his recovery from a dangerous illness. Bro. C. H. Towner was impressively passed to the Second Degree. The W.M. gave the interesting description of the working tools in that Degree. The sum of five guineas was voted to the widow of a deceased member of the lodge, and a petition to the Board of Benevolence was recommended and signed on her behalf.

The lodge was then closed. A banquet followed. The W.M. was particularly happy in his speeches.

Bro. W. Fisher, P.G. Treas., responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers;" Bro. W. Hancock for "The Visitors;" and Bro. John Smith for "The Past Masters."

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Officers," called attention to the gratifying fact that they were all present that evening except one, and he had sent an apology. They had done their work well, and he hoped to see them all in good health when the lodge re-assembled in October next.

During the evening Bro. T. Spurr, the well-known bass singer, delighted his hearers by his powerful selections.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Dobie Lodge (No. 889).—The installation meeting was held on the 21st inst., with Bro. A. M. Levy, I.P.M., in the chair, Bro. Edgell, W.M., being unable to obtain release from official duties. After the ballot had been taken for an initiate (who was not present through illness) and a joining member, and the usual lodge business transacted, Bro. Budden, W.M. 2146, took the chair of the S.W., and Bro. Pennington, W.M. 1638, that of the J.W., when the installation ceremony was proceeded with in the presence of a good number of members and visitors, among the latter being Bro. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., P.G.M. Bro. Chapman, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., acted as D.C., and Bro. Long, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., presented the W.M. elect, Bro. Joseph Bond, an office he has filled many years. The officers invested by the W.M. were: Bros. Wilkinson, P.M. 1420, S.W.; G. Gardiner, J.W.; J. Drewett, P.M., Treas.; W. Drewett, P.M., Sec.; A. Watkin, S.D.; G. R. Scott, J.D.; W. H. G., I.G.; W. J. Wells, D.C.; Dr. Cowen, and J. C. Mummer, Stwds.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The addresses were given by Bros. F. J. Hayward, J. Drewett, and W. Chapman, and after a few words from the Prov. Grand Master, who expressed the pleasure it had given him to be present at this lodge for the first time, an adjournment was made to the Kingston Hotel where an excellent banquet was served under the direction of Bro. Pettipher, manager of Bro. Geo. Gabb's hotel at Kingston, and both were complimented upon the success of the entertainment. The room was most charmingly set off with flowers and plants, and the table appointments were all that could be desired.

The W.M. distributed the proposition of toasts among the Past Masters of the lodge, but speeches were short.

In the course of the evening the out-going Master, Bro. J. Edgell, Master of the Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards, arrived, and, at the proper time, was presented with the jewel which had been voted to him by the lodge.

The P.G.M., in his speech, referred to the recent Festival of the R.M.B.I., over which he presided, and explained the principles upon which the Surrey Provincial Charity Fund is worked.

Music abounded, and a most pleasant evening was spent. The menu card and toast list attracted some attention because of the novel quotations printed thereon. These had been compiled by the Secretary, who acknowledged his indebtedness to the "Dictionary of Quotations" (F. Warne and Co.), in the bringing out of which Bro. E. J. Dodd, P.M. 1223, P.P.G. Org. Kent, had a good deal to do. The book is a perfect mine of wealth to those in search of "quips and cranks" to set off a card for a convivial gathering. We may quote two off the Dobie card: "Do not budge if you are at ease where you are" (German); "Every little fish expects to become a whale" (Danish).

The company numbered close upon 60, and several brethren expected were unavoidably prevented from coming at the last moment. The visitors numbered 26, and included representatives of all the lodges around.

JERSEY.

Yarborough Lodge (No. 244).—A monthly meeting of this excellent lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, when there were present Bros. J. Caton, W.M.; L. P. Hespirdoux, I.P.M.; C. H. Wilson, S.W.; Jas. Lesbirel, J.W.; J. Boyson, Sec.; P. G. Hamilton, P.M., Treas.; J. S. Gilby, S.D.; P. F. Le Boutillier, J.D.; and many members and visitors.

The lodge having been opened, Bros. Le Sueur and Luce were passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. The working tools were explained and the charge in the Second Degree was delivered to the candidates. The revised by-laws were again read, duly signed, and the Secretary instructed to forward the same to the authorities for confirmation. A petition for relief to the Prov. Board of Benevolence was presented by a brother in distress to the lodge, read, and unanimously signed, and the Secretary requested to forward the petition as early as possible to the Prov. Board of Benevolence. Several communications were read, and other routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

St. Aubin's Lodge (No. 958).—This rapidly increasing lodge held its regular monthly meeting at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, on Tuesday, the 20th instant. Bro. A. Hadley, W.M., presided. The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, two candidates for initiation

were balloted for, and unanimously accepted, but, not being in attendance, their initiation was postponed to the next meeting. There was, however, a very heavy agenda and lodge business gone through, and when finished, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered from various lodges, the lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned for refreshment, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

UNBRIDGE.

Royal Union Lodge (No. 382).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Chequers Hotel, when there were present Bros. C. Mead, W.M.; H. J. Bragg, S.W.; W. H. Reed, J.W.; R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; P. G. Fleming, P.M.; A. G. Fleming, Treas.; H. W. Nicholson, Hon. Sec.; A. Foyer, S.D.; H. Mercer, J.D.; J. Taplin, D.C.; W. T. Harvey, I.G.; A. A. Hardy, Stwd.; G. Duffin, Tyler; G. Fehrenbach, G. Rowles, J. J. Wilson, and others. Lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Taplin took the chair, when Bro. C. Mead, W.M., presented Bro. H. J. Bragg as the W.M. elect, and he was installed into the chair of K.S. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. Mead, I.P.M.; W. H. Reed, S.W.; A. Foyer, J.W.; R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; Hon. Chap.; A. G. Fleming, P.M.; Treas.; H. W. Nicholson, P.M.; P.D.P.G.D.C. Middx.; Hon. Sec.; H. Mercer, S.D.; W. T. Harvey, J.D.; J. Taplin, P.M., D.C.; C. Brown, I.G.; A. A. Hardy and J. T. Anderson, Stwds.; and Duffin, Tyler. It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried that 10 guineas be added to Bro. Mead's list for the Boys' School. The lodge votes were allotted equally between a candidate for the Boys' and one for the Girls' School. The names of five persons were received as intended members of the lodge. Lodge closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast supplied by Bro. Twamley, and the remainder of the evening was spent in an enjoyable manner, the musical arrangements being in the hands of Bro. G. May, of St. Paul's Cathedral, assisted by Bros. G. Stubbs, F. W. Shepperd, E. Squire, and others.

WELLS.

Earl of Leicester Lodge (No. 2237).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held in the New Hall, on Monday evening, the 12th inst., when Bro. W. H. Pearce, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by the installing Master, Bro. A. Goddard, P.P.G.W., and a good muster of brethren attended, including Bros. Hamon le Strange, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Colonel H. W. Feilden P.P.G.W.; H. A. Dewing, P.G.S.B.; A. W. F. Whitlock, I.P.M.; and others. The new W.M. appointed the following brethren as officers of the lodge: Bros. A. W. F. Whitlock, I.P.M.; W. Temple, S.W.; H. E. Loynes, J.W.; Col. H. W. Feilden, P.M., Treas.; A. Goddard, P.M., Sec.; A. H. Beesley, S.D.; F. Palmer, J.D.; James E. Smith, D.C.; Geo. S. Andrews, Org.; H. Wild, I.G.; J. Mallett and J. Ransom, Stwds.; and R. Edge, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Crown Hotel, where an excellent dinner was provided under the direction of Mrs. Glazebrook, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Royal Arch.

Rose Chapter (No. 1622).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Saturday, the 24th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Comps. Henry George Martin, M.E.Z.; Frank William Williams, II.; and John Howel Pullen, J., presiding. The attendance of companions was very large. Bro. Ernest Salter, 1320, was exalted, after which Comp. John Hooper was elected Treasurer. The installations followed, and Comp. William Williams was installed as M.E.Z.; Comp. John Howel Pullen, as H.; and Comp. John Thomas Loader, as J. Comps. Henry G. Martin, P.Z., was invested as I.P.Z.; John Hooper, as Treasurer; William Dawson, as Scribe E.; Isaac Dunn, as S.N.; Samuel J. Derham, as P.S.; Thomas R. Cass, as 1st Asst. Soj.; George H. Lewis, as 2nd Asst. Soj.; Frederick Hilton, P.Z., as D.C.; George Thompson, as Stwd.; Francois Choveaux, as Org.; Edward A. Rice and Thomas H. Salmon, as Auditors; and J. Whiteman received the collar of Janitor.

A choice banquet was partaken of after the working of the chapter, and the speeches which followed in the proposition of the time honoured toasts were interspersed with some charming music, under the direction of Comp. Francois E. Choveaux, the executants being Bro. Charles Ellison, Bro. Barry Lindon, Comp. Fred. W. Stephens, Comp. R. B. Hopkins with the silver bells, and Comp. S. Derham on the flute. Comp. Henry George Martin, I.P.Z., was presented with a handsome P.Z.'s jewel.

Comp. Henry Sadler, G. Janitor, responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

Comp. H. G. Martin, I.P.Z., proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," who was, he said, as all the companions knew, a most excellent Mason, a most excellent man, and a most excellent gentleman. He supposed it would be impossible to go through the kingdom and find a more kind-hearted man. It did not matter in what position of life he was placed, he was always the first and the most willing to do what he could for the public weal. They all knew that when he retired from the chair he would do so with the greatest honour.

Comp. Williams, M.E.Z., in the course of a very brief reply, said that he loved Masonry, and from the time he first entered into it had given him the greatest pleasure to do what he could for it. Such a grand gathering of the companions as he saw around him that evening filled him with delight. He afterwards gave "The Health of the H. and J."

Both these companions responded, and promised to assist the M.E.Z. in making the chapter a success. Comp. Pullen referred with satisfaction to "that Grand Old Pillar in Masonry, their dear old Comp. Frederick Hilton, whom they all appreciated, and without whom, what should they do?" Comp. Loader said he could not allow the opportunity to pass without thanking the companions for the honour conferred upon him. It would be a lasting memory in him as long as he lived.

Comp. E. Salter replied to the toast of "The Exaltée," and Comps. W. A. Scurrah, Oldfield, Nutt, C. H. Cox, and others for "The Visitors," and the remaining toasts having been honoured, the proceedings closed shortly before midnight.

TWICKENHAM.

Era Chapter (No. 1432).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Albany Hotel, on the 16th inst. Among those present were Comps. W. Fisher, P.Z. P.G.P. Soj., M.E.Z.; H. Higgins, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., as H.; R. Poore, J.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., S.E.; C. H. Thielley, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; Robinson, P.S.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z. P.P.G.S.B.; and G. L. Wingate, P.Z. P.P.A.G.S. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. Arthur Wells, S.W. 2255; George Sampson Dauton, J.W. 1049; Jesse Masters, Stwd. 1446; and Sidney William Fells, Stwd. 1743, and they were duly exalted, with the exception of the last named brother, the ceremony being ably and impressively performed. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Dr. Riley, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; W. H. Matthews, P.Z.; W. H. Lee, P.Z., P.G.S.E.; and W. Kirkland, S.W.

The chapter was then closed and a dinner followed. Comp. H. Higgins responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

Comp. Köhler, I.P.Z., proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z." In the course of his speech he said that Comp. Fisher was an old and excellent worker in the Craft, the Arch and Mark Degrees. It was therefore superfluous for him, as a young Mason, to criticise the M.E.Z.'s working that evening. He would say but one word, that it was perfect.

The M.E.Z., in reply, thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast. It was true what the I.P.Z. had said, that he was an old Royal Arch Mason, but he ventured to disagree with the proposer of the toast that the working was perfect. He (the M.E.Z.) had not performed the ceremony at all to his own satisfaction, he hoped to do better next time. He was proud of being a member of the old Era Chapter, because there were so many good and genial companions in it, some of whom had done so much to enhance its prosperity.

A few other toasts followed and the proceedings terminated.

Mark Masonry.

TEIGNMOUTH.

Benevolent Lodge (No. 316).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, 19th instant. The retiring W.M., Bro. E. Andrews, P.P.A.G.S., presided, and Bro. J. U. Valentine was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, by Bro. Herbert Martin, P.P.G.R., the ceremony being witnessed by Bros. Charles Stevens, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Haywood, P.P.G.P.; and J. Olver, P.P.A.G.D.C., visitors from Newton Abbot. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. E. Andrews, I.P.M.; G. H. Johnson, S.W.; W. H. Moore, J.W.; R. C. Musgrave, M.O. and Sec.; A. T. Crossley, S.O. and Treas.; J. J. O. Evans, J.O.; F. C. Hallett, S.D.; E. L. Cordes, J.D.; F. C. Frost, P.P.G. Supt. Wks., I.G.; and W. Robbins, Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together, and a pleasant evening was spent.

WEYMOUTH.

All Souls' Lodge (No. 126).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., when Bro. Zillwood Milledge, P.G.R. of M., was installed, the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. J. H. Bowen, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. There was an unusually large gathering, but the P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. Wm. Heath, was absent consequent on its being Holy Week, and the D.P.G.M., Bro. Sir R. N. Howard, in consequence of the death of Bro. Pelly Hooper. Nearly all the other Prov. Grand Officers were present, as also the Worshipful Masters of the various lodges in the county. Previous to the installation, the W.M., Bro. B. Browning, P.J.G.D., advanced Bro. the Earl of Portarlington, who had previously been accepted on the ballot, and who is a very popular Mason in Dorset. The officers appointed were: Bros. Zillwood Milledge, P.G.R. of M., W.M.; E. Mills, P.M. 133; P.P.G.J.O., S.W.; F. W. Hetley, J.W.; J. H. Bowen, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Chap.; J. B. Cole, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., Treas.; D. H. Williams, Sec.; J. E. Crickmay, M.O.; A. Rayner, S.O.; B. Morris, J.O.; S. S. Milledge, R. of M.; J. Sedgwick, P.G.I. of W., S.D.; N. Bowes, J.D.; H. A. Hindle, A.R.A.M., Org.; the Earl of Portarlington, I.G.; and A. Graham, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Stwd.

The brethren, to the number of 32, adjourned to dinner at the invitation of the W.M. The sum of five guineas was voted to the list of the W.M., who will represent his province at the next Mark Benevolent Festival, and who hopes to take up a good list.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 23rd inst., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, when there were present Bros. W. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287, W.M.; J. Paul, P.M. 1287, S.W.; T. Blythe, 1681, J.W.; D. Haslett, P.M. 145, I.P.M.; W. H. Tucker, P.M. 144, Sec.; A. Carlsson, 733, S.D.; Forester, 1681, J.D.; R. Ambler, 2432, I.G.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., P.G.P., &c.; Sedgwick, P.M. 1681; J. R. Harnell, P.M. 1681; R. H. Williams, P.M. 1767; G. Holland, P.M. 1604; J. Alexander, P.M.; E. Shoemith, P.M. 2349; F. Thomas, 144; G. Palmer, Moss, 141; Botterell, 1318; C. Hargrave, 65; W. H. Royle, 144; E. J. Winsborrow, 144; A. P. Holland, 1326; R. H. Ruff, J. Cox, 144; J. Squires, 2030; W. Fletcher, 766; T. Markland, 144; W. Thwaites, 511; and others.

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 and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. The Sections of the First Lecture were then worked by the W.M., assisted by the following brethren: 1st Section, Bro. G. Holland, P.M.; 2nd, Bro. Thomas; 3rd, Bro. Ambler; 4th, Bro. Moss;

5th, Bro. Carlstrom; 6th, Bro. Blythe; and 7th, Bro. Cleghorn, P.M., W.M. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the Sections of that Lecture worked by the W.M., assisted by the following brethren: 1st Section, Bro. Cottebrune, P.M.; 2nd, Bro. Blythe; 3rd, Bro. Haslett, P.M.; 4th, Bro. Paul, P.M.; and 5th, Bro. Sedgwick, P.M. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the Sections of that Lecture were worked by the W.M., assisted by the following brethren: 1st Section, Bro. Tucker, P.M.; 2nd, Bro. Thomas; and 3rd, Bro. Paul, P.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. Shoemith, P.M.; Moss, Thwaites, Botterell, Fletcher, and Squires were unanimously elected members of this lodge. The W.M. rose for the second and third times, and it was proposed by Bro. Carlstrom, Preceptor, seconded by Bro. Cottebrune, P.M., supported by other brethren, and unanimously carried—"That a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had worked the Sections, that being the second time the W.M. had worked the Fifteen Sections in the St. Luke's Lodge." The W.M. replied in suitable terms. Bros. Cottebrune, P.M., and Haslett, P.M., were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge. The lodge was then closed, the brethren having spent a very enjoyable evening.

FINSBURY LODGE (No. 861).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, E.C., when there were present Bros. Cherry, W.M.; C. J. Jones, S.W.; A. Bayfield, J.W.; H. Groome, Sec.; Kraus, S.D.; Luke, J.D.; Noble, I.G.; H. Whitney, H. Salter, W. Baker, Krellwitz, J. Knight, S. Vale, J. Moss, and Wibrow.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Luke being a candidate for the Third Degree, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Luke was raised to the Degree of Master Mason. Bro. Knight worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. Bros. Kraus and Wibrow were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Jones was unanimously elected to occupy the chair for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Bros. Whitney, Preceptor; Knight, Asst. Preceptor; Groome, Sec.; and Salter, Treas. A ballot was then taken for the sum of £5 ss., to be placed to one of the Masonic Charities, any member having been present for not less than 20 times during the past 12 months being eligible to participate in the same, and there being sufficient funds for that purpose, Bro. Pratt was the successful candidate. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. J. W. Clarke, W.M.; Milton Smith, S.W.; R. Loomes, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Herts, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., Prov. G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; C. G. Zander, A. Oliver, P.M., J.D.; R. Edlie, I.G.; G. T. Cretien, P.M.; J. T. Frost, J. Amand, and M. Tuck, P.M., P.P. G.S.B. Essex.

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, when Bro. Frost answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Frost being the candidate. The traditional history was given. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bro. Amand answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge being again resumed in the Second Degree, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Amand being the candidate. Bro. Milton Smith was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, S.E., on Tuesday, the 27th inst. Present: Bros. E. W. Hattersley, W.M.; Barnard, S.W.; Boardman, J.W.; Roots, Preceptor; Bird, Sec.; O'Dea, S.D.; Bullpitt, J.D.; Wright, I.G.; Gale, and Jackson.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jackson acting as candidate. Bro. Roots, Preceptor, worked the 2nd Section of this Lecture. Bro. Gale having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Gale being the candidate. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

Knights Templar.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

Mount Grace Preceptory (No. 118).—The first meeting of this preceptory since its removal from Stockton was held on the 5th instant at the Freemasons' Hall, Sir Knight E. Hudson, E.P., presiding. The minutes of the last regular meeting, as well as those relating to the removal of the preceptory, were read and confirmed, and the routine business transacted. Sir Knight John Sinclair, the E.P. elect, was presented to Sir Knight Dr. Hill Drury, P.E.P. and P.P. Const., to be by him installed into the rank and office of E.P. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed, and the new Preceptor duly saluted. The officers were then appointed, and afterwards the preceptory was closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where an excellent dinner was served and a most pleasant evening passed.

Her Majesty's dinner-party on Thursday evening included the Duke of Aosta, the Duke and Duchess of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Prince and Princess Strozzi, and the Hon. H. G. Edwards, Secretary of the British Embassy at Rome, and Mrs. Edwards. Professor Giuseppe Buonamici, pianist, played a selection of pieces to her Majesty and the Royal circle after dinner.



Baron de Hirsch has sent, per Mr. George Herring, a donation of £500 towards the funds of the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland-road, N.E.

Mr. Angelo Gooding, eldest son of Bro. Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D., gained the senior surgical scholarship at the recent competition at the London Hospital.

"Faust," the third of the series of Sir Augustus Harris's English operatic performances at Drury-lane Theatre was given on Thursday, and in it Mr. Hugh Chilvers, a new singer, made his English debut as Mephistopheles.

The Duke of Bedford unveiled a statue of John Howard, the philanthropist, at Bedford, on Wednesday, in the presence of a large number of townspeople and visitors. The memorial was initiated four years ago, on the occasion of the Howard Centenary celebration. It is of bronze, and is mounted on a high and elaborate pedestal in the centre of the market-place.

At the last regular meeting of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 877, held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Temple, St. Heliers, Jersey, Bro. C. E. Malet de Carteret, son of R.W. Bro. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, Prov. Grand Master of Jersey, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a full meeting of the members and numerous visitors.

An entertainment, under the patronage of the Duke and Duchess of York, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, the Duke and Duchess of Fife, and the Duke of Cambridge, is to be given by the West London Dramatic Club, at the Richmond Theatre, on Monday evening, the 9th prox., in aid of the building fund of the Princess May's Ward for Children at the Royal Hospital, Richmond. The programme will include "David Garrick," and a comedietta, "Breaking the Ice."

Wednesday being the tenth anniversary of the death of the late Duke of Albany, a special service was held at Saint George's Memorial Church, Cannes. Among those present were the Prince of Wales, who came specially from Nice, and the Grand Duke Michael of Russia. The Duchess of Albany attended a brief memorial service which was held in the Albert Chapel, Windsor Castle, the burial place of the deceased Prince. The Dean of Windsor officiated.

According to the *City Press*, the Blue-coat School in Newgate-street will soon be re-inhabited by the evicted scholars, the early part of June next having been fixed for the re-assembling. By that time all the sanitary arrangements of the building will have been renovated. An official notice has already been issued to the parents or relatives of scholars to the effect that the institution will be re-opened in the month mentioned. About 400 boys will be received, while 220 lads and 112 girls, who are at present at the school at Hertford, will remain there for a time.

The Earl of Stradbroke presided on Thursday afternoon at the annual general meeting of the National Artillery Association, held in the Royal United Service Institution. There was a representative attendance of "gunners," who adopted the report, amended in the direction of popularising some of their rules, and re-elected nearly all the retiring members of the Council. It was intimated that the Secretary of State for War had approved of the Shoberness Camp of Instruction and Prize Meeting being held from Saturday, August 4th, to August 11th next. One of the most important departures in the latter connection for Artillery Volunteers is that in the forthcoming competition they will be able to use the same class of guns as those to which they are allocated in the local defence scheme.

Princess Christian, accompanied by Princess Victoria, was present on Wednesday at the meeting of the National Union of Teachers in the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford, and received the purses collected by the members of the different associations in aid of the Benevolent and Orphanage Funds. The total amount handed in was £6000. A shield given for the largest average contribution was won by Newbury, and the trophy for the greatest aggregate amount by Bradford. After an eloquent address had been delivered by the Countess of Jersey, a cordial vote of thanks to the Princess was passed. The morning's session at Oxford was suspended for an hour while the honorary degree of M.A. was conferred upon the president of the Union, Mr. Ernest Gray, of St. Gabriel's School, Pimlico.

Prince Christian attended the preliminary service on the occasion of the funeral of the late Mr. Josiah Miles, stud-groom of the Royal Hunt, which was held at the Royal Chapel, near Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Park. The Queen was represented by Captain Walter Campbell, Groom in Waiting to her Majesty, and wreaths were contributed by Prince and Princess Christian, Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein, Prince and Princess Albert of Anhalt, Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, and others. The congregation included Colonel Gordon (Controller of Prince and Princess Christian's Household), Sir Henry Simpson, Mr. Manning (Superintendent of the Windsor Castle Mews), and Mr. Overton (the Queen's Head Keeper). The remains were subsequently conveyed to the Metropolitan, and interred in Highgate Cemetery.

Bro. Howell's "History of the Phoenix Lodge, Portsmouth" (which will be the largest of the kind ever printed anywhere, and assuredly one of the most valuable) is progressing, proofs having reached us to page 194, in large quarto. The minutes have been exhausted, as far as those of the Craft are concerned, and now the official tables are being printed, which are of a most voluminous character. Then the history of the Royal Arch and Knights Templar Degrees will fall to be considered, doubtless occupying a goodly number of pages more, as the recent discovery of the minutes of the Royal Arch chapter from 1769 has been made in time to be utilised for this massive history. Subscribers' names are still received at one guinea each by the author (Bro. Alex. Howell, of High-street, Portsmouth), though the size of the volume and the number of the illustrations will be considerably added to. The Arch and Mark records are of exceptional value and importance.

Easter Monday was a great day at the Crystal Palace, the number of visitors being 62,980.

Where cannibals once ruled there is now the Lodge of Fiji No. 1931, of which Bro. Couth, of the Bank of New Zealand, was last year Master. The lodge is in a prosperous condition and in a fair way of spreading its influence.

Bro. H. C. Richards is spending the Easter recess in Cairo with Bro. Sir William Marriott (who reached Alexandria by the Dghemma), and it is rumoured that he will act as junior counsel in any proceedings that may be taken on behalf of Zobeir Pasha.

Brethren are invited to send for the list of Masonic Books published at the office of the *Freemason*. Many works of interest both to the Masonic student and general reader have recently been added, and the publisher will gladly forward a copy to any address on receipt of a post-card.

Princess Christian and Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein lunched with General and Mrs. Crutchley at Sunninghill Park, Ascot, on Thursday, and subsequently attended the first dramatic performance at the St. George's Gymnasium, given in aid of the building fund. Lady Katherine Coke presided at the piano, and the performers included Mrs. Charles Crutchley, Miss Maud Clement, Mr. Leigh Bennett, and Mr. Colnaghi.

On Thursday the Lord Mayor, who is Alderman of the civic ward of Queenhithe, distributed at the Mansion House the prizes to the children of the Vintry, Queenhithe, and Castle Baynard Wards Schools, which have been in existence in the City for the past 180 years. Alderman Sir David Evans, Mr. Alderman Green, and Mr. Alderman Vaughan Morgan, representing Castle Baynard, Vintry, and Cordwainer Wards, were present, as were also the clergy of the wards.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught were present at the amateur theatricals at the Officers' Club, Aldershot, on Thursday. The performance was in aid of the funds of the Gordon Boys' Home and Soldiers' Institute, and was arranged by Major Archdale, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, whose c'ever acting and dancing were important elements in its success. Captain Engleheart, R.W.F., was responsible for the scenic arrangements, and the cast was admirably sustained by officers of the Division and ladies.

Freemasonry would appear to be held in high repute in Blantyre, judging from the additions being made to its ranks. In January last, at the ordinary monthly meeting of Lodge Livingstone, No. 599, Stonefield, 15 members had the M.M. Degree conferred upon them, and at the February meeting 10 more. At the invitation of the R.W.M., Bro. Major J. Ness, Bros. Kennedy, P.M., and Denholm, P.M., of 553, wrought the Degree. At the close, honorary membership was conferred upon them. Numerically, financially, and otherwise this lodge is in a capital condition.—*Mail*.

On Friday, the 16th instant, the members of St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 602, Derrinagh, gave a brilliant ball in the Assembly Hall, Lisburn. Nothing was left undone to make the reunion a complete success, and the entire arrangements reflected credit on the lodge, one of the most flourishing in the district. The hall was tastefully decorated, and the effect of the whole was exceedingly pleasing. Many came from Belfast in carriages and omnibuses. About half-past nine dancing was commenced. The music was supplied by Mr. Boyle, of Belfast, and the catering was looked after by Mr. Crozier, of the same city. The entire arrangements for the night's pleasure were efficiently carried out by the following Committee: Bros. Alexander Reid, W.M.; J. G. Ferguson, James Rainey, James Macartney, Joseph Scott, Robert Campbell, Wm. Megran, James Waring, Wm. Grainger, S. J. Totton, James M'Knight, John Corken, William Megrath, James M'Carriison, Thomas Cairns, and Thos. J. Tate. The dance was kept up till an advanced hour.

In the late Sir Arthur Blackwood the Post Office Orphan Homes Institution had a warm supporter, and it was natural, therefore, that on the occasion of the annual meeting of this deserving charity, which has fulfilled its mission for 23 years, grateful tribute should be paid to his memory. To the fatherless children of postmen, sorters, and others who have served in the great department the institution proves a friend in need, and Mr. Spencer Walpole, the Secretary to the General Post Office, who presided over the meeting, highly commended the system adopted by the management of placing the youngsters in well-connected schools, or with reliable foster-parents, instead of, as in the case of some similar charities, maintaining for them a large establishment, in which the best elements of home-life may be wanting. In the fact that the public were marking their appreciation of the services rendered by the employees of the department by supporting the movement Mr. Walpole also found great satisfaction. No fewer than 132 children are now befriended by the organisation, in the revenue of which the Secretary was able to announce a slight increase.

On Saturday last a Masonic bazaar was opened at Renton in aid of the building fund of Leven St. John's Lodge, No. 170. Recently this lodge erected a hall for Masonic purposes, and the bazaar inaugurated on Saturday was to raise the money to pay off the remaining debt, which is about £350. The opening ceremony was performed by Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., G.M.M. of Scotland, in presence of a large company. Sir Charles, in his address, after expressing the pleasure it afforded him to visit the district, spoke of the great advantages which such a building would confer on the Order. He always found that bazaars for such purposes called out very friendly feelings, and it gave them the opportunity of calling in the services of the ladies, who, while debarred from taking part in Masonic lodge business, were gladly welcomed in connection with purposes similar to that which had called them together that day. He hoped the bazaar would be a success and relieve the lodge from the burden of debt. Bro. A. S. MacBride, R.W.M., in thanking Sir Charles, at the same time intimated that he had received a letter of apology for absence from Mr. Alexander Wylie of Cordale, who at the same time enclosed a cheque for £10 towards the object of the bazaar. The bazaar was then declared open, and throughout the afternoon and evening sales proceeded briskly. The drawings for the day amounted to nearly £100.

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Bro. William Reynold Salmon, of Beullin Court, Cow-bridge, the oldest member of the Royal College of Surgeons, and the oldest Freemason in the world, completed his 104th year on Friday, the 23rd inst.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution receives a legacy of £500, and the Asylum for Idiots, Earlswood, a legacy of £250 under the will of the late Mr. William Henry Rawson, of Bramhope, Torquay, and Mill House, Sowerby.

Thirteen boys and ten girls will be admitted to the benefits of the Merchant Seamen's Orphan Asylum, Snaresbrook, at the election to be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Monday next. Mr. E. S. Norris, the treasurer, will be in the chair.

On Wednesday the Duke of Connaught, who was accompanied by several officers of the Headquarters Staff, laid the memorial stone of the new headquarter buildings, Stanhope Lines, Aldershot.

The ceremony of installation is an imposing one when well performed. It is the last piece of work which an outgoing Master is called upon to perform, and by his performance of it may often be judged the whole character of his year's work.—*Indian Masonic Review*.

The owners of pictures, says the Sabbatarians, might object to the Art Gallery at Guildhall being opened to the public on Sunday. "That, however, is easily met," says Mr. Alderman Treloar. "A curtain could be drawn on Sundays before those pictures, and we could give the name of the owner, and of the picture, and the reason it was not visible."—*City Press*.

Some sensible words on the subject of gambling are made by Dr. Parker in an article he contributes, with the title, "A Short Sermon for Busy Men," to a contemporary: "The better can never really enjoy what he has. He does not feel it to be his in any real sense. He wants once more to put it in jeopardy, in the hope that he may be able to double it, and thus by always living on the brink of a volcano he is none the richer even for the abundance of his store."

The season of Easter has been a busy one with Mr. Reuben May and his fellow workers in connection with the Great Arthur-street Mission. The programme arranged commenced on Good Friday evening with a large gathering of the very poor at the hall, a substantial tea being served, while a bright religious meeting, with addresses by Mr. Reuben May and others, followed. On Easter Sunday the number of destitutes received was exceptionally large, no fewer than 1600 of the homeless and destitute being entertained. The guests were received in two companies, and a service followed each meal. The ordinary services throughout the day were well attended.

In an article, entitled "My First Sermon," in the "Young Man" for April, Archdeacon Sinclair tells the following story: "I remember that a curate of my grandfather's, who was preaching his first sermon, was so overcome with nervousness that he made a calamitous blunder. He was preaching on the Prodigal Son, and when he came to the words 'put a ring on his finger,' he was unable to stop, but went on, 'and bells on his toes, and he shall have music wherever he goes.' He only became aware of his mistake when he saw the members of his family, who were sitting below, all bending their heads below their knees, as if they had been struck with lightning."

A Masonic bazaar of three days' duration was held in Edinburgh last week, within the Freemasons' Hall, George-street, in order to free from debt a hall recently erected in Leith by the Lodge Traillgar, No. 223. Opened on Thursday by the Earl of Haddington, and on Friday by the Earl of Rosslyn, the bazaar proved highly successful while the scene within the hall was exceedingly bright and gay, thanks to the colour-scheme carried out in the draping of the stalls, and frequently repeated in the dress of the stallholders. A special novelty was an oyster stall, presided over by Newhaven fishwives, whose picturesque costumes was very effective.

The National Union of Teachers' Conference was concluded at Oxford on Thursday. An interesting discussion took place, on the motion by Mr. Waddington, of Leeds, that age and attendance should be the only qualification for labour. Mr. Sykes, of Bradford, proposed an amendment omitting the provision with regard to leaving certificates from the scheme promoted by the executive. The amendment was lost by a large majority, and the motion was agreed to without a division. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to Princess Christian for receiving purses for the Benevolent and Orphanage Fund the previous day, and to the University and City authorities for making the gathering so successful.

Mr. Hadyn Parry, a musical composer of great ability and still greater promise, died at his residence, Broadhurst Gardens, Hampstead, on Thursday. The deceased, who had only been ill for a few days, was a professor at the Guildhall School of Music and at Harrow. His principal works were a cantata, "Given;" the opera, "Cigarette," produced with much success at the Lyric Theatre; and "Miami," brought out at the Princess's, but with less fortunate results, though not on account of the music, which was generally pronounced to be excellent. At the time of his death Mr. Parry was engaged in writing a work for the Cardiff Festival next year. He was only thirty-five years of age, and his death at so early an age deprives the operatic stage of the services of one from whose undoubted talent much was expected. The remains will be removed from Broadhurst-gardens to-day (Friday) to Cardiff, and the funeral will take place at Penarth on Monday.

The Bond of Connection among Masons does not depend altogether, or even chiefly, upon a common knowledge of a ritual or ceremony. Such knowledge might be obtained and such ceremonies practiced, and yet the flavour and zest of true Masonic fellowship would be wanting. An intelligent man said to the present writer not long ago, "I know all about Freemasonry; I have read and studied the system; I have made myself familiar with your Institution by my reading and study." But this gentleman could not understand Freemasonry nor enter into its inner life and real communion. There is something back of signs and words, the practice of ceremonies, the wearing of robes, the use of symbols, which makes the strength of the Institution and fixes the bond of connection between its members. A feeling born out of respect for rightful authority, reverence for the past, and the touch of kindness between a great multitude of brothers and fellows, goes far to constitute such a bond.—*Freemasons' Repository*.