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THE LION AND LAMB LODGE AND CHAPTER, No. 192.

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One of the latest publications that have issued from the printing works of the *Freemason*, is an illustrated history of his "Mother Lodge," prepared at the instance and under the direct care of Bro. George Kenning, the founder and sole proprietor of this journal.

The letterpress consists of nine chapters and an appendix, and for the accuracy of both text and *addenda*, the reputation of our well-known Bro. Hughan, who, as it is fitting he should, has assisted his old friend in this department of the work, will be a sufficient assurance.

Chapter I. narrates the origin of the lodge, which at first bore the number 258, and received a warrant dated December 24th, 1789.

Chapter II. surveys the records from 1790 to 1796. An early minute of February 11th, 1790, has: "Proceeded to Grant, Bro^r Sir Watkin Lewis [Lewes], Pass Master, His Recommendary Certificate, To Pass the Holy Royal Arch." The brother referred to, was the first Master of the lodge, and held office until June 23rd, 1790, when he was succeeded by Bro. John Marden.

Down to January, 1796, "there is no record of any initiation taking place, or the election of any joining members," but the minute book of the Domestic Lodge, now No. 177, ranging from September 29th, 1788, to July 21st, 1800, throws much light on this curious state of affairs. The "Domestic," as its name denotes, was established as an operative lodge. The warrant is dated February 7th, 1786, and the number originally assigned to the lodge was 234. On December 15th, 1780, the following was agreed to:

"Domestic Lodge, No. 234. Met on Emergency. Worshipful Master and all Officers Present. Opened at 7 o'clock. When the Worshipful Master Proposed to add a new Warrant for the use of the Members of This Lodge To Be under the Denomination of a Working Warrant. Which Proposal was agreed upon by the Majority Present. When Br. Edw^d Cook, Br. John Wood, Br. Tho^s Abbott were chosen Bro^s to Gett this new Warrant for the above use."

On January 25th, 1790, in the same minute book, there occurs: "Visited by Brother Edw^d Cook, P.M. in No. 258; Brother Tho^s Abbott, P.M. 258; Brother Sam^l Mecho, 258." The first two brethren were members of both lodges.

On October 27th, 1795, "the Worshipful Master ordered the Lodge to be summoned on Friday, October 30, to take into consideration the disposal of the warrant of Lodge 258," and on that day it was reported:

"The Worshipful inform'd the Lodge that he had ordered the Secretary to summons the Brothers for this Evening to take into Consideration the disposal of the Warrant of the Lodge 258, as it being found that the Members not attending to the support of the two Warrants, it being found that the Lodge 258 by this means was become burthensome, it being thought the best to dispose of it, as an application had been made by a respectable Company of Gentlemen, when a Committee was appointed consisting of Br. Wight, P.M.; Br. Burton, P.M.; Br. Marden, Br. Abbott, P.M.; Br. Chadwick, P.M.; Br. Robins, P.M.; Br. Crow, P.M., have full power to dispose of the same in such a manner as they may think meet for the good of the Lodge."

Ultimately—April 26th, 1796—it was reported to the members of the Domestic Lodge, No. 234, by Bro. Wight, on behalf of the Committee, that the "Warrant 258" had been disposed of, and removed to the Bear and Wheat Sheaf, in Lower Thames-street.

Chapter III. covers the period 1796-1811. There is, however, very little to relate, and but for the fortunate discovery by Bro. George Kenning, of some books, in a false bottom to one of the pedestals, there would be a total absence of records for the time comprised within the years above stated.

The first large minute book, we are told in the next chapter (IV.), begins with a record of 25th June, 1811. The initiation fee was then two guineas, and that for joining half-a-guinea. During this year—August 15th—the

renowned Peter Thomson, late of Lodge No. 259, was elected a member and on September 23rd, the whole Three Degrees were conferred on the mate of a vessel.

In 1812—December 28th—the officers were *sworn* to fill their respective offices for the ensuing twelve months. Until about this date, the offices had been vacated half-yearly.

A year later, we find from the minutes that visitors as well as members paid their share of the reckoning. Of this almost invariable custom in the last century, the existing practice in Lodge Quatuor Coronati is, perhaps, a solitary example.

At the Union of the two Grand Lodges of England, in 1813, the senior lodge, under the one body, drew lots with the senior lodge, under the other, for precedence. The "Ancients" were successful. So their No. 1 was placed at the head of the United roll, and the No. 1 of the "Moderns," the present Lodge of Antiquity—though ante-dating the era of Grand Lodges—became, as it still remains, No. 2.

The next "Ancient" lodge took the No. 3, while the fourth place fell to the second lodge of the "Moderns"—and so on throughout the two sets of numbers, the Lion and Lamb, an "Ancient" lodge, becoming in consequence No. 325. Though I must be careful to state, that in using that appellation I am slightly anticipating, as the name by which present No. 192 has been so long and honourably distinguished, was not adopted until 1816.

At the re-numbering of the lodges in 1832 the Lion and Lamb moved from 325 to 227.

Chapter V.—appropriately headed "A Long Run"—takes us from 1834 to 1868. On October 3rd, 1839, Bro. Peter Thomson proposed, and in November 7th following, he initiated, Mr. Henry Muggeridge.

Here a brief digression will be permissible. On the first Friday in September, 1817, the lodge of instruction, under sanction of the Lodge of Stability, was founded by Philip Broadfoot and Peter Thomson. Broadfoot was the first Master (or Preceptor), and Thomson the second. For a period of nearly 34 years he was hardly ever absent from a meeting of the lodge, except from indisposition. It was one of the first, if not the very first, of the lodges of instruction founded after the Union, and was followed some six years later, viz., in 1823, by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. Thomson was initiated in the Lodge of Confidence, now No. 193, December 13th, 1810, raised that day week, and in the following year joined *present* No. 192, of which he became the Master in 1817, and the Secretary in 1834 (or earlier). He was a member of the Board of General Purposes, 1824; S.G.D., 1844; and died February 2nd, 1851, aged 72.

At his decease, Bro. Henry Muggeridge was elected Treasurer and Preceptor of the Stability Lodge of Instruction—which he had joined on the night succeeding his initiation—and continued to hold office until April 24th 1885, when he resigned. Bro. Muggeridge, who was also a very active member of the "Lion and Lamb," and served as W.M. in 1845, is now in his 55th year as a Freemason, and in the 83rd year of his age, having been born in 1811. Many testimonials have been presented to him, and that his name may long continue to head the roll of his mother lodge, will be the earnest wish of all who rightly appreciate his great zeal and ability in the cause of Charity, and as a teacher of the ritual of Freemasonry.

(To be continued.)

ALBERTUS MAGNUS.—A well-known bishop, mystic, and by some called a magician, of the middle ages. The date of his birth is not quite certain, but towards the beginning of the thirteenth century. He entered the Dominican Order, and became master of the school at Cologne. He was appointed Bishop of Regensburg, but retired to his cloister in Cologne in 1262, where he remained until his death, eighteen years later, in 1280, giving himself up to abstruse studies, philosophical and mystic works. His writings were published at the Hague, in 1650, and amounted, Gädicke tells, to twenty-one folio volumes. Some of the German writers, especially Heidehoff, have liked to claim him as a Freemason. But we are aware of no other evidence of the fact except the statement that he was the inventor of the German Gothic style of architecture, in which case he would, no doubt, have been connected with the Bauhütten of German Steinmetzen, and also the tradition that he amended their laws and regulations. There is no a priori objection to these assumptions, though, so far, they are only assumptions. Direct proof is wanting.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

Craft Masonry.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

ALDERSHOT.

Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge (No. 1071).—An emergency meeting was held at the Masonic Room on Thursday, the 29th ult., Bro. Major Q. Jones, Worshipful Master, in the chair. Among those present were H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and Bros. W. W. Beach, P.G.M.; Colonels G. M. Onslow, H. Cherry, and J. W. Pickance; Captains Gawne, G. F. Phillips, S. Long, A. Ridley, and W. Batchelor; Surg.-Captain C. Tyrrell, Grosvenor, Earle, Boyce, Dr. Stroyan, and others. After Major Haines, of the Royal Warwick Regiment, had been initiated, the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Imperial Hotel, provided by Bro. Henry Stone.

The W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft." The W.M., in proposing "The Most Worshipful Grand Master," spoke to the large increase of members since the Prince of Wales as at the head of the Order, and said he was proud to have in their lodge two Grand Officers—H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who was an old member of 1071, and Colonel Davis—and that the brethren welcomed his Royal Highness back to the lodge and to the important command of Aldershot.

His Royal Highness, in reply, thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they had received the remarks of the W.M. He was an old member of the lodge, which he thought was needed in a large garrison like that. He spoke of the many benefits of Masonry, and regretted that up to then he had been unable to be present at the lodge, not residing in Aldershot. Now, however, that he had returned he should show his interest in this military lodge, and he trusted its members would increase.

The W.M. proposed "The P.G.M., W. Bro. W. Beach, M.P., and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Beach replied, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to attend the lodge. The way the work was done, both by the W.M. and officers in lodge, merited his special approval. He said how necessary it was that the impressions produced by the ceremonies in a lodge like that should be not only lasting, but carried by the brethren to all parts of her Majesty's dominions, and he trusted the pure tenets of Masonry would be maintained wherever the brethren of that lodge might be.

His Royal Highness then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Major Quayle Jones," and stated how pleased he had been with the working of the lodge. He re-echoed the remarks of the P.G.M. as to the use the lodge was, remarking that a large number of brethren were passing through the camp and that lodge, and doing duty for their Queen and country in all parts, and that the bonds of friendship found in 1071 between the brethren must have been productive of lasting benefit to officers when doing duty far from their homes. He trusted that 1071 would continue to prosper under the able guidance of the W.M. and his successor.

The W.M. replied, and proposed "The Health of Bro. Major Haines," who was initiated that evening, and who suitably replied, and a vote of thanks to Bro. Stone concluded the proceedings.

BRADFORD.

Eccleshill Lodge (No. 1034).—The annual installation meeting was held on Friday, the 30th ult., at the Eccleshill Masonic Hall, the retiring W.M., Bro. John Haley, presiding. A large number of brethren attended. After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting duly confirmed, Bro. C. Dean, the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. J. Radford, P.M., to the Installing Master, Bro. A. Butterworth, I.P.M., for the benefit of installation, who discharged his duties in a very satisfactory manner, and Bro. Dean was installed into the chair of K.S., and invested the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Hale, I.P.M.; Wm. Small, S.W.; A. Roberts, J.W.; N. W. Wright, P.M.; Chap.; J. Verr, P.M.; Treas.; W. Coleman, Sec.; S. Whiteley, S.D.; S. Ward, J.D.; John Akam, D.C.; F. W. Nicholson, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; P. Hirst, I.G.; J. Scott, F. W. Higginbotham, J. Dennett, and J. Rodgers, Stewards; and J. Lightfoot, Tyler. Apologies were tendered in respect of the absence of several brethren, particularly a letter from Bro. W. Small, the newly-appointed S.W., who was very seriously ill.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a pleasant evening was spent. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square, on Thursday, the 15th ult., Bro. J. T. Last, W.M., in the chair. The lodge was opened by the W.M., after which Bros. Deeksey and Hedley were respectively raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the former by Bro. Niven, I.P.M., and the latter by Bro. Bailey, P.M., Treas. The working tools were explained by Bro. Niven, I.P.M., and the charge in the Third Degree was delivered by Bro. Ellis, S.W.

Apologies were tendered for the unavoidable absence of several brethren, and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bros. Sykes, Last, Swaine, and Harland contributed songs and music to the harmony of the evening.

BRIGHTON.

Atlingworth Lodge (No. 1821).—PRESENTATION TO BRO. B. BURFIELD.—At a monthly meeting, held at the Royal Pavilion, on Thursday evening, the 29th ult., the occasion being a musical evening, opportunity was taken to present Bro. B. Burfield, P.M., Prov. A.G. Sec., with a testimonial. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Arthur Loader. After the usual lodge business had been transacted, the company adjourned to the banquet room, where, after supper had been discussed, the special incident of the evening took place.

The W.M., Bro. Arthur Loader, made the presentation on behalf of the brethren. It consisted of a handsome silver tea and coffee service, suitably inscribed, together with an album containing the name of the subscribers. The present was handed over amid loud applause, and

Bro. Burfield, who met with an extremely cordial reception on rising, briefly, but suitably, acknowledged the gratifying token of respect and regard entertained for him by the brethren of the lodge. He warmly appreciated such a gratifying mark of their brotherly feeling towards him, though the presentation was an entire surprise to him. He had, he said, been honoured in 1884 by being elected as W.M. of the lodge; he had acted as Secretary for two or three years, and had been pleased to give what time he could spare to further the interests of the lodge and Freemasonry in general. He was gratified to see that the brethren had appreciated the manner in which he had discharged his duties.

The musical attractions of the evening were of a very enjoyable character. Glees, madrigals, and part songs were very efficiently given by Bros. G. May, Albert James, Wm. Coates, and G. Stubbs, under the direction of Bro. Coates, while further variety was introduced by Bros. G. Perren, A. C. Latter, E. H. Payne, R. Willard, Plumbridge, and R. Smith. Bro. W. Norman Roe, P.P.G.O., acted as accompanist.

BOLTON.

Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—The monthly meeting was held in Freemason's Hall, Silverwell-street, on Monday, 2nd inst., there being present: Bros. J. W. Thompson, W.M.; Thomas Barnes, as S.W.; H. L. Hirmett, J.W.; John Booth, P.P.G.D., Treas.; F. W. Briscoe, Sec.; E. G. Harwood, P.P.J.W.; James Newton, P. Asst. G. Sec.; William Forrest, P.P.G.D.; William Golding, P.M.; Thomas Murphy, P.M.; and others. Lodge being opened and the minutes confirmed, the Secretary read a portion of the bye-laws of the lodge. A candidate for initiation was proposed. The W.M. referred to the recent death of Bro. Thomas Higson, Prov. G. Tyler, and late Tyler of this and the other Bolton Lodges, and moved a vote of condolence to his bereaved relatives. The motion was seconded by Bro. Newton, P. Asst. G. Sec., who in doing so said his Masonic acquaintance with the late brother extended over 30 years, and testified to his many excellent qualities. The motion was unanimously adopted, and the lodge was closed.

ST. HELENS.

Ionic Lodge (No. 2405).—On Thursday, the 29th ult., Bro. J. O. Swift was installed the Worshipful Master of the above lodge, at the Masonic Rooms. The installation was performed by Bro. J. S. White, P.P.G.D.C., in the presence of about 30 members of the lodge. The newly-installed Master invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. A. R. Neill, S.W.; B. Smith, J.W.; F. Smith, Chap.; J. L. Wolfenden, Treas.; J. W. Boardman, Secretary; A. Robinson, S.D.; R. Coop, J.D.; J. J. Tickle, D.C.; W. W. Gandy, Org.; W. J. Cook, I.G.; W. Southern and J. T. Hopgood, Stwds.; J. Taylor, Tyler; and R. G. Brook, I.P.M., Charity Representative. A banquet was afterwards held at the Fleece Hotel, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts being submitted, and an excellent programme of music brought the proceedings to a close. During the evening, Bro. G. H. Brook, I.P.M., was presented with a valuable gold Past Master's jewel subscribed by the brethren of the lodge.

The jewel was designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—This lodge was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., in the Peace Hall, when there were present Bros. A. L. Peace, W.M.; J. Constable, P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; L. H. C. Ashlin; J. H. Bletcher, Almoner; G. Kenyon, acting S.W.; J. H. Pawson, J.W.; B. Maskill, Treas., acting J.D.; W. P. Robotham, Sec.; T. Barber, S.D.; G. Eland, I.G.; W. T. Chambers, Stwd.; J. F. Pine, Tyler; and W. H. Fenton. Bro. F. Buckland, 242, was a visitor. Bro. Smith, who was confined to the house with influenza, was unable to be present to be passed as a F.C. Bro. Constable gave the second tracing board, and the W.M. invited all the brethren to accompany him to the Prov. Grand Lodge gathering at Huddersfield on the 18th inst.

Royal Arch.

Grand Master's Chapter (No. 1).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland-avenue. Comp. T. Poultney Griffin was duly installed M.E.Z. of the chapter; Comps. Dr. F. Gordon Brown and H. H. Crawford (City Solicitor), being respectively installed H. and J. The ceremony of installation was most impressively rendered by Comp. Dr. Ralph Gooding. Amongst the visitors were Comps. Sir John B. Monckton, Rev. Brooke Lambert, and Major J. S. Peirce.

Mark Masonry.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Industry Lodge (No. 293).—The last meeting of the present season was held on Monday evening, the 2nd inst., when there was an average attendance of members and visitors. The W.M., Bro. F. R. Short, presided, and was supported and assisted by the following brethren: Bros. J. A. Armstrong, I.P.M.; Wm. Brown, P.M., D.C.; W. F. Carmon, P.M., Treas.; T. R. Jobson, S.W.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M., as J.W.; C. P. Laidler, M.O.; Wm. Stafford, S.O.; H. Jackson, J.O.; H. S. Bird, Sec.; W. J. Jobson, R.M., as S.D.; W. Holzappel, J.D.; J. Douglass, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; Thomas Douglass, Steward; J. Straker Wilson, W.M. 493; F. H. Corder, I.P.M. 463; J. S. B. Bell, P.M., Treas. 463; J. Lighthorn, J. H. Elliott, J. B. Hine, W. T. Hall, R. Anderson, W. Petersen, and others.

The ballot was taken for a candidate, after which, at the request of the W.M. of Gosforth Lodge, No. 463, Bro. F. W. Sykes was duly advanced as a M.M. by Bro. T. R. Short, W.M. The charge and working tools were explained by Bro. J. A. Armstrong, I.P.M. Two candidates were proposed, and the proceedings terminated.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, on the 21st ult. Among those present were Bros. E. W. Davis, P.G.O. Middx., W.M.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.

as S.W.; H. Higgins, P.M., P.P.G.O., as J.W.; Geo. Everett, M.O.; T. D. Meacock, S.O.; F. Bonney, J.O.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G.S.B., Sec.; R. W. Forge, J.D.; C. H. Köhler, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; W. J. Porter, P.M.; and W. Thomas, P.M., P.P.G.O. Bro. Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook, Prov. Grand Master, honoured the lodge with his company.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M., who had been elected a second time to fill the chair was duly inducted thereto. The following appointments were made: Bros. George Everett, S.W.; T. D. Meacock, J.W.; F. Bonney, M.O.; R. W. Forge, S.O.; H. Higgins, Chap.; W. Fisher, Treas.; Capt. Walls, Sec.; and G. Harrison, Tyler. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. A. J. R. Simmonds, P.M.; E. Hopwood, P.M.; A. S. Brown, Prov. Grand Sec.; and others. The W.M. was duly presented with a Past Master's jewel.

The lodge was then closed. A banquet followed.

Bro. J. T. Briggs responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

The Worshipful Master in proposing "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master," said that at the last installation meeting of the lodge they had been honoured with the presence of Bro. Col. Cook. He had charmed them all by his geniality and affability. They were glad to see him in their midst again, and in the name of the lodge he (the W.M.) trusted that the Prov. Grand Master would visit it as often as engagements would permit.

Bro. Col. Cook, in reply, said that that lodge was the first Mark lodge he had visited after his induction as Prov. Grand Master, and a very kind and warm reception the members accorded to him. It bore an honoured name and he was pleased to hear that its prospects were so good financially. He hoped to be amongst them again ere long.

In reply to the toast of his health the W.M. said that he regretted that by the retirement of the Wardens he had been called upon to fill the chair for another year. He had had a very pleasant year and would have liked to have had a year's rest, but as the lodge had re-elected him he would do his best to keep up the traditions of No. 181.

A few other toasts followed, and the proceedings terminated.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at Frascati's, 30, Oxford-street, W. Present: Bros. F. S. Jarvis, W.M.; J. Swift, S.W.; J. Meurice, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Preceptor; F. Marx, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; F. Bonham, P.M., Sec.; J. Lee, S.D.; E. Rutherford, J.D.; W. H. Harris, I.G.; J. R. Harnell, P.M.; J. Cizzio, H. L. Davis, Myers, W. Truman, and C. Bonham. Visitor: Bro. E. Rutherford, 1563.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Davis being the candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. C. Bonham being the candidate. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE (No. 211).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Norland Arms, Addison-road North, W. Present: Bros. G. E. Higginson, P.M., Preceptor, W.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M., as I.P.M.; J. Davies, P.M., S.W.; G. Cockrell, J.W.; H. Lindfield, P.M., Sec.; W. Radcliffe, P.M., S.D.; J. Jobson, J.D.; C. C. Barber, I.G.; P. Monson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Middx.; S. Webb, P.M.; A. T. Foreman, P.M.; R. Josey, P.M.; W. J. Dyer, W.M. 211; Copley, Campbell, Catling, Colley, Cordes, Absell, Elkin, Kirkham, Kington, King, jun., Larter, Holmes, Ridgley, Rayner, Stanton, Simpson, Scolding, Spawforth, Tremeer, Wedmore, Wood, and Dr. Harrison. Visitors: Bros. Pearce, P.M.; North, P.M.; Stonnill, Read, Bury, Blackmore, Tredaway, and Bone.

This evening was set apart for the working of the Fifteen Sections, the following brethren taking part: 1st Section, Bro. Wood; 2nd, Bro. Dr. Harrison; 3rd, Bro. Wedmore; 4th, Bro. R. H. Williams; 5th, Bro. Jobson; 6th, Bro. J. Davies; 7th, Bro. G. E. Higginson; 8th, Bro. Barber; 9th, Bro. Jobson; 10th, Bro. Catling; 11th, Bro. J. Davies; 12th, Bro. Simpson; 13th, Bro. Larter; 14th, Bro. Elkin; and 15th, Bro. S. Webb. This young lodge of instruction only in its first year of existence, bids fair to become one of the most popular in the West End, the manner in which the Sections were worked, without exception, reflecting the highest credit upon the careful tuition of Bro. Higginson, the Preceptor, who was accorded at the close of the working a unanimous vote of thanks for his untiring efforts in bringing to such a successful close what had been throughout, a most pleasant and instructive evening. After notice of the first annual Masonic supper, to be held in the lodge room on Monday, the 16th inst., had been given by the Secretary, to whom all applications for tickets should be sent, and a vote of thanks to the Section workers had been accorded and responded to by Bros. Jobson and Harrison, the lodge was closed.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. Geo. Hill, P.M., W.M.; E. Kraus, S.W.; H. C. Parker, J.W.; J. Paul, Preceptor; J. Thom, Asst. Preceptor; W. E. Wilby, Hon. Sec.; A. Terry, S.D.; J. Mason, J.D.; W. Hoggins, I.G.; Boehm, Osborne, and Cross.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and resumed in the First. Bro. Boehm was examined and entrusted, and the lodge being resumed in the Second Degree, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Boehm being the candidate. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, and the 4th Section by Bro. Hoggins. The W.M. having risen in the customary order, and the S.W. having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 23rd ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. W. Williams, W.M. elect, 834, W.M.; Edward Fox, S.W.; W. Beattie, W.M. 95, J.W.; A. Williams, W.M. 834, Preceptor; T. Jobson, Treas.; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; W. Hillier, W.M. 1366, S.D.; H. P. Gilbert, P.M., J.D.; R. Reid, I.G.; W. Hide, and W. Hinds.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hide acting as candidate. Bro. Hinds having offered himself as a candidate for passing he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Fox was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. W. A. Clark, W.M.; Major E. Reed, S.W.; J. C. Conway, I.P.M. 1891, J.W.; G. Reed, P.M. 511, Treasurer and Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; M. Rosenberg, S.D.; T. M. Lambie, J.D.; D. Gellion, P.M. 1425, I.G.; C. Godfrey, P.M. 2021, Stwd.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177, Dep. Preceptor; G. Weaver, C. B. Constable, and S. N. Isaacs.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Weaver being the candidate. Bro. Reed, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and after the usual preliminaries, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Godfrey being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Clarke then re-assumed the chair. Bro. Reed was elected W.M. for the next meeting—officers to be in rotation. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Clark for the admirable manner he had rehearsed the duties of the chair for the first time, which compliment was duly acknowledged. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. J. H. Whadcoat, W.M.; R. Loomes S.W.; H. J. Kimbell, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., Prov. G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; J. T. Frost, S.D.; R. P. Upton, J.D.; G. T. Peall, I.G.; Milton Smith, A. Wolter, P.M.; J. Berks, J. W. Clarke, A. Oliver, P.M.; A. C. Burnley, G. Vexley, R. W. Nicole, R. Eddie, and G. A. Hopkins.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Vexley being the candidate. Bro. Whadcoat vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Milton Smith, and the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Hopkins 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. Hopkins being the candidate. Bro. Hopkins was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Looms was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. J. J. Mackay, W.M. 1767, W.M.; W. Hillier, W.M. 1366, S.W.; W. B. Neville, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; W. Thwaites, S.D.; James Clark, J.D.; J. G. Bean, I.G.; W. Beattie, W.M. 95; A. Williams, W.M. 834; W. H. Dresden, P.M.; J. J. Rumbal, L. Beale, D. F. Norrington, and J. H. Neville.

The lodge was duly opened, and after the minutes were read and confirmed, was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Rumbal having offered himself as a candidate for raising, he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Hillier, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Norrington was elected a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A convocation was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., on the 30th ult., when there were present Comps. W. Hillier, 834, M.E.Z.; J. Bailey, I.P.Z. 1602, H.; G. Marsh, P.Z. 733, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; J. C. Conway, M.E.Z. 1891, S.N.; Major E. Reed, 1st A.S. 2021, P.S.; J. Cruttenden, 779, 1st A.S.; M. Speigel, P.Z. 1556; J. C. Tilt, J. 862; J. Pickett, M.D., P.S. 2410; and G. Gregory, S.N. 862.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Pickett being the candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks, Comp. Bailey, M.E.Z. It was announced that Comp. A. C. Spaul, P.P.G.D.C. Eng., had kindly consented to attend and rehearse a ceremony at an early date; the companions expressed the pleasure it will give them to accord him a hearty reception. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was closed.

A LADY'S VIEWS ON FREEMASONRY.

Mrs. Tucker Pain, wife of a Past Master of the Budley Lodge, Exmouth, on Wednesday, the 27th ult., laid the foundation of a Freemason's Hall to be erected in the town. She said she felt highly honoured and pleased at the compliment they had paid her in inviting her to lay the foundation-stone. It was difficult for a lady to speak on the subject of Freemasonry, seeing Freemasons would have nothing to do with her sex. However, their invitation to her was a convincing proof, if proof were necessary, that they held ladies in high regard and esteem. She believed Freemasonry

to be a very excellent and good work; it encouraged all that was good, and suppressed evil. It was a Brotherhood spread throughout the whole country, bound together by rules, which she believed were rules of right. Freemasons also must be exceedingly proud of the antiquity of their Order, and also of the vast numbers of good, excellent, great, and noble men who had been connected with it, and were still ready to come forward in its ranks. She believed she was not wrong in saying it was the only secret society sanctioned by Government, and patronised by Royalty. She was not the lady who got into the clock case, but she once found herself in a country hotel—they need not be alarmed, she heard none of their secrets—but what she did hear was the Old Hundredth Psalm very well rendered. It was also known that in their processions they carried the Scriptures, and if they had the Bible and such harmony, they had a safe and sure foundation. She expressed her thanks for the trowel presented to her, which would be laid up with her richest treasures. She trusted that on that foundation stone there would arise an edifice which would meet the requirements of the brethren, and be an ornament to the town they lived in. She placed a cheque upon the stone, and wished every success to the Sun Lodge.

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BRO. SAMUEL GEORGE BONNER

was initiated in the Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, on the 18th of November, 1838, and remained a zealous member until the 21st March, 1883, when he joined the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382, held at the George Hotel, Isle of Dogs. He became Secretary of the Corinthian Lodge of Instruction the following year, and held the office for eight years. The brethren then presented him with an illuminated address on vellum. He was one of the promoters of, and was appointed Secretary to, the Corinthian Permanent Masonic Benevolent Association, which office he still retains. This Association has sent more than 500 guineas to the Masonic Institutions in nine years. At the amalgamation of East End lodges for voting purposes in 1888, he was appointed and is still Secretary. This "Masonic Charitable Association for East London" has been successful in obtaining the elections of their adopted candidates to the Institutions on the first occasion, each time attempted. Bro. S. G. Bonner was a Steward for the R.M.B.I. in 1887. His list amounted to £185, which was the seventh in London at that Festival. In 1888 he was a Steward for the R.M.I.G. In 1889 he was a Steward for the R.M.I.B. In 1892 he was a Steward for the R.M.B.I., and the R.M.I.B. taking up £126 for the latter Institution and being bracketed fifth on the list for London. Having assisted in many offices, especially that of Secretary in the Corinthian Lodge and the representative to the Board of Benevolence, he was appointed S.D. and afterwards J.W., and this year has been unanimously chosen W.M.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly council meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 30th ult.; Bro. Richard Eve in the chair, supported by Bros. Everett, Adamson, Barrett, Brett, Burgess, Cummings, Fairchild, Fitzgerald, C. W. Hudson, J. E. Le Feuvre, Masters, Kentish, Pulman, Russell, Saunders, Scurrah, J. J. Thomas, J. Strachan, C. H. Webb, James Stephens, and J. M. McLeod, Sec.

After the usual routine business, The CHAIRMAN, in feeling terms, alluded to the loss sustained by the Craft in the recent death of Capt. S. G. Homfray, a Patron of the Institution, and moved a vote of condolence with his widow and family.

This was seconded by Bro. EVERETT, who spoke of the many years of excellent service rendered to the three Institutions by the deceased brother, and was unanimously adopted.

Grants of £20 per annum were made to friends of four boys for their education and maintenance out of the Institution, they being, for various reasons, unfitted to enter the School at Wood Green; and a like sum was voted for the apprenticeship of the boy Shaw, who left the Institution at Christmas last.

It was reported that in the case of Frank Sutton Harrison, No. 23 on list of candidates for election on April 13th, the number of children dependent on the mother had been reduced to five from nine, as named on the voting papers, three of the original number having been fortunately placed in other institutions.

A letter was read from the Grand Secretary intimating his wish that he should not be re-nominated for the office of Treasurer to which he had been elected last year. The only nomination for that office was made by Bro. Everett, who submitted the name of Bro. Charles E. Keyser, P.G.D., Patron of the Institution, and he will therefore be declared elected at the meeting of the Quarterly Court on the 13th inst.

The five retiring members of the Board of Management representing London, viz., Bros. Attenborough, Everett, Glass, Scurrah, and James Willing, jun., being the only ones nominated, will be re-elected without opposition. For the five vacancies representing the provinces there were nine nominations, but one was declared invalid; three of the eight seek re-election, viz., Bros. Le Feuvre (Hants and Isle of Wight), Smithson (West Yorks), and Vassar-Smith (Gloucestershire.) In place of Bro. Bodenham (who does not seek re-election) the Province of Staffordshire nominate Bro. W. H. Bailey, the well known London manager of Bass and Co., who is a P.P.G.R. of that province. In place of Bro. R. W. Bourne, West Lancashire nominated Bro. J. W. Burgess, of London, he being a P.M. 1325 and P.P.G.D. of that province, and like Bro. Bailey, a Vice-President of the Institution. The other brethren nominated are Bros. T. Bradley (Durham), Manfield (Norths and Hunts), and Margrett (Berkshire).

It was intimated that the Province of Kent desired to purchase a perpetual presentation to be called "The Eastes" Presentation, and the Board of Management had unanimously agreed to recommend the Quarterly Court to grant same. The price to be £1260, being an advance of 200 guineas over the previous presentations.

It was also reported that a special vote of thanks had been accorded by the Board of Management to Bro. W. A. Scurrah for the very efficient way in which he had superintended the repairs and alterations to buildings, &c., during the past three years.

GALLERY LODGE LADIES' NIGHT.

The ladies' night held by the Gallery Lodge, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday, the 31st ult., was the most successful entertainment of the kind yet given by the members of that lodge, who consist exclusively of gentlemen connected with the London and provincial newspaper press. On their arrival, the ladies were presented with charmingly-designed porcelain bottles of scent, as well as sprays of flowers, prepared by Mr. Raines, of Covent Garden Market.

Dinner was served in the Masonic Temple, covers being laid for 74. Bro. J. C. Manning, W.M., occupied the chair, and the brethren of the lodge present numbered nearly 40, the officers in attendance being Bros. C. K. Moore, I.P.M.; C. Lock, S.W.; Percy W. Husk, J.W.; W. M. Duckworth, P.M., Treas.; W. T. Perkins, P.M., Sec.; G. Tarran, S.D.; B. Strjem, J.D.; E. E. Peacock, P.M., D.C.; E. A. Peachey and R. S. Masson, A.D.Cs.; F. W. Brodie, G. H. Ribbons, and H. L. Bell, Stewards; and A. F. Robbins, Treas. of the Benevolent Fund.

After the banquet, which was worthy of the occasion, The W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft" in terms peculiarly appropriate, and the toast was drunk with musical honours, Bro. Dalgety Henderson taking the solo part in the National Anthem.

Bro. Edwin Bending was at the piano when the first part of the musical entertainment began, and before the company adjourned to the Pillar Hall, where it was continued without interruption until close upon midnight, the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented to Miss Moore a handsome gold bracelet, bearing an inscription which recorded the fact that the gift was intended to commemorate the year of office in the chair of King Solomon of her brother, the I.P.M.

Bro. C. K. MOORE acknowledged the presentation, and the interesting ceremony concluded with good wishes to the recipient from brethren and lady visitors alike.

In the Pillar Hall the artistes had the advantage of one of Broadwood's finest instruments, and with such an accompanist as Edwin Bending, both vocal and instrumental music was interpreted with delightful delicacy. Among the other entertainers were Herr Carel Blitz, violinist; Messrs. W. L. Barrett and Radcliff, flautists; John Proctor, mimic and humorous reciter; Bros. Dalgety Henderson, Chas Conyers, M'Call Chambers, and Arthur Weston, Mr. Percy Shepherd, Bro. Otto Dene, Mr. Will Edwards, Mr. Algernon Lee, and Mr. Wilfrid Stacey.

The approach of midnight alone brought an admirable festivity to a close, but the W.M. did not allow the company to depart without proposing "Our Entertainers." A hearty response was given, and the compliment was acknowledged by Bro. EDWIN BENDING. The programme, impromptu in character, was arranged by Bro. Arthur Weston, and congratulations were offered to all concerned on the brilliant success of the night.

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A GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the LARGE HALL of the FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London, on THURSDAY, 12th APRIL, 1894, at 12 o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, and to elect 22 Girls into the School, from a list of 40 approved Candidates. The election will commence at one o'clock, or after the usual business is over.

F. R. W. HEDGES,

Secretary.

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April 5th, 1894.

The 106th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will take place on WEDNESDAY, 9th MAY next, under the Presidency of the Rt. Hon. THE EARL OF LATHOM, G.C.B., M.W. Pro G.M., and Prov. Grand Master of Lancashire, Western Division. Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary as early as convenient, Stewards being urgently needed.

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A QUARTERLY COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the LARGE HALL, FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London, on FRIDAY, the 13th day of APRIL, 1894, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution:—

To consider the following Notice of Motion, given at the Council held 30th March, by the V. Wor. Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treasurer, Patron and Trustee, on behalf of the Board of Management:—

"That the proposal from the Province of Kent for the right to a Perpetual Presentation, to be called 'The Eastes Presentation,' to be purchased by payment of twelve hundred guineas (£1,200), on the same terms as previous agreements of a like nature, be accepted, subject to the condition that the Presentation shall be available only for sons of Kent Masons, and that each boy presented under same shall in every case be qualified under the then existing laws of the Institution."

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By order.

J. MORRISON MCLEOD,
Secretary.

London, April 4th, 1894.

** The 96th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held on the 27th JUNE, 1894, under the distinguished presidency of the Right Hon. W. LAWIES JACKSON, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire. The services of Ladies and Brethren as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1894

Masonic Notes.

There will be the usual excitement during the latter half of next week at Freemasons' Hall and Tavern. The School Quarterly General Courts will be held on Thursday and Friday, the 12th and 13th instant respectively, and the elections of candidates which will then take place will bring together large gatherings of brethren and others interested in the results on each day. The Girls' School election takes precedence, being appointed for Thursday, while that connected with the sister Institution will come off on the day following.

For the Girls' School election the number of approved candidates is 40 and the number of vacancies to be filled 22. The former are pretty equally divided between old and new applicants, there being on the list 21 who have stood one or more ballots, and 19 who are new to the ordeal. Of the 21 remaining from the election in October last, one child has been on the list for two years, five for a year and a-half, and the remaining 15 tried their luck at the ballot for the first time in October last. All these bring forward the votes polled for them at previous elections, the numbers ranging from 2600 to the credit of No. 16 down to 42 for No. 9. Seven of the girls have votes in hand numbering 1297 and upwards, and there are six who bring forward less than 100. Of the whole list there are four—namely: Nos. 15, 24, 33, and 34—who have this one chance of admission: if they fail on Thursday next, their names will be removed from the lists altogether.

As for the Boys' School election which, as we have said, is fixed for Friday, the 13th inst., the number of candidates—43—is slightly greater, but the number to be elected is 30, so that while in the case of the older School, the proportion to be elected is slightly over 50 per cent., in the younger School it is not much below 75 per cent. As regards the full list, the first 18 names are those of boys who have already had experience of one or more ballots, while the remaining 25 have had their claims approved since the last list was closed in July, 1893. Of the old cases one has stood four ballots, one three ballots, five two ballots, and the rest one ballot; all have votes to their credit, ranging as low as 1, in the case of No. 7, but only one—No. 16—has scored more than 1000. Here likewise there are four children, who must succeed at this election or their names will be removed from the list. These four are No. 5, an old candidate, and Nos. 28, 31, and 37.

We now, as we have done for some years past, close our remarks upon these elections with an earnest appeal to all Governors and Subscribers, who are not committed to the support of any particular candidate, to give their votes and exercise all the influence they possess in order to ensure the success of these "last" cases, namely, Nos. 15, 24, 33, and 34 on the Girls' list, and Nos. 5, 28, 31, and 37 on the Boys' list. We do not ask this from any knowledge we personally have of the children, who are unknown to us, but for the reason these Girls and Boys have had their claims to admission carefully sifted and approved by the respective School Committees. They have been declared worthy of election, and what we now ask is that their claims shall be preferred on Friday next to those of other candidates, who, even if they fail then, will still have further chances of being admitted. Nor, as we have pointed out at previous elections, is there any reason why this view should not prevail. In the present state of the lists, every candidate for both Schools can be and ought to be elected, and it is no hardship to ask those who have influence to stand aside for a few months in favour of those who have little or none.

The report of the Boys' School Council meeting is of more than ordinary interest. The proposed purchase of a perpetual presentation by the Province of Kent will probably cause some discussion at the next Quarterly Court; but it will be noted that the price offered is 200 guineas more than has previously been paid, and is thus a better bargain for the Institution.

The object of the presentation is to perpetuate the name of that genial and hard-working Brother—James

Smith Eastes—the very popular Deputy P.G.M. Bro. Eastes is about to complete 21 years of office as Deputy Grand Master, and having served for five years on the Committee of the Institution, his many friends in the Province have adopted this graceful way of recognising his eminent services.

The retiring London members of the Board of Management are to be congratulated on being re-elected without opposition. They are a "strong" lot, and each name is well known as having rendered good suit and service during many years past to the Institution.

For the provincial representation eight brethren are nominated for the five vacancies. It is, perhaps, too much to expect that a contest may be avoided by the withdrawal of three brethren, but it does seem a pity that a contest should be raised each year, when it is generally admitted things are going well in the management. It is one of the weak points of the new constitution of the Board that such contests are practically invited by the system of nomination. Perhaps the interest excited gains strength to the Institution, and may thus compensate for the trouble and expense a contested election brings in its train.

Ladies' nights have become a permanent institution in Freemasonry, and the frequency of these events renders any special notice of them unnecessary except under special circumstances, but an unusually interesting function took place on Saturday last at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, in connection with the Gallery Lodge, which, as our readers are aware, is composed entirely of journalists. The feature of this meeting was the presentation of a gold bracelet to the sister of the W.M. to commemorate his successful year of office. This very pretty compliment will doubtless suggest to wives and "others" that the jewellery hitherto so liberally bestowed on the husband, sweetheart, or brother may by a little tact on the ladies' part be occasionally diverted to a more fitting and appreciative recipient.

A lady was also much in evidence in the Province of Devonshire last week in connection with the ceremony of laying a foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall. The W.M., Bro. Pain, is one of those fortunate Masons whose household is in sympathy with him in Masonic matters. Not only does Mrs. Pain appreciate the beauties and privileges of Masonry but she is able to give reasons "for the faith that is in her," as was shown by the very able and piquant speech she made after the ceremony. We commend the speech in question to the serious attention of the "wives, sisters, and aunts" of the Fraternity.

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AN OLD JEWEL.

Bro. F. W. Larter has sent me two photographs of a very pretty jewel he has lately acquired. It is of copper, and weighs nearly 2½ ounces, the size being over 2½ inches, and "pear" shaped. *Obverse*, a number of Craft emblems, artistically arranged; the historic two columns united by an arch, with keystone at the head being prominently depicted, the "All-seeing eye," sun, &c., being at the top. *Reverse*, "Lennox J G Kilwinning No. 247 Lodge 1772" (*square and compasses* on one side and *level* on the other). Both sides are beautifully engraved, as stated, and by the reverse we learn that the jewel belonged to Bro. J—G—, of the "Lennox Kilwinning Lodge," No. 247. This lodge is duly noted in the Constitutions of Scotland, 1848, as formed in 1792, and was erased in 1848. It was held at Campsie. Evidently "1772" was an error of the engraver for 1792. These jewels, or badges, were generally worn by ordinary brethren, the emblems depicted and designs generally being according to the fancy of the owner. Some were very elaborate and artistic; engraved or medals struck from dies, and rare both curious and interesting now. This particular jewel is beautifully done, and I congratulate Bro. Larter accordingly.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Reviews.

"TORQUAY ILLUSTRATED, 6d."—The spirited proprietors of the "Torquay Times" newspaper, Fleet-street, Torquay, have just brought out a *pocket edition* (*overcoat pocket*) of their well-known artistic work "Torquay Illustrated," with map of the town and fifty excellent views. Some hundred pages are thus devoted to lovely Torquay and neighbourhood, the *El Dorado* of attractions, as well as one of the most celebrated "health manufactories" of the world. The views are from photographs by such masters of the art as Messrs. Valentine and Sons, Frith & Co., Bedford, and also several local artists, whose united talent has enabled the printers to do justice to their subject. There is no more attractive spot that we know of, and we congratulate Messrs. Grogan Brothers on the issue of such a handy guide, handsomely got up, and at a merely

nominal price. The illustrations are more than worth the small price asked for the booklet, and the text furnishes admirable and interesting reading. If the intending tourist would consult this beautiful little volume before going abroad, it is likely its perusal would lead him to stay at home and visit Torquay, which, under ordinary circumstances, is neither too cold in winter nor too hot in summer. Abundant scientific and medical testimony is given as to the special advantages this superb watering place has to offer, the evidence being mostly of an independent and wholly unprejudiced character. 73d. in stamps will secure a copy free by post.

"THE INDIAN FREEMASONS' ALMANAC AND DIARY FOR THE YEAR 1894."—This comprehensive Masonic Directory for all India and Burma, the largest and one of the best published anywhere, is ably edited by Bro. P. C. Dutt, of 14, Seetaram Ghoses-street, Calcutta, and is in its 26th year of publication. All the recognised Degrees are represented, as well as "side" ceremonies, and the Craft especially is treated at considerable length. The work is historical as well as descriptive and official, and is practically an exhaustive epitome (if we may use the term) of the chief Masonic events in India from 1728 to 1893. No one but an enthusiast would ever take the trouble year by year, with the discouraging accompaniments attending such enterprises, and Bro. Dutt is a large creditor in this respect, deserving as he does the hearty thanks and most liberal support of the brethren in India. What he does is well done, and invaluable for local purposes.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Lodge of Prosperity (No. 65).—PRESENTATION TO BRO. E. C. TALBOT.—The installation meeting of this popular and ever-growing lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on the 22nd ult., and was well attended both by members and visitors. There were present Bros. E. C. Talbot, W.M.; D. Harlow, S.W.; G. T. Brown, P.M., Sec.; W. C. Thomas, S.D.; W. J. Greig, I.G.; G. Schadler, P.M., D.C.; C. Martin, A.D.C.; G. T. Kinipple and S. Spencer, Stwds.; W. P. Jackman, C. J. Rich, P.M.; C. Daniel, P.M.; A. J. Harris, P.M.; C. E. Ferry, P.M.; G. Greig, A. H. Sarjeant, J. Chambers, E. T. Willoughby, H. T. Napier, W. T. Cocks, R. Martin, W. E. Knight, H. C. Betts, E. Johnson, T. Cole, Col. Meurice, W. Humphrey, W. J. Edwards, J. Biss, W. Eives, J. Smart, W. Downes, F. R. Perks, G. Brown, H. T. Brooks, H. W. Miles, O. Talbot, G. Chivers, F. Green, Bratton, W. J. Harris, C. E. Jackson, Rudd, E. Gray, junr., S. J. Wormsley, C. Chivers, G. Smithers, W. Chicken, P.M.; F. J. Ruse, P.M.; J. C. Stone, P.M.; T. White, J. Huckell, Montagu, G. W. Shephard, G. A. Davison, J. Savage, Thos. Chivers, C. H. Fuller, W. Lane, Tyler, and many others. The visitors were Bros. C. H. Nicholas, 1298; H. Sillis, 957; L. Lazarus, P.M. 879; A. Burgin, 169; Oliver, 1669; J. G. Milbourn, P.M. 13; G. Griffiths, W.M. 1310; W. Belchamber, P.M. 193; J. G. Twinn, P.M. 1306; H. J. Tibbatts, W.M. 2396; G. Bird, P.M. 879; Baxter, 879; Harrison, 1765; A. Love, P.M. 1791; Blatchford, 704; Lovett, P.M. 3; J. Simpson, 177; J. T. Ashley, 228; A. W. Souse, 193; A. H. Harris, 1104; Woolnack, 1348; Millington, 1227; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed and the balance sheet, showing a substantial amount in hand, having been adopted, the W.M. raised to the Third Degree Bros. W. Brown, G. Smithers, A. H. Sarjeant, W. T. Cocks, G. Greig, H. T. Napier, and E. T. Willoughby, and afterwards passed Bro. H. C. Betts. The more than excellent working of the W.M., Bro. E. C. Talbot, was much appreciated by the members and visitors. There was plenty of work for an installation meeting, but the W.M. was ably assisted by his efficient officers. The W.M. then proceeded with the important task of installing Bro. D. Harlow as his successor, which he performed in a most commendable manner. The following were appointed and invested as officers for the year: Bros. W. C. Thomas, S.W.; W. J. Greig, J.W.; G. T. Brown, P.M., Sec.; C. Martin, S.D.; G. T. Kinipple, J.D.; S. E. Spencer, I.G.; P. Jackman, Org.; G. Schadler, P.M., D.C.; G. W. Bratton, A.D.C.; W. J. Edwards and W. M. Graham, Stwds.; and W. Lane, Tyler. The delivery of the usual addresses was ably and impressively rendered by Bro. E. C. Talbot, who received the hearty congratulations of the members on taking his seat as I.P.M.

A Summer Banquet Committee was then appointed, and other business being disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a superb banquet, which gave great credit to the establishment and was admirably served.

The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in brief but eloquent terms.

Bro. E. C. Talbot, the I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that it was the only toast that fell to his lot. It gave him very great pleasure to install Bro. Harlow as W.M. He had been associated with him for many years in their lodge of instruction. He was one of the brightest ornaments in the lodge, and was in every way qualified to do everything in the working of the ritual.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and

Bro. Harlow, on rising to respond, was enthusiastically received. He said that he was bad at speech-making, but hoped that he would be a good worker of the ritual, which he earnestly trusted would come up to what had been done in the past by his excellent predecessors.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The Installing Master," observing that, in his opinion, it was the most important toast of the evening. They had seen Bro. Talbot's able working, and the members appreciated his great worth to the lodge. In having the large number of 25 initiates, he had broken the record. He was a true friend and an excellent worker, and had done wonders as Preceptor in the lodge of instruction. He took that opportunity of pre-

senting him with a Past Master's jewel, which he richly deserved, and he hoped that he would live for many years to wear it. He also had the great pleasure of handing him a massive piece of silver plate, which had been subscribed for by the members as a small token of esteem they felt towards him, and for his great services to the lodge.

For the first time in the history of the lodge, the initiates decided to present the out-going W.M., Bro. E. C. Talbot, with a testimonial in recognition of his splendid work during his year of office. This took the form of a very fine Pandalus, and was accompanied by a beautifully-illuminated address. Bro. Talbot is very popular and an ardent worker, and his reign has been the most brilliant in the annals of the lodge. The presentation to Bro. Talbot was made, on behalf of the initiates, by Bro. H. T. Brooks—a very young member of the lodge—in a short but happy speech, which elicited much applause.

Bro. E. C. Talbot, I.P.M., on rising to respond, received an ovation, and it was a few minutes before he was able to reply, when he thanked the members for their very earnest reception. His heart was too full, and it was difficult for him to express in words what he felt towards them, but in gaining a Past Master's jewel he had reached the summit of his Masonic career. He appreciated the silver plate, and it was more than kind of the members to make him that handsome present. His best thanks were also due to his initiates for their splendid token, and their appreciation of his services was to him a grateful act, which he could never forget, and in conclusion he hoped all the members would come to his house, and make use of the beautiful things given to him that night.

In appropriate terms the W.M. gave the toast of "The Visitors," remarking that they were always received there with great cordiality and pleasure. They had some distinguished ones that evening, and he gave them all a hearty welcome.

Bro. G. Griffiths, W.M. 1310, in reply, stated that he was pleased to be there to witness the excellent working and the happy proceedings. It was gratifying to him to see how Bro. Talbot was honoured by the members, and he would have the privilege of installing him as W.M. of his lodge in a few weeks' time.

Bros. H. J. Tibbatts, W.M.; J. G. Milbourn, P.M.; A. Love, P.M.; C. H. Nicholas; and G. Bird, P.M., also made suitable responses, bearing testimony to the excellent working and the great hospitality of the members.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," and "The Officers," and were duly honoured, to which several good speeches were made in reply.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a memorable and enjoyable evening, and the W.M. is to be congratulated on the great success of the happy gathering.

The vocal entertainment was carried out by Bros. J. Huckell, G. T. Kinipple, Montagu, Mr. J. W. Baker, Master George March, Bros. F. Stephens, C. March, and A. H. Serjeant, the two last-named deserving special mention. Bro. Percy Jackman ably presided at the piano-forte.

Faith Lodge (No. 141).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 27th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., G. Stwd., as W.M.; W. J. Hakim, P.M., Treas., as S.W.; Godfrey, J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Gluckstein, J.D.; Moss, I.G.; C. Dairy, P.M.; and C. Wetzlar, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. They included a resolution that the March meeting in future should be abandoned. It having been reported that since the last meeting Bro. W. Langdale, P.M., had died, it was moved from the chair that a vote of condolence to the widow and family should be forwarded by the Secretary. This was duly seconded, and carried with many individual expressions of regret at the loss of so genial a man and worthy a Mason. Bros. Trott, W.M.; White, S.W.; and others sent apologies for non-attendance. The lodge was then closed.

United Pilgrims Lodge (No. 507).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, on Thursday, the 22nd ult., Bro. C. H. Stone, W.M., presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. next proceeded to the principal business of the evening, the installation of Bro. R. B. Gilson, W.M. elect. The ceremony was performed throughout in an exemplary manner, and Bro. C. H. Stone, Installing Master, deservedly earned the congratulations he received on all sides. The W.M. then appointed and duly invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. C. H. Stone, I.P.M., acting S.W.; Beste, J.W.; Lipscomb, S.D.; Peters, P.M., Sec.; Terry, P.M., Treas.; Gold, J.D.; G. Terry, I.G.; Comfort, Charity Steward; Ellson, P.M., D.C.; and Joyce, P.M., Stwd.

The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In replying to the toast of "The Grand Officers," Bro. S. Cochrane, the G. Treas. said: In the first place, Worshipful Master, I thank you on behalf of the Grand Officers for the kind way in which you have proposed the toast and the brethren for the more than ordinary cordial manner in which they have received it. There are Grand Officers and Grand Officers; I happen to be one of your own making, wholly and solely attached to the Blue. A dear old friend of mine tried to get my position for 1894-95, and although not successful, I am glad to say he polled about 400 more votes than had ever been polled before. Bro. Stiles has spent years and years teaching Freemasonry, and has done so much for the Masonic Charities, even 600 guineas, that I still look forward with confidence to his heading the poll at the next election of Grand Treasurer for England.

The I.P.M. said: For the first time in the United Pilgrims Lodge I have to propose "The Health of the W.M." The manner in which he has conducted the affairs of the lodge this evening redound enormous credit on himself considering he has only been a Mason for five years. From his first entrance into the lodge Bro. Gilson has proved himself a worthy member of our honourable Craft, and I was delighted to see that almost his first act in the chair was to announce his intention of standing Steward to the Girls' Institution. I do not for one moment doubt that our W.M. will fully maintain the prestige of the lodge during his year of office, and I ask the brethren to drink this toast in the cordial manner it deserves.

In reply, the W.M. thanked the I.P.M. for the kind expressions he had used in reference to himself, and the brethren for so enthusiastically drinking his health.

The W.M. said: The next toast, fortunately for myself, requires but few words to commend it to you, it is the toast of "The I.P.M." You all know Bro. Stone so well, have seen his excellent working, and, I am sure, appreciate him as much as I do. The way in which he has presided over us during the past year has been most exemplary. We are all glad that he has now recovered from his severe illness, and trust that he may be spared for many years to wear the Past Master's jewel I now have the pleasure of presenting him with. I am sure Bro. Stone will not feel this presentation a mere matter of form, but a heartfelt expression of the esteem in which he is held by the members of the United Pilgrims Lodge.

The W.M. here privately presented Bro. Stone with a Past Master's collar and silver jewel, given him by the officers of the lodge. The jewel bore the following inscription: "To Bro. C. H. Stone, W.M., 1893-94, from a few of his many friends."

The I.P.M. said: This is a moment of pride and regret. Pride in having filled—I hope fairly well—the chair in the United Pilgrims Lodge, and having installed so worthy a brother as my successor; and regret in being obliged to leave the chair just as I was getting used to the work. I am deeply indebted to you for the great kindness you have shown me in unanimously voting me this jewel, which I shall prize as long as I live. There is one point especially I must mention, that is to express my thanks to the brethren who have so ably supported me during the past year. The officers have been most regular and punctual, and richly deserve the promotion they have received this evening. I also have to thank the Past Masters for their kind assistance, and, I need hardly add, that I shall be only too glad to render the lodge any service in the future as far as lies in my power. I hope our present W.M. is only the first of a long list of W.Ms. drawn from the younger members of the lodge.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Visitors." The toast was enthusiastically received, and ably responded to by Bros. W. Martin and Hernaman, both expressing the pleasure it had given them to witness the work in the lodge, and thanks for the hearty reception the toast of the visitors had received.

In proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. likened them to the fathers of families, whose duty it was to teach the younger members in the way they should go, and but for whose assistance it would be next to impossible for many men to creditably occupy the position of W.M. He specially thanked Bro. Cockell, P.M., who, with the help of Bro. Atkinson, the Organist, had arranged such an excellent musical programme.

Bro. Michaelis, P.M., briefly responded. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Officers," speaking in high terms of praise of their abilities, and especially those of the Treasurer, who during a 22 years' membership of the lodge had only been absent on three occasions.

In reply, the S.W. thanked the W.M. for the honour he had bestowed upon him in appointing him his S.W., and felt sure that the whole of his officers would do their best to merit his approbation.

The J.W., I.P.M., Treasurer, and Secretary also suitably responded.

A vote of thanks to the artistes and the Tyler's toast brought to a close the pleasant proceedings.

The artistes were Mrs. Cockell, Miss R. Beste, Mrs. Milligan, Mr. Hubert Celis (violin), Mr. W. G. L. Cockell, Mr. Gould, and Bros. H. E. Cockell, G. W. Beste, and F. C. Atkinson, Mus. B., P.M. 1648.

Duke of Fife Lodge (No. 2345).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held, by a dispensation from Grand Lodge, owing to alterations at the Alexandra Hotel, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Tuesday, the 27th inst., Bro. E. Beaven, P.M., W.M., in the chair. The minutes were read and confirmed, and Bro. Horace Cross Mitchell was passed to the Degree of F.C. The report of the Audit Committee was unanimously received, the lodge being congratulated on its financial stability. Bro. A. Harvey was presented to the W.M., and by him installed as Master for the coming year. The officers were then invested, viz.: Bros. E. Beaven, I.P.M.; Langdon, S.W.; Charlie Woods, J.W.; Robert Steele, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Folkard, P.M., Sec.; J. Lyell, S.D.; W. W. Westley, P.M., D.C.; A. Robertson, A.D.C.; J. Mitchell, I.G.; G. F. Winny, Org.; and C. Patrick, Tyler. The J.D., Bro. Hy. Mitchell, and the Stewards were not invested, not being able to attend. On the motion of Bro. Steele, Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Harvey, W.M., it was decided to make a grant of 10 guineas towards the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

All Masonic business being ended, the brethren dined together, and having done justice to a capital repast, received the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" with enthusiasm.

In proposing "The M.W.G.M.," the W.M. referred to the interest their chief showed in the Order.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the W.M. pointed out that two of their members, who were noted for kind-hearted, disinterested work were Grand Officers. It was highly gratifying to have the Grand Treasurer in their midst, and as they had not expected to have Bro. G. Everett, P.G. Treas., present they were pleased he had been able by a great effort to come. The special interest they had was shown by their recent actions for the lodge.

In response, Bro. S. Cochrane, G. Treasurer, said that for some years he had known how much work the Grand Officers did. Some were spending much time in attending the various Committees, and generally attending to the interests of the Order.

Bro. George Everett, P.G. Treasurer, was gratified that his work for the lodge was appreciated. He had been able to arrange for the present meeting and hoped all would go off well. He thanked them on behalf of the Grand Officers for so kindly receiving the toast.

Bro. Beaven, I.P.M., said of the "The W.M." that all in the lodge appreciated him. He had done excellent service for the Order, and would be ready to continue the same.

The W.M., in response, said that he had been so impressed with the tenets of the Craft in his mother lodge that he had ever tried, and would continue to do his duty.

In proposing "The I.P.M.," the W.M. presented him with a Past Master's jewel, and expressed a hope that he

might live long to wear it in appreciation of the high feelings which had prompted the brethren to present it.

The I.P.M. expressed his thanks.
The Worshipful Master proposed "The Visitors" and drew attention to each one's services.

Bro. Vincent T. Murche, P.M. 1963, Sec. 1641, congratulated the Master and the lodge on the capital working and genuine good fellowship shown.

Bro. John Lobb, 228, said that his many duties had prevented him giving much time to Freemasonry, for it had taken three W.Ms. to make him a M.M. He felt quite at home here for had he not lived within the sound of St. Bride's for 36 years. He also had the honour of representing the ward on the Common Council and served on the Board of Guardians. He had thoroughly enjoyed the evening, and had been particularly delighted with the musical treat supplied by the musical brethren of the lodge. The lodge was to be congratulated also on its general progress and lavish hospitality. He could tell them how much he appreciated both, and as his lodge was approaching the centenary, they could understand that he knew something of the Order. Other toasts followed.

St. Martin's Lodge (No. 2455).—The first installation meeting of this successful lodge was held at St. Martin's Town Hall, Charing Cross, on the 28th ult., when Bro. Chas. S. Lee, the first Master, vacated the chair in favour of Bro. T. P. Baptie, J.P., having initiated 24 candidates during his term of office. The lodge is moreover in a strong financial position, and has the honour to number among its honorary members H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. At the opening of the lodge Bro. C. S. Lee, W.M., was supported by Bros. W. T. Farthing, acting I.P.M.; T. P. Baptie, J.P., P.M., S.W.; J. Willing, jun., P.M., J.W.; Rev. J. F. Kitto, Chap.; J. Strachan, P.M., Treas.; G. W. Murnane, Sec.; W. B. Fendick, P.M., S.D.; C. Mason, J.D.; H. J. Brickwell, D.C.; W. Drew, P.M., and many others. Visitors: Bros. Sir T. Puleston, M.P.; Alderman J. C. Dimsdale, P.M. 1, P.G. Stwd., G. Treas. elect; O. Papworth, P.P.G.S.W. Camb.; S. G. Gamble, P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 362; J. Mitchell, P.M. 1743; H. T. Hobbs, P.M. 209; W. H. Dallimore, P.M. 87; T. Whaley, P.M. 172; S. M. Southwell, P.M. 1420; J. Strachan, P.P.G.W. Northumberland; J. R. Dobree, 1351; J. S. Cumberland, P.P.J.G.W. North and East Yorks.; George Brown, P.M. 1602; T. W. Willis, I.P.M. 2243; S. R. Walker, P.M. 733; J. H. Price, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; C. F. Bennewitz, J.W. 1627; W. Woodward, P.M. 1920; Geo. Reynolds, P.M.; and W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 2381.

The minutes were confirmed, and Bros. V. Dowsett, 1321, and W. F. Fladgate, 26, were unanimously elected honorary members. Bros. F. J. Redman, and P. E. Pilditch were raised to the Third Degree, and Mr. W. Patterson was duly initiated into Freemasonry. The report of the Standing Committee, showing a good balance in hand after the payment of all expenses, was unanimously adopted. Bro. W. T. Farthing, P.M., then assumed the chair, and installed Bro. Baptie as W.M., with his customary ability. The following officers were invested: Bros. T. Willing, jun., P.M., S.W.; W. B. Fendick, P.M., J.W.; Rev. J. F. Kitto, M.A., Chaplain; J. Strachan, P.M., Treasurer; G. W. Murnane, P.M., Secretary; G. Mason, S.D.; H. T. Brickwell, J.D.; W. Challice, I.G.; W. T. Farthing, P.M., D.C.; F. Swinford, Org.; and G. Marshall, H. Wilson, and E. W. Browning, Stewards. The W.M., in presenting Bro. C. S. Lee, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel, and a Past Master's collar and jewel voted by the lodge, alluded in eloquent terms to the eminent services rendered by Bro. Lee to the lodge during the first year of its existence. He said that Bro. Lee had always been at his post, in spite of the fact that he had not enjoyed the best of health, and he had shown that he possessed but one dominating idea—the increase and prosperity of their lodge and Freemasonry in general, and the testimonials that night were eloquent, though silent, tributes to his labours. Bro. C. S. Lee, I.P.M., formally thanked the brethren, and reserved any further remarks until a later period of the evening. Bro. Challice was thanked for the use of the harmonium, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the Grand Hotel, Charing Cross, where a *recherché* repast was followed by the customary toasts.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. C. S. Lee, who said he believed Bro. Baptie, W.M., had the lodge at heart, and would do his best in order to carry his year through with success. The W.M. had been called upon to preside over practically a new lodge, and he (the I.P.M.) wished Bro. Baptie an equally prosperous reign of office, and hoped the officers and members would rally round him.

Bro. T. Proctor Baptie, J.P., P.M., W.M., said that in reply to such a toast as this, which had been received with unexpected cordiality, one was confronted with various platitudes, but they would readily believe when, from the bottom of his heart, he said he not only appreciated the unexampled enthusiasm and thoroughly sincere response they had given the toast, but the appreciation of every poor effort he had made on this and former occasions to acquit himself in a manner to extort their satisfaction. As he rose that night for the first time laden with the chains of office that predicted the cares and responsibilities that ushered in the position of every conscientious Master, he was well assured that he started with their hearty support and co-operation; and he also started with a deathless, an unquenchable, and invincible determination, if not to add fresh laurels to St. Martin's Lodge to take care that the laurels were not dimmed or tarnished by his tenure of office. He appreciated their election of him, not mainly because he felt that the Master who was put there was one who was honoured and had their confidence, but also because he had the natural vanity to believe that the election of his fellow men was at any rate a gratifying impression of what he had tried to do. Those were subordinate considerations, but he mainly appreciated the acts that had put him in the chair because it enabled him to have additional opportunities by his example and co-operation to put Masonry on a higher platform than it had been generally. It gave him opportunities for usefulness, for whenever he had been with the lodge he felt a better man and a higher philanthropist. He rejoiced to see them all enjoying themselves and partaking of those benefits which the Great Architect had given them, for he would not wish them to say he would not be a genial Master, a liberal Master, and a Master who would not fail to do his best for each. He hoped the Great Archi-

tect would give him such power, physical and mental, as would enable him to offer up every energy upon the altar of the welfare of St. Martin's Lodge.

The W.M. next proposed "The I.P.M.," and said the brethren were witnesses of Bro. Lee's laborious work, and also of the fact that throughout his year he had done his very best to develop the lodge. They were glad Bro. Lee's health had enabled him to be present. He (the W.M.) gave them the toast, coupled with the hope that the I.P.M. might be spared to enjoy good health, and work with them in the cause of Masonry.

Bro. C. S. Lee, I.P.M., said he thought it was due to them to apologise for not being able to respond in the lodge after the kindly expressions of the W.M. in presenting those tributes of affection from the members, but he was physically unable to do so, feeling unwell after the exertions of the ceremonies. He, therefore, took that, the first opportunity of thanking the W.M. for presenting the gifts in a very kindly way, and for using words which so long as he lived it would not be possible to forget. As long as the W.M. occupied the chair he would have his best support, if that was worth anything, and he hoped they should work side by side in the interests of the lodge they had so much at heart. He felt perfectly sure that in the hands of Bro. Baptie, as the second Master, the lodge could do nothing else but grow and succeed. There was now an unusually successful lodge for they had gone on prospering both in quality, in numbers, and financially, and it must be a proud moment for the present W.M. to succeed to the chair of such a lodge, especially as it was a local lodge and Bro. Baptie was one of the churchwardens. In thanking the brethren one and all for the great kindness he had received he could only hope that the same kindly support would be extended to the W.M. and all succeeding Masters. He must, on this the last opportunity he would be allowed, thank Bro. Farthing, the acting I.P.M., from whom he had received so much support during the year, and also the Secretary and Treasurer, and every member holding office in the lodge. He felt some little reluctance in leaving the chair, but he welcomed a rest. He could only again thank all for their kindly presents and the W.M. for his kind expressions.

In response for "The Visitors," Bro. Alderman J. C. Dimsdale, P.M. 1, Grand Treasurer elect, expressed appreciation of the manner in which the ritual was carried out in the lodge. He must honestly say that what he liked in Freemasonry was that it was established upon that unswerving and immovable rock—religion—not of a sectarian kind, but an unswerving belief in the G.A.O.T.U. That was why he believed Freemasonry would flourish for generations to come. The W.M. had commented upon a recent election in which he (Bro. Dimsdale) was rather a prominent figure. He appreciated most fully the kind confidence that the Craft in general had reposed in him. His only desire would be so to conduct himself in that responsible and high position, that the brethren individually and collectively may never regret the choice made. He appreciated fully their kind reception that evening, for, with the exception of dining with his own lodge on the previous Monday week, this was the first occasion he had had any reception of a public character since his election. The kindly welcome he had received would be present for many months to come.

Bro. Sir J. Puleston, M.P., also replied, after which the W.M. gave "The Installing Master," and said it was impossible to say how much this lodge owed to Bro. Farthing's guidance, energy, and counsel.

Bro. W. T. Farthing, P.M., having thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kindness, said that anything he could do in the future would be as cheerfully done as it had been in the past for the prosperity and welfare of the lodge.

"The Initiate," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," were afterwards honoured, a pleasant gathering terminating with the Tyler's toast.

A selection of glees and songs was rendered, under the direction of Bro. Frank Swinford, Org., by Bros. Marriott, Parkin, and Ball.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Walthamstow Lodge (No. 2472).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 31st ult., at the Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, under the presidency of Bro. William Shurmur, W.M. Bro. Shurmur was supported by Bro. Wildash, acting I.P.M.; Bro. N. Fortescue, P.M.; Bro. S. H. Barker, P.M.; Bro. W. Harris, P.M.; Bro. D. H. McGowan, P.M.; all his officers, many lay members of the lodge, and the visitors. Bro. Shurmur initiated Messrs. Frank Budd, Lionel Budd, and Henry Osborn, and afterwards presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Wildash who had acted as I.P.M. during the first year of the lodge's existence. He then installed Bro. William Harris, P.M., S.W., W.M. elect, as W.M. for the ensuing year, and the following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. William Shurmur, I.P.M.; D. H. McGowan, P.M., S.W.; William Gower, J.W.; S. H. Barker, P.M., Treas.; Samuel Herbert, Sec.; C. Mac Colla, S.D.; James Clark, J.D.; A. J. Stacey, I.G.; T. W. Stacey, D.C.; P. Felsenthal, Org.; H. H. Finch and Frederick Peck, Stwds.; and Marx Grose, Tyler. The W.M. presented Bro. Shurmur with a beautiful jewel of a Past Master which had been unanimously voted to him by the lodge in recognition of his services as W.M. during the past year. In brief, but appropriate, terms Bro. Shurmur thanked the brethren for their acknowledgment of his endeavours to place the lodge, of which he was a founder, in a first-class position during the initial stage of its existence, and he assured them of his sincere desire to keep it in that rank, and of his cordial co-operation in the future with the other brethren of the lodge to maintain its good working, its support of the Charities, and its general efficiency. The real work of the lodge was thus concluded, but a brother gave notice of a motion for the next meeting to the effect that the lodge give a sum of money—to be supplemented by the donations of individual members—to found scholarships in the local Board School; whereupon Bro. S. H. Baker, P.M., Treas., gave notice that he should meet the motion with a direct negative.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The repast was all that could be desired, and Bro. T. Hallows, the proprietor of the hotel, personally superintended, and contributed in an important degree to the general success of the evening.

The usual toasts followed the banquet, and music and singing, under the direction of Mr. H. Behling, were given by Miss Emily Groome, Bro. G. Weige, and Mr. H. Behling, and, in addition, Mr. William Graham gave an enter-

tainment styled "Mirth and Music," and Master G. J. Clark did some recitations. There was a very full entertainment.

Bro. W. Shurmur, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said that was the second occasion on which Bro. W. Harris had been installed as a ruler in the Craft, and the brethren might depend upon it that in his ardent desire to promote the continued prosperity of the Walthamstow Lodge he would not fail to give them the benefit of his past experience. His quiet, gentlemanly, and unassuming manner, which became him so well, would set the brethren an example worthy of imitation, and they would unite in wishing him a very pleasant and prosperous year of office, with every good result which he could himself desire.

Bro. W. Harris, W.M., after the toast had been most cordially responded to, expressed his gratitude for the kind words of Bro. Shurmur, and the cordiality of the endorsement by the brethren. To the members of the lodge he gave his sincere thanks for their unanimous election of him to his high office, and he assured them it would be his endeavour during the coming year to serve them faithfully, zealously, and well, and would see that every brother had his just due. He knew that his officers would support him, and he was glad to have such good working Masons to assist him. He had a rather difficult task in following such a good worker as Bro. Shurmur, who stood so well in Essex, but it was a consolation to feel that whatever assistance he might require, if he asked for it he would obtain it. That fortified him in taking the position of W.M., and he trusted that at the end of his year of office he would have pleased all the brethren. If such was the result, it was all the reward he could desire.

Bro. W. Harris, W.M., next proposed "The Health of the Installing Masters, Bros. W. Shurmur, P.M., and Wildash, P.M.," and said it was no easy task to propose the health of his friend on his immediate left, Bro. Shurmur; they all knew his good qualities and his great abilities. However, for the information of those brethren who did not know Past Master Shurmur intimately he would say he could speak well of him, for certainly there was no brother of the Province of Essex who was so deeply beloved and respected as Bro. Shurmur. He had made Freemasonry what it was in Walthamstow. All the brethren went to his lodge of instruction to acquire proficiency in working. The brethren had themselves seen the masterly style in which he had that evening performed the ceremony of installation; it was one of the proudest moments of his (Bro. Harris's) life to have been installed by Past Master Shurmur. He trusted that Bro. Shurmur might be spared many years to be among them and to aid them in the promotion of Masonic objects. With respect to Bro. Wildash, he certainly had not been so prominent in the working of the lodge, but he had done much in making the Walthamstow Lodge what it was at the present time; he had given a thorough tone to the lodge. Outside Masonry he had been a good worker in the town of Walthamstow, and Bro. J. H. Wildash had always come forward on behalf of its welfare; he was, in fact, part and parcel of the town. Many years might he be spared to adorn the lodge! It was only by having such thorough, good, genuine Past Masters they could hope for success.

Bro. W. Shurmur, I.P.M., who was the first to respond to the toast, said it was quite impossible for him to express his sincere gratitude, not only for the cordial manner in which the brethren had endorsed the complimentary remarks of the W.M., but for the unvarying kindness which he had received from the members of that lodge. He had very pleasant recollections of his term of office. It had been his privilege to introduce a large number of brethren into Freemasonry, who he was confident would prove ornaments to the Craft, and a credit to the choice made of them. Those brethren felt the honour that had been conferred on them by their admission to the Order, rather than that honour had been conferred on it by their introduction to the Fraternity. The W.M. had spoken about the good officers of the lodge, and he (Bro. Shurmur) could not allow that opportunity to pass without expressing his sincere thanks to the brethren who had been officers during his year. It was all very well to talk about the work of the W.M., but what was the use of a good captain unless he had a good crew? He had been supported most loyally by every member of the lodge, as well as by every officer, and he was sure they would carry that allegiance to Bro. Harris and support him with similar cordiality. They did not want to make the lodge a large one in fact its meeting place would not accommodate a large number: they desired to be very select; and it was quite possible they might increase the lodge fees. Bro. Wildash had been referred to. He and Bro. Wildash were really the fathers of the lodge; in fact had it not been for Bro. Wildash it was quite possible the Walthamstow Lodge would not have met in Walthamstow but at the Great Eastern Hotel. He was, however, very pleased it did meet at Walthamstow, because it was a representative lodge. Most of the local magistrates were members of it. Bro. Shurmur then detailed the circumstances connected with the formation of the lodge in which Bro. Wildash took a prominent part, after consulting with Past Master Hallows, and having the support of the Beaconsfield Lodge. In conclusion, he thanked the brethren for the Past Master's jewel with which he had been presented. As Preceptor of the lodge of instruction it was, of course, his duty to work the Degrees in a fairly intelligent manner. If he had given satisfaction he was only too pleased. It would always be his desire to promote in any way the success of the lodge.

Bro. Wildash, P.M., also responded, and thanked the brethren for the Past Master's jewel with which his breast had been adorned. Walthamstow had his best wishes; it was his favourite place; his wife was born there; his children were born there; it was his home in every sense of the word; and when the Walthamstow Lodge was projected, he took the greatest interest in it. He knew there were sufficient people in Walthamstow to support it. Walthamstow had grown enormously since he first knew it, and he was glad to see present on that occasion so many brethren, among them, Bro. Walter Waittingham, who could testify with him as to the growth of the parish. He did like to see his town go a-head, and it must be a proud thing for them to think they could produce a lodge equal to any in the kingdom. He hoped the lodge would be able to do a great deal for Charity. If it could do anything for Charity outside Masonic Charity he should be glad to take part in the work.

The other toasts were afterwards given and acknowledged before the brethren separated.



A report of the consecration of the Southport Mark Lodge and several other communications stand over till next week.

Wednesday, May 9th, is the day fixed by the Duke of York for the dinner, at which he has consented to preside, in aid of the funds of the Railway Benevolent Institution.

Lord Justice Davey has undertaken to occupy the chair at the dinner that is to be given at Lincoln's Inn Hall, on Wednesday, May 2nd, for the benefit of King's College Hospital.

Bro. Sir Polydore De Keyser is acting as one of the Stewards in connection with the forthcoming festival dinner in aid of the funds of the German Hospital. Prince Christian will preside.

The Earl and Countess of Jersey have kindly promised to open the Jubilee bazaar that is to be held next June in aid of the National Refuges for Homeless and Destitute Children, Shaftesbury-avenue.

Bros. B. Norman and J. Holliday were, on Thursday, the 29th ult., elected Churchwardens for the Parish of St. Botolph Without, Aldersgate. At the same meeting Bro. Goddard was re-elected Vestry Clerk, and Bro. Webb, Parish Solicitor.

Mr. A. F. Buxton, L.C.C., has made to the statuary in the Embankment Gardens an important addition in the shape of casts in bronze of the two classic figures known as "The Wrestlers." The figures have been erected on each side of the path just within the entrance to the slip of pleasure ground opposite the offices of the London School Board.

It was stated at the monthly meeting of the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association, that the Goldsmiths' Company had undertaken to bear the whole cost, between £600 and £700 of laying out St. Peter's Churchyard, Walworth, as a garden, including the provision of seats and of a granite drinking-fountain. The Drapers' and the Joiners' Companies contributed £100 and £5 ss. respectively towards the general expenses of the association.

The Arctic expedition under Walter Wellman, an American, will shortly sail for Spitzbergen. They hope to return before Christmas, and expect to get considerably nearer the North Pole than anyone else. They propose using alcohol for cooking only. Aluminium is the material their boats are made of, and these also form sledges. Their food will consist of a combination of meat and wheat flour and desiccated vegetables, the rations being one pound per day. Sixty dogs accompany them, and they have three scaling ladders or bridges 25 feet long. Altogether this expedition looks very favourable.

At the Annual Meeting of the Accident Insurance Company, Limited, the Directors reported that the income for the year ending 31st December, 1893, amounted to £51,040 18s. 5d. The claims paid amounted to £23,026 10s. 11d., and the bonus allowances to policy-holders to £3,533 2s. 9d. A dividend of five per cent., free of Income Tax, was declared, making, with the interim interest already paid, 10 per cent. for the year, while a sum equivalent to two per cent. was set aside to increase the paid capital account. A reserve of more than 50 per cent. on the premium income was carried forward.

Bro. Howell's noble History of No. 257, Portsmouth, continues to make progress, for page 210 is now reached, covering in two sheets of 8 pp. each the completion of the History of No. 257 Lodge, and a portion of that of the Royal Arch Chapter of Friendship, originally No. 3, and now 257, from 1769 to 1893. We are, we hope, betraying no secret in stating that the discovery of the old Royal Arch Records of 1769 to 1786, and especially the references to the Mark Degree of 1769, so impressed Bro. Hughan that he has favoured Bro. Howell with an "Introduction on Early Mark and Royal Arch Masonry," which will add much to the value of this large work, which is promised early in May. The facsimile of the first minute of the chapter, Sept. 1st, 1769, is well done, and, in fact, all has been well done down to the last page printed.

The 38th Exhibition of Dogs held by the Kennel Club will open at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday, 10th inst., and remain open the two following days. The judging of the 1500 entries, which have been made for the show, will be carried on in twelve rings on the opening day, and a grand parade of the most notable prize-winners has been arranged for the afternoon of Wednesday, 11th inst. Among the various breeds of dogs which will be represented at the show, we may mention that 44 entries have been made in the classes provided for Bloodhounds, 47 in Mastiffs, 114 in St. Bernards, 47 in Great Danes, 39 in Borzois, 45 in Deerhounds, 30 in Foreign Dogs, 52 in Retrievers, 110 in Spaniels, 141 in Collies, 53 in Bulldogs, 148 in Fox Terriers, 98 in Dachshunds, 66 in Scottish Terriers, 58 in Dandie Dinmont Terriers, and about 130 in the different breeds of toy-dogs.

The following letter appears in the *Standard* of this morning (Friday): "The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. To the Editor of the *Standard*. Sir,—In your report of the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society, held last evening, the Chairman is reported to have said of that excellent Institution, 'It was, moreover, the only Institution which received a child whose father was still living.' Permit me to say that the two Royal Masonic Institutions (for Boys and Girls) receive under their care children whose fathers are alive, who, through misfortune, are reduced to, and continue to be in, a position requiring the benefits. At the half-yearly elections, to be held next week, 22 girls will be elected from 40 candidates, and 30 boys from 43 candidates, five boys and three girls having fathers who are alive. Of the 265 boys on the books of our Institution at Wood Green, five have their fathers alive. I think I am correct in adding that other Institutions of a similar character, notably the Commercial Travellers' Schools, grant their privileges in a like manner. J. MORRISON McLEOD, Secretary R.M.I. for Boys."

Mr. Rider Haggard and Mr. Jerome K. Jerome are going to read selections from their works at a drawing-room meeting that is to be held on Wednesday, 11th inst., at 84, Harley-street, W., in aid of the North-Eastern Hospital for children, Hackney-road.

On condition that a suitable site is obtained and that he is given a reasonable assurance that a suitable maintenance fund will be raised, Mr. J. Passmore Edwards has undertaken to provide the cost of erecting a cottage hospital for the Tilbury Dock district.

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.

The death has occurred at Bolton of Bro. Thos. Higson, one of the oldest Freemasons in East Lancashire. Deceased who had nearly attained four-score years, held rank as Provincial Grand Tyler of the East Lancashire Province, and was well known by the Masonic fraternity throughout the county. Deceased was formerly in an extensive way of business as a coach proprietor in Bolton.

The musicians of the country are about to form themselves, as it were, into a close corporation. A Bill that has been drafted runs to the effect that after the first year (during which all *bona fide* teachers can claim to be enrolled) only those who pass the examination, or who hold degrees granted at the Universities or the higher diplomas of the Royal Academy, Royal College, Guildhall School, Tonic Sol-fa College, Trinity College, or the Incorporated Society of Musicians, shall be entitled to be registered as members of the body.

A little way from the Thames Embankment, and just behind the Guildhall School of Music, has been erected and are now ready for opening, a grand pile of buildings that will be known in future as "Ward's" School for Girls. This is the outcome of a successful suit the City Corporation brought in the Chancery division some time ago. Mr. Ward was an eccentric old gentleman of Peckham who died worth a lot of money. He left £20,000 for a girls' school in the City of London, which afterwards found its way into Chancery. The Corporation got it out and built these magnificent premises. They will be opened as soon as the officers are appointed.

Bro. Lord Carrington has taken another important step in the establishment of small holdings on his Buckingham estates. At Flackwell Heath he has let to a number of fruiterers and others in the village some 170 acres, with a barn in common, at a low rental, and at Tyler's-green—both places being near High Wycombe—he has offered some 40 or 50 acres for small holdings. A meeting of parishioners was called to consider the matter, and a large company, representing all classes, assembled, under the presidency of the vicar. Bro. Lord Carrington explained his object, and the project was readily taken up, applications being immediately received for something like 80 acres. Every effort will be made to meet these requests.

The "Mysterious Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm" is growing very rapidly in New York State. Hon. Thomas I. James, of New York City, is Most Potent Grand Monarch; LeRoy Fairchild, of Hamilton, N.Y., D.G. Monarch; Sidney D. Smith, of Hamilton, N.Y., Grand Secretary. They have ten grottos in New York State, including one in New York City and one in Minnesota. None but Master Masons in good standing are eligible for membership. It has weird and attractive ceremonies, and is attracting a good deal of attention, and many prominent Masons from all sections of the country are members of it already.—*American Tyler*.

MASONIC RECEPTION AND BALL.—A Masonic reception and ball, in aid of the Anderson and Bates Benevolent Fund, a local Masonic Charity, were held at the Town Hall, Hull, on the 30th ult. The whole of the building had been placed by the Corporation at the service of the Committee, and the arrangements were, therefore, carried out on a very extensive and elaborate scale. The hall and corridors were handsomely decorated, the chief features in the decorations being the floral embellishments. In addition to the leading members of the Craft in Lincolnshire, there were several of the principal officers of England present, and the assembly was of a most brilliant and fashionable character. Great credit is due to the Committee, and especially to Bro. J. W. Carr, the Secretary, for the success which crowned an ambitious and arduous undertaking.

The Duke of York visited Newcastle-on-Tyne on Thursday, and opened the fine Rutherford College of Science and Art, which has been built at a cost of £20,000. Founded by the late Dr. Rutherford in connection with the Bath-lane Elementary Schools, the institution receives young children and gives them a training which fits them for the universities. His Royal Highness arrived at 12.20 p.m. from Alnwick, where he had been the guest of the Duke of Northumberland, and was received by the Mayor (Mr. Alderman Stephen Quin), the Sheriff (Mr. Golden), and the members of the Corporation. They drove in open carriages to the Town Hall, where the Duke received an address of welcome. In reply, his Royal Highness thanked the citizens very sincerely for the hearty reception which had been given him, and said he was glad to think that his present visit was associated with the opening of an institution which would increase the educational benefits of the city. He should not fail to inform the Queen of the many loyal and heartfelt expressions that had been used towards her Majesty. His Royal Highness was afterwards entertained at luncheon in the Assembly Rooms. Thence the Duke proceeded to the Rutherford College, where in the Examination Hall he performed the opening ceremony. At the conclusion of the opening ceremony, the Duke of York was driven again through the streets, and after a brief stay at the Mansion House returned to London.

NOTWITHSTANDING the many wonderful developments of science, no rival has yet been found to take the place of Holloway's Pills and Ointment as reliable and speedy cures for the various diseases with which we are all liable to be afflicted. The Ointment is universally acknowledged to be a certain remedy for sore throat, bronchitis, coughs, colds, glandular swellings, gout, rheumatism, and all skin diseases. The Pills have justly earned a world-wide reputation for all female complaints; for infantile disorders they are invaluable, and they are an unfailing remedy for all disorders affecting the liver and stomach. It would be difficult, indeed, to name a complaint for which both the Pills and Ointment are not beneficial. Thousands of people in all parts of the world can testify to their merits. They are suitable for any climate or season of the year.

The Prince of Wales, attended by Commander the Hon. Seymour Fortescue, arrived at Marlborough House on Thursday afternoon from Paris. Major-General Ellis has succeeded Commander the Hon. Seymour Fortescue as Equerry in Waiting to his Royal Highness.

A statement of the proposed arrangements for the forthcoming bazaar in connection with the Plantation Lodge, No. 581, to be held under the patronage and authority of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, has been issued. The present hall and its limited side-room accommodation has, it appears, been long inadequate and unsuitable for the proper working of the lodge, and last year, on the recommendation of the Halls Committee, the lodge entered into a 20 years' lease of the two-storey house at 5 and 7, Rutland Crescent. By the bazaar, which will be held in the month of October this year, it is hoped to raise sufficient funds to defray the cost of altering the building and furnishing it worthy of 581.

Bro. George Hand, who made so good a fight for the Shrievalty of the City of London last year, will again present himself to the Livery on Midsummer Day. Mr. Henry Sotheran, Master of the Loriners' Company, and the coming Master of the Stationers' Company, presided at the meeting of Bro. Hand's Committee on Thursday last, and, although, there is at present no sign of a contest, the friends of each of the two candidates in the field are making every effort to gain all the supporters they can. The *City Press* says: "The candidate who has the temerity to come forward in opposition to Bro. Hand will find that he has set himself a task which can only be considered as all but impossible."

It is said that the Vatican has dispatched to the powers a note strongly protesting against the fact that the Freemasons have taken the first floor of the Borghese palace, and there established a Grand Lodge. This is declared to be a direct insult to the Vatican, the palace having formerly belonged to the Pope. It adds that this act has been aided and abetted by the Italian Government. Well, as this building now belongs to the Italian Government, what have "the powers" got to do with it? Suppose it had been used as a horse-barn, would "the powers" be interested in the matter? "The powers" just now have about as much business on their hands as their limited capital will permit them to manage, without meddling with the uses of buildings in the various capitals of Europe.—*Masonic Chronicle, Ohio*.

The Queen, attended by the Hon. Harriet Phipps, spent several hours on Thursday morning under a tent in the grounds of the Villa Fabricotti, while Princess Beatrice, with the Dowager Lady Churchill and Sir Henry Ponsonby, drove into Florence. In the afternoon her Royal Highness sketched in the grounds of the Villa. At five o'clock the Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice and the Dowager Lady Churchill, drove out, proceeding by the Via Vittorio Emanuele and the Quarto-road to the Villa Petraia, where tea was served in the grounds under a large oak, from which a beautiful view is afforded over the city. The Royal party consequently returned through the Castello grounds and the Via Vittorio Emanuele to the Villa Fabricotti, which was reached at 6.30 p.m. The weather continues fine, but the country stands in great need of rain, the dust along the roads in the outskirts of the city being very thick.

WILL OF THE LATE BRO. SIR GEO. ELLIOT, BART.—Probate duty has been paid on £483,969 as the net value (the gross value being £575,785 12s. 2d.) of the personal estate of Bro. Sir Geo. Elliot, late of 17, Portland-place, 16, Great George-street, Aberaman House, Aberdare, The Friars, Newport, and Houghton Hall, Durham, first baronet, D.C.L., colliery owner and engineer, M.P. for North Durham 1868-80 and 1881-85, and for Monmouth 1886-92, who died on 23rd December last, aged 79 years, and of whose will the executor is his surviving son, Sir George William Elliot, Bart., M.P. The will bears date December 6th, 1889, with codicils of the 6th and 15th December, 1889. The testator confirms the settlement of his Brithdir and Whitby estates, and he bequeaths to his said son £10,000, his plate, jewellery, pictures, furniture, and household effects, excepting those at The Friars and excepting three pieces of plate presented to him by the electors of North Durham, which he gives to his three daughters. Bro. Sir G. Elliot bequeaths further £50,000 upon trusts for the benefit of his son and his son's wife and children; £20,000 upon trusts for his daughter, Mrs. Pyle; £20,000 upon trusts for his daughter, Mrs. Henrietta Taylor; and £20,000 (less £3840 already settled upon her) in trust for his daughter, Mrs. Alice Ann Parkinson. The testator leaves a sum of £10,000 in trust to be applied for the benefit of such person or persons or for such purposes as he should direct, but he left no directions for its application. He bequeaths to his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Lewin (widow of his son Ralph) £1000, and to her three daughters, for whom he has provided by settlement, 100 guineas each. The testator bequeaths to the son of his grand-daughter, Mrs. Young, £3000; to his grand-daughter, Ethel Pyle, £1000; to each daughter of Mrs. Henrietta Taylor, £1000; to his three grandsons, George Elliot, Elliot Parkinson, and Charles Taylor, £1000 each; to each other grandchild, excepting Mrs. Lewin's three daughters, £500; to his niece, Mary Clay, £1000; to his nephew, Thomas Elliot, a life annuity of £50; to his Secretary, £250; to his sons-in-laws £2000 each; and some other legacies. Sir George Elliot leaves all the residue of his property in trust to pay £6000 a year to his son, the present baronet, for his life, and then to pay two-thirds of further £6000 a year to his son, and one-third of £6000 a year to his son's eldest son, and then to pay one-half of the surplus (after setting apart £12,000 a year) to his son, and to hold the ultimate residue of the estate upon like trusts with those upon which the testator's Whitby estate is settled.

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