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THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE.

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By a resolution of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, duly confirmed on the 7th of February last, the portals of Royal Arch Masonry have been thrown open to all candidates for that Supreme Degree, who have served a qualifying period of four weeks in the rank or station of Master Masons.

Prior to this recent legislation, no brother could be received a member of the Royal Arch, in England, at a less interval than 12 months between the ceremonies of raising and exaltation.

For the colonies, however, the qualifying period of service as Master Masons had been cut down from 12 months to four weeks, so far back as 1857, and the alteration was made because wherever English chapters were working side by side with Scottish or Irish ones, the great bulk of candidates for the Degree naturally acquired it in the latter, as it could be obtained in far less time than by making application to the former.

Freemasonry in the British Islands and Dependencies has made giant strides during the 19 years the Prince of Wales has been Grand Master. But the fact is a noteworthy one, that the number of chapters and companions has certainly not increased *pari passu* with that of the lodges and brethren, *i.e.*, in South Britain, and elsewhere under the English Constitution—or to be more precise, within the Royal Arch jurisdiction, of which the G.M. of the Grand Lodge of England (if a *companion*) is *ex-officio* the First Grand Principal.

For this many reasons have been assigned, the chief one being that the appetite for new Degrees is keenest when men are young in Masonry, and that having taken a great many during their first year in the Craft, the hunger of a large proportion of brethren is so thoroughly appeased towards the end of it, as to render them quite indifferent to the attractions of any further ceremony whatever, for which they only become eligible as candidates at the expiration of 12 months' service in the grade of Master Mason.

There is much force in this contention, and the impartial student will incline to the belief that it would have been far better both for the Craft and Arch, if the bond between them had been loosened instead of tightened, at the memorable Union of the two Grand Lodges of England in 1813. According to the Second Article of the Union:

"It is declared and pronounced, that pure Ancient Masonry consists of three Degrees; and no more, *viz.*, those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason (including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch)."

How, indeed, any "Order" or ceremony, which did not exist in the era preceding that of Grand Lodges, could be constituted a portion of "pure Ancient Masonry," it would be bootless to inquire, though the remark may be thrown out, that if one Grand Lodge could add to the system of Ancient Masonry, so could another. Therefore, while I deprecate the action of many American Grand Lodges in following on the lines of what is familiarly known as the "Massachusetts New Departure," nothing can really be urged against their including in the legitimate Masonic family the Knight Templars and others, providing only that the precedent established by the United Grand Lodge of England in 1813, is entitled to be regarded as a lawful exercise of its authority by that body?

Passing, however, from this point, which might detain us too long, let me proceed with the observation, that the ardour with which the Royal Arch was wooed in 1813, has finally resulted in its having been nearly stifled in the embrace of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee of General Purposes—Grand Chapter of England—has done excellent service in bringing forward and carrying to a successful issue the removal of a restriction which operated most prejudicially with respect to the diffusion and extension of the Degree. One further step is now only requisite in order that the trammels imposed by the legislation of 1813 and later years may be fully swept away, and that is the abrogation of the existing law under which actual or Past Masters of lodges are alone eligible to fill the principal chairs.

Originally, no doubt, or at least as far back as there is evidence to guide us, *viz.*, in the year 1744, when Dr. Dassigny printed his *Serious and Impartial Enquiry*, the "Masters of the Royal Arch"—by which is to be understood all members of the Degree—were "an organised body of men who had passed the chair," *i.e.*, the chair of a lodge, which at that time, certainly in England and Scotland, was filled and vacated without a ceremony of any kind. Ultimately, indeed, the Degree of Installed or Past Master would appear—as I wrote in the *Freemason* more than 10 years ago—to have been invented by the Schismatic Grand Lodge of England (or so-called

"Ancients") to serve as a constructive passing of the chair, and thereby to qualify brethren for the Royal Arch, which could only be communicated to actual or Past Masters of lodges. In other words—the practice by the "Ancients" of conferring the Arch upon brethren not legitimately entitled to receive it, brought about a *constructive* passing through the chair, which by qualifying candidates not otherwise eligible, naturally entailed the introduction of a ceremony, *additional* to the simple forms known to Payne, Anderson, and Desaguliers.

But whatever secrets were then peculiar to Royal Arch Masonry, every candidate who was received within its pale, became acquainted with them all. The Degree was at first invariably conferred in the lodges, and it was not until comparatively late in the last century that chapters of the Order were established under the hierarchy of Principals.

For a long period the Degree of Past Master continued to be given in English chapters to all candidates for the Royal Arch, and the practice appears not to have been forbidden until 1826.

According to the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review* for 1837: "By the laws of Grand Chapter, as revised February 5th, 1823, no previous office in the Lodge was required as a qualification for office in the Chapter. It was only necessary that a candidate should have been a Master Mason for a year, and that then he should in a particular manner obtain, what, until the recent alteration, was his passport to the Royal Arch. The laws of 1823 placed no further obstacle of the Craft in the way of the highest honour of the Chapter.

"Three years afterwards, *viz.*, on March 2nd, 1826, it was resolved in the Grand Chapter: 'that no Companion should be elected to the principal chairs unless he be the actual or a Past Master of a Lodge.' This alteration of the laws was not uniformly attended to, up to 1834, as appears from a resolution of Grand Chapter on May 6th of that year, confirming and repeating the resolution of 1826."

Gleaning from earlier volumes of the same Masonic journal, I find the following: "It was resolved by the Grand Chapter—August 2nd, 1826—that no Companion can be elected to the principal chairs, but a Master or Past Master, nor into the 2nd Chair until he has served the 3rd, nor into the 1st, until he has served the 3rd and 2nd." (*F. Q. Rev.*, 1834).

It is further stated, that on June 13th, 1833, the Committee of Grand Chapter "explained the alteration (recently) considered advisable.

"1st, As respected the installation of Principals in the several chairs, and
"2nd, Such alterations as were necessary on the introduction of a M.M." (*Ibid.*)

In 1835, there was formed a Committee of Promulgation, but that the new system did not work very smoothly is evidenced by the proceedings of the Grand Chapter on November 4th of that year: "The Committee reported that a 1st Principal elect had intimated his intention to work the Chapter according to an old and not according to the recently promulgated system.

"Declared, that the ceremonies recently adopted by the several Grand Chapters are the Ceremonies of our Order, which it is the duty of every Chapter to obey." (*F. Q. Rev.* 1835.)

A little later (1837), a Bro. Robt. Leigh, P.M. 327, writes: "I believe it will be found that many Companions, even since 1834 have been placed in the chairs without its ever having been suspected that they should have served as the actual Master of Lodges, they having passed the chair and taken the degree of Past Master in their way to the Chapter." (*Ibid.* 1837.)

The Past Master's Degree continued to be conferred in Provincial and Foreign Chapters, long after the practice had been put an end to in London. Indeed, so late as April 3rd, 1857, when I was myself exalted in the Melita Chapter, Valetta, then 437, now 349, the minutes record—as I learn from Bro. Broadley's *History of Freemasonry in Malta*—my "having first passed the chair of W.M."

To sum up this portion of my article—according to the Regulations of the Grand Chapters of England at the present time of writing:

I. The Grand Master of English Freemasons, the Grand Secretary, and certain other Grand Officers of the Craft (if duly qualified) are to hold corresponding positions in the Grand Chapter;

II. Every Chapter must be attached to some warranted lodge and distinguished by the same number; and,

III. Candidates for the Degree of R.A. must be Master Masons of four weeks' standing. To which may be added, that no ceremonies are worked in the chapters, but the Royal Arch itself, except the Installation of Principals, each of whom must have been previously installed in the chair of a regular lodge.—*New Zealand Craftsman.*

(To be continued).

CONSECRATION OF THE THURSTON LODGE,

No. 2525.

On Friday, the 7th inst., a new lodge was consecrated at Coniston, and is numbered as above. The founders are: Bros. Tom Hunter, P.M. 1225; John Kendall, John Bell, Thomas Pollitt, P.M. 1225; John Raven, M. G. Redhead, Robt. Shaw, 673; J. D. Stamper, 1390; and Bowness, P.M. The Consecrating Officer was Bro. W. Simpson, P.M., Prov. S.G.W., assisted by Bros. J. D. Murray, P.G. Treas., as S.W.; G. A. Harradon, P.M., P.P.G.T., as J.W.; Rev. W. H. Baynes, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., as Chap.; Wm. Goodacre, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; J. Cunliffe, P.M. 730, as S.D.; J. Hardwicke-Marsh, I.P.M. 1730, as J.D.;

and John Slyman, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., as I.G. Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M., P.G. Dir. of Cers., took charge of the proceedings. Among the visitors were: Bros. John Mills, P.M. 1390, P.P.J.G.W.; Richard Worrall, P.M. 1021, P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire; George Nelson, P.M. 1021, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Wm. Turney, P.M. 1225, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Townley, P.M. 1398, P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. Fox, P.M. 1390, P.P.G.S.; T. W. Rice, S.W. 1403; J. J. Wadlington, 1021, and many other brethren.

The ceremony of consecration and installation was admirably performed by Bro. Simpson.

The following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Bros. Tom Hunter, P.M., W.M.; John Kendall, S.W.; John Bell, J.W.; J. Bowness, P.M., Treas.; W. G. Redhead, Sec.; J. D. Stamper, S.D.; John Raven, J.D.; and Robert Shaw, I.G. Bro. T. W. Rice presented the working tools in each Degree, and Bro. Slyman, P.P.S.G.D., invested and addressed the officers, and Bro. Simpson addressed the W.M. and brethren.

Subsequently a banquet was held at the Waterhead Hotel, when the usual toasts were given and responded to.

ADDRESS BY BRO. REV. E. FRIEDLANDER, GRAND CHAPLAIN OF QUEBEC.

I esteem it an honour and a pleasure to be called upon to address this meeting of Grand Lodge, the more so, so it enables me—a son of the Patriarchs—to discuss, though very briefly, the beautiful tenets of the Order to which we belong, and have so much at heart.

Masonry, while it enjoins the belief in a Supreme Being, the Great Architect of the Universe; while it inculcates the belief in the volume of the Sacred Law; the unerring standard of truth and justice, which is to rule and govern our faith, it at the same time explains and expounds the teachings of the Bible by promulgating most pre-eminently the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. "Love thy neighbour as thyself" is the cardinal principle of Masonry. When the struggle for existence, the struggle for food and shelter, supremacy, and the satisfaction of the passions was most fiercely contended between man and man; when, united in clans, blood-thirsty men fought against each other like wild tigers; when even in the more advanced stages of society, the few oppressed and enslaved the many, the few forming the favoured caste, and the masses passing all the days of their lives in contemptible misery, were made to feel they were accursed creatures, despised by the Gods and hated by men; when in all lands despots ruled by caprice, and drove their subjects by the whip of oppression; when rulers for no other reason than the love of power, extended their boundaries, and by the force of arms unmercifully subdued nations separated from them by mountains and seas, and different from them in language and custom; then like the morning star shining alone in the firmament of the heavens, was the sublime saying of the Bible, heard through the medium of Masonry: "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." And when, even long afterwards, the Greeks and Romans, who are supposed to represent the most cultured and most advanced of all ancient civilisations, sneeringly styled those living outside of Greece and Italy "barbarians," and treated them as such, then like the sun dispelling the darkness and brilliantly illuminating the horizon, the Bible, through the teachings of Masonry, removes the gloom that surrounded the soul, and aims to ennoble the affections by proclaiming another cardinal principle of Masonry: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." And still later on, during the mediæval ages, in modern times, and even in the last decade of the 19th century in which we live when, notwithstanding the great progress in the arts and sciences, the enjoyment of free press and free speech, and, strange to tell, despite universal education and refinement, we still behold mankind swayed by pride and prejudice, the almost entire human family being torn into factions by jarring creeds and clashing interests—then the Divine voice pleads most vehemently through the tenets of Masonry, "Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother?" Brethren, these cardinal principles of our Order are wonders even to-day; they are unsurpassable for brevity and beauty as well as for sublimity of sentiment and grandeur of conception. But viewed in the light of the times in which they were first proclaimed they are marvels of tolerance, unselfishness, tenderness, and sympathy. They are, to my mind, the principal pillars upon which the Masonic Temple stands, and will ever remain the strongest supports of the Craft. Think of it when for hundreds of generations the chief occupations of men had been to plunder, bruise, and kill one another, and to be antagonistic in all the pursuits of life, and no other motive of conduct was known but selfishness—Masonry preached the Biblical mandate, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." Think of it, that even to-day the most civilised nations of the world are being crushed beneath the weight of vast armies, holding them in readiness to shed blood and take life, for which purpose the ingenuity of man is being taxed to the utmost to invent the most destructive weapons—Masonry cries for peace and says: "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." In this connection let me quote a passage from the report of an address by a distinguished brother, published in last year's proceedings of this Grand Lodge, which, however, I have myself preached and advocated for many years previous: "The leaven of Masonry's influence is far more conducive to the welfare of the human race than any direct pressure it can exert upon statesmanship with the avowed object of reforming the world's methods of dealing with the disputes of nations." Masonry teaches that "the greatest thing in the world" is love; that of the three principal steps of the ladder that reaches from earth to heaven—Faith, Hope, and Charity—the greatest of these is Charity. Extend the influence of Freemasonry until its leaven permeates the entire habitable globe, and the necessity for an open declaration of war to hostilities amongst men must cease to exist, for what man, what statesman, what nation shall raise hand against another, when every man shall be in reality a brother man, and each shall love the other as himself—as a member of a common Brotherhood rejoicing in the common fatherhood of a God of love. Yes, indeed, Masonry should be the Court of Arbitration to be appealed to by all nations to settle national disputes in peace and harmony in accordance with Masonic principles. "Thou shalt love thy brother as thyself." In all your thinking, in all your speaking and in all your acting, love shall rule and guide you. Love shall unite you with your fellowman—a love whose end and aim is the common prosperity and happiness—a love which tries to promote activity and vigorously all that tends to put the family, the community, the human race on a higher level, strives to ennoble them, to unite them in peace and harmony, and make them progress in the knowledge of truth and the practice of goodness. How wonderful, how truly Divine, is that admonition "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself," which purifies the soul, and brings it

nearer to the God of perfection and goodness, because it aims to make us labour for the common good, as well as it dictates sacrifices for the individual whose troubles we should lighten, whose cares we should free, whose pains we should soothe, whose poverty we should alleviate, and with whose distress we should sympathise.

As a logical sequence of this great principle, Masonry inculcates and enjoins upon its votaries "to free the soul from the dominion of pride and prejudice, to look beyond the narrow limits of particular institutions, whether civil or religious, and to view in every son of Adam, a brother of the dust." Yes, the ethics of Masonry teach the sublime idea enunciated by an ancient sage who says: "I take heaven and earth to witness that all men, without respect to any particular religion or rank, are judged by their works, and in accordance with these do they receive future reward."

Let us then, brethren, teach this glorious sentiment that all the righteous, and not only the few of a single sect will enjoy future bliss, because it is the deed and not the dogma, the action and not the belief, that is the grip and passing word, gaining admission into heaven. Let us, with all our might and intelligence, extol the idea of a universal fatherhood and brotherhood, and let us pray for the time when all barriers between man and man may be broken down. And, finally, let us advocate the broadest Charity—a Charity that should be free as the air, confined to no single race, no single nationality, and no single creed, but should be as universal as is suffering, as general as is sympathy, as widespread as is the human family—and then shall we carry out the greatest principle of Freemasonry "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself," to which we all say "So mote it be."—*Canadian Craftsman.*

WHO SHOULD BE MASONS.

Among the first things taught in the lodge is the admonition to the newly-made Entered Apprentice, when he is told: "If in the circle of your acquaintance you find a person desirous of being initiated into Freemasonry, be particularly careful not to recommend him unless you are convinced that he will conform to all our rules and regulations, that the honour, glory, and reputation of the institution may be firmly established, and the world at large convinced of its good effects." This is a proper warning at the right time. The new Mason is often zealous and enthusiastic. The light he has received, if properly displayed, has filled him with delight, and he is anxious that others should enjoy the same mysterious influence. Step by step he is led to regard the institution as one deserving the approbation and support of all good men, and if he appreciates the beauties and the purity of the lessons he will see that there are certain internal qualifications every Mason should possess. His zeal, and his desire that his friends and companions should be with him in the lodge might lead him to hide grave defects and conclude that the lessons would work reformation, and he might be led into the error of proposing a friend whose life and habits might not be in harmony with the teachings of the Fraternity. Hence the warning.

We are led often to wonder how some who are members of the Fraternity ever gained admission. They do not seem to possess any of the qualifications that should recommend a man to Masonry. They are men, but have little more than the physical qualifications. They are not impressed by the ceremonies as they should be, they do not regard the lessons taught, make light of religion, and almost falsify their professed belief in God, for they fairly scoff at Deity. That holy name which they were taught to mention only with reverence, they are continually taking in vain, and almost every other word they utter is fouled with profanity. They do not regard the lessons of temperance, and we are led to doubt if such men possess fortitude sufficient to protect the Fraternity from a revelation of those sacred mysteries with which they have been instructed. Such men, to say the least of it, are too careless to make good Masons.

A Mason should be well qualified mentally. He is to study certain important lessons that are to mark his consequence among men. He must have a mind able to grasp them, and an inclination to understand and practice them. The mere learning by rote of certain catechetical lectures is not sufficient. He should be able to understand the true meaning of each and every symbol and be able to apply it to his life, ennobling, beautifying, and strengthening him for the duties he owes to himself and his fellow man.

A Mason should be morally as perfect as he can be in this imperfect, temptation-filled world. Of that his own heart must be the judge. Outward morality is good, but internal morality is the one great qualification necessary. No man can live in this world without doing wrong. If he shuts himself up in a cloister, and surrounds his life with only religious books, that act of seclusion is in itself wrong. But when a man errs, he is true to God and his fellows to confess it and turn from it. And such a man will find his heart in the right place, if his head goes wrong.

A Mason should be well qualified physically. One of the oldest of the charges was that an Apprentice or a Fellow should be perfect in all his members. He should be able bodied and competent to earn his living. The Ancient Charges set forth the whole matter of who should be Masons so clearly that we give it in full here:

"All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real Worth and personal Merit only; that so the Lords may be well served, the Brethren not put to Shame, nor the Royal Craft despised; Therefore no Master or Warden is chosen by Seniority, but for his Merit. It is impossible to describe these things in writing, and every Brother must attend in his Place, and learn them in a way peculiar to this Fraternity; Only candidates may know, that no Master should take an Apprentice, unless he has sufficient Employment for him, and unless he be a perfect Youth, having no Maim or Defect in his Body, that may render him incapable of learning the Art of serving his Master's Lord and of being made a Brother, and then a Fellow Craft in due time, even after he has served such a term of Years as the Custom of the Country directs; and that he should be descended of honest Parents; that so, when otherwise qualified, he may arrive to the Honour of being the Warden, and then the Master of the Lodge, the Grand Warden, and at length the Grand Master of all the Lodges, according to his merit."

We are sometimes led to advise those seeking membership in the Fraternity to keep out of it because they cannot afford it. A man has no right to join any society at the expense of his own or his family's comfort. Masonry is not an asylum or school of correction, intended to reform men; it seeks only to make reformed men better; neither is it an institution of benevolence, where the man goes to receive certain monetary benefits or better a crippled condition, it takes care of its own when misfortune overtakes them. He should be able to support himself and family, and to lay aside something for a rainy day, before he joins a Masonic lodge.

Good men only should be Masons.—*New York Dispatch.*

Scotland.

GLASGOW.

Lodge of Glasgow St. John (3 Bis).—

The bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge room, 213, Buchanan-street, on the 4th inst. There was a large attendance. Bro. Peter Brownlie, R.W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. R. A. M'Gilvray, I.P.M.; Alex. Bissett, D.M.; J. L. Cown, S.W.; Jas. Laing, J.W.; R. Kyle, Sec.; W. L. Dick, J.D.; John Baird, A. C. M'Farlane, D. of M.; H. D. Walton, D.; D. S. Law, J.S.; Jas. Brown, I.G.; James Taylor, jun., P.M.; J. G. H. McNaught, P.G.S.; and J. S. Whyte, P.M. 715. Applications for initiation were read from Messrs. James Watson, Graham Robertson, Donald Smith, and E. S. Lawrie. The candidates were introduced and received their initiation at the hands of Bro. R. A. M'Gilvray, I.P.M. The R.W.M. having suitably addressed them, he intimated that Bro. Graham Robertson was about to go abroad, and that it would be necessary to confer the Second and Third Degrees upon him that night. He then passed the lodge when the F.C. Degree was wrought by Bro. R. Kyle, Sec. Thereafter the lodge was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., when Bro. Robertson was again introduced and received the Degree. Bro. James Taylor, jun., P.M., officiating. Invitations were read from Lodges Athole, Neptune and Kenmure. Votes of thanks were awarded Bros. M'Gilvray, Taylor, and Kyle for their services; and the R.W.M. having expressed the fraternal greetings of the lodge to the visiting brethren present, to which Bro. Whyte, P.M., replied, the lodge was closed.

LESMAHAGOW.

St. John's Lodge (No. 20).—

A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday afternoon, the 1st instant, for the conferring of the Mark Degree, Bro. Thos. Meikle, R.W.M., presiding at the opening, assisted by Bros. Robt. Meikle, D.M.; John Dodds, S.W.; Thos. Brown, J.W.; John Muir, S.D.; Jas. Sommerville, J.D.; Alex. Arneil, Sec.; John Wilson, Treas.; Richard Kerr, G.S.; John Clelland, Stwd.; John Goodie, J.G.; D. Ferguson, P.G.S.; and George Tennant, Tyler.

The lodge having been duly opened, the R.W.M. stated that they had with them that day some distinguished brethren from the Glasgow and Renfrewshire East Provinces. He would ask them to confer the F.C. and M.M. Degrees, and thereupon called upon Bro. W. Mackie, P.M. No. 592, Prov. Grand Treas. Renfrewshire East, and Jas. Gunn, P.M. No. 592, Prov. G.S.W. Renfrewshire East, who performed the ceremony in their usual accomplished and impressive manner. At the conclusion an unusually large number of Masters and Past Masters of neighbouring lodges had assembled to witness the conferring of the Mark Degree. The R.W.M. called upon Bro. Jas. Booth, I.P.M. No. 87, to open a Mark lodge. In responding, he called upon Bros. John Fraser, P.M. No. 87, and T. R. Richards, No. 772, to occupy the Wardens' chairs. Bros. Robt. Morrison, P.D.M. No. 413, and Geo. Muir, R.W.M. No. 147, filled the other offices. Twenty-one brethren presented themselves for the honour of this Degree. Bro. Booth, having the assistance of Bro. Morrison as Conductor, performed the ceremony in a highly interesting manner. The meeting was the largest that has been held by this historic lodge for many years, the hall being densely packed. The oldest entry in the record of the lodge is a minute dated 1716, which enacts that each person absent, without one lawful excuse, belonging to the Lodge of Lesmahagow, and not attending every quarterly meeting, be fined in the soume of one pound Scots, to be paid into the same Company. The original designation of the lodge was St. Machute, which offers presumptive evidence of its antiquity, and no doubt it formerly worked under Mother Kilwinning; and it is surmised on plausible grounds, that in the 12th century, the Monks who built the Priory were Mark Masons, as stones, very fine specimens of architecture, secured from the ruins, bear the impress of Mark Masonry, consequently, the Monks were brethren of "The Mystic Tie." The present charter of the lodge bears date 1736, and was confirmed by Grand Lodge in 1769. Undoubtedly the lodge is historic in Mark Masonry as well as Craft.

MASONIC CEREMONY AT PETERHEAD.

VISITATION OF GRAND LODGE.

On the 5th inst., the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Bro. Sir Chas. Dalrymple, of Newhailes, Bart., M.P., made a grand visitation to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Aberdeenshire East, and he was accompanied by the following deputation: Bros. Lord Saltoun, Grand Master Depute; James C. Forshaw, Prov. Grand Master of Aberdeen City; Lieut.-Col. John Campbell, S.G.W.; D. Murray Lyon, Grand Sec.; George Dobie, Past Grand Bard; Robt. J. Jamieson, President of G. Stewards; J. Macnaught Campbell, Grand Marshal; William Munro Denholm, Grand Inner Guard; and David Robertson, Past Grand Tyler. Previous to the deputation being received, a meeting of the brethren was held in Keith lodge room, No. 56, over which there presided Bro. Wm. Boyd, Prov. Grand Master; Bro. Lieut.-Col. Skene, Depute Prov. Grand Master; and Bro. Charles T. Gordon of Cairness, Sub-Prov. Grand Master. After the lodge had been raised to the Third Degree, the deputation, which had assembled in St. James's lodge room above, entered Keith lodge room in due form, and were received by the brethren with every mark of respect and with much cordiality. The Grand Master received the symbol of authority from the Prov. Grand Master.

The GRAND SECRETARY intimated that the Grand Master had made a minute inspection of the books of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The GRAND MASTER congratulated Bro. Boyd upon the prosperous condition in which he had found the

Province of East Aberdeenshire, and thanked him for the cordiality of his reception.

There was a large attendance of the brethren, and representatives were present from Keith Lodge, No. 56; Forbes Lodge, No. 67; Solomon Lodge, No. 197; St. James's Lodge, No. 256; Fraser Lodge, No. 267; St. Andrew Lodge, No. 518; and St. Drostan Lodge, No. 789.

The GRAND MASTER, accepting the symbol of authority, thanked them for the reception they had given him, and said it was a subject of great congratulation to him and to the deputation to find themselves in Keith lodge room. The books had been kept with regularity from the working existence of the Provincial Grand Lodge up to the present time. The Provincial Grand Lodge was instituted in 1827, but until 1871 the lodge was not in an active condition. Since 1871 their present Grand Master had occupied the chair. Although it could not boast of its antiquity, it had a compact existence, and a survey could be made of it without difficult. He referred to the harmony which existed between the subordinate lodges and Grand Lodge. It was a great pleasure for him to be with the first visitation of Grand Lodge to the Aberdeenshire East Province. He understood such a visit had not been made before, and it was interesting to find that lodge resident in such interesting and becoming quarters. He had seen lodges opened in school-rooms, where children used to gaze in at them, but their quarters were most suitable, being surrounded on one side by the sounding sea. It was not a mere formality that Grand Lodge should visit the provinces; he hoped it would be for the encouragement of Masonry in the province, and they should feel they were closely identified with Grand Lodge, and feel that its most harmonious working was the best tribute that could be paid to the unity which prevailed in their Craft. He congratulated the Provincial Grand Master on the length of time he had occupied the chair, and the manner in which the affairs of the province had been conducted. During the time the Provincial Grand Master had occupied the chair he had shown himself a kind and liberal supporter of their Craft in his province. During the last century Aberdeenshire had given several occupants to the throne of Grand Master. They had come there for the purpose of trying to bind the province closer with Grand Lodge, if possible, and he counted it a happy circumstance that it had been in his power to come there, and he wished them all prosperity.

Bro. BOYD, Prov. Grand Master, referred to the gratification with which the members of the lodge had received the members of the deputation. If any success had attended the lodge, he felt he was greatly indebted to the assistance and good feeling of the many brethren which he saw around him. He was sure they would all look back with pleasure at the visitation of Grand Lodge. He was sure they would preserve carefully the record of that day's proceedings, and he was sure the Grand Master would accept the good feeling and interest which he and his office bearers took in Grand Lodge.

The GRAND MASTER then resigned the symbol of office to the Provincial Grand Master, and, in doing so, said he was much gratified in finding so many representatives from different lodges. Although the season was convenient to him, it might not have been so convenient to others, and he was pleased to see so many had been able to attend.

The deputation then withdrew, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the North-Eastern Hotel, where lunch was served by Mrs. Porterfield, in her usual excellent manner. Bro. Boyd presided, and there was a large attendance.

The CHAIRMAN, after the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, referred to the progress of Masonry in the district, and said he could testify to the great social improvement which had manifested itself since people began to take an interest in the principles of their Order. They had always had friendly and intimate relations with the Grand Lodge, and they had on that occasion the unprecedented honour of receiving a visit from the head of the body, Sir Charles Dalrymple, who held in his capable and worthy hands the most illustrious and distinguished office of Grand Master of Scotland. He need not tell them how intimately they were connected with the Grand Lodge, and how needful it was to them to keep up the most friendly relations. He asked them to drink the toast of "The Grand Lodge of Scotland."

Bro. Sir CHARLES DALRYMPLE, in replying, thanked them for their kind reception. The Provincial Grand Master had spoken about the advance of Masonry in the province, and he saw that during his time of office one old lodge had been revived and two new lodges added to the province. It was a greater feat, he thought, to revive an old lodge than to create a new one. He recognised their close feeling towards Grand Lodge, and he hoped the present visit would augment the feeling which prevailed in the past. He proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master."

Bro. BOYD replied.

Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel SKENE gave the toast of "The Deputation," and

Bro. Lord SALTOUN replied, and expressed his pleasure at being present on such an occasion.

Bro. Sir CHARLES DALRYMPLE gave "Aberdeenshire East Lodges," and replies were made by Bros. HILL, R.W.M. 56; DUNBAR, 67; HENRY, 197; M'PHERSON, P.M. 256; SCOTT, R.W.M. 267; CALDER, 518; and GERRARD, Sec. 789.

EXMOUTH MASONIC HALL AND CLUB.

Exmouth Masonic Hall and Club, the foundation-stone of which was laid less than six months since by Mr. Tucker Pain, was dedicated on Saturday last. The site is central, and the building will be an ornament to the neighbourhood, as well as a convenient and comfortable meeting place and resort for the brethren. The lodge room is at the top of the building, and approached by a separate entrance. The club premises on the ground floor comprises a billiard room, card room, refreshment bar, and necessary offices. Membership will be permitted to outsiders, and already a large number have joined.

The ceremony of the 8th instant was attended by a large number of brethren from all parts of Devon. They assembled at the old head-quarters, the Beacon Hotel, where they donned their regalia, and then marched in procession to Holy Trinity Church. The service was a brief one, and was followed by an address from Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lemon, P.P.J.G.W., Prov. G. Chaplain.

The procession was afterwards reformed, and joined by others who had arrived at Exmouth by a late train, and, headed by the band of the 1st R.V., marched to the new hall.

Having perambulated the lodge once, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. G. Rogers, took the chair, being supported on his right by the W.M. of the lodge. The Wardens' chairs were occupied by the P.G.Ws. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the building was then dedicated with the usual ceremonies, the anthem being "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity."

MASONIC SERVICE AT KNOTTY ASH.

On Sunday afternoon, the 9th inst., a Masonic service was held at St. John the Evangelist's Church, Knotty Ash, in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Hamer Benevolent Institution for Aged and Distressed Freemasons of the province. Those present met prior to the service at the Village Hall, where they assumed full Craft clothing, with the badges and jewels of their respective orders. From the hall they marched in processional order to the church, where the sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. Frank J. Powell, M.A., Vicar of Knotty Ash, and Chaplain of the Bootle-Wilbraham Lodge, No. 2463, under whose auspices the impressive gathering and service were organised.

Amongst those who attended were Bros. G. S. Willings, P.P.P.G.D.; E. Johnston, P.P.G.D.; J. Hocken, P.P.G.D., D. of C.; R. G. Bradley, Prov. D.G.D. of C.; John Hayes, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Becken, P.A.G.S.; J. D. Murray, P.G. Treas. Eng.; C. Fothergill, Prov. J.G.D.; John Christie, P.P.G.W.; W. B. Ackerley, P.P.G.W.; W. Simpson, Prov. S.G.W.; J. J. Tickle, P.P.G.S.B.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.S.G.D.; J. A. Heaster, Prov. G.P. West Yorkshire; W. H. Bucknell, P.P.A.G.D.C. Staffs., J.W. 2463; J. R. Bottomley, P.P. A.G.D.C.; Philip Armstrong, P.M. 724; J. D. Crawford, 680, P.D.G.D.C.; Thos. J. Jurman, P.M. 1325, Treas. of the Hamer Fund; John Craine, P.M. 1075, A.G.D.C. Isle of Man; J. Pittaway, Prov. D.G. S.B.; Eli Brooks, P.P.J.G.D.; R. Tunnicliffe, I.P.M. 1182; J. R. Hounsell, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Robert Cain, 724, P.P.G.S.B.; G. A. Harradon, P.P.G.T.; Geo. Banner, P.M. 32; W. Henson, P.M. 249; and E. H. Cookson, W.M. 2463.

The preacher took for his text the words—"There was neither hammer nor axe, nor any tool of iron, heard in the house while it was in building" (I. Kings, c. vi., v. 7.) The first lesson to be drawn from the text was one for the spiritual life. We were all builders, who, by the use of God's gifts of grace, were called upon to follow the plans of the Great Architect of the Universe, to use their tools—God's spiritual gift vouchsafed in the workshop of His Church—so that they might at the last great day be silently placed one by one as approved stones in the Holy Temple of the heavenly Jerusalem. Another lesson was with reference to the great fraternity of Freemasons. The Order had spread over all lands throughout the habitable globe; it had secured the allegiance of emperors and kings, princes and potentates, as well as of less exalted individuals; and everywhere the growth of the great living temple of Freemasonry had been after the manner indicated by the text—not by war and force of arms, but, silently and harmoniously, by brotherly love. Everywhere it had retained calmly and silently, amid the clamour often of conflicting beliefs, a firm belief in the Great Architect and Ruler of the Universe, at whose creative fiat all things first were made. In conclusion, the preacher regarded the contrast between the din of labour near Joppa, and the silent placing in position of the prepared materials, as a parable of the contrast between the quiet old age of those to whom God had vouchsafed a competency, and the lot of those whose closing years were disturbed by the pressure of need. He pointed out that, in accordance with Masonic teaching with respect to Charity, it was the duty and privilege of all present to do their utmost to prevent any harsh wringing cry of sorrow uncared for and of need unalleviated from ascending to the ears of the Great Architect from their brethren who were, through no fault of their own, in poverty and distress.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1894.

Masonic Notes.

Now that the voting papers for the Autumn School Elections have been issued, we are in a position to judge to a certain extent of the prospects of the several candidates. The election to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will take place at the Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers, to be holden in the great hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 11th October, at the hour of noon, when, from an approved list of 42 candidates, 20 will be chosen by ballot; that for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will take place at the Quarterly Court, to be holden at the same place and time, on the day following. In the latter case, 17

will be elected from an approved list of 44 candidates. Thus the chances for success are greater in the case of the Girls' School, for which there are fewer candidates, with a larger number of vacancies to be filled.

Of the 42 girls for the 20 vacancies, there are 18 whose names have figured in the lists at one or more previous elections, while the remaining 24 have been added since. London furnishes 12 candidates, of whom those placed at Nos. 2, 4, 5, 9, 11, 14, and 17 bring forward 1733, 1007, 1927, 434, 424, 892, and 546 votes respectively. It ought not, therefore, to be a matter of great difficulty for the friends and supporters of these children to secure their election on this occasion, especially in the case of the three who have standing to their respective credits upwards of 1000 votes. There are, likewise, four candidates in which London has a part interest with one or other of our Provinces or Districts abroad, and for those which stand at Nos. 7, 8, 11, and 13 there have been already polled 1002, 1304, 986, and 1242 votes respectively. Here the chances are slightly more favourable, as each of the four has two sources of supply to look to for votes. The remaining 26 children hail from the Provinces, and of these four have claims upon more than one Province. Gloucestershire, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, East Lancashire, and Shropshire furnish two candidates each, while the other 18 are distributed among as many Provinces or Districts. No. 1 (Hants and the Isle of Wight), No. 6 (Essex), and No. 10 (Gloucestershire) bring forward 382, 1486, and 1214 votes respectively, but the other four old Provincials have under 100 votes to the good, so that their previous attempts have not greatly advanced their interests.

For the Boys' School, as we have said, there are 44 candidates and 17 vacancies, the former being distributed as follows: London, 11; London and Provincial, 4; Provincial, 29. Of the London boys, five, viz.: Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, and 12, have already taken part in one or more ballots, and, as a result, they have in hand towards the present election 1363, 207, 783, 1080, and 384 votes respectively. Nos. 8 and 10, who are partly London and partly Provincial, have respectively to their credit 255 and 316 votes. Of the 29 Provincial candidates, those standing at Nos. 1, 2, 3, 9, and 11 are old and the rest new cases, but of the se only No. 1, with 228 votes, No. 2, with 377 votes, and No. 11, with 917 votes, bring forward any appreciable amount of support. Essex, Kent, and West Yorkshire furnish three candidates apiece, and South Wales East, two, the remaining 18 being distributed among as many Provinces or Districts, while a few of them have claims for support on more than one Province.

As regards those children who are unfortunate enough to have only this one chance of success allowed them, we notice with pleasure that only one girl—No. 22, with claims on Staffordshire and Bristol—is thus circumstanced, but the number of boys is six, namely, No. 1 (Devonshire) with 228 votes in hand; No. 2 (Norfolk) with 377 votes; No. 3 (West Lancashire) with 7 votes; No. 9 (Kent) with 7 votes; and Nos. 15 (Northumberland) and 38 (South Wales East). These children, if they do not win places among the successful candidates at the approaching election, will have their names removed from the lists, and, as on previous occasions, we earnestly appeal to all those Governors and Subscribers who are not already committed to the support of other candidates to give their votes to and use their influence in behalf of these last cases; and we do this on the same ground as heretofore. Their claims to be admitted into these Institutions have been carefully inquired into and approved, and it is not creditable that they should be sent empty away for the lack of a few votes. As we have pointed out before, just now the number of candidates in proportion to the number of vacancies is not, in the case of either School, by any means overwhelmingly large, and it only needs a little management on the part of those who have votes to secure the election of every girl and boy that establishes her or his claim to be admitted. These seven children for whom we are appealing—one girl and six boys—fail altogether if they fail this time, whereas the greatest harm that can befall the other candidates is a delay of a few months.

As previously announced in our columns, Lord Henry Bentinck has been appointed Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, in succession to his late father-in-law, the Earl of Bective. The installation will take place on Tuesday, October 2nd, at Kendal, under the banner of Union Lodge, No. 129. His Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. George J.

McKay, who has been acting Right Worshipful Grand Master in charge since the death of Lord Bective, has, we learn, resigned his office, and the new Deputy will be Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, P.M. 1002, W.M. 371, P.P.S.G.W., of Brandlingell, Cockermonth. Bro. Sewell's father was Deputy for Cumberland, under Sir James Graham, many years ago.

We learn from the *Westminster Gazette* that at "the closing meeting of the first year of Longsight (Manchester) Lodge of the Ancient Order of Freemasons, which has just been held, the Worshipful Master (Councillor Uttley) introduced what is believed to be a unique departure, namely, that of inviting ladies and other friends to the 'Fourth Degree of Freemasonry.' Each speaker to the various toasts said that the new idea of inviting ladies to the meeting had been an unqualified success, and the hope was expressed that the W.M. would continue the invitation in future. Alderman Lloyd Higginbottom said that he wished to tell the ladies generally that they would be doing a real good to the world if they would place no obstacle in the way of their husbands becoming members of that ancient, loyal, dutiful, and philanthropic Order. The ladies were also bantered by one or two of the speakers as to their efforts that evening to glean some of the 'mysteries' of Freemasonry by observing the hammer knocks, &c., of the W.M. and the Wardens."

We cannot congratulate the worthy Councillor or the *Westminster Gazette* on their discovery. Not only in the Provinces—but in London lodges the practice of occasionally inviting ladies to the banquet after the lodge meeting is often carried out. It is true that these are generally special occasions when some attractions are held out to tempt them to grace the festive board. So far, there is nothing unique in the departure which the Longsight Lodge has made, but if it is intended to adopt it as a regular practice, we fear it will end in this chivalrous lodge having to set up a branch of the "Eastern Star" or some other ladies' Degree to satisfy the yearnings of their fair visitors for more light.

Correspondence.

THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read with much pleasure the able letter of Bro. T. B. Whytehead on the subject of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and trust it will have the weight it deserves as coming from one who has lived in that Colony himself, and therefore understands the position of affairs much better than we can do.

I fail to see why New Zealand, alone of all our Colonies, should be forbidden the right of forming a Grand Lodge, and I think that the Grand Lodge of England would be only taking a proper and graceful position if it at once withdrew its interdict, recognised the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and strongly urged on the lodges now holding from us the advisability of transferring their allegiance to the Colonial Grand Lodge as quickly as possible.

The new Grand Lodge has thoroughly justified its existence, and is winning the respect and recognition of most of the other Grand Lodges of the world. Surely, then, it is much better for us to give in to the inevitable whilst we can do it with a good grace, rather than wait until from very shame we can do so no longer!

Whilst quite admitting the legal right of any Colonial private lodge to continue to work under its mother Grand Lodge in spite of a local Grand Lodge being formed, I have not the smallest sympathy with the narrow views which suggest such a course, whether in New Zealand, Quebec, or elsewhere.

Trusting that in this matter a true Masonic spirit of brotherly love, and fairness may once more prevail.—I am, fraternally yours,

JUSTICE.

September 10th.

[No Grand Lodge would act so absurdly as to forbid another being formed. All that can fairly be required is that the new Body should have the support of the great majority of the lodges and members to secure recognition provided the rights of the minority be respected.—Ed. FM.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read with much pleasure the very suitable letter of Bro. T. B. Whytehead in your last week's issue, and as a Mason of many years' standing, who has recently returned from New Zealand, can endorse every word that he has written. The time has indeed arrived when, without bias or loss of dignity, the Grand Lodge of England might reconsider its position as regards the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, but justice can only be done with a Colonial Board, who, from personal experience, thoroughly understand and appreciate Colonial Masonic requirements, and are "in touch with our brethren at the other side of the

world." It is impossible for the Grand Lodge of England to maintain its present position in regard to this matter without consequent loss of prestige and respect, and it were better to at once "accept the inevitable"—however unpalatable it may be—with a good grace, than to eventually stand alone in withholding recognition from a properly constituted supreme governing body which has in every respect justified its existence.—Yours fraternally,

PAST MASTER, E.C.

THE LATE BRO. GEORGE R. HARRIOTT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is my sad duty to inform you of the great loss that the Craft in Cyprus has sustained in the death of our distinguished Brother, George Robert Harriott, 32°, P.P.G.M. of Wigton and Kircudbrightshire, in Scotland. Our deeply lamented brother passed away on August 8th, 1894, after a very few days' illness, from typhoid fever. He was buried the same day in the English cemetery at Larnaca, attended by a large following of the Masonic brethren and the chief European residents of the place.

I am unable to speak of our departed brother's doings in Masonry previous to his arrival in Cyprus in 1885; these are recorded in the archives of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, where his name is inscribed in the Golden Book. I leave to those at home, who knew our brother, to record his Masonic career previous to his arrival here, I simply mention the work he has done in Cyprus. When Bro. Harriott arrived in Cyprus there was no Masonic lodge or any combined organisation of Masonry, although dispersed over the island there were a number of brethren who desired to form themselves into a lodge. Guided by our departed brother, a lodge was formed at Limasol, and consecrated in November, 1888. This was followed in 1891 by a lodge at Larnaca, in 1892 by a chapter attached to the Limassol Lodge, and in 1893 by a Mark Lodge at Limassol. Bro. Harriott consecrated St. Paul's Lodge, No. 2277, Limassol, St. George's Lodge, No. 2402, Larnaca; was a founder of both. Founder and 1st H. of St. Paul's Chapter, Limassol, and M.E.Z., 1893-94. Founder of St. Paul's Mark Lodge, Limassol. These are only the main facts, for it is impossible to review all the details of work done by an enthusiastic brother, who always considered anything he could do was only too small to be noticed, and who was never tired of working for the Craft he loved so much. Our deceased brother was initiated in the Castle Lodge of Harmony, No. 26, London, more than 30 years ago, but took all the higher Degrees as well as Grand Office in Scotland. The loss to the Craft in Cyprus is irreparable, as it is seldom we have a brother in this part of the world who combines such great knowledge and high rank, and at the same time has the leisure and energy to devote so much attention to the welfare of the Craft. The Masons in Cyprus intend to erect a monument to the memory of our late brother, and any old Cyprus Mason who would like to participate in this work can forward their subscriptions to me.—I remain, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

F. O. HARVEY,

M.E.Z. St. Paul's Chapter, No. 2277.
P.M., Treas., St. George's Lodge, No. 2402.
Treasurer St. Paul's Mark Lodge, No. 455.
Larnaca, Cyprus.

August 20th.

Reviews.

"MASONIC CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF NORTHS AND HUNTS FOR 1894-1895."—This most useful and artistic little guide has been edited by Bro. George Ellard, and apparently is in the second year of its issue. There is a mass of information to be found in its pages, and as there is also a calendar, exhibiting all the meetings arranged for the several lodges and other Masonic bodies, the compilation has meant considerable labour. There are 13 lodges, and, by adding the figures supplied under each lodge, we find there are 692 subscribing members, or an average of nearly 54 to each. This proves there is room for an increase of lodges if considered desirable, as the proportion to each lodge is beyond the usual. The votes for the Charities held by lodges and individuals amount to some 1640, but the brethren, save in a few instances, do not show up to much advantage, so we hope the good example set by the esteemed Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Euston, and one or two other Craftsmen will prove contagious. The arrangement of the particulars is subject to improvement, as the present system is rather a "mixture." The numbers before each division or class will show what seems to be a better plan. 1, Officers of Grand Lodge; 6, Officers of Grand Chapter; 9, Officers of Mark Grand Lodge; 14, Order of Secret Monitor; 2, Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge Norths and Hunts; 7, Officers of the Prov. Grand Chapter Norths and Hunts; 10, Officers of Prov. Grand Mark Lodge; 11, Roll of Mark Masters' Lodges; 3 (add Roll of Craft Lodges); 4, Lists of Members and Officers of Craft Lodges; 7a (add Roll of Royal Arch Chapters); 8, Lists of Members and Officers of the Royal Arch Chapters; 12, Lists of Members and Officers of Mark Lodges; 13, ditto, of Royal Ark Mariners; 15, ditto of Secret Monitor; 5, United Lodge of Instruction; 16, Northampton Masonic Library (pages reversed as printed); Masonic Items; 17, Three Institutions—the order to be Girls', Boys', and Benevolent; 18, List of Votes for the Central Charities. An excellent portrait of Lord Euston makes a capital frontispiece, and it says something for the literary spirit of the province to have a couple of pages devoted to the Masonic library. Well done, Bro. Ellard (of *Elstow House*, Marriott-street, Northampton).

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Duke of Cornwall Lodge (No. 1839).—This lodge held its installation meeting 1st Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. W. H. Foot, W.M.; J. W. Brooke, P.M.; T. C. Corpe, P.M.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; H. Cattermole, P.M.; C. H. Cox, P.M.; Joseph Bladon, P.M.; Blott, and J. Culver, P.M. The visitors' list included the names of Bros. Dr. Wilson Bott, P.M.; F. Manby, P.M. 1818; Walter Martin, P.M. 879 and 2500; W. Klingenstein, P.M. 73; C. J. Davison, P.M. 1897; J. Almond, P.M. 2500; F. H. Lowry, 1625; H. S. Trego, J. A. Smallbones, 1897; A. Cowley, 2030; S. B. Hans, P.M. 358; John Wortley, 1770; W. A. Buxton, 1538; and C. W. Davies.

There was a large attendance of lay members of the lodge. The W.M. passed Bro. C. F. Day to the Second Degree, and afterwards installed Bro. William Henry Lowry as W.M. Bro. T. C. Corpe, P.M. and Treasurer, acted as D.C. Bro. W. H. Foot was invested as I.P.M. The following brethren received the other collars of office: Bros. C. Mussared, P.M. 2264, S.W.; C. Heinekey, J.W.; T. C. Corpe, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Sec.; C. H. Knuth, S.D.; W. Wright, J.D.; F. H. Stollery, I.G.; C. H. Atkinson, D.C.; L. Wolff and J. F. Perrins, Stwds.; and Thomas Bowler, Tyler. The out-going Master performed the whole ceremony most efficiently, and was loudly applauded at the conclusion of his work, as well as when he received at the hands of his successor the decoration of a Past Master's jewel. The balance-sheet of the lodge, which was unanimously adopted, disclosed a laudable condition of affairs: on lodge account an investment of £100; and cash in hands of Treasurer, £33 odd. On Benevolent Fund Account, £100 invested in consols; in the Savings' Bank, £51 odd; and interest, £3 11s. 1d.

The lodge was closed after this satisfactory announcement, and an adjournment was made to Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent banquet was awaiting the brethren.

This having been disposed of, the toasts were honoured, and music interspersed between them under the direction of Bro. Walter Perrins, Bro. H. S. Trego, Mus. Bac., Oxon, acting as accompanist, by Misses Emily Davies and Theresa Kellaway, and Bros. Walter Perrins, Barry Lindon, and W. F. Cheesman.

Bro. W. H. Foot, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and, in doing so, said that he, as well as the old members of the lodge had watched Bro. Lowry's career in the lodge, and they all strongly appreciated the efforts he had made in the various offices he had filled in his progress to the chair to perform his duties properly. All the brethren would acknowledge that he had performed them to their satisfaction, and they were confident he would fill the chair to the advantage of the lodge and to his own credit. Although Bro. Lowry was a modest man, he already felt himself at home in the Master's chair. They hoped he would have a successful year of office. They had had Masters of various qualifications, but they had all had one qualification—a desire to do their best for the Duke of Cornwall Lodge. So long as they had such Masters attending lodges of instruction, and exercising their best efforts for the lodge, the lodge must be successful.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, assured the brethren that he should do his best for the lodge. He had been a member 13 years and he had attended lodges of instruction in order to qualify himself for his various duties. As long as he was a member he should do his best for the lodge.

Bro. W. H. Foot, I.P.M., in reply to the toast of "The Installing Master," said that he, on commencing his year of office, as well as Bro. Lowry on commencing his, might congratulate themselves on the position in which the Duke of Cornwall Lodge was placed. It was no particular doing of their own, but it resulted from the assistance and cordial co-operation and good fellowship of all the officers and members of the lodge. That was a great encouragement to him during his year of office. The lodge owed nothing. It looked the whole world in the face and owed not any man. They had been enabled through the brethren coming up to the mark with their subscriptions to pay everything and put something by. Therefore, a W.M. coming into the chair had nothing to fear. All that he (Bro. W. H. Foot) had done had been from affection for his mother lodge. He had resisted all temptations to belong to other lodges, and had stuck to his mother lodge of which he should be proud to the last day of his life—and he hoped he should live long. He had received great kindness from the brethren from the commencement of his career as W.M., and he had never had any anxiety about it.

All the visitors responded to the toast proposed and drunk in their honour, and Bro. Dewsnap replied for "The P.M.s, the Treasurer, and Secretary," the former of which two officers had been obliged to leave by the last train for Brighton where he resides.

Bro. Cattermole, in replying as a P.M., said he should content himself with just saying that he congratulated the I.P.M. on the very successful termination of his year of office, with which he expressed his entire satisfaction.

Bros. Cox, Badon, and Culver also replied, and after the toast of "The Officers" had been drunk, Bro. Mussared and other officers responded, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BROXBOURNE.

Kingswood Lodge (No. 2278).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. E. H. Moore, W.M.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D., acting S.W.; G. T. Chretien, P.M., J.W.; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. F. Bell, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., Sec.; E. Binkhorn, P.M., J.D.; J. W. Rattenbury, I.G.; N. Pearce, D.C.; W. E. Goodwins, Org.; J. Gravat and A. Ingram, Stwds.; T. Williams, Tyler; W. Kennedy, C. C. Renaud, R. Von Der Sahl, E. N. Benningfield, and F. W. Tompkins. Visitor—Bro. G. Yexley, 1471.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, Bro. F. W. Tompkins was passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being very ably performed by the W.M. After a number of communications had been read, the lodge was closed.

The brethren having dined, the W.M. proposed the usual toasts.

Bro. E. Blinkhorn, P.M., proposed that of "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was responded to by Bro. C. M. Coxon, P.P.G.D.

Bro. Petch, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," praising the excellence of his working, and regretting that he had not had more opportunity of displaying it.

The W.M., in reply, referred to the fact that he was the first initiate of the lodge who had reached that position, and thanked the brethren for the cordial support they gave him.

"The Health of the Visitor" was then proposed, and Bro. G. Yexley, 1471, briefly replied.

The Treasurer and Secretary respectively replied to their toasts, and Bro. Chretien, J.W., and Rattenbury, I.G., to that of "The Officers."

The proceedings then terminated.

Thanks to the services of Bro. W. E. Goodwins at the pianoforte, a very pleasant evening was spent. Bros. Moore, Benningfield, Kennedy, and Blinkhorn contributed songs, and Gravatt and Coxon recitations.

CHATSWORTH.

Dorothy Vernon Lodge (No. 2129).

INSTALLATION OF BRO. VICTOR CAVENDISH, M.P.—On Tuesday, the 4th inst., was celebrated an important ceremony in connection with Derbyshire Freemasonry, and one which the above lodge in particular will regard as a memorable occasion when its history comes to be written. Bro. Victor Cavendish, M.P. for West Derbyshire, was installed into the Master's chair in the lodge in question, and the function was rendered all the more interesting on account of the relationship of that brother with the Duke of Devonshire, who is Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire.

By a special dispensation the lodge, which is ordinarily held at the Town Hall, Bakewell, was held at Chatsworth House, and although his Grace, for obvious reasons, was not among those present, the attendance may fairly be described as one of the most numerous and influential ever held in the whole province. The Grand Lodge of England was represented by Bro. W. H. Marsden, of Derby, whilst not a few of the visitors hailed from Sheffield, Manchester, and Nottingham. The grand dining hall was utilised as the lodge room, the sculpture room and library adjoining being also reserved for the Masonic guests, much to the disappointment of those of the general public who were thus debarred the privilege of inspecting those interesting chambers. The ceremony of installation was performed by the retiring W.M. (Bro. Stanley Orme), who was assisted by Bros. Dr. Fenton, I.P.M., P.G.S. of W.; W. H. Marsden, P.M., P.P.S. G.W. England; John H. Orme, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; and C. H. Glossop, P.M. The newly-elected W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year in the following order: Bros. Stanley Orme, I.P.M.; J. C. Stroyan, S.W.; the Rev. J. E. Jagger, J.W.; C. H. Glossop, P.M., Treas.; Leigh, Sec.; the Rev. Giles Andrew, Chap.; John Orme, P.M., D. of C.; Dr. Fentem, S.D.; Thomas Allsopp, J.D.; W. H. Bowan, I.G.; Wrench, Bowman, and Quail, Stwds.; and James Tomlinson, Tyler. During the ceremony, which was most impressively performed, Bro. J. Melrose rendered the anthem—"Behold how good and joyful!" to the accompaniment of Bro. W. L. Dodd.

The business of the lodge being ended, the brethren, through the hospitality of the Duke, were entertained to light refreshments in the sculpture room, and after passing through the hands of the photographer, who "took" the party on the terrace, with Bro. Victor Cavendish, M.P., as the central figure, they were driven in breaks to the Town Hall, Bakewell, where the annual banquet was served, Bro. Cavendish presided, and the usual toast list was gone through.

EAST GRINSTEAD.

Sackville Lodge (No. 1619).

The annual installation meeting in connection with the above lodge took place on the 4th inst., at the Crown Hotel, and there was a large gathering of the Craft from all parts. Among the members of the lodge who signed the roll were Bros. F. G. Budd-Budd, W.M.; D. Wood, S.W.; C. M. Wilson, J.W.; E. A. Head, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; A. M. Betchley, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. H. Dixon, S.D.; J. E. Lark, J.D.; A. Shepherd, Org.; W. W. Gale, I.G.; G. Mitchell, P.M.; T. Smith, P.M.; Canon W. H. Cooper, P.M., P.D.G. Chap. N.Z.; W. Hoken, P.M.; J. Saker, C. E. Collins, E. A. Wilson, A. Brandt, J. Cooper, R. G. Payne, H. D. Catford, G. Underwood, T. F. Stanford, F. Walder, and C. J. Rowe. The visitors from various lodges in Kent and Sussex included the following: Bros. W. Doman, P.M.; E. Smith, W.M. 2450; E. Irwin Scot, W.M. 811; W. Flint, Sec. 311; J. Wickham, W.M. 1797; E. Putman, W.M. 1362; E. O. Howis, A.D.C. 2200; A. L. Ader, W.M. 1821; H. J. Sturgeon, 429, P.P.G.S.B.; J. G. Sims, 1564; J. E. Shrubsole, 503; J. Flinn, 1829; W. Wright, 2450; J. Sayers, 1636; and J. Wood, 1636. The choice of the brethren for the position of W.M. for the ensuing year fell on Bro. D. Wood, and the duty of installing him into his position was impressively performed by Bro. G. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.G. Purst. The new W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers during the succeeding 12 months: Bros. C. M. Wilson, S.W.; W. H. Dixon, J.W.; E. A. Head, Treas.; A. M. Betchley, Sec.; J. Harrison, P.M., D.C.; J. E. Lark, S.D.; W. W. Gale, J.D.; A. Brandt, I.G.; A. G. Shepherd, Org.; H. D. Catford and E. Wilson, Stwds.; and Canon W. H. Cooper, Chap. The outgoing W.M., Bro. F. J. Budd-Budd, having served the office two years in succession and having already received a gold jewel in recognition of his services, was now made the recipient of a gold bar attached to the ribbon of his jewel, notifying the fact that he had filled the chief lodge office twice. Another very pleasing part of the proceedings was the presentation of a magnificent gold jewel to Bro. A. M. Betchley, who now, for seven years, has filled the office of Secretary with an ability and courtesy which have won him the esteem of all.

After the transaction of lodge business the brethren dined together in the Crown Hotel, Bro. Underwood catering in his well-known excellent style. The usual Masonic toasts were submitted and cordially received. An attractive programme of music was also sustained.

ERITH.

St. John and St. Paul Lodge (No. 615).

The installation meeting of the above excellent lodge took place on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Avenue School Rooms, when Bro. William T. Doddrell, S.W., W.M. elect, was placed in the chair, as W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. The circumstance was most unique, the outgoing Master, Bro. A. C. Doddrell, is the brother of the incoming Master, as above, and the Installing Officer, Bro. W. L. Doddrell, P.M., is the father of both incoming and outgoing Masters; a combination of relationship, and office, not often seen in a Masonic lodge.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes having been confirmed, and the balance sheet adopted, Bro. W. L. Doddrell, by special request took the chair as Installing Officer, and in due course placed his son William in the chair of K.S., where he was saluted and proclaimed in true Masonic fashion. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. C. Doddrell, I.P.M.; W. H. Keeble, S.W.; I. Turton, J.W.; G. W. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; H. King, P.M., P.P.G.T., Sec.; G. W. Kendall, S.D.; E. J. Valon, D.C.; W. L. Doddrell, P.M., J. H. Owen, and R. Orchard, Stwds.; and W. Lardner, Tyler. The Installing Officer was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his working. The I.P.M. was presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel. Bro. Mitchell was re-elected to represent the lodge at the Provincial Charity Committee meeting, and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, Erith-avenue, and was both perfect and plentiful, and amongst the other brethren present were: Bros. C. Watkins, P.M.; G. H. Letton, P.M., and P.M. 913; G. R. Cashfield, P.M., C. G. Godwin, P.M., H. Goldsmith, W. Solkon, J. Brooks, J. Holloway, G. Vincer, and R. West, of the lodge; W. Russell, P.M. 77 and 1464, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Treas.; Dr. E. Bryceson, W.M., J. J. Collins, S.W., and T. G. White, of 913; C. J. D'Oyley Mears, P.M. 1076, W.M. 299; H. Hurrell, W.M. 1667; T. Selby, S.W. 1679; W. Baker, 1472; and C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec. 1472, 2184.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured, and that of "The Right Hon. the Earl Amherst, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Kent," drank most enthusiastically.

Bro. Russell, in responding to a hearty reception of the toast of "W. Bro. James Smith Eastes, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," said he felt very pleased to have to respond to the toast, more especially because at a recent meeting—Royal Arch—in an adjacent town, he had occasion to speak of their esteemed Bro. Eastes, and to mention the fact of his being at that time, and for some time previously, in rather an unfavourable state of health; but he was now very happy to tell them that Bro. Eastes had fully recovered his usual good health. He had the pleasure of receiving a letter from Bro. Eastes a few days previously, and he (Bro. Eastes) then wrote that he had derived great benefit from a stay at Henley-on-Thames, and that he soon hoped to be with and amongst the brethren of that province he so dearly loved. They all knew that Bro. Eastes had worked hard during the time he had held the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Their Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Earl Amherst, had been a soldier, and was a perfect disciplinarian, and knew what should be done, and those who were Prov. Grand Officers under his lordship knew him, and knew that whatever was right and proper to be done had to be done, and they did it cheerfully; and he could safely say that there was no province under Grand Lodge where the work, financial or charitable, was done more automatically than in the one presided over by their beloved Grand Master, Earl Amherst. The Grand Officers did their duty zealously, faithfully, and honourably. Every year their balance-sheet showed both an increase of members and an increase of money for charitable purposes. He then gave statistics showing the immense amount of work that accrued from various channels, principally in the cause of Charity, and which fell upon him and Bro. Adamson, his colleague in Provincial Charity organisation. During the year 1893 no less than 23,500 votes were turned over in the conducting of the various Masonic elections, and yet, like "Oliver Twist," they asked for more. Every vote was utilised, so that every one who claimed and had a claim to their sympathy, whether distressed age or helpless childhood, obtained it. The aged were provided for and comforted, and the child placed in a position where it might become a creditable member of society and a credit to Masonry, so that they might say, "All honour to such a province and such grand Institutions."

Bro. Mitchell said he had often told them of the great and valuable assistance received, and the good work done for the province by Bros. Russell and Adamson, and he knew no two men in the whole of England who did the work entrusted to them so well as those brethren. Their Grand Master was one of the leading spirits in Freemasonry, and one who had no equal in the splendid manner in which he did his duty. He asked the brethren to give their votes; and as many as they could get, to Bro. Russell. They were proud to see Bro. Russell amongst them, and hoped to have the honour and pleasure of his company on many occasions.

Bro. King endorsed every word uttered by Bro. Mitchell, and assured them he felt it a great honour to be enrolled amongst the Past Grand Officers of the Province of Kent.

The Worshipful Master, who, on rising to respond to the toast of his health, was received with cheers, said he thanked them heartily for the cordial reception of his name. He was proud of his position, proud of his brother and immediate predecessor, and proud of his father who had initiated both him and his brother into Freemasonry, and had, that day, crowned his work by installing his son into the chair of K.S.

Bro. Doddrell, P.M., in response to the toast of his health as "Installing Officer," spoke with pride of the event of the day, the fact of his having installed his son, and hoped, as had been suggested, that he might be spared to be with them and install his grandson.

Bros. Russell, Bryceson, Collins, Mears, Hurrell, Baker, and Jolly responded for "The Visitors," and "The Past Masters" were honoured.

"The Treasurer and Secretary," Bros. Mitchell and King, were toasted, and both eloquently responded.

"The Officers" and Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were interspersed by some good singing and reciting.

HAMPTON COURT.

Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).

This well-known lodge met at the Greyhound Hotel, on Monday, the 10th inst., when there were present: Bros. J. Spooner, W.M.; W. T. Peat, S.W.; R. W. Rice, J.W.; R. W. Simpson, S.D.; J. E. Gentle, J.D.; J. Featherstone, P.M., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Stwd., G. Std. Br., Sec.; W. R. Flack, D.C.; D. A. Ross and H. C. Crozier, Stwds.; H. J. Bond, I.P.M.; H. Sapsworth, P.M.; Thomas Grant, P.M.; J. T. Crocker, A. H. Sturgess, R. Reynolds, Tom Jones, T. Pyke, J. Miles, J. McCarthy, W. Radway, J. H. Gaunt, G. Loosen, A. S. Jehu, J. Satchwell, and J. Gilbert, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. A. Holland, 1326; G. Cauter (N.S.W.); F. Lockett, S.W. 2222; and R. T. West, 1744. The lodge was opened, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been read, the W.M. passed Bros. W. Radway and Tom Jones.

Other business being disposed of, and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for dinner, which was prepared in excellent style by the proprietor, Bro. R. Pratti, and gave every satisfaction.

The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with a few appropriate remarks.

In responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls, whose name was coupled with the toast, said that it was his good fortune to have had his praises sung at the last meeting. He was indeed proud to be a Grand Officer, and they were willing to do anything for the Craft, but a Grand Officer was not made of iron, and a time must come when a Grand Officer must make his bow.

Bro. Peat replied to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," bearing testimony to the excellent services rendered by Bro. Lord George Hamilton, and Bro. Thrupp and Room (Prov. G. Sec.), the latter being a member of their lodge.

The I.P.M., Bro. Bond, submitted the toast of "The W.M." He said that the lodge was very proud of their W.M., who was a good fellow, and no one more popular. He had done his level best to make himself perfect in the ritual, and his work that night was done well, and it was appreciated by the members.

Bro. Spooner, W.M., in reply, stated that when he joined some 12 years ago he said he would stick to the lodge, and he had done so. He had never missed attending the meetings, and had done his best to carry out the duties of the offices he had filled. He was proud of his exalted position, and it would be his great aim to keep up the prestige of their happy lodge.

"The Visitors" having been duly honoured, Bro. Cauter (N.S.W.) responded. He said that it was his second visit to their hospitable lodge, and he had never been received better in any part of the world.

Bro. Lockett also replied, remarking that from the kindness extended to the visitors that evening, he regretted that he had not been able to attend there before.

Bro. R. T. West also responded.

Bro. Crozier said might he be allowed to say *au revoir* to that his mother lodge. He was now returning to Egypt, and had delayed his journey to attend that evening, but he hoped to be back in 12 months. He took that opportunity of thanking the W.M. for having given him a collar, and his great ambition was to become W.M. of the lodge.

The next toast was "The I.P.M., Past Masters, Treas., and Sec.," the W.M. making special mention of Bros. Bond, I.P.M., and Capt. Walls.

Bro. Bond replied, observing that he would be proud at all times to assist the lodge in any way.

Bro. Walls also responded in a humorous speech, which elicited much laughter.

Bros. Featherstone, Sapsworth, and Tom Grant also replied in appropriate terms.

"The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Peat and Rice was next honoured, to which they both replied.

The Tyler's toast completed a most enjoyable evening.

The evening was enlivened with some capital harmony by Bros. McCarthy, Crozier, Pyke, Lockett, Tom Grant, and Capt. Walls, but the two last deserve a word of thanks for their efforts.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Noel Lodge (No. 2444).

A regular meeting of this lodge was held at St. James' Hall, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., when the chair was occupied by Bro. Lewis, supported by Bro. Lester, S.W., and Bro. Packington, J.W. There were also present: Bros. T. Pennington, P.M.; Hall, S.D.; F. Hullett, J.D.; Brooke, I.G.; Watkin, Org.; F. G. Smith, Steward; Shearlock, Bradley, Oxley, Havill, and E. Smith. Visitors: Bros. Dr. J. Haden, P.M. 1872, P.P.G.S.B. Lines.; F. King, S.D. 209; and W. Lane, 1326. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. Smith was very ably passed to the Second Degree, after which the W.M., Bro. Lewis, gave the Lecture on the second tracing board in a masterly manner, which was much appreciated by the brethren present. Bro. Owen was proposed as a joining member. Bro. Albert Lyon who was to have been raised to the Third Degree, was unavoidably absent.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Brethren are earnestly requested to be present at the next meeting for the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year.

LYME REGIS.

Montagu Lodge (No. 655).

The installation of Bro. E. H. Wallis as W.M. for the ensuing year took place on Monday, the 10th inst. Bro. W. H. Kerby, P.P.S.G.D. Heretford, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Dorset, performed the ceremony in a most able and impressive manner, provoking eulogiums of a very genial character, at the subsequent banquet. There were several visitors, including representatives from Lodges Old Dundee, No. 18; De la Pule, 1181; Felix 1494; Esculapius, 2410; and Prudence and Industry, 1953. A telegram from Bro. S. R. Baskett, of 1367, was received announcing hearty good wishes from his lodge and expressive of regret at not being able to attend. The officers appointed for the ensuing year were as follows: Bros. J. Radford, I.P.M.; S. S. Hasluck, S.W.; J. Beer, J.W.; W. H. Kerby, Treas.; R. C. Radford, Sec.; W. H. Wilson, S.D.; H. R. Crorgan, J.D.; J. L. Rumsey, Org.; H.

C. Chatterton, I.G.; and G. Legg, Tyler. Two brethren were proposed for joining, and the lodge was closed.

Bro. J. Grove served up a sumptuous banquet after work was over. Post-prandial speeches were of a very hearty and fraternal character, and hopeful allusions were made to brighter prospects in the matter of moving into a new hall by another installation day. Song, toast, and sentiment conducted to while away the hours of a most convivial evening.

LIVERPOOL.

Royal Victoria Lodge (No. 1013).—The annual installation meeting in connection with the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., and a very pleasant evening was spent. Bro. T. P. Bethell, the new W.M., was presented for the benefit of installation by Bro. S. Howard, P.M., and Bro. W. H. Thornton, P.M., D.C., the ceremony being very impressively performed by Bro. G. Broadbent, the retiring Master, and Bro. P. M. Cook. The following were subsequently invested as follows: Bros. G. Broadbent, I.P.M.; G. Proudman, S.W.; James Jack, Treas.; J. B. Jones, J.W.; E. A. Davies, Sec.; J. R. Bromley, S.D.; W. H. Cooke, P.M., D.C.; J. D. Cockerton, Org.; F. Holgreaves, J.D.; J. W. Worrall, I.G.; W. H. Smith and R. Foden, Stwds.; F. du Chemin, Tyler; and W. H. Thornton, P.M., Charity Representative. At the close of business a valuable jewel was presented to Bro. George Broadbent, in token of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren.

A musical programme was given by Bros. F. W. Herbert, E. A. Davies, James Strettle, George Proudman, R. W. Pierpoint, W. H. Cook, E. Beeson, and J. Jack.

The jewel was made in 18-carat gold, the square and problem being suspended from an imperial crown studded with rubies and emeralds, and in the centre a large diamond. It was designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

PORTISHEAD.

Eldon Lodge (No. 1755).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, on Saturday, the 8th instant, when there was a large gathering of brethren and visitors to witness the installation of Bro. Rice, P.M., P.P.G.D., the ceremony being most ably performed by the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Elise, P.G.D. of England. The following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year: Bros. A. J. Tonkin, I.P.M.; F. G. Moore, S.W.; A. Jefferies, J.W.; A. W. M. Weatherly, P.M., P.G.C., Chap.; James R. Thebridge, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; W. T. Shapland, P.M., Sec.; T. Turner, S.D.; J. W. H. Hall, J.D.; E. Tedder, D.C.; F. R. Warren, Org.; R. O. Coleman, I.G.; and H. J. Stafford, and T. Lowther, Stwds.

The brethren dined at the Royal Hotel, and were presided over by the W.M., who was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and other distinguished members of the Craft.

The usual toasts were duly honoured, there was a good programme of music, and the annual festival was much enjoyed.

SEATON.

De la Pole Lodge (No. 1181).—The installation of Bro. J. Stevens as W.M. of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall on the 5th inst., the ceremony being performed by Bro. G. Evans, P.M. The newly-elected W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. H. Evans, I.P.M.; A. W. Oakley, P.M., S.W.; Bedford, J.W.; G. Evans, P.M., Treas.; Swansborough, P.M., Chap.; J. G. Oldridge, P.M., Sec., and Org.; J. Foillett, S.D.; Mason, J.D.; D. Bailey Toms, I.G.; W. H. Aplin, P.M., D.C.; and T. Perry, Tyler.

Subsequently the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Beach Hotel, the catering being up to the usual high state of efficiency for which Miss Plimsoll and her assistants are noted.

The venison was generously given by Sir William E. Pole, Bart, of Shute House, he sending a splendid buck, weighing about 80lbs.

The usual Masonic toasts followed.

Royal Arch.

Warrant Officers' Chapter (No. 2346).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 10th inst., when Comps. Henry Gardiner, Alfred Molony, and Chas. A. Pugh were duly installed into the chairs of Z., H., and J., respectively. The following officers were elected, and those who were present invested by the M.E.Z.: Comps. R. Jennings, P.Z., Treas.; M. A. McInerney, I.P.Z., Scribe E.; J. B. Short, Scribe N.; W. A. Green, P.S.; and Pearce and Newsham, Asst. Sojs. The M.E.Z., in the name of the chapter, presented a P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. McInerney, the retiring M.E.Z., for his services to the chapter during his year of office, and Comp. McInerney briefly returned thanks.

The companions afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet at the Freemasons' Tavern, Comp. Gardiner presiding, supported by Comps. Molony and Pugh. There were also present: Comps. Cook, Betts, Howe, Benstead, Wood, Meir, McGill, Iqulden, Simpson, and Williamson. Visitors: Comps. White, P.Z. 907; Chapman, P.Z. 907; Ensell, M.E.Z. 907; Cheesman, M.E.Z. 1604; and Gordon, P.Z. King's Arms Chapter.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, the remainder of the evening was devoted to song and recitation.

STAFFORD.

Royal Chartley Chapter of Fortitude (No. 726).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held in the Chapter Room, Swan Hotel, on Wednesday afternoon, the 5th instant. Comps. Lieut.-Col. Bindley, G. Supt.; J. F. Pepper, Prov. G.H.; and Blackshaw, P.P.G.Soj.; and many other companions were present. The usual business was transacted, and the following companions were invested as office bearers for the ensuing year: Comps. F. Taylor, Prov. G.D.C., M.E.Z. (re-elected); C. J. Nevitt, H.; I. Ashmore, J.; W. J. Massey, S.E.; G. Wormald, S.N.; H. Thorn, P.P.G.N., Treas.; J. T. Marson, P.S.; S. Wickham Jones, 1st A.S.; J. Hackett, 2nd A.S.; G. Buttery, D. of C.; P. Bridgwood, Stw.; and G. T. Hebbert, Janitor.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE (No. 211).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Norland Arms, Addison-road North, W. (Present: Bros. F. H. Greey, W.M.; C. C. Barber, S.W.; H. S. Beaman, J.W.; G. E. Higginson, P.M., Preceptor; H. Lindfield, P.M., Sec.; A. Holmes, S.D.; G. Cockrell, Treas., J.D.; G. Copley, I.G.; S. Webb, P.M.; R. H. Catling, L. P. Cordes, C. G. Tremere, and R. N. Larter.)

Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Catling being the candidate, the W.M. at its conclusion giving the charge. Bro. Higginson, Preceptor, then worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 10th instant, at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea. Present: Bros. Bradley, W.M.; Royle, S.W.; Austin, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Stutfield, Sec.; Witts, P.M., S.D.; Holland, P.M., J.D.; Nicholls, I.G.; Winsborrow, Murray, and Talling.

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. Winsborrow being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Murray, who had previously answered the usual questions and been entrusted, was the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Talling, 742, was elected a joining member of the lodge, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Royle was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time. Bro. Stutfield, on behalf of Bro. Thomas, gave notice of motion to change the day of meeting, and the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The first meeting for the season was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. G. T. Peall, W.M.; R. P. Upton, S.W.; Milton Smith, J.W.; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Herts, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., Prov. G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; H. J. Kimbell, S.D.; J. T. Frost, J.D.; W. Rapley, I.G.; R. Loomes, D. M. Forbes, G. Yexley, J. Amand, D. C. Attwater, C. Horst, A. Giddings, S. Napper, P.M.; T. E. Newman; and M. T. Tuck, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Essex. Visitor: Bro. W. France, 208.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Giddings being the candidate. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Yexley 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. Yexley being the candidate. Bro. Upton was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A Committee was appointed to make arrangements for the lodge supper. The lodge was then closed.

A meeting was also held on Tuesday, 11th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present: Bros. R. P. Upton, W.M.; Milton Smith, S.W.; R. Loomes, J.W.; J. W. Clarke, acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts., and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; J. T. Frost, S.D.; W. Rapley, J.D.; C. Horst, I.G.; A. Oliver, P.M.; M. T. Tuck, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Essex; H. B. Harding, P.M.; G. Gregory, P.M.; G. T. Peall, R. W. Nicole, V. J. R. Longman, G. Yexley, J. Amand, J. Birks, and C. G. Zonder.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Peall being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Gregory answered the questions leading to the Third Degree and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Gregory being the candidate. Bro. Milton Smith was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, S.E. Present: Bros. W. Malham, W.M.; J. O'Dea, S.W.; Bullpitt, J.W.; Roots, Preceptor; Bird, Sec.; O'Brien, S.D.; Barnard, J.D.; Jackson, I.G.; Wright, P.M.; Hattersley, P.M.; Williams, P.M., Charity Representative; Gale, Steng, Gentle, Nicholls, Warren, Boutell, and Bartlett.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Steng, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Steng being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bro. Gale, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Gale being the candidate. Bro. Malham vacated the chair in favour of Bro. O'Dea. Bro. Malham rehearsed the installation ceremony, and the brethren saluted the chair in the Three Degrees. The W.M. invested his officers. Bro. Malham resumed the chair and rose for the usual times, and the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of the above was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 7th inst., when there were present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., A.G.D.C., Preceptor, M.E.Z.; Cope, H.; Loader, J.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Lewis, S.N.; Stone, I.S.; Dawson, Salmon, Braik, Vincent, Cornford, Pullen, Coombs, Wilkinson, Osterstock, Addington, Lightfoot, and Telling.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Cornford personating the candidate. Comp. Wm. Vincent, P.Z. and S.E. 1339, was elected a joining member. Comp. Cope was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Very deep sympathy was expressed with Comp.

H. J. Martin, P.Z. 1622, in his serious illness, and the S.E. was instructed to write him with the earnest desire for his speedy recovery. The chapter was then closed. The convocations will meet weekly at the above address at 8 p.m. on Fridays, under the able Preceptorship of Comp. F. Hilton, A.G.D.C., when all who desire assistance in the beautiful ritual will be heartily welcomed.

PRESENTATION TO A RAILWAY OFFICIAL.

There was a pleasant gathering of railway advertisement managers, representatives of seaside resorts, and others whose interests are identical, at the Holborn Restaurant, London, on Thursday, the 6th inst., to do honour to Mr. William H. Hills, who, for many years held the position of chief of the advertising department of the Great Northern Railway Company. A complimentary dinner was given by Mr. Hills' railway and other friends, and he was presented with a very handsome gold hunter and chain and a beautiful bracelet for Mrs. Hills. Mr. J. Burton, presided, and the arrangements were admirably carried out by Mr. Ernest W. Stanford, advertisement superintendent of Euston, as Secretary, and Mr. Fred. Lear, as Hon. Treasurer.

The toast of "The Advertising Contractors," was proposed by Mr. W. C. SIMPSON, and responded to by Messrs. H. BURTON and C. NODEN. Mr. Noden, who was a railway man for 22 years, is now the advertisement contractor for the corporation of Blackpool. During the evening he gave an amusing song, composed specially for the occasion in the Lancashire dialect.

Other toasts were given and responded to by Messrs. WALTER HILL, E. BARKER, J. RICHARDS, E. DAVEY, junr., and C. PASCALL, who spoke highly of the success and courtesy of the Secretary and Treasurer named.

Mr. FRED. HORNER also addressed the gathering, and high compliments were paid to Mr. P. C. Walker, who is succeeding Mr. Hills as Great Northern advertisement department manager. The *doyen* of the company present was Mr. T. Alcock, late of the Great Eastern Railway Company.

Songs and recitations of the best kind were given in a remarkably clever style by Messrs. T. S. Smith, Will. Edwards, Fred. Chamberlain, and Will. Ballard. The vice-chairmen were Messrs. W. C. Simpson, and H. B. Burton. The committee consisted of Messrs. J. Rose, Walter Hill, E. Davey, junr., G. Davey, W. Brunton, and W. A. Fleming.

Mr. Hills made a happy little speech on accepting the presentation.

Obituary.

BRO. THOMAS CHIRGWIN.

Bro. Thomas Chirgwin was initiated in the Fortitude Lodge, No. 131, Truro, and was the Master in 1861 and 1862; was the senior P.M. for many years, and is now followed in that respect by Bro. W. J. Johns, the second oldest being Bro. S. Holloway, and the third in seniority Bro. W. J. Hughan. He was long the esteemed Treasurer of the lodge, and, until recent years, installed the Masters annually, as well as frequently worked the ceremonies in an impressive manner. In the Provincial Grand Lodge he took a very active part under three Provincial Grand Masters, the late Bro. Sir Charles Lemon, Bart., Bro. Augustus Smith, and the present beloved Ruler, the Earl of Mount Edgcombe (D.G.M. of England), Prov. G.M. from 1873. After having served in some minor offices, he was appointed J.G.W. by Bro. Augustus Smith, and S.G.W. by the Earl of Mount Edgcombe; becoming the Provincial Grand Secretary in 1887, in which office he did splendid service down to the day of his decease, having been the right hand, "practically," of the Prov. Grand Master for many years. He was one of the founders of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund in 1864, and has been its efficient Honorary Secretary from then to the day of his decease, some £10,000 having passed through his hands during that long period, over half that amount being still invested, and immense good has been done locally by means of this excellent Institution, as respects grants, annuities, and educational gifts. Comp. Chirgwin was a P.Z. of the Cornubian Royal Arch Chapter, No. 331, Truro; one of the founders, with Bro. Hughan (the first W.M.), of the Fortitude Mark Lodge, No. 78, in 1865, and was the first S.W., succeeding as W.M. in 1867. His support in establishing the Mark in Cornwall was so thorough and hearty that he was soon promoted to the highest honour the Prov. Grand Master could bestow, being Dep. Prov. Grand Master from 1879 to his decease. His presence and advice will be much missed by Sir Charles B. G. Sawle, Bart., the respected Prov. Grand Master. Bro. Chirgwin was also a Knight Templar and Rose Croix Mason, but his chief Masonic work was done in connection with Craft and Mark Masonry and the Benevolent Fund of the province, and he was a life governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The funeral took place on Friday, at the St. Mary's Burial Ground, Truro, and was attended by a large number of the leading professional and commercial inhabitants from different parts of the county. The Masonic body was represented by the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, as well as by the members of the Fortitude Lodge, No. 131, of which deceased was the senior Past Master; the Phoenix Lodge, No. 331, and brethren from all parts of the county.



Lord Rothschild has contributed 100 guineas towards the £2000 required by the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, in the City-road.

Her Majesty has placed Aberfeldie Castle, near Balmoral, at the disposal of Bro. Lord and Lady Carrington for the next few weeks.

On condition that £3000 in addition is raised before the end of September, a sum of £1000 has been promised by an anonymous friend of sailors in aid of the general fund of the Missions to Seamen. Half the amount has already been raised.

It is announced from Milan, in the *Vossische Zeitung*, that the Emperor William has sent Queen Margherita a cantata, of which the words, as well as the music, were composed by himself. The personal and intellectual qualities of the Queen are the subject of the cantata.

The annual fête given by the Queen to the tenantry and labourers on the Osborne estate took place on Thursday afternoon. Dinner was laid in the carriage department of the Royal stables, and the toast to the memory of the late Prince Consort was as usual drunk in silence. Mr. Andrew Blake, her Majesty's steward at Osborne, presided.

Liverpool is determined and deserves to retain the American traffic. Not only are the facilities of special tenders in advance of the special train to carry those staying at the Adelphi and other hotels to the giant steamers, growing in appreciation, but the entertainments provided for American visitors en passant vie with London or any continental city.

The Queen of Portugal, eldest daughter of the late Comte de Paris, concluded her visit to England on Thursday. The Duc d'Orléans went to Charing Cross to take leave of her Majesty, who started at 35 minutes past 10 by special train for Dover, the Portuguese Minister being in attendance as far as Calais. Prince Antoine and Princess Eulalia of Spain, and a number of distinguished Frenchmen who attended the funeral of the deceased prince, also returned in the course of the day to the Continent.

The Prince of Wales returned to town from Homburg, travelling by way of Calais and Dover. From the English port his Royal Highness proceeded by special train to Charing-cross, and thence drove to Marlborough House. In the afternoon the Duc d'Orléans and Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg called on his Royal Highness, who returned their visits, and likewise went to see the Duc d'Orléans, the Prince de Joinville, the Duc d'Aumale, the Comte de Caserta, the Duke of Aosta, the Comte de Turin, and Prince and Princess Hermann of Saxe-Weimar.

Drury Lane re-opens to-morrow (Saturday) with what Sir Augustus Harris describes as a New Original Sporting and Spectacular Drama, entitled "The Derby," written by Sir Augustus Harris, Mr. Cecil Raleigh, and Mr. Henry Hamilton. That it will fully answer to the description may be taken for granted, and as for this production an exceptionally powerful company has been cast, we may confidently predict that another gigantic success is in store for the National Theatre. A synopsis of the scenes embraces: A Ball, The Law Courts, Tattersalls, and The Derby! in which latter effort it is said that Druriolanus will o'ertop himself.

The Great Western Railway Company announce that the last of the weekly excursions will leave Paddington Station on Saturday, September 29th, for the Channel Islands by the short sea route via Weymouth, for Shrewsbury, Borth, Aberystwyth, Bala, Dolgelly, Barmouth, Rhyl, Llandudno, Conway, Bangor, Carnarvon, and others stations in North Wales, and for Weston-super-Mare, Minehead, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, Plymouth, Falmouth, St. Ives, Penzance, Trowbridge, Frome, Wells, Yeovil, Bridport, Dorchester, Weymouth, and other places in the West of England and Weymouth Districts.

PARIS SALONS.—The annual exhibition of selected paintings from the Two Salons will open on Saturday, the 15th inst., at the Continental Gallery, Bond-street. The exhibits include Benjamin Constant's "Portrait of M. de Blowitz (Paris Correspondent of *The Times*)," Bérout's "Artistes de la Comédie Française," John Brett's (A.R.A.) "Pearly Summer," Lady Butler's "Review of the Camel Corps at Cairo," Clairin's "Last Mass," Roussin's "Hamlet and Laertes," and works by Besnard, Duez, Ferrier, Signorini, Philippoteaux, Frappa, Comerre, Wencker, Benner, Montanard, Perret, Moutte, Girardet, &c., &c.

THE UNOBTUSIVE MEMBER.—You have him, and he is an important factor in the lodge. While he does not say much, and could not make a speech if called upon, yet he is a thinker, and when work is to be done, he is always to be relied upon. Put him upon a committee of inquiry, and his work will be faithfully performed. Visiting the sick, or relieving the distressed, how effective his ministrations, for he seems to know what to do, when and how to do it. At an anniversary or entertainment of the lodge, while his name does not appear on the programme as one of the speakers or singers, whose eloquence or musical abilities elicits the plaudits of the brethren, yet he (though less prominent) is as important as they, for the floral decorations, so much admired, have cost him hours of labour, and the viands, seasonable and palatable, he seldom partakes of because his time is fully occupied in seeing that others are properly served. The brethren who talk and sing, the brethren who think and work, are useful and needful, therefore while the latter is seen and not heard, he should be none the less appreciated.—*Keystone*.

WILL TRADE IMPROVE?—So far everyone admits that 1894 is every whit as bad as 1893. Universal grumbling prevails. But while we hope for better times, let us not forget that we are ourselves in some measure to blame for the trouble. Certainly we should have much less cause for grumbling if we took better care of our health. Nothing ruins one for work so much as illness. Even what we are wont to call minor complaints lead to endless trouble. Happily in *Holloway's Pills* and Ointment we have the means of effecting a speedy cure for all such troubles, and we should be foolish indeed if we neglected to avail ourselves of them.

The badge and chain of office subscribed for by the inhabitants of the Ward of Portsoken will be presented to Mr. Alderman and Sheriff-elect Samuel on Tuesday evening next.

Bro. Harry S. Foster, M.P., and Mrs. Foster, have returned to town from Switzerland. Mrs. Foster has greatly benefited by the water cure at Homburg, and by her subsequent stay in the Alps.

Major-General Sir Henry Ewart, Equerry to the Queen, and Lady Evelyn Ewart gave a treat to the Queen's servants employed in the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace and their wives and children. The party were conveyed by the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway to Gravesend, the outing including admission to Rosherville Gardens and tea.

The winter session of the Charterhouse Science and Art Schools and Literary Institute will commence on the 29th inst., under the presidency of the Rev. Henry Swann, M.A. During the late session upwards of 1100 students availed themselves of the privileges afforded by this institution, and of this number nearly 950 presented themselves for examination, and were successful in obtaining a large number of certificates awarded by the Science and Art Department, South Kensington.

Sir William Walrond has disposed of a considerable portion of his Newcourt estate, Devonshire, including the mansion, for £9480. Valuable estates continue to be opened out in Surrey for building purposes. During the present week two extensive properties have been brought under the hammer, the first being Apps Court, near Hampton Court, on Monday, and the other the Claremont Park Estate, which was sold piecemeal on Thursday. The latter is situated on elevated ground overlooking Claremont Palace the residence of the Duchess of Albany. The adjacent land has recently been acquired by the Queen.

The rehearsals for the Birmingham Festival take place at Queen's Hall, London, from Monday week to the following Thursday. The full rehearsals at Birmingham will be held on the 29th instant and October 1st, and in all probability the latter date will be chosen for "King Saul." In Dr. Hubert Parry's new oratorio, which is now in the printer's hands, by far the best parts fall to Mr. Henschel, as Saul, and Miss Marie Brema, as the Evil Spirit; but Mr. Lloyd has a couple of tenor solos, besides the prayer in the Bivouac Scene, and the love duet with Michal, a part to be undertaken by Miss Anna Williams.

The Duke of York arrived at Aberdeen on Thursday morning from London on his way to Balmoral. The Duke travelled by the East Coast Express, which passed through Edinburgh five minutes late, but completed its northward journey one minute before time. On arrival at the terminus breakfast was served in the Royal saloon. There were a number of spectators in the station. After breakfast the Duke, who was attended by Sir Charles Cust, stepped on the platform just as the West Coast Express steamed into the station from Euston, conveying Princess Henry of Prussia. His Royal Highness proceeded to the Princess's carriage and entered into conversation with her for a few minutes. The saloon occupied by Princess Henry was attached to the Duke's train, which left for Ballater at five minutes past eight.

Here is a Catholic picture of the British workman: "Father Luke Rivington read a paper on 'The Catholic Truth Society.' He said the British workman was not so ignorant, bigoted, and stupid as he once was, these characteristics having been superseded by pure indifference and readiness to avail himself particularly of the sophisms of Socialists and the snares of the Masonic body, with the glorification of natural religion and ineradicable antipathy to the Catholic religion." If this picture were a true one, it would indeed be discouraging to Cardinal Vaughan. But it is a little highly-coloured. Masonry seems to be a red rag to Roman Catholics, but we fancy the British workman takes it quietly whether for good or evil. And does he hate the Catholic religion? Some classes of the community do, but the workman is a tolerant man in such matters. And above all, where has he been heard glorifying natural religion? It is not the workman who reads "Robert Elsmere," or is troubled in his soul concerning miracles and dogma.—*Westminster Gazette*.

The official requiem mass in memory of the late Comte de Paris will take place in the Church of the Annunciation, Little George-street, Portman-square, on Wednesday next, at 11 o'clock. It was here that the deceased Prince received his first communion, at the age of 10, the celebrant on that occasion being the late Cardinal Wiseman. The Duc d'Orléans, the widowed Comtesse de Paris, and the other members of the family will be represented, while it is understood that one of the English Roman Catholic Bishops will be in attendance on behalf of Cardinal Vaughan. The Lord Mayor and Corporation of the City of London have been invited, and will attend in civic state. The musical service will exactly correspond to that which was recently used at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris in memory of the deceased Prince. The golden chalice encrusted with diamonds, which Louis Philippe presented to the church, will be used on this occasion.

Following the lead of many well-known public entertainers whose dramatic and musical instincts were too strong to permit them to pursue the more prosaic work of the ordinary mortal, Bro. Wm. A. Baskcomb, late Chief Clerk to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, has formed a company under the title of "The Royal St. James's Singers and Players," for drawing-room, City and Masonic dinners, and other entertainments. Bro. Baskcomb is exceptionally fortunate in having so talented a pianist in the person of his wife, who, for nine years, was Musical Governess to their Royal Highnesses the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud of Wales. His son, too, Master Gordon Victor Baskcomb, who, although only five years of age, has also distinguished himself in a dance and variety entertainment. Bro. Baskcomb is a well-known member of the Drury Lane Lodge, and we have no doubt that in the coming season many lodges will be glad to avail themselves of his services should they contemplate having any specially good entertainments. The list of artists comprising the Royal St. James's Singers and Players, is a long one, and contains the names of many well-known favourites, but parties of four, six, or eight, can be arranged for, and all particulars can be obtained from Bro. Baskcomb, 5, Tolgata-road, Wes. Kensington.

Sir Stuart Knill took part on Monday in the ceremony attending the opening of the conference the Catholic Truth Society are holding in the Public Hall at Preston.

The Grand Lodge of Colorado has made the suggestion that the centennial of the death of Bro. George Washington, December 14th, 1799, be celebrated at Mount Vernon by National Masonic memorial exercises. The idea has met with considerable favour, and it is not improbable that it may be carried out.

The annual meeting of Pitman's Metropolitan School of Shorthand will be held on Tuesday, 25th inst., at the Holborn Town Hall, Gray's-inn-road. The various money prizes, medals, and first-class certificates won by members of the schools at the Society of Arts and other examinations during 1894 will be presented on the occasion by the Lord Mayor. The chair will be taken by Sir Henry Wood, M.A., and it is expected that Sir Isaac Pitman will also be present. The distribution will be followed by a concert.

A considerable difficulty, it seems, is still experienced in inducing native ladies of the higher classes in India to enter upon a medical career; students of the hospital assistant class who possess a sufficiently high primary education have been readily obtained in fair numbers in most Provinces, except in the North West and the Punjab. With regard to medical tuition, besides training students at the Medical College and schools at Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Lahore, and Agra, classes have been formed at Cuttack, Lucknow, Allahabad, Rangoon, Nagpur, and Benares.

VENETIAN FETE AT WORTHING.—On Thursday night a highly successful spectacle on the sea was carried out at Worthing. The pier and pavilion were brilliantly illuminated, and both were crowded during the entire evening. A striking feature was the illuminated procession of boats. Prizes were offered for the best decorated craft, and were presented to the successful competitors by Mr. Oscar Wilde, who has been making a lengthened stay in the town. In a short address at the termination of the proceedings Mr. Oscar Wilde expressed himself delighted with the town and its beautiful surroundings, and in describing the boat procession, said he had never seen anything of the kind so pretty, even in Venice. It was his first visit, and it would certainly not be his last. Mr. Wilde's remarks were received with much applause by the crowded audience.

Connecticut has a flourishing "Veteran Association," composed of brethren who never weary in well doing. Just now the Association is giving both moral and material aid to the movement which has been undertaken to erect a monument to Elder Atwell, a former member of the Veteran Association who officiated as its Chaplain. He was a zealous Mason of the olden time and wavered not in the days of the Anti-Masonic storm, giving up his parish at one time rather than renounce his connection with the organization then so fiercely assailed. For fifteen years the faithful minister has lain in an unmarked grave. His daughter is denying herself almost the necessaries of life to save money to erect a monument to the memory of her honored father. Connecticut craftsmen will now lend a hand in the work, and its success is assured.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

We notice several of our sister proceedings contain references to the bull of the Pope against Masonry. We regret that this feeling exists, and if the Pope was altogether wise and innocent, he would use better discretion towards Masons. His idea of Christianity must be lacking in a knowledge of its essential features, when he says Masonry is antagonistic to it. Such is not the case; nor is Masonry antagonistic to religion. It makes no war on Catholicism, nor on the faith of any body of worshippers. When any church, or head of a church, so far forgets itself as to undermine or make war on Masonry, it must expect a resistance of some sort, even if it is made in Charity. Masonry has no war to wage, nor will she stain her ermine to accomplish her ends. Whenever she shall become so aggressive as to be unbearable; whenever she shall weave a web of lies around those she would slander; whenever she finds no Christianity outside her lodge rooms; whenever she persists in "harping upon doctrines" of other religious or benevolent bodies to bring them into disrepute among her votaries, then will her mitre be dethroned and dragged in the dust of superstition and uncharitableness. There are Catholic Masons whom other Masons esteem, who take no part in this persecution. They do know that there is no ground for it.—*Voice of Masonry*.

The *Freemasons' Repository*, published in Providence R.I., says: "Masonic lodges in Great Britain are characterised by more of sociability than prevails in this country. A much larger amount is expended per capita for refreshments by the average English lodge than by the average American lodge. Just now a paper printed in Liverpool, Eng., has made a severe arraignment of Freemasonry in general, and of one of the Liverpool Masonic lodges in particular, because of what is alleged to be an undue expenditure for 'refreshments.' It charges that the lodge disburses more money in provisions made for the inner man—the entertainment of its new members—than it does in benevolence. Because of this fact the critical editor says very hard things of the lodge and of the Masonic organization. The London *Freemason*, in noticing the tirade of the Liverpool paper, pertinently says: 'Doubtless it looks upon the Masonic Order as a benefit society, or, it may be, a kind of Charity Organisation Society, whose funds are to be devoted to almsgiving and nothing else. But the sooner it disabuses its mind of this idea, the better. Charity, in the sense of almsgiving, is only a subordinate part of Masonry, as it is of that larger and purer Charity, which we are told in Holy Writ, 'it is kind,' 'doth not behave itself unseemingly,' 'thinketh no evil,' and of which, to judge from this particular article, our irate little friend stands in need.' The rebuke is timely and well administered, and yet a Masonic lodge needs to exercise special carefulness that it does not fall to the level of a mere club—that it does not make too much of sociability and good cheer. Let moderation be the rule in the furnishing of refreshments. The members of a Masonic lodge may not improperly take dinner or supper together after the transaction of the business that has called them together; but the eating and drinking should be regarded as an accessory, not the principal thing. Except on special occasions it would seem wise to provide but light refreshments; and on all occasions when brethren convene under Masonic auspices, the better rule would be to exclude intoxicants."

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, September 22, 1894

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

CRAFT LODGES.

1239, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1767, Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill. 2308, Viator, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30. Duke of Connaught, The Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Hackney, at 8. Ebury, Grapes Tavern, 123, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8. Eccleston, Windsor Castle Restaurant, Victoria Station, S.W. Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8. King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7. Manchester, Old King's Head, Euston-road, at 8. Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7. Urban, Freemasons' Hall. Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's-park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30. Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Hotel, 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., at 8.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

CRAFT LODGES.

720, Panmure, Balham Hotel. 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern. 2060, La France, Cafe Royal.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30. Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8. Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30. Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8. Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8. Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8. Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30. Marquess of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-st., at 8. Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30. Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30. Perseverance, Old Parr's Head, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 7. Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30. Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30. Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8. St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8. St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8. Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8. Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6. Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Mon. at 8. United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30. Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8. Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8. Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, at 8. Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8. Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6. Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8. Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

Board of General Purposes, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

704, Camden, Anderton's Hotel. 857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road. 2045, Wharton, White Hart, Willesden. 2191, Anglo-American, Criterion.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel. 1604, Wanderers', Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8. Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6. Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone, E., at 8. Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7. Chauver, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8. Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30. Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8. Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7. Earl of Latham, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8. Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7. Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8. Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, 8. Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7. Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30. Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8. Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30. Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30. Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, at 8. Mount Edgumbe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8. Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8. New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8. New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8. Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 6.30. Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 8. Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30. Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8. Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W. South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30. Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8. St. George's, New Cross Hall, at 8. St. Keo, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8. St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8. Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8. Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8. Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8. Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30. Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

Board of Benevolence, at 5 precisely.

CRAFT LODGES.

1278, Burdett-Coutts, London Tavern. 1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town. 1624, Eccleston, Criterion. 2241, Cordwainer Ward, Cannon-street Hotel. 2266, Cator, Public Hall, Beckenham.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8. Confidence, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-alley, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7. Crays Valley, National School-room, St. Mary Cray, at 8. Dalhousie, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-street, Hackney. 8. Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8. Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 169, Battersea-park-road, at 8. Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8. Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8. Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7. Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8. Hammersmith, Board Room, Bath and Wash-house Co., Blacks-road, Hammersmith, at 7. Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8. La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8. Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8. London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30. Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30. Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8. Mount Lebanon, Half-Moon Hotel, Borough, at 8.30. New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30. Plucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45. Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knight-riders-street, Doctors Commons, at 7. Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8. Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey Green, Catford, at 8. Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8. Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8. St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8. Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8. Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30. Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30. United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, Nunhead. United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8. Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30. Warrant Officers, 35, St. Martin's-street, W.C., at 7. Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bay'swater, 8. Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8. Domatic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8. Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.30.

CRAFT LODGES.

813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern. 1227, Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate. 1321, Emblematic, Bridge House Hotel. 1365, Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel. 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tavern. 1623, West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall. 1716, All Saints, Offices of Board of Works, Poplar.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

9, Albion, Ship and Turtle Tavern.

MARK LODGE.

357, Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, Covent Garden, at 8. Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8. Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30. Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8. Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8. Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30. Derby Allerott, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8. Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial-road, Limehouse, E., at 7.30. Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham. Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8. High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8. Higgle, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8. Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8. Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8. Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8. Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7. Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15. Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30. Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30. St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30. St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8. Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8. Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8. The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 7.30. Tredgar, The Chesire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30. Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich. Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 7.30. Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8. Clapton Chapter, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, at 8. Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8. North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

Board of Management Boys' School, at 2.30.

CRAFT LODGES.

975, Rose of Deunmark, The Horns Tavern. 2346, Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall.

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREE.

Metropolitan (T.I.), Mark Masons' Hall

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.

CRAFT LODGES.

1679, Henry Muggerridge, Anderton's Hotel. 2472, Walthamstow, Chequer's Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

176, Caveac, Albion Tavern. 1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.

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Burnley ... 126 Sheerness ... 1089 Liverpool ... 2316 Norwich ... 213 Barrow-in-Furness ... 1225 Stroud ... 2407 Nantwich ... 293 Blandford ... 1266 Bath ... 41 Pembroke Dock ... 378 Seacombe ... 1276 Preston ... 80 Bangor ... 384 Old Brompton ... 1424 Wolverhampton ... 419 Wareham ... 386 Newcastle ... 1427 Salisbury ... 586 Halifax ... 448 Ilkley ... 1522 Tywardreath ... 1151 Cropton ... 452 Birmingham ... 1551 Sudbury ... 1224 Ventnor, I.W. ... 551 Birmingham ... 1551 Plymouth ... 66 Stourport ... 560 Liverpool ... 1570 Weymouth ... 126 Burton-on-Trent ... 624 Buckingham ... 1787 Watford ... 241 Dukinfield ... 830 Skegness ... 1893 Keswick ... 452 Jersey ... 958 Surbiton ... 2146 St. Day ... 1006 Newton-le-Willows ... 2155

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Chatham ... 20 Haverfordwest ... 454 Manchester ... 1166 Shrewsbury ... 117 Ventnor ... 551 Herne Bay ... 2099 Bingley ... 439 Newbury ... 574 Beckenham ... 2260 Canterbury ... 972

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CRAFT LODGES.

Bury ... 40 Derby ... 758 Sheffield ... 2268 Burslem ... 98 Stockton ... 940 Ashford ... 2305 Ringswood ... 132 Batley ... 971 Southport ... 2325 Liverpool ... 203 Southend ... 1000 Oldham ... 2341 Haslingden ... 215 Portland ... 1037 Minhead ... 2390 Jersey ... 245 Leeds ... 1042 Chichester ... 38 Macclesfield ... 267 Battle ... 1184 Manchester ... 204 Ashton-under-Lyne ... 268 Lincoln ... 1386 Beverley ... 294 Bury ... 286 Liverpool ... 1393 Farnham ... 309 Stockport ... 323 Oswestry ... 1432 Peterborough ... 449 Stalybridge ... 324 West Gorton ... 1459 Bedford ... 540 Blackburn ... 345 Lindley ... 1514 Middlesbrough ... 602 Whitworth ... 393 Prestwich ... 1534 Tofts ... 603 Rochdale ... 307 Risca ... 1562 Mark LODGES. Southampton ... 394 Newtown ... 1594 Bristol-Canynoges Bideford ... 489 Landport ... 1776 Aldershot ... 54 Leicester ... 523 Brighton ... 1821 Torquay ... 319 Gosport ... 625

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

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Manchester ... 152 Pendleton ... 1773 Rawtenstall ... 283 Levenshulme ... 993 Clacton-on-Sea ... 2063 Wimbome ... 621 Market ... 2447 Manchester ... 2447 Mark LODGES. Harborough ... 1339 R.A. CHAPTERS. Brislington ... 219 Sale ... 1357 Norwich ... 52 Hull ... 310

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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, September 29, 1894

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.

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ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

176, Caveac, Albion Tavern. 1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30. Duke of Connaught, The Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Hackney, at 8. Ebury, Grapes Tavern, 123, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8. Eccleston, Windsor Castle Restaurant, Victoria Station, S.W. Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8. King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7. Manchester, Old King's Head, Euston-road, at 8. Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7. Urban, Freemasons' Hall. Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's-park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30. Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Hotel, 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., at 8.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

CRAFT LODGES.

76, Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich. 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel. 1032, Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1745, Farrington Without, Holborn Viaduct Hotel. 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30. Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8. Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30. Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8. Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8. Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8. Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30. Marquess of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-st., at 8. Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30. Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30. Perseverance, Old Parr's Head, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 7. Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30. Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30. Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8. St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8. St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8. Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8. Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6. Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Mon., at 8. United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30. Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8. Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8. Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, at 8. Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8. Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6. Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8. Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

Finance Committee Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 5.

CRAFT LODGES.

141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel. 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall. 1188, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel. 1441, Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

548, Wellington, Bridge House Hotel. 2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8. Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 8. Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone, E., at 8. Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7. Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8. Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30. Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8. Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7. Earl of Latham, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8. Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7. Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8. Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, 8. Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7. Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30. Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8. Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30. Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30. Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, at 8. Mount Edgecombe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8. Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8. New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8. New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8. Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 6.30. Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 8. Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30. Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8. Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W. South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Wallham Green, S.W., at 7.30. Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8. St. George's, New Cross Hall, at 8. St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8. St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8. Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8. Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8. Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8. Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30. Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

CRAFT LODGES.

753, Prince Frederick William, Frascati Restaurant. 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Hotel. 808, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar. 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tavern. 1360, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon. 2332, Boro' of Greenwich, Masonic Rooms.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8. Confidence, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-alley, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7. Crays Valley, National School-room, St. Mary Cray, at 8. Dalhousie, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-street, Hackney. 8. Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8. Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 160, Battersea-park-road, at 8. Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney. 8. Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8. Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7. Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8. Hammersmith, Board Room, Bath and Wash-house Co., Blacksmith, Hammersmith, at 7. Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8. La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8. Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8. London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30. Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30. Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8. Mount Lebanon, Half-Moon Hotel, Borough, at 8.30. New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Palmere, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30. Plucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45. Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightrider-street, Doctors Commons, at 7. Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8. Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey Green, Catford, at 8. Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8. Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8. St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8. Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8. Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30. Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30. United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, Nunhead. United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8. Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30. Warrant Officers, 35, St. Martin's-street, W.C., at 7. Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bayswater, 8. Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8. Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8. Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

General Committee Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 5.

CRAFT LODGES.

65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern. 507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel. 766, William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel. 1421, Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford. 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel. 1563, City of Westminster, Cafe Royal. 1058, Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1816, Victoria Park, London Tavern. 2192, Highbury, Cock Tavern. 2264, Chaucer, Cannon-street Hotel. 2432, Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Court Hotel.

MARK LODGES.

118, Northumberland, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C. 211, Earl of Carnarvon, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, Covent Garden, at 8. Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8. Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30. Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8. Creator, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8. Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30. Derby Alceford, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8. Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial-road, Limehouse, E., at 7.30. Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham. Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8. High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8. Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8. Honor Oak, Crystal Palace Tavern, at 8. Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8. Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8. Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8. Montebore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7. Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15. Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30. Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30. St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30. St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8. Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8. Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8. The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30. Tredgar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30. Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich. Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 7.30. Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8. Clapton Chapter, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, at 8. Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8. North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

Council of Boys' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1044, Mid Surrey, Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

(No Meetings).

MASONIC MEETINGS (PROVINCIAL)

For the week ending Saturday, September 29, 1894.

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

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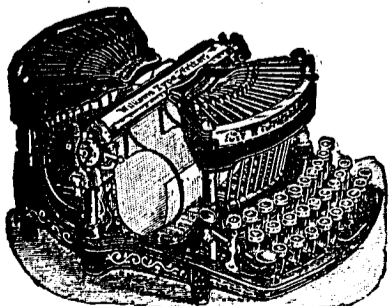
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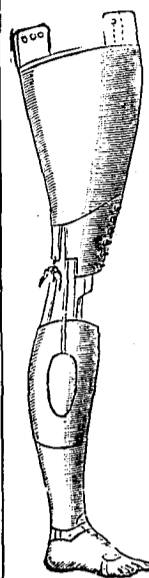
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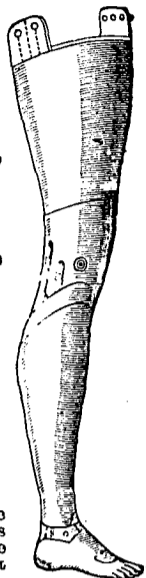


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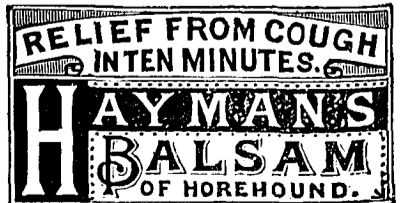
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