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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

We gladly avail ourselves of this further opportunity of renewing the appeal we have made in former articles on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. As our readers have long been aware, the annual Festival in aid of its funds will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 27th inst., and Bro. Viscount DUNGARVAN, Prov. G. Master of Somersetshire, has undertaken to preside on the occasion as Chairman. Thus, a fortnight hence, we shall be in a position to make known a result for which during many months past a considerable number of brethren have been labouring most energetically, and to which, it is needless to say, the whole body of English Masons is just now looking forward with the keenest anxiety. The position of our Benevolent Institution and its claims upon the support of the brethren have been so often described in these columns and elsewhere that we shall content ourselves with the bare outline of the leading facts. Its permanent income, being the dividends annually received on its invested capital, is about £3500. To this must be added the grants annually made by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter amounting together to £1700. This gives us a total income of about £5250 towards an expenditure which amounts to about £19,000 per annum, the sum disbursed in annuities to aged brethren and the widows of brethren being £16,000, while the balance of £3000 is used for working expenses, and the maintenance of the Asylum at Croydon. It is clear, therefore, that the money which must be raised annually by means of donations and subscriptions, in order that the Institution may be in a position to fulfil its obligations is about £14,000, and this sum, in ordinary years, has been almost invariably forthcoming. In 1892, however, the Charity celebrated the Jubilee of its foundation by Grand Lodge, and the amount then raised was £69,000, of which the Committee of Management very wisely invested £50,000. But it is only natural that so extraordinary an effort should be followed by a certain reaction. English Masons are most generous, but, at the same time, they are just in the distribution of their favours. They are nothing loath to make a special effort from time to time on behalf of one or other of our three Central Charities, but recognising, as they do, that such an effort must seriously diminish the receipts of the sister Institutions, they very properly make amends to the latter for the diminished help they have received by contributing to their funds during the next two or three years more liberally than usual. Thus, in 1892, while the Benevolent Institution received support to the extent of £69,000, only about £22,000 was raised for the requirements of the two Schools. But, in 1893, the latter secured between them about £36,000, while the subscriptions to the R.M.B.I. were only between £8,000 and £9,000. Last year the result was substantially the same, the amounts raised at the School Festivals being slightly in excess of £37,000, and that at the Benevolent Institution, including the price of a Perpetual Presentation to the Male Fund, some £13,000. It is, however, about time that the yearly average of the Festival Returns should be restored in the case of the Old People's Charity to the figure at which it stood prior to the celebration of its Jubilee. About the last thing we desire to see is that the Committee of Management should feel it incumbent upon them to employ any part of their hard-earned capital in making good the year's deficiency of income. It has been the work of many years to accumulate this capital and it would be a very serious detriment to the general efficiency of the Charity if a succession of yearly deficits should render the adoption of such a course imperative. Shall we succeed in averting this misfortune during the present year? The Board of Stewards is not as strong as at one time we were induced to hope it might be. A month ago, when we wrote on the subject of this approaching Festival it comprised between 240 and 250 ladies and brethren, and thanks to the amazing energy of Bro. TERRY, this number has since been increased to about 290 and we dare say it will be augmented between now and the appointed day to over 300 members, or rather more than constituted last year's Board. A high average per list may furnish the necessary amount and, as Somersetshire—which, however, is by no means one of our strongest Provinces—is putting forth its full strength in support of its Prov. Grand Master, and as we know the representatives of other Provinces, as well as of the lodges in the Metropolitan district, are sparing no efforts to bring up lists it will do Bro. TERRY's heart good to announce, there is always present, to our mind, the hope that the total may ultimately exceed our most sanguine expectations. But the premises are very far from being such as to justify this hope. We daresay a good round sum will be obtained, but we are afraid it will fall short of what is absolutely required. The Committee held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, and we now know that the approved lists of candidates contain the names of 61 candidates for the Male Fund and 51 for the

Widows' Fund, or together 112. We know also that the Committee has boldly augmented the number of Male Annuities from 195 to 200, and that in consequence the vacancies on the two Funds have been declared as follows, namely, on the Male Fund, 17 vacancies, and on the Widow's Fund, 10 vacancies, the three deferred annuitants being in each case included. At present, therefore, there are 27 vacancies to be competed for by 112 candidates, and though from our experience of past years, there is reason to believe this number will be increased by the third Friday in May, it must be manifest to every one that only a moderate proportion of the candidates can be elected to the benefits of this most valuable Institution. We trust, therefore, the brethren generally will respond to the appeal we now address to them to make good the year's deficiency. The Old People, in whose behalf we are appealing, were once in reputable circumstances. They are now without means of support, and in many instances without friends to help them. It is easier to imagine than describe the sufferings which people thus unfortunately circumstanced are called upon to endure, but if there is anything that can intensify our sympathy with these aged brethren and widows, it is the thought that in such weather as we have been experiencing for some weeks past, the pain and suffering must have been incalculably great. But we need not say more. Our hope is that enough may be raised at the approaching Festival to satisfy the year's necessities, and if more be obtained, that the Committee may see their way to making a still further addition to the present establishment on one or both of the Funds of our youngest Institution.

THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BOMBAY.

The proceedings at the Half-Yearly Communication of this District Grand Lodge on the 20th November last were of a far more interesting character than usual, and show unmistakably that the zeal of our brethren in this important part of our Indian Empire to maintain the Order in its fullest splendour is unflagging, and, at the same time, well regulated. The worthy Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. J. M. SHIELDS, presided as District Grand Master, and in the address he delivered was able to give an excellent report of the lodges he had visited during the preceding six months. Indeed, considering that our lodges in India are beset with serious difficulties which are not experienced by the lodges at home or nearer home, the admirable manner in which they are described as carrying out their appointed duties reflects the greatest credit on both officers and members. There were, however, one or two matters of importance as to which the District Grand Master considered it incumbent upon him to offer a few words of salutary caution. The matters in question were the wearing of unauthorised jewels; the opening and closing of a Board of Installed Masters; and the necessity for a strict observance of the law in describing candidates for initiation and membership or joining. As regards the second of these points—the opening and closing of a Board of I.M.M.—Bro. SHIELDS quoted, for general information, the official declaration made by the Grand Registrar at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, in March, 1887, as to the so-called "full ceremony," which is occasionally performed in some lodges, to the effect that, "It is not right, it is not recognised, it is directly contrary to the mode of business authorised by the Grand Lodge at the Union of 1813, and would be an entirely new object of departure." On the third point—the full description of candidates—he drew attention to the provisions contained in the Book of Constitutions on the subject, Article 184 prescribing that the ballot for a candidate for initiation "shall not take place unless his name, age, and profession or occupation, and place of abode, with the names of his proposer and seconder, have been sent in the summons to all the members of the lodge"; while, as regards a joining member, Article 189 prescribes that "his name, profession, or occupation and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the lodge of which he is or was last a member or in which he was initiated, shall be sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular lodge meeting; at which meeting the brother's Grand Lodge certificate, and also the clearance certificate from his present or former lodge must be produced and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot." Bro. SHIELDS declared that the omission of some of these essential particulars was a matter of common occurrence, and he was doing no more than his duty in calling attention to the fact, and in impressing upon Masters and Secretaries the necessity for their being strict in the observance of the law. As to the report of the District Board of Benevolence there is nothing to be stated but that of the District Board of General Purposes contained two recommendations which are noteworthy: firstly, that a suit of District Grand Master's clothing and an ivory maul be purchased for the use of District Grand Lodge "in order that the functions of the District Grand Master may be performed with becoming dignity as

required by the Book of Constitutions by the brother acting in that office." The second recommendation was to the effect "that a suit of Past Deputy District Grand Master's clothing, consisting of apron, collar, and jewel, be presented to Wor. Bros. H. W. BARROW and W. H. HUSSEY, in recognition of their most excellent and lengthy services to the Craft in Bombay and its Territories." As to the latter of these proposals—which, be it remarked, was carried *nem. con.*—we shall do no more than offer our congratulations to Bros. BARROW and HUSSEY on the handsome manner in which their distinguished services have been recognised. As to the earlier proposal, it will be enough if we state the reason assigned for it by the Deputy District Grand Master in charge, namely, that as it had been the custom for each District Grand Master to purchase his own clothing, the District Grand Lodge was unprovided with a suit for the Acting District Grand Master to wear when fulfilling the duties of the District Grand Master. The other important business which was submitted for the consideration of Dist. Grand Lodge was a series of resolutions by Bro. NANU N. KOTHARE for establishing a Masonic library "either in connection with the Freemasons' Hall Committee or independently by the District Grand Lodge." There was a general concurrence of opinion as to the desirability of establishing such a library, but there were some slight differences as to the manner in which effect should be given to the proposal. The resolutions, however, with some slight modifications in one or two of them, were carried, among them being one providing that the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India should be approached on the subject, with a view to ascertaining if it would co-operate with the District Grand Lodge in carrying out the scheme. That the establishment of a Masonic library will be a boon to the brethren generally is beyond question, and we can only hope that the difficulties in the way of carrying out the idea which were referred to in the discussion will not prove insuperable.

CONSECRATION OF THE NORTH KENT LODGE, No. 2499, AT BEXLEY HEATH.

The consecration of the above lodge on Saturday, the 2nd inst., following so soon after the opening of the Snirley-Woolmer Lodge, at Sidcup, is ample proof that Masonry is not languishing in the County of Kent, but rather goes to prove—at any rate, as far as the Dartford Division is concerned, that there is plenty of vitality amongst the Brotherhood. For some time past, endeavours have been made by Masons residing in Bexley Heath and district, to open a lodge there, but the difficulty of finding suitable quarters had always proved an insurmountable one. At length, however, with the assistance of some Bexley brethren, the prospects of forming a strong lodge became particularly favourable, and a determined effort was made to find a suitable home. The Public Hall Company was approached, and, as the result of sundry negotiations, they decided to build at the back of the present hall such rooms as would accommodate the Masons, and thus make the formation of a lodge possible. The visitors on the 2nd instant were loud in their praise of it, and expressed satisfaction with all the arrangements made. The new hall communicates with the old building, and thus, in addition to a commodious and well-proportioned room for lodge purposes, there is practically under the same roof a large banqueting room, capable of accommodating some 200 or more persons, in addition to the usual anterooms.

The requisite body of founders having been formed, all that remained was to proceed forthwith with the requisite details of organisation. Numerous meetings were held, the following brethren being associated together as founders of the lodge, to be known as the North Kent, No. 2499: Bros. George Rattcliff Steel, P.M. 1, P.G.S.; F. J. Street, P.M. 180; Robert Hargreaves Rogers, 463; Newton Dunn 1; Rev. H. L. Fry, 1209; T. Jenkins, P.M. 299; G. B. Chapman, P.M. 27 and 299, P.P.G.S. of W.; F. Corbett, 1839 and 1873, Sec.; Obed. O. Dale, J.W. 299; David Rogers, 299; and E. R. Boulter, 288.

The all important warrant for the consecration of a new lodge having been obtained from Grand Lodge, and all arrangements having been completed, Saturday, the 2nd inst., was fixed for the ceremony, and despite the Arctic weather prevailing, there was a large and influential gathering of many leading Masons present.

The company which assembled, included

Bros. Earl Amherst, Prov. Grand Master; James S. Eastes, D.P.G.M.; W. Russell, Prov. G. Treas.; Allan Tassell, Prov. S.G.W.; Ed. Burton, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. Aug. Jackson, P.G. Chap.; Horatio Ward, D.G.S.B. Eng., D.C.; John Pollard, P.G.S.B.; Alf. Spencer, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec.; James C. Dimsdale, 1, Grand Treas.; T. Hastings Miller, P.G.S.B.; J. R. Kirby Johnson, Deputy G.M. (S.C.), India; W. Greig, P.M. 299, P.P.G.P.; C. J. D'Oyley Mears, W.M. 299; J. R. Elliott, 1973, P.P.S.G.D.; Fred. Wood, W.M. 1973, P.P.G.R.; J. M. Longley, P.M. 299, P.P.J.G.W.; C. C. Potter, P.M. 299, 1343, P.P.G.S.B. Essex; W. E. Lucas, W.M. 1837; Noblett R. Smith, W.M. 857; H. B. Wooldridge, 1; J. P. Griffin, 1; Jas. Rock, S.W. 1; C. Watson Smith, W.M. 133; Percy Littlewood, 1; T. Burton, 299; B. J. Hancock, 13; T. H. Harrison, 1803; B. Hammond, 913; H. H. Cooke, 180; F. W. Wood, 31; E. Tomkins, P.M. 615, 299; Francis L. Thomas, 706, 1879; Harold Woodcock, 2470; Charles S. Houlder, 2020; David Ayling, 861; George S. Elliott, 749, P.P.G.D.C.; W. C. Stunt, P.M. 133; W. H. Brownswold, P.M. 180; H. C. Sinclair, H. M. Newbyn, 180; W. H. Hayes, 1790; George Dennington, 2077; Joseph Dale, 2400; John G. Dale, 2400; E. J. Allan, 1185; E. Vaughan, 23; James B. Sarjeant, P.M. and T. 1765; C. J. W. Hartley, P.M. and Sec. 1986; G. W. Taylor, 913; W. H. Sleaney, 913; Arthur H. Sarjeant, 65; George E. Todd, 2146; H. Shelmerdine, 88; T. W. Bush, S.D. 299; T. S. Bolton, 180; and J. L. Anderson, P.M. 206.

In the course of his address, the PROV. GRAND MASTER congratulated the lodge upon their handsome and commodious apartment, and charged the new lodge to be careful whom they admitted, for the character of the Order was not determined by the number of members, but by their personal worth. Each brother had it in his power to heighten or diminish the credit of the Craft. They should not seek for numerical increase, but see that the candidates were such as were likely to prove a credit to the Order and good social companions. He was sure they all wished the new lodge well, and with those few words he would proceed to perform the ceremony.

The interesting and impressive ceremony was ably performed by the Prov. Grand Master, who was assisted by Bros. Eastes, D.P.G.M.; Allan Tassell,

P.M. 133, Prov. S.G.W.; Edward Murton, P.M. 31, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. Aug. Jackson, M.A., P.M. 77, Prov. G. Chap.; Horatio Ward, P.M. 31, D.G.S.B. Eng., P.J.G.W., as D.C.; and John Pollard, P.M. 2147, Prov. G.S.B.

The Prov. G. Chap., Bro. Rev. AUG. JACKSON, M.A., P.M., delivered an interesting oration, in the course of which he said:

Provincial Grand Master and Brethren,—We are met together to-day solemnly to dedicate this lodge to the honour and glory of the Most High, and for the promotion of brotherly love, relief, and truth. Now, Freemasonry teaches us that, of the three principal steps of the ladder which reaches from earth to heaven, the greatest is Charity or love. Ever lovely in itself, it is the brightest gem that can adorn the Masonic profession; without it, all our doings are nothing worth; it is the surest proof of the sincerity of our actions. It is the bond of peace and of all virtues, and he who has it not, is counted dead in the presence of the Most High. Happy is the man who possesses this most excellent gift of Charity. He envies not his neighbour—he believes not the tale of the slanderer—he is willing to forgive the injuries of men, and to him who is in want he is ever ready to stretch out a liberal and helping hand. Such is the first grand principle upon which our Order is founded. The second is like unto it. To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent upon every man, particularly upon Freemasons. It is not merely pecuniary assistance to our brethren, that is our duty, but personal. Believe me, that bread when hungry, and medicine when sick, shelter, and the wherewith he may be clothed, however necessary these things may be, are not all that a man requires from his fellow man. Kind offices and kinder prayers, smiles for his joys, and sympathy for his sorrows, a word of hope, a look of love, for these things, rather a man shall bless you living, and when dead. Men were not made to be mere masters and servants, but brethren and neighbours, fellow worshippers of the same God, and fellow heirs of the same destiny; and, therefore, every man about us, be he who or what he may, has a right to our love, our guidance, and our prayers. Let our neighbour be as ignorant and as unthankful as he can, he is still a man—a mysterious being with a soul as deathless and as priceless as our own. He stands exactly as we do in the conflict of immensities. His destiny and his origin both ennoble him into a brother, his fraction of time encircled by eternity—his hairbreadth of space environed by infinitude—therefore as we hope for mercy so should we be ever ready to show it. But is this always so? How often, alas, it may be said—

There's mercy in each ray of light
That mortal eyes e'er saw,
There's mercy in each breath of air,
That mortal lips can draw,
There's mercy both for bird and beast,
In heaven's indulgent plan;
There's mercy in each creeping thing,
But man has none for man.

In Freemasonry, however, as well as in the sacred law, "Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other." Therefore, pass we on to the consideration of the last and grandest principle upon which our Order is founded—viz., Truth. What is truth? It is a divine attribute, the foundation of every Masonic virtue—and where is truth to be found but in the works and words of the Almighty Creator? The late Charles Kingsley, in a work called by her name, describes the beautiful but heathen Hypatia as discoursing upon truth in the following strain: "Truth," she asks, "Where is truth but in the soul itself? Facts, objects, are but phantoms, matter woven—ghosts of this earthly night, at which the soul, sleeping here in the mire and clay of matter, shudders, and names its own vain tremors, sense, and perception. Yet, even as our nightly dreams stir in us the suspicion of mysterious and immaterial presences, unfettered by the bonds of time and space, so do these waking dreams, which we call sight and sound. They are Divine messengers, whom Zeus, pitying his children, even when he pent them in this prison, house of flesh, appointed to arouse in them dim recollection of that real world of souls whence they came. The volume of the sacred law is, however, the foundation of all moral truth and virtue. Therefore to be good and true is the first lesson we are taught at our initiation—on this grand principle hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us, sincerity and plain dealing are our distinguishing characteristics, while the heart and tongue join in promoting each other's welfare, and rejoice in the prosperity of the Craft. W.M. elect! May the moral and social virtues ever beautify and adorn the North Kent Lodge! May peace be within its walls! May the Great Architect of the Universe vouchsafe to direct, sanctify, and govern both the hearts and bodies of its members in the ways of His laws and in the works of His commandments. And now, in the words of the sweet Psalmist of Israel, "For my brethren and companions' sake I will wish thee prosperity."

Bro. J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M., then took the chair, and installed Bro. G. Rattcliff Steel, P.M. 1, P.G.S., as the first W.M. The following officers were invested, Bro. F. J. Street, P.M., being appointed as I.P.M.: Bros. Robert Hargreaves Rogers, Fo. 463, S.W.; Newton Dunn, 1, J.W.; Rev. H. Lawrence Fry, 1209, Chap.; Thos. Jenkins, P.M. 299, Treas.; Geo. B. Chapman, P.M. 27 and 299, Sec.; F. Corbett, Sec. 1839 and 1973, S.D.; Obed. O. Dale, J.W. 299, J.D.; and David Rogers, 299, I.G.

Bro. Royle was elected as the Tyler, and Bro. Jenkins, P.M., was chosen to represent the lodge on the Charity Committee of the province. The whole of the founders were appointed a committee to frame by-laws. After three propositions for initiations, and two for joining members had been received, the lodge was closed.

The company then adjourned to the Public Hall adjoining where the banquet was served. The spacious room had been gaily decorated with flags and draperies, while a number of choice flowering and foliage plants, supplied by Mr. A. Parris, lent a charming appearance to the scene, a group in the centre of the hall being specially noteworthy. The banquet was admirably served by Mr. Stephens, of Bexley.

At the conclusion of the repast, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, that of "The Grand Officers" being acknowledged by Bro. T. HASTINGS MILLER, P.G.S.B.

"The R.W. Prov. G.M. of Kent, Earl Amherst," was submitted from the chair, and responded to by Bro. J. S. EASTES, D.P.G.M., and the next toast—that of "The W. Dep. P.G.M., Bro. J. S. Eastes; and the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," was proposed by Bro. NEWTON DUNN, J.W., and acknowledged by Bros. ALLAN TASSELL, P.S.G.W., and H. WARD, P.M.

"The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. F. J. STREET, P.M., and suitably responded to by Bro. STEEL, W.M.

"The Visitors," of whom there were a large number present, was responded to by Bro. GRIFFIN, W.M. 1; J. R. KIRBY JOHNSON, D.G.M. S.C. India; C. J. D OYLEY MEARS, W.M. 299; F. WOOD, W.M. 1973; G. S. ELLIOTT, 749, P.P.G.D.C.; and J. ROCK, S.W. 1; "The Officers of the Lodge," by the Senior and Junior Wardens (Bros. HARGREAVES ROGERS and DUNN), the Tyler's toast concluding the list.

Songs were interspersed with the speeches, the musical arrangements being well carried out by Bro. B. J. Hancock, F.R.C.O.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 7th instant, when Bro. Lord Blythswood, P.G.M., presided, in the absence, on Parliamentary duty, of the Grand Master Mason Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P. There was a large attendance of brethren, owing, no doubt, to the fact of there being 16 candidates for the 12 vacancies in Grand Committee. The Acting Grand Master was supported by Bros. John Graham, of Broadstone, Sub. G.M.; Lieut.-Col. John Campbell, S.G.W.; Major F. W. Allan, acting J.G.W.; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; David Reid, G. Cashier; J. Balfour Melville, the Hon. H. Dalrymple, Dr. J. Middleton, Ex-Provost Christie, Prov. Grand Masters of Fife and Kinross, Wigtown and Kirkcudbrightshires, Roxburgh, Peebles and Selkirkshire, and Stirlingshire, respectively; A. A. Spiers, of Elderslie, Proxy Prov. G.M. Queensland; Rev. John Glasse, G. Chap.; W. Officer, S.S.C.; Colin Galletly, James Caldwell, and E. C. H. M Naught, P.G. Deacons; R. M. Cameron, G. Architect; R. K. Inches, G. Jeweller; J. MacNaught Campbell, G. Bible Bearer; T. Halkett, P.G. Bible Bearer; J. Muir, G.D.C.; Lieut.-Col. Ivison Macadam, G.S.B.; Emile Berger, G.D. of M.; R. Davidson, G. Org.; W. M. Denholm, G. Marshal; Robert Kennedy, G.I.G.; and others.

The G.D.C. introduced the following brethren, who were welcomed from the Throne: Bros. Arthur Hodge, of the Lodge Pilgrim, South African Republic; H. D. Robertson, Southern Cross, Cape Colony; J. Davidson, Burnie; and A. Foreman, Melbourne.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Bros. the Grand Master, Lord Saltoun, the Earl of Haddington, the Earl of Roslyn, the Marquis of Breadalbane, Sir Alex. Mackenzie of Glenmuick, Major the Hon. North Dalrymple, the Hon. C. M. Ramsay, M.P., the Hon. T. Cochrane, M.P., Sir James Buchanan, Col. Stirling of Kippendavie, Captain Hope, M.P.; Hugh Shaw Stewart, M.P., James Hozer, M.P., and others.

The annual accounts were submitted, and showed the income of Grand Lodge had been for the year ending 29th November, £4564, and the expenditure £2339, showing a surplus of £2224. The funds and estate amounted to £34870. The fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence amounted to £7161; the annuity fund to £22,455.

Grand Lodge accepted the resignation, on account of ill-health, of Bro. Major James Johnston, of Newmill, of his office as Provincial Grand Master of Elgin and Morayshires, cordially thanked him for his services, and expressed regret that he should have felt it necessary to retire from the post he had for several years so worthily filled. It was resolved to grant charters to the following new lodges: Braemar, Red Hill, Gypmie, Queensland; St. Andrew, Pitlochry; Breadalbane, St. Fillans, Killin; and Blythswood, Glasgow City.

The election of members of Grand Committee was then proceeded with. There were 16 candidates for 12 vacancies, and the following were elected: Bros. J. Caldwell, Paisley, 263 votes; Lieut.-Col. J. Campbell, Perth, 260; Bailie E. C. H. M Naught Glasgow, 243; Lieut.-Col. W. Ivison Macadam, 228; Lieut. George R. Wishart, Hamilton, 208; W. Officer, S.S.C., Edinburgh, 207; Robert Kennedy, Glasgow, 203; George Crauford, Edinburgh, 188; William Phillips, Glasgow, 188; James Thomson, Edinburgh, 137; James Jack, Paisley, 134; John MacLachlan, of MacLachlan, W.S., 123. The new members are Bros. Wishart, Crauford, Phillips, Thomson, and Jack.

A letter was submitted which had been addressed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the Grand Master with reference to Freemasonry in Japan. It was in the following terms:—"The Earl of Kimberley has had under his consideration your letter, in which you forward a memorial from the Freemasons of Yokohama explaining that, as the law of Japan forbids secret societies the Masonic body in that country apprehend interference with their work, when under the provisions of the treaty recently concluded British subjects become amenable to Japanese jurisdiction. I am directed by his Lordship to state that the new treaty will not come into force for at least five years, by which time the Japanese law quoted in the memorial may be so modified as not to affect meetings of Freemasons. When the question becomes a practical one it may possibly be desirable to make friendly representations to the Japanese Government as to the philanthropic objects of Freemasonry; but in Lord Kimberley's opinion it is not advisable for Her Majesty's Government to take any steps at present for endeavouring to obtain a modification of the Japanese law. In any case it is not a matter which could in his Lordship's view be properly made the subject of a treaty stipulation."

The Grand Master was thanked for his diligence in this matter. The other business was disposed of, and Grand Lodge was closed.

THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF THE PUNJAB.

The Installation of R.W. Bro. E. Woodall Parker as District Grand Mark Master of the Punjab took place at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore (the capital of the Punjab), on December the 27th, 1894, when some 40 Mark Masons assembled to do honour to the occasion.

This District Grand Lodge was formed in June last, in response to a Petition from a large number of Mark Masons in the Punjab Lodges, the actual order forming the District being conveyed in a letter from the Grand Secretary, dated June the 11th, 1894, to the effect that "the District of Bengal as at present constituted shall be divided into, first, the District Grand Lodge of Bengal, which shall consist of the Lodges situated in the North West Provinces, Oudh, and the lower Provinces of Bengal, and, second, the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab, which shall consist of the Lodges situated in the Punjab and Beloochistan."

The Installation Ceremony was performed by Wor. Bro. the Rev. H. J. Spencer Gray, the Chaplain of Lahore, and Past Senior Grand Warden of Bengal, and thus the District Grand Mark Lodge of the Punjab was at last completed, and another very notable addition made to the existing Masonic Organisation of this large and flourishing District.

- The first District Grand Officers appointed are:
- Bro. The Rev. H. J. Spencer Gray, 219 and 221 ... Deputy Dist. G.M.
 - " Dhanjibhoy F. Camadore, K.B., 219 ... Dist. S.G.W.
 - " T. Fisher, 429 ... Dist. J.G.W.
 - " W. Bull, 98... ... Dist. G.M.O.
 - " Major H. F. Lyons Montgomery, 219 ... Dist. S.G.O.
 - " S. M. Mercer, 392 ... Dist. J.G.O.

- Bro. The Rev. T. C. Shepherd, 138 ... Dist. G. Chap.
- " Dr. Brij Lal Ghose, R.B. 98 (elected) ... Dist. G. Treas.
- " Colonel A. G. Yateman-Biggs, C.B., 279 ... Dist. G. R. of M.
- " Capt. J. H. Leslie, 219... ... Dist. G. Sec.
- " Lieut.-Col. C. F. Massy, 98 and 219 ... Dist. S.G.D.
- " E. Van S. Cullen, 279 ... Dist. J.G.D.
- " J. McDermott, 279 ... Dist. G.I. of W.
- " M. Carroll, 221 ... Dist. G.D. of C.
- " Captain W. A. Murison, 138 ... Dist. A.G.D. of C.
- " Lieutenant L. C. Dunsterville, 221... ... Dist. G.S.B.
- " Lieut.-Col. C. M. Keighley, D.S.O., 465 ... Dist. G. Std. Br.
- " J. A. Clarke, 258 ... Dist. G. O g.
- " R. Burton, 279 ... Dist. A.G. Sec.
- " D. Bridgman, 429 ... } Dist. G. Stwds.
- " C. B. Atterbury, 201 ... }
- " Fazl Din ... Dist. G. Tyler.

The R.W. DISTRICT GRAND MASTER delivered the following address on the occasion: "Brethren,—I shall tell you nothing new when I tell you that the Mark Degree is really a part of the Fellow Craft Degree leading up to the Master's Degree. In the Degrees of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft, we deal with the pillars on which a perfect Arch should rest. The pillars of Masonry are its *Strength of Purpose* and its *Beauty of Execution*. The rough hewn Ashlar is first finished into a perfect shape and then fitted in its place, and so the edifice grows. In the Master's Degree, and in the Royal Arch, we typify the completion of that strongest and most beautiful architectural work, a perfect Arch, and in this—the Mark Degree—we profess to typify the Keystone of the Arch which holds all together in perfect symmetry and proportion. Applying this to ourselves, no one should be admitted to the Order of the Mark Degree until he has proved himself fit to occupy the position of the highest importance in Masonry. He should, in theory, have attained to such moral and intellectual perfection that he is fit to represent the Keystone of that edifice which in Masonry we use in such beautiful metaphor. The stone, which the Builders in their ignorance refused, becomes the chief stone of the edifice. That ideal of perfection which even the initiated often fail to attain must be attained by him who wishes to reach the ideal of Mark Masonry.

Every English Mark Mason must first take the three Degrees of Craft Masonry, and must then show himself fit for selection as a Mark Mason.

Brethren, as a token of our selection, as a token of our fitness not only to regulate ourselves but to guide and control others in Freemasonry (and Freemasonry represents our whole conduct in life), we are each given a *Mark* by which our work is known.

Whether we will or no—in our smallest and most secret, as well as in our greatest and most public acts—each of us sets his *Mark*. It is not only on the work which he is proud of, and on which he gladly and openly sets the seal of that *Mark*, that the *Mark* exists. Every one of our actions, however insignificant it may appear to us at the time, bears our *Mark*. It has far-reaching results which none of us can foresee or fathom. It may mean happiness or destruction to those whom we influence, or whom we bring into the world, and to those who are influenced by them in their turn. Our lives, our actions, our words, our example, live on after us—either for good or evil—and it is (or ought to be) the hope and pride of every Mark Mason that his *Mark* may have influences for good, and good alone, and that the G.O.O. T.U. may approve his work here below.

Selected as we are, or ought to be, from the body of the Craft, for our efficiency, it behoves us not to belie our professions; not to bring disgrace on our Order; not to leave a *mark* which those who see may turn away from with scorn or disgust.

Every Mark Mason has accepted a special responsibility which should not be forgotten. He bears a special *mark* as being fit to set an example to Freemasons of lesser degree. He is bound to justify that position so far as in him lies; to cultivate and develop his powers; to show himself worthy of his position by using those powers to the best advantage.

His talent must be used, not put away and neglected. I call upon every Mark Mason to *make good his Mark*; and the *Mark* itself should be the prosecution of all that is good and useful and noble.

I require each of you in this District to render some account of his Stewardship once in each year and to let the District Grand Lodge know, and myself know, *how* you have made your *Mark* good. I want each of you to contribute some of your time, or your talents, or your money, or all three, to the good work which lies before you in Mark Masonry. You can, or should, as selected men, be able to do something for the profit, progress, relief, or amusement in healthy ways, of your brethren. You can aid us intellectually, socially, and pecuniarily, or in one or other of these ways at least, if you desire to do so, and if you have not that desire you disgrace your *Mark*. You may not be able individually to do *much*, but you can all do *something* to make our Order a living force and earnest reality, and I call upon you to do that something.

Be assured I shall watch you with friendly interest and note what you do or do not do, but the good work rests with your own conscientious desire to do right. The spontaneity of the work done is of more value than the work itself.

Let us in this District set an example not only to those who are not Mark Masons, but to others elsewhere who are, and who throw away the opportunities which they possess. Mark well the fleeting time; mark well your every action, and mark well the wants of those around you, so that when the time comes you may look back on your past with pride and satisfaction and know that all that bears *your mark* is good.

Turning from generalities to a few points in regard to which specific advice seems needed at the present time I notice:

- 1st.—That Members and Officers of Lodges do not make themselves acquainted with the Constitutions of our Order, and disregard them from ignorance or carelessness. Since the District has been formed, various Lodges have been found to have disregarded well known Articles.
- 2nd.—Little or no attention seems to be paid to District Grand Lodge Circulars. In six instances *two* reminders were sent before Circular No. 7 was complied with, and in two of the six instances a *third* reminder was necessary. This is not as it should be.
- 3rd.—Great delay occurs in submitting returns and replying to correspondence, and this causes inconvenience. It should be understood that the W.M. (with whom alone the Dist. G. Lodge corresponds) is responsible for submission of returns and replying to correspondence with promptitude. Even when a lodge is closed for the winter under the By-Laws, current

routine work must go on, and Returns must be submitted, and letters replied to by the W.M. Office work must continue all through the year.

4th.—The Wor. Masters of two Lodges (221 and 465) leave everything to be done by their Secretaries. I hold the W.M. personally responsible to me; the Secretary is merely his assistant and is not responsible to Dist. G. L.

I notice that one cause of weakness in lodges arises from the fact that a Wor. Master is elected, though it is well known to every member that such W.M. is likely to leave the station within a month or two of his election, by reason of the transfer of a Regiment, &c. Instances of this have occurred recently in Lodges 201 and 392.

On this account "Wahab" Lodge, No 201, has become extinct, and its Warrant been returned; and I much fear that "Sanford" Lodge, No. 392 at Digby will shortly have to follow the same course.

However, I am glad to be able to say that Lodge "Wahab," No. 201, at Sialkote, is shortly to be re-opened.

The Strength of Lodges on June the 30th, 1894 (when the District was formed was as follows:—

98—Fidelity	...	20
138—Adlard	...	6
193—Worthy Apprentice	...	15
219—Ardvorlich	...	24
221—St. John's	...	14
258—Sutlej	...	16
279—Pinnacle	...	17
392—Sanford	...	5
429—Frontier	...	11
465—Beluchistan	...	28

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I may here remark that I would rather have a few well managed and well established Lodges than a large number of Lodges, of which several are spasmodic and uncertain in their work; and not in a sound and flourishing condition.

Similarly I look more to the *quality* of individual members than to mere numbers.

In Mark Masonry we are bound to be select and to keep out black sheep with a firm hand. Let no Master think that a mere increase in numbers will be regarded as a sign of a healthy and prosperous Lodge. I want to see every Mason excluded from the Mark Degree whose past record in the Craft does not afford a guarantee that he will prove an energetic, well conducted, and worthy brother, and an ornament to the Order. We have a means of knowing the character of those who seek admission to our Order, which is absent in Craft Masonry—*vis.*, a previous *Masonic record*. Unless that is good, the ballot should be rigorously exercised to *exclude*. A small compact Lodge, every Member of which realises his responsibilities, and renders himself useful, is a thousand times preferable to a Lodge with a large Roll, but no energetic co-operation and thoroughness of working.

Here again, though it is most desirable that the work of giving Degrees should be thoroughly and effectively done, it must be remembered that the giving of degrees is a means to an end, and not the end itself. The degree admits to membership, but, that admission to membership should mean earnest work in the interests of the Order, is more important than the ceremony of admission. The door being opened, let those who enter understand that they are allowed to enter only on the condition that they add to the strength of the Order; that they are *good honest workmen* and not worthless drones.

We want no lazy boon companions, but busy fellow workers.

Each member should choose how he can best assist the Lodge which he joins, and the Master should endeavour to utilise members according to their special gifts.

Let some instruct; others infuse energy into our charities; others help to occupy our moments of relaxation pleasantly and usefully. Let all try to learn what *Masonry* and *Mark Masonry* mean and to apply their knowledge.

Let "*Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do—do it with all thy might*," be the motto of all true Mark Masons. Let us establish our *Mark* in such manner that all may honour, respect and love us.

MARK WELL!"

MIDDLESBROUGH SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.

On Wednesday, the 30th ult., the Seamen's Institute, Queen's-terrace, Middlesbrough, was formally opened by Lady Raylton Dixon, who performed that office in the unavoidable absence of the Dowager Duchess of Northumberland. Additional interest was attached to the function inasmuch as the Marquis of Zetland, Prov. Grand Master of the North and East Ridings, laid a capstone at the northern buttress of the building with Masonic honours. The institute is the outcome of the persistent efforts of the Rev. Fred. Griffiths, who has worked hard to obtain such a place for the use of the thousands of sailors who every year enter and leave the Tees. The building was originally a Congregational Chapel and schoolroom, and it was purchased from the Congregationalists for a sum of £2000.

The proceedings began with a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the North and East Ridings, which was opened in that part of the building which will hereafter be the church, by the Prov. Grand Master, the Most Hon. the Marquis of Zetland.

The following Prov. Grand Officers were present: Bros. W. H. Cowper, P.S.G.W.; C. W. Forbes, P.J.G.W.; Colonel Sadler, P.P.S.G.W.; J. A. Malcomson, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. Dr. Baker and Rev. Lewis Porson, P.G. Chaps.; J. Vernon Cooper, P.P.G. Reg.; M. C. Peck, P.G. Sec., P.P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; W. Stead, P.G.S. of W.; S. P. Austin, P.P.J.G.W. Durham; A. Farmer, P.P. S.G.W.; W. A. Hutchence, P.S.G.D.; F. J. Lambert, P.G.W.; Henry Forster, P.G.D. of C.; F. Wilson, P.G. Org.; Rev. F. Griffiths, Tees Chaplain; S. W. Clowe, P.P.G.S.B.; R. W. Gibbs and W. Mitford, P.G. Std. Brs.; T. Gibson Poole, P.G.S.B.; W. T. Tate, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Barlow, P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. T. Lane, P.P.S.G.W.; J. C. Moor, P.P.G.D.; T. R. Dent, P.P.G.S. of W.; and G. Peacock, P.G.S. There was a very good attendance of brethren from all parts of the North of England.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened, a procession was formed, and the brethren proceeded to the capstone.

Amongst the company were Sir Raylton and Lady Dixon, the Misses Dixon, Captain J. G. Swan, Lieutenant-Colonel C. L. Bell and Mrs. Bell, Mr. H. W. F. Bolckow, Alderman W. L. Taylor and Miss Taylor (Mayor and Mayoress of Middlesbrough), Alderman H. Fell Pease, M.P. (Mayor of Darlington), Dr. Ellerton, the Ven. Archdeacon Yeoman, Rev. J. K. Bealey (Vicar of Middlesbrough), Rev. J. Woodhouse (Vicar of St. Peter's), Rev. J. S. L. Burn (Vicar of All Saints), Dr. and Mrs. Hedley, Rev. H. Martin (Vicar of Stockton), Dr. Lennard (barrister-at-law), Alderman J. F. Wilson, Mr. Isaac Wilson, Rev. W. G.

Trevor (Vicar of Marton), Mr. Wayman Dixon, Dr. Glen (South Bank), Rev. W. T. Lawson, Mr. R. T. Wilson, Rev. Mr. Hatfield (York), Mr. G. F. Wilson (the Superintendent of the Society, London), Rev. Webb Peplow (Chaplain of the Tyne Seamen's Mission), and others.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, when all had taken their appointed stations near the stone, delivered an address, in the course of which he said they were assembled there in the presence of men and in the sight of the Most High, to complete by laying the capstone, a building which had been erected for the use of those who go down to the sea in ships to pursue their business on great waters, a house which they prayed God would abundantly bless and prosper.

Bro. Dr. BAKER then offered prayer, after which Bro. J. F. GRIFFITHS asked the Prov. Grand Master to lay the capstone.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER replied that he would have much pleasure in acceding to Bro. Griffiths's request.

Bro. Walker Stead, P.G. Supt. of Wks., having placed a phial containing newspapers, &c., in the cavity, Bro. Bottomley, the architect, handed to the Prov. Grand Master a silver trowel, suitably inscribed, and the Prov. Grand Master having spread the mortar, the stone was lowered into its position, the band of the Artillery Volunteers playing the National Anthem. The square, level, and plumb rule were then handed to the Prov. Grand Master, who used them, and said: "Having tried the capstone by the square, level, and plumb rule, I declare it is justly and truly laid, and that the Craftsmen have done their duty." He next tapped it with the mallet, and said: "I declare this capstone has been justly and truly laid according to the ancient rules of architecture and the regulations of our Craft." Thereafter he poured on the stone corn, wine, and oil.

Bro. the Rev. LEWIS PORSON having offered prayer, the brethren proceeded to the lower room of the Institute. There Bro. Peck, P.G. Sec., presented to the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Bottomley, who had designed and executed the alteration of the fabric; and the Prov. Grand Master expressed himself pleased with the building.

Bro. Col. SADLER said it fell to his lot, as the Senior Local Provincial Officer, to express, on behalf of the brethren and also the ladies and gentlemen present, a cordial and hearty welcome to Lord Zetland, and to express their pleasure at his being present on that interesting occasion. Lord Zetland, following in the steps of a late illustrious Lord Zetland, had always taken a far-reaching and generous interest in Middlesbrough. Lady Zetland, too, had taken the warmest interest, and had been associated and identified with every charitable work, and in every effort of any important character which had been for the well-being and happiness of their rapidly-growing community.

The Mayor of MIDDLESBROUGH seconded, and the vote was carried with cheers.

Bro. the Marquis of ZETLAND, in reply, said he offered them his warmest and most sincere thanks for the vote which had been proposed, and for the extremely kind manner in which it had been received. He could not sit down without very heartily congratulating the architect (Bro. Bottomley) on the very great success that had attended his undertaking in the completion of the building.

Mr. G. F. WILSON, Superintendent of Missions to Seamen, London, next asked Lady Dixon to formally open the Institute, in the unavoidable absence of the Duchess of Northumberland, whose absence they so much deplored.

Lady DIXON said: Lord Zetland, Ladies, and Gentlemen,—In the unavoidable absence of the Dowager Duchess of Northumberland, which we so very much regret, and which is so deplored, I have been asked to represent her. I have great pleasure in doing so, and I beg to declare this Institute open, and to wish it every possible success.

Lady Dixon then received purses on behalf of the Institute, one of the purses being placed on the tray by a little mite in white, and another by a policeman in uniform—Police-Constable Mileston.

Each person on presenting a purse, was handed a small bouquet of flowers which had been sent by the Duchess of Northumberland for the purpose.

The Rev. J. F. GRIFFITHS moved a hearty vote of thanks to Lady Dixon for so kindly coming to the rescue at very short notice. Nobody regretted the absence of the Duchess of Northumberland so much as Lady Dixon. He might say, however, that the Duchess would have had to drive 10 miles to Darlington that evening to have got there, and the roads were very much blocked with snow. He could say that there was no truer friend to the Missions to Seamen than the Duchess of Northumberland.

Sir RAYLTON DIXON thanked the assembly for the very hearty way in which they had carried the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Griffiths.

The VEN. ARCHDEACON OF CLEVELAND then pronounced the benediction.

The Masonic portion of the company then adjourned, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

The company then adjourned to the Town Hall, where a large number partook of an excellent luncheon. Sir Raylton Dixon presided.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Mr. S. P. AUSTIN, of Sunderland, a member of the Central Committee of the Missions to Seamen, proposed "The Health of Lord Zetland," and trusted he would long be spared to assist in such good work as he had taken part in that day.

The Marquis of ZETLAND, in reply, said it had been a great pleasure to him to come to Middlesbrough and take part in the very interesting proceedings of that day. Speaking as Grand Master of that province he might say it had given not only himself, but every Freemason of that province great pleasure to have given their support and to have added some importance to that ceremony which had just been concluded, and which, he trusted, might be substantial assistance to that very excellent institution, the Missions to Seamen. He concluded by proposing "Future prosperity and success to the Seamen's Institute at Middlesbrough."

Mr. J. J. BURTON replied, and stated that the purses had realised £267 6s. 5d. The total collection was £301 1s. 10d.

The Rev. J. K. BEALEY proposed "The Health of the Chairman," and the toast was enthusiastically honoured.

Sir RAYLTON DIXON, in returning thanks, said he would be glad to give an additional donation of £50 towards diminishing the debt on the Institute, which he hoped would be wiped out within a month.

Subsequently, a reception was held in the Mayor's parlour. In the evening a well-attended public tea was held in the crypt of the Town Hall, and this was followed by a capital entertainment in the Town Hall, provided by the Apollo Male Voice Choir and others.

SECOND LADIES' NIGHT OF THE SOUTHERN STAR LODGE, No. 1158.

The regular meeting of this well-known lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., and after the business had been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Drawing Room, where the highly-esteemed W.M., Bro. T. F. Knibb, with his daughter, Miss Alice Knibb, held a reception, at which the following brethren and friends were most cordially welcomed: Mrs. Sweetland, Mrs. and Miss Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, Bro. J. Hands, S.W., and Mrs. Hands, Miss Todd, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Gaskin, Bro. Belchamber, J.W., and Mrs. Belchamber; Bro. W. Beecroft, I.P.M., and Miss Beecroft; Mrs. Lightfoot, Mrs. Stone, Bros. J. Austin, P.M., Sec., Mrs. and the Misses Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Jowett, Mrs. C. Bostock, Miss Motterway, Bro. R. E. Clarke, Founder, and Mrs. Clarke; Mr. Hopton, Mr. Spencer, Bro. C. W.

Wise, P.M.; Bro. J. Block, P.M., and Mrs. Block; Bro. W. W. Block and Mrs. Block, Bro. J. Bunker, P.M., and Mrs. Bunker; Mrs. Wilson, Miss Philpott, Messrs. W. and E. Bunker, Bro. J. F. Tarrant, P.M., and Mrs. Bond; Bro. A. Wells, Mrs. Wells, and Miss Corday, Bro. H. N. Morgan and Mrs. Morgan, Bro. W. Green, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Parker, Bro. H. Robinson, Bro. C. Day, Bro. F. W. Downes and Mrs. Downes, Bro. W. Richards and Mrs. Richards, Bro. G. J. Robinson and Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Edwards, Bro. J. C. Ashdown and Mrs. Ashdown, Bro. W. C. Tanner, Mrs. Tanner and Miss Tanner, Bro. T. Green and Mrs. Green, Bro. C. H. Thompson, Mrs. Hunt, and Mrs. Renwick, Bro. F. Benson, Mrs. Benson, and Mr. and Mrs. Flowers, Bro. Prangnel, Bro. S. Blum, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Benninger, and Mrs. Caspari, Bro. F. Austin and Mrs. F. Austin, Bro. J. S. Blake and Mrs. Blake, Bro. G. Gainger and Mrs. Towns, Bro. J. A. Morath, Mrs. Tuderer, and Miss Blackman, Bro. J. Atkinson and Mrs. Atkinson, Bro. W. B. Hardwick and Mrs. Hardwick, Bro. V. S. Guggenheim, Bro. F. Howard and Mrs. Howard, Bro. W. Ashbourn and Mrs. Ashbourn, Bro. D. Bushel, Mrs. and Miss Bushel, Bros. A. Drapkin, H. Takl, S. Isaacs, and many others. The visitors were Bros. J. Osment, E. W. Hattersley, J. Lightfoot, P.M. 1901; C. H. Stone, P.M. 507; G. E. Warn, I.P.M. 1805; T. Renwick, C. Hunt, J. H. Gaskin, A. E. Todd, L. B. Rubenstein, T. F. Noakes, W. T. Windsor, R. Codd, J. C. Edwards, M. Menngu, G. Etherage, F. Haswell, W. S. Downes, P. Fuderer, G. Bazzi, G. Cizzio, J. D. Graham, and G. Sylvester.

The company, numbering over 150, afterwards adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, superintended by Bro. Pearce, the proprietor, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The cloth being removed, the W.M., in most eloquent terms, gave the loyal and Masonic toasts which were duly honoured.

The toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past" was presented most forcibly by the W.M., and duly responded to very ably by Bro. GASKIN, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., for the Provincial Grand Officers.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was then given by Bro. BEECROFT, I.P.M., stating it was his duty, and gave him the greatest possible pleasure in proposing, and he was confident it would be enthusiastically received by the whole of the company. In his opinion, Bro. Tom Knibb was the best man in the whole world, and deserved their best thanks for so ably performing his duties, and more particularly for the success he had achieved in bringing together and presiding over this magnificent and enjoyable gathering, the largest and most successful the lodge had ever seen.

The toast was received most enthusiastically.

In reply, Bro. T. F. KNIBB, W.M., heartily thanked the company for such a cordial reception, and said Bro. Beecroft, in his warm heart, had stated a very tall order in calling him the best man in the world. However, the evidence of pleasure I see upon the faces of the company amply repays me for all my exertions, I cannot take my seat without expressing my thanks to our Bro. Austin, P.M., Sec., to whose persevering energy and untiring assistance, as well as to the Stewards and officers, as also to the splendid artistes who have enlivened us with their sweet music, which have all conducted to the unqualified success of this large gathering.

In presenting the toast of "The Ladies," the W.M. said he was confident the brethren of the Southern Star Lodge would receive it with the utmost cordiality. He would inform the ladies that the brethren were never happier than when in their society, and he hoped for many years their company would be appreciated on similar occasions for at least once in every year. As the toast was a delicate one to talk upon, he need say no more to mark the appreciation of the brethren, and would couple with the toast the name of Bro. John Lightfoot, P.M. 1901.

In reply, Bro. LIGHTFOOT, said: At the command of the W.M., and under his hypnotic influence, I sink my identity as a poor, weak man, and become for a few moments a lady, and at once on their behalf offer you our sincere thanks for a most enjoyable and intellectual evening. Your kindness in inviting us here, and the thoughtful and considerate care with which everything has been done for our comfort to-night fully entitles you to our love and esteem. It carries my thoughts back to that eventful evening when my sweetheart was initiated, upon whose return home with a woman's usual curiosity, I tried to learn something but without success, until he fell asleep, when I heard the refrain:

"No mortal can more the ladies adore
Than a Free and Accepted Mason,"

clearly showing that on the very night of their initiation we held a warm place in their hearts. In accepting your very kind invitation, we were very anxious to discover a precedent to act upon, and after consulting that Book of all Books, we were successful in the beautiful and majestic Queen of Sheba, who not content in sending an ambassador to King Solomon as the other sovereigns had done, herself journeyed to Jerusalem with a numerous retinue, accompanied with costly presents, to congratulate him upon the completion of Temple. Now we have come to the Southern Star Lodge to congratulate the representative of King Solomon on his good work, and looking around you must admit we have brought a numerous retinue, and what more costly jewels can we give than our love and esteem, and last but not least, our own sweet selves. We are accustomed to receive, and, in fact, are conceited enough to expect our beauty to command the admiration of the sterner sex, but to-night I have observed a more than usual amount of attention in this respect. If it is my attire that your eyes are resting upon, I hasten to inform you that I am not the "New Woman," so much talked about. Of course, there is a great diversity of opinion about the new woman, but we all agree that we are to be congratulated upon the fact that some of our sisters have succeeded in wresting at the Universities some of the highest honours, and it is only fair to say that in the 20th century the ladies will still further advance their position. It will not surprise me to know that the New Woman of the 20th century will found a lodge and place some worthy sister in the chair of the Queen of Sheba, and that at one of our lodge meetings an advanced sister, the very counterpart of your esteemed Bro. Beecroft, P.M., may make a proposition in open lodge that we have a gentleman's night. So if you are all good boys we may invite you to that meeting, in return for your great kindness to us to-night. On behalf of the ladies, I tender you our sincere and sisterly thanks.

In presenting the toast of "The Past Masters and the Officers," the W.M. mentioned the unfailing kindness and assistance always rendered by the Past Masters to advance the best interests of the lodge, and specially expressing the deep feeling of grief and regret the lodge had experienced during the past year in the loss of Bros. Tom Brady and Charles Wright, two esteemed brethren, who had always taken a most active interest in the lodge, and he hereby expressed, on behalf of the brethren, their deepest sympathy with their relatives. Of the officers of the lodge the W.M. could not speak too highly, as their duties were at all times carried out by them most efficiently.

The toast was most ably responded to by Bros. W. BEECROFT, I.P.M., J. AUSTIN, P.M., Sec.; J. WISE, P.M.; BUNKER, P.M.; and J. HANDS, S.W.

A brooch, enclosed in a suitable case, was presented to every lady, upon which was the following inscription: "A souvenir from the Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158. Jany. 23rd, 1895. T. F. Knibb, W.M."

A splendid selection of music was rendered by Miss Alice Motterway, Messrs. Carol B. Bostock, R. W. Scarlett, W. H. Hopkins, and S. Parker, and Bros. R. Codd and Sylvester, P.P.G.O. Sussex. Bro. T. F. Noakes, G.S.M., ably presided at the piano.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 60).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 25th ult. Among those present were Bros. W. Masters, P.G. Stwd., W.M.; W. H. Kempster, jun., G. Stwd., S.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.D.C., J.W.; H. Young, P.G. Stwd., Treas.; E. Rogers, P.P.G.D., P.G. Stwd., Sec.; Debenham, P.P.G.O. Herts, J.D.; Polenz, I.G.; Robinson, Stwd.; Chancellor, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; Joslyn, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; W. H. Kempster, M.D., P.M., P.G. Stwd.; and Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G. Stwd., G. Std. Br., I.P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. J. Lardner was unanimously nominated to represent the lodge as Grand Steward for 1895-6. Some minor business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned.

An excellent banquet, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Mantel, was then partaken of. A few toasts were given, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

Faith Lodge (No. 141).—The members of this lodge held a meeting at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 29th ult., when there were present among others: Bro. White, W.M.; Godfrey, S.W.; Swan, J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Miss J.D.; Isaacs, I.G.; Sharpley, Stwd.; Hudson, P.M., as I.P.M.; Charles Dairy; P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., G. Std. Br.; Jordan, P.M.; and Fromholtz, P.M. Among the visitors were: Bros. W. J. Hewett, W.M. 1185; H. Essex, P.M. 711; C. J. Grove, P.M. 742; G. Lavington, P.M.; G. Booker, S.W. 228; R. B. Gilson, 507; H. E. Peck, 1381; H. Wetton, jun., 1512; J. Martin, 1446; H. Brown, 1446; and H. Forster, 1769.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. H. Hudson and W. Page, and, it proving to be unanimous, they were most ably initiated by the W.M., who is to be congratulated on the manner in which he conducted the work. His efforts were well supported by his Wardens and other officers. Apologies were received for non-attendance from Bros. W. J. Hakim, P.M., Treas. (absent abroad); Trotter, I.P.M.; C. Wetzlar, P.M.; Gluckstein, S.O., and others. The Secretary announced that an old member of the lodge in distress had been relieved by the Committee of the Benevolent Fund to the extent of £20.

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

The W.M. was commendably brief in his utterances, and so were the other speakers.

The W.M. had provided a most excellent programme of music. The numerous artistes received a most cordial reception. Their respective efforts gave the most unqualified satisfaction, and the W.M. must have gone home with the conviction that he had not only done his duty well in the lodge, but had given those brethren who had braved stern winter's blast the opportunity of enjoying a most agreeable entertainment.

Lion and Lamb Lodge (No. 192).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Bros. Jas. Smith, W.M.; T. W. Fisher, S.W.; R. Sarson, J.W.; Thomas Cohu, P.M., Treas.; H. Legge, P.M., Sec.; A. J. Holmes, S.D.; C. Garton, J.D.; J. M. Mower, D.C.; G. Couchman, Tyler; Marsh, P.M.; Gooles, P.M.; Hughes, P.M.; Simmonds, Houlder, Ferguson, Stokes, Virgo, Roche, Dart, Welch, and Crawshaw. Visitors: Bros. Purser, 87; W. G. A. Garton, 1604; Tarlow, 65; Joy, 1426; C. S. Houlder, 2020; Kemp, 802; and Wallden, 1339.

The minutes of the December meeting and the two emergency meetings in January were read and confirmed. Bro. T. W. Fisher, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Thos. Cohu was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The W.M. read the dispensation from Grand Lodge permitting the brethren to wear Masonic clothing at the dinner on that evening, ladies being present. Bros. Bevan, Eggleton, and Stokes were elected as members of the Audit Committee. Notice of motion by Bro. Hughes, P.M., "To vote £10 10s. to the Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Bro. Jas. Smith, W.M., who will represent the lodge at the annual festival." Notice of motion by Bro. Legge, P.M., Sec., "That the usual jewel be presented to the W.M. on his retirement from the chair." A candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

For the first time, in the history of the lodge, it fell in with the practice of inviting ladies, which has become a recent innovation in Masonry, ratified under dispensation by Grand Lodge, which permits the brethren to dine in Masonic clothing in the presence of their visitors. There are two modes in which ladies can be invited, either to a ball or dinner. Many lodges have had an annual ball which gives pleasure to the younger ladies, but to the elder ladies and old brethren who have passed their three score and ten years, who are beyond the dancing age, and care not to be mere wallflowers, the ball is not appreciated, and some few lodges have commenced to invite ladies to their dinner, and the Worshipful Master of this lodge, Bro. James Smith, taking the views of the brethren, determined upon a ladies' invitation dinner, and the result was very successful.

We may here mention, however, that this old lodge, established in 1789, has made vigorous progress of late years by initiations and joinings.

The lady guests were received in the lodge room, and inspected the old banners of the lodge, the lodge album of portraits of the members, and were very curious to know the meaning and uses of the three chairs, lights, working tools, tessellated pavement, and other furniture of the lodge, which were discreetly avoided by the brethren. There is, however, policy in familiarising the lady members of our families with some of our gatherings; they thus entertain a more favourable opinion of Masonry, find that we are not selfishly inclined, and learn to appreciate our Masonic Charities, and that monarchs, princes, and clergymen would not participate in our rites, if we were not reverent to our Creator, loyal to our sovereign, and true to our creed of "brotherly love, relief, and truth."

The whole arrangements at the dinner were well carried out.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the loyal toasts, "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M." and "The Ladies," acquitted himself admirably.

The health of the ladies was responded to briefly and well by the youngest initiate, Bro. Houlder.

The harmony of the evening was ably contributed to by the brethren present, and by the charming daughters of the Treasurer, Bro. Cohu, who brought quite a bevy of beauty in these and his wife.

The lady guests on leaving were presented with a pleasing memento from the lodge in a pretty basket with a bird sitting on its eggs, packed in a neat cardboard box which looked as if they were carrying away the lodge ashlar.

Kennington Lodge (No. 1381).—The annual installation of this prosperous lodge was held at the Horns Hotel, Kennington, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., when there was a large attendance. The members present included Bros. J. N. Hearn, W.M.; G. B. Millson, S.W.; C. Colwell, J.W.; Geo. Everett, P.M., P.G. Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; A. Lundie, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, P.M.; W. W. Westley, P.M.; H. F. Foalé, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., G.S.B.; J. Cockburn, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; J. La Feuillade, P.M.; J. Barry, S.D.; R. B. Hopkins, Org.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. F. Green, 1178; H. W. Wibrow, 1178; F. P. Waddington, 183; W. Smith, J.W. 72; J. Beer, P.M. 386; G. J. Hanson, J.W. 2348; W. Lawley, W.M. 2348; W. Knapp, 2348; W. G. Lowe, 2348; A. Walker, 2348; F. W. Cates, S.W. 933; E. Clare, P.M. 865; T. Brown, 1597; G. J. Taylor, W.M. 180; J. Weaver, 862, 1310, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; H. Hicks, 1963; W. F. Grimmett, 2348; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I.B.; H. T. Telling, W.M. 2182; C. J. Leak, 529; W. G. Cannon, 1539; R. C. Davis, P.M. 2266; F. Morgan, P.M.; W. H. Weeks, 1585; J. Jackson, 1260; H. W. Clemow, 2266; M. H. Newton, 1863; J. H. Davey, 1348; J. Youldon, P.M. 1981; E. Bartlett, 2012; G. H. Wavell, W.M. 1862; J. J. Marsh, S.W. 2523; J. Hudson, J.W. 975; W. W. Lee, W.M. 1897; and others.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and a satisfactory audit report adopted. A candidate having been raised to the Third Degree, the important business of the evening followed, and Bro. Dr. G. B. Millson having been duly presented as W.M. elect was impressively installed by his predecessor, Bro. Hearn. The following officers were

pointed and invested: Bros. C. Colwell, S.W.; J. Barry, J.W.; Geo. Everett, P.M., P.G. Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; J. T. Parratt, S.D.; C. Chisholm, J.D.; R. B. Hopkins, Org.; T. Davies I.G.; W. H. Wols-v. D.C.; H. E. Peck, A. C.; T. Springthorp and H. P. H. Stwds.; and L. G. Reinhardt, Tyler. On the proposition of Bro. Everett, P.G. Treas., the sum of 15 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be placed on the list of the Worshipful Master.

Lodge was closed, and, after the banquet, the usual toasts received hearty recognition. Bro. Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas., replying for "The Grand Officers," said he was pleased to hear the W.M. say that the members of that body were not merely ornamental, but useful, for they tried to make themselves useful as far as in their power lay. They were very pleased to avail themselves of any opportunity of visiting the various lodges, and testifying, by their presence, the great interest they took in Freemasonry. He rejoiced that they had that evening inducted into the chair of the lodge one so competent to fill the position as Bro. Millson, whose geniality, kind-heartedness, and obliging manner had rendered him popular. It was with pleasure they hailed that brother as their Worshipful Master, and under his geniality they anticipated a happy and prosperous year of office. Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls, G.S.B., also briefly replied.

Bro. J. Hearn, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said they would all join in wishing success to the W.M., for although Bro. Millson was a Past Master and a Prov. Grand Officer, that was his mother lodge. The coming year was bound to be a successful one, for they knew the way in which the W.M. could do the work. As he (the I.P.M.) would have several opportunities in the coming year of proposing the toast, he would on that occasion simply ask them to drink it with all heartiness.

Bro. G. B. Millson, W.M., in response, said he had firstly to thank the brethren of the lodge for placing him in that honourable position. Of course the I.P.M. was an extremely difficult brother to follow on account of the manner in which he had done his work. Every brother initiated in a lodge looked forward to be its W.M. He had looked forward to that post as an honour to be sought for. He would try to maintain the traditions of the Craft as high as he could and do the work to the best of his ability. He need not say he should receive the kindly feeling and encouragement of the lodge, because that was always shown to the W.M., and would not be departed from in the case of the present occupant of the chair. He would do his utmost, and hoped it would meet with their approval.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.P.G.W., Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, acknowledged the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and said he arrived in town just in time to receive the kind invite of Bro. Everett, but had to be back again in Cheshire the next day. It was a pleasure to come to such a lodge and witness the good work they were always carrying on in connection with the Institutions. The past had been an excellent year in connection with those Institutions, for despite bad trade, the generosity of the brethren was such as the officials were proud to acknowledge. There had been an income of over £60,000 for the three Institutions, 90 per cent of which was voluntarily given by brethren in response to the appeals made. They hoped they were doing good work, and that the brethren were satisfied that the money was well spent. In regard to the Boys' School, he need not detain them long for they recognised the good work Bro. Everett was constantly engaged in. Those subscribers who at the last October election received the report of the examinations held must have been gratified with the progress made. In thanking them in that lodge for the sum so kindly voted in the lodge, he trusted the W.M. would equal, if not excel, the list of any previous Master before him.

"The Visitors" was then honoured, and was replied to by Bros. Wavell, Lawley, Telling, Clemow, and Davis.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Installing Master and Past Masters," and said that in speaking of the way in which the I.P.M. had carried out his duties they were all agreed as to the highly creditable manner in which it had been done. He had heard the installing ceremony many times, but never more impressively rendered. It was his duty to perform an important function, and place a Past Master's jewel on the breast of Bro. Hearn. That brother thoroughly deserved it, for his year had been an exemplary one. With regard to the Past Masters, Bro. Walls attained his majority on the present occasion, it being 21 years since he was initiated in the Kennington Lodge.

Bro. J. N. Hearn, I.P.M., returned thanks for the reception of the toast, and also for the jewel. He also thanked the officers, Treasurer, and Secretary for their support during the year, and in his Stewardship for the Girls' School.

Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., G.S.B., said that was the 21st anniversary of his initiation in that lodge. He had therefore seen 22 Masters in the chair, and although in looking round he saw many genial faces present, there were but few living who were present at his initiation. He was proud to think he was still a member of the lodge, and that he had never yet missed a regular meeting in the 21 years. He could not hope to live another 21 years, but he trusted for some time yet to enjoy the society and friendship of the members of which he was so proud.

Bros. G. Everett, P.M., Treas., and W. Stuart, P.M., Sec., replied for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bro. R. B. Hopkins, Org., directed the musical arrangements, to which he contributed a couple of his well-known solos on the silver bells. He was assisted in the programme by Miss Annie Matthews, Miss Florence Venning, and Bros. M. Linwood, Tom Davies, and Walter George.

The Great City Lodge (No. 1426).—This lodge met at the Cannon-street Hotel, London, on the 9th inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. J. K. Gwyn, who was well supported by his officers, members, and visitors. Amongst those present throughout the evening were Bros. Brookman, S.W.; F. E. Bailey, P.M., J.W.; R. Fendick, P.M., Treas.; James Stevens, P.M., Sec.; W. Lawson, J.D. (the S.D. and I.G. were unfortunately absent from ill-health); Edwin Wareham, Org.; J. H. Guyton, P.M., D.C.; R. Thomas and James Boyton, Stwds.; R. Potter, P.M., Tyler; R. Greening, P.M.; G. W. Blackie, P.M.; G. W. Robson, P.M.; Wm. Kibble, P.M.; Colmer, Joy, Parton, and others. Visitors: Bros. Walter Lawley, W.M. 2348; F. W. Potter, W.M. 2241; W. Harris Saunders, P.M. 1503, P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; Edward Davis, 1512; and W. Henry White, 416.

The business of the evening comprised the passing of Bro. Parton to the Second Degree, and the initiation of M. A. Foster Randall, both ceremonies being performed in the most perfect manner. The charge to the newly-admitted brother was rendered by the W.M. with solemn earnestness and eloquence, which, notwithstanding prior acquaintance with the ability for Masonic work possessed by him, greatly impressed his hearers, and especially the brother to whom it was principally addressed. At a later period of the evening, in a brief speech by the initiate, the deep impression made upon him by the work of the lodge on his behalf was acknowledged in terms which left no doubt on the minds of the brethren as to the influence a well-rendered ceremonial and subsequent exhortation can have on the understanding of an intelligent and earnest novice. The by-law having been read, and a few items of routine business dispatched, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned.

After dinner the customary toasts were honoured, and harmony, to which the newly-appointed Organist, Bro. Edwin Wareham, contributed, in addition to his pianoforte accompaniments, some of his charming songs, prevailed for a few brief hours, when, after a most enjoyable evening of "labour and refreshment," separation became necessary and dispersion until the election meeting in March next.

Farringdon Without Lodge (No. 1745).—This popular and influential lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 28th ult. Among the numerous brethren present we noticed Bros. N. P. Lardner, I.P.M., in the chair (in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Bro. Herbert Herbert); C. Buchoffner, S.W.; Evans, as J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; Murphy, S.D.; Webb, I.G.; Capt. Walls, P.M., G. Std. Br.; J. Young, P.M.; Thomas Simpson, P.M.; E. M. Lott, Mus. Bac., P.G. Org., Eng. Org.; J. W. Hinton, M.A., Mus. Duc., P.P.G. Org. Middx., Asst. Org.; J. W. Gaze, C.C., P.M.; G. Walter, C.C.; and Lile, C.C.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the acting W.M. raised a candidate to the Third Degree in a most impressive manner, and initiated Mr. Beach into Craft mysteries. The sum of 10 guineas was voted to Bro. Webb, I.G., as Steward to the R.M.I.B. It having been announced that Bro. W. H. Jackson, a founder and first W.M. of the lodge, had recently celebrated his silver wedding, it was unanimously agreed that some suitable token of the brethren's esteem should be presented to him and his wife. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. H. Herbert, W.M.; G. Herbert, P.M.; E. Schultz, P.M., and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren and their visitors sat down to a well-served banquet. Among the visitors were Bros. Graham, Oliver, Cranch, and Court.

The toasts were few, but the songs and duets were many. Among the brethren whose efforts call for special mention were Bros. Dr. Lott, Dr. Hinton, J. Young, P.M.; Cranch, P.M., and Court.

Drury Lane Lodge (No. 2127).—The installation meeting of this theatrical lodge was held on Tuesday evening at Mark Masons' Hall, London, by dispensation from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the saloon of Drury Lane Theatre, the warranted place of meeting of the lodge, not being available. Bro. Thomas Catling, W.M., presided; and, among the brethren who were present, were the following: Bros. Oscar Barrett, W.M. elect; Thomas Catling, I.P.M.; Sir Henry A. Isaacs, P.M., P.G.W.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., Chap.; T. Penn, P. Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps.; Viscount Dungarvan, P.G.M. Somerset; Gilbert Farquhar, Dr. Clement Godson, P.G.D.; Alfred Cooper, Charles Tamplin, Dr. Robson Roose, P.G.O.; William Rose, Reginald Harrison, R. Rushton, L. A. Bidwell, A. V. Cotterell, P.G.S.D. Kent; E. Cotterell, O. Wood, W. Bourns, Capt. H. W. H. Elwes, Jas. Crowdy, H. Williams, George Hall, F. B. Rendle, Sydney Smith, Lionel Rignold, Neil Forsyth, P. Goff (Anollo Lodge), Capt. Cecil Powney, H. C. Fortescue, Capt. F. A. Fortescue, Henry Kemble, R. Lurtie Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.; Ernest Flower, A. H. Bevan, Guy Repton, J. P. Dorman, C. G. Grimston, C. Rider Noble, Herbert Campbell, Harry Randall, Jas. Powell, A. M. Reis, A. C. Spaul, P.G. Std. Br.; H. Sadler, G.T.; C. F. Karley, and many others.

Bro. Catling installed Bro. Oscar Barrett as W.M., and was afterwards invested as I.P.M. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. Henry Neville, S.W.; George Alexander, J.W.; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., Chap.; J. S. Fleming, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Matthews, Sec.; L. Lablache, S.D.; G. M. Maxwell, J.D.; F. B. Rendle, I.G.; and R. W. Goddard, Tyler. Bro. Thomas Catling was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, and the brethren then adjourned to banquet at Freemasons' Tavern.

After the banquet there was an excellent musical entertainment between the toasts. The brethren who took part in the entertainment were Bros. John Le Hay, who gave his unrivalled ventriloquial performance with his two dolls, Herbert Campbell, Courtice Pounds, Victor Stevens, Dalgety Henderson, W. Booker, Julian Cross, and Hedgecock. After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M.,"

The W.M. gave "The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, in reply, said that was not the first time he had had the privilege of attending the Drury Lane Lodge, and it was one of the hardest tasks he had to perform in Freemasonry to respond to a toast. The brethren would have noticed that he was very modest, and he never liked to say much about himself. He would not say much to the brethren about the Grand Officers, because the brethren knew them so well. He had come to that lodge intending to listen to talented brethren, whose voices the lodge would more appreciate than his, but he would add this, that nothing was more pleasing to him than to partake of the hospitality which the Drury Lane Lodge had always afforded.

Bro. Oscar Barrett, W.M., next proposed "The Past Masters," and said he was exceedingly sorry that they had not present with them two of the Past Masters who had worked assiduously in the Drury Lane Lodge. The brethren would all share in his sorrow at the absence through illness of Past Masters Fernandez and Nicholls, but he was happy to say they had present with them Bro. Thomas Catling. From his (the W.M.'s) position he felt that he owed a great deal to the I.P.M., and that he should owe a great deal to him during his year of office; he was afraid he should owe to him much more than he did at present. He would be deeply in Bro. Catling's debt at the end of the year, and every brother who was installed in the chair of King Solomon for the first time must rely considerably on the I.P.M. The brethren would only be doing their duty in drinking that toast in a bumper.

Bro. Thomas Catling, I.P.M., responding, said the W.M. had mentioned in very kindly terms his feeling of indebtedness to the Past Masters as a call for future service; but he (Bro. Catling) could assure him that never before in the beautiful ritual of Freemasonry had the words which he ought to have used, that they should be meek, humble, and resigned been felt by him with greater force than that night. But he relied on the kind generosity and good feeling of the brethren of this lodge. All that Freemasons could do was to try and do their best, and they would find in the Past Masters every assistance. To Bro. Parkinson, who was present, the Drury Lane Lodge was perhaps more indebted than to any other. That evening they looked on the fourth of the initiates in that lodge who was installed in the chair. Bro. Parkinson had given them the noblest example of the way in which the work of a lodge should be done. The other brethren who had followed him had done their best to tread in his footsteps. Then they had in Bro. J. H. Matthews, the Secretary, another excellent worker, and he (Bro. Catling) was delighted to take this opportunity before passing on to the retired list to thank Bro. Matthews most heartily and cordially, not only for his generous assistance in the working of the lodge, but for his kindness in doing everything to promote the good of Freemasonry in general. Bro. Frank Richardson, also, was ever ready to do whatever was possible in the cause of the lodge and of the Order, and he did at all times his best to be with the brethren. He (Bro. Catling) could assure the W.M. that he would be encouraged in his work and receive the utmost support, kindness, and sympathy. He (Bro. Catling) retired from the chair with the kindest possible feeling.

Bro. Thomas Catling, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said the toast was to him especially pleasurable, because Bro. Oscar Barrett was a brother initiate with him in the Drury Lane Lodge, and, besides that, he was an old friend of a quarter of a century's standing. To say that they entertained the most fraternal feelings for each other would be merely to repeat a common saying; but there was one little point he felt constrained to mention with regard to Bro. Oscar Barrett under the exigency of his many theatrical duties—that he did that which Past Masters and others were very particular about—he maintained the verbal accuracy of the ritual. The brethren might have thought that Bro. Oscar Barrett would scarcely be able to take heed about that; but after what they had heard that evening, they would find that their W.M. was a dark horse, and would bring every credit to the Drury Lane Lodge. Bro. Oscar Barrett was known to them in many capacities—not only in the art of music, but as an adept in entertaining the public in the pantomime season. In every house was his name known for his kindly providing for the entertainment of children. He wished the W.M. most heartily long life and prosperity, and in the Drury Lane Lodge a most successful year of office.

Bro. Oscar Barrett, W.M., in reply, said, however difficult his task had been up to the present, this was the most serious point he had arrived at. He had no words to express the great honour he felt that the brethren had conferred upon him. He could only trust that he should carry through his duties during the year with credit to himself and to the lodge. He would try and do so. Bro. Catling had referred to him as a dark horse. Well, he was not a racing man; he had never made a bet in his life on a horse or a race; but he had heard that sometimes there were such things as dark horses, and that sometimes they won. He trusted he should win. He confessed he had not, through circumstances over which he had no control, felt himself on some occasions that he had done his duty; but he assured the brethren that he had always been loyal in his desire to do that duty well. It had always been his earnest wish that he should perform as well as he possibly could everything throughout life that he had undertaken, and it was on that account, having undertaken so many duties outside Freemasonry, it had been rather difficult to devote the time that was necessary to become perfect in all the ceremonies of the Craft. This last Christmas perhaps it had been more trying than on other occasions, for he had produced three very big entertainments for the amusement of children, and those, together with certain domestic troubles—which he need not more refer to—had really precluded him from attending more to the ceremonies. He was pleased, however, to say he now saw a chance of easing himself somewhat from his professional labours, and giving himself more assiduously to his Masonic duties.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., proposed "The Visitors," to whom the lodge offered a most cordial welcome. The I.P.M. had made a most kindly allusion to him as having been placed in a prominent position in the lodge. He had the privilege of initiating Bro. Catling in that lodge, and it was a very happy moment for him to see Bro. Catling as W.M. and I.P.M. Mention had been made of the W.M. as a dark horse who might win. He ventured to say that Bro. Oscar Barrett had already won. He had won the brethren's hearts by the bashful modesty with which he had referred to himself, and the dignity—he would almost say the emotion—with which he performed his duties in the lodge. He would venture to say that in the roll of honour of the Drury Lane Lodge there would be none who had added more to its lustre and dignity than Bro. Oscar Barrett.

Bro. Macklin, W.M. 1319, replying, said it was a very great pleasure to him to respond to this toast, because he was the W.M. of perhaps the oldest sister lodge—a sister lodge in this respect, that it was composed, like the Drury Lane Lodge, of actors and musicians—actors and musicians who had done much for Freemasonry in general, for its Charities, for its ritual, and lastly for giving to Grand Lodge two distinguished Grand Officers. Secondly, it was a great pleasure to respond to this toast because the W.M. was a very old friend of his; he had known him many years, admired him, and worked

with him in his management of plays. Bro. Oscar Barrett had presented lately to the public three entertainments, second to none: had gone down to Birmingham where they had confessed that Oscar Barrett was first and they were nowhere. He would make an admirable Master of the lodge, he possessed energy, and would bring to the chair an example of what should be done.

Bro. J. H. Matthews, Sec., responded briefly to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," after which the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated.

Savage Club Lodge (No. 2190).—The installation meeting of this distinguished lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Tue-day, the 5th inst., when nearly 150 attend-d to honour Bro. Edmund Rosenthal, the W.M. elect, a very popular and esteemed member of the lodge. Bro. John Northcott, W.M. presided, and amongst those present were Bros. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey; H. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., D.P. G.M. Bucks.; Edward Terry, P.G. Treas.; T. L. Wilkinson, D.G. Reg.; Thomas Fenn, Past President Board of General Purposes; E. Letchworth, P.G.D., G. Sec.; Robert Grey, President Board of Benevolence; Frederick West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Surrey; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; Sir Somers Vine, P.M., C.M.G., P.G.D., Treas.; Thomas Catling, P.M.; Will. E. Chapman, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Bucks., Sec.; J. Ebbetts, P.M., P.G.S.; W. J. Fisher, P.M.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Gen. J. C. Hay, C.B., P.G.D.; P. H. Waterlow, P.G.D.; W. Lennox Browne, D.G.D.C.; J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C.; W. S. Penley, P.M.; C. L. Carson; Harry Nicholls, P.M.; James Catling, W.M. 441; Charles Belton, P.D.G.D.C.; Maitland Coffin; G. Ridout, P.M. 1237; Oscar Barrett, 2138; Reginald Groome, 1929; W. Sampson 14; J. Pursell, P.M., 1671; J. Henry Smith, P.M. 279; James Cook, P.M. 907; H. Massey, P.M. 1928; R. A. Lewis, jun., J. Crook, F. Cleaver, 904; J. Wright, P.M. 1897; J. Zeder, 1671; F. H. Macklin, W.M. 1319; A. C. Bradley, 1507; F. W. Pattison, 1928; W. B. Fendick, P.S.G.D. Berks; J. Gibbs, 902; W. S. Hooper, J.W. 1987; W. A. Tinney, P.M. 1319; F. Lawrence, P.M. 255; E. S. Matthews, G. Palmer, 2454; Jno. Chappell, 92; J. S. Blayden, 559; H. Crosthwaite, Col. J. Ward, C. B. Cecil Howard, 1559; F. S. Cornwallis, W.M. 1725; W. Vincent, 2257; J. F. Hunter, 1589; C. Stewart, 280; H. T. Walker, 3; C. Buck, Walter Hedgecock, Chas. Conyers, Franklin Clive, Lieut. Dan Godfrey, Chas. Townley, J. Dalgety Henderson, Templar Saxe, W. Nicholl, E. Barnett, A. L. Oswald, W. L. Barrett, J. Thornton, J. Budd, and R. T. West 1744.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the next important business was the installation of Bro. Edmund Rosenthal as W.M. for the ensuing year, and this duty was performed by Bro. Jno. Northcott in a most exemplary manner. The new W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. C. L. Carson, S.W.; Harry Nicholls, P.M., J.W.; Sir Somers Vine, C.M.G., P.M., Treas.; Will E. Chapman, P.M., Sec.; W. S. Penley, P.M., S.D.; Eugene Barnett, J.D.; R. J. Maitland Coffin, I.G.; R. Bowdler Sharpe, L.L.D., D. of C.; Harold Burke, Org.; C. Townley, W. L. Barrett, P. S. Abraham, and Walter Rowley, Stwds.; and G. F. Swan, P.M., Tyler. The usual addresses were very ably rendered by Bro. John Northcott, and were listened to with marked attention, and he is to be congratulated for the efficient manner in which he carried out the whole of the installation ceremony. Ten guineas was voted to the "Boys," and several gentlemen having been proposed for initiation, and three joining members for the next meeting.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, where a *recherché* banquet awaited them.

The band of the Grenadier Guards (by permission of Col. Oliphant), under the direction of Bro. Lieut. Dan Godfrey, performed a beautiful selection of music, which was much appreciated.

At the close of the repast, the W.M. said: Grand Officers, Officers, and Brethren,—The first toast that I have the honour to propose is one that appeals most strongly to the feelings and sympathies of all loyal subjects of this great empire; and, as no words of mine could possibly give additional lustre to that Crown, which has been so lavishly adorned by those virtues, consequent on a long, peaceful, and glorious reign, I give you, brethren, without further preface, "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen—and Craft."

The next toast that I have the honour and privilege to propose is "The Health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." This toast, like the former, is always received with great enthusiasm by all classes of loyal Britons, more especially so when those Britons are Free and Accepted Masons. The great progress that the time-honoured Institution of Freemasonry has made in latter years, dates, no doubt, from that moment when his Royal Highness condescended to take the helm of our Masonic Craft. That he may long continue to be our navigating commander is, I feel assured, the earnest hope and desire of every British Freemason. Every member of this gigantic brotherhood owes a deep debt of gratitude to our Most Worshipful Grand Master, not only for the energy and zeal he has displayed, and the great influence he has used to advance our noble Order, but likewise for the sympathy and affectionate thoughtfulness he has ever evinced on behalf of our afflicted and indigent brethren. For we all know that his Royal Highness is never happier than when he is engaged in some good and useful work for the benefit of suffering humanity, whether they be Masons or otherwise; that no day is too long, no journey too far, and no fatigue too great, if his Royal Highness could, in the least degree, ameliorate the condition of the people of this great Empire, or all-viate their sorrows and afflictions. It is these noble qualities, brethren, that have endeared his Royal Highness to the hearts of the British people throughout the world, and which have also bound them to him by human nature's strongest tie; that silken cord of affection which time cannot obliterate, and death alone can sever. Brethren, I give you "The Health, Long Life and Happiness of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the Rest of the Royal Family."

Bro. Sir Somers Vine, C.M.G., P.M., P.G.D., Treas., submitted the toast of "The M.W. Pro G.M., the R.W. Deputy G.M., and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past." He stated that the brethren must forget that night that he was a Grand Officer. They were honoured with a goodly array of Grand Officers, which would compare favourably with those in attendance at the last installation meeting. There was no occasion for him to recite their many good qualities, as they were too well known, but they had rendered excellent services, which were recognised throughout the world, and, in conclusion, he coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey.

Bro. Col. Noel Money responded. He said that he could hardly do justice to the toast, but, on behalf of the Grand Officers, he returned his sincere thanks for what had taken place in the lodge and at the banquet table. Their good W.M., Bro. Rosenthal, was thoroughly acquainted with the ritual, and the lodge was to be congratulated on having so efficient a Master. The hospitality of the lodge was proverbial, and, on behalf of the Grand Officers, he tendered their hearty good wishes to the W.M. and members for the continued success of the lodge.

The I.P.M., Bro. J. Northcott, on rising to propose "The Health of the W.M.," had a hearty reception. He said it was a pleasure to him to submit the toast, which would be received with enthusiasm. Bro. Rosenthal had followed him (Bro. Northcott) as an initiate in the lodge, and it was superfluous to say anything of his great qualification. He was an earnest and conscientious Mason, and the lodge had never had such an energetic initiate. That he would have plenty of work there was no doubt, and he would do it with satisfaction, but the members knew him so well, that it was not necessary to expatiate further on his many virtues and qualities.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and Bro. Rosenthal was enthusiastically received. He said: I am deeply grateful to you, Immediate Past Master Northcott, for the terms in which you have proposed this toast, and likewise to the Grand Officers, officers, and brethren for the truly Masonic spirit in which they have received the same. I assure you, Bro. Northcott, that I value most highly your expressions of goodwill, and I wish I were as convinced of my own worthiness to accept such high commendation, as I am of the generosity and kindness of heart that prompted the bestowal of it. While I am deeply grateful for the great honour conferred upon me, I also fully appreciate the responsibilities attached to the high office I am this day called upon to fill—the Master of the Savage Club Lodge—a lodge, the reputation of which has, through the zeal and energy of my predecessors, reached to almost every Masonic lodge in the world where the English tongue is spoken. It shall be my earnest endeavour, brethren, to maintain that reputation to the utmost of my power and ability. Having filled all the subordinate offices in this, my mother lodge, I may, I hope, be excused if I say I am proud to be its Master. And, brethren, I should feel even more proud if I thought that I could by any effort or work of my own add one single inch to that sublime and colossal monument of "honour, truth, and virtue," which has been raised for our guidance,

admiration, and example by our illustrious Masonic forefathers. Although, brethren, I fear I may not accomplish that, I do trust that when the period comes round to hand over the insignia of my office to my successor they may be found as pure and unsullied as when they were entrusted to my care.

The next toast was "The Immediate Past Master, Bro. John Northcott," which was proposed by the W.M., who said: Bro. Northcott is the only brother initiated in the Savage Club Lodge who has attained the proud position of I.P.M.—a position he has well earned and one that he is justly entitled to. Everyone who has watched the career of Bro. Northcott since his initiation, will have noticed his special aptitude for Masonic work. The zeal and energy which he has displayed in the discharge of his Masonic duties have not only reflected honour on himself, but have set a brilliant example to those brethren who aspire to follow in his footsteps. Bro. Northcott, I now present you with this Past Master's jewel in token of the high esteem in which you are held by the officers and brethren of the Savage Club Lodge. The regularity and punctuality of your attendance and the earnestness which you have evinced in the discharge of the duties of the various offices you have filled, have won the admiration of your brethren, and they feel, as I do, that this Past Master's jewel which I now fasten on your breast is only a well-earned and fitting tribute to your merit and ability.

Bro. John Northcott, I.P.M., who was again well received, said that to adequately respond to the toast was the most difficult part of his task that day, as he felt incapable of expressing in words his gratitude for all their kindness to him.

The next toast was "Our Visiting Brethren," which was proposed by Bro. Thomas Catling, P.M. He stated that it was a pleasurable duty to the members to give a hearty welcome to the visitors. Bro. Col. Noel Money was kind enough to say that the lodge was very hospitable to their guests. The Grand Officers who had favoured them with their attendance had been referred to (many of whom were good friends of the lodge), and in making special mention of Bros. Young, Cornwallis, Hunter, and James Catling, he hoped all the visitors would come again and again, and he coupled with the toast the names of Bros. James Catling, Hunter, and Cornwallis.

In response, Bro. James Catling, said that he had the honour of being present at the consecration of the lodge, and he had not missed an installation meeting since. The grand entertainment always given at the lodge after the banquet was splendid and it was quite worth—as in his case—a journey of 60 miles to be there. He hoped to be present at many more installation meetings, and he should always make a point of attending.

Bro. Cornwallis also responded in eloquent terms.

Bro. W. J. Fisher, P.M., gave "the Allied Lodges," observing that it had been the custom of the lodge for years past to invite the Worshipful Masters of the allied lodges—the Gallery, Drury Lane, and the Asaph, the latter resembling more closely the Savage Club Lodge. They formed a quadruple alliance, and those lodges were ever willing to help in the cause of Charity, and some of their present officers had also taken office in those lodges. They were favoured that night with the presence of Bro. Macklin, W.M. of the Asaph Lodge, and, as everyone knew, an actor of great distinction, and one of the best Masters that lodge ever had. He also made special reference to Bro. Lock, W.M. of the Gallery Lodge, Bro. James Catling, another W.M., and Bro. Oscar Barrett, W.M. elect of the Drury Lane Lodge, and, in conclusion, he joined the name of Bro. Macklin with the toast.

Bro. F. H. Macklin, W.M. 1319, stated that he had no idea he would be called upon to respond. The Asaph was the oldest of the three lodges mentioned, but the Savage Club Lodge had some of their officers—not forgetting Bro. Penley—who were members of his lodge (Asaph). The Gallery Lodge consisted of journalists, but the Asaph Lodge was composed of actors and musicians, their charter not allowing others—not even journalists—to be admitted. He had from his youth regarded the W.M. with admiration, who was a credit to music, the drama, and Masonry, and he wished him a very happy and successful year of office, which he justly deserved.

The Worshipful Master then said: Grand Officers, Officers, and Brethren,—I have now the pleasing duty to propose "The Health of the Past Masters of the Savage Club Lodge." I am very happy to say that this toast requires no recommendation from me, for the noble work done by our Past Masters is enrolled in the archives of the Savage Club Lodge; in other words, in the hearts of the brethren. Why, this grand gathering here to-night is an outcome of the zeal, energy, industry, and indefatigable attention which our Past Masters have given to those Masonic duties that have led to the great success which the Savage Club Lodge has attained. There has been no half-heartedness in their work; it has all been well done and is complete. Where all have done so well, it would be invidious to attempt to draw comparisons. Suffice it to say that all the thanks and praise we can award our Past Masters they have conscientiously earned and are justly entitled to.

Bro. Thos. Catling, P.M., responded. He stated that the body of Past Masters was good, and he ventured to think that no other lodge could boast of having those who took a greater interest in Masonry. Every Past Master of the lodge was present that evening, and he hoped that each coming year would add to the prosperity of the lodge.

In submitting the next toast, the Worshipful Master said: The last toast that I have the privilege to propose this evening is "The Health of the Officers of the Savage Club Lodge. Although it is the last it is far from the least in importance, for we all know that, however efficient a Worshipful Master may be, the success of a lodge mainly depends upon the officers. They should be regular and punctual in their attendance, courteous and affable in their behaviour, and diligent, earnest, and zealous Masons. All these qualifications I claim that my officers possess. My S.W., who is an initiate of the lodge, has given great satisfaction to two of my predecessors, and I feel assured that he will work as well and as energetically with me as he did with them. My J.W., Bro. Nicholls, and my S.D., Bro. W. S. Penley, are both Past Masters in the Craft, and are well-tried and distinguished Masons. So with the support of Bro. Penley on my right, Bro. Harry Nicholls on my left, and Bro. Carson, with Bros. Eugene Barnett, Harold Burke, Bowdler Sharp, and Maitland Coffin in the West, I see no reason why we should not do some good, useful, and creditable work. It shall be our endeavour to cultivate peace, unity, and goodfellowship in the lodge, and to work with that love and harmony which should at all times characterise Freemasons.

Bro. C. L. Carson, S.W., responded. He stated that after the very eloquent speeches, not much was wanting from him, but he was proud he had been appointed to his office, and he would do all he could for Masonry and the Savage Club Lodge in particular.

The Tyler's toast ended a very pleasant and memorable night, and one that will long be remembered.

It goes without saying, that the entertainment which followed the banquet was one of the very best, and was contributed by the following brethren: Bros. Jas. Budd, J. Dalgety Henderson, Franklin Clive, W. Nicholl, Jno. Ratcliffe, W. L. Barrett, Chas. Conyers, Frank Thornton, Arthur L. Oswald, Reginald Groome, Templar Saxe, Sam. Wright, Charles Townley, Victor Stevens, and Walter Hedgecock.

Bro. Meads was Toastmaster.

Cordwainer Ward Lodge (No. 2241).—The usual January meeting was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. F. W. Potter, W.M., with Bros. Wilkinson-Pimbury, S.W.; W. T. Buck, P.M., as J.W.; H. J. Adams, P.G.S.B., Treas.; Henry Lovegrove, P.M., Sec.; and many other brethren. The only business was the raising of Bros. Percy and Cyrus Braby. The death of Bro. Conrad J. Davis was announced, also that Bro. A. Bull had lost his wife, and suitable letters of condolence were ordered to be forwarded. The W.M. (Bro. Potter), the I.P.M. (Bro. J. R. Reef), and the S.W. (Bro. Mason) had all lost their fathers within a few days.

Hiram Lodge (No. 2416).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 23rd ult. Bro. F. A. Powell, W.M., presided, and all the officers were in attendance, except Bro. F. R. Farrow, Treas., who was unavoidably absent, viz.: Bros. H. T. Bonner, S.W.; G. Elkington, S.W.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., Sec.; H. G. W. Drinkwater, P.M., &c., S.D.; Arthur F. Wrightson, J.D.; W. West, I.G.; W. J. Ebbetts, hon. member, and several members and visitors. The Audit Report was received and adopted. Bro. Horace L. Bonner was presented and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Powell, the W.M., who later received a Past Master's jewel of special design. The officers were invested as follows: Bros. G. Elkington, S.W.; H. G. W. Drinkwater, J.W.; F. R. Farrow (by proxy), Treas.; Henry Lovegrove, P.M., Sec.; A. F. Wrightson, S.D.; W. West, J.D.; S. Jacks, I.G.; H. J. Pain, Org.; W. Heelis D.C.; White and Rix, Stwds.; and G. Austin, Janitor.

An emergency meeting had been held a week prior to this meeting, when Bro. Sachs was raised, and Messrs. Frank Papper White (son of Bro. T. Charters White, P.M., who was present), and C. Bassett-Smith, were initiated.

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To Correspondents.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1895.

Masonic Notes.

The Special General Meeting of the Governors of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Farnfield, Past A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution. There was a very full attendance, but the suggested addition to the rule conferring certain voting privileges on lodges, chapters, and other Masonic bodies was not brought forward, and the only

result of the meeting was that a resolution was passed giving the Committee of Management power to fill vacancies on the House and Finance Committees as they may occur. This resolution will be submitted for the approval of Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in March.

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The regular meeting of the Committee of Management was held at the same place on the same day, and under the presidency of the same brother, and it was resolved that five additional annuities should be created on the Male Fund, raising the total of the Male Annuitants to 200. At the same time the lists of candidates were settled, the number on the Male Fund being set down at 61, and on the Widows' Fund at 51. The following vacancies were declared, namely, on the Male Fund, 14 immediate, including the five additional and the three deferred, or together 17; and on the Widows' Fund, seven immediate, and three deferred. Thus, of the present total of 112 candidates, there can be elected in May next only 27.

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Very deep and general regret will be felt at the announcement, on the 11th instant, of the sudden death of Bro. Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., Provincial Grand Master, Grand Superintendent, and Provincial Grand Mark Master for Surrey. Col. Money had seen a great deal of service, having served in the second Burmese War (1853-4), at the sieges of Delhi and Lucknow, and in other operations during the Indian Mutiny, in the Cabul campaign of 1879-80, and with Bro. General Lord Roberts's column that marched from Cabul to Candahar. He had received, in addition to the Companionship of the Bath, four war medals, with six clasps, and had been repeatedly mentioned in despatches. For the last four years he had been a conspicuous figure in Masonry, and had not only taken a very active part in the most important of Provincial and lodge functions, but last year was Chairman at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, his last appearance at a Masonic gathering, so far as we know, having been at the installation meeting of the Savage Club Lodge on Tuesday, the 5th instant. His loss will be severely felt by our Surrey brethren, to whom he had greatly endeared himself by his geniality and kindness, and for whose ability as a ruler they had the greatest respect. Our deceased brother was a very intimate friend of the late Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Secretary, and, like him, was a member of her Majesty's Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms. We tender our respectful sympathy to the family and friends of our deceased brother. The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, a report of which, with a list of brethren present, will appear in next week's issue.

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We feel sure that our readers will fully sympathise with the widow and friends of Bro. James Salmon, A.G.D.C. of England, and a prominent member of the Craft in the Provinces of Cheshire and North Wales in the loss they have just sustained by his death. Bro. Salmon, both as a citizen and a Mason, was highly respected by all who had the privilege of his acquaintance. He was one of the most zealous members of our Order in Cheshire, and the congratulations he received on all sides when in April last his Royal Highness, the M.W. Grand Master, was pleased to bestow upon him the purple of Grand Lodge, bore eloquent testimony to his merits. We unite with all who knew him in offering our sincere and respectful condolence to the widow and friends who are mourning his loss.

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As will be seen from the report we publish elsewhere, the annual meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, on Tuesday, the 12th instant, passed off, as usual, most successfully, and Bro. Oscar Barrett, the newly-installed W.M., may congratulate himself on an inauguration of his year of office not less brilliant than has been the lot of even the most distinguished among his predecessors in the chair of this influential and popular lodge. There is, of course, no doubt whatever that a great part of this success is due to the splendid arrangements made by Bro. J. H. Matthews, Past D.G.D.C., but the general popularity of the lodge itself, of the founders, and of the new W.M., and the deep interest which is taken in everything connected with the drama, were not without their influence. At all events, the meeting passed off splendidly, and we congratulate the lodge on having added one more to the list of its numerous installation triumphs.

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The Craft in the Colony of Victoria appears to be making satisfactory progress, a new lodge under the style and title of the Learmouth Lodge, No. 177

having been consecrated at Learmouth by the Deputy Grand Master in the presence of Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., M.W.G.M. of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, on the 7th December last, while the United Wimmera Chapter, No. 109, Canadian Constitution, was consecrated at Murtoa about six weeks previously by the Grand Superintendent, Comp. F. B. L. Gaffney. We notice also that there was a very full attendance at the Quarterly Communication at Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, on the 17th December last, of the United Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke being in the chair, supported by his Deputy and his principal Grand Officers. Several matters of great interest were considered.

We inr'ge from a short article in our worthy contemporary, the *Australasian Keystone*, that there is a tendency on the part of our Victorian brethren to introduce innovations into the working of the ceremonies. The *Keystone* cites the case of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which it describes as "a great stickler for the ancient Landmarks and Established Customs of our Order"—as having strenuously opposed the introduction of novelties, and it suggests that Victoria should follow the example set by Pennsylvania, and start "Grand Lodges of Instruction to explain the errors and correct them." It further suggests that there should be an "inspector of workings, who would visit lodges and insist that all presiding officers and all taking part in Masonic Ceremonies kept within the ancient landmarks of the Order." These suggestions are well worthy of consideration, and we trust the Craft in the colony will see to their adoption, or, at all events, to the adoption of other methods which will be as effectual in the required direction.

We referred last week in one of our leading Articles to a scheme attributed to a "Cambridgeshire lady" for establishing lodges of lady Masons in this country, and expressed our curiosity to know whether it might not result in the organisation of an "Eastern Star" body, such as exists in the United States. The *Australasian Keystone* for last month remarks that "it is a matter worthy of serious consideration whether such a step would not make the wives and daughters of Masons more interested in Masonic matters. In the present condition of affairs in Australia, where women take such an active part in all business spheres, and where women's organisations are inevitable, would it not be wise to direct their thoughts to an organisation founded on the principles of Freemasonry?" The idea is elicited by a communication which the *Keystone* publishes in the same issue from a lady, who advocates a kind of "Eastern Star organisation" for the female relatives of Masons. We are ungallant enough to say that we do not agree with our contemporary. We are in love with the old world maxim, "*Ne sutor ultra crepidam*."

We publish elsewhere a letter from "Justice," in reply to the animadversions of Bro. Williams—which appeared last week—on certain letters from Bro. Whytehead, "Justice" himself, and another correspondent—for which we found space in our correspondence columns last autumn on the apparently interminable New Zealand controversy. We do not for one moment call in question the right of "Justice," or any other brother to entertain any opinions he pleases, as to the conduct of English Masons in foreign parts; they may or they may not look upon themselves as "the salt of the earth," and "far above every other race or (Masonically) jurisdiction." Nor shall we quarrel with him for preferring "the American rule of jurisdiction, *i.e.*, that once a Grand Lodge is established, no other Grand Lodge can retain any subordinates in its territory." The American Grand Lodges have the right to frame any laws they please on this or any other subject, and "Justice" is equally entitled to think them superior to the English rules on jurisdiction or other subjects. It is, however, to be regretted that he has not taken the trouble to ascertain what the Grand Lodge of England can and cannot do in such cases as that which is now presented by the New Zealand embroglio, and what course it has adopted towards lodges established in British territory by other Grand Lodges before the territory or territories in point became British.

To speak more precisely, "Justice" is manifestly ignorant of the important fact that our Grand Lodge does not possess the power, even if it has the will, to bring any pressure whatever to bear on those of its lodges which it has warranted in past times in British Colonies now, Masonically, independent, and which desire to remain under its jurisdiction. So long as

these lodges go on observing the terms and conditions as set forth in their respective warrants, on which they were constituted, so long they have the right to remain under our banner; nor can our Grand Lodge, or any other power on earth, compel them to secede from us. It is, therefore, absurd for "Justice," and those who are of his way of thinking, to suppose that the Grand Lodge of England should request or compel any of its lodges to sever a connection which they are lawfully justified in maintaining.

Again, as to his question—"Would England allow a little Colony of French or Germans on her shores to live under French or German laws?" Substitute for the words—"a little Colony of French or Germans"—lodges warranted by the Grand Orient of France and the Netherlands—and we answer emphatically—Yes, it has done so in certain cases, respecting which "Justice," if he had taken the trouble, might have ascertained the necessary particulars. The Island of Mauritius was French territory before it became British, and there are still, or there were till quite recently, lodges holding under the Grand Orient of France. Cape Colony was originally a Dutch possession, and is now British. Yet there are lodges in it which hold under the Grand Orient of the Netherlands. They are presided over by a "Deputy Grand Master for the South of Africa and adjoining country," and what is still more to the point—and it may be still more objectionable in the eyes of "Justice"—these very respectable Dutch lodges work very harmoniously side by side with our English lodges. It follows that though, according to our correspondent, English Masons in our Colonies may consider themselves "the salt of the earth," and superior to Masons of other jurisdictions, they have sufficient courtesy and kindly Masonic feeling to leave these French and Dutch Masons in the undisturbed possession of the rights and privileges they enjoy, and always have enjoyed, under the banners of their respective Grand Orients.

Correspondence.

GOOD WORKING.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I believe that a certain P.M. of a West-end (London) Craft lodge claims to hold the record for the letter-perfect working of our Craft ritual. I have heard him in the chair, and hitherto felt willing to accord him the well-deserved honour, which I fancy is his by right; but now I feel that I ought to say a word or so in continuation.

Those brethren who know me will agree that I have seen a good deal of Masonic work in many lands, and, therefore, will probably allow me to express an opinion.

By invitation, I attended the last meeting of the De Vere Lodge, No. 1794, at Nottingham, and had the pleasure of hearing the ceremony of initiation performed by Bro. Gowthorpe, the W.M., in a most inimitable manner. True, it was not exactly as taught by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, but the variation was only slight, and would be covered by 200 words—the entire ceremony only being lengthened by a couple of minutes beyond the time Emulation workers usually occupy.

Honestly, I never heard better. Not a hitch, stoppage, prompting, or anything else arose during the whole of the delivery, which was such a masterpiece of elocution and feeling, that it deserves to be placed on record—especially as several of the Past Masters and brethren of the De Vere assured me that Bro. Gowthorpe works the other ceremonies, and all charges and explanations of the tracing boards, &c., equally as well and perfectly.

The working I saw delighted me, and is a credit alike to the W.M. and his lodge. Only one slight matter called for a mild adverse criticism, and that was the N.E. position occupied by the candidate during the ceremony; but this, I am assured, was to be immediately altered to the correct way.

It gives me pleasure to thus render unto Caesar, &c., as I am sure it will you.—Yours fraternally,

P. H. DAVIS, P.M. 2417, &c.

THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

From the general tone of his remarks on the above subject in your issue of the 9th inst., your correspondent, Bro. J. J. Williams, of Westland, N.Z., while proclaiming that he is "loyal and true, and not of the 'jelly fish' type," proclaims also his manifest disloyalty to the first principles of Freemasonry. He appears to be a fair representative of the class of "loyal" brethren who are largely responsible for the continued unsettled state of Masonic affairs in New Zealand.

In order to impugn my judgment, Bro. Williams makes certain sneering references to "soft goods," "hard ware" and other useful trading professors annually visiting the Colony, not to mention "globe

trotters," but these remarks do not in any sense apply to me, as I have never belonged to either of the classes mentioned. I have visited New Zealand, and moreover during a long residence not only made good use of my eyes and ears, but was a keen observer of everything affecting our beloved Craft. The principal brethren of the four Constitutions in the Colony are well known to me, but "Bro. J. J. Williams" is altogether "unknown to fame." Hokitika is not New Zealand, any more than the Grand Lodge of England may justly be considered the sole repository of the genuine principles and tenets of Freemasonry.—Yours fraternally,

PAST MASTER (E.C.).

London, February 11th.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I believe, as an attacked party, I have the right of reply to Bro. J. J. Williams' letter in the current issue of the *Freemason*.

I have never been in New Zealand, and have no connection with "soft goods," "hardware," or "trading professors" of any sort, but I may claim to be a student of "Masonry Universal," and I have discussed the question with brethren on both sides who have been there, and also read the opinions of the English, American, and New Zealand Masonic papers on the matter, and, having no personal interest of any kind at stake, I still hold to my opinion, that the Grand Lodge of New Zealand should be recognised, and all other lodges in that country requested to join it.

I am sorry to say we Englishmen are always rather too prone to think ourselves "the salt of the earth," and far above every other race or (Masonically) jurisdiction, and I know that wherever an English lodge abroad retains its charter and works under it when a local Grand Lodge is formed, its members give themselves airs, and look down on the members of the other lodges, and hence, as in Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, there is constant friction, and Masonry is brought into contempt.

I strongly believe in the American rule of jurisdiction, *i.e.*, that once a Grand Lodge is established, no other Grand Lodge can retain any subordinates in its territory, and if Masonic equality is a reality, and not a farce, this should be enforced everywhere. Would England allow a little colony of French or Germans on her shores to live under French or German laws? When Cyprus was ceded to us, suppose the inhabitants had said, "For sentimental reasons we prefer to continue subject to the laws of Turkey, under which we have been brought up." Would such have been allowed? I think not. And what is national law, should be Masonic law. When the Mark Grand Lodge was formed, those lodges in England working the Mark under the Grand Lodge of Scotland might just as well have insisted on remaining subject to the latter Body. The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was formed by a respectable number of lodges, and I would remind Bro. Williams and others that the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and most of the "higher" Degree Grand Bodies of both England and Scotland were formed by a minority of the then-existing private bodies of each, but yet in time they all saw the wisdom of falling into line, and did so.

Bro. Williams' scarcely polite letter, with its talk of "flapdoodle," "hardware," and "highly-coloured ideas," is a fair sample of the way in which brethren under the English Constitution in New Zealand talk of and treat those who differ from them.—Fraternally yours,

JUSTICE.

"HEARTY GOOD WISHES."

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

"M.O.'s area of experience" may not be so large as P.P.G.W.'s, but he was initiated in 1861, is P.M. of four lodges, is a P.P.G.M., and P. Grand Officer, has visited many lodges, and attended the consecration of several, and, during all that time, never heard a Grand Officer give "Hearty good wishes from Grand Lodge."

4th February, 1895.

M.O.

MASONIC HALLS AND CLUBS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I should feel deeply indebted to the Secretaries of any Masonic Hall Companies or of lodges meeting in their own private premises (with or without a club combined), for any information they would kindly give me in relation to such premises, particularly as to total cost of erection and furnishing and the manner in which the necessary funds were raised, and if not involving too much trouble, a general idea of the buildings and management; also a print of the prospectus issued (if any) of the last report and statement of accounts as published.

I would add that a movement is on foot in this district to provide proper Masonic premises, the necessity for which has been widely admitted for many years past.—Yours fraternally,

J. PURKESS.

Minstead, Kingston Hill, S.W.,

February 13th.

THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT has issued an order prohibiting the exportation of arms and ammunition to Samoa.



THE REPORT OF THE "STEWART" LODGE, No. 195c, Rawal Pindi, presented to the members, is a most interesting compilation, and contains an excellent address by the Worshipful Master (Bro. Lieut. A. Murray Smith) and several exhaustive tables of a financial and numerical character. The pamphlet is "for private circulation only," but a few particulars, more or less public in the district may be mentioned. The lodge began in 1882 with 21 members, and on December 31st, 1894, had increased to 71 (by far the largest since its constitution). It is now in a most prosperous condition, has a fair Masonic library (catalogue being printed), and the members have been most zealous as Stewards for the "Punjab Masonic Institution," as well as for the Central Masonic Charities in England. Visitations by the District Grand Masters having always resulted in the lodge officers being praised for their diligence and efficiency, and the brethren have been blessed in having the valuable services of the zealous and intelligent Craftsman, Captain J. H. Leslie, P.M., &c., as Secretary. His labours on behalf of the lodge have been most successful and satisfactory, and he is also editor of the Punjab Masonic Calendar.

"FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF GLOUCESTER, 1895."—This beautifully-printed annual (so promptly published) will be found to be as useful, accurate, and comprehensive as ever. The editor is Bro. R. P. Sumner, the esteemed Provincial Charity Representative, who has admirably carried out his duties, the arrangements generally being similar to when the directory was edited by the D. Prov. Grand Master (Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, P.G.D.). The table of P. Prov. Grand Officers in chronological and official order (though involving much labour to compile) is a most useful feature, as also another respecting the votes for the Central Masonic Charities. The particulars as to these Institutions, and also others, are well arranged, and cannot fail to advance the cause that is so near and dear to all true Freemasons. There are 16 lodges in the province, four Royal Arch chapters, and other Masonic bodies, all of which are duly attended to as respects the lists of officers, Past Masters, &c. The calendar portion is carefully compiled, and it is to be hoped the brethren will remember the thanks they owe to the editor when using this most excellent guide.

"SCOTTISH MASTER MASON'S HANDBOOK." By Fred. J. W. Crowe, P.P.G. Org. Devon, &c., with an introduction by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., &c. London: George Kenning, 16 and 16A, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., 1894.—We are glad to see that Bro. Crowe has followed up the success he achieved a few years since with his "Master Mason's Handbook," by compiling a companion guide for our Scottish brethren. These belong to a class of work which do an incalculable amount of good, especially in a Society like ours, in which the members are slow to exhibit any decided predilection for the study of the literature relating to its origin and constitution. The study of them involves no serious amount of labour. The information they contain is solidly good, and if, as is the case with Bro. Crowe, the author has any just claims to literary merit and is known to be a conscientious student of the subject he writes about, they may invariably be looked upon as in the main trustworthy. The original "Handbook" was a work of very modest dimensions, containing only seven chapters with a short notice of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, superadded, and a preface by Bro. Hughan. Yet these few chapters will be found to embrace a succinct "Historical Sketch of Freemasonry," the origin and Constitution of our Grand Lodge; information "Concerning Private Lodges"; and "Visiting Private Lodges"; "Titles: their proper uses and abbreviations"; "The Great Masonic Institutions"; and "The Higher or Additional Degrees, and how to obtain them." What it is certainly most desirable, if not absolutely necessary, that the average Mason should know about these important matters, is clearly but at the same time concisely set forth in Bro. Crowe's Handbook, and we hold that the Craft in England is very greatly indebted to him both for the vast fund of useful information he has compressed into his compilation, and the able manner in which he has set it forth. These remarks apply with equal force to the new work now under review—"The Scottish Master Mason's Books." It has, in the first place, its Preface by Bro. Hughan, in which that learned writer briefly notes such points of agreement or difference between the English and Scottish Masonic systems as are worth recording, and such early references in Scottish minutes to various degrees as have seemed to him desirable. The Handbook itself is in six chapters, with the same addition relating to the Quatuor Coronati Lodge as is to be found in the English Handbook. In the first of these half dozen chapters will be found an "Historical Sketch of Freemasonry," which as regards the Craft generally is a reproduction of Chapter I. in the English Handbook. The main part of the chapter, however, is, of necessity, devoted to the Craft in Scotland, and here will be found what, considering the brevity of the work generally, may be described as a mass of information derived from those early lodge records of which our brethren north of the Tweed are known to possess so many, extending, in the case of "Edinburgh, No. 1," as far back as the closing years of the 16th century. In Chapter II. is described the origin and constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, while the chapter that follows is devoted to "Subordinate Lodges," though why this title should have been substituted for what, in our opinion, is the far preferable one of "Private Lodges," is a problem we shall not attempt to solve. Chapter IV. deals with "Titles: their proper Uses and Abbreviations," while Chapter V. is occupied with the subject of "Masonic Benevolence," and will be found to contain the rules and regulations which have been framed by the Grand Lodge of Scotland for the due administration of "The Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence." The concluding chapter affords the reader such an insight into the "Higher," or "Additional," Degrees as may properly be made public, and explains the steps by which each or all of them may be obtained; and, as an Appendix to this chapter, there are given

the same particulars respecting Lodge "Quatuor Coronati," as is contained in the English Handbook. It is only just to Bro. Crowe to supplement this brief description of his new book by congratulating him on the very successful manner in which he has fulfilled his task. The Scottish Handbook is as complete a compendium of valuable information respecting Scottish Freemasonry as its companion guide is in respect of English Freemasonry. The same care has been taken in collating the necessary materials, while the manner in which these materials are arranged is equally worthy of commendation. As for the time and labour which Bro. Crowe must have bestowed on the production of this little volume, only those can do him justice in this respect who have at any time attempted or undertaken a compilation of a similar character. Let it suffice for us to say that the great merits of his Scottish, as of his English, Handbook, are firstly the accuracy of the information which he has presented in its pages, and secondly its conciseness. Indeed, without this latter quality, or if the work of compression had been unskillfully performed, the volume might be of service as a compilation, but it would not merit, as it unquestionably does in its present form, the title of a Handbook. We sincerely trust that the patronage it will receive from our Scottish and other brethren will prove an ample recompense to Bro. Crowe for the trouble he has taken in producing it.



Craft Masonry.

Temple Lodge (No. 101).—The installation meeting of this well-known flourishing City lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on the 5th instant, when there were present Bros. Harry Wood, W.M.; F. Wind, S.W., W.M. elect; Chas. Plant, J.W.; E. Lardner, P.G. Stwd., Sec.; Wm. Briant, S.D.; Sidney Hill, Org.; B. Dowsett, D.C.; Harry Eyre, I.G.; H. Squire, Stwd.; J. Potter, Tyler; H. B. White, P.M.; Frank W. Williams, P.M.; J. Sparkes, P.M.; W. George, P.M.; J. M. Flegg, P.M.; A. Morant, W. A. Williams, J. E. Paine, H. Brewster, A. Paine, A. Yorke Payten, S. Hall, A. N. Garton, E. A. Garton, E. M. Hall, F. J. Page, T. C. Mansell, E. Isaacson, W. A. Perry, Chas. Lankester, J. L. Lucas, W. Cooper Keates, T. W. Chapman, A. Weston, H. L. Piper, and Geo. Harrison. The visitors were Bros. Sir Wm. Abdy, Prov. S.G.V. Essex, W.M. 2342; A. Caton, 388, P.P.G. Std. Br. Suffolk; H. Wint, 120; W. Monks, 227; A. T. Harris, 144; S. Boas, P.M. 185; A. Goschalk, 1278; J. Groom, I.G. 516; F. Dunn, P.M. 72; W. B. West, 733; T. R. Cass, W.M. 1320; C. J. Sowton, S.D. 1679; H. C. Turner, W.M. 1662; L. C. Shipton, P.M. 1922; W. T. Warner, P.M. 1297; W. M. Sparkes, 1744; E. A. Rice, J.W. 1320; W. G. Sayer, P.M. 1475; A. C. Everitt, 172; T. B. Benton, 2182; Edgar Brandon, J.W. 23; P. P. Jones, 193; W. R. Finlay, J.W. 2182; and Chas. H. Stone, I.P.M. 507.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. T. W. Chapman was raised, and Bros. A. N. Garton and E. A. Garton were passed, both ceremonies being rendered perfectly and in an impressive manner by the W.M. Bro. E. Lardner, P.G.S., next presented Bro. Frank Wint, S.W. and W.M. elect, to receive at the hands of Bro. Harry Wood, W.M., the benefit of installation, which ceremony was carried out most creditably in a full Board of Installed Masters. Bro. F. Wint invested his officers as follows: Bros. Harry Wood, I.P.M.; Chas. Plant, S.W.; Wm. Briant, J.W.; Frank W. Williams, P.M., Treas.; E. S. Lardner, P.M., Sec.; B. Dowsett, S.D.; H. Eyre, J.D.; Page, I.G.; T. C. Mansell, Stwd.; H. B. White, P.M., D.C.; Sidney Hill, Org.; and Potter, P.M., Tyler. The addresses were ably rendered by Bro. E. S. Lardner. Letters of apology for non-attendance from Bro. Sir H. Foster, P.M., and others wishing the W.M. a happy and successful year of office were read.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, personally superintended by Bro. Ashby, the indefatigable manager, which gave thorough satisfaction.

On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given in the most becoming terms by the W.M., and received right royally.

Bro. Frank Williams, P.M., Treas., next proposed the toast of "The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," remarking upon their excellent services always rendered to the Craft to advance its best interests. They were to have been honoured with the presence of one, but a telegram received at the last moment greatly disappointed him.

Bro. Henry Wood, I.P.M., next presented what, to his mind was the toast of the evening, that of "The W.M.," which he did with the greatest possible pleasure. Bro. Frank Wint had always performed his respective duties to the best of his ability, and now that he had been elected to fill such an honourable position, he was confident he would continue to do his best. From the bottom of his heart, he felt that the W.M. was one of the best brethren in the lodge, and would endeavour to maintain its prestige.

The toast was drunk most enthusiastically.

Bro. F. Wint, upon rising, received quite an ovation, and, unable to respond at once, afterwards replied, he was quite taken aback with such a reception. Bro. Wood had spoken quite truly of him in saying his earnest desire was to carry out his respective duties as efficiently as possible, and his endeavour would be to emulate the I.P.M. to the fullest, and if, at the year's end, he should have performed those duties with such perfection as Bro. Harry Wood had done he should be justly proud.

The toast of "The Installing Master" followed, the W.M. remarking that Bro. Wood had performed the ceremony in a most perfect manner, which had made a very great impression upon him. He trusted that at the end of the year the ceremony would be performed in the same manner by himself. To mark the close of such an eventful year, it gave the W.M. the greatest pride and pleasure to pin upon his (Bro. Wood's) breast the splendid jewel voted by the brethren most unanimously to mark their appreciation of him. Their earnest prayer was that he might live very many

years to wear the same and adorn the lodge with his presence.

The toast was received with acclamation. Bro. Harry Wood, in reply, thanked all most heartily for their kind expressions, and also for the splendid jewel, which would be one of his great treasures. His desire would still be to support any brother to perform his duties, and although now ranked among the distinguished roll of Past Masters, the brethren might still look upon him, as they always did upon the Past Masters, as being ever ready to perform whatever duties presented themselves, and always doing their duty.

The Worshipful Master next presented the toast of "The Visitors," giving them all a most cordial welcome as became the Temple Lodge.

This was replied to by Bros. Sir Wm. Abdy, Thomas Cass, and W. R. Finlay in exhaustive speeches, remarking upon the splendid qualities of the W.M., the correctness of the working, and the hospitality of the lodge which was almost unbounded. One and all commented upon the choice of the brethren in having elected so worthy a brother as the W.M. to fill the chair, and thereby adding lustre to the lodge.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was ably proposed by the W.M., and responded to very pertinently by Bros. Lardner, P.M., Sec., and Frank W. Williams, P.M., Treas., assuring the brethren that their respective duties would most efficiently be discharged for the trust reposed in them.

The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Officers" with that mead of praise which they justly deserved, which was replied to very forcibly by Bros. C. Plant, S.W., and Wm. Briant, J.W.

The Tyler's toast closed a very successful meeting. An excellent programme of music was arranged by Bro. Arthur Weston, most efficiently assisted by Madame Alice Lovenez, Miss José Dubois (violin), Mr. Horace Wells (barjo), Bros. Barry Lindon, Arthur Weston, Walter Williams, and Fred. Russell (ventriloquist). Bro. Sidney Hill, Organist of the lodge, ably presided at the piano.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

CHICHESTER.

Union Lodge (No. 38).—The annual installation meeting of this the senior lodge on the provincial roll of Sussex, was held at the Council Chamber on Thursday, the 7th inst. There were present: Bros. T. Weller-Poley, P.G.D., W.M.; H. H. Moore, S.W., W.M. elect; G. Fielder, J.W.; O. N. Wyatt, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., Treas.; J. H. Hawes, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; A. J. Raven, S.D.; C. R. B. Knight, J.D.; A. W. Lambert, P.M. 588, P.P.G.O. Lincoln, Org.; E. B. Wannop, I.G. *pro tem.*; E. King, J.D.; Waddington, Stwd.; Sir Robert Raper, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; J. St. Clair, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; W. H. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; H. E. Breach, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; G. C. Vernon Inkpen, P.M., Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; C. F. Charge, P.M.; Rev. H. M. Davey, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; W. Doman, P.M.; T. H. Crouch, P.M. 851, P.P.G.D.; J. W. Green, Geo. Turner, J. A. Wyatt, R. E. Browne, W. Styles, H. Heather, A. J. Goodger, A. Mannings, J. C. Budden, C. Howard, A. Purchase, and J. Lillywhite. The lodge was honoured by the attendance of the following visitors: Bros. V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., Prov. G. Sec.; E. Collings, P.M. 56, P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. Carter, W.M. 851; J. P. Slingsby Roberts, W.M. 2201, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Stanley Cooke, P.M. 315, P.P.G.O.; H. Montague Williams, W.M. 271; A. Lloyd, W.M. 56, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Cooksey, P.M. 851, P.P.G.D.; D. Wood, W.M. 1619; E. Smith, W.M. 1141; G. G. Capon, 957; T. Bullock, W.M. 1821; and G. L. Stobbs, P.M. 175, P.P.G.D. Hants and Isle of Wight. The annual report of the Charity Stewards mentioned with deep regret the death of Bro. Geo. Smith, the senior Past Master of the lodge, and who had for many years filled the office of Charity Steward; also the fact that the W.M., Bro. Weller-Poley, had, during his year of office, gone up as Steward to the Boys' Festival, with a respectable list of £105; and that the brethren generally had contributed liberally to all the Charities. The Charity Stewards (Bros. O. N. Wyatt, and H. E. Breach), were re-elected, Bro. Wyatt to serve on the Charity Committee of the Province. At the conclusion of the business the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect (Bro. H. H. Moore) was performed by Bro. T. Weller-Poley in a manner which has never been surpassed in the history of the lodge. Bro. Weller-Poley, who had previously served the office of W.M. in the Westminster and Keystone, No. 10, and the United, No. 1629, was presented with a Past Master's jewel as a mark of appreciation from the brethren of his eminent services during the past year in the chair of the lodge. The newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers as follows, and invested those present with the insignia of their offices: Bros. Geo. Fielder, S.W.; A. I. Raven, J.W.; Rev. M. H. Hilton, Chap.; O. N. Wyatt, Treas.; J. H. Hawes, Sec.; C. R. B. Knight, S.D.; E. King, J.D.; J. St. Clair, D.C.; C. F. Charge, A.D.C.; A. W. Lambert, Org.; D. Waddington, I.G.; R. E. Browne and E. B. Wannop, Stwds.; and W. A. Bertson, Tyler.

Business being ended, the brethren adjourned to the Assembly Room, where a sumptuous banquet was served by Bro. G. G. Capon, Dolphin Hotel. The W.M. presided, and in the course of the evening the toast of "His Health" was proposed by Bro. Weller-Poley, who received a flattering ovation on rising to speak.

The toast was also most warmly received, and the W.M. in reply, alluded to the antiquity of Freemasonry in Chichester, pointing out that they were then assembled, on the site of a "Temple of artificers," who flourished in the time of the Emperor Tiberius Claudius, the dedication inscription of which had been dug out, when the foundation of the Assembly Room was being formed, and was now preserved at Goodwood. He also reminded the brethren that the Lodge of St. Roche's Hill, that formerly existed in the neighbourhood, was traditionally said to have existed "Since the time of Julius Cæsar;" and that various lodges of Freemasonry had undoubtedly flourished in the city since the year 1694, when the Duke of Richmond, "being Master of the lodge at Chichester," was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master. The W.M. spoke of the responsibility which he felt in being elected to the chair of the lodge in such a nursery of Sussex Freemasonry, and announced his determination to leave no stone unturned in

his endeavour to fulfil the duties to the satisfaction of the brethren.

During the evening an excellent concert was given by the Alzando Glee Singers, and the retiring Stewards, Bros. King and Waddington, were heartily thanked for the perfectness of their arrangements for the comfort of the brethren.

CHERTSEY.

Abbey Lodge (No. 2120).—On Wednesday evening, the 6th inst., there was one of the most numerous assemblages of brethren that has ever taken place in the Masonic Hall, the occasion being to assist in the installation of Bro. Thomas Dix as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The duties of the I.P.M., Bro. C. Welch, were well and thoughtfully carried out, indeed, so much so that he received the praise of Bro. Col. Noel Money, Prov. G.M. It should be here stated that, according to routine, the Master's chair should this year be occupied by Bro. James Webb, but as he at the present time holds the office of W.M. of the Bisley Lodge, he could not accept both honours without a special dispensation from the G.M. The officers for the present year are Bros. C. Welch, I.P.M.; James Webb, S.W.; F. Harper, J.W.; H. C. Leigh-Bennett, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; H. J. Bidwell, P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; E. R. Parr, M.A., Chap.; W. Brooks, S.D.; A. McCormick, J.D.; A. J. Hutchins, I.G.; H. G. Nesmyth, D.C.; C. Head and G. Gardener, Stewards; and G. J. Mason, Tyler. After the installation, a very beautiful silk banner, embellished with gold, was presented to the lodge by Bro. Welch, I.P.M. The names of the Masters of the lodge will be recorded on the banner.

The banquet took place at six o'clock and was served in Bro. Mason's very best style, and this is saying a good deal.

Besides the officers mentioned above, there were also present the following members of the lodge: Bros. W. H. Gardener, P.M.; J. Wilson; Crewdson, P.M.; E. T. Madeley, P.M.; W. Dix, P.M.; G. Fletcher, A. Reed, J. Hunt, R. J. Hunt, W. Bates, J. F. Baily, E. Squire, T. J. Rawlings, W. Tranter, J. Martin, W. J. Bradbury, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Col. Noel Money, P.G.M.; E. Jukes, 2460; C. T. Tyler, 1395; W. F. Larkin, 1900; S. C. Knight, 1395; C. F. Passmore, I.P.M. 2317; J. Lancaster, Sec. 2317; A. Hayes, J.W. 2317; A. Grace, 2521; Verity, 370; H. Gloster, 2317; Gunning, Budd, 2521; and others.

During the evening some excellent songs and duets were given by Bros. Welch, J. Webb, E. Squire, J. F. Baily, F. Harper, A. G. Hutchins, A. Grace, W. Bates, and Noakes. The loyal toasts having been disposed of, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Grand Officers."

Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, Prov. G.M., replied.

"The Provincial Grand Master" was replied to by the Prov. G.M., and that of "The Deputy Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," by Bro. Tyler.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by the I.P.M., the W.M. responding in suitable terms.

"The Visitors" was then proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Lancaster, P.P.G.S.B., while that of "The Charities" was responded to by Bro. A. W. Crewdson, P.M.

The next toast was that of "The Treasurer and Secretary," which was responded to by Bros. Leigh Bennett, P.M., P.P.G.W., and H. J. Bidwell, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. "The Officers of the Lodge" having been responded to by Bro. Webb, S.W., the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

DIDSBURY.

Doric Lodge (No. 2359).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Didsbury Hotel, when, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. G. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org. E. Lancs., P.G. Org. W. Lancs., presided. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The following brethren were present: Bros. Stretch, P.M., acting J.W.; J. M. Veal, S.W.; John Walker, J.W., acting Sec.; James Sharples, J.D.; Fred. Morgan, I.G.; W. W. Wilkinson, acting S.D.; W. Barker, E. H. Baldwin, F. T. Brundeth, L. Boothroyd, T. T. Booth, J. W. Fort, A. L. Paine, R. T. H. Sayers, W. A. Younge, Org.; E. W. Rowsell, J. H. Norris, F. J. T. Passmore, T. Rudd, J. Laurisch, and G. Metcalfe.

LIVERPOOL.

Fairfield Lodge (No. 2290).—The installation of Bro. T. Bush as W.M. of this lodge took place in the presence of a large number of brethren at the lodge rooms, Fairfield, on Tuesday, the 5th inst. The installation ceremony was performed by the I.P.M., Bro. Alfred Wright, who was ably assisted by Bros. T. Vernon and W. J. Barrett. The W.M. invested the following officers for the year: Bros. W. H. Middleton Andrews, S.W.; W. H. Parkinson, J.W.; G. R. Glossop, Sec.; W. J. Barrett, P.M., D.C.; T. Vernon, P.M., Treas.; F. R. Ansdell, S.D.; W. M. Alston, J.D.; C. H. Barker, Org.; M. Lewis, I.G.; S. E. Taylor, W. Hilton, W. G. Hughes, and W. J. Robinson, Stewards; and Andrew Templeton, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the large room, where a banquet was served by Mr. and Mrs. Templeton.

The visiting brethren included Bros. Dr. Clarke, P.G.R.; J. Hunter, P.M.; R. G. Bradley, P.P.G.D.C.; S. Cobb, 2231; A. H. Hinde, 1411 (Valparaiso); W. S. Guilbert, I.P.M. 833; H. Heard, W.M. 1609; R. Warriner, 1547, P.P.G.S. of W.; D. Lowthian, S.W. 1182; R. Shacklady, P.M. 249; G. Noble, 1393; J. H. Dovener, 2042; S. W. Smith, 2463; R. Robinson, P.G.R.; C. R. Garnett, P.P.G.D. Warwickshire; J. Busfield, 2042; and P. C. Asberry, P.M. 1620.

Bros. G. Platt, G. Green, J. Busfield, S. Smith, and D. Hinde provided a splendid musical programme, which was greatly appreciated.

During the evening the I.P.M., Bro. Wright, was presented with an 18-carat gold Past Master's jewel, mounted with diamonds.

MANCHESTER.

Newall Lodge (No. 1134).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. The lodge was opened by Bro. C. Driver, W.M., who was very much indisposed, but was ably assisted by Bro. A. F. Duffin, P.M., D.C.,

the latter performing the ceremony of raising. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the balance-sheet adopted.

There were present Bros. C. Driver, W.M.; B. Eckersley, I.P.M.; H. Waterhouse, S.W.; R. W. Martin, J.W.; John Holroyd, P.P.G.I. of W., Treas.; John Waring, P.M., Sec.; James Green, S.D.; E. Webb, P.M.; A. K. Boothroyd, W.M. 2359, J.D.; A. H. Duffin, P.M., D.C.; G. S. Smith, P.G.O., P.P.G. Org. East Lancs., Org.; W. H. Browne and M. Oliver, Stwds.; Thos. Curtis, J. Parkinson, R. C. Gray, R. W. Jarvis, J. Ogden, F. H. Gregory, W. Flett, J. Robinson, and W. E. Hand. Bro. Hawthorn R. Thornton, P.M., was a visitor.

PLYMOUTH.

Fortitude Lodge (No. 105).—The installation banquet of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Club. The W.M., Bro. S. H. R. Gibbens, presided; the vice-chairs being occupied by Bros. R. Robinson Rodd, jun., S.W.; and T. G. Taylor, J.W. Those present included Bros. R. B. Twose, P.M. 105, P.P.G. Treas.; S. Jew, P.M. and Chap. 105, P.P.G. Treas.; J. W. Parson, P.M. 105, P.P.G.D.C.; John R. Lord, P.M. 1247, P.P.G. Treas., P.G.D.C.; Wm. Allsford, P.M. 202, P.P.G. Treas.; C. H. Cooper, P.M. and Sec. 105, P.P.G.D.C.; H. J. Kitt, P.M. 105, P.P.G. Purst; A. W. Spinney, P.M. and Treas. 105; Hy. Warren, P.M. 159; Frank R. Thomas, P.M. 189; S. A. Maitland, W.M. 1247; Geo. Perkins, P.M. 1205; James Mitchell, W.M. 1847; Hy. T. Robins, W.M. 1550; T. W. Soper, P.M. 105; G. S. Stebbing, W.M. 156; Chas. Luke, I.P.M. 105; Saml. Edgcombe, P.M. 105; W. J. Sweet, P.M. 1205; Parnall Hannaford, W.M. 223; T. J. Cole, W.M. 2023; J. T. Rook, P.M. 1847; F. Maitland, S.D., C. F. Cooper, J. D. A. T. Lidiard, I.G.; W. D. B. Symons, D.C., A. R. Stancombe, Org., and W. Costin and J. E. Parsons, Stewards of the lodge; W. Biscoombe, S.W. 223; J. Burton, 70; J. Bryant, 776; S. A. P. Dickinson, J.D. 248; J. E. Bone, Stwd. 1550; S. H. Woolland, 202; C. H. Coles, 1099; J. W. Penwarn, S.W. 1550; F. Mortimer, H. J. Roberts, F. Habin, Charity Steward; J. B. James, E. A. Down, C. Chubb, F. T. Ellis, G. P. Flinch, J. Mumford, E. F. Parker, and A. Stevens.

An excellent repast was admirably served up by Bro. S. Harvey, Steward of the Club. Choice exotic and other plants which adorned the tables were kindly lent by the Secretary, Bro. C. H. Cooper, who, with characteristic generosity, provided choice button-holes for every brother present.

After the loyal toasts had been given, the W.M. submitted "The Health of the P.G.M. of Devon, Viscount Ebrington, and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past." Having referred to the able way in which Viscount Ebrington conducted the affairs of the Prov. G. Lodge, he said the present P.G. Officers had proved themselves worthy brethren, and had rendered yeoman service to the Masonic cause.

Bros. W. Allsford, P.G. Treas., and S. Jew, P.P.G. Treas., responded.

Bro. C. Luke gave, in appropriate terms, "The Health of the P.G.M. of Cornwall," to which Bro. Geo. Perkins, W.M. 1205, replied.

Bro. R. Robinson Rodd, jun., S.W., then proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that Bro. S. H. R. Gibbens had proved himself a good and worthy Mason, and had carried out his work earnestly and thoroughly. He was echoing not only the sentiments of the Past Masters and officers, but all the members of the lodge, in expressing a hope that he would have a most successful year of office.

The W.M., who was most cordially received, in reply, said he trusted they were banded together for the good of the Order. He would do his best to rule the lodge impartially, having the interests of Masonry at heart.

In submitting the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. Gibbens associating the name of Bro. C. Luke, the I.P.M., with the toast, congratulated him on the zeal and ability which he had shown during his year of office. He had no doubt the Past Masters would assist him to maintain the reputation and honour of the lodge.

Bros. C. Luke, I.P.M., and W. J. Parson P.M., acknowledged the toast.

Bro. S. Jew, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., in submitting "The Healths of the Treasurer and Secretary," said he would not say they were the best in the country, but he could confidentially say they could not be excelled. As one who had filled the office of Treasurer for many years, he could say there was a more capable man than Bro. Spinney. With regard to the indefatigable Secretary there was no doubt whatever that it was due to his personal influence and energy that the lodge was raised to its present prestige.

Bro. A. W. Spinney, as Treasurer, said he was pleased to be able to report a satisfactory balance-sheet.

Bro. C. H. Cooper, in reply, hoped, with all the visiting brethren, that the W.M. would have a happy, successful, and prosperous year of office.

Other toasts followed.

During the dinner a nice orchestral band, under the direction of Bro. W. H. Lidiard, played some choice selections of music. Bro. J. N. Pearce was at the piano.

Recitations, &c., were given by Bros. R. B. Twose, S. Jew, R. E. White, W. Mitchell, F. T. Ellis, J. E. Bone, Stephens, J. Burton, W. Biscoombe, W. D. B. Symons, and others. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

SOUTHPORT.

Starkie Lodge (No. 1070).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic buildings, on Monday, the 4th inst. There were present: Bros. A. E. Smith, W.M.; Max Isaac, S.W.; James Platt, P.P.G.D., Treas.; James H. Barrow, P.P.G.D., Sec.; John Fletcher, Prov. G.D.; William Platt, P.P.G. Treas.; James Hesketh, P.M.; Rev. W. H. Marsden, P.P.G. Chap.; Dr. T. R. Judson, P.M.; John Wainwright, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. C. Robinson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. E. Hiscock, and G. Rockliff, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Lambert, P.M. 1357, P.P.G.R.; John Chadwick, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.G. Sec., E. Lancs.; John Christie, P.P.G.W.; C. Webster, S.W. 2289; James Rose, I.G. 2289; S. J. Stephenson, W.M. 2289; Thomas Gray, P.M., 2289; W. A. Tidswell, S.W. 2325; J. W. Hudson, I.G. 2325; and F. Cave, 2325.

The lodge was opened, and, after the minutes had been confirmed, the chair was taken by Bro. W. Platt, P.P.G. Treas. who proceeded to install the W.M. elect, Bro. Max Isaac, which ceremony he performed in a very

efficient manner. The newly-installed Master invested the following brethren: Bros. Albert E. Smith, I.P.M.; John C. Robinson, P.M., S.W.; J. Hesketh, J.W.; James Platt, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Barrow, P.M., Sec.; Rev. W. Marsden, P.M., Chap.; J. Wainwright, P.M., S.D.; Dr. Judson, P.M., J.D.; John Fletcher, P.M., I.G.; and G. Rockliff, Tyler. Bro. J. J. Lambert was elected an hon. member.

After the transaction of the ordinary business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

UTTOXETER.

Forester's Lodge (No. 456).—The annual festival of this lodge was celebrated on Thursday, the 7th instant, when Bro. R. T. Hardy was installed in the chair. There was a good gathering, both of members of the lodge as well as of visitors, and the lodge presented a brilliant appearance, about a third of those present wearing provincial honours, and 19 of the total number being Past Masters. At the request of the retiring W.M., who had been out of health for some time, the ceremony was performed by a personal friend, Bro. J. M. Wood, P.M. 546 and 2487, P.P.G. Reg., who carried the work through admirably. The members present included Bros. C. J. Bowers, W.M.; W. Vernon, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. P. Hall, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; A. Parker, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; E. Hodgkinson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. Torrance, P.M.; G. H. Tortoisshell, P.M.; J. H. Vernon, P.M.; S. Keeling, P.M.; H. Bagshaw, P.M.; W. H. J. Fletcher, P.M.; Dr. Greenslade, P.M.; W. R. Blair, P.M. 546, P.P.S.G.W.; and the Rev. Prebendary Abud, P.P.G. Chap. The visitors included Bros. J. M. Wood, P.P.G. Reg.; T. B. Cull, P.M. 1587, P.P.G.P.; E. E. Almond, P.M. 1587; G. E. Walters, W.M. 546; W. Brickel, P.M. 1715; J. T. Howson, W.M. 418, P.P.G.S.B.; J. W. Bromley, J.W. 546; J. G. Mayne, 1587; A. Allerton, S.W. 418; H. A. Frewer, 2487; J. Kendrick, 2487; and E. K. N. Lawson, I.G. 1739.

The following were invested officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. D. Goodwin, S.W.; G. J. Hardy, J.W.; the Rev. Prebendary Abud, Chap.; A. Parker, Treas.; G. H. Tortoisshell, Sec.; Dr. Greenslade, D.C.; H. Ward, S.D.; J. Gandy, J.D.; E. Hodgkinson, Org.; A. D. Owen, I.G.; J. P. Hall and H. Bagshaw, Stwds.; and H. Wormington, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Cross Keys Hotel, where excellent provision had been made for them by the host.

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

Bro. William Vernon proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master, Bro. R. T. Hardy," to whose personal character outside the lodge and his worth in Masonry he bore unqualified testimony, at the same time expressing his gratification at seeing him presiding over the lodge, in which he would at once have some work to do.

The high estimation in which Bro. Hardy is held was shown by the thorough heartiness with which the toast was received.

The W.M., having responded, proposed the toast of "The Visiting Brethren" (taken early on account of some having to leave).

Bros. Cull, Walters, Howson, and Kendrick responded.

The toast list was then proceeded with in due course, and a most enjoyable evening spent.

Royal Arch.

Duke of Fife Chapter (No. 2345).—The election meeting of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Saturday, the 2nd inst., when there were present Comps. J. Wyer, P.Z., M.E.Z.; J. W. Folkard, H.; A. Harvey, J.; A. Robertson, Treas.; C. Woods, S.E.; J. A. Randall, P. Soj.; W. G. Boswell, 1st A.S.; S. G. Bonner, 2nd A.S., as S.N.; and C. Patrick, P.Z., Janitor. Visitors: Comps. F. H. Randall, Soj. 2363; A. C. A. Higerty, P.Z. 946, P.P.G. Soj. Middx.; and J. S. Tavner, J. elect 946.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. J. Rafferty, Corinthian Lodge, and, proving unanimously in his favour, he was impressively exalted, the work being unusually well done. By request Comp. Higerty, P.Z. 946, installed Comp. Tavner into the chair of J. Comment on his working is superfluous. The elections afterwards took place and were perfectly unanimous throughout, the result being as follows: Comps. J. W. Folkard, H., as M.E.Z.; A. Harvey, J., as H.; J. A. Randall, P.S., as J.; A. Robertson, Treas.; Charlie Woods, S.E.; W. G. Boswell, A.S., as S.N.; S. G. Bonner, A.S., as P.S.; C. W. Munslow, Stwd., as 1st A.S.; J. Mitchell, Stwd., as 2nd A.S.; T. Morris, as Stwd.; C. Patrick, P.Z., as Janitor; and J. Mitchell and T. Morris, as Auditors. Apologies for absence were received from Comps. Morris and Mitchell. It was unanimously resolved that a P.Z.'s jewel be presented to Comp. Wyer for his very hard work for the chapter.

After the meeting the members spent a very happy evening together.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were well received.

Comp. Folkard, H., in proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z.," drew attention to the able and energetic work of Comp. Wyer for two years. He was willing at all times, and a man who would be a credit to any chapter. On that evening his careful work had been particularly noticeable.

Comp. Wyer suitably responded, and then proposed "The H. and J.," eulogising their past labours, and expressing a hope that they might have a good year in their new offices.

Comps. J. W. Folkard, H., and Harvey, J., made effective and suitable speeches in reply, thanking the members for the confidence reposed in them.

The M.E.Z. said that, while it was necessary to have new blood into any body, it was unusually satisfactory to have such exalted as Comp. Rafferty. He came as a well recommended candidate, and had paid great attention to the working. He wished him all success.

Comp. J. Rafferty made an interesting reply, saying how glad he was to be among them on that occasion. He hoped to be a credit to the chapter.

The M.E.Z. proposed "The Treasurer and S.E.," referring to their respective labours.

Comp. A. Robertson, Treasurer, said that, financially, the chapter was a success, as it was in everything else.

Comp. Woods, S.E., had been from the commencement interested in the welfare of the chapter, and hoped long to be able to do his share of the duties involved in its success.

The M.E.Z. proposed "The Officers," referring to what had been done in the past by each, and also to the work of the future.

Comp. J. A. Randall, P.S., had had a busy year as W.M. of his lodge, but was now free to give still more time to the chapter.

Comp. W. G. Boswell, 1st A.S., had been equally interested, and would be also ready in the future.

Comp. S. G. Bonner, 2nd A.S., was glad to be a "general utility" member, and, although he would have sufficient to do next year, would not forget to do anything that would add to the happiness of the members.

The Janitor's toast closed a very successful meeting, the enjoyment of which had been increased by songs from Comps. C. Woods, S.E.; J. A. Randall, P.S.; S. G. Bonner, A.S.; and Rafferty.

PLUMSTEAD.

Union Waterloom Chapter (No. 13).—The installation of Principals and investiture of officers of this old and influential chapter took place at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., when Comps. Geo. H. King was duly installed as M.E.Z., D. Deeves, as H., and John Mattry as J., for the ensuing year, by Comp. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I. The following members were present, viz.: Comps. William Tailby, H. S. Syer, R. J. Warren, Capt. Spinks, George Kennedy, C. H. Canning, and A. Penfold, all Past Principals of the chapter, and the following Comps. W. H. Keeble, W. J. Crowdy, H. Crowdy, King, A. Stewart, J. T. Bacon, G. H. Gable, John Mattry, and others. Visitors: Comps. Capt. Westow, and Capt. Woollett, of 1789; Hastings and Hutton. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Comps. the Baron de Worms, M.P.; Fenn, Willmott, Butter, and Roberts.

The chapter having been opened according to ancient form, the beautiful ceremony of installation was performed in a faultless manner by the Installing Officer, and the Three Principals were saluted by the companions present. The First Principal then appointed Comps. G. Spinks, Treas.; George Kennedy, Scribe E.; W. H. Keeble, Scribe N.; Wm. J. Crowdy, P.S.; H. Crowdy, 1st A.S.; J. T. Taylor, 2nd A.S.; Sergt. L. Comerford, D. of C.; and John Lackland, Janitor, and all those companions were invested accordingly. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to Comp. Syer for valuable services rendered to the Chapter during his year of office, and Comp. Syer thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him. The sum of one guinea each was voted to the Woolwich Soup Society and to the Plumstead Relief Society, and after a cordial vote of thanks had been voted to the Installing Officer for his services, the chapter was closed in ancient form, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

SOUTHPORT.

Israel Chapter (No. 1502).—A meeting of this chapter, which has recently been resuscitated by the efforts of Comp. Richard Sharrock, was held at the Masonic Hall, Eastbank-street, on Thursday, the 7th instant. The chapter was opened by Comp. Harris, P.Z., P.P.G.J. Cumberland, and the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The whole of the installation of the Three Principals was performed by Comp. Wm. Goodacre, P.G.S.E. W. Lancs., as follows: Comp. D. Gabrielsen, M.E.Z.; James Hesketh, P.Z., H.; and Richard Sharrock, J. The ballot was taken for three brethren, and proving favourable, they were exalted in an admirable manner by Comp. Harris.

Subsequently a banquet was prepared, at which the usual loyal and other toasts were given and responded to.

The following were present: Comps. D. Gabrielsen, R. Sharrock, G. Rockcliffe, John Neville, James Hesketh, P.Z.; Sam. Boyce, J. L. Kirkbride, J. McKinnell, N. Mason, Wm. Morecroft, Fred. Wood, J. F. Roberts, P.Z.; and G. Gunnison. Visitors: Comps. Wm. Goodacre, P.Z., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.G.S.E.; S. M. Harris, P.Z., P.P.G.J. Cumberland; F. Hayward, J. 613; W. Wilkinson, T. Adams, P.P.A.G.S.; Wm. Derry, and G. S. Smith, P.Z., P.P.G. Org.

YORK.

Eboracum Chapter (No. 1611).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, when Comp. T. B. Whytehead, assisted by Comp. J. Todd, installed the following officers; Comps. H. Longford, M.E.Z.; G. Lamb, H.; W. Story, J.; Jas. Kay, S.E.; T. G. P. Barlow, S.N.; J. L. Spetch, P.S.; F. W. Halliwell, 1st A.S.; J. Smith, 2nd A.S.; J. H. Shonksmith, Treas.; J. F. Watson, Org.; A. T. Turner, D.C., and A. Humphries, Steward.

The companions then dined together, and after resuming work, Bro. G. Y. Whytehead, 2328, was exalted by the outgoing M.E.Z., Comp. T. B. Whytehead giving the mystical lecture. The Auditor's report was adopted.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE DALHOUSIE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 860.

The annual supper of this flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at "Dr. Butler's," Mason's Hall-avenue, under the presidency of Bro. F. Dunstan, P.M. 1326, the highly-esteemed and popular Preceptor (who also occupies a similar position in the Citadel Lodge of Instruction).

About 50 members of the Craft and their lady friends—this being one of the interesting features in connection with this lodge of instruction annually to invite the members of the fair sex to participate in their hospitality—sat down to a *recherché* repast, to which the company did ample justice.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of "The Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction" being proposed by the CHAIRMAN, and responded to by Bro. W. S. HARVEY, P.M. 1326, the hard-working and energetic Secretary, to whom the great success attending these social gatherings has been mainly due.

The toast of "The Health of the worthy Chairman" was proposed in felicitous terms by Bro. W. BEASLEY P.M., and received enthusiastically, to the strains of "For he's a jolly good fellow."

During the evening an excellent programme of music was gone through, the contributors being the Misses G. Dunstan, E. Etherington, and A.M. Kebbell, and Bros. Geo. Clarke, S. J. Cross (who scored high honours with his excellent recitations), Fred Kebbell, A. Cunnington, and G. Taperell, Bro. W. H. J. Boxsius presiding at the piano.

During the evening each lady was supplied with a beautiful spray of flowers, and the brethren with button holes, and on leaving the ladies were handed a pretty basket of choice confectionery as a memento of the occasion.

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

(PAST AND PRESENT.)

How oft in chronicles of old,
In History's glowing page,
The Templar's fame is handed down
From past to present age.
Beneath the Banner of the Cross,
Companions tried and true,
These Christian Knights, a valiant band,
The infidels subdue!

Theirs was the courage to endure,
All danger to defy,
And calmly look on chains and death
With an undaunted eye;
The Cross, the symbol of their creed,
Upon their breasts they wore,
The Cross for which they shed their blood,
The Temple to restore.

But times are changed,—no more are seen,
In deadly strife amain,
Paynim and Christian hosts contend
Upon the battle plain;
Yet still their deeds, like beacons bright,
The paths of honour show,
And Chivalry in spirit pure
Within Our hearts will glow.

But not against mere mortal foes
Have we to stand our ground,
For enemies in spirit form,
Encompass us around.
Enrolled and marshalled in the camp,
In disciplined control,
We guard against insidious foes,
The temple of the soul!

Weak in ourselves yet strong in Him,
Who promised aid will lend,
God's armoury will weapons yield
To combat, or defend;
Then, whilst Salvation, as our helm,
Protects us in the field,
Let Righteousness our breast-plate be
Unswerving Faith our shield.

When thus as Christian soldiers decked,
In panoply of mail,
Unstained in honor, fearing naught,
Prepared if foes assail;
In Justice let us draw the sword,
With Fortitude the blade,
Whilst Mercy tempers the keen point
In this our bold Crusade!

Thus, ever watchful to subdue
The Evil, aid the Right,
May each in our Encampment prove
A loyal Christian knight;
May we the Temple's fame uphold,
Our Brotherhood extend,
And, 'neath the Captain of our Faith
Be constant to the end!

F. W. DRIVER, M.A., P.E.C.

"THE OLD MASONIANS."

The above association of old boys of our Institution at Wood Green met together last Friday to listen to a paper on "Imperial Federation," read by Mr. R. S. Chandler, the Hon. Treasurer of the society. The gathering was presided over by Bro. R. H. Williams.

Mr. Chandler, in opening, stated that he had based his paper on the opinions of such authorities as Professor Seeley, John Anthony Froude, the Marquis of Lorne, Lord Brassey, Sir John Gorst, and others. He referred to the prophecy of Sir James Harrington in the time of Cromwell, that England, on account of her insular position, would one day become the most powerful of nations, how that the reality had exceeded even the ideal prospect then pictured, giving a brief account of the gigantic progress in wealth, resources, and population, made by Great Britain since that time. He said it was a truism that the greatness of a nation depends on its sons, that they be trained in what our ancestors called the "fear of God," but that, unfortunately, we of the present day were too apt to place wealth before all other considerations, and to think solely of the Colonies as a market for our manufactures, losing sight of their great value as a wide and healthy training ground for future generations of the British race. He then showed by a comparison of statistics the important part the Colonies have in the commerce of the Mother Country, and that this and the large amount of British capital invested in the Colonies formed a close bond of union. He then pointed out the marvellous progress made in steam and electricity—the circumnavigation of the globe being now as easy as was the grand tour in the 18th century—that this had brought about an increase of intercourse and a consequent increase of mutual knowledge and respect between the colonists and our-

selves, and, that the Imperial Institute had given concrete expression to these feelings.

Mr. Chandler then quoted the three distinct series given by Sir John Gorst, upon which Imperial Federation might be worked out—viz., the admission of representatives of the Colonies to Parliament; or the creation of a new Imperial Legislature; or the admission of the Colonies to a more direct share in, or stronger influence upon Imperial matters, the several Legislatures remaining separate, adopting the last as the most feasible means of bringing about the desired object. He then entered into the question of defence and foreign policy, stating that at present the sole cost of maintaining and defending the empire rested with Britain, and that the burden of taxation fell upon the British taxpayer, and said that the Colonists, if once admitted to their legitimate share in the Imperial Councils, would then contribute their portion towards the general defence. A joint interest in the fleet alone would be a long step towards Imperial Federation, and, at the same time, not interfere with Colonial autonomy—thus the union of the empire would be at once a visible fact, and strong in its unity, the continuance of the British race would be assured for many centuries to come.

A discussion followed, in which Messrs. Gleichen, Packer, O'Doherty, Willett, Hewett, Wilson, Barber, and Scurr took part. A vote of thanks to Mr. Chandler for his paper, and to Bro. Williams for presiding, brought to a close a very pleasant and instructive evening.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MANAGER OF THE FRASCATI.

On Monday afternoon, the 28th ult., the remains of Bro. Gustave L. Lambert, of Rose Lea, Wealdstone, and for some years manager of the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, were interred at Harrow Weald churchyard. The deceased gentleman was much respected in this district, and the large number of friends who journeyed from the City to pay their last mournful tribute to the departed showed that not only was Bro. Lambert respected for his exceptional business qualities, but that in his upright dealings he won the esteem of all those with whom he came in contact. Besides the large circle of relatives and friends, a number of Masonic lodges were represented at the funeral, the deceased having taken a keen interest in Freemasonry. There were no less than four nations represented in this Brotherhood, and nearly 40 members of the Order assembled at the graveside despite the biting east wind and the drifting snow. The coffin, with massive brass furniture, was entirely hidden beneath the floral tributes, wreaths, crosses, &c., arriving from all parts of the country. In the centre was a magnificent wreath from the staff of the Frascati, with a suitable inscription in black beads. In the middle of this was placed a beautiful basket of flowers sent by Mr. Gordon, of Bentley Priory, Stanmore. Next to this was the tribute of the widow, with a loving message of sorrow. Amongst others were wreaths from Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hamp, Monsieur and Madame Noel, Regent's Park; G. Pearson and staff at the Holborn Restaurant; C. A. Andrews; "In loving memory of many years' true friendship," W. B. Jeffrey, Sec. of the Frascati; Mr. and Mrs. James Fulford, of Covent Garden; Mr. and Mrs. T. Marsh, of Covent Garden; Mr. and Mrs. Schreiber; Mr. and Mrs. Leech; Mr. and Mrs. G. Sharp, of Covent Garden; Dr. Boutall; "From J. W. Morrel, with deepest sympathy;" "In grateful remembrance of our departed brother, from the brethren of the Queen's Westminster Masonic Lodge"; "From his friends at Wealdstone—Gibbons, Lander, Evans, Harrington, Albert Mulford, Brown, Higgs, Horlor, Branson, Bates, Fowler, jun., Adam, Martin, and Hogg"; "From D'Hem and Freeman, compatriots" (we believe M. D'Hem was the deceased's oldest friend, and hailed from the same district); Mr. and Mrs. Rees, Stanmore; "With Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Le Grand's sincere sympathy"; Mr. J. Brauner; Mr. and Mrs. Lander, of the Railway Hotel; &c. There was also a pretty cross of lilies of the valley, sent "From Little Teddy," Master Fulford.

Shortly after two o'clock the mournful procession started from Station-road. In the first mourning coach was the widow, supported by Mr. J. W. Morrell, and Mrs. Armstrong, with Mr. Negus, the solicitor. In the second coach was Mr. W. B. Jeffrey, M. D'Hem, Mr. J. Le Grand, and Mr. G. Le Grand. Then followed Mr. Hamp's private brougham containing Miss Hamp and Mr. Thomas Hamp. In the next coach were Mr. J. Fulford, Mr. Schreiber, Mr. Allen (Harrow Station-master), and Mr. A. Foster McAdam, and the carriage which followed contained Mr. Lander, Mr. Godel, Mr. Noel, and Mr. Harnell. Five or six other carriages followed with friends, and when the cortege arrived at the churchyard a number of sympathisers had already assembled. The Rev. H. J. Martin, Vicar of Wealdstone, officiated, and when the distressed widow bid her husband the last farewell there was scarcely a dry eye at the grave-side.

The following Masonic lodges were represented at the funeral: Bros. R. J. Harnell, W.M., Godel, Fulford, D'Hem, Morrell, Pearson, and Jeffrey, all of the Queen's Westminster; Bros. Schreiber, P.M., and Fulford, of the Tivoli Lodge; Bro. Noel, Fellowship Lodge; Bro. J. Lander, Citadel Lodge; and Bro. Negus, Fidelity Lodge.

The mother lodge of the deceased was the Queen's Westminster. Bro. G. L. Lambert was only 51.

MAY ELECTION, 1895.

To the Governors and Subscribers of the
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INSTITUTION.

FOR
AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF
FREEMASONS, CROYDON.

The favour of your VOTE and INTEREST is respectfully solicited on behalf of

JANE LOUISA SILLIFANT,
AGED 62,

Widow of the late Bro. EDWIN SILLIFANT (Professional Accountant, Gresham Buildings), who died on the 19th February, 1875.

Bro. EDWIN SILLIFANT was initiated in the Stability Lodge, No. 207, in December, 1854; Member also, at the time of his death, of the Acacia Lodge, 1309; P. Prov. G.D. Middlesex; P.M. and P.Z. of more than one Lodge and Chapter, Life-Governor to all the Masonic Charities, and also on the Audit Committee for the Girls' School.

His widow, having passed through many untoward circumstances since her husband's death, through the mismanagement of her Solicitor (now an outlaw), as also the property vested in her husband reverting to his surviving brothers, is now left entirely without an income and in too delicate health to earn her living, she craves, therefore, the sympathy and help of his Masonic Brethren.

The case is strongly recommended by—

Bros. *George Kenning, Vice-Patron, P.M. 192 and 1657, P.P.G.D. Middx., Upper Sydenham; *John Davies, P.M. & Sec. 1309, P.P.G.D. Middx., 5, Finsbury Square, E.C.; J. Addington, P.M. 217, and M.E.Z. 14, Peckham-road, S.E.; W. Eckersall, P.M. 217, and Chapters 89 and 1275, 110, Lewisham-road, S.E.; T. Hinks, 217, 52, Leynette Avenue, Clapham, S.W.; Marfleet, P.M. 217, 818, and 322, 61, Crisp-street, E.; J. Nixon, P.M. 217, 44, Great Tower-street, E.C.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked *; or by the Widow, 30, Rockley-road, Shepherd's Bush Green, W.

Obituary.

BRO. ROBERT MACOY.

It is with sincere regret we announce the death of Bro. Robert Macoy, of New York, who had been a Mason for close on half a century, and had won distinction in Craft and Arch, but more especially in Templar Masonry. He had likewise distinguished himself in Masonic literary work, and was the author of several books bearing upon Masonry which had been cordially received by the brethren, among the most noteworthy being "A Masonic Manual," published in 1852, "The Book of the Lodge," in 1855, and a "Cyclopædia of Freemasonry," in 1867. He was a Past D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of New York, an honorary 33° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and had held the office—by his devotion to which he will be best remembered—of Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New York since 1851. He was also the organiser, upon the present lines, of the Order which is so largely patronised in the United States, and which is known as the Eastern Star. He compiled its ritual, and for many years was its Grand Patron. An excellent memoir of our deceased brother was published in the *New York Despatch* of the 13th January, while from the same journal for the 20th of the same month, we extract the following particulars of the funeral: "The last scenes in the tribute of respect to the memory of Robert Macoy were certainly deeply impressive. In the home, where so many hours of fatherly care and protection had been spent, there was a subdued tone in everything. The lights were turned low in the darkened parlours, and their mellow softness fell like a halo upon the peaceful face of the sleeper, as he lay in his last slumber. He was not changed, but as his friends were wont to see him, his good, manly face was turned towards them as they looked upon it. There were no harsh sounds or heavy footsteps, but lightly and noiselessly each one approached the bier. About this casket, at 11 o'clock on last Sunday morning, gathered the members of Wyona Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and in a manner peculiarly appropriate, solemn and impressive performed the simple service of the Order, beautiful in its simplicity, and reflecting in its tender and gentle ceremony the spirit of the author over whose remains it was then rendered. Every one who were privileged to witness the service remarked on its impressive character. About noon, W. Bro. George I. Roberts, Master, led the members of Americus Lodge, 535, to the casket, and there performed the beautiful Masonic service. The body was then conveyed to Aurora Grata Cathedral, at Madison-street and Bedford-avenue, under an escort of more than 500 Knights Templars, from the Grand Commandery of New York, and the Commanderies of New York city and Brooklyn. Every officer of the Grand Commandery was present. They were R.E. Sir James W. Bowden, G.C., who rendered the Templar service, assisted by E. Sir and Rev. C. L. Twing, Grand Prelate; E. Sirs Horace A. Noble, of Buffalo, D.G.C.; John A. Mapes, of New York, G.G.; Arthur MacArthur, of Troy, G.C.G.; Rev. C. L. Twing, of Brooklyn, G. Prelate; George Nicholson, of Brooklyn, G.S.W.; Charles E. Ide, of Syracuse, G.J.W.; R. C. Christiance, G. Treasurer; James S. Manning, of New York, G.S.B.; Charles H. Armistage, of Albany, G.S.B.; Erastus C. Delevan, of Binghamton, G. Warden. The music by the quartette

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION

FOR GIRLS.

APRIL ELECTION, 1895.

Dear Sir and Brother,
The favour of your VOTE and INTEREST is earnestly solicited on behalf of
DAISY ISABEL SHAW,

Aged 5 years,

The youngest Daughter of the Six Children of the late PATRICK DUNLOP SHAW, of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law, Chief Judge of the Court of Small Causes, Madras, since March, 1893, Member of the Perfect Unity Lodge, No. 150, who, having filled the offices of Secretary and Junior Warden of that Lodge, and of District Grand Registrar, died on the 8th May, 1894, leaving a Widow and Six Children (one son 9 years old, 5 daughters, aged respectively 15, 14, 12, 7½, and 5 years), totally unprovided for. Bro. Shaw was a Subscribing Member of his Lodge for upwards of eighteen years, up to the day of his death.

I hope you can in due course send me your proxy.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

R. LOVELAND LOVELAND.

1, Stone Buildings,
Lincoln's Inn.

The case is strongly recommended by—

Bros. Col. A. Saunders, P.D.G.M. Madras; Richd. Eve, P.G. Treas., Pat.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., Dep. G.M. Essex; T. L. Wilkinson, D.G. Reg.; R. L. Loveland, Pres. B. of G.P.; W. B. Coltman, M.A., S.G.D.; P. de L. Long, P.G.D., Vice-Pat.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., Pat.; L. G. Gordon Robbins, P.G.D., Vice-Pres.; J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C., Pat.; Edward Cutler, Esq., Q.C., P.G. Org.; J. W. Handley, Esq., P. Dep. D.G.M. Madras; Gen. R. H. Cuncliffe, P. Dep. D.G.M. Madras; Walter H. Glazier, P.M. 34; Edwd. T. E. Besley, Q.C., P.M. 66; E. J. Castle, Q.C., P.M. 708; E. R. Bartley Dennis, P.M. 1400, 2459; G. King, W.M. 1641; W. H. Sands, P.M. 1724, 1718; J. Bradley Dyne, P.M. 1731; Montagu Sharpe, P.M. 2022; J. W. Allen, P.M. 2146; T. Sansome Preston, I.P.M. 2408; John Adam, 1198 (Madras); G. D. Coleman, 2323, late 150 (Madras).

was sweetly solemn and appropriate, and trembled upon the ears of all who listened as a soft lullaby fitting the peaceful rest of the sleeper in his coffin. After the Templar service, R.W. John Stewart, D.G.M., in a few words, paid an eloquent tribute to the memory of one whose whole life was a beautiful exemplification of the spirit of true brotherhood. E. Sir John A. Mapes, G.G., spoke for the Grand Commander, and eulogised in a fitting manner a faithful and devoted officer of the Grand Commandery. Hundreds were unable to gain admission to the building, and when the services were concluded, those in the house and those who had been waiting outside, were given an opportunity to take a last look at the face of one of the best men, one of the truest friends, one of the most zealous and sincere Masons, the fraternity was ever blessed with. Tears were plenty, and they were shed with the deepest sorrow at the loss of one who was dear to every heart. Gone for ever from the lodge room, and the Asylum is the genial face of Robert Macoy. May the fragrance of his beautiful life never be lost to the Templars of this country. May its influence for good never be lessened, and may we who enjoyed for a brief period the delightful association with his noble character treasure his virtues in our hearts and emulate his virtues. At the grave the service was concluded, and the mound which was raised was completely hidden by the floral tributes which loving hearts had provided. As the vast concourse of people turned away, the twinkling stars were just appearing—sweet sentinels of eternity.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. A. Terry, W.M.; J. Mason, S.W.; H. C. Parker, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; J. Thom, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; Geo. Hill, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Willby, P.M., Sec.; B. Dukes, S.D.; R. Sandland, J.D.; A. Gibelli, I.G.; J. Jackson, P.M.; G. Ridout, P.M.; C. Girennell, J. Bande, A. Narten, and M. Beedle. The lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. G. Hill, P.M.; the 2nd by Bro. R. Sandland; and the 3rd by Bro. Paul, Preceptor. Bro. Beedle answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Beedle being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and, at the first rising, the dues were collected. On the second rising, the S.W., Bro. J. Mason, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. After the third rising, all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1056).—A meeting was held at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, the 8th inst. Present: Bros. Spaul, W.M.; Dale, S.W.; Tehring, J.W.; Webb, Treas.; Bull, Sec.; Webb, S.D.; Sparks, J.D.; Warwick, I.G.; Waldvogel, P.M.; Newnham, and Johnson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Spaul, and the 2nd by Bro. J. D. Webb. Bro. Newnham, having offered himself, was entrusted. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Newnham being the candidate. The lodge

APRIL ELECTION, 1895.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION

FOR BOYS.

The favour of your VOTE and INTEREST is earnestly solicited on behalf of

WILLIAM LORAIN SEYMOUR DALLAS,

Born September 18th, 1884,

Whose first and only chance of Election will occur on the 19th of April next ensuing.

Son of the late Charles Henry Dallas, Merchant, and afterwards Accountant, who died at Shanghai, China on May 15th last, after a week's illness, aged 52, leaving a widow and three children almost wholly unprovided for.

Bro. C. H. Dallas—initiated in the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 501, Shanghai, in 1863—was appointed as the first District G.M. of Japan in 1874, and held that office for about 12 years. He was a Founder of the Yokohama (1092), O'Tentosama (1263), Nippon (1344), and Tokio (2015) Lodges; also of the Yokohama R.A. Chapter (1092), the Orient Mark Lodge (304), and the Chrysanthemum Chapter of Rose Croix (94). A Life Governor of the R.M.I.B.

The case is strongly recommended by—

Bros. J. I. Miller, Dist. G.M. North China; H. D. Sandeman, P. Dist. G.M. Bengal, Life Governor; C. Thorne, P. Dist. G.M. North China; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas., Patron; Richd. Eve, P.G. Treas., Patron; George Kenning, Patron; Thomas Fenn, P. Pres. B. of G.P., Vice-Patron; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., Vice-Patron; C. F. Matter, P.G. Std. Br., Vice-Patron; Edward Letchworth, G. Sec., V.-Pres.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., V.-Pres.; William Goodacre, P.G. S.B., Prov. G. Sec. W. Lancs., V.-Pres.; Stephen Richardson, P.M. 183, V.-Pres.; Jehangir Hormusjee Kothari, V.-Pres.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., Life Governor; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.D., Life Governor; Lt.-Col. A. B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C., Life Governor; John Smithers, W.M. 58, Life Governor; G. W. Speth, P.M., Sec. 2076, Life Governor; Arthur A. Moss, P.M., 1375, Life Governor; Rev. H. Lansdell, P.G.C.; T. L. Wilkinson, D.G.R.

was resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Johnson being the candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Dale, P.M., was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, when there were present: Bros. W. Thwaites, W.M.; J. H. Neville, S.W.; J. W. Barker, P.M., J.W.; George Read, P.M., Grand Std. Br. England, Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; W. B. Neville, W.M. 1767, S.D.; J. J. Rumbal, J.D.; J. A. Battersby, I.G.; L. Beale; W. Hillier, W.M. 2099; Robert Reid, J. E. Gentle, W. S. Cottis, W. G. Vassie, C. G. Hatt, P.M., G. A. Murrell, and W. H. Dresden, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Beale acting as candidate. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Hatt offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. J. H. Neville was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

MAIDSTONE.—ROBINSON LODGE (No. 2046).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Brewer-street. Present: Bros. E. Gratwick, W.M.; W. Jenkinson, S.W.; T. P. Dickinson, J.W.; H. F. Whyman, P.M., Preceptor; L. W. Stansell, Sec.; P. Good, S.D.; F. Tyrer, I.G.; S. Gowen, Tyler; T. W. Neech, P.M.; F. Blake, P.M.; and J. Dyke.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Stansell offered himself as a candidate, and, after being examined, was duly entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Stansell was raised to the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and also in the Second Degree, when the W.M. rose for the first and second times. Bro. Jenkinson was voted to the chair for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, when "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of the above was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 8th inst., when there were present: Comps. Pullen, M.E.Z.; Cureton, H.; Melchamber, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Lewis, S.N.; Cornford, P.S.; Addington, Cass, Wm. Jeffery, Block, Elgar, Loader, and F. H. Ford.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Ford personating the candidate. Comp. Cureton, H., was elected to fill the position of M.E.Z. for the next meeting. This being the annual meeting, the balance-sheet was received and adopted, which showed a substantial balance, although £5 5s. had been given to the Girls' Institution during the year. Comps. F. Hilton, A.G.D.C., R. J. Voisey, P.Z., and C. H. Stone were re-elected Preceptor, Treasurer, and S.E. respectively for the ensuing year. The business of the convocation ended, the chapter was closed.

Sunday was the 55th anniversary of the marriage of Her Majesty Queen Victoria with the late Prince Consort, which ceremony took place at the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, on the 10th of February, 1840. The Prince Consort died at Windsor Castle on the 14th of December, 1861.

The Craft Abroad.

MARK MASONRY.

CAIRO.

Egypt Lodge (No. 311, E.C.).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the New Masonic Hall, when Bro. Capt. Thomas Phillips was installed as W.M. (by dispensation) by Bro. G. H. Charman, P.M., Dist. G. Sec. North Africa, in the presence of a numerous gathering of members and visitors. Bro. Capt. Thomas Phillips then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Henry C. Crozier, S.W.; J. Langley, J.W.; W. J. Box, I.P.M. and Treas.; Adams, M.O.; Pheasant, S.O.; Salterwaite, J.O.; Breen, S.D.; G. H. Collier, J.D.; Thos. Murrell, Sec.; Mardon, I.G.; and Hasted, Tyler.

After the business was concluded, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where Bro. Hasted provided a sumptuous repast.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, that of "The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston, Pro G.M.," being proposed by Bro. Lieut.-Col. C. E. Vansittart, P.S.G.W. Kent.

During the evening songs were given by Bros. Box, Vansittart, Crozier, Hayes, Pheasant, and Collier.

The visitors included Bros. R. Johnston, P.M. Friendship Lodge; H. J. Michael, 201; and E. Lane, 43.

Deaths.

MONEY.—On the 11th inst., at 1, Whitehall-gardens, S.W., Colonel Gerard Noel Money, C.B., one of her Majesty's Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, and a Knight of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, aged 59.

WORRELL.—On the 12th inst., at 58, Arlington-road, Tulse-hill, S.W., Madame Worrell, Associate of the Royal Academy of Music, beloved wife of William Worrell, in her 39th year.

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, February 23, 1895.

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.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

- CRAFT LODGES.**
 1. Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern.
 8. British, Freemasons' Hall.
 21. Emulation, Albion Tavern.
 185. Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern.
 862. Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
 901. City of London, Guildhall Tavern.
 907. Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
 1506. White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
 1537. St. Peter Westminster, Criterion.
 1657. Aldersgate, Albion Tavern.
 1694. Imperial, Coot's Restaurant.
 1728. Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel.
 2489. Willesden, St. Andrew's Schools.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**
 2060. La France, Cafe Royal.
- MARK LODGES.**
 173. Temple, London Tavern.
 294. Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**
 Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30.
 Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snarebrook, 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.
 Marous of Ripon, The Bunch of Grapes, Lime-street, E.C., at 6.30.
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.
 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. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
 St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8.
 Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.
 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-road, at 6.
 Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.
 Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

- Board of General Purposes, at 4.
- CRAFT LODGES.**
 30. United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern.
 73. Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.
 95. Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
 162. Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
 194. St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hotel.
 435. Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
 1330. Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall.
 1695. New Finsbury Park, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
 2021. Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.
 2022. Harem, Lyric Hall, Ealing.
 2045. Wharton, White Hart, Willesden.
 2500. Old Boy's, Guildhall Tavern.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**
 11. Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
 19. Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel.
 186. Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
 197. Montefiore, Cafe Royal.
 1949. Ebury, Freemasons' Hall.

- MARK LODGE.**
 236. Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel.
 238. Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel.
 284. High Cross, Liverpool-street Hotel.
- ROSE CROIX.**
 45. Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-square.
- 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.
 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.
 Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
 Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.
 Egyptian, Salvation, 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, 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, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
 Mount Edgecumbe, Havlock 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, W., 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.
 St. George's, New Cross Public 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, FEBRUARY 20.

- General Committee Grand Lodge and Board of Benevolence, at 5 precisely.
- CRAFT LODGES.**
 7. Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Albion Tavern.
 149. St. George's, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 174. Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern.
 190. Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
 700. Nelson, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
 969. Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel.
 1044. Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel.
 1150. Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
 1349. Friars, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
 1382. Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town.
 1507. Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.
 1539. Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall.
 1624. Eccleston, Criterion.
 1673. Welcome, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
 1677. Crusaders, Cock Tavern.
 1681. Londesborough, Cafe Royal.
 2266. Cator, Public Hall, Beckenham.
 2345. Duke of Fife, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common.
 2348. Lombardian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
 2391. Cricklewood, Frascati Restaurant.
 2499. Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**
 554. Yarborough, London Tavern.
- LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**
 Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
 Belgrave, Salvation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
 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., Black-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, Baham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Flunkett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.
 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knight-riding-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, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.
 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.
 Domatic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
 Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

- House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.30.
- CRAFT LODGES.**
 6. Friendship, Criterion.
 23. Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
 49. Gihon, Guildhall Tavern.
 55. Constitutional, Cannon street Hotel.
 63. St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
 169. Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
 179. Manchester, Anderton's Hotel.
 657. Canonbury, Holborn Restaurant.
 733. Westbourne, Holborn Restaurant.
 1287. Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
 1320. Blackheath, Bridge House Hotel.

1475. Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall.
 1598. Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel.
 1613. Cripplegate, Albion Tavern.
 1716. All Saints, Office of Board of Works, Poplar.
 1901. Selwyn, Montpellier Hotel, Peckham.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**
 9. Albion, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
 73. Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.
 79. Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 507. United Pilgrims, Freemasons' Hall.
 1383. Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.
- MARK LODGES.**
 Bon Accord, Mark Masons' Hall.
 7. Carnarvon, Cafe Royal.
 357. Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge.
- LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**
 Burdett-Countts, 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.
 Creaton, 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.
 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.
 Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
 Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
 Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.
 Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
 Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
 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.
 St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.
 Southwark Park, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
 Stockwell, Salvation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 7.30.
 Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.
 Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
 Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., 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.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

- Council of Boys' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
- CRAFT LODGES.**
 197. Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
 269. Fitz-Roy, Head-quarters Hon. Artillery Company, City-rd.
 1601. Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford.
 2000. Earl of Mornington, Cafe Royal.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**
 134. Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
 749. Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel.
 1210. Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.**
 1. Grand Master's, Mark Masons' Hall.
- LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**
 Albion, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-alley, E.C., at 7.
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
 Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, at 8.
 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grave, Notting-hill, 8.
 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
 Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
 Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
 Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
 Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.
 Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.
 Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
 Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
 St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
 Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
 Selwyn, Montpellier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
 Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
 Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
 The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell-New-road, at 7.30.
 Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
 Eastern Star Chapter, Heretics Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
 Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-rd., Paddington, W., at 8.
 Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
 Mount Zion Chapter, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.30.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
 Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

- CRAFT LODGES.**
 1541. Alexandra Palace, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
 1584. Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
 1706. Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.
 2513. Sir Walter St. John, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**
 1185. Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green.
 1023. West Smithfield, 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.
 Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Perry-hill, Catford, S.E.
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.
 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
 Manchester, Old King's Head, Euston-road, at 8.
 Pery, 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.

MASONIC AND GENERAL TIDINGS

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR JOSEPH DIMSDALE has kindly promised to preside at the anniversary dinner of the Earlswood Asylum for Idiots on Tuesday, April 9th, at the Grocers' Hall, Princess-street, E.C., kindly granted by the Court of Assistants of the Company for the occasion.

CRYSTAL PALACE COMPANY.—The gross receipts for 1894 amount to £126,601, and the gross expenditure to £114,069, leaving a balance of £12,532.

BRO. GEORGE ABBOTT, the South-Eastern Railway station-master at Charing Cross, and district superintendent of the line, has been laid up with rheumatism for two days.

LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS is to be opened by the County Council on Saturday, 23rd inst., and Whitfield Gardens on the 16th inst. Sir John Hutton has promised to perform the ceremony in both cases.

ACCORDING to the present arrangements the Prince of Wales will leave England either on the 21st or 23rd of this month for Florence en route to join his yacht the *Britannia*, in the Mediterranean, for a three week's cruise.

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

THE ELECTION MEETING of the Prince of Wales Mark Lodge, No. 4, was held on the 28th ult. at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., Bro. E. W. Lewcock, G. Stwd., W.M., in the chair. Bro. F. A. Powell, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Henry Lovegrove was re-elected Treasurer.

BRO. W. BRINLEY was installed as W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann, No. 1235, in the Masonic rooms of the Town Hall, Buxton, on Thursday, the 7th inst., the ceremony being performed by the outgoing Master, Bro. Bryden. The usual banquet followed at the George Hotel.

BRO. THE EARL OF MOUNT EDGUMBE, Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, states that he has been requested by Bro. Passmore Edwards to announce that, in addition to his other gifts to the County of Cornwall, which include buildings for public libraries at Falmouth, Hayle, Camborne, Redruth, and other places, he is prepared to provide similar buildings at St. Ives, Helston, Penryn, St. Austell, Liskeard, Bedmin, and Launceston, if they, like the other towns, will adopt the Free Libraries Act and undertake to maintain the libraries out of the public rates.

LURGAN MASONIC BAZAAR.—In connection with the above, the Committee have arranged for a series of entertainments up to the end of April, and on Friday, the 1st of February, the brethren and their friends had an opportunity of hearing Bro. Dr. Rentoul's lecture, entitled, "The girl I left behind me," which was delivered in his usual racy style, and was thoroughly appreciated. "The new woman," being the subject. The chair was occupied by Bro. B. W. D. Montgomery, 18°, P.P.S.G.W. Antrim. The brethren appeared in regalia, and after the usual vote of thanks to the lecturer and Chairman, the proceedings terminated with the National Anthem.

MASONIC PREMISES FOR KINGSTON AND SURBITON.—A well attended meeting of the members of the Craft in and around Kingston was held at Fife House, on the 23rd ult., by kind permission of the owner, Bro. Sir Whittaker Ellis, Bart., to consider the question of purchasing it and adopting it for Masonic uses. Bro. Golden, P.M., was voted to the chair. Bro. Shelley, P.M., in a lucid preface to the subsequent proceedings, said the question of providing suitable Masonic premises in the town was discussed about 10 years ago, when there was a strong feeling that something should be done. The necessity was now felt to be greater than ever. The matter was originally left with certain brethren to look out for a site and submit details of what they would propose, but it was to be deeply regretted that nothing had been heard of the subject since that time. In calling the present meeting he was sure the brethren would credit him with the best intentions for the good of Freemasonry. Bro. Shelley then read a very kind and encouraging letter from the P.G.M., Bro. Colonel Noel Money, and similar communications from the P.G. Secretary, and many other influential brethren. A general discussion followed, Bros. Golden, Chapman, Levy, Purkess, Sherwood, Smeal, Laurence, and others very ably expressed their views, Bro. Purkess, quoting from the current issue of the *Freemason* a number of smaller places than Kingston and Surbiton, where brethren enjoyed the comforts of meeting in their own building. There being absolute unanimity as to the urgent want of proper premises in the neighbourhood, the importance of a central site (Fife House not having that advantage) being strongly pressed so that the whole of the lodges in Kingston and Surbiton might meet under one roof. A Committee was then formed, consisting of Bros. W. Chapman, P.M. Dobie Lodge; Hewitt, P.M. Surbiton Lodge; J. Chapman, P.M. Arnold Lodge; Lewis, P.M. Noel Lodge; Pennington, P.M. Brownrigg Lodge; Charlton, W.M. St. Margaret's Lodge; Lockett, W.M. elect Frederick West Lodge; Purkess, J.D. Frederick West Lodge; and Sherwood, Molesey Lodge; with Bro. Shelley, as Secretary, to further consider the project, and report thereon to another meeting as soon as possible.

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PERRY AND CO.—The dividend recommended on the ordinary shares, viz.: 12½ per cent for the year and 2½ per cent. bonus, is the same as last year. The same amount is also placed to the reserve account.

THE HON. F. H. S. ROBERTS, King's Own Royal Rifles, only son of Bro. General Lord Roberts, has been appointed aide de camp to Lieut.-General Sir W. Lockhart, commanding the Waziristan expedition, in the place of Lieut. J. D. S. Lockhart, deceased.

A BAZAAR, in aid of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, will be opened at the Cannon-street, Hotel, on the 26th March, by her Royal Highness, the Princess Louise, Duchess of Fife, and the Princess of Wales has very kindly consented to become patroness of the Russian stall.

BRO. ADMIRAL LORD ALCESTER, G.C.B., Past Grand Senior Warden, has been lying ill at his chambers for some time. During the last few days his condition has become critical, and the doctors have refused to allow anyone to see him. He is suffering from an attack of bronchitis of a severe character.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Apollo Lodge, No. 2042, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., when Bro. John Lane was installed in office as W.M. for the ensuing year by his predecessor, Bro. John Burrows. There was a large number of members and visitors present on the occasion.

THE ANNUAL BALL in aid of the Masonic Charities by the Whitwell Lodge, No. 1390, was held in the West County Hall, Millom, on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst. No pains were spared by the Ball Committee to ensure the success of the gathering, and everything passed off admirably. Unfortunately, the weather debarred many who would have been present from attending.

THE INSTALLATION MEETING of the St. German's Lodge, No. 566, was held in the lodge quarters, Selby, on Friday, the 8th inst., when Bro. S. M. Scott, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being very impressively performed by Bro. Mark Scott, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. The customary banquet followed at the Londesborough Arms Hotel.

AT A REGULAR MEETING of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, held at the Freemasons' Hall, W.C., on the 13th inst., Bro. Reep, Sec., was elected W.M., and was also cordially congratulated on the occasion of his silver wedding. Bro. J. H. Evans, S.W., was thanked for his kindness in standing aside in order to allow the Secretary to occupy the chair during the ensuing year.

AS THE RESULT of a meeting which was held last summer at the Mansion House in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, a City Branch has been formed, and established its offices at 8, Prince's-street, E.C. Sir John Lubbock, Bart., M.P., has accepted the office of Treasurer, and Captain F. E. D. Acland, that of Honorary Secretary.

THE 106TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL, in aid of the City Dispensary, will be held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday, the 28th inst. Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Joseph Renals, the Lord Mayor of London, will preside, and will be supported by the Sheriffs of the City of London, the Under-Sheriffs, and others interested in the efficient maintenance of this important institution.

THERE was a very full attendance of members and visitors at the annual meeting of the Hartington Lodge, No. 1085, at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., when Bro. W. Hart was installed W.M. Subsequently, the W.M. announced his intention of going up at the Festival of the R.M.B.I., and the lodge voted £21 towards his list.

A CONVERSAZIONE will be held at the Mansion House under the auspices of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress in aid of the Central and East-End Poor Districts, at the London City Mission. Addresses will be delivered by the Rev. E. A. B. Sanders, Rector of Whitechapel; the Rev. G. F. Pentecost, D.D., Minister of the Presbyterian Church, Marylebone, and others, while a selection of music will be given by students of the Guildhall School of Music.

THE FUNERAL of Bro. William Woodward, who has been Prov. G. Tyler of Somersetshire for several years as well as Tyler of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, No. 201, Highbridge, and other lodges, took place at Burnham Cemetery, on Thursday, the 7th inst. The deceased, who had attained the ripe age of 85 years, was very highly and generally respected, many prominent members of the Craft in Somersetshire were present at the graveside to pay their last tribute of respect to so worthy a brother.

IT IS EXPECTED that the loan exhibition of pictures the City Corporation intends to hold this year will be opened about the middle of April. Last year's exhibition was a great success, having been attended probably by a larger number of people than ever went to the Guildhall exhibition. On the present occasion the pictures will be confined mainly to the best examples of the English and Dutch schools. A notable collection of mediæval jewellery belonging to Sir Charles Robinson will form a feature of the exhibition.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL BALL AND CONCERT in aid of the City Police Convalescent Home was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Monday, when there were present about 1000 ladies and gentlemen. The concert was given in the large coffee-room, while the Imperial and Grand Halls were reserved for dancing. For the present the institution is situated in a wing of the Moyley Convalescent Home, at St. Margaret's, Dover, but as soon as funds permit, a separate building will be erected. We should hope that a goodly result will be obtained from the very enjoyable entertainment on Monday.

OUR HEALTH IN WINTER.—Dr. Andrew Wilson, writing in *Lloyd's Newspaper* on diet, says: "The teaching of nature should never be neglected, and in the matter of winter food let us see we are not wrong, and take sufficient fat, for the changes that result in the wear and tear of our bodies are lessened in intensity by the fat of food, and the need for flesh is always less when fat forms a due proportion of our diet." The doctor proceeds to enumerate natural products that are admirable, among them "cocoa," with its contained cocoa butter. Relatively to this it may be said that Epps's Prepared Cocoa retains all the constituents of the natural cocoa, including the oil or butter, intact.

WE REGRET TO ANNOUNCE that Bro. the Rev. J. Stephen Barrass, rector of St. Michael, Bassishaw, is suffering from a severe chill.

BRO. DR. RALPH GOODING, J.P., has been elected the medical officer of the Norman Lodge (Greenwich) of the Ancient Order of Comical Fellows.

BRO. GEORGE PHILLIPS, the chairman of the Holborn District Board of Works, will be in the chair at the Holborn Restaurant on Monday at the annual dinner of the local authorities of the neighbourhood.

BRO. JUSTICE CAVE, who is on circuit in Bristol, was so unwell on Wednesday that he was unable to leave his hotel, and a heavy case, which had been proceeded with the day previously, had in consequence to be held over.

THE FRENCH Atlantic liner, the *Gascoigne*, as to the safety of which so much anxiety had been felt, has happily reached its destination (New York), after a terrible passage of 15 days. A broken shaft was the cause of the protracted voyage.

NEW NORTH LONDON PHILANTHROPIC SOCIETY.—The fourth annual ball in aid of the funds of the above Society will take place on Monday, March 4th, at the Goswell Hall, Goswell-road, E.C. Among the brethren who have kindly given their services are Bros. W. Ofield, G. Ring, A. Underwood, and R. Maskall, and Bro. W. Piper, Hon. Sec., 20, Culford-road, N.

IT IS PROPOSED to erect a memorial to the late Bro. Chirgwin, J.P., Prov. G. Sec. Cornwall, in the Cathedral at Truro. The Dean and Chapter have already given their consent to the proposal, which contemplates the placing of a stained glass window in the Cathedral and beneath or near it an alabaster or marble tablet. The Mayor of Truro has consented to act as Treasurer and Major Parkyn as Hon. Sec.

A NUMEROUS AND INFLUENTIAL MEETING was held in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House, on Wednesday, at which the Duke of Connaught, President of St. Thomas's Hospital, made an earnest appeal for funds to enable that ancient institution to open the five wards which have been closed for want of the needful means. Alderman Sir Stewart Knill presided, in the absence, through indisposition, of the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Joseph Renals, and among those present were the Sheriffs, the Earl of Leven and Melville, the Bishop of Southwark, and others. The sum it is desired to raise is £100,000.

THE NELSON BAZAAR, in aid of the fund which is being raised for restoring the parish church of Burnham Thorpe, in Norfolk, where our great naval hero was born, and which was opened on Tuesday, at the Admiralty, Whitehall, by the kind permission of Earl Spencer, was visited by the Duke and Duchess of York on the opening day, and inspected with deep interest the numerous relics of the great English admiral, which had been brought together to supplement the bazaar. There was also on view "Alumma's Umbrella," which was captured last autumn by British bluejackets, and sent home as a trophy of the slave raider's defeat, and the capture of his stronghold.

ALPES BENEVOLENT FUND.—The annual meeting was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, and was well attended. The chair was taken by the president, Bro. R. Wylie, P. Prov. S.G.W., Past S.G.D. of Eng., supported by Bro. Goodacre, P.G. Sec., P.G.S.B. of Eng., &c. From the Treasurer's report, it appeared that the finances were in a fairly satisfactory state; but that, in view of the fast-increasing claims on behalf of widows for whom the institution exists, it would be incumbent on all to use their utmost efforts on its behalf. The following officers were appointed: Bros. G. Harradan, Treasurer (re-elected), and J. Pittaway, Secretary. Bros. J. Platt, H. W. Johnson, P.P.G.D., and W. Savage, were elected Auditors.

THE SILVER WEDDING of Bro. Sir Albert and Lady Altman will be a memorable event in the history of the Altman family. Our worthy brother has done good service in his corporate capacity to the Ward of Aldersgate, and Lady Altman is as justly respected among the ladies of the City as her husband is among the members of the Corporation. It is not surprising, therefore, that the auspicious anniversary we have mentioned should have been turned to account by the friends of Bro. Sir A. and Lady Altman, or that they should have shown them due honour and respect by presenting to the lady a diamond necklace, and to her husband a handsome silver salver, bearing a suitable inscription. The meeting at which the presentation was made in No. 3 Committee Room of the Guildhall, on Tuesday, and notwithstanding his severe indisposition, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Joseph Renals, presided at the function, and made as genial speech as his cold would permit, when handing the gifts to Bro. Sir A. and Lady Altman.

A VERY SUCCESSFUL BALL was given at the Working Men's Institute, Ormskirk, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., by the Lodge of Harmony, No. 580, and the West Lancashire Lodge, No. 1403. The decorations, the arrangements, the supper, and the music were excellent, thanks to the zeal and discretion exhibited by the joint secretaries, Bros. A. J. Potter and A. Astor. Bro. R. C. Fry made a most able M.C., and there acted as Stewards Bros. T. Forrester, P.M. 1403, P.G.S.B.; R. Walker, P.M. 580, P. Prov. J.G.D.; T. Ball, P.M. 1403; P. Prov. G.P.; J. Bolton, P.M., D.C. 580, Prov. G.D.; J. Orritt, P.M. 1403; and several others. The guests were very numerous, and there appears to be every prospect that the Masonic Charities, in whose behalf the ball was given, will be substantially benefited.

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