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THE MASONIC VAGRANT.

The subject of Masonic vagrancy is notoriously one of the most difficult to cope with. Like the poor in the Scriptures, the vagrant is always with us, and will remain so to the end of the chapter. Measures more or less skillfully arranged, have again and again been taken with a view to ridding ourselves of his vagabond importunities, but with no enduring success. His game is far too profitable to be abandoned in consequence of an occasional conviction followed by a seven or fourteen days' experience of the treadmill. And thus it comes about that he lives and moves from place to place with all the nonchalance imaginable, levying toll with the strictest impartiality on all the lodge Almoners, lodge Secretaries, and lodge members he is able to interview and impose upon, and chuckling the while at the facility with which he obtains money which would be a Godsend to a really distressed brother. His theory is that the world is composed of knaves and fools, and that, as the latter are in an overwhelming majority, it is the duty of the former to prey upon them whenever there is a chance of doing so with comparative, if not absolute, impunity. He delights in his various impostures, which bring grist to his mill, and practises them with all the greater zest, because experience has shown him that only on the very rarest occasions does detection involve him in any unpleasant consequences. He knows that 99 out of every 100 brethren would rather sacrifice the shillings or sovereigns he may have obtained from them than prosecute him for the fraud of which they have been the victims.

But though these disreputable Masons have hitherto succeeded in evading the penalties imposed by the law on vagrancy, there are excellent reasons why steps should be taken to mitigate the evil as far as possible. Those who suffer most by the malpractices of these fellows are not the good-natured brethren who thoughtlessly bestow alms upon them or the lodge Almoner, who, in spite of the care he exercises, is occasionally duped into giving them crowns or shillings, but the brethren who are genuinely in need of help. The truly "poor and distressed brethren" rarely, if ever, disclose their pitiable condition till driven to do so by sheer desperation, and even then their sense of shame at being compelled to seek relief is such that the genuineness of their distress is oftentimes doubted. Their unwillingness to say more about themselves than is absolutely necessary often inclines people to regard them as impostors, especially if the brethren or Almoner they apply to has at any time been victimised by a real impostor. It is not many years ago that a brother who had occupied a good position in the sphere of life in which he moved and had held high office in his lodge, was found dead or dying in an unoccupied house in London, and at the coroner's inquest into the circumstances of his death, which necessarily followed, it was shown that he had kept the secret of his distress entirely to himself. The members of his lodge were in ignorance of his condition, or they would have relieved him instantly, and to the full extent of their ability. A feeling of shame—of false shame, no doubt, but one which every honourable man must have respected—had restrained him from disclosing his needs, and the poor fellow died on the bare floor of what had once been his well-furnished house, without a soul to comfort him in his dying moments, and with scores of generous-minded brethren living within easy hail, who would have deemed it their highest privilege to succour him at such a time. This was an exceptionally painful case, but there are others of a similarly, if not equally, distressing nature, which are continually being brought under the cognisance of brethren, but more particularly of lodge Almoners, and in not a few of these relief is withheld, or given with a niggard hand because of the impostors who traverse the country in all directions, seeking whom they may defraud of their spare shillings or sovereigns. A few weeks since we published a letter from the Secretary of St. John's Lodge, No. 1564, Woking, in which he very properly endeavoured to put our readers on their guard against one of this class of Masonic vagrants who had applied to him—fortunately without success—for relief. According to his letter, which appeared in our issue of the 23rd February, and in which were given details as to the man's personal appearance, this particular impostor gave the name of "JOHN WHARTON," and stated he had been initiated in the Tyne Lodge, No. 991, Wallsend, in 1872 or 1873, when a certain HENRY KINSLAKE was Secretary of the lodge. In further support of his identity the fellow produced a letter dated 19, Summer-street, Wallsend, November 14th, 1894, addressed to him, and signed "ED. PRESTON, Sec. 991." On inquiry, the Secretary of No. 1564 learned firstly that this "JOHN WHARTON" was not, and never had been, a member of No. 991, and that KINSLAKE had not been, in 1872 or 1873, and ED. PRESTON was not, in November, 1894, Secretary of the said lodge. This informa-

tion he obtained partly from the Grand Secretary's Register, and partly from Bro. TURNBULL, who was at the time, and had been for the last 12 years, the *bona fide* Secretary of the Tyne Lodge. A few days later we were favoured with a letter—which will be found elsewhere—from the Almoner of the Royal Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1326, Redhill, in which he cautions the reader against a batch of seven, who have all come under his personal notice, and respecting whom he offers to impart the information he possesses about them, and the devices they have recourse to in their raids upon the pockets of the benevolent. More recently still, we have had forwarded for our perusal a whole series of documents, including a circular addressed by the Almoner of the Medway Lodge, No. 1678, Tonbridge, to his brother Almoners throughout the Province of Kent, in which he warns them against relieving a man, who, on seven different occasions, had applied successfully, either to his predecessor in office or himself, for help and been assisted. This individual is the "WILLIAM HILL, St. John's, 279, Leicester," mentioned by the Almoner of No. 1362, and the aliases he had adopted at his various applications to the Medway Lodge Almoner are stated by Bro. JOHN W. LITTLE, the present holder of the office, as follows: "W. DAWSON, of the Newstead Lodge, No. 47, Nottingham, in April, 1890, and February and December, 1893; "W. FOSTER," of the Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 50, Hinckley, in May, 1892; "W. A. FOSTER," of St. John's Lodge, No. 279, Leicester, in August, 1894; "W. HILL," of the Knights of Malta Lodge aforesaid, in February, 1890; and "W. HILL," of Trinity Lodge, No. 254, Coventry, in April, 1892. On the 17th January last he applied to Bro. LITTLE for relief, and on this occasion he impersonated the character of Bro. "DAVID ALLEN," of St. John's Lodge, No. 279, Leicester. Fortunately Bro. LITTLE, from information he had received most opportunely, was able to dismiss the fellow without the customary alms. But the matter has not been allowed to rest here. The day following the visit of this DAVID ALLEN *alias* W. DAWSON *alias* W. FOSTER *alias* W. A. FOSTER *alias* W. HILL, Bro. LITTLE addressed a circular letter to his brother Almoners throughout Kent in which he suggested they should meet and concert measures to put down, or to mitigate, at all events, the evils of this Masonic vagrancy. On the 22nd February he wrote to Bro. ALFRED SPENCER, Prov. G. Secretary of Kent, with a view to obtaining that brother's approval of the step he had taken, and inviting him to sanction an early meeting of Almoners, as suggested by a Maidstone brother. The approval and the sanction were immediately forthcoming. The meeting was held at the Town Hall, Maidstone, on Friday, the 15th inst., under the presidency of Bro. SPENCER himself. There were present the representatives of 16 lodges in the Province, and telegrams of sympathy with the movement and regret that they were unable to attend were received from as many more. The subject was fully discussed, and ultimately a Committee, consisting of Bros. A. SPENCER, Prov. Grand Secretary; HOLCROFT, P.M. 1414, P. Prov. S.G.W.; TERSON, P.M. 199, P. Prov. S.G.D.; HIRE, P.M. 125, P. Prov. G.S.B.; and CLAPHAM, P.M. 913; with Bro. JOHN LITTLE, Almoner 1678, as Secretary, was appointed to inquire as to the course pursued by the different lodge Almoners in dealing with Masonic wayfarers, and inviting suggestions to be laid before a meeting to be held at an early date. It has further been explained to us by Bro. LITTLE, to whom belongs the credit of having initiated the movement, that there is an ulterior object in what is now being done in Kent, this object being to secure the co-operation of the other Provinces, and, we presume, of the lodges in the Metropolitan district, and their cordial assistance in putting a stop, as far as possible, to Masonic vagrancy. It is hardly necessary for us to say that any well-ordered scheme to effect this most desirable object will command our sympathy, and shall receive all the support and influence in its behalf which we are able to command. We do not shut our eyes to the difficulties which will be encountered in bringing the scheme into working order. It is no light task to bring about a concerted plan of action among 46 Provinces and the numerous body of lodges in London. It means, if the thing is to be done effectually, the organisation of a Committee for each Province, with, it may be half-a-dozen or more district Committees for the Metropolitan area, and a central Committee for the whole of England, which shall be in regular communication with the local Committees. But such a scheme is far from being impossible of organisation, and as Masonic vagrancy is acknowledged throughout the whole of England to be an unmitigated evil, we trust the efforts which are now being put forth in Kent to cope with it will be attended with the success it deserves. We shall be glad to receive any suggestions which our readers may think proper to offer, and if they or he desire it, we will place them in communication with Bro. LITTLE, the honorary Secretary of the Committee of Kentish Almoners.

THE GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia at its annual communication in June of last year, as recorded in the very ample report with which we have been favoured, appear to have been of a more than usually interesting character, and it is evident, both from the Grand Master's address which was delivered at the meeting, and the various Reports submitted by the different Executive Officers and Committees, that in this part of the Dominion the Craft is established on a sure and certain basis. It is by no means strong, either as regards the number of lodges on its roll or their aggregate membership. There are nominally 80 of the former, but the number in full working order is 63, and these amongst them are able to boast of an aggregate membership of 3223, or slightly more than an average of 51 subscribing members per lodge. But the Grand Master in his address was by no means indiscriminate in the praise he bestowed upon the private lodges. The whole body has prospered, and there is every likelihood of its prosperity being continued, but of the constituent parts of this body there were several in which he deplored—and we may be sure he did so not without cause—the lack of life and animation “which had characterised their proceedings for some time past. “The progress and growth in some lodges,” said the G. Master, “is very marked, which may in a great measure be attributed to the energy and ability of the Worshipful Masters and officers, assisted by Past Masters, who are, generally speaking, the mainstay of a lodge. The material admitted into and the work done in these progressive lodges are all that could be desired.” On the other hand, however, he feels bound to confess “that several lodges in the jurisdiction show very faint signs of life or animation,” and he expresses it as his opinion that it will be the duty of his successor in office—the present M.W.G. Master—or in the event of his being unable to do so personally, the different District Deputy Grand Masters “to make searching inquiry as to the cause of such lukewarmness and inactivity, and if possible remove such cause, and endeavour to infuse new life and vigour into the lodges.” The advice is sound, and we hope to hear at no distant date that it has been acted upon and borne good fruit abundantly. Many a lodge has dropped from the roll because, at the critical period of its existence, when its fortunes were on the wane, but not yet irretrievably ruined, some friendly counsellor was not at hand to tender good advice to its remaining members, and assist them by act as well as by precept in restoring the lodge to its previous healthy condition. The Grand Treasurer's Report likewise discloses a condition of things which is creditable to our Nova Scotia brethren. The Receipts for the year, including a balance of nearly 1,400 dollars brought forward from the previous account, amounted to 11,371.60 dollars, of which 5529.68 dollars is entered as net profits from the Masonic Fair held in 1893, for the purpose of paying off a part of the mortgage on Freemasons' Hall, Halifax. The expenditure, including 6468.88 dollars paid in respect of mortgage and interest, amounted to 10,238.88 dollars, the balance remaining in hand at the close of the account being just a trifle short of 1133 dollars. Here, again, we take the opportunity of congratulating the brethren in the jurisdiction on the very large measure of success which attended their labours during the year that ended in June, 1894, but more especially upon the marked success of the Fair at Halifax, which resulted in so large a profit and has enabled them to reduce the mortgage on their Hall by 6000 dollars, and the interest on the amount still unpaid from 6 to 5 per centum. There is just one other point to which we deem it right to call attention. The Grand Secretary, in his Report, mentions that there are received regularly at his office a number of Masonic periodicals such as the *Voice of Masonry*, the *Masonic Journal*, the *Australasian Keystone*, the *South Australian Freemason*, &c., &c., and he suggests that “it would be a move in the right direction if lodges would subscribe for one or other of those very interesting and instructive monthlies, and have it read and discussed during evenings when no active work was before the lodge.” “The suggestion,” which has the merit of novelty, is one we have no hesitation in endorsing, and for obvious reasons. It would be better for the Craft generally if Masonic periodical literature were more generously encouraged. A knowledge of what is passing both in other jurisdictions and other parts of the same jurisdiction cannot be otherwise than desirable. Even the proudest of Masonic Magazines and newspapers is valuable to the writers of Masonic history, while it stands to reason that the more this branch of Masonic literature is patronised, the more it becomes the duty of those who are responsible for its publication to ensure that the contents shall be as “interesting and instructive” as possible. Be it added, that Bro. W. F. Mac Coy, Q.C., of Halifax, is the present M.W. Grand Master, and Bro. William Ross, of the same city, Grand Secretary.

MARK MASONRY IN WEST YORKSHIRE.

ADVANCEMENT OF THE RIGHT HON. W. LAWIES JACKSON, M.P.

Under the rule of Bro. Charles Letch Mason, Provincial Grand Master, the Mark Degree has, for some years, been making steady progress in West Yorkshire. On Saturday, the 23rd inst., it received further impulse by the admission of the Provincial Grand Master of the Craft. Bro. W. L. Jackson, who, as our readers will remember, succeeded Bro. Tew in that responsible office, has from the time he assumed the sceptre, shown the liveliest interest and consideration for all that concerns Freemasonry; and, having expressed a desire to join the Mark Degree, was proposed in the Copley Lodge, No. 111, Leeds. His advancement was looked forward to by the brethren with great satisfaction, and a very large, influential, and

representative gathering assembled to witness it. There are 12 Mark lodges in West Yorkshire, members from every one of which came together to offer a welcome to Bro. Jackson on his entry into the Order.

In the unfortunate absence of Bro. Thomas Myers, W.M., Prov. G.O., who was unable through illness to be present, the chair was taken and the lodge opened by Bro. Tom Tomlinson, I.P.M. He was assisted by Bros. Thomas Thorpe, S.W.; A. G. Mabin, as J.W.; J. Ripley, M.O.; James Wood Blackburn, S.O.; Alfred Dougill, J.O.; the Rev. Manley Power, M.A., Precentor of the Leeds Parish Church, P.P.G. Chap. Berks and Oxon, as Chap.; Geo. Suddick, Sec.; J. Basil Mays, J.W., as S.D.; Geo. Hainsworth, as J.D.; and T. G. Howell, J.W. 137, as I.G.

There was a large muster of brethren, amongst whom were: Bros. R. V. Allison, P.M., P.P.G.W.; W. Flockton, P.M., P.P.G.O.; and H. Bonsor, 111; F. D. Harrison, W.M. Old York Lodge; John E. Craven, P.M. 14, P.P.G.O.; George Wragg, W.M., H. J. Garnett, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G.D. of Eng., F. Cleeves, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br. of Eng., and M. J. Dodworth, I.P.M., all of 53; H. S. Holdsworth, P.M. 58, P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br. of Eng.; Charles Woollons, P.M., Prov. J.G.W., Herbert G. E. Green, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., Joseph Matthewman, S.W., Prov. G. Sec., and G. H. Parke, P.M., P.P.G.W. Lancs., P.P.G.D., of 110; Charles Lingard, W.M. 127; J. F. Dyson, I.P.M., and W. E. Smithies, P.M., Prov. S.G.W., 137; J. B. Parkin, W.M., and Dr. Samuel Jacob, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., 352; G. H. Clemons, W.M., W. W. Clayton, P.M., W. Postlethwaite, J.W., and J. W. Smith, Sec., of 374; S. Pegler, W.M., and W. Langbridge, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., 398; and G. F. Carr, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., 457.

There were many apologies for non-attendance, amongst others from Bros. the Rev. T. C. Smythe, D.D., P.P.D.G.M., P.G. Chap. of Eng.; W. S. Blackburn, P.M. 374, Prov. G. Reg.; and Thos. Myers, W.M. 111, Prov. G.O.

Bro. Charles Letch Mason, P.M., Prov. Grand Master, accompanied by Bro. John Barker, P.M. 137, P.G. I. of W. of Eng., Dep. Prov. Grand Master, and escorted by the Prov. Grand Officers already named, entered the lodge and assumed the chair. The ballot was at once taken, and being favourable, the candidate, Bro. W. L. Jackson, entered, attended by the Deacons and was advanced to the Degree of Mark Master Mason. The ceremony was performed by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. C. Letch Mason, who was most ably assisted by his Deputy, Bro. John Barker. It was a striking and impressive scene, one to be long remembered by all who witnessed it, every detail being carefully attended to and conscientiously rendered. The historical lecture was obliged to be omitted as the time was brief.

In rising to close the lodge, Bro. MASON expressed the pleasure he had experienced in admitting Bro. Jackson into the Order of Mark Masons. He assured him that in addition to the heartiest of welcomes which he himself personally offered, that of the brethren generally was equally sincere. When he told him that many of those present had travelled long distances in order to take part in that meeting, and that there were representatives of every lodge in the province before him, he could not but feel that his joining their Order had given great satisfaction and pleasure to the Mark Masons of the province. Loyal attached to him as they all were in his capacity as head of the Craft in West Yorkshire, they felt that day that there was an additional tie between them, and that they had bound themselves more closely to him in Masonic sympathy and attachment. On the other hand when he informed the brethren that under great pressure of Parliamentary and other business Bro. Jackson had found time to come amongst them, and had in fact journeyed from London on purpose, returning at half-past five that afternoon, they must perceive how great an interest their newly-advanced brother had taken in their Order, and how willing he was even at great trouble and inconvenience to be admitted amongst them.

After the lodge was closed, dinner was served, of which upwards of 40 brethren partook.

After the loyal and Masonic toasts,

Bro. MASON, in proposing “The Health of Bro. Jackson,” made some interesting observations bearing upon the allegorical character of the Mark Degree. He showed how the progress of the candidate in the various stages of his advancement was closely emblematic of the varied and sometimes disappointing results which are obtained during man's course of life, and pointed out that even if failure attend honest effort, yet if that effort is sincere its recognition must at one time or another be attained.

Bro. JACKSON, in reply, thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him by admitting him to membership in their Order. He was, he said, a man with many calls upon his time, one for whom there was, he was afraid, but little leisure, yet it had given him great pleasure to be able to get away from business that afternoon, and especially when he found himself welcomed so cordially. There was little, he feared, he would be able to do in the interest of the Order, but if any effort of his could tend in any small degree to its advancement that effort he would freely extend. Following up Bro. Mason's remarks, Bro. Jackson said that though life, perhaps, was not without its disappointments or even its failures, yet should we not respond, but honestly and to the utmost of our ability discharge such duties as lay to our hands, not caring too much for the future, but faithfully and courageously meeting the difficulties which, day by day, might be presented to us. Only thus could our lives be useful, and therefore happy; only by thorough consistent determination to do our best could we look for the satisfaction which good work invariably brings.

To the toast of “The Visitors,” Bro. F. D. HARRISON, W.M. Old York Lodge, Bradford, replied.

Bro. H. J. Garnett, P.M. 53, and Bro. Frederick Cleeves, P.M. of the same lodge, gave some excellent recitations, whilst the musical portions of

the evening's entertainment were provided by Bros. G. F. Carr, J. F. Dyson, and others.

The Tyler's toast closed a signally brilliant and successful meeting, the organisation and arrangements for which were ably conceived and carried out by the brethren of the Copley Lodge, whose endeavours to promote the comfort and enjoyment of their visitors did not fail to meet with recognition.

HAS NOBLE WORK TO DO.

ADDRESS OF BRO. HUGH McCURDY AT THE LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE OF THE MASONIC HALL IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN,
JANUARY 23RD, 1895.

Acknowledging the great truth that he who has a heart must have an altar, you have now laid the corner-stone of your Masonic Temple, which, when completed, you will dedicate to the memory of the holy Saint John and the sublime principles of your Order. With the close of its imposing ceremonies you might rest behind the veil of silence and await the future to tell your footprints in the great field of fraternal humanity. And yet, custom, in its inexorable demand, claims the present moment to speak of Freemasonry—to point to the true source of its principles, and to recount, without speculation or colouring its happy influences, on the destiny of man.

Every institution is an outgrowth of human condition. The church is the language of the soul in its shrines, and symbols, and worship. And Freemasonry is no less the index of what humanity is and needs. It is the nourishing tree whose sustaining roots permeate society, and on whose overspreading branches hang the full clusters of fruit fed and matured by the cardinal principles of our Order—temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice. These are attributes of the heart, seeking objects upon which to fall; and those objects are of kindred nature with themselves.

The Masonic Fraternity stands before the world to-day not merely as a marvellous monument of antiquity, older and larger and wider spread than any other human institution, but as having maintained for so many centuries the essential of its primary organisation. It has indeed outlived the circumstances which gave it birth. The necessities which called it into being have long ago ceased to exist. Originally a company of builders, whose monuments of rare skill now adorn almost every part of the old world, the hand of time has brought its operative labours to a close, but the everlasting principles upon which it was founded are as intact to-day as when the cornerstone was brought forth from the rubbish and raised to its Masonic position. Since it was founded dynasties have come and gone, nations have been born and buried, and countless orders and societies have been organised and gone the way of all the earth. Our Order has maintained its ancient organisation, teaching its lessons of love, peace on earth, goodwill to man, and is to-day greater and stronger than it ever was before. To-day we look upon its majestic form, eclipsing all the creations of the day, a grand exception to the triumphs of the spirit of the age. It is true, our Fraternity has no more cathedrals or monuments of stone to build, but it has noble work to do. Never since the days of Hiram, King of Tyre, did it have a nobler mission to perform than it has in this land and age.

It is 130 years since Freemasonry was first planted in the territory, now this State and city, by mother Zion Lodge, No. 1, and we are proud to state, our grandparent went heroically and harmless through the war of the revolution; has been born four times, and four times baptised, and our venerable mother is yet full of life and vigour—as coy as a maiden, as gentle as a dove, fragrant as the rose and as fair as a lily! Her proud and stainless record bespeak her merit in terms more eloquent than I can, had I the power of word painting. Our mother has 407 children who annually answer roll call and receive wages. And these children have multiplied and re-multiplied until they have upon our rolls 40,000 good men and true who kneel around a common altar whereon are pledged the solemn covenants of brotherly love, relief, and truth. Ask me the progress of Freemasonry in this State, and there is the answer, the story of its birth and marvellous growth, simply told, but grand in its simplicity, of which this day's proceedings are an epitome.

Its altar is the great doctrine of human brotherhood, uttered by the seers of God away back in the ages of the past; and the meridian splendour of the nineteenth century attests the utility of its triumphs. Passing the bridge of time, its fraternising principles march on with increasing majesty, and its great task widens with its strength—new conceptions and nobler purposes. Bearing the spirit of Faith, Hope, and Charity, it stalks on, ever proclaiming in lofty tones the purposes of God.

But it is not my purpose on this occasion to enter into an exposition of the great fundamental law of brotherhood—time forbids. Centuries have felt the operations of that law, and with giant tread it still moves abroad on the face of social life, rebuking the waves of dissension, calming the elements of discord, and clothing the waste places with verdure and beauty. The law of fraternity, incorporated with the elements of the Christian code, is now claimed as the unerring rule by which institutions are tested and individual conduct tried—laying the broad foundation of that love which bids us to do unto others as we would have others do unto us. The wail of suffering humanity is borne upon the air of heaven—it strikes upon the listening ear; it thrills through every artery; it vibrates upon every nerve of the great soul of humanity, and brings out the earnest question: What can best be done to afford relief?

Happily the world has realised and acknowledges an answer in the great principle of affiliated action—a principle stamped with the attribute of Omnipotence. Based on simple humanity, and not on any distinctive creed of party or sect, save faith in God as our Heavenly Father. Freemasonry receives each member as a brother and bids him cultivate the true fraternal relations designed by the Great Author of his being. It requires a proper development of his manhood, physical, intellectual, social, and moral. As he asks to be trusted he obligates himself to be trustworthy. In like manner he is required to perform duties as a brother in all the offices of mutual aid and relief; in all our teachings of mutual instruction by precept and example; in all our exercises of mutual watch, care, and discipline, whether in the lodge room or in our intercourse with the world at large, but always without interference with any of the exalted duties he owes to his God, his country, his family, and himself.

What brother of the mystic tie can ever forget as an initiate the first lesson taught at the threshold of the lodge room and the impressions then made? Thus, all through the several steps of our Fraternity, are symbols and emblems used that lend a charm to every lodge and teach lessons never

to be forgotten. A moral truth is more completely represented to the eye and more lasting on the memory of the heart when presented by the image or property of a natural object. Hence emblems and symbols are used, and great truths and topics are taught in object lessons.

Jesus, the great teacher, taught much in parables, and those parables were allegorical representations of spiritual and moral truths. He took things as they appeared in nature, and as they existed around Him, to represent spiritual and eternal things; and the lessons which He gave in this manner overpowered even His enemies, until they exclaimed—"Never spake man like this man."

And what a beautiful lesson is symbolically taught to the church by its great head in the last supper. That sacred repast was provided under sad and solemn circumstances. Judas had already virtually betrayed his Master; Gethsemane and Calvary were looming up before the eye and the immaculate heart of the doomed Master as he broke the bread and poured the wine saying "This is My body which is given for you; this do in remembrance of Me. This cup is the new testament in My blood which is shed for you." These were made sacred symbols and intended in all coming time to set forth man's relation to God as a redeemed being by the atonement of the Son.

If, then, we have such exalted and ancient examples of symbolic teachings as the patriarchs, Moses and the prophets, and the Divine Master, surely we do well to follow them. And if the systems of religion have used this mode of teaching surely the principles, aims and objects of Freemasonry, having for their central glory that great revelation, the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, will justify its observance.

I have cited you to these holy and illustrious events, not that Freemasonry attempts to lay offerings upon the altar for man's redemption or that we regard it as religion, but because they are illustrations familiar to all. Christianity goes direct to the altar and lays its offerings upon the sprinkled throne; while Freemasonry, the handmaid of religion, benevolence, and morality, raises up fallen man and places before him the incentives of goodness. They are co-mates in bearing a universe to heaven, and the spirit of our Order receives the sanction of the Great I am, in the sublimity of that voice which proclaimed "Peace on earth, goodwill to man."

Friends and brothers, I might dwell for ever on the striking beauties of a fraternity of brothers, having for its object the amelioration of mankind, and yet do inadequate justice to the subject. The solid superstructure of our Fraternity rests upon the corner-stone of universal brotherhood, and its basis is immovable. Keeping in view the great golden rule for our maxim, it teaches those elevating and inspiring ideas of higher life and stricter duty. In a word, Freemasonry presents to the eye the whole moral history of the human heart, telling us that man as he came from the hand of his Creator is bound to protect and cherish his fellow man alike under the wild imaginations of Pagan idolatry, the overshadowing solemnities of Jewish theocracy, the blood-stained dominions of Mahomedan violence, and the mild and cheering consolations of the Christians' faith.

Let the principles of Freemasonry be carried out, and the world will be conquered, and humanity, trumpet-tongued, will proclaim the excellence of its plans, the utility of its triumphs.—*Voice of Masonry.*

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE WOKING EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

What is styled "Emulation Working," has long been accepted, on the principle of the "survival of the fittest," as the very best system of oral instruction ever carried out in connection with Freemasonry. The Emulation Lodge of Improvement was founded in London on the 2nd of October, 1823, and for many long years its proceedings were conducted under the guidance of Bro. Peter Gilkes, upon whose death the mantle of Preceptor appears to have fallen on the shoulders of Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, whence it afterwards descended to those of Bro. Thomas Fenn, who is still happily among the living, and now reposing on the well-earned laurels gained during a lifetime devoted to Freemasonry.

About eight years ago a branch, or offshoot, of this famous Metropolitan school of instruction was established at Woking. During the last 12 months there have been 16 meetings of this local lodge. The Three Degrees were rehearsed, also the installation ceremony, and all the lectures. The number of members is about 40. The meetings are always held on a Tuesday evening and are open—like those of the parent body—to all Master Masons in good standing. Once a year there is a public night or annual festival, and at this, on the 19th inst., the deeply lamented Prov. G. Master, Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., had promised to preside. The task of providing an efficient chairman at so short a notice was by no means an easy one, but at the earnest request of the Committee of Management, Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., whose ability and geniality are known to the whole Craft, kindly stepped into the breach.

The meeting accordingly took place at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., when there were present Bros. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; J. J. Black, P.M. 1564, Preceptor; C. F. Passmore, I.P.M. 2317, Sec.; H. Connell, W.M. 1971; A. H. Salter, W.M. 1872; H. S. Higlett, I.G. 2234; A. M. Kennett, 2475; R. Mossop, S.D. 1395; H. B. Osburn, 2475; C. J. Butler, 1044; H. J. Whitburn, 2317; R. Clamp, 2317; A. B. Jaye, 723; M. Hallam, 1395; W. E. Robinson, S.W. 1395; C. Cheel, P.M. 777; A. B. Geddes, 44 (I.K.); T. D. Fisher, 2521; T. B. Wood, 2521; A. H. Gale, 2521; C. W. Haig-Brown, 2101; T. L. Smith, J.W. 1564; W. Stephens, 2521; T. R. Cornish, 784; J. Tomlinson, 2317; J. W. H. Littleboy, S.W. 2317; J. Wenham, 2120; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M. 2317; R. Lodge, 2308; A. G. Clinton, I.G. 723; Capt. J. Hoey, P.M. 316; H. Gloster, 2317; S. C. Knight, W.M. 1395; and J. H. Askham, P.M. 723.

Bro. J. J. Black presided over the business of the lodge, which comprised the First Lecture, the Seven Sections of which were worked in admirable style by Bros. T. L. Smith, R. Mossop, C. Cheel, J. Tomlinson, H. S. Higlett, C. F. Passmore, and J. W. H. Littleboy, respectively, and evoked the warm approval of Bros. Eve and Gould, the former of whom proposed, and the latter seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the presiding officer and the various brethren who had assisted throughout the evening.

At the banquet, which was excellently served by Bro. G. Mason, the chair was taken by Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treas., who after giving the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, proposed in terms of great eloquence that of "The Earls of Lathom and Mount Edgumbe, and the remainder of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. R. F. GOULD, P.G.D., having suitably responded, other toasts followed, Bros. J. H. ASKHAM replying for "The Provincial Grand Officers," and Bros. J. J. BLACK and C. F. PASSMORE for "The Woking Emulation Lodge of Improvement."

"The Health of the Chairman" was received with great applause, which was renewed and heightened by his vigorous and impressive speech in reply.

The concluding toasts were "The Section Workers" and "The Visitors," and the brethren separated after a highly enjoyable evening, the pleasure of which was much enhanced by some admirable singing in which the Chairman, Bro. Eve, and other brethren took part.

In the course of the proceedings, the remark was let fall that, while Woking was generally known to the outside world in connection with sundry institutions and public establishments, which are really not in the place at all, and, indeed, at some little distance from it—for example, the cemetery, the county lunatic asylum, the crematorium, and the prison, which are divided between Brookwood, St. John's, and Knap-hill—its rapidly increasing importance as a centre of Masonic activity is as yet very imperfectly realised, except, of course, in the Province of Surrey itself.

The number of associations at Woking, all more or less Masonic, either in name or character, is believed to be greatly in excess of that at any other place in England of the same size. There are three Craft and two Mark lodges, two Royal Arch chapters, a preceptory of Knights Templar, and last, but by no means least, the "Woking Emulation Lodge of Improvement," which is not only a nursery to the ceremonial duties of the lodge, but also a school of elocution of the very highest utility.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held on the afternoon of the 21st instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, when there were present Bros. W. Powell, who presided; J. B. Gover, Sec.; J. R. Lord, Treas.; S. Jew, W. Allsford, R. Hambly, W. Cocks, C. Mitten, G. Whittle, W. J. Stanbury, J. W. Cornish, S. J. Page, C. Watson, and J. Griffin.

The Hon. Treasurer, Bro. J. R. LORD, reported that the total value of the Fund at the end of 1894 was £1484 13s. 6d., as compared with £1317 13s. 4d. in the previous year—an increase of £167. This increase, he said, had taken place, notwithstanding that they were now maintaining 23 children—the highest number they had ever had on the Fund. The increase was largely due to the concert given in Plymouth Guildhall last November, which resulted in an addition to the funds of exactly £100.

Bro. GOVER (Hon. Sec.) reported that three candidates who failed to secure election in October last were still eligible, and that five new applications had been received for the election next month, making eight in all. Four of the new cases were placed upon the list; the fifth was rejected on the ground that it was not a case calling for assistance from the Fund. The accepted cases were nominated by lodges at Princetown, Topsham, Ivybridge, and St. Aubyn's Lodge, Devonport. Tuesday, 2nd prox., was fixed for the annual meeting and election, to be held at Plymouth, and it was decided to elect four new candidates on that day out of the eight applicants.

Bro. ALLSFORD called attention to the fact that the return made for the year 1893 showed that 18 lodges in the Three Towns and district contributed £285 19s. 6d. to the Fund, that 17 lodges in other parts of the province contributed £117 14s., and that there were 17 lodges which did not subscribe a single penny.

In the discussion which followed it was stated that repeated appeals had been made to the non-contributing lodges to help the Fund, but without any satisfactory result. It was not until lodges found themselves in a position to require help from the Fund that they recognised their obligations to contribute to it. A strong feeling was expressed that the Committee should have a discretionary power to reject nominations from non-contributing lodges, and a notice of motion to that effect to be proposed at the next meeting in April, was given.

YE OLDE MASONIANS' CONCERT.

The members of the Masonian Club gave their second annual Bohemian concert on Friday evening, the 22nd inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. There was a goodly number of ladies and gentlemen present. The chair was occupied by Mr. C. Heward Uwins, and at eight o'clock precisely the programme was opened by Miss C. Bowler, who performed a piano solo very well indeed. Mr. A. H. Stevenson sang "The night watch" excellently, and Mr. A. B. Whiteley brought down the house with his comic songs, which were all encored. He is a fair exponent of the nigger minstrel style of entertainment. Mr. William D'Arcy, who has recently been performing at some of the halls, treated us to his whistling (which was of the most refined operatic description), and a representation of a gentleman and his wife singing a duet at the piano. These items were, of course, enthusiastically applauded. Mr. Wilkinson also did very well. Amongst the others who assisted were Misses Brown and Gough, and Messrs. J. Smith, G. Brown, F. Dyer, E. Luke, W. C. Hotfield, Howard, Kippax, C. Bruderer, and others. The accompanists were Miss C. Bowler and Mr. J. Edward Fisher.

VISIT OF THE PROV. GRAND MASTER OF HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT TO PORTSMOUTH LODGE, No. 487, PORTSMOUTH.

The Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and the Provincial Grand Officers attended a meeting of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, held at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, on Thursday, the 14th inst., when Bro. John Brickwood, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., was, for the second year in succession, installed as W.M. of the lodge. The ceremony was performed by the Provincial Grand Master, whose delivery of the ritual was most impressive. The following were appointed officers of the lodge for the year: Bros. Frank Meredith, I.P.M.; Charles F. Brown, S.W.; H. E. Holley, J.W.; William Bates, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; R. Wilson-Marsh, Sec.; G. O. Wells, S.D.; William E. Smith, J.D.; A. M. Rae, I.G.; James Jenkins, P.M., D.C.; G. Pearman, P.P.G. Org.; Arthur J. Bell and Harry M. Triggs, Stwds.; and J. J. Exell, P.G. Tyler, Tyler.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Provincial Grand Master.

After the close of the lodge the brethren assembled in the dining hall of the lodge, where a banquet was well served by Messrs. Hill and Co., the caterers. Bro. Brickwood presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treas. England, responded for "The Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past," and referred to the prominent part taken in the proceedings of Grand Lodge by the Hampshire brethren, especially by their Prov. Grand Master, who was selected to preside over the meetings of Grand Lodge more frequently than any other member.

The toast of "The Provincial Grand Master" was received most enthusiastically, and in reply

The PROV. G. MASTER mentioned the great services rendered to the Portsmouth Lodge by Bro. G. S. Lancaster in the past, and now by Bro. J. Brickwood, both of them experienced members of the Craft. They had come forward to occupy the chair of the lodge at a period of difficulty, and they were entitled to every credit. It was only by the continued interest of the older members of the Craft that the high position of Freemasonry in the province was maintained.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was submitted by the Mayor (Bro. T. KING, J.P.), who referred to the fact that Bro. Brickwood had completed 21 years' membership in the Craft, and that that was the sixth occasion of his taking the chair of a lodge.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER responded in felicitous terms.

Several other toasts followed, the proceedings being interspersed by an excellent programme of vocal music, in which Madame Sinico and several members of the company assisted.

During the banquet the band of Bro. T. F. Wilton discoursed some choice music.

The following were amongst the brethren present: Bros. R. Eve, P.G. Treas. Eng. J. W. Gieve, P.G. Treas.; E. Goble, P.G. Sec.; T. A. Bramsdon, P.S.G.W.; W. H. Riddett, P.S.G.D.; E. H. Buck, P.J.G.D.; A. W. Hewitt, P.G.D.C.; H. Cooke, P.A.G.D.C.; R. E. Buckle, P.A.G.D.C.; E. Spriggs, P.G. Purst.; E. Boorman, R. A. Renfree, and G. Boyce, P.G. Stwds., representing Prov. G. Lodge; G. E. Kent, 247; C. Reader, 309; A. J. Dunn, 342; W. J. Jago, 903; E. Godwin, 1776; W. J. Townsend, 1903; A. R. Holbrook, 1990; T. H. Biggs, 2068; T. H. Nancarrow, 1958; W. Baker, 1834; A. Manistre, 1958, W.M.'s of neighbouring lodges; J. T. Thackara, H. P. Holley, H. E. Loader, A. Cudlipp, J. L. Snell, J. Jenkins, F. Meredith, T. P. Palsgrave, W. Bates, and W. M. Outridge, P.Ms. of the lodge; T. King (Mayor of Portsmouth); H. G. Giles, R.N., P.M. 1903; J. Barton, P.M. 715; R. J. Pither, P.M. 2068; C. G. Holmes, P.M. 342; J. J. Bascombe, P.M. 804; C. R. Hendy; R. Payne, P.M. 342; F. Hazzard, P.M. 903; H. B. Hole, F. W. Evans, H. Jones, F. W. Guard, C. J. Ling, and others.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS

Egyptian Lodge (No. 27).—This ancient and well-known lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 7th instant, when there were present Bros. F. Brendel, W.M.; A. E. Todd, I.P.M.; H. J. Macfarlane, S.W.; C. T. Cuthbertson, P.M., Treas.; Matt. H. Hale, P.M., Sec.; F. Bull, J.D.; C. J. Pallott, I.G.; C. R. Kemp, Stwd.; W. H. Libbis, P.M.; C. B. Todd, P.M.; F. Harrison, P.M.; J. W. Dixon, P.M.; D. H. Jacobs, P.M.; R. Douglas-Smith, P.M.; J. Whiffen, F. Linfoot, R. Emery, G. J. Newton, W. Pattison, H. C. Todd, W. Holliman, and R. F. Potter, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. H. Sillis, W.M. 2362; F. W. Green, 1178; J. J. Lamigeon, 1929; E. C. Mulvey, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; E. H. Mussey, 2163; D. A. Shepperd, 1339; F. Dunstan, P.M. 1326; F. R. Dodd, 1344; J. F. Croager, 30; and R. T. West, 1744.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read, the W.M. passed Bro. Linfoot. A sum was voted from the benevolent fund to an indigent brother, late a member of the lodge, and other business followed.

The lodge was closed and the brethren withdrew to an excellent banquet, which was supplied by Bro. A. Clewry in his best style.

Just at the close of the banquet, Bro. W. M. Stiles—who had been attending a chapter meeting at the same hotel—was announced, and he was received with great enthusiasm, the brethren rising and giving him a hearty welcome, in consequence of it being the first Craft gathering he had attended since he was elected Grand Treasurer the day previous.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured,

Bro. A. E. Todd, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that his splendid work that evening was evidence that the lodge could not have a better Master, and that when the term of his office expired he would without doubt have had a very successful reign, and they were proud of him.

Bro. Brendel, W.M., who had a hearty reception, in a short but telling speech, observed that he would endeavour to do his best in the future as in the past.

The W.M. submitted the toast of "Bro. W. M. Stiles, the Grand Treasurer elect." He stated that they well knew the hard fight he had had, and it was more to his honour that he had gained the victory. The Egyptians were proud that their lodge was the first in the Craft to welcome him as the Grand Treasurer elect, and they gave him every congratulation. It went without saying that none had worked harder for Freemasonry and the Charities, and the right man had been elected.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, on rising to respond, had quite an ovation. In thanking the W.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren for the reception they had given him, he said that he noticed many of their members, a large proportion of whom were old friends of his, at the election of Grand Treasurer. He had stated in their lodge on several occasions that when elected his earliest duty would be to attend to offer his sincere thanks for the efforts they had made on his behalf, and he was glad to have that opportunity of carrying out his pledge. The lodge had voted for him, the selected of the Craft, and it was the greatest honour one could aspire to, and, although he had attained that high position, he could assure them that he would always be, as they knew him of old, the same W. M. Stiles.

In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. read out their names, and he joined with the toast the names of Bros. Mulvey, Sillis, and Dunstan.

Bro. Mulvey responded, remarking that it was his second visit, and he had enjoyed himself very much. As a Preceptor of many years' standing, he felt sure that all present appreciated the excellent working of the ritual by their W.M., who was well supported by his officers, making special mention of the veteran Bro. Jacobs, P.M., who had filled the office of Steward for a great number of years.

Bro. Sillis said that, as a new W.M., he appreciated their kind treatment, and he was glad to meet their honoured guest, Bro. Stiles.

Bro. Dunstan also replied, bearing testimony to the excellent working of the W.M. and the hospitality of the members.

Bros. Shepperd, Dodd, and Lamigeon also responded in some good speeches.

The W.M. gave "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary." It was needless for him to say that their noble body of Past Masters were only too pleased to do anything for the lodge and the members, and that the Treasurer and Secretary carried out their duties with perfection.

Bro. M. H. Hale, P.M., Sec., responded in happy terms, observing that he was glad to see such a goodly gathering.

Bro. D. H. Jacobs, P.M., said that he was asked to respond for the whole of the Past Masters, but he was not so strong as he was 50 years ago. The W.M. was a good fellow. He had watched him ever since he was initiated in the lodge, and he had always been an active and energetic member, and when his time came to be put on the Past Masters' shelf, he hoped he would be as happy as the other occupants. He had had to respond to the toast for 40 years, but he thought the time had arrived for him to take a back seat. He referred to the presence of Bro. Stiles, and said that he had paid them a high honour in attending immediately after his election, and he felt sure that it would make no difference in his manner, as he would not depart from his manhood or forget his old friends, although he was the Grand Treasurer elect of English Freemasons.

The W.M. proposed "The Officers." He was pleased with their working, and the members appreciated their great worth. He tendered his thanks to the acting J.W., Bro. R. Douglas-Smith, P.M., who had filled that position on more than one occasion.

Bro. H. J. Macfarlane, S.W., in response, assured the W.M. of the loyalty of all the officers, who would assist in every way.

Bro. R. Douglas-Smith also replied, observing that he knew the real J.W. was there in spirit.

Bro. Pallott, S.D., having responded in a genial speech, Bro. Kemp, I.G., said that 12 months ago he was initiated in the lodge, and he was proud to be an officer.

The happy evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

Some excellent songs were well rendered by Bros. H. J. Macfarlane, R. Douglas-Smith, Dunstan, and Kemp.

New Concord Lodge (No. 813).—The prosperous condition of this lodge, and the extensive popularity of its newly-installed W.M., were amply evinced at the meeting which took place at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on the 21st inst., when Bro. Herbert Sprake, W.M., received the hearty congratulations of members and visitors numbering 120. The Secretary, Bro. A. J. Potter, P.M., was deservedly rewarded for his invaluable services by the presentation of a silver service and an illuminated address.

Those present included Bros. J. Downing, W.M.; H. Sprake, S.W.; H. D. Blake, J.W.; J. R. Cordell, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Potter, P.M., Sec.; G. Simpson,

J.D.; R. Clarke, I.G.; C. Weeden, P.M.; C. N. Ockelford, P.M.; T. B. Richards, P.M.; and E. Levesque, P.M. Visitors: Bros. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Hollingsworth, P.M. 1185; A. T. Ginder, J.W. 1563; S. Smither, P.M. 103; A. J. Bennett, 1777; G. E. Warn, I.P.M. 1805; H. C. Todd, 27; P. G. Doherty, 145; H. E. Sanders, S.W. 917; H. J. Bidwell, P.M. 2120; C. Reeve, P.M. 1816; R. Bott, 1949; C. Dearing, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. P. Street, P.M. 180; E. Lawrence, 2332; G. Fisk, P.M. 209; F. Baddeley, 2530; H. Trounce, 917; J. W. Perry, 700; A. E. Todd, I.P.M. 27, P.M. 2381; A. Ferrar, P.M. 1524; E. E. Bond, 2323; F. W. Frigout, P.M. 771; G. P. Pointer, P.M. 1613; G. H. Andrews, 2021; F. S. Toogood, W.M. 969; J. Hughes, 1368; H. G. Harper, W.M. 171; J. R. H. Finch, 2246; E. Goodchild, 1437; W. Freedstone, 1326; C. Townley, 2190; H. Smith, 1437; R. M. H. Griffith, 1677; A. Moore, 91; H. Magee, 174; W. Robinson, 860; J. Atti, 2467; J. Starkey, 132; G. S. Elliott, 749; A. E. Sarti, P.M. 180; L. T. Dury, 180; J. G. W. James, P.M. 795; J. Howell, 870; W. T. Price Taylor, 79; A. Williams, 1535; W. R. Itter, 2551; W. M. Forbes, P.M. 969; F. M. Fisk, 19; E. Dalzell, P.M. 2000; W. H. Jeffries, I.P.M. 1963; J. R. Knox; W. W. Heyworth, I.P.M. 1261; W. W. Morgan, 177; W. Elliott, 749; W. W. Lee, W.M. 1897; and others.

Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. An emergency meeting having been held to confer the various Degrees on candidates, the installation was the only item on the agenda. A dispensation was read authorising Bro. Herbert Sprake to be installed as W.M., he not having yet finished his term of office in the chair of the Highbury Lodge, and the installation ceremony was creditably performed by Bro. J. R. Cordell, P.M., Treas., who undertook the duty almost at the 11th hour. The following officers were invested: Bros. J. Downing, I.P.M.; H. D. Blake, S.W.; J. I. Moar, J.W.; C. I. Stevens, M.A., Chap.; J. R. Cordell, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Potter, P.M., Sec.; Geo. Simpson, S.D.; R. Clarke, J.D.; J. J. Lewin, I.G.; C. Weeden, P.M., D.C.; W. M. Johnson, A.D.C.; T. B. Richards, P.M., H. J. Davey, and T. W. Couch, Stwds.; and A. K. Tuberville, Tyler.

Lodge was closed, and after a banquet, which reflected credit on all concerned, the customary toasts were honoured.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B., replying for "The Grand Officers," said they took a deep interest in all that concerned Masonry, and had from time to time shown their interest in the Charities by taking the chair at the festivals. As the W.M. had expressed a wish for short speeches, he would only say the Grand Officers were deeply grateful for the way this toast was always received.

Bro. J. T. Downing, I.P.M., then said he wished to propose "The Health of the Worshipful Master," who had been installed that evening, and who would be a shining light on the horizon of Past Masters. Bro. Sprake was initiated in that lodge about 20 years ago, and they would agree he had the capacity to carry out the responsible duties in an efficient manner. They congratulated him on the position he was holding, and wished him a successful year.

Bro. Herbert Sprake, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren for their kind reception. It was with a great deal of pleasure that he looked back to 1887, when he was initiated by his esteemed friend, Bro. Cusworth, at the Old Rosemary Branch, Southgate-road. He regretted he had not reached the chair before, but it was not owing to any want of interest in the Craft, but from lack of time. This was one of the red-letter days of his career to know he had been elected and placed in the chair of his mother lodge. It was the wish of his heart to occupy this chair before he was Worshipful Master of the Highbury Lodge, but the latter thought different, and as the position was offered he could not refuse the kind offer. His love for both was the same, but his first love was with this lodge in which he was initiated. The New Concord Lodge had numbered many illustrious brethren, some of whom had gone, but he hoped it would go on adding to that celebrated list. It was not a young lodge, and was, he believed, an off-shoot of the Old Concord Lodge. It only showed what could be done when there were energetic brethren at the head, and no one was more gratified to see the increase and improvement in their lodge than himself. They could vie with any lodge in England, and the candidates desirous of entering it was a proof that it was held in high esteem, not only by brethren but also those desirous of entering the Order. He would endeavour that the lodge should not lose any of its lustre during the time he occupied the chair. If he failed to carry out the duties in a manner compatible with the ritual of Freemasonry it would not be his fault, for he came determined to do it in the most exemplary style. He would try to do his best, and the best could do no more.

"The Initiates" were next honoured and duly responded to by the brethren initiated at the emergency meeting.

The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Immediate Past Master," and said Bro. Downing had worked hard in the Craft or he would not occupy his present position. He would, no doubt, as I.P.M. extend that genial courtesy he had shown as W.M. It was pleasure to him to present Bro. Downing with the jewel voted by the lodge, for it was well deserved, and he hoped the I.P.M. would be long spared to wear it. With the jewel he also wished to convey the best good wishes it was possible for a body of Masons to wish their I.P.M.

Bro. J. Downing, I.P.M., returned thanks, and trusted he had not dimmed the lustre of the lodge during his Mastership. From the gift of the jewel he felt they were satisfied with his efforts.

In submitting the toast of "The Installing Master," the W.M. related the circumstances through which Bro. Cordell was asked to perform the ceremony at the 11th hour, and expressed his appreciation, which was shared by the brethren, of the able manner in which the duties had been carried out.

Bro. J. R. Cordell, P.M., Treas., briefly replied, and said he was gratified if his efforts had been accepted.

On behalf of "The Visitors," the following brethren responded: Bros. W. M. Stiles, G. Treas. elect (who thanked the members for their support of his candidature); G. S. Elliott, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Dearing, P.P.G.S. of W.; Pierpoint, P.M. 177; C. Townley, and Jeffries, P.M.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Secretary," and said every brother in the lodge had been ready to lend a helping hand towards recognising the Secretary's services. The duties of Secretary necessitated a great deal of work, and they would feel very sorry to lose Bro. Potter from the position, for he left nothing undone for the good of the lodge. To show Bro. Potter their sincere appreciation of his work they had decided to make him a small present, consisting of a silver service and an illuminated address on vellum. The Secretary would not regard the gift for its intrinsic value, but for the way it was given, and when he looked at it he would think of the many friends he had in the lodge.

Bro. A. J. Potter, P.M., Sec., said that they must excuse him making a long speech, for they must remember that "when a little heart was full a little set it off." He would rather take the opportunity of thanking them on some future occasion. It would not require this present to remind him of the many friends he had in the lodge, for he felt he had their good wishes.

Other toasts were given before the proceedings—which had been of a thoroughly enjoyable character—terminated.

Bro. Alfred Moore was assisted in a capital programme of music by Miss Ethel Winn, Miss Minnie Chamberlain, and Bros. F. H. Cozens, and E. Dalzell.

St. Dunstan's Lodge (No. 1589).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 27th inst., at Anderton's Hotel. Present: Bros. W. H. Wellsman, W.M.; J. F. Hunter, I.P.M.; H. L. Buck, S.W.; T. Rendell, J.W.; W. H. Clemow, P.M., Treas.; T. J. Robinson, P.M., Sec.; T. R. Woolfe, J.D.; W. W. Parkinson, I.G.; F. Kimber Bull, D.C.; A. N. Doland and F. T. W. Goldsmith, Stwds.; W. Wellsman, P.M.; F. Farrington, P.M.; Robinson Innes, P.M.; E. Gilbert, Millson, W.M. 1381; Phillips, 217; Maltby, 217; Strong, 2182; Taylor, 323; and several other brethren.

After the performance of the usual Masonic business, the propriety of holding a summer meeting was discussed and carried. Upon the W.M. announcing his determination to become a Steward at the forthcoming Festival, in May, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the lodge, on the suggestion of the Treasurer, voted him a grant for his list.

The brethren eventually adjourned to a banquet, and afterwards were musically entertained by several brethren, amongst whom Bro. Strong, 2182, deserves special notice.

Aldersgate Lodge (No. 1657).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Present: Bros. James Shotton, W.M.; Geo. Rawlinson, I.P.M.; Septimus Croft, S.W.; W. R. B. Briscoe, J.W.; Samuel White, P.M., Treas.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M., Sec.; E. Anderton, P.M., D.C.; Ralph Langton, I.G.; H. Thomas, Tyler; George Kenning, P.M.; Sir Joseph Renals (Lord Mayor) P.M.; Arthur B. Hudson, P.M.; M. P. Webb, P.M.; and E. F. B. Fuller, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Geo. Hand, Sheriff; and J. W. Dixon, W.M. 2168.

The minutes of the regular lodge meeting, held February 18th, were read and confirmed. A Committee was appointed to make arrangements for the complimentary banquet to the I.P.M., Bro. G. Rawlinson, and Mrs. Rawlinson, which is to be held up the river on Wednesday, 19th June.

Henry Muggeridge Lodge (No. 1679).—The election meeting of this distinguished and ever growing lodge was held on Saturday, the 23rd inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. John W. Woodthorpe, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Thomas Sibley, S.W.; R. J. Hall, J.W.; Alfred Sack, P.M., Treas.; Geo. Clark, P.M., Sec.; C. J. Sowton, S.D.; J. W. Gomm, J.D.; T. C. W. Elstob, I.G.; W. Boyce, I.P.M.; R. Stampfer, P.M.; S. W. Reddall, P.M.; A. J. Street, P.M.; J. T. Penney, P.M.; H. Laws, J. F. Strutt, R. M. Crompton, C. E. Blogg, M. Henry, A. Patman, T. A. Russell, G. J. Storey, Paul Bevan, and J. Rawles, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; P. A. Nairne, P.G.D.; C. W. Raymond, P.M. 1716; J. C. Kirk, J.D. 2069; F. J. Waterson, W.M. 1716; Walter Whiting, W.M. 22; H. Weber, P.M. 90; W. H. Fox (L.C.C.), S.W. 176; G. F. Garry, S.W. 90; W. Willshire, 1602; and R. T. West, 1744.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the W.M. passed Bro. A. Patman, and afterwards initiated Messrs. Paul Bevan, M.A., and G. J. Storey, and subsequently gave the Antient Charge. Bro. Woodthorpe has gained a thorough master of the ritual, and his working was performed in a commendable manner. Bro. Thomas Sibley, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. A. Sack, P.M., re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. J. Rawles again appointed Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent dinner which was well served under the superintendence of the manager, Bro. Evans.

After the customary loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured,

The W.M. gave "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," observing that the work was always done well in Grand Lodge, and that they were honoured that evening with the presence of two Grand Officers, and he coupled the names of Bro. Sir John B. Monckton and Percival A. Nairne with the toast.

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton responded. His thanks were due to the W.M. for his kind invite, but it had dragged him from the seaside. He was delighted to have seen Bro. Bevan, who was the son of an old and dear friend of his, initiated. The W.M.'s working was excellent and could not be surpassed—he gave that opinion as a Mason of 40 years' standing—and the officers had done their work well. He was glad to hear that his very old friend, Bro. Muggeridge, was still "going," and he felt sure that if his health permitted he would have been glad to be present to witness the Stability working which he (Bro. Muggeridge) loved so well.

Bro. P. A. Nairne, P.G.D., said that it was a great honour to be associated with the Grand Officers. It had been his good fortune to be present at Bro. Woodthorpe's installation, and he was delighted with his excellent working of the ritual.

In submitting the toast of "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. W. Boyce, I.P.M., stated that it would be received with enthusiasm as it fully deserved to be, as no one could deny but that Bro. Woodthorpe had carried out his many duties in an admirable manner, and his work that night could not be excelled. He and the members were glad to hear the kind remarks of the two Grand Officers, and it confirmed their opinion of the W.M.'s great worth.

Bro. Woodthorpe, W.M., on rising to respond, was enthusiastically received. He said that from the very kind manner in which Bro. Boyce had proposed the toast, and from the very cordial way in which it had been received, one might suppose he had done something beyond the ordinary duties of a W.M. He was conscious of many shortcomings, but they had been kind enough to overlook them. When they did him the honour to elect him the W.M. of the Henry Muggeridge Lodge in May last he felt rather dubious of his ability to perform the duties of the office properly, but if by his efforts he had succeeded in giving them satisfaction, then that in itself was a sufficient reward for him. He had made it his constant aim to preserve the brotherly feeling amongst the members, which they as Masons knew was so essential to the welfare of every lodge, and which, in his opinion, was the true essence of Masonry, and in this respect he trusted he had been successful. The time was not far distant when he would join the ranks of the Past Masters, and in that capacity, as well as in any other, he should always be delighted to do anything he possibly could to promote the interests of the lodge and its individual members. In conclusion, he expressed his gratification at having earned their appreciation, and he thanked them one and all most sincerely for the very hearty reception they had accorded the toast.

The W.M. proposed "The W.M. elect, Bro. Sibley." He said that he had worked hard, and no one more suitable could have been elected. As S.W., he had rendered him valuable assistance, and when he was installed the members would have no reason to complain of their choice.

In response, Bro. Sibley stated that he would do his utmost to follow in the footsteps of the W.M., who was a great example, and if he could come up to his excellence he ventured to think that the members would be satisfied with the little that he might do for the lodge.

In giving "The Initiates," the W.M. remarked that it was undoubtedly the toast of the evening. They were honoured with two that evening, and they were both old friends of his. Bro. Bevan was the sharer of his sorrows and joys in business life, being his partner, and he had no doubt he would turn out an excellent Mason. Bro. Storey was associated with him in the north of England, and had been his constant friend for over 20 years. He felt sure Bro. Storey would also prove a good Mason. In conclusion, he said that both the initiates were sons of Freemasons, which was in itself interesting.

Bro. Bevan, in responding, said it was a great honour to be elected a Freemason, which was greatly enhanced by his having been initiated by the W.M. It was a red-letter day in his life; he was struck with the solemn service and should never forget having to rise so many times at that banquet table.

Bro. Storey also replied, and said he stood before them quite a baby in Freemasonry, but still he was proud to be a juvenile now that he was a Mason, and the beautiful ceremony of his initiation was a great surprise to him.

The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," to whom he gave a hearty welcome, and he joined with the toast the names of Bros. W. Whiting, F. J. Waterson, W. H. Fox, H. Weber, and C. W. Raymond.

In responding, Bro. Whiting said that the members had reduced entertaining visitors to a fine art. What he had seen and heard that night was good. He was W.M. of a lodge with Stability working, and the Henry Muggeridge Lodge was the first out of the great many lodges he had attended where he had seen Stability working. He and the W.M. had been graduates in the same lodge of instruction, and he was grateful to him for having given them such a good lesson in Masonry.

Bro. Waterson said it was his initial visit and the first time he had seen the Stability working. Bro. W. H. Fox also replied. He was pleased to have seen Bro. Bevan initiated, who bore a name that was known all over the world and he hoped he would be as famous as his namesake.

Bros. Weber and Raymond also responded in appropriate terms.

In a brief but eulogistic speech the Worshipful Master gave "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. Penney, P.M.

Bro. Penney responded. He regretted the absence of Bro. Arnold, whose genial presence was much missed, and he was glad Bro. Sibley had been elected, as he would make a good Master.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" having been honoured, Bro. George Clark, P.M., Sec., replied. His duties were to look after the interests of the lodge, and from his long connection with it he was pleased to say that it was prospering and would continue to do so and be a lodge of unity and lodge of concord where brotherly love was always to be found. He reminded them that the W.M. was going up as Steward for the R.M.I. for Boys and he hoped the members would give liberally and keep up the prestige of the lodge. The W.M. had been too modest and had not sent his list round the banquet table, but he hoped that would not affect the substantial amount he trusted the W.M. would take up with him.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Officers." He was well favoured with such an efficient staff, and they had rendered him every assistance during his year of office.

Bro. Sibley, S.W., responded. He took that opportunity of thanking the W.M. and the members for the many kindnesses he had received from them.

Bro. R. J. Hall, J.W., also replied. It was a great pleasure to have served under the W.M., and if ever he went into the chair he hoped to do as well as their W.M. Bros. Sowton, S.D., Gomm, J.D., and Elstob, I.G., also acknowledged the toast.

The Tyler's toast brought a very successful and pleasant gathering to a close.

During the evening some excellent songs and recitations were contributed by Bros. Worthington, Laws, Blogg ("Carl Brandt"), Strutt, S. W. Reddall, W. H. Fox, T. Sibley, Elstob, P. Bevan, M. Henry, and George Clark, and were much appreciated by the brethren.

The Abbey Lodge (No. 2030).—A meeting took place on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Westminster Town Hall. Present: Bros. H. Hambling, W.M.; W. Bonwick, I.P.M.; J. E. Smith, S.W.; J. H. Montague, J.W.; J. Gibson, P.M.; Treas.; H. E. Poole, Sec.; A. G. Jeffery, Asst. Sec.; C. C. Piper, P.M.; F. J. Smith, P.M.; H. E. Goffin, P.M.; G. White, S.D.; F. Todman, J.D.; J. Foster, I.G.; J. Bartlett, Org.; G. Bartlett, Stwd.; G. Barber, Tyler; Kent, B. Pinto, J. Pinto, T. Cocks, T. W. Davies, Yapp, Green, Pendlebury, Lyons, Watt, Morgan Hone, J. E. Shand and others. Visitors: Bros. W. T. Potts, W.M. 1805; Newman, 1903; and D. Charteris, 2319.

Lodge opened in due course, Bros. Pendlebury and Lyons were impressively raised to the Third Degree by the W.M. Bro. T. Watt was passed to the Second Degree. Ballot was then taken for Mr. Martin Jacollette, which was unanimously in his favour, but unfortunately an attack of influenza prevented his attendance. Bros. Grafton, Geisel, and Watt were elected Auditors. Bro. J. E. Smith, S.W., one of the very first initiates, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. A Past Master's jewel of the usual value was voted to the W.M., Bro. Hambling, for his efficient services to the lodge in all offices, and especially as Worshipful Master. Letters of excuse for non-attendance were received from Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., Chap., and several other distinguished members and Masons.

The brethren afterwards dined under the personal superintendence of Bro. Frank Todman, of the celebrated firm of Bertram, & Co., contractors, which gave every satisfaction.

The W.M. submitted and proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in earnest yet succinct words and which were duly responded to.

The interspersing of songs and recitations under the direction of Bro. J. Bartlett concluded a very enjoyable meeting.

Duke of Fife Lodge (No. 2345).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., when there were present Bros. Alf. Harvey, P.M., W.M.; John Langdon, S.W., W.M. elect; Charlie Woods, J.W.; Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas. Eng.; E. Beaven, I.P.M.; R. Steele, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Folkard, P.M., Sec.; H. Mitchell, J.D.; W. W. Westley, P.M., D.C.; J. Mitchell, P.M., I.G.; A. Robertson, A.D.C.; G. F. Winny, Org.; T. Morris, Stwd.; C. Patrick, P.M., Tyler; Fitch, Broomfield, Baldwin, J. Wyer, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Kent, Harsey, Hadley, Roberts, Stracey, and Machin. Visitors: Bros. Wakeford, S.D. 1558; King, 1441; A. Higerty, P.M., W.M. 2437, P.P.G.D. Surrey; T. Higerty, 106; G. B. Wood, 2417; Clayton, 1963; Scroggie, 1441; F. King, 1963; Rashleigh, W.M. 902; McCarthy, P.M. 1955; Gear, 95; Bond, P.M. 1314, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; Pink, P.M. 1903; H. J. Mitchell, 1056; S. Lucas, P.M. 2395; A. Faulds, 1446; J. Smith, J.D. 1598; V. T. Murché, W.M. 2513; C. J. Hill, W.M. 1296; W. H. Kidson, M.L.S.B., 2395; and A. Calkin, P.M. 1056.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. Bro. Fitch was raised to the Degree of M.M. in a very impressive manner. Bro. Langdon, S.W., was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Harvey, the working being very exact and well rendered. The officers invested were: Bros. Harvey, I.P.M.; Charlie Woods, S.W.; J. Mitchell, J.W.; R. Steele Treas.; J. W. Folkard, Sec.; T. Morris, S.D.; Andrew Robertson, J.D.; W. W. Westley, D.C.; Broomfield, A.D.C.; Winney, I.G.; W. Baldwin, Stwd.; and C. Patrick, Tyler. Bro. Fitch presented the Auditors' report which showed a good balance on the right side. Bro. Machin, P.M., was elected a joining member. Bro. Harrison's resignation was accepted with deep regret. Bro. H. C. Michell was unanimously elected a country member.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

The brethren having dined together, and enjoyed a very pleasant evening, at 9 p.m., the lodge toasted "The W.M. and Brethren of the Wandsworth Lodge," who had agreed to remember the Duke of Fife Lodge at their next meeting.

Bro. Langdon, W.M., proposed "The Queen and the Craft," eulogising the Queen as a mother, a woman, and a queen.

Bro. Langdon, W.M., proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," in felicitous terms.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the W.M. spoke of their work for the Order and for its Charities. He described the impressive work of Grand Lodge, and of the Grand Officers who were members of this lodge.

Bro. G. Everett, P.G. Treas., thanked the brethren for the very cordial way in which the toast had been received. It was always gratifying to the Grand Officers to know how much their work was appreciated. He was disposed to agree with the W.M. in his description of the meetings at Grand Lodge, and was glad to say that they were useful, as well as ornamental. They had all done good suit and service for the Charities. He was glad to congratulate the out-going and the in-coming Masters. Both were zealous for the best interests of Masonry, and it had been a great treat to be present and hear the ritual so ably and impressively rendered.

Bro. Harvey, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said that it required few words from him to describe the W.M. to those present. From the very inception of the lodge he had been one of its most zealous workers, and it was a great pleasure to congratulate him upon his present proud position.

Bro. John Langdon, W.M., thanked the brethren for the ovation with which his name had been received. From the day he first became a Mason he had been proud of the fact, but nothing could describe his pleasure at his present position. He should aim during his year of office at making all happy, and should be ready to go out of his way to secure that happiness. If the brethren gave him work to do, he was ready and willing to do it, and trusted that at the end of the year the lodge would not only be in as good, but in a better position than now.

The W.M. proposed "The Installing Master," and said that Bro. Harvey's good qualities were now well known to all the brethren. In both public and private life, he was equally respected. As a personal friend, he highly esteemed him, and the way in which the "inside" working had been done was more grand than he could have contemplated. On behalf of the brethren, he asked Bro. Harvey to accept a Past Master's jewel of the usual lodge pattern, which had been fully earned, and he trusted it would long be worn.

Bro. A. Harvey, I.P.M., returned thanks. He had done his best in every office he had held, and was glad that the year had been such a successful one. He should ever be proud of the handsome jewel.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Visitors," referring to the services of each, and thanked them for their presence on that occasion.

Bro. Samuel Rashleigh, W.M. 902, said he did not know why he had been honoured by being selected to reply. *Of course, being a former member and a founder of the lodge, he was proud of its success. He was glad to be present, and hoped the brethren would rally round the W.M. as the members of his lodge had around him, then he would indeed have a good year of office. He trusted that many good, true, and trusty men would be initiated during the coming year.*

Bro. N. T. Murché, W.M. 2513, as a "fossil," had been glad to see how ably Bro. Harvey had performed his work. That was not his first, and he trusted would not be his last visit.

Bro. Hon. J. McCarthy, P.M. 1955, said that it was some years since he paid his first visit to this lodge, and then, as now, he was the W.M.'s guest. Consequently it was a very great pleasure for him to see his success, and to notice the financial position of the lodge. He was a Past Master, having been the first Master of the Freetown Lodge, and in his visits to this country he took great interest in Masonry and in comparing workings; he felt they would be pleased to hear that the working of that lodge was exactly like that of his own in the so-called "dark" continent. He, therefore, felt fully at home. What impressed him most of all in Masonry was its universal brotherhood and deep morality.

Bro. T. Higerty, 106, considered that Masonry was a grand, great, and noble Order. His own experience was probably unprecedented. He had been made a Mason at 75 years of age by his own son, in Lodge 106, at Exmouth, of which his father had been a founder 100 years ago, consequently he was very proud and happy to belong to that grand and honourable Order.

The W.M. proposed "The Treasurer and the Secretary." Bro. R. Steele was highly respected in Battersea, and now in Clapham, where his sterling qualities were fully appreciated. Bro. Folkard, Sec., was as good a Secretary as could possibly be obtained anywhere. No one could have surpassed his work in the past year.

Bro. Steele, Treas., had tried to do his best, and his annual re-election showed that they appreciated his efforts.

Bro. J. W. Folkard, Sec., considered that the lodge was to be congratulated upon its position. It was a great pleasure to note there was not a single "arrears"—a condition, he trusted, might continue.

The W.M. proposed "The Officers," and Bros. Charlie Woods, S.W.; T. Morris, S.D.; and A. Robertson, J.D.; responded.

The Tyler's toast closed a most happy evening, the harmony of which had been contributed to by Bros. G. F. Winny, Stovill, Stracey, Machin, Foulds, Harvey, and Smith.

St. Martin's Lodge (No. 2455).—The second installation meeting of this lodge was held at St. Martin's Town Hall, Charing Cross, on the 27th inst., when Bro. James Willing, jun., P.M., was installed as the third W.M. The members present included Bros. C. S. Lee, P.M., acting W.M.; Jas. Willing, jun., P.M., S.W.; W. B. Fendick, P.P.G.S.B., J.W.; W. T. Farthing, P.M., D.C.; G. W. Murnane, P.M., Sec.; Wm. Drew, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. W. S. Andrews, S.D. 2421; O. Philippe, P.M. 1900; W. H. Gardener, P.P.S.G.W. Berks; T. Whitford, W.M. 2500; W. Spearing, P.P.G.S.B.; W. F. Bates, P.M. 1507; W. S. Pine, 2308; Howard Field, 194; W. H. Making, 2535; W. H. G. Rudderforth, P.M. 1658; J. Hare, 1987; C. O. Burgess, W.M. 2437; J. J. Wright, P.M. 1981; W. H. Dallimore, P.M. 87; J. McLeod, W.M. 2509, Secretary R.M.I. Boys; R. P. Upton, W.M. 1328; S. R. Walker, P.M. 733; T. Owen, P.M. 1287; F. Kedge, W.M. 2466; S. H. Price, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; S. R. Cullingham, 1599; S. M. Southwell, P.M. 1420; S. Solomons, 1349; J. Renney, P.M. 162; C. Whaley, P.M. 172; W. Callingham, 1599; James Stephens, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. S. Witherington, 907; G. W. Wallis, 2347; Capt. J. R. Willing, 2361; W. Merrett, W.M. elect 1987; F. H. Cheeswright, W.M. 907; T. W. Walford, P.G.O. Berks; J. Prescott, 1987; W. W. Lee, W.M. 1897; and many others.

After the formal opening of the lodge and transaction of routine business, Bro. James Willing, jun., P.M., was duly installed into the chair as W.M. by Bro. Chas. S. Lee, P.M., assisted by Bro. Farthing, P.M., who acted as D.C., and delivered the last two addresses. The following brethren were appointed to office: Bros. W. B. Fendick, P.M., S.W.; C. Mason, J.W.; Rev. J. F. Kitts, M.A., Chap.; G. W. Murnane, P.M., Sec.; H. T. Brickwell, S.D.; E. W. Browning, J.D.; W. Challice, I.G.; W. T. Farthing, P.M., D.C.; H. Wilson, A.D.C.; F. Swinford, Org.; and Cooke, Tyler. Messrs. L. Tracy, H. Sanders, C. E. Vaughan, and J. R. Harris were initiated. The resignation of Bros. T. P. Baptie, I.P.M., and J. Strachan, P.M., were announced. The sum of 10 guineas was unanimously voted to the Worshipful Master's list as Steward for the Boys' School. The lodge was then closed, and a banquet was held at the Adelphi Theatre Restaurant.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently honoured.

Bro. C. S. Lee, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said it was rather a significant fact that the song to follow was "Oh, how I love thee." That was something of the feeling every member of the lodge had towards their W.M., and although he was only the third brother who had occupied that exalted position in St. Martin's Lodge, there was nobody who had gone before or who would succeed him more thoroughly capable of cementing the lodge and helping that fraternal feeling that ought to exist in every lodge. They looked forward to the coming year with a great amount of pleasure, knowing Bro. Willing's experience of Freemasonry, and he could rest assured of receiving their best support and every effort to make his year a year of happiness. There was one thing he (Bro. Lee) would impress upon the brethren, and that was that all parochial matters should be left on the door-step, and if the W.M. would only enforce the rule, the happiness and success of the lodge was ensured.

Bro. J. Willing, jun., W.M., after thanking the I.P.M. and brethren, said it had always been in his mind that the W.M. was the servant of the lodge, and he depended upon the brethren to keep him happy and comfortable. He should be pleased to place what Masonry he knew at their disposal, and brought a hearty good will towards the brethren to endeavour to make them happy. He was sure if they worked together they could make the future of the lodge one of continued happiness and prosperity, for they were proud of their lodge. He thanked them sincerely and hoped they would help him as well as he was willing to help them.

The W.M. gave "The Installing Master," and said he should also couple the name of Bro. Farthing, P.M. He did not suppose there was any brother who took a greater interest in the lodge than Bro. Lee, who seemed always thinking about it, and discussing it with Bro. Drew, P.M., and others. The first Master must always look kindly upon his first love, and they knew Bro. Lee always tried to do what he could for their lodge. Bro. Farthing was a Past Master of the old Constitutional Lodge, No. 55, and was an able coadjutor in any work to be done.

Bro. C. S. Lee, P.M., expressed the pleasure it afforded him to place Bro. Willing in the chair, and however indifferently the ceremony had been performed, he was duly installed, and they looked forward to a happy year under his rule.

Bro. W. T. Farthing, P.M., said his name had been received with more acclamation than he could aspire to or deserve. He had pursued one even course since he had been a member, and had endeavoured to carry out the duties of Masonry as he understood them, and should continue in the same course.

"The Initiates" was next honoured and replied to.

On behalf of "The Visitors," the Worshipful Masters present responded in suitable terms, viz.: Bros. Whitford, Burgess, Upton, Kedge, and Lee.

The toast of "The Officers" afforded the brethren concerned an opportunity of expressing their intention of supporting the W.M., and the Tyler's toast was then given.

Under the direction of Bro. Frank Swinford, Org., the following artistes assisted in the musical programme: Miss Jessie Hotine, Miss Florence Venning, and Bros. Arthur Weston, Barry Lindon, and Fred. W. Stephens, W.M. 1348.

Walthamstow Lodge (No. 2472).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 23rd inst., at the Chequers Hotel, Walthamstow, under the presidency of Bro. Wm. Harris, the W.M. There was a good attendance of the brethren, including Bros. Wildash, P.M.; Wm. Shurmur, P.M.; N. Fortescue, P.M.; S. H. Baker, P.M., Treas.; and visitors: Bros. Scoresby Jackson; H. W. Loft, Steward 177; W. F. Stauffer, J.W. 19; G. H. Tizey, 2374; H. Wm. Lee, W.M. 1056; S. C. Bateman, J.W. 1707; Orton Cooper, P.M. 211; George Graveley, P.M. 396; J. R. Friend, 2374; F. Taylor, J.W. 2256; C. Thompson, I.G. 2193; J. Monger, 1260; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; W. A. Sims, 1226; and W. S. Hooper, J.W. 1487 and 2488.

Bro. Wm. Shurmur raised Bros. Lewis Fowler Pool and Sidney Vincent Harris to the Third Degree, and the W.M. afterwards initiated Messrs. Sidney Wright Gillard, T. Welham, and John Parkinson Watts. Bro. Wm. Shurmur then installed Bro. D. Hugh McGowan, P.M., S.W., W.M. elect, as W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. William Harris was invested as I.P.M. The other collars were bestowed upon Bros. W. Gower, S.W.; James Clark, J.W.; S. H. Baker, P.M., Treas.; Samuel Herbert, Sec.; A. J. Stacey, S.D.; T. W. Stacey, J.D.; H. H. Finch, I.G.; F. Peck, D.C.; Amos Oakden, Org.; Leo Taylor and T. W. Stroud, Stwds.; and M. Gross, Tyler.

The brethren at the conclusion of the ceremonies of the day, adjourned to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. H. Hallows.

The usual toasts followed, and some fine singing was given between the speeches, Miss Herbert, the daughter of the Secretary, ably contributing to the vocal entertainment.

Bro. W. Harris, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said the brethren had done the right thing in electing Bro. McGowan, who had been connected with the lodge ever since its foundation and was a good worker in Masonry and an earnest follower of its teachings. He would be an honour to the lodge and would give satisfaction to the brethren, and would fully justify the hopes that had been entertained of him.

Bro. McGowan, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, which was drunk with great enthusiasm, said he was deeply indebted to the brethren for their kindness, and it was a great pride to him to have attained the position of W.M. of this lodge, in which he had spent many happy hours. Whatever he could do for the lodge or to make the brethren comfortable and happy he should do. The lodge's welfare would be his first concern, and he hoped they would have a very happy year, working with that love and harmony which should always characterise Freemasons.

Bro. McGowan, W.M., next proposed "The Installing Master and the Past Masters," and dwelt on the great treat the brethren had experienced that evening in seeing and hearing the ceremonies so ably performed. The work of Bro. Shurmur, to whom they were all so much indebted, was too well known to require comment, but the work

was nowhere done better than in the Walthamstow Lodge. The work of the Immediate Past Master was also well known, and it was as highly creditable to the lodge as it must have been impressive to the newly-made brethren. Bro. Harris had been a worthy Master, and the brethren had shown their appreciation of his services by voting him a Past Master's jewel, which he had thoroughly earned, and which he (Bro. McGowan) now presented to him.

Bro. William Shurtaur, P.M., responding as Installing Master, said he was pleased that his performance of the duties of Installing Master had given satisfaction and pleasure, and it was additionally gratifying to him to perform the ceremony when he had to place in the chair, as in the present instance, so distinguished and experienced a Craftsman as Bro. McGowan, who had been unanimously elected by the brethren to preside over them. He was confident that Bro. McGowan would discharge the duties of his high position in a manner which would redound to the honour of himself and the success and prestige of the lodge.

Bro. W. Harris, I.P.M., also returned thanks for the kind mention and reception of his name. It was, to a certain extent, with pain he left the chair, for he had had an exceedingly happy year. The brethren had been very kind to him, and had done their best to help him in making the lodge prosperous and flourishing. He thanked each and all of them—Bro. Shurmur for his great assistance, and all the officers for the ability with which they had performed their duties. The jewel they had so kindly voted to him he should always value, and he could assure the brethren that as long as he had health and strength he should give his best services to that lodge.

Bro. McGowan, W.M., proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," and said that a great deal of the success of the lodge was due to these brethren, who in their own quiet way did an immense amount of work. Speaking of Bro. Baker, he was sure he might say he was to the front when anything was required, and when asked for his advice would tell them plain and plump what his view was. The balance-sheet presented that night was most satisfactory. The brethren and visitors had all been treated well, and yet there was a considerable balance in hand. With regard to Bro. S. Herbert, the Secretary, all the brethren would agree that the Secretarial duties of that lodge were no child's play, requiring as they did much thought and attention. They had been carried out with great success by Bro. Herbert. No one could find a fault or flaw with the way his duties had been performed, and they all trusted that the Treasurer and Secretary would be spared many years to do their work as they had done it in the past.

Bro. S. H. Baker, P.M. and Treas., replying, said it was to the Secretary and himself a matter of constant and supreme pleasure to find that lodge so steady in its progress and prospects. One would have thought the lodge had many traditions to fall back upon seeing there appeared to be so much maturity among the brethren; but he attributed it to the broader fact that they were all impregnated with the real essence of Freemasonry. If there had not been such founders as Bro. Shurmur and Bro. Wildash the lodge might not have gone on so well; but the other brethren vied with them, and so conduced to the prosperity of the lodge. He made these remarks not for the members of the lodge alone, but for the visitors also, because he thought the loyalty of these founders should be recognised. As long as they elected him to the office of Treasurer, it would be his happiness, as well as his privilege, to place himself at the service of the lodge.

Bro. S. Herbert, Sec., said it was a pride to him also to be a founder of the lodge, and he was very proud to be the Secretary. He was pleased to say, although perhaps some of the brethren might think he had worried them, that they had readily answered to his call. Many Secretaries had not experience to fall back upon; but, fortunately, he had that experience in Bro. Baker, the Treasurer. With his assistance, and that of Bros. Shurmur, Harris, Wildash, and McGowan, he was sure he need not go very far wrong.

Bros. Scoresby Jackson, Geo. Graveley, Archdeacon Dunbar, and others responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and "The Initiates" and "The Officers" were also given, the Tyler's toast closing the evening.

Old Boys' Lodge (No. 2500).—The installation meeting of this lodge, now just a twelve-month old, took place on Tuesday evening, the 19th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, when there were present 78 brethren. Bro. Charles Mussared, W.M., presided, and was supported by nearly all his officers. The visitors' list included the names of Bros. Edward G. Salmon, 2190; W. C. Luett, W.M. 1873; T. J. Hester, 862; A. F. Hellebour; V. C. E. Toller, 1356; J. N. Hearn, P.M. 1381; C. H. Lawrence, 742; James Gasson, 1821; J. D. Hunt, 15; Conyers E. Toller, 1356; H. T. Sarson, 2242; T. Neighbour, 1895, P.P.G.S.B.; H. J. Bunnett and H. Hicks, 1963; G. E. Smerdon, A.D.C. 1321; R. Tilling, P.M. 765; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; W. F. Bates, P.M. 1507; A. Standen Trigg, 916; W. F. Morten, 33; H. H. Francis, 2318; John H. Lile, C.C., 1745; J. Youldon, P.M. 548; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. S. Hinton, S.W. 1321; E. A. Berry, Sec. 2473; Edward H. Egard, Sec. 171; Charles Burgess, W.M. 2473; W. B. Fendick, 1321, P.S.G.D. Berks; W. E. D. Lane, 33; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derby, Sec. R.M.I.B.; J. W. Dewnap, P.M. 2272; J. Mellings, 2021; Henry Hollands, 1512; J. D. Langton, 2096; R. Chadwick, 2264; Wilfred Howard, 913; Kelson Timman, 1670; Frederick S. Peall, Stwd. 1321; E. W. Nightingale, P.M. 87; W. H. Felling, P.M. 765; W. O. Welsford, W.M. 1321; Alfred Shilling, I.G. 1321; C. J. G. Cannon, P.M. 1539; C. H. Cox, P.M. 1839; W. J. Harris, P.M. 1321; Clement Harris, 1321; G. H. Bunting, 180; William Jones, 2264; J. H. Moggeridge, S.W. 1321; J. Bernard Franks, 1889; R. W. Bowers, J.W. 15 and J.D. 321; James A. Shelton, J.W. 1558; and F. Buxton, 1891.

The W.M. raised Bro. Arthur Stephens Ford to the Third Degree, and then installed Bro. Thomas Whitford, S.W., W.M. elect (Principal of Montrose College, Brixton-hill) as W.M. for the year. The following is a list of the new officers: Bros. W. G. A. Edwards, S.W.; M. J. Almond, P.M., J.W.; G. Scott Miller, Treas.; Walter S. Bunting, Sec.; Alfred Neale, S.D.; Walter J. Tilling, J.D.; Walter Scott Miller, I.G.; Walter Martin, P.M., D.C.; Frank Barnes, A.D.C.; T. Merton Clark, Org.; J. F. Percial and Arthur Pain, Stwds.; and J. S. Gregory, Tyler. The new W.M., at the close of the ceremony, initiated Mr. Walter Falkner and Mr. Frederick Edmond Sims, making the ceremony complete by delivering the Ancient Charge. On the motion of Bro. Walter S. Bunting, the Secretary, seconded by Bro. Edwards, S.W., five guineas were voted to be placed on the W.M.'s list as Steward for the next Festival of the Boys' School.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet; and the usual toasts followed, the speeches being interspersed with a charming concert, under the able direction of Bro. T. Newton Clark, Organist of the lodge, assisted by Madame Merton Clark, Mrs. Bryceon, Miss Lawson, and Bros. Kelson Trueman, Wilfred Howard, and W. J. Harris, P.M.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

Bro. C. Mussared, I.P.M., in proposing "The Worshipful Master," said the first W.M. of a lodge had always to do his best; the second was to his idea in a far better position; but in Bro. Whitford the brethren had a Master they would all be proud of and it had given him great satisfaction to instal him that evening, because he knew he was placing in the chair a Mason who would do credit to the Old Boys' Lodge. If he (Bro. Mussared) could efface himself Bro. Whitford would be the father of the lodge. The future of the lodge was in good hands. Bro. Whitford had shown such good work that evening in the initiation ceremony under most exceptional circumstances—for it was very trying to do it immediately after being placed in the chair—that they might assuredly expect a brilliant year of office. He had not only initiated two gentlemen, but he had delivered the charge, which was a valuable supplement to the ceremony, as it more fully instructed the new brethren in their duties. He was sure the brethren would sincerely wish the W.M. a happy and prosperous year.

Bro. Thomas Whitford, W.M., in acknowledging the genial terms in which Bro. Mussared had spoken of him, said it was only five years ago that he entered Freemasonry, and he was sorry that he did not enter it 25 years ago, for it had been a source of continual happiness to him. If any man wanted to shake off any of the worries of life let him be a Mason. He had heard it from a brother in his own lodge who had been labouring under a severe sickness that during his illness he blessed the day he was made a Mason, and when he (Bro. Whitford) was ill three years ago he had the same feeling, for he received most unbounded marks of kindness from his brother Masons, which had ever since been continued. Therefore he hoped all those he respected would become Masons. He promised the brethren he would do his best as W.M. of the Old Boys' Lodge.

Bro. Thomas Whitford, W.M., next gave the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Charles Mussared," and said if ever there was an opportunity for a lodge to show how much it appreciated the work of an I.P.M. it was now. Bro. Mussared entered on his duties

under rather peculiar circumstances. It was no light duty to become the first Master of a lodge. He (Bro. Whitford) felt the responsibility of becoming second Master. Bro. Mussared had ever been at the post of duty; and he was always pleasing, courteous, and kind to every member of the lodge. No one could come into the lodge without being struck by the very courteous and considerate way he carried out his duties in lodge and at the hospitable board. He had set the brethren an example that night. Talk about emulation! this had been the Emulation Lodge. The lodge had kindly voted a very handsome jewel to Bro. Mussared, and he had much pleasure now in decorating him with it. All the brethren hoped he would live long to wear it, and to wear it in their presence. Long might Bro. Mussared be spared to occupy the post of a P.M. of the Old Boys' Lodge!

Bro. C. Mussared, I.P.M., in reply, said he had felt the responsibility of being the first Master of that lodge, but he had had evidence that night that there was much vitality in it. When he was first asked to be its W.M. he felt he was not at all worthy of accepting the position. However, having accepted it, he had done what every Mason would do under the circumstances—his very best, and if he had merited any thanks from the brethren he deeply reciprocated them. He was thankful he had been enabled to carry out the work of the lodge. After 20 years' experience of Masonry he felt he should like the lodge to go on a good course and take a foremost place, and he hoped his endeavours to set it on that course had met with the approval of the brethren. From what the W.M. had said, he thought he approved. It had been his earnest endeavour to give not only good working, but a true appreciation of the beautiful ritual, and also happiness and comfort at the banquet table, and a good musical entertainment afterwards, that the brethren might go away feeling they had enjoyed themselves. The W.M. had that evening shown that this was the right course by following these lines, and no doubt at the end of his year of office he would receive the approbation of the members. It was a very onerous position, because the W.M. had placed himself under the criticism of many older Masons than himself. He hoped the balance-sheet had been satisfactory. They had not been unmindful of the brethren's enjoyment, and they had not forgotten the Charities or anything that could uphold Freemasonry.

Bro. Price, P.M. 1321, proposed "The Masonic Charities."

Bros. J. M. McLeod and James Terry responded.

Both the initiates replied to the toast proposed in their honour; and Bro. Mussared



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

replied for the Chough Lodge; and Bro. Welsford, W.M. of the Emblematic for that lodge. The latter brother said that there were many visitors present from the Emblematic, and they thanked the W.M. and brethren of the Old Boys' Lodge for their hospitality and loyalty to the lodge which first gave them light. The Emblematic had to thank the Old Boys for placing Bro. Whitford in the Master's chair. They felt the compliment paid to Bro. Whitford reflected upon them, and they had no doubt that throughout the coming year he would reflect credit on the lodge which was proud to acknowledge him as one of its initiates. The members of the Old Boys' Lodge had in the W.M. one who had the greatest affection for the Emblematic Lodge, and they looked to him for very great things. Bro. Whitford was now J.W. of the Emblematic, and the brethren of the Old Boys' Lodge would never regret making him their Master.

The other toasts followed, and a special one was given for Bro. Auguste Oddenino, manager of the Criterion, in appreciation of his efforts to make the brethren comfortable.

Bro. Thomas Whitford was initiated in Emblematic Lodge, No. 1321, in January, 1889, and is its present J.W. He is also D.C. of the George Price Lodge, No. 2096, Croydon, and A.S. in the Emblematic Chapter, No. 1321. He served as Steward at the Festival of the Boys' School in 1893, and will represent the lodge, of which he has just been installed W.M., at the Festival of the same Institution in July next.

Royal Arch.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

St. Dunstan's Chapter (No. 1589).—A meeting of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 14th inst., when there were present Comps. C. W. Moore, C.C., M.E.Z.; W. H. Nuding, H.; R. Evens, J.; Capt. F. C. Walls, P.Z., D.G.D.C., S.E.; J. W. Gaze, C.C., I.P.Z.; H. W. Clemow, P.Z.; T. Farthing, P.Z.; F. Farrington, P.Z.; W. E. Farrington, P.Z.; and W. Farrington. Comp. N. Prower, M.A., P.Z. 1745, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Principals and officers for the year ensuing were elected as follows: Comps. W. H. Nuding, M.E.Z.; R. Evens, H.; H. W. Clemow, P.Z., J.; Capt. Walls, S.E.; W. Farrington, S.N.; T. A. Woodbridge, C.C., P.Z., Treas.; and J. Gilbert, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to Comp. C. W. Moore, C.C., M.E.Z. The S.E. having reported the death of Comp. Lieut.-Col. H. Radcliffe, P.Z., honorary member, a resolution, expressing the deep regret of the members, was passed, and a letter of condolence directed to be forwarded to his widow. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. T. A. Woodbridge, C.C., Treas.; R. Skelton, and others. Previously to the chapter being closed, the name of a brother for exaltation at the next meeting was handed in.

A banquet followed.

The M.E.Z. presided most ably, his utterances being characterised by originality and humour.

Comp. Nelson Prower, P.Z., in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," spoke in very complimentary terms of the chapter. He said that it was favoured with the membership of several companions not only distinguished in Masonic circles, but highly respected in the great and influential City of London. He also spoke at length as to the historic interest centred in the parish of St. Dunstan in the West.

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1895.

Masonic Notes.

We regret to hear that but little progress has been made during the last two or three weeks in strengthening the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. In our article on the subject which appeared on the 16th inst., we stated that the Board then comprised under 200 members, or less by nearly 100 than at the corresponding period of last year. This week, though the number of Stewards has been augmented, there is the same inferiority as compared with last year's figures. We have to some extent accounted for this by the fact that in 1894 the Chairman of the day was the Grand Master

of the strongest Province in England—that of West Lancashire, which sent up a contingent of 74 Stewards to assist their chief in his advocacy. This year, the Chairman's Province is of medium strength only. It has but 30 lodges on its roll, and what is more to our present purpose, it has hitherto made it a practice to entrust the work of canvassing the lodges to one or two brethren of known experience in this difficult kind of work. But this will account for only a part of the present deficiency in numbers, and when we again have occasion to write about the approaching anniversary of this Institution, we trust we shall be in a position to report more satisfactorily as to the constitution of the Board.

We are somewhat hopeful in the matter. Bro. Hedges, the able Secretary of the Institution, who has been confined to his house for the last three weeks by a sharp attack of influenza, was able to resume his duties on Monday, and, though he has not yet succeeded in ridding himself of the effects of his severe illness, his presence at the office will materially strengthen the hands of the Executive in their efforts to obtain the services of additional brethren as Stewards. Unfortunately, the time is short to accomplish much of what remains to be done in order to bring the Board to the level of ordinary years, and we must, therefore, hope that the efforts which Bro. Hedges will now put forth will be attended with more than his usual success. Be it added that the first meeting of the Stewards will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday next, the 5th prox., at 4.30 p.m.

We regret we should have given currency in our "Notes" last week to a report which reached us, and which we had reason to believe was well founded, to the effect that Bro. Major W. H. Smyth, D.L., had resigned the Prov. Grand Mastership of Lincolnshire in consequence of ill-health, and that Bro. the Earl of Yarborough had been appointed his successor. We have since learned on indisputable authority that although it is true Bro. Smyth has tendered his resignation after 50 years' service in the Craft, there is no truth whatever in the announcement that any appointment has been made.

We publish elsewhere a letter from Bro. James E. Carver, P.M., No. 1298, in which he advocates an "Advance" or "Forward" movement in Freemasonry, his chief object in doing this being (1) to augment the funds and enlarge the sphere of usefulness of our several Benevolent Institutions; and (2) to encourage brethren to undertake philanthropic work "of a broad and humanitarian character," and generally to bring the practice of Freemasonry into closer harmony with the principles it enjoins. As we never weary of advocating the claims of the Schools and Benevolent Institution upon the generous support of the brethren, it is hardly necessary for us to say that we shall most cordially welcome any scheme for the formation of special lodges, or of any other character, by which he thinks so desirable an object may be attained. But before we commit ourselves to the support of any special proposal, we should like to be furnished with something more than the mere outline of the project which is set forth in his letter.

For instance, we should like to know if it is in contemplation to endeavour to compass the end in view by establishing what are known as non-dining lodges, that is to say, lodges which discountenance the Fourth Degree and devote their funds to schemes for the amelioration of mankind in general and Masons in particular. If so, we think he has set himself a hard, if not an impossible, task to perform. Non-dining lodges have been tried, and the only thing that can be said in their favour is that the members had the wisdom to recognise in time the futility of their experiment. The character of these special lodges was quickly metamorphosed. From being non-dining lodges, which were always on the point of becoming extinct from their own inherent weakness, they were changed into dining lodges, and at once they became healthy and prosperous, and have so remained ever since, to their own especial benefit, the credit of Freemasonry, and the material improvement of our Institutions.

The fact is, the social element is so important a constituent of our English Masonry, that for a lodge to ignore its existence is almost invariably fatal. A lodge meets only a few times in the year, and if the social element is struck out of its curriculum, what chance is there of its members enjoying themselves, and thereby learning to appreciate each other's society, and the qualities by which each is distinguished. There is no

need to be intemperate or extravagant in our observance of the Fourth Degree, but it has its uses, and amongst these the most important is that it furnishes brethren with the opportunity they stand in need of—that of meeting their fellows and learning to know and respect one another.

In writing thus we are far from wishing to throw cold water on our worthy correspondent's suggestion. We shall gladly help him in any scheme for the advancement of Masonry which may appear practicable, but we warn him that he must not look for much success if his idea is limited to the formation of non-dining lodges as a means to the attainment of his very laudable object.

The report of the District Board of General Purposes and certain statements of account which have been forwarded to us demonstrate clearly that the position of the Craft under the District Grand Lodge of South Africa, Western Division, is making slow but steady progress. The membership, as compared with that of last year, shows a substantial increase from 637 to 714, and there has been a gain of one lodge. The account of the General Fund calls for no particular remark, but the Benevolent Fund for the half-year from 1st July to 31st December, 1894, exhibits a distinct improvement, the balance at the close of the account being £963 4s. 3d., as compared with the closing balance of the preceding half-year amounting to £878 9s. 1d. These are matters as to which our brethren in this district may legitimately take credit to themselves, and we trust the measure of prosperity which they indicate will be steadily increased from year to year.

The proceedings of the regular Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Queensland, held at Freemasons' Hall, Brisbane, on the 5th December, 1894, do not appear to have possessed any special interest, but the District Grand Treasurer's Reports were eminently satisfactory. The General Purposes account for the quarter shows a balance in bank of £118 17s. 5d., to which must be added Deposits in the Commercial Bank and Savings Bank amounting to £1183 4s. 3d., the total of the assets thus amounting to £1302 1s. 8d. As for the Fund of Benevolence, the receipts for the quarter, including balance brought forward, amounted to £255 17s. 5d., while the expenditure was only £105 1s. 6d., the balance remaining being £150 15s. 11d. To this must be added Deposits in Commercial Bank and Savings Bank amounting to £1246, the total assets being £1396 15s. 11d., or within a very little of £1400. These figures speak well for the condition of things under the experienced rule of Bro. the Hon. Augustus C. Gregory, D.G.M., and, as we know that new lodges are constantly being placed on the roll, we are looking forward to the time when it will be in our power to announce a still higher degree of prosperity in Queensland.

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W.M. IN THE CHAIR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have heard two opinions and seen two ways of working the following point:

When a W.M. is not able to do the work or any part of the work of his lodge, and the I.P.M. performs the duty, ought the W.M. still to retain his seat in the chair? I am myself strongly of opinion that the W.M., if present, should retain his "constant place" whether he does the work or not, except in the case of the presence of the P.G.M. or his Deputy. But I find there is a difference of opinion on this point. Would some learned brother enlighten us?—Yours fraternally,
D.C.

FOR THE GOOD OF FREEMASONRY IN GENERAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

For some time past in my own lodge, and elsewhere, I have ventured to suggest that we need an "Advance" or "Forward" movement in Freemasonry, which, amongst others, might have the following for some of its objects, viz.:

To augment the funds and further develop our existing Benevolent Institutions.

To encourage the brethren to undertake more philanthropic work of a broad and humanitarian character in conformity with the tenets of the Craft; and generally to bring our practice more thoroughly in unison with our professions as enunciated in the grand principles upon which our Order is founded.

From letters and information which I have received, I am led to believe that there are many members of the Craft who hold similar views, and it has been suggested that perhaps the best plan would be for such brethren to form themselves into a lodge.

In order that arrangements may be made for holding a meeting to consider these suggestions, may I, through the medium of your valuable columns, say that I shall be glad to hear from any brother who would wish to attend such a meeting, or take part in any way in such a movement. Thanking you in advance for your courtesy, I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES E. CARVER,
Heigham,
Aubrey-rd., Hornsey, N.
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CAUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It would be well if Almoners and Secretaries of lodges would make more use of your valuable paper in publishing the names of persons who apply to them for assistance, and who are found on enquiry either not to be Masons at all or of bad report, and quite unworthy of help.

In compiling the "Freemasons' Calendar for 1896," it would be an excellent thing to give the names of Secretaries of lodges in the United Kingdom, together with their private address, so that enquiry respecting applicants for relief could be made by wire at once as suggested by Bro. J. J. Black in a recent issue.

Should any brother be applied to by either of the following, I shall be glad to forward information which I possess concerning them, as they have all come under my personal notice:

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"THE DORSET MASONIC CALENDAR, A.D. 1895. Weymouth: Sherren and Son, 79, St. Mary-street." This is a most excellent compilation, ably edited, carefully printed, and well arranged by Bro. A. Sherren, from whom copies may be had at one shilling each. The present issue is the best of the series, it has no superiors of its kind and few equals, the particulars published concerning the province being numerous, accurate, and exhaustive. The names of all the members, Past Masters, &c., presiding officers, and the other officers of all the Masonic Bodies in the province are duly detailed, and also the year when every brother was initiated or joined, with other particulars, involving considerable labour, care, and enquiry. All the Past Provincial Grand Officers for the Craft, Mark, and Arch are duly recorded, with the years of appointment or election, the Treasurers' statements are exactly summarised, and an obituary fitly concludes the abundant matter, which extends to over 100 pages. The useful "contents," diary, and the list of lodge meetings (also Chapters, Mark Lodges, and other Degrees) must have meant considerable labour to produce, but will be found very handy for reference. Bro. S. R. Baskett has six pages placed at his service for the "Dorset Masonic Charity," and makes an excellent use of the space. The central institutions have also been attended to, and a full list of votes is printed, showing a total of 2855 for 723 members! A grand list indeed for a comparatively small province, and proves the heart of the Fraternity in that locality is in the right place. We say, well done, Bro. Sherren.

"THE CANTON HEAD CATALOGUE, No. 300, J. and M. L. Tregaskis, 232, High Holborn, 1895."—This is a most remarkable Catalogue, in quarto, handsomely printed, and contains a number of choice illustrations, sufficient to make an enthusiastic bibliographer's "mouth water," and sigh very audibly if his pocket was not so elastic as his tastes. There are 906 lots from the libraries of the late Lord Ebury, Edmund Yates, Prince Louis Lucien Bonaparte, and other celebrated collectors. Many of these

MSS. and books are not only exceedingly rare, both as regards their text and condition, but the prices asked for them are much below the ordinary amounts usually mentioned for such valuable specimens of caligraphical and typographical art. The illustrations, in black and white and colours, have been prepared with great care; those representing some beautiful specimens of binding looking as if the covers had been placed on the plate proper for exhibition. The frontispiece, "drawn and designed by Herbert and Fanny Raiton, 1895," for this the No. 300 "Caxton Head Catalogue," is very suggestive and appropriate. We suggest, however, that it might, with advantage, be reproduced in colours another time, instead of black and white, so as to bring the large tomes more to the front, and give more definition to the figure in the back ground. It is simply impossible to draw attention to even the special numbers, for these may be numbered by scores. The Catalogue may be had for 5s., so long as the 200 last; and ordinary copies in octavo may be had, if application be made at once, post free. Picart's "Ceremonies," seven vols. in six, large paper copy, 1735-7, is lot No. 693, the small sum of £4 15s. being affixed, and it doubtless "usually fetches three times the above sum." In these early editions, the plate of the signs, &c., of the lodges, reads left to right, whereas in later issues, and less valuable reproductions, the numbers run from right to left. Mr. and Mrs. Tregaskis deserve to succeed in their enterprise in thus offering such valuable Catalogues, and we trust the response to their efforts will be all that they have a right to anticipate.

"PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF NEBRASKA," December 12 and 13, 1894. Chicago: Knight, Leonard and Co., Printers. 1895.—The annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska was held at Freemasons' Hall, Omaha, on the 12th and 13th December, 1894, under the presidency of Comp. Albert W. Critch, G.H.P. From the abstract of returns to the 31st October last, it appears there were at that date on the roll of this Grand Chapter 53 private chapters, with an aggregate membership of 2991 companions. The Grand Treasurer's account shows a total of receipts, including balance brought forward, amounting to nearly 4457 dollars, with expenditure 1861 dollars, the balance remaining in hand at the close of the account being 2596 dollars. The address of the G.H.P. covered a considerable amount of ground, and was in all essentials satisfactory, but the matters dealt with were of local interest. On the second day of the session the new Grand Officers were elected and invested, Comp. Frank E. Bullard being the new G.H. Priest, while Comp. R. Bowen was re-elected Grand Secretary. In addition to the record of the actual proceedings, there are statistical returns of the several chapters on the roll, and a voluminous report on Foreign Correspondence, which has evidently been compiled with the greatest care, and which will be found to contain a great deal of valuable information as to the other Grand Chapters in the United States, &c. The report, like all those which have been issued in past years, is a credit to the Grand Chapter whose proceedings it records.

"THE MASONIC VISITOR" for March—12, Dawson-street, Dublin—has a brief sketch, with portrait, of the Masonic career of Bro. Stephen Moore, Esq., D.L., Prov. Grand Master of the South Eastern Counties, Part V. of the "Succession of Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Ireland," extending from 1790 to 1801; a full account of the career of the late Bro. Richard Rhodes, Prov. Grand Secretary of the Midland Counties, in which a generous tribute of respect is paid to the memory of a most worthy brother; a second instalment of the paper, compiled by Bro. Reuben Ward, P.M., Sec. No. 234, on the subject of "Freemasonry in Old Kinsale; and many other contributions, of which the majority are well worth reading.

"THE VOICE OF MASONRY"—Chicago, Illinois—for March, is an excellent number, the most important articles being, firstly, a paper by Bro. Niles Searls, Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of California, entitled, "What has been and shall be," in which the writer discusses his subject under the successive headings of "The Formulation of Masonry;" "The Spread of Masonry;" "The Religious Teachings of Masonry;" and "The Future of Masonry." The article, "What is Masonry?" by Bro. William E. Gunther, and the continuation of Bro. Gen. J. Smith's history of the "Order of St. John of Jerusalem" are also readable, but more especially the latter, which contains a well-written account of the successful resistance offered by the Knights of the Order under their Grand Master, John de la Valette to the Parks during the memorable siege in 1505. The "Masonic Gleanings" are not as ample as in some numbers we have read, but they contain matter which is quite as interesting. There are also sundry contributions, which are not Masonic in character, and the usual batch of news concerning the Order of the Star. The number, in fact, is well up to the high average attained by this excellent periodical, and has the further advantage of being well illustrated.

THE FREEMASONS' REPOSITORY—E. L. Freeman and Son, Publishers, No. 3, Westminster-street, Providence, R.I.—for March appears to have met with a misfortune when going to press. Two articles quoted from the pages of this journal and entitled respectively "The Masons' Company," and "William Preston and the 'Antient' Masons," are, in the first place, incomplete, and, in the second place, so inextricably mixed up together that, even if they were complete, there would be no making either head or tail of them. The pages in which what appears of them is contained are numbered thus: 305, 308, 305, 308, 309, 312—on which is commenced "An Unsupported Theory," written especially for the "Repository," by Bro. G. H. Burnham, and fortunately complete—and 309. The paging ought to run 305-6-7-8-9-10-11, but by an act of carelessness in making up the paper pages 306, 307, 310, and 311 appear to have been left out. This portion of the number, therefore, is worthless, but this is of less consequence as the articles are quoted from former numbers of the *Freemason*. In its original matter, the *Repository*, however, is well worth reading, Bro. Burnham's article already mentioned and an historical sketch of "Wycliffe," being the most noteworthy. There is also plenty of quoted matter courteously acknowledged by the editor, together with the usual "Questions and Answers," "Editorial Notes," and "Masonic News."

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PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BIRKENHEAD.

Combermere Lodge (No. 605).—The annual installation took place on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Music Hall, Cloughton-road. There was an unusually large gathering of members and influential visitors, both from Lancashire and Cheshire. Bro. Robert W. Thompson, W.M., presided, and was supported by the following brethren: The Mavor, Bro. Thomas Shaw, P.M.; Bro. James Gamlin, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; A. E. Coveney, P.M.; J. Watt, P.M.; A. Moore, P.M.; J. Frazer, I.P.M.; P. Duff, P.M., P.S.G.D.; J. H. Jackson, S.W., W.M. elect; J. R. Simm, P.P.G.T., Treas.; W. H. Jones, S.W.; W. H. Reinhardt, J.W.; Owen Jones, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; Alfred Birkett, J.D.; Richard Olive, P.G. Stwd.; and W. Baker. Among the visitors were Bro. Alderman J. Woodcock, Sec. 2375; J. T. Thompson, P.P.G.R.; F. K. Stevenson, P.P.S.G.W.; E. G. Mason, P.P.G.D.C.; Enoch Evans, P.G. Treas.; S. Jones, P.P.J.G.D.; T. C. Thornburn, P.P.S.G.W.; Joseph Clark, P.M. 1576; J. H. Smith, W.M. 447; G. W. Makin, P.M. 1276; H. Matthews, P.P.G.S.W.; Lilley Ellis, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Jones, P.M. 1276; F. S. Moore, W.M. 1289; G. F. Penny, 1355; R. Powell, P.G. Stwd., Sec. 2496; J. Armstrong, P.P.G.S.W.; T. S. Thompson, 1263; A. H. Ringmaiden, 2476; S. H. Saunders, 1264; T. Holmes, 1356; T. A. Jackson, W.M. 2375; G. Proudman, S.W. 1013; G. H. Brown, P.G.S.W.; F. S. Moore, W.M. 1289; R. Robinson, P.M. 477; and R. Parry, P.M. 1276.

The incoming W.M. (Bro. J. H. Jackson) was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and afterwards invested his officers: Bro. R. W. Thompson, I.P.M.; W. H. Reinhardt, S.W.; W. H. Jones, J.W.; J. R. Simm, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; O. Jones, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; A. Moore, P.M., D.C.; A. Birkett, S.D.; J. E. Tomlinson, J.D.; S. S. Morris, I.G.; R. M. Ellison, Org.; J. B. Galt, S. Parry, Richard Olive, P.G. Stwd., Joseph Taylor, F. E. Merry, and W. Baker, Stwds. The installation was most impressively performed by Bro. John Frazer, P.M. Bro. T. Shaw, P.M., in a few chosen words, proposed a vote of condolence to the relatives of Bro. Sillitoe, who had been Treasurer for a number of years of the Combermere Lodge, and this being put, was carried in the usual way. Bro. T. G. Grant, P.M., on behalf the lodge, then presented Bro. R. W. Thompson, with a Past Master's jewel, for which Bro. Thompson returned thanks. A capital musical programme was rendered by Bro. S. Parry, W. Baker, G. Proudman, J. B. Galt, R. Parry, A. N. Mason, F. E. Merry, and R. M. Ellison, Org.

CHESTERFIELD.

Hardwick Lodge (No. 2373).—On Monday, the annual installation ceremony in connection with this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall. Bro. Booth Waddington, S.W., was installed W.M. by the Installing Masters, Bro. W. T. Buckland, W.M., and L. F. Shaw, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and the officers appointed as follows: Bro. W. T. Buckland, I.P.M.; F. Hill, S.W.; G. Alcock, J.W.; J. K. Swallow, Treas.; W. G. Cook, Sec.; H. Butler, S.D.; E. Emery, J.D.; L. F. Shaw, D.C.; T. Wardle, Org.; E. S. Robinson, I.G.; G. E. Carline and J. Smith, Stwds.; and W. Grayson, Tyler.

The banquet which followed took place at the Angel Hotel. The usual toast list was gone through.

FAIRFIELD.

Pembroke Lodge (No. 1299).—The annual installation meeting was held at the Shiel Park Hotel, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., when the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Coulthard, was duly installed by Bro. S. Haden Jones, P.M., in the presence of a numerous and influential gathering, including Bro. G. R. Jones, W.M.; W. Pearson, P.M.; J. Leach, I.P.M.; Edwin Parkinson, Sec., &c.; W. Underwood, P.M. 238; J. Milne, P.G.S.; J. S. Booth, P.M. 2215; H. Round, P.M. 1609; J. Pittaway, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Jarman, P.G.D.C.; J. S. Willis, W.M. 852; W. Jones, P.M. 220; Dr. B. P. Philpot, W.M. 241; and others. The following brethren were invested as officers: Bro. G. R. Jones, I.P.M.; E. Parkinson, S.W.; T. O. Jagger, J.W.; S. Haden Jones, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); T. Crowden, Sec.; M. E. Crease, Org.; A. Shawfield, S.D.; R. Kendall, J.D.; W. Baker, I.G.; F. Bate, Geo. Beckett, and J. Vaughan, Stwds.; W. J. Doran was re-elected Tyler; Haden Jones, P.M., D.C.; and W. Pearson, P.M., Charity Representative. During the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel, accompanied by a handsome set of table ornaments, was presented to the retiring W.M.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Industry Lodge (No. 48).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 25th inst., for the installation of the W.M. and investiture of officers. There was a capital gathering of members and visitors. In the unavoidable absence of the Continent of the W.M., the chair was occupied by Bro. W. J. Jobson, I.P.M., who was supported and assisted by Bro. M. R. Wright, P.M.; W. Dalrymple, P.M.; E. Shewbrooks, P.M.; W. M. Pybus, P.M.; W. Richardson, P.M.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M.; D. Sinclair, P.M.; A. Dodds, S.W. and W.M. elect; T. W. Bagnall, J.W.; Rev. E. W. Drage, Chap.; H. Jackson, Sec.; Wm. Douglass, S.D.; T. Chegwidan, J.D.; J. Armstrong, I.G.; W. Holzappel and J. T. Pragnell, Stwds.; R. Ferry, Org.; J. Curry, Tyler; G. C. Potts, H. H. Pitt, W. Towers, J. Neil, E. Parry, G. T. Bootes, H. W. Blacklock, W. E. Peacock, R. Dobson, W. Irving, W. Blythe, C. Burns, I. G. Wood, J. T. Corking, R. Hewett, R. Kelly, R. Surtees, and T. H. Armstrong. The visitors were numerous, and comprised Bro. T. R. Short, W.M. 424; R. Stewart, I.P.M. 424; Jas. Shaw, P.M. 424; T. A. Moffitt, P.M. 424; W. J. Heppell, J.W. 424; J. Burrell, Sec. 424; W. J. Davids, Org. 424; J. Howe, Stwd. 424; J. O. Hogg, 424; J. Allinson, 424; F. E. Jameson, J.W. 24; W. F. Hall, Stwd. 406; C. H. Keay, W.M. 659; S. W. Linsley, W.M. 240; H. Fredericks, 240; J. S. Stark, 1676; J. A. G. Ross, P.M. 481; H. Bartlett, 406; O. S. Jackson, S.D. 991; R. Madgshon, S.W. 1119; R. Harrison, S.D. 1664; T. R. Jobson, P.M. 1664; E. Lauteback, S.W. 949; C. Smith W.M.

481; J. A. Stelling, S.W. 481; Isaac Taylor, P.W. 1342; C. P. Laidler, W.M. 1664; and others. Bro. T. R. Jobson, P.M. 1664, was duly elected a joining member. After the preliminary business, Bro. Adam Dodds, W.M. elect, was duly presented to Bro. W. J. Jobson, I.P.M., the Installing Master, and was duly inducted as W.M. in a very effective manner. The following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Bro. W. Stafford, I.P.M.; T. W. Bagnall, S.W.; H. Jackson, I.W.; Rev. E. W. Drage, Chap.; W. J. Jobson, P.M., Treas.; W. Douglass, Sec.; T. R. Jobson, Asst. Sec.; T. Chegwidan, S.D.; W. Holzappel, J.D.; W. Brown, P.M., D.C.; J. Armstrong, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; and J. T. Pragnell and Thomas Douglass, Stwds.

Three propositions for initiation were made, and after a notice of motion had been given, and the newly-installed Master had received a shoal of good wishes, the lodge was closed, and most of the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where the annual festival was held under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. A. Dodds. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent in musical harmony and in getting through the usual toast list.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Dobie Lodge (No. 889).—The installation meeting was held at the Kingston Hotel, on the 20th inst., and was attended by close upon 120 members and visitors. Bro. Joseph Bond, W.M., first passed Bro. Mitchell, C. L. Johnson, and W. H. Edgell to the F.C. Degree, and then gave way to Bro. W. Chapman, P.M., who acted as Installing Master, assisted by Bro. E. J. Dodd, P.P.G.O. Kent, as S.W., and Long, P.M. 889, as J.W. The W.M. elect was Bro. Tom Wilkinson, P.M. 1420 (Master of the Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards), who was installed in due form in presence of 25 Past Masters. He appointed his officers as follows: Bro. A. Watkin, S.W.; G. R. Scott, J.W.; J. Drewett, P.M., Treas.; W. Drewett, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Gaze, S.D.; W. T. Wells, J.D.; Dr. Cowen, I.G.; J. R. Abbott, Org.; J. C. Mortimer, D.C.; Whitehead and C. T. Lewis, Stwds.; and Gilbert, Tyler. The addresses were given to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren by Bro. Hayward, P.M.; W. Drewett, P.M.; and A. M. Levy, P.M., respectively, and the entire ceremony was ably performed. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Bond, I.P.M., in recognition of his services in the chair, and, on the proposition of Bro. W. Drewett, who addressed the brethren on the loss sustained by the death of Bro. Col. Noel Money, it was resolved that an expression of regret at the death of the Prov. Grand Master of Surrey be recorded on the minutes.

Banquet followed after the business, and a very excellent repast was served by Bro. G. Gabb, proprietor of the hotel, under the direction of Bro. Pottipher, manager of the establishment.

There was a distinguished party of visitors, and those who responded on their behalf spoke in glowing terms of all that had come under notice during the evening.

Bro. Long, the "father" of the lodge, will go up as Steward for the Boys' Festival, and when acknowledging the toast of "The Charities," he made an eloquent appeal on behalf of that Institution. His list is already a fairly good one.

The gathering passed off most successfully, and a happy year is looked for under the rule of Bro. Wilkinson.

LIVERPOOL.

Prince Arthur Lodge (No. 1570).—The installation of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at Hope-street, to which locality the lodge was moved some years ago from the south end. There was a large gathering, the chair being taken by Bro. John Scott, W.M., who afterwards very correctly installed Bro. John Clayton, S.W., as the new W.M. The officers were invested as follows: Bro. John Scott, I.P.M.; John Plumpton, S.W.; John H. Lewis, J.W.; Councillor W. Roberts, Treas.; John S. Perry, Sec.; Joseph Chipchase, S.D.; Thomas Wiggins, J.D.; W. M'Gaulay, P.P.G.D., D.C.; W. J. Doran, Org.; M. Hancock, I.G.; Gregson, J. Jeffery, D. Woodward, J. E. Eve, and J. Hughes, Stwds. During the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. on behalf of the lodge, accompanied by a handsome silver service for Mrs. Scott. A fine musical programme was carried out by Bro. J. Pugmire, G. Platt, G. Smith, W. Hudson, W. Mossfield, and others.

UNBRIDGE.

Royal Union Lodge (No. 382).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Chequers Hotel, when there were present: Bro. H. J. Bragg, W.M.; W. H. Reed, S.W.; A. Foyer, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, Hon. Chap.; H. W. Nicholson, Sec.; H. Mercer, S.D.; W. T. Harvey, J.D.; J. Taplin, P.M., D.C.; C. Brown, I.G.; A. A. Hardy, and J. T. Anderson, Stwds.; G. L. Duffin, Tyler; G. Fehrenbach, P.M.; G. Rowles, P.M.; E. Reed, A. Grey, W. Blackwell, C. Hall, G. J. Mercer, A. Newman, L. Bernieri, J. R. Thonger, T. B. Jarvis, A. T. Hawkes, W. R. Thorpe, T. Twamley, A. Chappell, A. Bailey, H. Sanders, T. W. Howse, A. J. Hanson, H. C. Hanson, W. A. Hardy, and J. Kinross. Visitors: Bro. W. A. Cocks, P.M. 2163; S. C. Knight, W.M. 1395; W. F. Sanger, 2163; G. Harper, Sec. 1612; G. Barnes, 231; W. H. Liddall, P.M. 45; L. H. Walker, Org. 2157; J. Dinns, J.W. 240; J. H. Grove, 45; W. E. Edwards, 1897; G. May, 2000; G. Stubbs, 771; and J. Bartlett, P.M. 1637.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and duly signed. Bro. Cocks was appointed S.W., and Bro. Fehrenbach, J.W., and Bro. W. H. Reed, S.W., was presented as W.M. elect. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. W. H. Reed was installed W.M., and then invested his I.P.M., Bro. Bragg. The ceremony having been concluded, the Board was then closed, and the Worshipful Master appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bro. A. Foyer, S.W.; H. Mercer, J.W.; J. Taplin, D.C.; H. W. Nicholson, P.M., Sec.; W. T. Harvey, S.D.; C. Brown, J.D.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Hon. Chap.; A. A. Hardy, I.G.; A. J. Hanson, Org.; J. T. Anderson, and A. Newman, Stwds.; and G. L. Duffin, Tyler. Mr. J. S. Kinross, being a candidate for membership, was duly elected and initiated. Bro. Bernieri, being a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was passed to the Degree of a F.C. The I.P.M. pro-

posed that the sum of 10s. be given to the Charity Fund of the province, for the purpose of defraying the cost of postage, &c., this being seconded by Bro. Mead, was duly carried. The Secretary reported that he had, with the consent of the Past Masters and officers living in the neighbourhood, handed to the soup fund a sum of two guineas on behalf of the lodge, and asked the brethren to confirm his action, which was unanimously done.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by host Twamley, and during the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel and collar were presented to the I.P.M., Bro. H. J. Bragg, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, the musical part of the programme being under the direction of Bro. G. May, assisted by Bro. Stubbs and Edwards, whose harmony was fully appreciated by the brethren, as was also a recitation by Bro. Hardman. Bro. L. H. Walker kindly accompanied the various songs.

Royal Arch.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

MANCHESTER.

Caledonian Chapter (No. 204).—The regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 21st inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. Amongst those present were: Comps. C. E. Towell, M.E.Z.; S. Mamelock, J.; Wm. Aldred, Treas.; Thomas Shorrocks, P.S.; J. Lowry, 1st. A.S.; John Cliffe, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.; L. H. Keay, Bachelor of Music, Org.; W. B. Russell, I.P.Z.; N. Dumville, P.Z.; J. F. Sattou, P.Z.; Charles Swinn, P.Z., P.G.S.B.; John Roberts, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; E. H. Flower, P.Z.; J. Laurisch, J. M. Veal, A. K. Boothroyd, J. Hawker. Visitors: J. S. Derbyshire, G. Smith, P.Z.; G. S. Smith, P.Z., P.P.G. Org.; William H. Kershaw, P.Z.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Ricardo J. H. Sayers, 2359, and proving favourable, he was exalted in the Supreme Degree by the Most Excellent. He was admirably supported by Comp. Thos. Shorrocks, as P.S. The three lectures were given in a most able manner by Comp. Charles Swinn, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., who was complimented upon the great ability displayed; but the chapter is worked well throughout, and we sincerely wish them every further success.

Humphrey Chetham Chapter (No. 645).

—The regular convocation was held on the 19th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Comp. Wm. Brookes, M.E.Z., presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was proposed by Comp. John E. Lees and seconded by Comp. Nathan Heywood, J., that a vote of condolence be sent to Mrs. Götz and family, expressing their great sorrow at losing such a dear friend as the late Comp. Götz had been to them for so many years, and expressing great sympathy with the family. This was unanimously agreed to. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the following—Comps. C. H. Arnold, M.E.Z.; Nathan Heywood, H.; Thos. Griffiths, J.; R. W. Routley, S.N.; J. E. Lees, P.Z., P.P. G. Treas., S.E.; Sam. Warburton, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; S. Moore, Principal Soj.; Thos. Black, 1st A.S.; and Wm. Loose, 2nd A.S. The installation takes place in May next. The following companions were present: Comps. Wm. Brookes, M.E.Z.; C. H. Arnold, H.; Nathan Heywood, J.; Thomas Griffiths, S.E.; R. W. Routley, S.N.; John E. Lees, P.Z., P.P.G.T.; Geo. S. Smith, P.Z., P.P.G. Org.; A. H. Jefferis, P.Z., P.P.G.T.; Thos. W. Black, E. Child, P.Z.; Wm. Loose, and John Fisher.

SUNDERLAND.

St. John's Chapter (No. 80).—At the quarterly convocation of this chapter, held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 19th inst., a number of Principals attended by invitation of Comp. R. Hudson, Prov. Grand Secretary, from the chapters at Durham, Hartlepool, Stockton, South Shields, Gateshead, as well as Sunderland and the district. Comp. the Rev. J. J. Brown, First Principal, was supported by Comps. T. Gibbon, M. J. Todd, H. J. Turnbull, R. Hudson, J. D. Todd, J. T. Staveley, R. Stewart, R. J. Jobson, Dr. L. Booth, J. Mitchinson, G. W. Bain, D. Cameron, J. Sedcole, and many others. An interesting discussion took place upon several matters affecting the chapters.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at the Frascati, Oxford-street, W., when there were present: Bro. George Hill, P.M., W.M. and Treas.; F. Jackson, P.M., S.W.; A. Terry, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; W. E. Wilby, P.M., Sec.; E. Kraus, W.M., S.D.; M. Beedle, J.D.; B. Dukes, I.G.; J. Mason, Org.; T. Smale, P.M.; W. Parker, P.M.; H. C. Parker, W. E. Houghton, L. Gunzel, G. Cizzio, S. C. Cross, R. Sandland, and J. C. Dear.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. Bro. Cizzio was examined and entrusted. The lodge having been resumed to the Third Degree, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Cizzio being the candidate. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Sandland. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree and Bro. John Cox Dear, 2194, was unanimously elected a joining member, and the dues were collected. On the second rising, Bro. F. Jackson, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. At the third rising Bro. J. Paul, P.M.; J. Horn, P.M.; George Hill, P.M.; and W. E. Wilby, P.M., were respectively elected Preceptor, Assistant Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary. Bro. J. Smale, P.M., S. C. Cross, and B. Dukes were elected auditors. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. W. Rapley, W.M.; R. W. Nicole, S.W.; C. Smith, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; G. T. Peall, S.D.; R. P. Upton, J.D.; E. P. Woodman, I.G.; I. W. Clarke P.M.; A. Cox, E. A. Wagstaff, and J. Birks.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed in the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wagstaff being the candidate. Bro. Rapley vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Cox, and Bro. Wagstaff answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was next rehearsed, Bro. Birks being the candidate. Bro. Nicole was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. J. W. Clarke, P.M., was unanimously elected Assistant Preceptor and honorary member of the lodge. The lodge was then closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at the Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, when there were present: Bros. J. W. Barker, P.M., W.M.; J. M. Rumbal, S.W.; Lewis Beale, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; T. T. Gething, S.D.; T. Pringle, J.D.; J. A. Battersby, I.G.; W. Hillier, W.M. 2090; W. B. Neville, W.M. 1767; Maurice Moss, H. J. Seale, and W. H. Dresden, P.M.

The lodge was opened according to ancient custom. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. B. Neville acting as candidate. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Seale offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bros. Moss and Seale were elected joining members, and Bro. Rumbal was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

MAIDSTONE.—ROBINSON LODGE (No. 2046).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 23rd instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Brewer-street. Present: Bros. J. Dyke, W.M.; T. W. Neech, P.M., S.W.; L. W. Stansell, J.W.; H. Whyman, P.M., Preceptor; H. Potvine, Sec.; E. Gratwick, S.D.; F. Blake, P.M., I.G.; J. Gowen, Tyler, and J. B. Groom.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the Preceptor put the questions of the 4th Section of the First Lecture, Bros. Dyke, Neech, Potvine, and Stansell answering the same. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Potvine acting as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Whyman was voted to the chair for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the second and third times, when "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

Ireland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CONNAUGHT.

At the stated communication of this Provincial Grand Lodge, a very handsome illuminated address and a purse of 100 sovereigns was presented to Bro. Doctor F. E. Clarke, 31st, Provincial Deputy Grand Master, to mark the appreciation of the brethren of his labours during the previous 10 years, he having been appointed to the Deputy chair in September, 1884. The address was signed on behalf of the province by Bro. Lord Harlech, Provincial Grand Master, countersigned by Bro. B. St. George Harrison, Prov. Grand Secretary, and by a representative of each subordinate lodge in the province.

Bro. Dr. Clarke intimated that he would purchase a service of plate with the money presented to him so that there would be a permanent record in his family of the affection which existed between himself and his brother Masons of North Connaught, to which he was so dearly attached as they seemed to be to him.

The Craft Abroad.

ROYAL ARCH. CYPRUS.

St. Paul's Chapter (No. 2277).—The installation meeting of the above chapter was held in the Masonic Rooms, Limassol, on the 4th inst. The chapter was opened by Comp. F. O. Harvey, M.E.Z.; Comp. Major Loftus Thackwell, 30^o, P.Z., P.D.G.P.S. Madras, acting H.; and Comp. A. Jones, J. After the reading of the minutes of the previous convocation, the balance-sheet was submitted for approval. This showed the chapter to be in a sound financial position, as there was a good balance in hand, no liabilities, and the chapter had not only a complete set of furniture, &c., at Limassol, but almost a complete duplicate set at Larnaca, where the chapter was held occasionally. The accounts as presented were unanimously passed. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place with the following result: Comps. A. Jones, M.E.Z.; A. Morton, H.; E. A. Carletti, J.; F. O. Harvey, I.P.Z., Treas.; Turner, S.E.; Cannons, S.N.; Dr. Kenny, A.M.D., P.S.; A. C. Harvey, 1st A.S.; and Dr. Carageorgiades, 2nd A.S. Comp. F. O. Harvey installed the Principals, and the newly-installed M.E.Z. invested with their collars and jewels those of the officers present. The M.E.Z. said that the P.Z.'s jewel of the chapter had been voted to Comp. Harvey, but that it had not yet arrived, although it was known to be *en route*, and he hoped to have the pleasure at the next meeting of pinning on that mark of their approval of the work done by the retiring M.E.Z. The following companions were

elected honorary members of the chapter in consideration of services rendered: Comps. W. Hayward, P.Z.; E. Hawks, M.E.Z. Zetland Chapter, Alexandria; and Major Loftus Thackwell, P.Z., &c.

There being no further business, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent supper, set out in the banqueting-room of the St. Paul's Lodge.

After the usual patriotic, loyal, and Masonic toasts, The I.P.Z. gave "The Health of the M.E.Z.," and said it was the third chair that he had seen Comp. Jones occupy, as he was P.M. of St. Paul's Lodge, W.M. of St. Paul's Mark Lodge, and now he had reached the high office of M.E.Z. of the St. Paul's Chapter. He congratulated him upon his progress in Masonry, and had every belief that the chapter would prosper under his energetic care.

Comp. Jones, in reply, thanked the companions for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast of his health, and for the kind things that the Installing Officer and I.P.Z. had said about him. He fully appreciated the distinction that had been conferred upon him, which had enabled him to reach the summit of his ambition in Masonry, viz., to have occupied the chair in the Craft, the Mark, and the Arch. The honours had rather been conferred upon him by force of circumstances than by long service or peculiar merit, but he could assure the companions that he would do his utmost to further the welfare of the chapter, and maintain the standard of efficiency that had been set up by his predecessors. He had to thank Comps. Harvey and Morton for being present there that evening. The companions in England did not have to make such a journey to attend their chapter as was made by the companions he had mentioned. He knew that if a brother travelled 100 miles on a well-appointed railway in England to attend lodge or chapter he was complimented on his energy, but what would our brothers and companions at home think of riding 60 miles over rough roads and mountain passes, and the following day make the return journey. Yet such was the case with Comps. Harvey and Morton, and he thanked them sincerely for the Masonic spirit they had shown in being present with them that evening.

The other toasts were "The Installing Officer," "The Second and Third Principals," and "The Officers," all of which were suitably replied to.

The Janitor's toast closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

APRIL ELECTION, 1895.

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

DAISY ISABEL SHAW,

Aged 8½ years.

The youngest Daughter but one 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 Unanimity 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, 8, 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.

The case is strongly recommended by—

Bros. Col. A. Saunders, P.D.G.M. Madras; the Right Hon. Lord Herschell, G.C.B., P.G.W.; Victor A. Williamson, C.M.G., P.G.W.; Richd. Eve, P.G. Treas., Pat.; R. Loveland Loveland, P.G.D.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., Dep. G.M. Essex; Thomas Lean Wilkinson, D.C. Reg.; Ralph Daniel Makinson Littler, C.B., O.C., P.D.G. Reg.; 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; Thos. Jones, P. Dep. D.G.M. Bengal; 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. 1460, 2459; Edmd. Macrory, Q.C., P.M. 1010; G. Kings, 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).

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

APRIL ELECTION, 1895.

The VOTES and INTEREST of Governors and Subscribers are earnestly solicited on behalf of

KATHERINE POWELL,

Aged 7 years.

The father of this candidate, WILLIAM ARTHUR POWELL, was initiated in Salopian Lodge of Charity, No. 117, Shrewsbury, and was one of the Founders of St. Aikmund's Lodge, Whitchurch, No. 2311. He was killed whilst crossing an uncompleted railway line in July last, at Fort, William, N.B., where he was stationed as Inland Revenue Officer, leaving a wife and eight children—the eldest being 11 years and the youngest three weeks old—almost totally unprovided for.

The case is strongly recommended by the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Salopian Lodge of Charity, No. 117, Shrewsbury, together with the brethren named below, who heartily support the case and earnestly invite your fraternal aid—

Bros. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., P.G.W. (Vice-Patron), 47, Botolph-lane, London, E.C.; J. Aird, M.P., P.G.D. (Vice-Patron), 14, Hyde Park-terrace, London; *Sir J. Monckton, P.G.W. (Patron), Guildhall, London, E.C.; Sir Osley Wakeman, Bart. (Patron), Prov. G.M.

of Shropshire, Yeaton Pevere, Shrewsbury; R. G. Venables, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M. of Shropshire, The Lodge, Ludlow, Salop; F. R. Spaul, P.P.G.R., Lyndholme, Arlington Park Garden, South Chiswick, W.; E. Wood, P.P.G.D.C., Pabo Hall, Conway; W. Belton, 117, 2311, P.P.G.W., Mountfields, Shrewsbury; *W. Adams, 117, 2311, P.G. Director of Ceremonies, High-street, Shrewsbury; *V. C. L. Crump, 117, 2311, P.P.G.W., The Crescent, Shrewsbury; Hon. George Ormsby Gore, P.P.G.W., Whitchurch, Salop; *E. Caffin, Sec. Shakespeare, 99, and Prince of Wales Chapter, P.G. Std. Br., 24, Rood-lane, London, E.C.; W. Cock, P.P.S.G.D., 147, Queen's-road, Peckham, London; W. C. Joyce, High-street, Whitchurch, Salop; Arthur Joyce, P.M., High-street, Whitchurch, Salop; *Barrow Jones, W.M. 2311, Bull Ring, Whitchurch, Salop; H. F. Newman, W.M. 117, High-street, Shrewsbury; and W. Baxter, 117, 2311, P.A.G.D.C., Cherry Orchard, Shrewsbury.

Voting papers will be gratefully received by those marked * and by the widowed mother, Mrs. W. A. Powell, 24, Dodington, Whitchurch, Salop.

MAY ELECTION, 1895.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT 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, 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. 102 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, Leynet Avenue, Clapham, S.W.; Marfleet, P.M. 217, 818, and 322, 61, Chrisp-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.

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'Entosama (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. Matier, 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. Lincs., 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.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, April 6, 1895.

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

MONDAY APRIL 1.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hotel.
83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tavern.
144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hotel.
256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
1319, Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1609, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall.
1853, St. Botolph's, Albion Tavern.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
2029, King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall.

MARK LODGE.

- 5, Mallet and Chisel, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30.
Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marouess of Ripon, The Bunch of Grapes, Lime-street, E.C., 6.30.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
Perseverance, Old Parr's Head, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 7.
Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance)
St. 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 Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.
Woodrow, Star and Garter Hotel, Pall Mall, W., at 3.
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, APRIL 2.

Colonial Board, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-street Hotel.
101, Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
166, Union, Criterion.
217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.
1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-square.
1259, Duke of Edinburgh, West India Dock-road.
1261, Golden Rule, Cafe Royal.
1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
1693, Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
2199, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.
2499, Hortus, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 1, Grand Masters', Hotel Victoria.
92, Moira, Albion Tavern.
169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
879, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.

MARK LODGE.

- 355, Royal Savoy, Criterion.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone, E., at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
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.
Egyptian, Salutation, Nevigate-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 Edgecombe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 6.30.
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, 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.
Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bayswater, 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepany, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.
Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel.
1298, Royal Standard Cock Tavern.
1366, St. John, Guildhall Tavern.
1491, Athenaeum, Criterion.
1987, Rothesay, Frascati Restaurant.
2003, Cornhill, Cafe Monica.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 55, Constitutional, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
898, Temperance in the East, Town Hall, Stratford.
1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
1328, Granite, Holborn Restaurant.

MARK LODGES.

- Grand Masters', Mark Masons' Hall.
244, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Nevigate-street, at 6.30.
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 44, Lime-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, The Clock House, Battersea-park-road, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney. 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 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-rod, Hammersmith, at 7.
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
Mount Lebanon, Half-Moon Hotel, Borough, at 8.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightrider-street, Doctors Com-mons, at 7.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Ruisley 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.
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, APRIL 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel.
45, Strong Man, Guildhall Tavern.
742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace.
822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
1155, Excelsior, Royal Crystal Palace Hotel.
1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel.
1216, Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1351, St. Clement Danes, Holborn Restaurant.
1672, Mornington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1707, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel.
1772, Pimlico, Victoria Mansions Restaurant.
1790, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.
2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.
2512, Fulham, Town Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 2, Chapter of St. James, Freemasons' Hall.
143, Mount Moriah, Albion Hotel.
1716, All Saints, Vestry Hall, Bow.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creaton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
Derby Alford, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial-road, Limehouse, E., at 7.30.
Effiot, 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 7.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 8.
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, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Nevigate-street, at 6.30.
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30.
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, APRIL 5.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 554, Yarborough, London Tavern.
890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.
1489, Marquess of Ripon, Cock Tavern.
1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.
2488, Eccentric, Criterion.
2511, St. John at Hackney, Old Town Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 259, Prince of Wales, Whitehall Rooms.

MARK LODGES.

- 8, Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern.
454, Tuscan, 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, Ladbrooke-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 7.30.
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 8.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.30.
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, Montpelier 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, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, 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, APRIL 6.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1949, Brixton, Horns Tavern.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., 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.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's-park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.
Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Hotel, 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS (PROVINCIAL)

For the week ending Saturday, April 6, 1895.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 1.

Table with columns for CRAFT LODGES, Town, and Number. Includes entries like Bolton 37, Bath 53, Lynn 107, Preston 113, etc.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2.

Table with columns for CRAFT LODGES, Town, and Number. Includes entries like Nottingham 47, Norwich 52, Plymouth 70, Bristol 103, etc.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3.

Table with columns for CRAFT LODGES, Town, and Number. Includes entries like Birmingham 74, Sunderland 94, Poole 137, E. Stonehouse 159, etc.

MASONIC AND GENERAL FINDINGS

A BODY of Public School Volunteer Corps to the number of 1800 took part in a day's operations with the regular troops at Aldershot on Monday last before the Duke of Connaught.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS the Commander-in-Chief will hold a levee at the Horse Guards on Monday, the 1st prox., at one p.m. Applications to attend should be addressed to the military secretary.

BRO. C. J. WILKINSON-PIMBURY, P.M. of the John Carpenter Lodge, No. 1997, composed of old pupils of the City of London School, was, on the 20th instant, elected Worshipful Master of the Cordwainer Ward Lodge, No. 2241.

THE WINDOW which has been placed in St. Dunstan's Church, Fleet-street, to the memory of Izaak Walton will be unveiled on Friday next, the 5th April, by Mr. W. Baily, of the Ironmongers' Company, of which Walton was a member.

BRO. THE DUKE and Duchess of Devonshire left town for Monte Carlo last week, and are expected to return to England by Easter. Bro. the Duke of Abercorn returned from South Africa about the same time, and has now gone to his seat at Baron's Court, Co. Tyrone.

BRO. LORD KENSINGTON, Lord Tweedmouth, Lord Ribblesdale, Bro. Sir Frank Lockwood, O.C., M.P., and Lord Thring dined with Bro. the Marquis of Breadalbane, Lord Steward of the Household, at his residence, Harcourt House, Cavendish-square, on Saturday last.

THE DUKE OF YORK continues to improve in health, and the cold from which he was suffering has almost left him. His sister, the Princess Louise, Duchess of Fife, arrived early in the week at Sandringham on a visit to the Princess of Wales and the Princesses Victoria and Maud.

THE COUNTESS OF WARWICK opened a bazaar and a series of entertainments in the new buildings of the Children's Hospital on Paddington-green, on Thursday, with the object of raising funds to furnish the wards. The Duchess of Teck has accepted an invitation to open the new buildings on July 1st.

A MARRIAGE is arranged and will shortly take place between Lily, only surviving daughter of our venerable and highly esteemed Bro. Charles Veal, Stanmore, P.M., Sec., and one of the founders of the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549, and Bro. James C. Lake, jun., of 3, Great Queen-street, W.C., and Kew, late Rye Lodge, No. 2272.

IT WAS ANNOUNCED at the recent meeting of the fellows of the Royal Botanic Society that their grounds would be opened to the general public on Whit Monday on payment of sixpence per head, and though a resolution to extend the opening to two or three days a week was lost, it is believed that before long something of a satisfactory nature will be done.

A CONCERT will be held at the Queen's Hall, Langham-place, to-morrow (Saturday) evening in aid of the Maintenance Fund of the Morley House Caxton Wing in connection with the Morley House Seaside Convalescent Home, St. Margaret's Bay, Dover. The Caxton Wing will be opened by the President, the Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P., in May next.

BRO. GENERAL LORD ROBERTS, Bro. Lord and Lady Barnard, Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P., and the Hon. Lady Ridley, Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., Bro. Col. Howard Vincent, M.P., and Mrs. Vincent, and Bro. C. Stuart-Wortley, M.P., and Mrs. Stuart-Wortley were among the Countess Stanhope's third reception at her house in Grosvenor-place.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK has consented to open Viscount Duncannon's Sale of Irish Cottage Industry Work at 4, Grosvenor-square, on the 3rd and 4th May. Stalls will be held by Princess Edward Saxe-Weimar, the Duchess of Abercorn, the Countess of Lucan, the Countess of Donoughmore, the Countess of Bantry, the Lady Wimborne, Viscountess Duncannon, and others.

MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL.—We have much satisfaction in giving the early intimation that the annual distribution of prizes is fixed for Wednesday evening, May 8th, in the Leinster Hall. The Right Hon. Viscount and Viscountess Templetown will be present, and the Viscountess has very kindly promised to distribute the prizes. —*Irish Times.*

THE EMPRESS FREDERIC OF GERMANY terminated her visit to this country on Saturday last. Her Majesty drove from Buckingham Palace to Charing Cross in the afternoon, among those assembled at the station to bid her farewell being the Duchess of Albany and Bro. Lord Edward Pelham Clinton. The train reached Port Victoria at 7.30, from whence the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert sailed, in boisterous weather, for Flushing.

ON SATURDAY, Bro. Dr. Salmon, J.P., D.L., of Penlyne Court, near Cowbridge, Glamorganshire, attained his 105th birthday. Bro. Dr. Salmon was born in 1790 at Wickham Market, and is the oldest member living of the College of Surgeons, and the oldest Freemason in the world. He was one of the youngest surgeons in the army of George III. at the time of the battle of Waterloo, but was absent from the memorable fight, as he got married at the time. Bro. Dr. Salmon is in vigorous health, and retains all his faculties.

THE LODGES IN CHESTER have sustained a great loss by the death recently of Bro. Stephen Smith, who was buried on Monday, the 18th inst., at the cemetery, where a large number of brethren assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to departed merit. Among those present were Bros. T. S. Roberts, M. Johnson, W. Peers, J. Dodds, J. L. Kemp, Enoch Young, M. Kinsey, A. Walker-Jones, T. M. Lockwood, H. Taylor, R. Cariss, Sergt.-Major Thomas, Dr. Archer, F. J. Warmsley, G. Tinkler, F. Chilton, J. Bithell, Frank Powell, Sergt. Saunders, Evason, Massey, J. W. Hull, and many other members of the Craft. Bro. Smith was Past Grand Tyler for the Province of Cheshire, and Tyler for the three Chester lodges and the Mold Lodge. Bro. Smith was formerly in the 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment, and had fought in the Crimea.

WE ARE VERY GLAD to hear that Bro. Toole's health has very greatly improved of late, and his medical advisers believe he will be able to leave town in the course of next week.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE completed his 76th year on Tuesday, the 26th inst., having been born on the 26th March, 1819, and the bells at Windsor rang out a merry peal in honour of the auspicious occasion.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK, attended by Lady Eva Grenville, was present at a numerously attended meeting at 14, Grosvenor-crescent, on behalf of the sisters' and nurses' work in connection with the Trinity College (Cambridge) Mission.

THE DUCHESS OF TECK has very graciously consented to attend a drawing-room meeting convened by Bro. Sir J. Whittaker and Lady Ellis at Buccleuch House, Richmond, on Monday, the 1st prox., in the interests of the Ragged School Union.

A SERIOUS gas explosion occurred at the premises of Sir Joseph Causton and Sons, law stationers, 8, Portugal-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Monday morning, by which Ada Simmons and William Walker were so seriously burnt about the face and hands that they had to be removed to King's College Hospital. The force of the explosion may be judged from the fact that the first floor windows of the house surgeon's residence at the hospital were completely wrecked.

THE MATCH at Melbourne between the Victorians and Mr. Stoddart's eleven terminated on Monday in a victory for the former by seven wickets. Score: Mr. Stoddart's eleven, 131 and 270; Victoria, 269 and 136 for three wickets. For the English Mr. Ford made 1 and 85, Brockwell 25 and 36, while for Victoria Bruce compiled 42 and (not out) 72; A. Trott 46 and 44; Charles McLeod 52, and Perryman 40. The last match of the tour will be played at Adelaide against a team of South Australians.

WE ARE GLAD to see there is a further reduction in the mortality caused by influenza and diseases connected with the respiratory organs. According to the Registrar-General's returns for last week, the deaths caused by the former were 225, or less than one-half of what it was a fortnight previous, while the latter were responsible for 740 deaths, the death-rate for London having fallen to 26, as compared with 41 a fortnight earlier. These figures are still high, but it is a consolation to know that the tendency is in a downward direction.

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Accident Insurance Company, Limited, the directors reported that the income for the year ending 31st December, 1894, amounted to £51,377 10s. 7d. The claims paid amounted to £22,278 18s. 7d., and the bonus allowances to policyholders to £3484 3s. 5d. A bonus of five per cent., free of income tax was declared, making with the interim interest already paid, 10 per cent. for the year, while a sum equivalent to three per cent. was set aside to increase the paid capital account. The assets of the company at the end of the year amounted to £71,590 3s. 9d.

A GRAND BAZAAR AND FANCY FAIR will be held at Brownlow House and Grounds, Lurgan, on Monday, the 24th June, and three following days, the object which the promoters have in view being to raise funds sufficient for the erection of a Masonic Hall, suitable for the requirements of the lodges which meet in the town of Lurgan, namely—Aca'ca, St. John's, and Ulidie, being Nos. 24, 134, and 151 respectively on the roll of Grand Lodges of Ireland. The programme of the entertainments which will be offered is both varied and attractive.

THE DUCHESS OF FIFE, who was accompanied by her husband Bro. the Duke of Fife, opened a grand bazaar at the Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday in aid of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society. Bro. Alderman Sir J. Dimsdale presided, and among the Reception Committee by whom her Royal Highness was escorted to the dais were the Sheriffs of London, the United States Ambassador, and the Swedish and Norwegian Minister. Contributions from the Duke of York, the Princess of Wales, the German Emperor, the Khedive of Egypt, the British India Company, Sir Donald Currie, the P. and O. Company, and others, to the amount of £1500 out of the £4,000 required by the Society for their work were announced by the Secretary before the bazaar was opened. After an address of welcome had been read by Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair, the Princess received purses from sundry children, and then presented a gold watch and chain to Miss Anna Becker, the only lady passenger saved from the Elbe, who, in gratitude for the kindness she has received from the Society, was helping at the German stall.

THE annual general meeting of the Royal National Life Boat Institution was held in St. Martin's Town Hall on Saturday, the 23rd inst. The chair was occupied by Lord Tweedmouth, in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Bro. the Earl of Derby, and there was a very large attendance of Governors and friends of the Institution. The report, which was adopted unanimously, showed that during the past year 637 lives had been saved by life-boats and 34 vessels rescued from destruction, while rewards had been granted for saving 141 lives by shore boats, the total number of lives saved since the establishment of the Institution being 37,854. The income for the year, arising from donations, subscriptions, dividends, special gifts, &c., amounted to £73,961, and some valuable legacies had also been received, while the expenditure reached £50,680. Great hopes appear to be entertained from the success which has hitherto attended the development of the Life-boat Saturday movement, especially as the City of London, and the mercantile community, of which it is the centre, have taken up the cause. Nevertheless, the Committee earnestly appeal to the public to support them in their efforts to maintain this splendid Institution in its highest state of efficiency, and we trust their appeal will be responded to even more generously than in the past.

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H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES left Cannes on Monday for Paris, and after a brief stay in the French capital his Royal Highness will continue his journey to England.

GOLDEN WEDDING.—Bro. Magnus Ohren, P.M. 33, 452, 1601, and 1719, P.P.J.G.W. Surrey, and P.A.G.D.C. of England, will, on the 7th of April, have been married 50 years.

WE ARE ASKED to state that in consequence of the fire at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, will meet every Friday evening, at 7.30, until further notice (by the kind courtesy of Bro. A. C. Clemow) in the Masonic Hall, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

THE PRINCESS OF WALES and her daughters left Sandringham for London on Wednesday, her object being to inquire personally as to the health of her son, the Duke of York, who has been confined to the house for some days. Her Royal Highness, therefore, drove to York House first, and afterwards arrived at Marlborough House about seven o'clock.

THE PRINCESS MARY ADELAIDE, Duchess of Teck, will visit Viscount and Viscountess Cantelupe at the Manor House, Bexhill-on-Sea, on the 10th and 11th May, her Royal Highness having promised to attend a concert at St. Leonard's on the 11th May in aid of the fund for liquidating the debt on the Voluntary Church Schools at Bexhill.

THE ANNIVERSARY DINNER of the Institute of Civil Engineers was held in Merchant Taylors' Hall on Wednesday evening, under the presidency of Sir Robert Rawlinson. Among the principal guests were the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke of Teck, the American Ambassador, the Marquis of Salisbury, and Bros. Sir Redvers Buller, Sir F. Abel, John Aird, M.P., and Sir Lintorn Simmons.

THE Oxford and Cambridge boat-race will take place over the usual course from Putney to the Ship at Mortlake to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon. The start will be at 4 p.m., and the arches at Putney Bridge will be closed to all traffic at 3.15 p.m. The steamers following the race will, as usual, be four in number, one for Oxford, one for Cambridge, and the Umpire's and Press boats.

THE RACE for the Prix de la Ville de Nice, which had been postponed from a previous day in consequence of the weather, was sailed on Wednesday, the competing yachts being the Britannia, Ailsa, and Valkyrie. After a very fine race, in which the Ailsa maintained the lead for two out of the three rounds that were covered, the Britannia crossed the line some eight minutes in front of her plucky opponent, the Valkyrie being miles behind.

THE HONOURS of a Masonic funeral were accorded to the remains of a well-known and much respected Keswick townsman on Monday afternoon, the 18th inst. Bro. Thos. Usher, coach agent and shoemaker, Main-street, died somewhat suddenly on Saturday morning, the 16th inst. He had acquired some local fame as a tenor singer and attended a practice of the Choral Society as late as Friday evening, immediately previous to his death. He took a great interest in most local affairs, and was a member of the Greta Lodge. His funeral was attended by brethren from other towns in the province. Canon Rawsley read the service, and Miss Freeman played the Dead March in "Saul."

MISS MINNIE BREWSTER'S FIRST CONCERT, given on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Parish Hall, Acton, was a great success. All available space was fully occupied by an enthusiastic audience, and encores were the order of the evening. Miss Brewster's beautiful rendering of "The Flight of Ages" was highly appreciated and an encore demanded, which was responded to with "Dolly's Revenge," given in perfect style. Miss Brewster was supported by Bros. Harry, Arthur, and Howard Musgrave, who all rendered loyal service, and tended to make the entertainment an unqualified success.

THE LIVERPOOL DRAMATIC LODGE, No. 1609, which has been in existence for nearly 20 years, has always held a well-established reputation for its works of Charity and the thoroughly representative character of its members, embracing as it does brethren who are prominently identified with the drama, music, medicine, literature, and the fine arts. Tuesday's meeting of the Dramatic, at the Masonic Hall, was especially interesting, as the assembly represented in a large measure all the professions above named. The gathering numbered about 60 brethren, Bro. Henry Heard being in his place as W.M., supported by Bros. A. E. Workman, P.M.; H. Round, P.M., D.C.; L. Peake, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Fineberg, P.M.; J. H. Light, P.M.; G. D. Clarence, S.W.; H. Fineberg, J.W.; Dr. A. G. Godwin, Sec.; W. Savage, P.P.G. Treas.; H. Round, jun., S.D.; E. Baxter, J.D.; F. J. Barford, J.G.; Reginald Mountfield, Org.; and T. W. Armstrong, W. H. Dutton, F. Holliday, and Creswick Boydell, Stwds. The general attendance of members and visitors included several artistes of note, the whole of the proceedings afforded excellent evidence of the harmony and efficiency which mark the career of No. 1609. The ceremonies of the afternoon, admirably performed by the W.M., and Bro. Round, P.M., assisted by an efficient staff of officers, included the admission and advancement of several well-known local actors and painters. Before the close of the business a substantial sum was voted in aid of the sorrowing relatives of a deceased brother. An interesting after-dinner programme was given by several musical and dramatic brethren.

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