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## THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The 107th Anniversary Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday next, the 8th instant, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. the Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE, Deputy Grand Master of England, and Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall. As regards the prospects awaiting our senior Charity, we can only describe them as not unfavourable. Our anticipations that the Board of Stewards would ultimately consist of a full 300 members have been realised, and, as there are generally a few brethren who hand in their names almost at the last moment, we dare say that, so far as numbers go, there will be little, if any, difference in point of strength between the Board which will support Bro. Lord MOUNT EDGCUMBE next Wednesday, and that which supported Bro. Lord DUNGARVAN on the penultimate day of February, when he presided at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution. Again, as to the claims which the authorities of the Girls' School are able to advance in its behalf as an educational Institution, there is no doubt whatever as to the strength and reality of these. They are forthcoming annually whenever any of the girls are entered for the Cambridge Local and other examinations, while a visit to the School itself will set at rest any doubts, which even the most hypercritical brother may have permitted himself to indulge in, as to the value of the training they receive. The point, however, which we are most anxious to impress upon the Stewards, intending donors, and the Craft generally, is the exceeding undesirability of relaxing their efforts in behalf of this or either of the two other Masonic Institutions in any given year, because the year previous there happened to be a heavier return than usual of Donations and Subscriptions. Last year, for instance, the Girls' School had a most successful Festival, which very materially contributed to place the yearly average since 1888 more nearly on a level with what it was prior to that year. But seeing that the requirements of the Institution are as pressing now as—if indeed they are not somewhat more pressing than—they were in 1894, the success of 1894 does not justify a more limited effort in 1895. It is at all events undignified for our Society to be going through a kind of see-saw performance with these anniversary celebrations, one year hardly able to contain their enthusiasm over a huge success, and the next in the very lowest depths of despair over a result which is less by some thousands of pounds than the average annual expenditure. We, therefore, hope that the Returns we are so anxiously looking forward to will be not less than the amount that is needed, merely because those of last year were in excess. When we once arrive at a certain standard it is imperative that we should use every effort to maintain it. The Girls' School has fared well at its last two Festivals, and though we cannot hope that the exceptionally high figures of 1894 will be repeated, we do most sincerely trust that the amount obtained will be on such a scale as to increase rather than diminish the yearly average.

## THE APPROACHING ELECTIONS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Annual General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held in the great hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, the 17th inst. The chair will be taken at the hour of 12, noon, and when the Report of the Committee of Management for the past year has been dealt with and the other business disposed of, the poll will be opened for the election of candidates for the vacancies which have been declared on the Male and Widows' Funds respectively. The vacancies, so far as they are known, comprise 17, including the usual three deferred, on the Male Fund, and 10, including likewise the same number of deferred, on the Widows' Fund; but any additional vacancies which may have since occurred, or which may become available between now and the day of election, will, doubtless, be filled up in compliance with the recommendation which the Committee is in the habit of making, and which, as far as our experience goes, the meeting has invariably adopted.

Taking the lists separately, we note that for the 14 immediate and three deferred annuities to be filled on the

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of the Institution there are 61 approved candidates, of whom 27 have been unsuccessful at one or more previous ballots, and 34 are candidates whose names have been placed on the list since the last election. Sub-dividing these names between London and the Provinces, we note further that London furnishes 17, and the Provinces 44. The London brethren are the following, namely: No. 11, who has been three years before the electors, and brings forward

1,386 votes; No. 13, who has been a candidate at two previous elections, has 923 votes to the good to start with, and will have an addition made to his record of 20 votes; and No. 15, who brings forward 1112 votes from his two previous attempts. No. 19 was a candidate for the first time last year, and obtained 636 votes, which will be included in his total poll at this election; and Nos. 22 and 26 were also candidates last year, and bring forward the former 462 and the latter 40 votes. The remaining 11 figure on the list as Nos. 34, 35, 37, 39, 40, 42, 47, 49, 50, 51, and 53 respectively, and will make their first essay at the forthcoming ballot. The 44 extra-Metropolitan candidates are furnished by 23 Provinces and a District abroad, and are distributed as follows: Six of them hail from Devonshire, namely, No. 3, who, though he has been before the electors for 10 years, and will make his *eleventh* attempt to win a vacancy on the 17th instant, has only 237 votes in hand to count towards his final total. No. 4, who is about to make his seventh application, has 82 votes to his credit, and No. 6, who has been a candidate at five previous ballots, has 10 votes to the good. No. 27 was a candidate last year, but obtained no support whatever, while Nos. 46 and 48 are new candidates. Kent and Suffolk furnish, each of them, five candidates, those hailing from Kent being No. 14, who has made two previous attempts, and will start on this occasion with 2492 votes to the good; No. 21, who brings forward 122 votes from last year; and Nos. 32, 41, and 45, who are newly-placed on the list. The five from the Province of Suffolk have had their claims approved since last year's election, and will be found on the list at Nos. 36, 38, 44, 56, and 59. Cornwall is responsible for the following three applicants, namely, No. 9, who brings forward 45 votes from four previous ballots; No. 10, who starts with 14 votes from three attempts; and No. 25, who had the good fortune to poll 2442 votes at the election in May, 1894. Lincolnshire, West Lancashire, Nottinghamshire, Warwickshire, Sussex, and East Lancashire send two each, the Lincolnshire pair being Nos. 5 and 8, of whom the former has 30 votes in hand from six, and the latter 248 votes from four, previous elections. No. 7, who has 979 votes to his credit from five elections, and No. 52—a new candidate—hail from West Lancashire. No. 16, with 18 votes to the good from the 1893 and 1894 elections, and No. 18, with 20 votes from last year, are sent up from Nottinghamshire. Sussex is responsible for No. 23, who polled 87 votes in 1894, and No. 58, a new candidate. No. 17, with 2280 votes to his credit from 1893 and 1894, and No. 60, a new candidate, are from the Province of Warwickshire; while East Lancashire is responsible for two new candidates at Nos. 31 and 54 respectively. North and East Yorkshire also furnishes two candidates—No. 1 who has had the misfortune to have his name on the list for 12 years and has only 505 votes to his credit for his approaching 13th ballot, and No. 12, who at the 1893 and 1894 elections managed to obtain support to the extent of 38 votes. The other candidates are No. 2 (Northumberland), who starts for his 12th ballot with 312 votes in hand; No. 20 (Cumberland and Westmorland), who brings forward one vote from 1894; No. 24 (Wiltshire), with 279 votes from 1894; and the following who are all new candidates, namely: No. 28 (Cheshire); No. 29 (Hampshire and the Isle of Wight); No. 30 (West Yorkshire); No. 33 (Derbyshire); No. 43 (Middlesex); No. 55 (Shropshire); No. 57 (the Province of Guernsey and Alderney); and No. 61 (the District of Bombay and the Provinces of Northants and Hunts and Cornwall).

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there are, as we have said, seven immediate and three deferred vacancies to be filled and the number of applicants who will compete for those vacancies is 51, of whom 30 remain over from last year and 15 are new candidates. London furnishes 10 and the Provinces and abroad 41; the London widows being No. 1, who is about to make her 15th attempt to win an annuity and has, we are glad to see, 1171 votes to her credit. With such a start, the venerable dame, who is in her 80th year, ought to be able to secure a place among the successful applicants. No. 10 has 270 votes to the good from five previous ballots; No. 18 no less than 4907 votes from three ballots; and Nos. 25, 26, 29, and 31 who were candidates for the first time in 1894, when they obtained (No. 25), 2034 votes; (No. 26), 30 votes; (No. 29), 25 votes; and (No. 31), 2205 votes. Nos. 37, 43, and 51 are new candidates. The 40 Provincial candidates are distributed amongst 20 Provinces, and there is one widow whose husband belonged to a lodge in the District of Madras, and subsequently joined two lodges in Kent. Devonshire is responsible for seven out of these 41, namely, No. 4, who is making her tenth application, with 230 votes in hand; No. 6, who is also an applicant for the tenth time, and starts with 212 votes; No. 8, who has 188 votes towards her ninth ballot; No. 11, who has been a candidate at six previous elections, and brings forward 42 votes; No. 17, who started on her candi-

ature at the election in May, 1890, and now has standing to her credit 332 votes; No. 21, who was a candidate in 1893 and 1894, and has 786 votes to the good; and No. 35, who, though she was in the list last year, obtained no votes whatever. There are four candidates from West Yorkshire: No. 28, who failed to win any votes in 1894, and No. 30, who obtained 4988 votes, and Nos. 47 and 48, both new candidates. Durham contributes three widows—No. 5, who brings forward 33 votes from nine previous ballots; No. 10, who is about to make her eighth application, with 3746 votes already to her credit; and a new candidate at No. 45. Kent is responsible for Nos. 13, 14, and 15, who have all been on the lists at six previous elections, and will start on this occasion with 796 votes, 152 votes, and 3954 votes to their credit respectively; and there are likewise three candidates from East Lancashire and Warwickshire, the former three being No. 3, who is an applicant for the 12th time, and brings forward 270 votes; and Nos. 22 and 23, who have made two previous attempts, and have, the former, 15, and the latter, 22 votes to their respective credits. The Warwickshire trio are: No. 33, who brings forward 277 votes from 1894, and No. 44 and 49, new candidates. There are two widows from Cumberland, and Westmoreland, of whom No. 2 has 128 votes to the good towards her twelfth application, and No. 19, who has 5 votes in hand towards her fourth. Staffordshire sends two candidates, No. 12 with 73 votes towards her seventh application, and No. 32, who polled 28 votes in 1894. There are also two candidates from West Lancashire, namely, No. 34, who starts with nine votes, and No. 40, a new candidate. The rest are as follows: No. 7, from Cornwall, with 89 votes to her credit towards her ninth attempt; No. 9, from Bristol, with 4 votes towards her eighth; No. 20, from Lincolnshire, with 13 votes brought forward from 1893 and 1894; No. 24, from Berkshire, with 15 votes in hand from the same years; No. 27, from the Western Division of South Wales, with 5 votes to the good; No. 36, from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, with 542 votes to her credit; and No. 38 (Essex), No. 39 (Norfolk), No. 41 (North Wales), No. 42 (Sussex), No. 46 (N. and E. Yorkshire and Lincolnshire), and No. 50, from the District of Madras and the Province of Kent.

There is just one point to which we are desirous of calling attention—namely the length of time that sundry of the candidates, and especially of the widows, have had their names on the lists. There are three brethren who, a fortnight hence, will be candidates for the thirteenth, twelfth, and eleventh times respectively; while of the Widows, one has been before the electors since 1881, two since 1884, three since 1886, two since 1887, and two since 1888. As regards two of the three Male candidates, one, we are told, is "permanently paralysed," and the second is "permanently incapacitated" through cardiac disease "from following any employment;" while as to certain of the Widows, we read that one, who is in her 80th year, was left a widow 15 years ago and "totally unprovided for." Another, who has been a widow for 17 years, and was left without means, "gets her living by charing;" while a third is in her 76th year, and "alllicted with almost total blindness and is destitute." It is terrible to think of the sufferings of these poor old people, and worse still, how they must have been sick at heart through having their hopes of securing a small competency deferred through all these years. May we not hope that among the many brethren who have not yet promised their votes and influence, there will be found some who will come forward and assist in getting some of these elected at the approaching ballot and their names removed from the list after all these years of painful expectancy? We trust that some will come forward and help to accomplish this good work.

THE W.M. IN THE CHAIR.

Probably no duties are more free from actual doubt than those relating to the W.M.'s conduct in the chair. To a certain extent he reigns supreme, due respect to the Book of Constitutions being always understood. From time immemorial, however, certain of his duties have been defined and handed down as immutable and sacred; and we believe that the system is peculiar to Masonry as an institution, and we think the more such customs are adhered to the better. Some societies, and particularly such as have humanitarian objects in any shape, cannot be tinkered or modernised without a danger of quite transforming their original character. Those who have had a wide experience of lodge life will tell us that even the best regulated lodges are not always entirely free from the innovator, and that there are restless spirits abroad whose vocation in life appears to be to reform, without many qualifications for the office.

However, the lodge procedure of a W.M. is nearly always based on what may be called his personal training in it, and in a great measure guided by adherence to customs legalised by long usage in such lodge; still, certain rights and duties have always been clearly laid down in the Book of Constitutions. And although it often happens that a Past Master becomes W.M. of a lodge in which he has had but a short experience, he will in such case, if it be wise, accommodate his individual ideas to those held in the lodge rather than attempt to force them upon it.

It appears to us that the question raised by a brother in our correspondence column, under the above heading, is a perfectly natural and legitimate one. D.C. finds two methods of working in vogue. In one case the W.M. occupies the chair, whilst a P.M. conducts a ceremony; in the other the P.M. conducts the ceremony while occupying the W.M.'s chair. Our brother thinks a W.M. cannot "depute his place," and naturally would like to know which is right.

The fact is, this is what one calls "thrashing a dead horse," because no one can say absolutely a W.M. ought to do this or that—he must stand in this or that place—this is right, or that is wrong—unless authorised by the Book of Constitutions. On the other hand, the customs of a lodge legalise

many minor matters, and therefore the W.M. of a lodge may define what is or is not right therein provided the general Regulations of the Craft are in no way infringed. Consequently, while we regret that D.C.'s query remains unanswered, the subject will be regarded pretty generally as one of those minor matters of ceremonial which ought to be left to a W.M.'s judgment and we assume this to be the reason.

Bro. WARDLEY'S letter is evidently not intended as a reply. He merely gives his opinion in a sensible Masonic manner, such as must always command respect among Masons. And we must acknowledge, although there is no written law that we know of on the subject, that we are strongly of his opinion as to which of the two methods is preferable, and for this reason:

We have seen both methods worked, and some 10 years ago we remember a discussion raised in a lodge on this very point by a visitor, who protested (and of course wrongly) that it was unconstitutional for the W.M. to vacate his chair while a P.M. conducted the ceremony of the Third Degree. Being appealed to on that occasion, the matter seemed simple enough, and we were of the same opinion then as to-day, that a W.M. is perfectly justified in allowing his chair to be temporarily occupied by a P.M. during the conduct of a ceremony by the latter. This is really the point involved in D.C.'s query; but as questions of this kind are nearly always discussed rather on personal than constitutional lines, we give the W.M.'s opinion on the particular occasion to which we have referred, somewhat toned down of course. He said: "I have nothing to do with the custom of other lodges in this respect—Bro. — is not responsible to the Craft for my actions, and Grand Lodge seems to me the proper arena in which to air new-fangled theories." . . . . "I am proud to acknowledge that in this matter I have but followed the example of a long roll of Masters, some of whom knew a great deal more of Masonry than either Bro. — or I can ever know. My duty was sufficiently clear to me at my installation," &c., &c.

Of course there is no more doubt as to the right of a W.M. to vacate his chair in order to permit a P.M. to undertake some portion of the work, than there is about his acknowledged right to request the I.P.M. to occupy his chair during his temporary retirement from the lodge—an almost universal custom.

Whoever wishes to be satisfied, however, need only read over 141 of the Book of Constitutions.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTHANTS, HUNTS, AND BEDS.

One of the most important Masonic gatherings that has taken place in the county was held at the Masonic Hall, Northampton, on Thursday, the 25th ult., the occasion being the formation of a new Mark province, constituted to include Northants, Hunts, and Beds. Upwards of 70 brethren assembled, and among them were many Grand Officers. The brethren who signed were—

Bro. the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan, D.G.M.; the Earl of Yarborough, Prov. G.M. Lincolnshire; the Hon. de Tatton Egerton, Prov. G.M. Cheshire; Col. A. B. Cook, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; A. Woodiwiss, Prov. G.M. Derbyshire; C. F. Matier, P.G.W. G. Sec.; R. Eerridge, P.G.W., P.G.D.C.; C. Belton, P.G.M.O.; Sir Reginald Hanson, P.G.W., Dep. Prov. G.M. Middlesex; F. Mead, P.G. Treas.; S. Church, P.S.G.O.; C. W. Carrell, P.A.G.D.C.; C. Probyn, G.S.B.; S. G. Kirchoffer, P.J.G.O.; Sir Lionel Darell, P.G.W.; R. Eve, P.G.M.O.; Gordon Miller, P.G. Treas.; T. Fitzroy Tower; G. C. Fitzwilliam, P.G.S.; C. H. Driver, P.G.M.O.; T. Taylor, D.P.G.M. Bucks; J. Reynolds Green, P.G. Stvd.; E. C. Milligan, D.P.G.M. Derbyshire; E. J. Mills, G. Tyler; and Bros. J. J. Hart, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., G.S., G. Butcher, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., H. Robinson, W.M., P.P.S.G.O., H. Hodges, J.W., A. Jones, P.M., P.P.G.I. of W., J. A. Jowett, P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas., T. Ashdowne, S.O., C. Cooke, J.O., Captain A. F. Mulliner, I.G., H. Manfield, P.P.G.R., S.W., T. H. Vials, G. C. Caster, H. C. Clarabut, R. H. Boycott, J. O. C. Bailey, F. F. Blunt, W. G. Hobbs, E. Archer, W. Saunders, C. A. Markham, H. W. K. Markham, S. B. Wilkinson, and G. Robinson, Tyler, of 245; H. Cumberland, 405; V. P. Wyatt, W.M., F. W. Webb, P.M., J. Smith, S.D., E. A. Parsons, J.W., S. Foster, R. Ambler, F. Thompson, and H. Thody, P.M., of 434; P. Mitchell, M.O., J. Rogers, S.O., J. Smith, J.D., and W. J. Freer, D.P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland, of 471; W. Ryland D. Adkins, R. of M., R. W. Edsey, S.O., and P. F. J. Pearce, S.W., of 477; J. Haviland, 859; J. Currall, 245; Captain Wallace, 261; T. Paget, W.M. 19, P.G.M.O.; and S. Cleaver, P.G.I.G.

The ceremony commenced at two o'clock, the chair being occupied by Bro. Col. A. B. Cook, Prov. G.M. Middx., who was supported by the Grand Lodge Officers. Lord Euston was admitted with all due form, and installed into the chair of the province by Bro. Col. Cook.

At the conclusion of the impressive ceremony the newly-installed Prov. Grand Master appointed Bro. G. C. Wentworth Fitzwilliam, W.M. 477, as Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the following brethren as Prov. Grand Officers:

- Bro. T. Phipps Norman ... .. Prov. S.G.W.
- " Hon. J. Powys ... .. Prov. J.G.W.
- " S. L. Kulpin ... .. Prov. G.M.O.
- " J. J. Hart ... .. Prov. S.G.O.
- " H. Thody ... .. Prov. J.G.O.
- " Rev. V. P. Wyatt ... .. Prov. G. Chap.
- " Rev. P. F. J. Pearce ... .. Prov. A.G. Chap.
- " A. E. Parson ... .. Prov. G. Treas.
- " F. M. Webb ... .. Prov. G. Reg. of M.
- " G. Butcher ... .. Prov. G. Sec.
- " John Smith ... .. Prov. S.G.D.
- " E. A. Cumberland ... .. Prov. J.G.D.
- " G. Ellard ... .. Prov. G.D.C.
- " Sir A. de Capell Brooke ... .. Prov. G.S.B.
- " H. A. Robinson ... .. Prov. G. Std. Br.
- " T. H. Vials ... .. Prov. G. Org.
- " H. Cumberland ... .. Prov. G.I.G.
- " T. Ashdowne, 245 ... .. } Prov. G. Stwds.
- " S. Foster, 434 ... .. }
- " G. Robinson ... .. Prov. G. Tyler.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, laid in the large room of the hall, which had been beautifully decorated with plants and flowers, and the whole of the arrangements were in every way worthy of the occasion. Bro. W. F. Tipler, of the Guildhall Restaurant, was the caterer.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, who presided, at the conclusion of the banquet proposed "The Queen and Mark Masonry," which was Masonically honoured.

"The M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was also proposed from the chair, and similarly honoured.

"The R.W. Deputy Grand Master the Right Hon. Lord Dungarvan, and the Officers of the Grand Mark Lodge, Present and Past," was next submitted by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, and replied to by Bro. DURGARVAN.

"The Installing Officer" also followed from the chair, and the toast was replied to by Bro. Colonel A. B. COOK, who then submitted the toast of "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, D.L."

The PROV. GRAND MASTER acknowledged the compliment in a few well-chosen remarks, and then proceeded to submit "The W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. G. C. W. Fitzwilliam, W.M. 477, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge."

This was replied to by the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER.

"The Visitors" was given by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, and responded to by the Earl of YARBOROUGH, Prov. G.M., and the Hon. DE TATTON EGERTON, Prov. G.M. Cheshire, and Bro. WOODIWISS, Prov. G.M. Derbyshire.

Bro. W. RYLAND D. ATKINS submitted "The Mark Benevolent Fund," and it was responded to by Bro. C. F. MATIER, Mark Grand Secretary.

"The Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Officers of the several Lodges in the Province," was proposed by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, and replied to by Bro. H. A. ROBINSON, and Bro. the Rev. V. P. WYATT.

"The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. G. Butcher, and Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. G. Ellard," was given from the chair, and Lord EUSTON took occasion to thank the brethren for the excellence of the arrangements made, a sentiment which was heartily applauded by the brethren.

The compliment was duly acknowledged by Bro. BUTCHER and Bro. ELLARD.

The Tyler's toast brought the list to a conclusion.

During the evening Madame Ellerton, Miss Jessie Browning, Bro. Charles Butler, and Broughton Black (from London) rendered an excellent programme of vocal music. Mr. W. Ashton presided at the piano.

### AN EXTRAORDINARY WORK.

The "Masonic Records, 1717-1894," by Bro. John Lane, F.C.A., of Torquay, is undoubtedly an extraordinary work, most extraordinary in fact, and is unparalleled in the literature of Freemasonry throughout the "wide, wide world." Its special features, advantages, and peculiarities are so manifold that it is simply impossible to at all adequately describe its main characteristics without taking for granted that my readers are familiar with the chief points in the History of the English Craft from the second decade of the last century.

I little thought that my change of residence to Torquay, in 1883, would result in the compilation and publication of this work, but it has, for the noble and most useful volume was prepared by Bro. John Lane, after seeing the two lists of lodges on the roll of the "United Grand Lodge" in my "Masonic Memorials" 1874, and "Masonic Register" 1878. My esteemed friend casually remarked how much more valuable it would be to have a work which would include particulars of all the lodges ever warranted by the several English Grand Lodges at home and abroad, their names, numbers, places of meeting, and such like. My reply was, "Yes, it would be, but who could ever undertake such a task as that?" His response came later on, by exhibiting to me several pages he had prepared in such a direction, and quietly stating it was his intention to write such a book, if I would lend him all suitable materials that were in my possession. Of course, my Masonic library, MSS., notes, &c., were readily placed at his disposal, and the labour began in earnest.

Bro. A. A. Pendlebury, late Assistant Grand Secretary, and Bro. Henry Sadler, Sub-Librarian of the Grand Lodge, have some idea what the enterprise has involved, the numerous visits which have had to be made to the library in Great Queen-street, and the enormous correspondence requisite, also the researches that have been conducted, under Bro. Lane's supervision, by hundreds of Masonic students and willing helpers throughout England, in the Colonies, and the United States, as well as on the Continent. But I venture to state that no one, save the brother himself knows so much what the preparation of such a volume has meant to Bro. Lane as I do. To say nothing of the necessary cost of postage of letters, &c., to the Master or other officials of every lodge on the English Register, and to any brethren from whom particulars may possibly be obtained as to those once on the roll, the mere examination of all the "Engraved Lists" accessible from 1723 to 1778, all printed Lists of Lodges, all Grand Lodge Calendars from 1777 to date, and all reference that could be traced as to the numeration, location, and nomenclature of lodges mentioned in histories, newspapers, records, and other sources, has been something to be remembered, and almost makes one shudder even now that such labour is over and has been successfully accomplished by the Masonic Statistician.

What was done for the first edition, has been again even more thoroughly done for the second issue, and as far more brethren have been interested in the accumulation of trustworthy facts for the new volume, the correspondence has been proportionately increased, and the labour immensely added to. The result, however, is almost wholly satisfactory, few brethren have declined to communicate details which may be of service; so that whatever may be demanded by the Craft in years to come, for all practical purposes this, the second edition, is complete and perfect as respects the old lodges which so deeply concern us all, no further issue being required for historical purposes on the lines laid down by Bro. Lane.

It may be asked, do not the registers of the Grand Lodge furnish all these details? My reply is, they do not, many of the particulars are only obtainable by consulting the minutes of old lodges. Fresh places of meeting were often never returned to head-quarters, names were selected and even removals took place without the knowledge of the authorities, and, in not a few instances, lodges were kept on the roll long after they had ceased to exist. Even supposing the archives of the Grand Lodge contained all such

information, what labour would be requisite to search through the records, registers, engraved lists, calendars, and printed proceedings. Whereas in this great and important work the date of constitution, places of meeting, name, numbers held, and other data with respect to any or either of over four thousand lodges once on, or still on, the roll of the Grand Lodge of England may be found just as easily, quickly, and certainly, as if consulting an ordinary dictionary or cyclopædia, provided the method of compilation is understood and respected.

There are improvements in the second edition which are most helpful in character; these I must not stay to point out, and the present arrangements of the pages, from a typographical point of view, is also to be preferred. The printers are the respected firm of Bro. M. C. Peck and Son, Hull, who likewise saw the first edition through their press, and whose care and efficiency cannot, in my opinion, be excelled.

The following is the plan of production adopted by Bro. Lane: The first eight pages (large quarto) are devoted to the title-page. Dedication, by permission, to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. (as with the first issue), and the preface of A.D. 1895. Pages 9 to 33 are utilised for "Preface to the First Edition;" Introduction by myself, with Table of the Engraved Lists of Lodges 1723-1778, corrected to date; Part I., "Grand Lodge of all England held at York;" Part II., "Grand Lodge of England, South of the River Trent" and facsimile of Pine's Engraved List of 1725; Part III., Lists of Lodges 1723-24 and 1725 "Moderns," and 1751-52, 1752-4, and 1755-57 of the "Ancients," page 34 beginning the ROLL OF LODGES, 1717-1894, which will also be some 500 pages before the extensive compilation is completed. As this goes to press page 400 has been reached, so that a month or two should herald in the *Finis*.

The system followed is, in my opinion, the best possible for the purpose, the columns being appropriated for (a) the present numbers which distinguish the lodges still on the roll, (b) the names of the lodges, with dates (if known) when adopted; also special medals and other privileges (if any), (c) places of meeting in chronological order, (d) dates of warrants or Constitution, warrants of confirmation, &c., and also of centenary jewel warrants, *ordinary and special*, (e) numbers of the lodges from and during any portion of the enumerations of 1729, 1740, 1755, 1770, 1780-1, and 1792 of the "Modern" or regular Grand Lodge, in separate columns (each being omitted as completed), then (f) a special column marked A, for those of the "Ancient" or "Atholl" register 1751 to 1813, each successive issue of a number being indicated by the letters A, B, C, &c., added to such numbers (and so also as respects any of the "Moderns," which were not continuous as lodges, though having the same number), and finally (g) other columns for the enumerations of 1814, 1832, and 1863, the last, and it is to be hoped, final for this century, at least. So that on the extreme left the numbers will be found of those lodges which are still on the roll, and the columns on the right give the various numbers allotted to lodges from their origin to 1863 enumeration inclusive, those at any time on the register of the Grand Lodge being noted and numbered accordingly.

The date of "Consecration" or "Constitution" of each lodge is given, whenever such has been traced and authenticated, and likewise the dates of all the Centenary Jewel Warrants.

Part IV. is to consist of voluminous tables of "Lodges constituted or warranted abroad, but never registered in the books of the Grand Lodge." It will be a surprise to many when they see this part, as it includes so many lodges, possibly not a few of which had paid the fees, &c., but the provincial authorities neglected to forward the names in due course, and so they were never acknowledged. Yet, acknowledged or not, if their receipts (if any) had been produced, I maintain they would have been entitled to recognition, even if the fees had been lost to the Grand Lodge.

Part V. is devoted to the Index, one of the most wonderful, laborious, and most useful portions of this truly grand volume. The sub-divisions will, I believe, be 11 in number—1, London, lists of roads, streets, &c.; 2, London, lists of hotels, taverns, halls, &c.; 3, lodges in England and Wales, Channel Isles, Isle of Man, Cyprus, Malta, &c., according to towns, &c.; 4, naval and military lodges; 5, Europe; 6, Asia; 7, Africa; 8, America; 9, West India Islands; 10, Australasia; and finally, 11, names of lodges. This part has not yet been touched by the printers, and runs to some 300 pp. foolscap! Being arranged in alphabetical order, the value of this portion will be apparent.

The work is without a rival, and probably will so continue. I doubt if the author would have undertaken it had he at first realised the many years of hard study required to complete such an enormous task, and certainly he is not likely ever to revise another edition. Nothing could possibly compensate Bro. Lane for such invaluable, important, and laborious services for the Craft, save the knowledge that he has done for the Fraternity what will be appreciated and consulted so long as the Society lasts. Moreover, as it to put the crown to his efforts, he has presented the copyright to the Grand Lodge of England, in the handsomest manner possible.

Copies may be subscribed for at 22s. each, including carriage, through the Grand Secretary. No time should be lost, as a list of subscribers will be published with the volume, and only 500 copies are to be printed, so the book will soon be at a premium.

W. J. HUGHAN.

### CONSECRATION OF THE CHAMPION CONCLAVE, No. 26, ORDER SECRET MONITOR, AT MANCHESTER.

On Easter Monday the brethren in Manchester took advantage of the presence of the Grand Officers who had consecrated the Cockcroft Conclave on the previous Saturday, and arranged for the consecration of their new Conclave, No. 26, at the Palatine Hotel. The Grand Officers officiating were Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.S.R., Grand Registrar of the Craft, as Consecrating Officer; Japheth Tickle, C.C., Past Guide, as Counsellor; J. R. Ragdale, P.G.C., as Guide; while Bro. J. Marshall, P.G.C., officiated as Chaplain; Bro. W. Spratling, G.R., as D.C.; and Bro. J. J. Pakes, G.V., as Inducting, Installing, and Commissioning Officer. Several of the brethren from Eastwood attended and gave material assistance in the proceedings; we noticed particularly Bros. Cockcroft, S.R. 25; Shackleton, and Fielden.

Punctually at the hour appointed the brethren assembled in the lodge room, and Bro. Pakes, assisted by the officers and members of the Cockcroft Conclave, duly inducted Bros. Scholfield, Buckley Carr, F. Armstrong, Redman, Grundy, Heywood, A. C. K. Smith, Boyer, Williams, Kirkland Vincent Brown, Plumpton, and E. Roberts into the Order.

This being done, the brethren formed up to receive the Grand Officers, who entered in their robes of office, with the Chaplain at their head, bearing V.S.I. on a cushion before him.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER, having taken his seat and appointed his officers as before named, called upon the brethren present to confirm their acquiescence in the choice of the officers already signified in the petition and warrant just read by the Director of Ceremonies.

This being done, Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., gave an eloquent oration upon the nature and principles of the Order. He said: Brethren, we are met to-day to commence, in Lancashire, a work which has been already begun in several counties of England, in many places abroad, and which has been more recently initiated in Yorkshire. It was with very pleasurable emotions on Saturday that we consecrated a conclave to the honour of David and Jonathan, and in a corner of Yorkshire well known to you and known for many years to nearly every Order practised among English Masons. The work begun in the adjoining county, and continued here, is a great work, and I trust you will bear with me a few moments while I attempt to say a few plain words on the text here set down, the nature and principles of our Order. The nature of our Order may be shortly stated as embracing all that has made Masonry what it now is in the world, and has led to its being a power in our land second to none of its kind. Masonry in general is, as you are aware, very widely diffused, the tie of brotherhood among us is well recognised, but it is so extensive, and the number of those who have a claim upon us is so large, that it is difficult at times to respond with discrimination, and to carry out in their entirety the noble precepts to which we have all given our adhesion. In these times of peace and quiet this may well be; but in times of stress, in times of danger, in times when a man is afraid to trust his fellow man, and when life or death and things even more sacred than either, may depend upon the action of brother to brother, a more intimate tie has often been sought, and, being found, has been handed down to posterity by those who had proved and could appreciate its worth. So long as the world has stood there have been the oppressor and the oppressed, and in all ages the only hope of the oppressed has been in their union, the one with the other, bound together by such ties and sanctions as the state of society could furnish. Our ritual takes us back to the time when the Jews wandering defenceless in the wilderness forged one bond or another for mutual protection and support. It is not pretended that research can substantiate every expression and every detail, but much of our ritual is in the very words of the ancient Scriptures of the race, and any one reading them in the light thrown upon them by our ceremonies, can readily perceive the hidden meaning running through them, and helping largely to explain and make them intelligible to us Moderns. So we come down to the friendship which is known to have existed between the two great Hebrew heroes, David and Jonathan, and, as you are aware, it is upon this episode that our ceremonies turn. The love which Jonathan bore to David has been rivalled though not excelled by many examples in history, and such mutual love and friendship is not entirely unknown even in these degenerate modern days. The nature of our Order is to afford an opportunity for the display of this mutual confidence, this trust which never is betrayed. One of our conclaves has been well named "True Friendship," another "Damon and Pythias," our Greek heroes whose love "passed the love of women." Here in Manchester, to-day we are preparing an arena in which such tender care and fraternal solicitude may be shown, and where, in days to come, the weary heart may turn for solace, and the burdened mind may be relieved of its load. I mentioned on Saturday, brethren, that our Order is no new thing of mushroom growth. Our venerable Grand Supreme Ruler joined it more than 50 years ago. Our lamented Grand Secretary, the late Bro. Shadwell Clerke, than whom no truer friend ever existed, took what we now designate as the First Degree of the Order in Malta in the year 1818. Another Past Supreme Ruler in the Order resumed the same Degree in Jerusalem itself in the same year. The Order increased and multiplied in America when the troublous quarrel arose which resulted in the American Civil War, when two parts of the same great nation speaking a common tongue were holding each other in a deadly grip, and when no tie seemed binding, no promise sacred. It was then the First Degree of our Order took firm hold of the English-speaking race, and in these later times it has been organised and reduced to a system, duly subject to control. At present the Order in America is wide-spread, and we have recently received a petition signed by 50 Secret Monitors there, begging for a warrant empowering them to work our higher Degrees and to form a conclave for the purpose. Such a Conclave has been formed, and we have every reason to believe it bears within it all the elements of thorough success. Such being the value of our Order, it remains for me to elucidate its principles, and I think I shall be able to prove to you that a society framed upon the principles of self-sacrifice, of mutual trust, of watchful brotherly care, of compulsory warning in time of danger, official solace in time of sorrow, and skillful and effective, though unostentatious, advice in every circumstance of life, is a society that meets a great and crying need in human affairs and is calculated to benefit those who act up to its tenets. Such a Society is that of the Secret Monitor, which we introduce here to-day. If a brother be in sorrow, the conclave will afford him sympathy, if in danger, his brethren will give him assistance, if in distress, the Visiting Deacons will bring him consolation, and if in poverty, he will find aid. Moreover, at every turn of life, at every crisis, he may look, and he will not look in vain, to the experienced among his brethren who have this day pledged themselves to give him caution, to prompt him to good actions, to warn him from doubtful ones, and generally to watch over him, support him, and cherish him, so long as he may need their care and prove himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him. Such, my brethren, are the principles of our Order. Tried they have been in times of peril, and true they have been found in times of difficulty. The barque we are launching this day may meet with storms and tempests; it may have to contend with unfavourable winds, and it may be tossed on the inhospitable waves of human selfishness and greed, but if you, brethren are true to your Order and to the honourable undertaking you have this day embraced, though the storms of life may press upon you, they will never overwhelm, and though the waves may threaten to engulf you, your craft will never be submerged. May the good ship be rescued from the boisterous waters, and may it finally reach its desired haven!

The consecration proceeded, and, being concluded, Bro. Scholfield was duly installed as Supreme Ruler, and saluted as such. He was then commissioned, and the brethren of the First Degree were invited to the customary distribution of presents, which, except at a consecration, is always confined to the brethren of the Second Degree.

The S.R. appointed his officers in the rotation previously mentioned—Bros. Berkley Carr, C.; F. Armstrong, G.; J. R. Ragdale, P.G.C.,

Treas.; J. Marshall, P.G.C., Sec.; J. R. Redman, Steward; H. T. Grundy, 1st V.D.; N. Heywood, 2nd V.D.; A. J. K. Smith, D.C.; W. A. Boyer, Guarder; and E. Roberts, Sentinel.

Several propositions for new members were made, and Bro. Thomas Plumpton recommended as Grand Steward of the year.

The conclave was then closed, and Bro. Scholfield presided at a banquet, which lasted far on into the night, and was pronounced a fitting ending to a most successful day.

The Manchester brethren may be congratulated on the excellent start the Order has made in their midst, and we look forward to the time when Lancashire and Yorkshire will rival London itself in the interest and success displayed.

#### THE HONOURS OF OFFICIAL POSITIONS.

There was a time, and it is within the memory of many living Masons, when to be a Grand Master of Masons was regarded as the highest honour that could be conferred upon one who was so fortunate as to be selected for that high distinction among his fellows. This distinguished honour then came unsought, in recognition of the highest attainments in the esoteric work of Masonry, and a recognised ability to become the managing head in the government of the great Brotherhood of Free and Accepted Masons. There was then no electioneering for office, nor solicitations for an appointment leading up to an election that would place the aspirant in the line of promotion, and so secure this most exalted station. The brother honoured with an appointment or election to office was usually the most surprised individual in the Grand Body, and often reluctantly accepted the honour thus conferred on him, or positively declined it, from an instinctive idea that he did not possess the requisite qualifications to discharge the duties imposed on him. Under such conditions, when a Grand Master had served the full term for which he was elected, and had proved an eminent fitness for that most responsible station, he was continued there for two more terms, and until the brethren were fully satisfied that another could be elected to succeed him who was worthy and well qualified to govern the Craft. A Grand Master in those days might feel that the highest honours in Masonry were his to enjoy.

We have no doubt the reader has already anticipated the thought uppermost in our mind, that there has been a lessening in the honour, dignity, and importance of the office of Grand Master. In the multiplicity of fraternal orders, all more or less fashioned after the plan of Masonry, many Masons connected with them and interested in their work have apparently become so strongly imbued with their methods and ways of doing business, that they sometimes forget that Masonry is established on an entirely different platform, and is controlled by a system of laws peculiar to itself. Instead of waiting for a recognition of their fitness for official position, as was the case in years gone by, they not only seek office, but are frequently found electioneering for themselves for official positions. In this way brethren very poorly qualified to become the chief officers sometimes secure a place in line, and their promotion thereafter is almost sure to follow, until the highest honours are attained. This un-Masonic method of securing office has been carried to that extent in some jurisdictions, that Grand Lodges have been compelled to legislate against it, even to the disfranchisement of those so offending. Such political methods have detracted from the high honours once connected with the office of Grand Master of Masons, by creating a road to them not based on actual merit.

Of course, what we have said concerning the office of Grand Master applies with equal force to the first officer in all Masonic bodies. There is not the same importance attached to securing the right man for the place that existed in the earlier days of Masonry, when the office sought the man and not the man the office. A lawful ambition for the highest honours in Masonry is not only all right but praiseworthy, but it should be shown by an exhibition of those qualities that will grace the position, and not be electioneering for it. The Mason who resorts to political methods to secure official position should receive no encouragement from those who desire to maintain the time-honoured Institution according to ancient usage and landmarks.—*Masonic Advocate.*

#### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., G.J., occupied the chair of M.E.G.Z.; Comp. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, M.A., P.A.G. Soj., Prov. G. Supt. of Bucks, took the chair of G.H.; and Comp. John Thornhill Morland, Prov. G. Supt. Berks, had the chair of G.J. The attendance of the companions was large.

Comps. E. Letchworth, G.S.E.; Sir J. B. Monckton, acting as G. Scribe N.; W. B. Colman, G.P.S.; George Read, Dr. Ralph Gooding, Frank Richardson, Robert Grey, W. M. Stiles, G. Treas.; L. G. Gordon Robbins, J. E. Le Feuvre, J. S. Cumberland, Charles Belton, C. E. Keyser, J. H. Matthews, R. Loveland Loveland, J. A. Farnfield, Rudolph Glover, J. Bodenham, Ralph Clutton, H. Garrad, E. J. Barron, George Lambert, S. Vallentine, S. V. Abraham, and Walter Hopekirk were among the other companions present.

After Grand Chapter had been formally opened, and the minutes of the February Convocation read and confirmed.

Comp. BEACH announced that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was M.E.G.Z. for the year, the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Z., the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, G.H., and that the Prince of Wales had again appointed him (Comp. Beach) as G.J.

The following is a list of the remaining Grand Officers, most of whom were present and invested:

Comp. Edward Letchworth ...	...	G. Scribe E.
" Viscount Dungarvan ...	...	G. Scribe N.
" Robert Grey ...	...	Pres. Com Gen. Pur.
" William Mason Stiles ...	...	G. Treasurer.
" F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. ...	...	G. Registrar.
" Rt. Hon. Sir W. F. Marriott, Q.C. ...	...	Dep. G. Registrar.
" Sir Lionel Darell ...	...	Prim. G. Soj.
" C. F. Marshall ...	...	1st Asst. G. Soj.
" Col. H. Studholme Brownrigg ...	...	2nd Asst. G. Soj.
" Col. L. G. Dundas ...	...	G.S.B.
" Lieut.-Col. W. Newton ...	...	Dep. G.S.B.

Comp. Alfred S. Tomkins ...	...	1st G. Std. Br.
" Herbert T. Steward ...	...	2nd G. Std. Br.
" James Edmeston ...	...	3rd G. Std. Br.
" F. Ernest Pocock, M.D. ...	...	4th G. Std. Br.
" Walter Hughes ...	...	5th G. Std. Br.
" George E. Fairchild ...	...	6th G. Std. Br.
" Frank Richardson, P.A.G. Soj. ...	...	G.D.C.
" W. H. Rylands ...	...	Dep. G.D.C.
" Howard H. Room ...	...	1st A.G.D.C.
" Joseph Todd ...	...	2nd A.G.D.C.
" John Newton ...	...	3rd A.G.D.C.
" Harry Tipper ...	...	4th A.G.D.C.
" W. de M. Sergison ...	...	G. Org.
" William Lake ...	...	A.G. Scribe E.
" Henry Sadler ...	...	G. Janitor.

The following report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes, on the motion of Comp. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England. The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 15th January, 1895, to the 16th April, 1895, both inclusive, and that the balances are in the Bank of England, Law Courts Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:

1st. From Companions Henry French Bromhead as Z.; George Thomas Peale as H.; Augustus Frederick Lay as J.; and 31 others for a chapter to be attached to the Ixion Lodge, No. 2501, Buckhurst Hill, to be called the Ixion Chapter, and to meet at the Roebuck Hotel, Buckhurst Hill, in the county of Essex.

2nd. From Comps. Alfred Henry Bevan, as Z.; John Charles Fitzroy Tower, as H.; Samuel Osborne, as J.; and 20 others for a chapter to be attached to the Eton Lodge, No. 2458, Eton, to be called the Bevan Chapter, and to meet at the Christopher Hotel, Eton, in the County of Buckinghamshire.

3rd. From Comps. Alfred Caddick, as Z.; Edward William Watkin Heelis, as H.; George Salter, as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Dartmouth Lodge, No. 662, West Bromwich, to be called the Dartmouth Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, West Bromwich, in the County of Staffordshire.

The foregoing petitions being regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise received memorials, with extracts of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters:

The Sefton Chapter, No. 680, from the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, to the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.

The Islington Chapter, No. 1471, from the Cock Tavern, Highbury, to the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, London.

The Rose of Sharon Chapter, No. 1006, from St. Day, to the Masonic Hall Redruth, Cornwall.

The Committee being satisfied with the reasonableness of the above requests, recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee recommend: That inasmuch as the Mid-Surrey Chapter, No. 1044, London, the Wellington Chapter, No. 517, Wellington, New Zealand, and the Royal Hanover Chapter, No. 1777, Twickenham, have ceased working, and have not replied to the summons sent them by order of the Grand Chapter, these chapters be erased.

The Committee further recommend that Victoria Chapter, No. 1577, Napier, New Zealand, having ceased to work and having returned the charter with explanations, it be erased.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. (Signed) ROBERT GREY, President. 17th April, 1895.

After the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed:

That the cordial thanks of the members of the Committee be tendered to E. Companion Robert Grey, their President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Committee during the past year. (Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS.

On the motion of Comp. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, all the recommendations contained in the report were carried.

Comp. E. LETCHWORTH informed the M.E.Z. in the Chair and the companions that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had appointed Comp. Robert Grey to be President of the Committee of General Purposes, and Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., and Comp. Sir George David Harris to be members of the Committee.

The companions then elected the following six other companions to be members of the Committee: Comps. Captain Thomas Charles Walls, W. A. Scurrah, Henry Garrad, James Stephens, Mihill Slaughter, and Henry Lovegrove.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

### PRESENTATION OF GRAND LODGE CLOTHING TO V.V. BRO. W. M. STILES, GRAND TREASURER.

A complimentary dinner to Bro. W. M. Stiles, Grand Treasurer, was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 26th ult., under the presidency of Bro. S. Cochrane, P.G. Treas., when nearly 100 brethren attended to congratulate the newly-invested Grand Treasurer, and assist in the presentation to him of a complete set of Grand Lodge clothing. All arrangements necessary to ensure a successful meeting were made by the Committee, and the proceedings were hearty and enthusiastic.

Amongst those present were Bros. S. Cochrane, P.G. Treas., Chairman; J. Stephens, P.P.G.D., Vice-Chairman; W. M. Stiles, G. Treas.; G. Everett, P.G. Treas.; Geo. Read, P.G.S.B.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B.; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; W. Martin, P.M.; J. J. Thomas, P.M.; A. H. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M.; J. Greenfield, P.M.; W. Thomas, P.M.; W. Mason, P.P.G.D. Surrey; J. T. Rowe, P.M.; A. Clemow, Capt. C. J. Knightley, P.M.; J. Hare, J. Ellinger, P.M.; E. Storr, P.M.; F. Jackson, P.M.; H. J. Lardner, P.M.; W. W. Langley, J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; W. W. Lee, W.M. 1897; and many others.

After dinner, the CHAIRMAN briefly proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M.," and then called upon

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., who said it was always a very pleasant thing to meet together to do honour to whom honour was due. It was therefore a very great pleasure for him to rise on that auspicious occasion and propose health and long life to their dear old friend Bro. W. M. Stiles, Grand Treasurer. Ever since he was initiated into Freemasonry he had known Bro. Stiles, and a more worthy, generous, or kind-hearted friend no one could possibly have. They were all delighted that he had succeeded in winning that proud position of Grand Treasurer, and the brethren to show their respect for him were

anxious to present him with a set of Grand Lodge clothing. There had been no touting for subscriptions, and many brethren had complained that they had not been asked to subscribe. All sums had been sent in voluntarily, and in this way a large sum had been subscribed for the purpose. Before the presentation was made he would ask the brethren to drink to the health, long life, happiness, and prosperity of their dear old friend, the Grand Treasurer.

The toast having been heartily received with musical honours,

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH expressed his great pleasure at being the mouthpiece of so many brethren present and so many who were absent. All united in showing their respect and esteem to one who had honoured the Craft and all the brethren in it. He knew full well that whenever Bro. Stiles could do anything in the way of teaching the ritual, helping a distressed brother, or supporting the noble Charities, he was always to the front doing his level best to be true to the obligation he took when he was initiated into Freemasonry. They, therefore, felt that Bro. Stiles had gained an honour he deserved, and that they shared in that honour and delight. He would read an address, which would be engrossed and presented to their guest—

"To V.V. Bro. Wm. Mason Stiles, W.M. 2048, 2551, P.M. 1507, 1732, 1744, 1987, Treas. 2206, P.Z. 1507, 2048, P.P.G. Soj. Middx., Vice-Patron R.M.I. for Girls, R.M.I. for Boys, and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Grand Treasurer of the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England, and Grand Treasurer of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England. We, the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and brethren of the above-mentioned lodges, and Principals, P.Zs., and members of the above-mentioned chapters, and also many members of other lodges give you fraternal greetings and hearty congratulations on the exalted position you now hold in the Craft and Royal Arch, and as a small token of our esteem and in recognition of the valuable services you have rendered to Freemasonry in general, and especially to our three noble Charities, we herewith present you with the Grand Treasurer's clothing, gold breast jewel, collar jewel, and miniature copies of your Past Master's, and P.Z.'s jewel. We trust the G.A.O.T.U. will give you health and strength during a long life of usefulness, and health to enjoy the honours you so richly deserve."

Bro. W. M. STILES, G. Treas., in reply, said that words failed him to adequately express his thanks for the kind way they had received his name. They had all done their best to support his candidature, and he had no idea he had so many friends, until he wanted their help. He was proud indeed to be returned at the head of the poll as Grand Treasurer, and sincerely hoped that, by his course of living, he might be able to carry out the high duties they had imposed upon him by their good fellowship. He was proud they had assembled in such force to do honour to the occasion, and felt sure they would accept his grateful thanks and expressions of appreciation at seeing so many friends in Freemasonry. This was the proudest moment of his life, for, although he was beaten last year, when some 1200 brethren supported him, he was now, by their kind suffrages, in the happy position of Grand Treasurer. He could not allow this occasion to pass without saying how much he appreciated the zealous and good services of his friend and Secretary, Bro. Scurrah, who had worked for a long time in his interests. He regarded it as a special privilege that Bro. Scurrah had been selected to make the presentation, and, whilst thanking him for the kind sentiments he had expressed, hoped that the good friendship existing between them might continue for a life long time. He sincerely thanked those brethren who proposed and seconded him, and Bros. H. J. Lardner, G. Stwd.; W. Martin, P.M.; Hillier, P.M.; and Jas. Stephens, P.M., who had acted as Vice-Presidents of the Committee. He hoped for many years to render some small service in Freemasonry as a Grand Officer, thanked them once again for all their kindness, and assured them that to his dying day he should remember this occasion as the happiest day of his life.

Bros. W. A. SCURRAH, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., H. J. LARDNER, G. Stwd., and W. MARTIN, P.M., replied for "The Committee," after which,

Bro. W. M. STILES, G. Treas., proposed "The Chairman," and on behalf of the brethren expressed their thanks for the ability and geniality with which he had discharged the duties.

Bro. S. COCHRANE, P.G. Treas., responded, and

Bro. W. MARTIN, P.M., then gave "The Vice-Chairman," and said that Bro. James Stephens had been a hard worker in all parts for the good of the cause, and in influencing votes at the recent election. He did not believe there was a better man in Freemasonry than Bro. Stephens, who was always willing to assist a brother in a lodge or lodge of instruction, and when he found a good man came forward, he gave him his suffrages, and induced his friends to do the same. He regretted that Bro. Stephens was present alone, and not supported by his good and true wife, who had so many votes attached to her name in connection with the Institutions. Bro. Stephens was worthy of all honour as a Mason, and those who knew him required no recommendation, for a better man never lived, and they hoped he would live many years to enjoy his society.

Bro. STEPHENS, P.P.G.D., thanked Bro. Martin for his kindly allusions to his wife, who was deserving of every compliment. Bro. Stiles had been Preceptor of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction for nearly 20 years, and had consistently done his duty to the brethren and the Institutions. He was pleased Bro. Stiles had attained the high position and was sure he would never know how to disgrace it. That he had deserved it was beyond question, and that he would honour the position, and in the future continue to pursue a course of conduct that had ever been honourable in the extreme, he was confident.

Bro. Capt. KNIGHTLEY was thanked for providing an excellent musical programme.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD having briefly replied for "The Masonic Charities," the proceedings terminated.

The following assisted in the musical programme: Bro. W. Arter, Wilfrid Davies, John Cross, and W. H. Webb.

### "THE OLD MASONIANS."

The ninth annual dinner of the above association took place on Thursday, the 25th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, under the chairmanship of Bro. George Everett, P.G. Treas., President of the association, supported by Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., Prov. Grand Master for Worcester; Bros. W. H. Bailey, P.P.S.G.W. Staffs.; John Strachan, P.P.S.G.W. Northumberland; F. Strachan, J. J. Thomas, and J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys. Letters regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. Lord Leigh, Sir Augustus Harris, Richard Eve, R. V. Vassar-Smith, George Kenning, Leach Barrett, H. Pritchard, Rev. H. Hebb (Head Master R.M.I. for Boys), and many others.

After a very *recherché* repast, served in Bro. Clemow's usual good style, and the loyal toasts had been duly honoured,

The CHAIRMAN, in most eloquent terms, proposed the toast of "The Old Masonians." He said it was an Association whose objects were well worthy of the support of the Craft, that the gradual progress which it was making was a matter of gratification to the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, of which he was Vice-President, and he would be ever ready to render it all the help in his power.

Mr. R. S. CHANDLER, Hon. Treasurer of the Association, in responding, said that the past year had been one of steady progress. He was pleased to state they had been able to enroll 30 new members, most of them boys who had recently left the School, and that they had been able to render pecuniary assistance to a few old boys, and found situations for others. He hoped that by adhering to the

Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, they could build up an Association well worthy of the Craft to which they were attached.

Mr. C. PATRICK O'DOHERTY, Secretary, also responded in a few well chosen words.

The next toast was that of "The Past and Vice-Presidents," which was very aptly given by Bro. HARRY BOWLER.

In reply, Bro. A. F. GODSON, M.P., Past President of the Association, said that was the first body connected with Masonry he had had the honour of addressing since his appointment as Provincial Grand Master for Worcester by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. He referred to the starting of the Association, and the efforts then made by himself and Bro. Frederick Binckes in its support. He said he was the Treasurer of two societies, and knew the numerous advantages of looking after boys on their entering business life, and spoke of the experience he had when a member of the House Committee of the School. He however felt that an Association like the Old Masonians was better able to undertake the work than individuals, and was more likely to gain the confidence of the boys. He should always feel the greatest interest in the Association.

Bro. JOHN STRACHAN, Vice-President, in a speech full of friendly warmth, mentioned that since becoming a Vice-President he had, when wearing his Masonic jewels, always worn the badge of the Association.

In a humorous and witty speech, Mr. F. L. SCURN proposed the toast of "The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," comparing the School as it is with what it was when he was a boy. He looked upon that excellent little School magazine, "The Masonian," as a veritable Aladdin's Lamp, for it appeared to him that whenever anything in the way of books, magazines, games, &c., were required, it was only necessary to insert a letter in its columns and they were forthcoming, an admirable instance of the great interest shown by Masons in the School. He also referred to the work of Bro. J. M. McLeod, and hoped that the knowledge of the gratitude he was earning of a large number of boys would cheer and encourage him in his arduous duties.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, Sec. R.M.I.B., in responding, spoke of the very great progress made in the work at Wood Green, of the excellence of the present régime, and how the boys had now every advantage a public school can give; he considered that the greater liberty and more outdoor life now enjoyed by the boys had been very beneficial, and the boys had shown a consequent greater interest in their studies. He referred to the recently started arrangement of retaining a few deserving boys a year after their 15th birthday, that the number at present was 12, but hoped that this would gradually be increased. He also said he would like to see every deserving boy on leaving School granted a sum of £20 to properly fit him out on entering business; though this would entail probably an extra expense of £1000 per annum, he considered the amount would be well expended.

The toast of "The Visitors" was briefly proposed by Mr. W. J. PACKER, and responded to by Bros. J. J. THOMAS and W. H. BAILEY, the latter remarking he had only one regret, and that was he "was not an Old Masonian."

The toast of "The Chairman" was given by Mr. C. H. UWINS, who said that no previous President had entered more into the feelings of the Association than Bro. George Everett had done, and that he had earned the gratitude of every Old Masonian during his year of office.

Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, in responding, nominated Bro. C. E. KEYSER, J.P., Patron and Treasurer Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, as the President for the ensuing year, and also announced that Bros. J. J. Thomas and W. H. Bailey had, during the evening, subscribed three guineas each, entitling them to become Vice-Presidents of the Association, and that he had added another three guineas on behalf of his daughter, Miss Della Everett.

The evening, which was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem, was thoroughly enjoyable, and voted one of the pleasantest the Association had experienced.

Amongst the members present were Bros. H. Bowler and R. H. Williams, Messrs. R. S. Chandler, C. P. O'Doherty, Seagrave, Uwins, Francis, Packer, Dyer, Barnes, Scurr, Hewett, West, Simpson, and Willett.

Songs and recitations were given during the evening.

### AN ADDRESS.

The following address was delivered by M.W. Bro. John Hodge, Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York, upon the occasion of his visit to the Hyatt Lodge, No. 205:

Possibly there are some present on this occasion who know nothing of Masonry experimentally, and may therefore be disposed to trust its efficacy as a potent factor in the development of moral and true piety in character. We confidently ask all doubting minds to look at the record. Freemasonry in the Empire State has triumphantly passed its period of sore trial, vile vituperation, and malignant persecution. Out of the fiery furnace it has emerged unscathed, and has since so emphatically commended itself to the people, by the purity of its principles, that to-day the Masonic fraternity of the State of New York includes a membership of over 80,000—comprising a body of men who in their intelligence, virtue, honour, and patriotism, are not excelled by any like number chosen from similar conditions of life, in any country in the world. This flattering situation is due, not so much to human effort and organisation as to the inspiring influence of the immortal principles of Masonry—the acknowledgment of God as our Father, true piety, virtue, charity, and brotherly love. True it is that not all men are made perfect by becoming Masons, any more than all men are made saints by joining a church, but no man can take a Degree in Masonry with the solemn obligations imposed upon him, and become interested in the work of the Craft without deeply feeling his obligation to be everywhere, at home and abroad, in public and private, a better man. Any man is therefore to-day highly honoured by his reception and initiation into any of our Masonic lodges. But he should not forget that while he is honoured by becoming recognised as a Free and Accepted Mason, he has made it his imperative duty so to mould his life that it shall by its exemplification of its principles of Masonry, reciprocate the honour bestowed upon him. The true Mason is not he who is one in form and ceremony only, but whose inner spirit and daily life will bear the test of the square of virtue and the plumb line of rectitude. True Masonry does not begin and end with the ritual of the lodge, but gathers from the principles revealed through ritual and ceremony the inspiration that makes the heart of its subject overflow with love for his fellow men, and clothes his life with the garments of purity and unselfishness. The true Mason leaves at the portal of the lodge every element or agency that would disturb its harmony, destroy its unity, excite discord, or divide the Fraternity. His banner is the symbol of peace; his motto "goodwill to men." He stands upright, fearing God and loving his fellow men. It is the nobility and immutable character of the principles of Freemasonry that have established it upon the Rock of Ages, and given it a right to an honourable and enduring place in the world's history. The inherent purity of the lessons of the lodge room, making better the hearts upon which they are impressed, is the foundation of its past glorious history, and the assurance that its future will be still more glorious: in its helpfulness to humanity. Not Masons alone, but all citizens of New York, have just reason to rejoice over the magnitude of the beneficent results of the remarkable growth in numbers and strength of Masonry in this State. To-day in every community, intelligent people have learned to appreciate that quiet, unostentatious Charity of the Fraternity which helps a brother in distress, ministers to him and his family in sickness, and relieves the wants of widows and orphans without trumpeting

these charitable deeds from the rostrum or having them heralded by the public press. This is the nature of true charity which prompts us to manifest our own developed sympathy for them quietly in extending to them any needed assistance—it is vanity and not true charity that courts public recognition of one's beneficent deeds. But the Masons of the Empire State have not been content with ministering alone to necessitous cases developing in the daily routine life. They have taken into consideration, with the necessities of the present, the possibilities of the future, and the consummation of the thought has given the State a magnificent Masonic home and school in Central New York, established at a cost of about a quarter of a million of dollars, standing to-day free of debt and sheltering over a hundred inmates. There was also great business sagacity shown in making provision for the permanent support of the home, by first erecting that Masonic Temple in the City of New York, which in addition to being a palatial convocation hall for the Fraternity, yields a sum in rentals which to-day exceeds the demands of the home. The temple and the home stand to-day as monuments to Masonic Wisdom and Charity, and the pattern set by New York is being followed by our brethren in other States of the Union. But, my brethren, with all this prosperity at home and abroad; with this wonderful rising in our State from the ashes of an almost utter extinction to the fires of a renewed and triumphant life, what of the future? As has been justly said, the period of the largest measure of prosperity in a man's life is most full of danger. He thinks then that the sunshine will always be clear and bright. His faith in his own ability to meet emergencies leads him to be careless about vital matters, and when he thinks his position is unassailable, he falls. Our security depends upon each one doing his individual duty. The work of the great Brotherhood is the aggregate result of our individual actions. How are we filling our respective places, brethren? Are our hearts tender towards the needy brother and those dependent upon him? Do we attend to our duties from a love for the good there is for us to do? In other words, are we Masons at heart, living embodiments of the great pure principles we profess? If each of us thus performs his duty, we shall present an invincible front to all the abhorrent forces of evil and parry all the shafts of criticism aimed at us by those who through ignorance or prejudice are still disposed to pronounce an uncharitable judgment upon us. We should find a controlling incentive to the faithful performance of duty in the fact that adverse criticism of our Fraternity is now so far silenced that the beneficent character of Masonry is universally acknowledged. But a very few, who are doubtless honest and pure in their views, still censure the secrecy of the lodge sessions. Those people apparently forget that all civic and religious associations find occasions in the administration of their affairs when secrecy is most emphatically preferred to publicity; but the fact that their administrative sessions are usually open to the public almost invariably makes the exceptional secret session the inspiration of suspicion in the public mind of more or less scandal in the affairs of the association. This is an unpleasantness that Masonry averts by simply making the work of the lodge room, which is mostly of an administrative character, uniformly secret. But that this secrecy is not at all detrimental to the welfare of the membership or menacing to the institutions of our free government, is evident from the fruit of the work in the lodge room witnessed by the public in our visitations and relief of brethren and their families in sickness and distress; in our burial of the dead with appropriate ceremonies; in our acknowledgement of God's providence in the universe and our recognition of the supremacy of the civil law included in the ceremonies with which we dedicate our halls and lay the corner-stones of public edifices, and still more meritorious, in the maintenance of our magnificent asylums for the aged, infirm, and orphans of our Fraternity, which are second to none in the land. Thus, as in the family home, the veil of secrecy in Freemasonry simply covers the relation of the Order to its membership, while there is no secrecy whatever in any work of the Craft which brings it into relation with society or the State.

## Craft Masonry.

### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Moir Lodge (No. 92).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., when there were present Bros. J. M. Mitchell, W.M.; M. A. Tweedie, S.W.; E. D. Oppert, P.M. 1027, as J.W.; T. L. Wilkinson, D.G.R., Treas.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., Sec.; J. Webb, J.D.; C. E. Russell, I.G.; Bertram Noakes, P.M.; G. Greiner, P.M.; M. F. Tweedie, P.M.; and J. P. Murrough. A ballot was taken for Mr. Arthur William Smith, which proving favourable, he was initiated in a most impressive manner by the W.M.

All business being disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was excellently served, and the musical arrangements gave the greatest possible satisfaction. The vocalists were Mrs. Shaw and Bro. Nelson Trueman, and the instrumentalists Miss Graily Hewitt and Mrs. C. Ewart.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was acknowledged by Bro. T. L. Wilkinson, of whom the W.M. remarked that he had that day worthily completed his year of Grand Office.

"The Health of the Initiate" was most eloquently given from the chair, and very appropriately responded to by Bro. A. W. Smith.

**Citadel Lodge (No. 1897).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow, on Saturday, the 20th inst., when there was a good attendance of members and visitors. The former included Bros. W. W. Lee, P.M. 2381, W.M.; Horace G. Banks, S.W.; J. Osborn, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; P. Young, I.P.M.; C. J. Davison, P.M.; C. J. Von Holtorp, P.P.G.D.C.; J. H. Gaskin, P.P.D.G.D.C.; W. Wright, P.P.G. Org.; L. Mantel, W. Whiteside, D.C.; J. Ray, Stwd.; L. A. Bourquin, G. Lander, and others. Visitors: Bros. H. Davis, P.M. 1380; J. R. Cordell, P.M. 813; J. Hands, W.M. elect 1158; R. M. H. Griffiths, 1677; C. Hughes, J.W. 2371; J. Smallbones, 1839; Egbert Roberts, P.M. 1623, P.P.G. Org. Essex; and R. Evans.

After the formal opening of the lodge the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Cuming and James were passed to the Second Degree, the lecture on the tracing board being given. Mr. Laurent Schmidt was next initiated into Freemasonry, the ceremony being followed by a delivery of the Ancient Charge. The elections were next proceeded with, Bro. Horace G. Banks, S.W., being unanimously elected W.M. Bro. Banks, having been congratulated by the W.M., returned thanks in appropriate terms, expressing his determination of upholding the character and working of the lodge. Bro. Hurran was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Verry re-elected Tyler. Bro. C. J. Davison, P.M., addressed the brethren with reference to his Stewardship at the next Festival of the R.M.B.I., and received several additions to his list at a subsequent stage of the proceedings. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. for his services in the chair, on the proposition of the S.W., seconded by the I.P.M., and was briefly acknowledged. All business having been transacted, the lodge was formally closed.

After enjoying a repast supplied by the worthy host, Bro. Lander, the usual toasts were given.

Bro. O. J. Von Holtorp, P.P.G.D.C., acknowledged the toast of "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. P. Young, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," alluded in kindly and eulogistic terms to the excellent working shown on every occasion by the W.M., and also to the able manner in which all the duties of the chair had been conducted.

Bro. W. W. Lee, P.M. 2381, W.M., in reply, took the opportunity of giving a résumé of the past year's work. There had been at least two Degrees to work at every meeting, and he expressed his satisfaction at having been enabled to carry out his promise and render the ceremonies in their entirety. The candidates in their respective Degrees had had an opportunity of listening to the ancient charge, lecture on the tracing board, or traditional history. For several years past the lodge had been unable to render much assistance in the work of the Charities, but during the past year a start

had been made in that direction, and a sum voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He hoped that for many years to come the Citadel Lodge would not fail to be represented at one or more of the Festivals. His year of office had been marked by an entire harmony and strong fraternal feeling amongst the members, the sound of discord having been conspicuous by its absence, as it should be in all Masonic gatherings. He sincerely thanked the Past Masters, officers, and brethren for their support, which had been given so ungrudgingly, and which had contributed so materially to the success of the year.

Bro. L. Schmidt, for "The Initiates," expressed his appreciation of the honour conferred upon him, and of the important duties devolving upon him.

In giving "The W.M. elect," the Worshipful Master said he was convinced that Bro. Banks would give every satisfaction as ruler of the lodge, and evince those high qualities of energy and perseverance that had characterised his commercial and private life. His geniality was acknowledged by all the brethren, and his ability had been shown in the various offices he had held.

Bro. H. G. Banks, W.M. elect, returned thanks, and said it was indeed a proud moment to be elected as the Worshipful Master of his mother lodge. He was initiated 10 years ago, and had held every office except one. Being somewhat of a "globe trotter," he was prevented from regularly attending a lodge of instruction, and hoped every allowance might be made for any consequent shortcomings. It would be his earnest endeavour to maintain the dignity and character of the lodge, and he trusted his year of office would be productive of the same good feeling and harmony that had been evinced during the past 12 months.

"The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bros. Davis, P.M.; Cordell, P.M.; Hands, W.M. elect; Egbert Roberts, P.P.G. Org.; and Griffiths.

Bros. P. Young, P.M., and J. Osborn, P.M., Sec., responded for "The Past Masters," the latter remarking that he did so with mingled feelings of regret and pleasure. Regret at losing the present Worshipful Master, who had proved himself in every department so competent for the office, and pleasure at seeing Bro. Banks elected to succeed to the chair, he having initiated Bro. Banks into Masonry 10 years ago. He predicted a good year under the new Worshipful Master.

"The Officers" was given, and Bro. Rae having replied, the Tyler's toast closed a pleasant gathering.

Under the direction of Bro. Willie Wright, P.P.G. Org., who presided at the pianoforte, a choice programme of music was enjoyed, in which Bros. Richard Evans and Egbert Roberts rendered yeoman service, and were deservedly appreciated.

**Wandsworth Lodge (No. 1044).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Municipal Buildings, Lavender Hill, S.W., on Wednesday, the 17th ult., when there were present Bros. J. W. Forrest, W.M.; A. B. P. Collings, S.W.; R. C. Bayne, J.W.; J. Carter, P.M., Treas.; R. R. Monger, P.M., Sec.; C. Finch, S.D.; J. Strong, J.D.; G. Stegmann, I.G.; J. Owen, D.C.; Higerty, P.M.; Ellis, P.M.; Alceatore, P.M.; W. Early, P. Ortnr, E. Gordon, J. Kingston, C. Whincup, W. G. Lacy, A. Cannon, A. Chambers, Norton, and others.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. Three brethren were passed to the Second Degree, and two gentlemen were initiated into the mysteries of Masonry by the W.M., who also gave the charge to the initiates in a very beautiful and perfect manner. This being election meeting, Bro. A. B. P. Collings, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Carter, P.M., Treas. The remaining business ended, lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the banquet. The loyal toasts were given and received. The toast of "The W.M." was received with enthusiasm. Bro. Forrest, W.M., replied, thanking the brethren, and expressed how much he was indebted to Past Masters Higerty and Jesseman for their great kindness and assistance. His year of office had been a prosperous one, and the support and kindness rendered him by his officers was all he could expect and desire.

The toast of "The W.M. elect" was received with enthusiasm.

Bro. Collings, W.M. elect, in reply, thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kindness. He was very proud to be elected to the exalted position of W.M. of the Wandsworth Lodge, that had always maintained its position as a first-class working lodge. Bro. Carter, P.M., was his father in the lodge, and he perfectly remembered the beautiful manner in which he put him through the Three Degrees. He should try to emulate the Past Masters and do his duty thoroughly, and he hoped, efficiently, and maintain the high reputation and the perfect harmony that had existed in the lodge from its beginning.

The toasts of "The Past Masters," "The Visitors," "The Initiates," and "The Officers," followed and were responded to.

The harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by the excellent singing of Bros. Ortnr, Caltoun, Horton, and Higerty, and Bro. Lacy, Organist, distinguished himself by his great taste in accompanying the vocalists.

The Tyler's toast closed a very happy meeting.

**Bishopsgate Lodge (No. 2396).**—One of the most successful gatherings of this prosperous lodge took place on Monday, the 22nd ult., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, the occasion being the installation of Bro. Saml. Jacobs, P.P.G. P.M. No. 1327, a respected and highly esteemed member of the lodge.

The lodge was opened by Bro. A. J. Hollington, P.G.S., W.M., supported by Bros. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; G. N. Johnson, P.M.; H. J. Tibbatts, P.M.; Milton Smith, A. P. Little, D. A. Romain, C. J. Thomas, W. Newman, E. F. Fitch, Woolf Jacobs, J. A. Berther, E. H. Mead, Dr. J. F. Haskins, Thos. Robinson, A. J. Skipper, C. Jarratt, R. J. Stamp, E. W. Roach, T. J. Sturgeon, A. E. Pridmore, W. M. Phillips, J. D. Simmons, W. K. Shipman, W. G. King, G. J. Beverley, T. W. Keen, and R. H. Goddard, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Abraham Woolf, 1613; C. M. Free, P.M. 1227; H. Willsmere, 1567; Harry Jacobs, J.D. 43; W. Knights; J. P. Cohen, P.P. 205; J. Tollworthy, W.M. 1769; J. J. Woolley, P.M. 15; M. Woolf, 1766; W. P. Valentine, P.M. 1017; Jno. Corbett, 898; Robert Emery, 1929, 27, and 2551; Arthur Rose, 813; W. W. George, 1897; J. Wagstaff, S.D. 569; F. Dixon, 171; H. M. Newbyn, 180; A. D. Sturley, 18; F. O. Bradley, 15; H. C. Amendt, 1671; J. S. Sequeira, 141; W. Arfield, 2000; M. Levy, 1327; E. H. Grant, 834; A. H. Swebstone, 1351; J. H. Sturley, 18; K. Tyneman, Walter M. George, and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, and a satisfactory balance-sheet adopted, Bro. G. J. Beverley was passed. Bro. Samuel Jacobs, the W.M. elect, was then presented, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br. The new W.M. then appointed and invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. D. A. Romain, S.W.; C. J. Thomas, J.W.; A. J. Hollington, P.G.S., I.P.M., Treas.; Milton Smith, W.M. 19, Sec.; W. Newman, S.D.; Woolf Jacobs, J.D.; E. H. Mead, I.G.; A. P. Little and G. E. Mead, Stwds.; Dr. J. F. Haskins, P.P.G. Org. Essex, Org.; and R. H. Goddard, Tyler. The installation ceremony was most impressively performed by Bro. Hogard, who gave the usual addresses with marked effect. The W.M. stated that Bro. W. K. Shipman had presented to the lodge a pedestal containing matter, skull and crossbones, that would be very useful in the working of the Third Degree, and an unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to him for the gift. Bro. Shipman, in reply, said that he was proud and happy his present had been accepted, for he knew that few lodges had the emblems of mortality. He came quite unexpectedly upon them last week and at once snapped them up, as they were very difficult things to get hold of. He was glad and yet a little sorry to have forestalled another brother in the gift. He heard someone remark, "Is it human," and he was pleased to say, most certainly, for he knew from whence they came. He trusted that for many years they would be used with advantage for the benefit of the members, and be a memento of the sincere and heart-felt interest he had in the lodge. In presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. A. J. Hollington, I.P.M., the W.M. stated that no one better deserved it for the great things he had done for the lodge, and honour was due to him for starting the benevolent fund of the lodge, and for his magnificent subscription thereto. Bro. Hollington made a suitable reply, remarking that it was a great pleasure to him to receive the jewel. The inscription on the jewel was: "Presented to Bro. A. J. Hollington, P.G.S., I.P.M., by the members of the Bishopsgate Lodge, No. 2396, as a mark of their esteem and appreciation of his valuable services in the chair, and as Founder of the Lodge Benevolent Fund. April 22, 1895." The W.M. then initiated Mr. Thos. Wm. Keen. The working of the ritual was evidence that the members had made an excellent choice in their W.M.

Other business being disposed of the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a *recherché* banquet, which reflected the highest credit on the establishment, and admirably served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Becker.

At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with commendable brevity.

In responding for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., stated that it was always a pleasure for Grand Officers to attend lodges, and that night he was exceptionally pleased to be present, as both he and Bro. Hogard took part in the consecration of the lodge now five years ago, and he hoped that all the lodges he had anything to do with would be as prosperous as the Bishopsgate Lodge.

The I.P.M., Bro. Hollington, submitted the toast of "The Worshipful Master," which, he stated, he did with much pleasure. They always looked for a good Master in the Bishopsgate Lodge, and in Bro. Jacobs they had one well able to fill the chair, and one who could do everything asked of him. The work that night of initiating a new member was done in a perfect manner, and, like an old horse, when warmed to the work, there was no holding him. He hoped his health would permit him to carry out his duties during his term of office in the same satisfactory way in which he had commenced his reign.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. In a short, but earnest, speech, Bro. S. Jacobs, the W.M. thanked them most sincerely for the kind and hearty manner in which they had received the toast, and said he would do his utmost in the working of the ritual with, he hoped, satisfaction to himself and the brethren.

The W.M. gave "The Initiate." He stated that he was a good fellow, and he had no doubt that he would make an excellent Mason, and be a credit to the lodge and the Craft.

In response, Bro. T. W. Keen said that his best thanks were due to the members for accepting him as a Mason, and he would do his level best to further the interests of the lodge and Freemasonry.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br." He stated that his rendering of the beautiful ceremony that evening was admirable, which it would be impossible to excel. Bro. Hogard was a good fellow, and well-known to them, and he honoured them with his presence as often as his many duties would allow him.

Bro. Hogard responded, regretting the absence of Bro. Sir John B. Monckton (who was to have installed the W.M.), but he was proud of being asked to act as Sir John's substitute. It was some years since he had performed the ceremony, so that he felt some what rusty, but if what he had done was satisfactory to the brethren he was gratified.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Immediate Past Master and Past Masters," paid a tribute to the excellent work done by the out-going Master, Bro. Hollington, during his year of office, and he made special mention of the Benevolent Fund, of which he was the founder—then as to the other Past Past Masters, they were all good, and no words of his were necessary to sing their praises, as they were so well-known.

Bro. Hollington, I.P.M., in reply, said that the office of I.P.M. was an enviable position, being the chair of comfort, but next to the one of work. There were not many of the P.M.s of the lodge, but he was glad to hear that they were considered good. He was asked to respond for them all, but he must make special reference to Bro. H. J. Tibbatts, who was a host in himself, and who had acted as Director of Ceremonies that evening, in the absence of that officer through illness, in so able a manner, and in conclusion, he added, that he hoped the great success of that evening would also apply to future installations.

The W.M. gave "The Visitors" remarking that it was a toast that was always received there in a cordial manner. It was great pleasure to him to have 25 visitors that night, and he coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Cohen, Abraham Woolf, Valentine, and M. Levy.

Bro. Cohen responded. He said that he was pleased the W.M. had invited him, and he was surprised with the excellent working he had witnessed that evening. The W.M. had commenced well, and he hoped he would have an exceptionally good year of office in the lodge, which was one that anyone would be proud to belong to.

Bro. Abraham Woolf also replied, observing that he was glad to see the lodge had formed a Benevolent Fund.

Bro. Valentine said he appreciated the good working, and their hospitable reception of the visitors. The future prosperity of the lodge was, he thought, well assured, and the officers appeared to be perfect, and that the lodge having a Benevolent Fund of nearly £100 standing to its credit, was, for a lodge, only five years old a great thing, and spoke well for the members.

Bro. Swebstone also responded in appropriate terms. "The Treasurer, and Secretary, and the Officers" having been honoured.

Bro. Milton Smith, Sec., in response said that the late Treasurer, who was an excellent officer had left a substantial balance, and he was succeeded by one who would be a good custodian of their funds, and he was always willing to do anything for the lodge.

Bro. Romain, S.W., also replied. He had looked forward to Bro. Jacobs going into the chair, and he and the members were delighted to see him in that position and they hoped he would be with them for many years.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a memorable and happy evening, and one that will be long remembered by those who were present.

The vocal entertainment was carried out under the able direction of the Organist, Bro. Dr. J. F. Haskins, P.P.G. Org. Essex, in which the following took part: Bros. Kelson Truman, Walter M. George, W. H. Webb, Arthur Rose, A. J. Skipper, Miss Annie Swinfen, Miss Adelaide Cole and Miss Jessie Browning. The ladies and Bro. George deserve special mention for their great efforts.

**Clissold Lodge (No. 2551).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Station Hotel, Highbury Corner, on Thursday, the 18th ult., when there were present Bros. W. M. Stiles, Grand Treas. elect, W.M.; J. J. Lamigeon, S.W.; R. Emery, J.W.; T. Carleton, Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; H. Townend, S.D.; H. Kenney, J.D.; W. Wright, P.P.G.O. Middx., Org.; A. H. Cooper, I.G.; G. Elliot, P.M., and M. Hibbard, Stwds.; Cox, P.M.; C. Street, Badman, Reeves, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. Salmom, 1922; W. A. Scurrah, P.M. 167, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; H. Garrad, P.G.P.; Trounce, 917; and Trefelyn David, 1929.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the installation meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Percece Cyril Cooper (a lewis) was by special dispensation initiated into the mysteries of Masonry by the W.M. in a truly impressive manner. Bros. Edwin Broad, Harry Badman, W. G. Welsh, and W. Wright were admitted joining members, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to a very elegant banquet, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Tuck, P.M., the courteous manager of the hotel.

The loyal toasts were given with commendable brevity. Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., and Garrad, P.M., P.G.P., replied in behalf of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," in terms showing they were perfectly conversant with the subject they were speaking about.

The Acting I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said they were fortunate in having for their first W.M. a brother who was so highly esteemed, and would shortly be invested as Grand Treasurer of England, and therefore would have a Grand Officer for the first Master, and a brother who was richly deserving of that distinguished honour. He was a Vice-Patron of the three Institutions, which was a proof of his charitable disposition. His great knowledge and experience of Masonry would be of great benefit to the lodge. He was proud of the honour of proposing his health, and felt sure the brethren would do all that lay in their power to make his year of office happy and prosperous.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for so genially and kindly proposing his health. He felt deeply sensible of the honour of being the first Master of the Clissold Lodge, and would do all that lay in his power to forward its interest. He was very grateful to the officers for the splendid manner in which they had discharged their duties. They said they would support him, and they had most honourably fulfilled that promise in every sense of the word. He thanked them most sincerely for the good feeling and excellent work, which would prove that the Clissold Lodge had a very bright future before it.

The other toasts followed. The visitors and the initiates spoke at length. The toast of "The Officers," like the others, was heartily received.

Bro. W. Wright, the Organist of the lodge, had the arrangement of the musical part of the proceedings, and the exquisite singing of Bro. Trefelyn David and a pianoforte solo by Bro. Wright called forth the unqualified praise of the W.M., brethren, and visitors.

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**Masonic Notes.**

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, and it will be seen from the report of the proceedings which appears in another part of our columns, that with very few exceptions those who were appointed to office in Grand Lodge last week, have been honoured with positions as nearly as possible corresponding in rank in Grand Chapter. Comp. Viscount Dungarvan is the new Grand Scribe N., while Comp. Sir Lionel Darell, Bart.—a Senior Grand Deacon of England in 1889—who was a candidate for the Treasurership of Grand Chapter last year, is G.P.S. Comp. W. Mason Stiles, who was elected Grand Treasurer in 1894, retains the office by virtue of being Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge, and Comp. James Edmeston—Grand Supt. of Works in the Craft in 1894—is the new 3rd Grand Std. Br. The office of Grand Organist has been conferred upon Comp. W. de M. Sergison, who was Grand Organist in the Craft last year, while Comp. H. F. Frost, who was Grand Organist in the Royal Arch in 1894, was appointed Organist of Grand Lodge last week. We congratulate those who have had their services in Royal Arch Masonry thus honourably recognised.

Only three warrants for new chapters have been granted since the Quarterly Convocation in February, and under these have been constituted Ixion Chapter, No. 2501, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, attached to the lodge bearing the same name and number and meeting in the same locality; the Bevan Chapter, No. 2458, Eton, Bucks, attached to the Eton Lodge, No. 2458, and named after its first M.E.Z., Comp. A. H. Bevan;

and the Dartmouth Chapter, No. 662, West Bromwich, Staffordshire, attached to the lodge which meets in the same town and bears the same name and number. Three chapters, which have ceased working—namely, the Mid-Surrey No. 1044 (London); the Wellington, No. 517, Wellington (N.Z.); and the Royal Hanover, No. 1777, Twickenham (Middlesex)—having not replied to the summons addressed to them by order of Grand Chapter, have been struck from the roll of chapters. Victoria Chapter, No. 1577, Napier (N.Z.), having ceased working and returned its charter has also been erased.

We regret we were unable to give a fuller account of the services of Bro. Harry Tipper, Assistant Grand Pursuivant, in our record of last week. We have much pleasure, therefore, in stating that in the Mark Degree he is a P.M. of the Henniker Lodge, No. 315, was founder and first W.M. of King Solomon Lodge, No. 385, in 1887; was appointed Prov. S.G.D. Middlesex and Surrey, in 1889; and served as Grand Steward, in 1892. He is the present Master of the Rose and Lily Council, No. 15, of the Allied Degrees, and E.P. elect of the New Temple Preceptory of the Order of the Temple. He is also a member of the Cryptic Degrees and of the Order of the Secret Monitor, but, above all, we must place on record that he has been Treasurer of the King Solomon Mark Lodge for seven years, while in the King Solomon Craft Lodge and the Bard of Avon Chapter of Rose Croix, he has filled the office of Secretary for 11 years and seven years. These services are of a character to deserve recognition, and we are glad they have been recognised.

The Statement of Account for the Funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution during the year 1894, which have been issued with the voting papers for the annual election, are very satisfactory. The Closing Balances show a decrease as compared with those at the opening of the year. As regards the Male Fund, the noteworthy items on the Receipt side are those relating to the Permanent Income and the Subscriptions and Donations. The former, consisting of the Grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter and the Dividends, amounts to £2733 7s. 10d., while the Donations and Subscriptions reached a total of £7250 6s. 3d. The Disbursements amounted to £8947 19s. 6d., of which £7488 was expended in annuities. The proceeds in respect of the Purchase and Sale of Stock, the placing and withdrawal of money at call, and the sum received in respect of a Perpetual Presentation, are matters which do not in any way concern the financial administration of the Charity. The balance to the good on the 31st December, 1894, was £2306 19s. 8d. as compared with £3222 15s. 5d. on the 1st January.

As regards the Widows' Fund, the balance on the 1st January, 1894, was £1770 19s. 4d. The Permanent Income, consisting, as in the case of the Male Fund, of Grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter and Dividends, was £2583 0s. 9d., while the Donations and Subscriptions reached £6896 13s. 6d. The expenditure, exclusive of Deposit at Call, Purchase of Stock, &c., amounted to £9672 12s. 3d., of which £8189 was in respect of Annuities, the balance on 31st December being £1581 6s. 5d. The Sustentation of Building Fund Account is on a very modest scale, the receipts, including Dividends, being under £90, while the balance at close was over £56. One feature in the Statement stands out boldly, namely, that the Permanent Income of the Institution, taking the Male and Widows' Fund and the Sustentation of Building Fund together, reached £5343 1s. 5d. The greater this portion of the receipts, the stronger will be the faith of the brethren in the stability of the Institution.

Before returning to Cornwall, and in view of the approaching Festival at which he is to preside, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, D.G.M., and Prov. G.M. of Cornwall, paid a morning visit to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on Thursday, the 25th ult. He was received by the chairman of the month, Bro. Robert Grey, Bros. Sir John Monckton, Henry Smith, Dep. Prov. G.M. of West Yorks, Treas.; E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary; and F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary of the Institution. The Deputy Grand Master made a minute inspection both of the children and of the premises, and heard and witnessed the performance of music, singing, and the calisthenic exercises, and expressed to Miss Davis before leaving the highest satisfaction with all he saw.

THE Italian Opera Season at Covent Garden will open on Monday, the 13th instant, with Verdi's "Otello," the other performances during the first week comprising "Fra Diavolo," "Le Prophète," Boito's "Melistofele," "Lohen-grin," and "Il Trovatore."

## Correspondence.

## W.M. IN THE CHAIR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,

As it is very likely that brethren will "agree to differ" as to which is, "according to Cocker," in the absence of the law, and as there would be nothing to settle if the Book of Constitutions distinctly declared it obligatory on the part of every W.M. to perform all the functions of his office, which will not work, however desirable that might be, I beg to quote an instance not inappropriate perhaps at this stage.

Nineteen years ago, the W.M. of a lodge of which I was Secretary asked me to undertake the Third Degree ceremony for him next lodge meeting. I was Preceptor at the time, and consequently very well up; but was working out an idea of my own to keep as many Past Masters in harness as possible, and, on explaining this to him, the W.M. agreed to ask another P.M. I declined, however, to recommend.

I had hardly taken off my coat next lodge night before I was button-holed by the W.M., and led into the lodge room, where three Past Masters were talking together. "The W.M. will have it," said one, "that he is compelled to give up his chair to the P.M. who works the ceremony. We say he is not. What do you say?"

"If I were in a difficulty," I said, "and asked one of you to help me out of it, I could hardly make conditions, but the W.M. certainly need not give up his place unless he likes—it has been customary in this lodge, and, in my opinion, there is nothing more safe to follow than the courtesies of preceding Masters."

"Exactly," they said, and nothing further then passed.

To my surprise a hitch occurred during the evening, and the W.M. called me to the dais. "Bro. P.M. —," he whispered, "won't work the ceremony except from the chair. Will you do it for me?"

"I am very sorry to decline under the circumstances."

"But I will give up the chair to you!"

"Worse and worse," I said, a bit disgusted, and the candidate was shabbily treated; the ceremony postponed, and the lodge lost a good member, all through—well, I need not say. However, it settled the question, and no other similar case occurred during the 15 years I was

## A POPULAR SECRETARY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,

Your correspondent "P. G." confuses the individual with the office. The position is defined by paragraph 141 of the Constitutions, and a strict order of precedence prescribed among the Past Masters as to presiding "in the Master's absence." In the further instance of a Master not being able or willing to do a particular ceremony, he cedes his office for the time being to the P.M., who takes his place, and becomes temporarily a private member. If we take things as literally as "P. G.," a ceremony must be performed by the W.M., if present, and he must withdraw to entitle a P.M. to do it for him, which would not always be desirable. The provision prohibiting the Warden from occupying the chair, implies that a P.M. may, on the correct rendering of that much abused saying, "the exception proves the rule, with regard to things not excepted." I would remind "P. G." that the W.M. has to yield his position, by the Constitutions, to the Grand Master or Provincial Grand Master, his Deputy or his delegates.

HAROLD LEWIS, P.M. 686.

## FOR THE GOOD OF FREEMASONRY IN GENERAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,

I do not wish to enter upon the wide discussion opened by Bro. J. E. Carver, but to set him right on a question of fact. Each lodge can make what arrangements it thinks just with regard to refreshments. There is no compulsion in the matter, and there is no uniformity of practice, as Bro. Carver assumes, probably from a purely metropolitan experience. The dinner after every meeting is looked upon as a London institution. I can speak for several provinces where an annual dinner is all that is indulged in, and in some cases there is no refreshment after lodge.

A P.P.G. OFFICER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,

Your correspondent, Bro. J. E. Carver, will be glad to know that, within six miles of "the shadows of the Alexandra Palace," under which he resides, there has been established for more than 25 years a lodge which goes far beyond the statement prescribed by him for lodges generally.

It is, and it is not, a banqueting lodge, as, although after the closing of the lodge, a good, but inexpensive, repast is provided; it is paid for by those members only who partake of it; and visitors, of whom there is always a goodly number, invariably speak highly of the manner in which they are entertained.

The lodge, having no banquet to provide for out of its funds, has made its subscriptions somewhat lower

than those which have to bear that expense, keeping it, however, sufficiently high to ensure the exclusion of undesirable members.

All sums received by the lodge are, after deducting working expenses, devoted entirely to Charity, and when a distressed brother applies for aid, he never fails, if found worthy, to receive substantial relief. A member going up as Steward to either of the Masonic Charities, and there are sometimes two in a year, may always reckon on a vote of 10 or 15 guineas. Nor is the outside world forgotten, as is sometimes shown by their grants at times of exceptional distress or calamity, and yet, with all this, I believe it is a rare thing for the balance in hands of Treasurer to fall below three figures.

That this method is satisfactory to the members was proved about 10 years ago, when a brother proposed to change its constitution, and make it a banqueting lodge. The brethren were so unanimous against any such alteration, that the proposition was only seconded for the sake of discussion, and was eventually withdrawn.

Bro. Carver speaks of 20 per cent. for the Charities as a maximum; here there is more than 50 per cent. as a minimum, with a substantial balance for emergencies, and the soundness of the system on which the lodge is worked is proved by its steadily increasing prosperity, the large average attendance of its members, and the efficiency of its ceremonial working, which is second to no lodge in the province where it is situated.

If Bro. Carver and others of a similar way of thinking would use their endeavours to promote the founding of more lodges on a similar basis, I am confident they would conduce much to the good of Freemasonry in general, and the support of Masonic Charities in particular.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

P.M.

Wood Green, April 30th.

## GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly permit me to ask, through the medium of your valuable paper, the following question: Is the production of Grand Lodge certificates indispensable when visiting lodges? I am prompted to ask this question for the following reason: On the 10th ult. I presented myself at the Emulation Lodge, Great Queen-street, and informed the Tyler that I desired to be admitted. I was asked if I had my Grand Lodge certificate with me, and I said no; but informed him that I was fully prepared to undergo the ordinary Masonic tests. These tests did not seem worthy of consideration, and I was distinctly told that I could not enter. If the Grand Lodge certificate is indispensable at the Emulation Lodge, why is it almost always dispensed with in other lodges, both in London and the provinces? This is a matter of the greatest importance, and, therefore, ought to be more clearly understood. If you or some brother in authority would make this matter clear, a valuable service would, I am sure, be rendered to the Craft generally.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES KAYE, P.M. 275,  
P.P.G.D.C. West Yorkshire.

Westbourne House, Dalton,  
Huddersfield.

## ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL AND THE CRAFT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read with much interest the various letters and articles on this subject and shall be glad if you will allow me a little space. I cannot agree with your leader as regards the paragraph beginning "It is not every country, &c.," as there are many other fine cathedrals in this country in the grand old Gothic style, while in other lands there are many grand cathedrals exhibiting the very highest skill in design.

Then why state that St. Paul's Cathedral is the only one planned and built by Englishmen? Surely this is incorrect, as although we know that many of our cathedrals owe much to continental artists, we must be assured that natives did the greater part of the work, and the modern cathedral at Truro is essentially English.

It would be a grand thing if the Craft could assist in the decoration of St. Paul's Cathedral, but we must not forget that as Freemasons we have a difficult work before us to keep our three Charities in a flourishing condition.—Yours fraternally,

HENRY LOVEGROVE, P.M., P.Z.

Eboracum, Herne Hill, S.E.  
P.S.—On page 220, letter of P.G. I may state that it is a very ordinary thing for the W.M. to vacate the chair to enable a P.M. to perform a ceremony.—H. L.

## "MASONIC VAGRANTS."

To the Editor of the "Freemason,"  
Dear Sir and Brother,

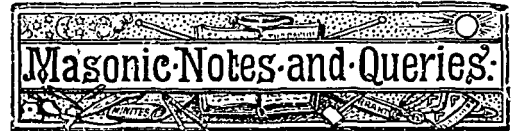
Your leader of the 30th March last, should be placed in the hands of and read by all Secretaries and Almoners, and, in fact by every Mason. For some long time past I have been advocating some system being adopted to prevent the numerous frauds that are being perpetrated by these "Masonic pests," especially upon younger Masons. On Thursday last a man calling himself a Mason came to me for relief. Finding he had already been in in the early morning, enquiring of my

assistant whether I was young or old, or an invalid, &c. (to none of which questions he received satisfactory replies) I asked him if he had a certificate? He replied in the negative, and as he became argumentative and abusive, I declined to relieve him and told him to leave, unfortunately without noting down his name and the number of his lodge (if any). Afterwards, he visited (in some cases two or three times, myself included) nearly every brother in the town (he admitted to the court 15), evidently having a most complete list. At last he was taken by the police for begging, and, on Friday, was sentenced to seven days' hard labour; and, from the way in which he defended himself and argued his case in court, he evidently thoroughly understands his profession. I trust, ere long, some means may be found to stop this ever-increasing nuisance. I may mention I am now in correspondence with our Prov. Grand Secretary to try and arrange a meeting of the Secretaries of the various lodges in the province, as was done in Kent, and trust other provinces will do the same to discuss this important matter.—Apologising for the length of this letter, I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

WILLIAM SMITH,  
P.M., Sec., and Almoner, Sondes, 996, P.G. Treas.,  
Norfolk.

East Dereham, Norfolk, 29th April.

P.S.—Since writing the above, I have, to-day, received two more visitors, one professing to belong to the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, Brighton, and another to the Athol Lodge, No. 15 (S.C.). The former carries no certificate, but a well-worn lodge receipt for initiation fees, 1871, and the latter a very dirty, and, I should say, frequently-used certificate.—W.S.



## 1068] SPANISH FREEMASONRY.

A Spanish History of Freemasonry is announced from the pen of Don Nicolas Dias y Perez, to consist of about 678 pages. The most extraordinary thing about it is that the announcement informs us that Mosen Rubi in 1514 established a Masonic Temple at Avila, and that in 1519 the celebrated Admiral Coligni initiated a great number of Spanish personages in Catalonia, and later elsewhere. He is the Coligni whose signature is appended to the alleged 1535 charter of Cologne. If these two statements admit of proof, it is clear that as yet the credited historians of the Craft know very little of it. The mistake in methods of history is that all foreign countries have cut themselves adrift from the traces of the Craft in their own countries, in order to establish an English origin for everything.

JOHN YARKER.



THE INDIAN FREEMASONS' ALMANAC AND DIARY FOR THE YEAR 1895.—This compilation is of an exhaustive character, the particulars covering the whole of British India and Burma, giving the places, names, times of meeting, &c., of all the lodges, chapters, and other Masonic organisations, with a variety of information "respecting every Degree in Freemasonry," the editor being the zealous Craftsman, Bro. P. C. Dutt, Deputy District Grand Master of Bengal, &c., &c. The printer and publisher, H. J. Halder, Victor Printing Works, 10, Old Post Office-street, Calcutta, has also done his part admirably. The work runs to over 200 pages, small octavo, so it may be accepted as the largest volume of the kind published under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. The directory is historical, as well as official in character, many of the items of information being of a most interesting character, and evidently carefully digested from trustworthy sources. The "Masonic Notabilia" for each district are features that might well be followed in our Home publications, and there is so much else to be found in this ever welcome and useful annual, that we may well be excused referring to the chief points in its favour when copies may be had for a rubee. The work aptly illustrates the progress of the Craft in India under English and Scottish auspices, and proves how deep rooted is the love of the Fraternity in that far-off region, not only with Anglo-Indians, but with Parsees, Hindoos, and Mohammedans. Bro. Dutt spares no pains to ensure accuracy and completeness; and has undoubtedly succeeded in a most satisfactory manner.

"NEW INSTRUCTIONS IN THE SECRET SCIENCES."—It may interest the Rosicrucian members of the Craft to say that Mr. Robert H. Fryar, of Claremont, Bath, has in course of publication the continuation of the *Comte de Gabalis*. The second part (complete in itself) is entitled "New Instructions in the Secret Sciences," is ready for the press, and has been translated for the first time into English, together with an introduction by Bro. John Yarker. It is a series of witty, satirical, and metaphysical discourses based upon the physics of Jordanus Brunus and René Descartes. The former was practically, if not literally, a Rosicrucian, and was burnt alive at Venice in the year 1600; some Masonic lodges in Italy and Spain have been named after him; and Brunus has been adopted as a Rose Croix pseudonym by many. Descartes was obliged to take refuge at Stockholm under the protection of Christina, Queen of Sweden. The third part (also complete in itself) will follow the second, and is probably the most interesting of the three. The Relator is a friend of Marshal Schomberg, who makes the acquaintance of Macnamara, an Irish

philosopher, who ransacks the literature of 2500 years in search of proofs of apparitions, visions, previsions, clairvoyant healing, &c., which he attributes to attendant genii, or what the Neo-platonic philosophy termed Tutelary Demons, but the Angels of the Church Fathers. The like tutelage was credited to Paracelsus, Agrippa, Cardan, Descartes, and hundreds of others in modern times. The translator has undertaken it for his own amusement, on account of the very great veneration in which the work was held by the late Hargrave Jennings, author of "The Rosicrucians," &c., &c., as evinced in his recently published letters.

"HISTORY OF LODGE ST. MICHAEL'S KILWINNING, No. 63, DUMFRIES." By Bro. James Smith, P.M., P.G. Treasurer Dumfriesshire, &c. Author of "History of the Lodge of Dumfries," "History of Operative Lodge, Dumfries, No. 140," &c., &c. Dumfries: J. Maxwell and Son, 97 and 99, High-street, 1895.—The St. Michael's Kilwinning Lodge, No. 63, of which Bro. James Smith has compiled with exceeding care, this ample record, was warranted on the 9th April, 1755, the Hon. James Forbes being at the time Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Bros. David Dalrymple and George Fraser, the Depute and Substitute Grand Masters respectively, Bros. John Lumsdaine and Alexander Cunningham, the Grand Wardens, Bro. Alexander M'Dougall, Grand Secretary, and Bro. James Alison, Grand Clerk. The founders who are named in the warrant, were men of position in Dumfries, and members of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, Leith, and St. Giles's Lodge, Edinburgh, the former of which altered its title in 1756, to St. David's, No. 36, while the latter amalgamated in 1779 with Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2. But beyond a chance reference in the minutes of another lodge to a visitor from St. Michael's Lodge, there is no record of its proceedings in its early days, and apparently the lodge remained in abeyance until 11th November, 1789, when certain members of the Thistle Lodge of Dumfries, who had become possessed of its warrant petitioned Bro. Alexander Fergusson, P.G. Master "for the Southern District of Masonry in Scotland," for permission to constitute themselves and meet as a lodge under the title and warrant of St. Michael's Kilwinning. The petition was acceded to, and office-bearers *pro tem.* were chosen on the 27th of November, to remain in office till next St. Andrew's Day. At the outset of its renewed career difficulties appear to have arisen, chiefly with the other lodges in Dumfries, the "Old Lodge" of Dumfries addressing a remonstrance to the Prov. G.M. on the 16th April, 1791, against the renovation of the lodge, unless three Master Masons of St. Michael's as constituted under the original warrant put in an appearance. But it had no effect, and the renovated lodge went on its way now rejoicing, now experiencing difficulties and dissensions among its members, but steadily advancing towards increased and increasing prosperity, until in the year 1889 it had the good fortune to celebrate its centenary. The celebration was attended with all possible *clat*, and it was for this auspicious event that Bro. Smith prepared his original sketch of the lodge history. It was read at the Centenary Commemoration, and so pleased were the brethren with it that they besought our able brother to elaborate his sketch, and publish it as a permanent record of the proceedings of the lodge. The result of this suggestion is the history which is now receiving our attention which we have already described as an "ample record," and one which is worthy of the lodge, and, at the same time, reflects the utmost credit upon the compiler. Indeed, it must have been a labour of love with Bro. Smith to have carried out the wishes of his brother members. Not only has he added to his original sketch a full account of the centenary celebration, but he has continued the history to date, and lays particular stress upon the dedication of the Lodge Hall in November, 1890. He also gives some interesting particulars relating to the old lodge jewels, a representation of which forms the frontispiece to his history; while, to crown all, he furnishes an alphabetical list of those who have been enrolled members, preceded by brief particulars relating to the most prominent amongst them. We congratulate Bro. Smith on the manner in which he has fulfilled his task, and thank him for having afforded us the opportunity of examining his work.

## Craft Masonry.

### PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

#### BARNET.

**Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).**—The last regular meeting of the season was held at the Red Lion Hotel on Friday, the 26th ult. In the absence abroad of the W.M., Bro. F. C. Collingwood, I.P.M., occupied the chair, and among those present were Bros. Anneveld, S.W.; Tibbatts, J.W.; Charles Gray, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; R. Fisher Young, P.M., P.P.D.G.D. of C. (who in the earlier part of the proceedings acted as S.W.); Euerhy, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Brittain, P.M., P.P.G.W.; W. Lewis, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. Blizard Abbott, P.M.; J. Mason, S.D.; Cranston, acting J.D.; Rainsford, I.G.; Goddard, Tyler; West, Woodhead, Billson, Attree, Dade, Grimwade, Dr. Haskins, Org.; Baddeley, and others.

The minutes of the installation meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. C. O. West and W. S. Woodhead were passed to the Second Degree. Bro. H. Imray, S.W., was proposed and seconded for election as a joining member at the September meeting, and the rest of the business having been transacted, lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together under the presidency of Bro. Collingwood, a very pleasant evening being the result.

#### DRIFFIELD.

**Sykos Lodge (No. 1040).**—The annual gathering of the brethren of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, when the ceremony of installing Bro. J. M. White as Worshipful Master was performed by Bro. Tom Turner, P.M. The W.M. afterwards invested the following officers: Bros. Rev. G. T. W. Purchas, B.A., I.P.M.; W. Ross, S.W.; M. Gage, J.W.; H. O. Piercy, P.M., Chap.; W. Highmore, P.M., Treas.; Rev. R. C. G. O'Callaghan, Lecture Master; W. G. Taylor, Sec.; R. W. Kelsey, S.D.; Thomas Marshall, J.D.; John Tate, Org.;

J. W. Thompson, I.G.; J. Holtby, Stwd.; R. Featherstone, Tyler.

The installation banquet was held in the evening at the Buck Hotel, and was largely attended. Bro. J. Holt was the caterer.

#### DURHAM.

**Norman Lodge (No. 1334).**—A general meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, on Wednesday evening, the 17th inst., Bro. James Willan, W.M., presided, and amongst those present were Bros. E. Jepson, P.M.; E. S. Shaw, I.P.M.; H. Niederhausern, S.W.; James Seyburn, J.W.; J. A. M. Scobie, S.D.; D. Patterson, J.D.; R. Hauxwell, P.M., Org.; W. Gray, P.M., Treas.; and W. T. Bowden, Sec. During the evening the Provincial Grand Officers paid an official visit to the lodge. Amongst the brethren who attended were Bros. R. Hudson, P.P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec.; G. Robson, 351; T. G. Mabane, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Todd, P.P.G.P.; Rev. Turner Granby, 124; W. Coxon Granby, 124; J. Black, W.M.; J. Teasdale, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. Farthing, P.P.J.G.D.; Heslop, P.P.G.P., and Rev. Thompson, P.G. Chap. of the Whitworth Lodge; R. Lee, W.M. and T. Robinson, of the Palatine Lodge; and Lawrence P.J.G.D., Marquis of Ripon Lodge.

#### HAMPTON COURT.

**Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 8th ult. Among those present were Bros. J. Spooner, W.M.; W. T. Peat, S.W.; Rice, J.W.; R. W. Simpson, S.D.; G. E. Gentle, J.D.; W. B. Flack, I.G.; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., G. Std. Br.; G. W. Cooper and D. Ross, Stwds.; H. Sapsworth, P.M.; T. Grant, P.M.; and H. Bond, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. R. H. Clement was raised to the Third Degree. The ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. William Thompson, and he, being in attendance, was duly initiated. Bro. Peat was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. J. Featherstone, P.M., Treas.; and Bro. J. Gilbert, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. J. Spooner, and a Treasurer's jewel to Bro. J. Featherstone, P.M., in recognition of his zeal and energy in carrying out the duties of Treasurer. Apologies for non-attendance were received from numerous brethren.

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

Bros. W. T. Peat, P.P.G. Org., and J. Featherstone acknowledged the toast of "The Provincial G. Officers." The first-named also replied to the toast of "The Master Elect." In the course of his speech he expressed a hope that his year would be as happy and as successful as any of his predecessors had been, and that he should have the hearty support of the Past Masters.

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

#### KNOTTY ASH.

**Bootle Wilbraham Lodge (No. 2463).**—Consecrated two years ago, this lodge has been specially notable for the plan of charity it has pursued so successfully. Devoting to benevolent objects a very large proportion of income, the result has been that during the past year a sum of about £80 has been voted for two popular Charities, £21 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and £59 to the West Lancashire Hamer Benevolent Institution. On Thursday, the 25th ult., the annual installation meeting was held at the Village Hall, where there was a numerous and influential assembly of the Craft.

Besides the ordinary chiefs and members of the lodge, there were present, as visitors, Bro. Dr. Crawford, P.G. Treas.; A. Cotter, P.P.G.S.B.; R. G. Bradley, P.P.G.D.C.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.S.G.D.; T. J. Jarman, P.D.G.D.C.; T. S. Tickle, W.M. 1264; J. P. Wage, P.M. 292; F. Pritchard, P.M. 86; J. Scott, I.P.M. 1570; H. Heard, W.M. 1609; J. Shield, P.M. 2294; J. R. Hankey, P.M. 1393; S. Williams, W.M. 496; J. C. Jones, S.W. 1393; W. Evans, P.M. 594; A. Morris, P.M. 1182; G. Johnston, W.M. 1182; and J. W. Hensley, P.M. 292. Bro. T. W. Oversby was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being very effectively performed by Bro. C. Fothergill, P.P.G.D. The following were appointed and invested officers of the lodge: Bros. E. H. Cookson, P.P.G.W., I.P.M.; W. H. Bucknell, S.W.; S. L. Fraser, J.W.; Rev. F. J. Powell, M.A., Chap.; George Holme, jun., Treas.; Kawsthorpe, Sec.; David Lowthian, S.D.; Thomas Holme, J.D.; Fothergill, P.P.G.D., D.C.; W. Burnett, Org.; Rev. F. J. Powell, M.A., I.G.; S. W. Smith, Joseph Clarke, T. H. Roberts, R. Roberts, and A. Waddell, Stwds.

At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, the brethren sat down to a banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. Casey.

In the course of the evening Bro. Councillor E. H. Cookson, the retiring W.M., as a mark of the genuine esteem in which he is held by the officers and members of the lodge, was presented with a vice-presidency of the Hamer Benevolent Institution.

Musical numbers were given by Bros. Heginbotham, Scott, Burnet, Mawdesley, Lewis, Sydney Smith, and the Knotty Ash Quartette Party.

#### MANCHESTER.

**St. George's Lodge (No. 1170).**—The installation meeting was held on Monday, the 22nd ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. In the absence of Bro. T. H. Black, W.M., Bro. Arthur Jefferis, P.M., P.P.G.W., took the chair, and opened the lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Jefferis was the Installing Master, and appointed the Installing Officers as follows: Bros. S. Moore, P.M., S.W.; P. Lawton, P.M., P.P.G.D., J.W.; G. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org.; Organist; and Thomas Black, P.M., P.P.G.D., I.G. Bro. J. C. Watham, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. J. E. Lees, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., and, after the usual formula, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Watham was inducted into the chair, and saluted and declared in the customary manner. Bro. A. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Org., presented the working tools, Bro. Wm. Brookes, P.M., Treas., addressed the W.M., Bro. S. Moore, P.M., the Wardens, and Bro. P. Lawton, P.M., P.P.G.D., the brethren. At the close, Bro. Thos. Black, P.M., P.P.G.D., presented his son, Bro. T. H.

Black, I.P.M., with an elegant gold Past Master's jewel, to mark the great love and pleasure he felt at seeing his son as a Past Master in the chair he occupied himself only two years ago, and remarked he could not have greater pleasure even if he were adorning the breast of a king. The event was greeted with applause.

At a subsequent banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

The following were present: Bros. T. H. Black, W.M.; J. C. Watham, S.W.; Wm. Leybourn, J.W.; R. W. Rouseley, P.M., Chap.; W. Brookes, P.M., Treas.; A. H. Williams, Sec.; H. Smith, S.D.; P. Lawton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D.C.; Geo. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.O. East Lancs., P.G.O. West Lancs.; A. Mercer, P.M.; J. Pitt-Hardacre, E. H. Piower, A. H. Jefferis, P.P.G.W.; T. Black, P.M., P.P.G.D.; John E. Lees, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; and Sam Moore, P.M. Bro. S. Kelly, P.M., was a visitor.

#### Manchester Dramatic Lodge (No. 2387).

—The installation of Bro. Charles Swinn, P.M., S.W., W.M. elect, turned out to be a very successful gathering. He is so well known, and is so genial to a vast amount of friends, that accounted for the very large attendance of influential brethren. The event took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on the 25th ult., whither the lodge has recently removed, so as to have greater accommodation and comfort.

The lodge was opened by Bro. J. M. Simpson, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. At this point Bro. Tom Ramsey, P.M., took the chair as Installing Master, and appointed Bros. E. G. Simpson, P.P.G. Dir. of Cers. Cheshire, as S.W.; E. R. Cooper, P.M., as J.W.; and Bro. Tom Cavanah, P.M., as I.G. Bro. Swinn, P.M., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. J. T. Richardson, P.M., P.P.G.D., and Bro. Ramsey inducted him into the chair very carefully and impressively. Bro. Swinn was duly saluted and proclaimed at the various stages. Bro. J. T. Richardson presented the working tools and address to the brethren generally, whilst the Worshipful Master's address was delivered by Bro. T. Cavanah, and that to the Wardens by Bro. E. G. Simpson. The following officers were invested for the ensuing year, and they were severally addressed by the W.M., who displayed great ability in the choice of expressions: Bros. J. M. Simpson, I.P.M.; F. R. Cooper, P.M., S.W.; T. H. Fitzsimmons, J.W.; T. H. Birch, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Richardson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; J. H. Greenwood, S.D.; D. H. M. Hart, J.D.; E. G. Simpson, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; George H. Brooks, I.G.; E. F. Stanley, A. G. Brown, and W. Stanion, Stwds.; and E. de Cantillon, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed Bro. Swinn expressed his intention of acting as a Steward to the forthcoming Festival of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution, and exhorted the brethren to support him on that occasion. An offertory was taken, and the lodge was closed.

Subsequently a banquet was held in the splendid dining hall, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

Bro. John H. Greenwood officiated with his usual exceptional ability at the organ in the lodge and the piano at the festive board. Recitations were given by Bros. W. Pitt Hardacre, W. Goodwin, and T. H. Fitzsimmons, J.W., and songs by Bros. J. H. Greenwood, Buckley Carr, P.M.; G. S. Smith, P.P.G.O.; S. Jacobson, P.M., and others.

Amongst those present were Bros. J. M. Simpson, W.M.; T. Ramsey, P.M.; Charles Swinn, S.W.; Fred R. Cooper, P.M., J.W.; Joseph T. Richardson, P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; T. H. Fitzsimmons, S.D.; W. Hart, J.D.; Edwin G. Simpson, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; J. H. Greenwood, Org.; E. de Cantillon, Thomas Cavanah, P.M.; C. S. Sykes, John Barlow, P. L. Rose, J. Salt, J. D. Curtis, and A. G. Brown. Visitors: Bros. John Chadwick, P.G.S.B., Eng., Prov. G. Sec. E. Lancs.; G. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org. E. Lancs., P.P.G. Org. W. Lancs.; Alfred Ingham, P.P.G.S.; R. Dottie, P.M.; William Craven, P.M.; F. M. Evanson, P.M.; H. T. Harrison, P.M.; Buckley Carr, P.M.; H. H. Martyn, P.M.; A. Jacobson, P.M.; E. Pike, P.M.; Archie C. Wilson, P.M.; W. T. Allitt, P.M.; R. Dearden; W. Farrington, P.M.; C. H. Beaver, P.M.; John Lawrenson, J. W. Hallam, Charles Vickers, H. B. Dresser, H. G. Walker, W. Pitt Hardacre, Edwin Goodwin, and others.

#### NEW BARNET.

#### Broxbourne Lodge (No. 2353).

—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 27th ult., at the Hadley Hotel, when there were present Bros. H. G. Holland, W.M.; H. Monson, S.W.; H. J. Ahern, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; E. J. Gittins, P.M., Sec.; T. Phillips, D.C.; J. W. Hunt, I.G.; J. Heilbrun and T. Patrick, Stwds.; T. E. Edmunds, acting Tyler; A. Long, H. Hempel, C. G. Ridgway, Willis, R. Ridgway, H. Roberts, Ramsbottom, A. A. Hunt, Nicholls, Max Thammel, Buchner, Knight, and others. Bro. T. W. Winsor, W.M. 1950, was a visitor.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular lodge meeting and emergency meeting were read and confirmed, and Bros. Bennett and Long were passed to the Degree of F.C. The ballot having proved unanimous in favour of Messrs. Crowther, Passenger, Wright, and Frith, those gentlemen were duly initiated into Freemasonry. The election of W.M. was unanimously in favour of Bro. H. Monson, S.W.

Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to a substantial banquet, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

#### OLD ELVET.

**Universities Lodge (No. 2352).**—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday evening, the 18th ult., when the installation of the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Lionel Booth, M.D., P.M. 1334, P.P.S.G.W., S.W., took place. Among the brethren present were Bros. Lionel Booth, M.D.; James Lawrence, M.D.; C. D. Hill Drury, M.D., Sec.; Canon Kynaston, D.D.; W. N. Cochrane; E. Jepson, M.D.; E. Ensor, M.A.; G. Hare Philipson, M.D.; G. Middlemiss, M.D.; Rev. E. Boddington, M.A.; Rev. A. Boot, M.A.; Rev. J. Lawson, M.A.; Rev. F. D. Brooks, M.A.; Rev. E. T. Collier Biggs, M.A.; J. A. M. Scobie, 1334; Jos. Willan, W.M. 1334; W. Brookes, M.A., 1399; Dodds, W.M. 1309; Tomkins, 1418; and others.

The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. J. Lawrence, M.D., P.S.G.D., *Installing Master*. After the installation, the W.M. invested the newly-appointed officers as follows: Bros. J. Lawrence, M.D., I.P.M.; E. Jepson, M.D., S.W.; E. Ensor, M.A., J.W.; Rev. E. Collier Biggs, Chap.; Canon Kynaston, D.D., Treas.; C. D. Hill Drury, M.D., Sec.; G. Hart Philipson, M.D., S.D.; G. Middlemiss, M.D., J.D.; Rev. E. Beddington, M.A., I.G.; Rev. J. Lawson, M.A., D.C.; Rev. A. Best, M.A., Stwd.; Rev. F. D. Brooks, M.A., Org.; and J. Matthews, Tyler.

After the ceremony of installation and other Masonic business had been transacted, a banquet in celebration of the annual festival was held at the Three Tuns Hotel, Durham.

The usual Masonic toasts, including that of "The Sister Universities Lodges" were proposed.

#### STOCKTON.

**Fraternity Lodge (No. 1418).**—On Thursday, the 26th ult., the annual festival of this lodge was celebrated in the Masonic Hall, Bro. James Wright, S.W., being installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. W. J. Watson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., after which the W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as the officers of the lodge for the year: Bros. Charles W. Anderson, I.P.M.; J. Tweedy, S.W.; H. Coulton, J.W.; W. T. Watson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., as Treas.; J. Cook, Sec.; J. W. Hogg, Org.; H. Tomkins, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., as D.C.; R. Gaunt, S.D.; W. C. Crouther, J.D.; J. R. Smiles, I.G.; H. Bell and J. Cooper, Stwds.; and B. R. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.T., as Tyler.

After the installation ceremony the customary annual banquet was held.

#### TWICKENHAM.

**Era Lodge (No. 1423).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, on Saturday, the 20th ult., when there were present Bros. H. T. Tallack, W.M.; F. W. Tallack, I.P.M.; D. Hart Davies, P.M.; H. Saunio, S.W., W.M. elect; C. H. Wheatley, J.W.; J. Beresford Ryley, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; G. L. Wingate, P.M., P.P.G.R., Sec.; J. Wheatley, S.D.; J. H. Anderson, J.D.; T. J. Peckham, I.G.; J. W. Brett, Stwd.; and W. Beaton, D.C. Visitors: Bros. G. Piquet, 2060; J. Oppenheim, W.M. 2060; W. R. Bentley Leigh, W.M. 957; S. Harlow, P.M. 657; J. G. Melbourn, 13; and Dr. R. Beswick Enoch, W.M. 11.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the accounts and Auditors' report for the past year were received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The chair was occupied by Bro. J. Beresford Ryley, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., and Bro. D. Hart Davies, P.M., presented Bro. H. Saunio, the W.M. elect, and a Board of installed Masters was constituted. Bro. Saunio was then installed in a most impressive manner and saluted. The new W.M. then appointed his officers. Bro. H. T. Tallack, I.P.M., was presented with a handsome jewel which had been voted by the lodge for the services he had rendered, and Bro. Tallack expressed his kind and grateful thanks. The sum of £5 5s. was then voted to a distressed brother from the lodge Benevolent Fund. Bro. J. Beresford Ryley having announced his intention of accepting a Stewardship at the annual festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February, 1896, a sum of £5 5s. was voted from the lodge funds to be placed on his list. It was also resolved to subscribe 10s. per annum to the Charity Committee of the province towards necessary expenses.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a well served banquet, at which the customary toasts were proposed and honoured.

During the evening a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. J. Beresford Ryley for the able manner in which he had installed the W.M. whom he had initiated into Freemasonry in this lodge. The thanks of the lodge were also given to Bro. Harlow and other visitors for the kind assistance they had rendered during the ceremony.

During the evening a few songs and recitations by some of the brethren present added considerably to the success of an enjoyable evening.

**Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel on the 10th ult., when there were present Bros. Capt. T. C. Walls, G. Sid. Br., P.M., Sec., as W.M., in the absence, through indisposition, of Bro. E. W. Davis; J. T. Briggs, P.P.G.D., P.M., Treas., as S.W.; Dr. J. W. Hinton, M.A., as J.W.; Brown, S.D.; H. Bright, I.G.; A. Toulmin, jun., P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; and J. Wynne Jones, M.D.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. W. Jones was raised to the Third Degree. The Treasurer submitted his financial statement to the lodge. A notice of motion to alter the date of the installation meeting was withdrawn. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. E. W. Davis, W.M.; A. Macchi, S.W.; W. Fisher, P.M. 1503, J.W.; W. Taylor, P.M.; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M.; R. Perry, P.M.; and others.

The lodge was then closed.

A dinner followed.

Bro. J. T. Briggs responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers;" Bro. A. Toulmin, jun., for "The Past Masters;" and Bro. Brown, Dr. Hinton, and H. Bright for "The Officers."

The proceedings then terminated.

#### WISBECH.

**Lodge of United Good Fellowship (No. 809).**—The installation meeting was held at the Rose and Crown Hotel, on Thursday, the 25th ult. Bro. A. J. Elworthy, P.G. Reg., W.M., was in the chair and upwards of 60 brethren were present. The visitors included Bros. B. Chennell, P.P.S.G.W. Camb.; Oliver Papworth, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec.; John L. Rutter, W.M. 88; James Catling W.M. 441; R. Percy; F. W. Simpson, W.M. 859; W. Sindall, S.W. 80; J. S. Youngman, P.M. 441; and also representatives of the Provinces of Lincoln and Norfolk.

Bro. A. J. Elworthy installed as his successor in the chair of K.S., Bro. J. R. Bambridge, P.P.G.P., and was assisted therein by Bro. H. Thorne, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Bro. G. W. Whitehead, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. acted as D.C.

The newly-installed W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. J. Elworthy, I.P.M.; E. B. Bellars, S.W.; T. B. Sullivan, J.W.; A. C. Crosfield, P.G. Chap.; John Leach, P.M., P.S.G.W., Treas.; W. Bray, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Sec.; W. Gilling, S.D.; John H. Foster, J.D.; H. Thorns, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., D.C.; Harry Davis, Org.; R. J. Sharman, I.G.; J. S. Johnson and T. Ground, Stwds.; and A. Bothamley, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Tyler. The lodge granted 10 guineas to the R.M.I. for Girls, the same to be placed on Bro. Percy Simpson's list as Steward.

At the close of the proceedings, the brethren partook of banquet, when the customary toast list was gone through.

#### YORK.

**York Lodge (No. 236).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 22nd ult., instead of the 15th, by virtue of a dispensation from the Prov. G.M., when Bro. Edwin Carter, W.M., presided, supported by his officers and a numerous attendance of members and visitors. The lodge having been opened and the minutes of last regular lodge and a lodge of emergency confirmed, an initiation and a passing took place. On the motion of Bro. Joseph Todd, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., G. Std. Br., seconded by the W.M., the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That the sum of 10 guineas be paid out of the funds of the lodge, and five guineas out of subscriptions and collections, to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at the annual festival in May next, the same to be placed on the list of Bro. Arthur Jones, I.P.M., who will represent the lodge as Steward." Bro. A. Jones acknowledged the vote. The lodge was then closed.

**Agricola Lodge (No. 1991).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Castlegate, when there was a numerous attendance. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Jas. Wm. Dow, was proceeded with, the installing Master being Bro. Capt. F. Hewson, P.M., P.Z., P.D.S.G.D. Malta, 18°, &c., who presided, in the absence of Bro. David Young, the W.M., who it was deeply regretted was seriously ill, and the Secretary was instructed to express the sympathy of the brethren by letter. The installing Master conducted the working with skill and dignity, and was assisted in the ceremony by the able experience of Bros. J. Sykes Rymer, P.M. 236, P.P.G.R.; S. Border, P.M. 236, P.P.G.R.; G. J. Robinson, 1337, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Manton, P.M. 1991, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. B. Sampson, P.M. 236; and J. Smith, W.M. 1611. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. David Young, I.P.M.; R. Spence, S.W.; Geo. H. Stott, J.W.; Geo. Pincombe, Chap.; J. Booth, Treas.; J. T. Gill, Sec.; G. Woolford, S.D.; J. Challis, J.D.; J. Riley, D.C.; Henry Masser, A.D.C.; T. F. Walton, Org.; John H. Hill, I.G.; E. A. Robinson, John S. Burnet, T. Leatham, and R. Rook, Stwds.; Jos. Booth, Almoner; David Young, Charity Representative; and R. Woodall, Tyler.

In addition to the officers, there were present: Bros. E. W. Purnell, P.M. 236; C. R. Warstell, W.M. 1337; J. Blenkin, P.M. 1611, P.P.G.D.; J. L. Spetch, P.M. 1611; F. H. Vaughan, 1611; F. Halliwell, J.W. 1611; W. S. Child, 1611, P.P.G.O.; T. Laverack, 1991; R. B. Gray, 1991; A. R. Wood, 1991; J. R. Thompson, 1991; J. Press, 1991; E. Lee, 1991; D. L. Rogers, 1991; T. B. Le Seilleur, 1991; Captain Elders, 1991; P. Pearson, 1991 and 1611; C. Wilson, 1611; W. N. Stimpson, 236; and others. The Secretary read letters of apology for absence from the following, amongst others, Bros. the Most Hon. the Marquis of Zetland, the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, the Dean of York, J. G. Butcher, M.P.; Sir F. Lockwood, M.P., Solicitor General; Joseph Todd, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., G. Std. Br.; T. B. Whythead, P.M., P.G.S.B.; M. Rooke, P.M.; A. Jones, P.M.; and others.

In the evening a banquet was held at the North-Eastern Hotel, when the guests, numbering about forty, were well served by host Bro. F. W. Halliwell. The W.M. presided, and, in the "loving cup," his health was proposed, and the following toasts were duly honoured: "The Queen and the Craft;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past;" "The R.W.P.G.M. of North and East Yorkshire, Bro. the Marquis of Zetland, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past;" "The Worshipful Master of Agrícola Lodge, No. 1991;" "The Installing Master and Past Masters of the Lodge;" "The Officers of the Lodge;" "The Sister Lodges of the Province;" "The Masonic Charities;" "The Visitors;" and the Tyler's toast.

Bro. W. S. Child, P.P.G.O., ably officiated as accompanist on the pianoforte, and songs were well rendered by the W.M., Bros. G. H. Stott, Geo. Woolford, D. L. Rogers, and Jas. Challis. A pleasant evening was spent.

### Royal Arch.

**Jerusalem Chapter (No. 185).**—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 9th ult., when there were present, among others, Comps. Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., D.G.D.C., M.E.Z.; Dr. Frye, H., First Principal elect; Blanke, P.S., J. elect; G. Davis, P.Z., S.E.; Hill and Witthous, Assistants; Cleg-horne, P.Z.; A. Hardy, P.Z.; E. A. Harris, P.Z.; and Isaacs. Comps. H. J. Lardner, P.Z.; Tuck, P.Z.; and Gregory, P.Z., were visitors.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. installed Comp. Dr. Frye as First Principal, and Comp. Cleg-horne installed Comp. Blanke as Third Principal. The installation of Second Principal was postponed till the next meeting. Among the officers invested were Comps. G. Davis, S.E.; Hill, S.N.; and Witthous, 1st A.S. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and a special vote of thanks passed to Comp. G. Davis, S.E., for his services. A Past Provincial Grand Officer's jewel was presented to the I.P.Z., and a bar to his P.Z.'s jewel, to commemorate his second year's tenure of the chair. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. Harfield, P.Z., Treas.; Islemann, H. elect; N. Moss, J.P., P.Z., and others. A notice of motion was given as

to changing the date of the installation meeting. The chapter was then closed.

The M.E.Z. presided most ably and genially, his utterances being marked by exceptional eloquence and originality.

#### DONCASTER.

**St. Magdalen Chapter (No. 242).**—This chapter was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at the St. George's Rooms, when there were present: Comps. F. Webb, M.E.Z.; J. Constable, H.; C. Goldthorpe, J.; C. H. Woodhouse, S.E.; S. Pegler, I.P.Z., acting S.N.; J. H. Pawson, P.S.; and G. H. Stock. Comp. P. Jenner, 985, was a visitor.

Although there was no work on it proved a very interesting gathering. After chapter was closed, light refreshment was partaken of in the ante-room.

#### GUERNSEY.

**Doyle's Chapter of Fellowship (No. 84).**—The installation meeting of this very excellent chapter took place as is customary on St. George's Day. The new Principals being zealous energetic Masons and extremely popular, a full muster of the companions and many visitors, many of them hailing from Loyalty Chapter, No. 243, had gathered together for this interesting occasion. Comp. J. T. Laine was placed in the first chair; Comp. T. P. Hamel in the second; and Comp. T. C. Royle in the third. Many Shropshire brethren may be interested to learn that Comp. Royle, who is a Past Grand Officer of their province, and who has now settled in this island for some years, is still as keen and indefatigable a supporter of the Craft as he was in days gone by at Shrewsbury. After the installation was completed, Comp. Colonel Guyon was appointed and invested as Principal Sojourner, and Comp. Wilkins, who has for so many years acted as Scribe E., was re-instated. The installation ceremony was conducted by the Provincial Grand Master, who, at the same time, vacated the first chair, which he had occupied for the last two years. Comp. Stickland, the Senior Past Principal, and to whom the chapter is deeply indebted for his constant and ever ready assistance and support, and who, moreover, is an accomplished ritualist, acted as Director of Ceremonies. Amongst the visitors we were pleased to note the presence of Comps. J. Stranger, M.E.Z., and Thorn, P.P. of 243.

#### STRETFORD.

**Urmston Chapter No. 1730.**—The regular convocation was held at the Coffee House on Monday, the 22nd ult. Comp. J. Chadderton, M.E.Z., presided. There were two candidates balloted for, and one being present, he was duly exalted by Comp. John Slyman, P.P.G.S.N., with his usual ability. Comp. J. Hardwicke-Marsh, J. 317, was asked at a moment's notice to fill the important office of P.S., which he did, and displayed very great ability, and rendered his portion very effectively indeed. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Comps. J. W. Leathley, M.E.Z.; Fred. Batty, S.E., H.; G. R. Lloyd, J.; Stringleman, S.E.; Nickson, S.N.; Swindells, P.S.; Wm. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., P.G.S.E., Treas.; Ormrod, 1st A.S.; Jackson, 2nd A.S.; Ibbotson, Org.; Chas. Cooper, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; Bell, Toombs, and John Walton, jun., Stwds.; and T. W. Bone, P.Z., and G. A. Myers, P.Z., P.P.D.G.D.C., Auditors.

The following were present: Comps. J. Chadderton, M.E.Z.; J. W. Leathley, H.; Chas. Cooper, P.P.G. Std. Br., acting J.; Fred. Batty, S.E.; J. Hardwicke-Marsh, P.S.; R. E. Stringleman, 1st A.S.; W. Ches-shyre, Janitor; John Slyman, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; Thos. W. Bone, P.Z.; R. Swindells, J. Ormrod, R. H. Ibbotson, and W. Toombs. Comp. Geo. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org., was a visitor.

#### WOKING.

**Bisley Chapter (No. 2317).**—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Bath-road, on Thursday, the 25th ult., when there were present: Comps. Major Geo. Collins, M.E.Z.; C. F. Passmore, H.; J. Webb, J.; J. J. Black, S.N.; J. W. H. Littleboy, P.S.; J. H. Askham, P.Z., Treas.; and A. H. Gale. Visitors: Comps. R. F. Gould, P.Z. 92; J. Hodgkin, Z. 255; J. H. Bidwell, S.E. 2120; W. Dix, 2120; E. Madeley, 2120; and A. Stileman, 777.

Bro. A. G. Jackman, 2317, having been duly balloted for, was then exalted, the proceedings being characterised throughout by an amount of zeal and ability on the part of the office-bearers, which it would have been difficult to surpass. Three brethren were proposed for exaltation, and there being no further business, the chapter was closed.

The companions then adjourned to refreshment, and the usual toasts followed.

Comp. R. F. Gould, who replied for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," said that the new office-bearers of the Grand Lodge had been appointed on the previous evening, and those of them that were Royal Arch Masons would shortly be placed in corresponding positions in the Grand Chapter. Among the latest selections for the highest honours of the Craft were some very notable members of their ancient Society. The new Senior Grand Warden was General Lord Roberts; the new Junior Grand Warden, Lord Barnard; one of the Grand Chaplains was a Bishop, and the other a Dean. Members of Parliament were also largely represented, and among them a well-known Surrey Mason and former Grand Warden of the province, Bro. T. T. Bucknill, Q.C., M.P., was a leading figure. Of the new Grand Officers, therefore, he ventured to predict that they would be found to amply justify the wisdom the Prince of Wales had displayed in their selection. Bro. Gould concluded by thanking the Companions for their hospitality, and assuring them that during a lengthened membership of the Royal Arch Degree, he had never seen a greater proficiency in the ceremonial attached to it, than was evinced by the officers of the Bisley Chapter on the several occasions he had been a visitor at their meetings.

#### YORK.

**Zetland Chapter (No. 236).**—The installation meeting of this chapter, attached to the York Lodge, No. 236, was held on Wednesday evening, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, when there was a numerous gathering of companions, including several Past Principals and visitors from other towns. The chair was occupied by Comp. M. Rooke, P.G.J., and assisted by Comp. H. Foster, P.G.D.C., he installed in the most able manner the officers as follows: Comp. J. G. Hodgson, M.E.Z.; C. M. Forbes, H.; Rev. C. E. L. Wright, J.; Jos. Todd, P.Z., Treas.;

F. W. Purnell, P.G.S.N., S.E.; H. G. Swift, S.N.; Dr. E. Sydney Gramshaw, P.S.; J. B. Sampson, 1st A.S.; Dr. Tweedy, 2nd A.S.; Geo. Balford, P.Z., Org.; Jno. A. Askew, D.C.; J. S. Shannon, Stwd; and Jno. Hall, Janitor. The report of the Auditors was satisfactory and adopted. It was stated that upwards of 21 guineas had been given to Masonic Charities during the past year. Much regret was expressed at the sudden indisposition of the Treasurer, Comp. Jos. Todd, P.Z., who on this date should have been in London to receive the honour of investment in Grand Lodge as Grand Standard Bearer. After the business, the companions dined together.

**Mark Masonry.**

**Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 238).**—This lodge met on the 16th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there were present among others Bros. L. W. Harvey, W.M.; N. Prower, M.A., P.M., Treas., P.P.G.O., as S.W.; Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., J.W.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; T. B. Dodson, S.O.; A. Clemow, P.M.; T. O. Harding, M.A., P.M.; and W. H. Holroyd, P.M. Bros. H. J. Lardner, P.G.D.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.G. Stwd.; and W. Fisher, P.G. Stwd., were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported that Bro. S. Valentine, S.W., W.M. elect, had resigned his office in consequence of constant ill-health, therefore Bro. Harvey would have to continue in office for another year. Bro. the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., was invested as S.W.; T. B. Dodson as J.W.; N. Prower, P.M., as Treas.; and T. C. Walls as Sec. The other appointments were postponed. The report of the Audit Committee having been read and adopted, a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. L. W. Harvey in recognition of his services.

A banquet followed. The W.M. was particularly happy in his remarks when prefacing the respective toasts. During the proceedings Bros. T. B. Dodson, Rev. R. C. Fillingham, H. J. Lardner, and F. W. Driver entertained the brethren.

**CHESTER.**

**Earl of Chester Lodge (No. 196).**—The installation meeting in connection with the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 17th ult., when there was a numerous attendance of the brethren of the Degree. The W.M. elect, Bro. Joseph Clarke, was duly installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Warren, who rendered the ceremony in an attractive manner. After the ordinary business had been transacted, the newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bro. G. Poole, S.W.; G. Forester, J.W.; Dr. Burgess, M.O.; R. C. Davies, S.O.; Cariss, J.O.; C. Edwards, Treas.; R. G. Hawkins, Reg.; John Morris, Sec.; J. Shaw, S.D.; J. Mayers, J.D.; Stanyer, Org.; C. Cordery, I.G.; and F. Davies, Stwd.

The brethren then dined together under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, who was most cordially received. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured.

Bro. S. W. Ramsden, P.P.S.G.W., replied on behalf of "The Cheshire Grand Lodge;" Bro. R. C. Edwards on behalf of "The Past Masters;" and Bro. Poole and Forester on the part of "The Officers;" whilst Bro. Armstrong acknowledged the compliment paid to "The Visiting Brethren."

During the evening sympathetic allusions were made to the great loss the lodge had sustained through the death of its founder, the late Bro. James Salmon. In the course of his address Bro. Ramsden gave an interesting narrative of the growth and development of the lodge, and gave testimony to the value of the services rendered by Bro. John Morris.

**Royal Ark Mariners.**

**Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 238).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 16th ult. Among those present were Bros. W. H. Holroyd, W.C.N.; L. W. Harvey, J., C.N. elect; N. Prower, P.W.C.N., Treas.; as S.; Captain Walls, P.W.C.N., P.G.C., Scribe; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.W.C.N.; T. O. Harding, M.A., P.W.C.N.; and the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Scribe installed Bro. W. H. Holroyd as W.C.N.; Bro. the Rev. R. C. Fillingham was invested as S.; Bro. N. Prower as Treasurer; and Bro. T. C. Walls as Scribe. The other appointments were postponed in consequence of the absence of the brethren.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to dine with the members of the Prince Leopold Mark Lodge under the presidency of Bro. L. W. Harvey.

During the proceedings "The Health of the W.C.N." was duly proposed and warmly received.

**Matier Lodge (No. 400).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 26th ult., at Mark Masons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Charles Moore Jessop, W.C.N.; Raymond Tucker, Japheth; George E. Lake, Shem; Charles E. Keyser, S.D.; E. J. Mills, Warden; H. W. Kiallmark, P.M., P.N.; William Vincent, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; James Hilditch Bradshaw, Henry Wright, and William Westcott.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. Henry Wright, William Westcott, and George Phillips Parker. The following candidates, namely, Bros. Bradshaw, Wright, and Westcott being present, were introduced and elevated by the W.C.N. to the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner. Bro. W. Vincent then assumed the chair and impressively enthroned Bro. Raymond Tucker as W.C.N. for the ensuing year. The W.C.N. appointed his officers as follows: Bro. George E. Lake, P.G.D., as Japheth; Charles E. Keyser, P.G.D., as Shem; Belgrave Ninnis, P.N., P.G.S.B., as Treas.; C. M. Jessop, I.P.N., as Scribe; J. H. Bradshaw, as S.D.; Henry Wright, as J.D.; Wm. Westcott, as Guardian; and E. J. Mills, as Warden. Letters and telegram of regret at unavoidable absence were read from Bros. Ninnis, Peckham, and Parker.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards dined together, when the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were observed.

**Ancient and Accepted Rite.**

**Mount Calvary Chapter (No. 3).** A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 12th ult. Among those present were Bros. H. J. Lardner, 30°, P.M.W.S., as M.W.S. (in the absence, through illness, of Bro. G. Grimwood, J.P.); Maj. W. B. Williamson, 30°, Prelate; Nelson Prower, M.A., 1st General; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; W. Maple, G.M.; Dr. T. W. Coffin, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Dr. V. Jagielski, Adams, Murray, and Biddlecombe. Ill. Bro. Godson, M.P., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. French Bromhead, P.M., was duly perfected by Ill. Bro. H. J. Lardner; Ill. Bro. Maj. W. B. Williamson, J.P., was unanimously elected M.W.S. A Past Sovereign's jewel was voted to Bro. G. Grimwood, J.P., for his services. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Grimwood, L. Steele, 30°; W. Paas, 30°; Maj. J. C. Anderson, 30°; Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, 30°; Capt. Baldwin, G. Pigache, J. Moore Smith, F. W. Driver, M.A.; Dr. E. M. Lott, 31°; C. F. Tayleure, M.A., and others. The chapter was then closed.

The banquet was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, and was presided over by Ill. Bro. Dr. Coffin.

**Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.**

**ST. JAMES'S UNION LODGE (No. 180).**—On Monday evening, the 28th ult., the Fifteen Sections were worked at this lodge, Bro. R. Sandland occupying the Master's chair. There was a numerous attendance of brethren, and the Sections were worked in an admirable manner by Bros. Dennis, T. Kelly, H. C. Parker, A. Terry, J. Mason, E. P. Luke, D. Haslett, P.M.; G. J. Taylor, E. D. F. Rymer, H. Whitney, E. B. Bloxham, C. Walker, P.M.; J. Paul, P.M.; W. Cleghorn, P.M.; and I. Moss. On the proposition of the Preceptor, Bro. D. Haslett, P.M., seconded by the J.W., Bro. Moss, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the W.M., who was also made an honorary member of the lodge. In responding, the W.M. expressed gratification at the large attendance, and cordially thanked Bro. Cleghorn, P.M., for kindly acting as S.W., as well as those brethren who had assisted him to work the Fifteen Sections.

**LA TOILERANCE LODGE (No. 538).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at the Fratelli, Oxford-street, W., when there were present: Bros. J. W. Elvin, P.M., P.Z. 538, W.M.; J. Hemming, P.M., S.W.; J. W. Smale, P.M., J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; J. Thom, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; George Hill, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Wilby, P.M., Sec.; H. C. Parker, S.D.; S. C. Cross, J.D.; G. A. Sturgess, I.G.; F. Jackson, P.M.; W. Rickwood, P.M.; D. Haslett, P.M.; W. B. Fendick, P.M.; M. Beedle, F. A. Zeppenfeld, L. Günzell, E. Kraus, W. C. Podger, J. Moss, J. J. Moar, B. Dukes, A. Terry, G. Fehrenbach, R. Sandland, C. Robinson, John Cumming, B. Goldberg, J. Levy, and T. A. Tidy. Visitors: Bros. C. Hunt, F. J. Hunt, William Slatter, M. G. Hall, E. Croft Wise, W. H. Kidson, and others.

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 and resumed in the First. The Seven Sections of the First Lecture were worked respectively as follows: 1st Section, Bro. J. Hemming, P.M.; 2nd, Bro. J. Smale, P.M., P.Z.; 3rd, Bro. A. Terry; 4th, Bro. W. E. Wilby; 5th, Bro. B. Dukes; 6th, Bro. J. Mason; and 7th, Bro. D. Haslett, P.M. The Five Sections of the Second Lecture were worked as follows: 1st Section, Bro. F. Jackson, P.M.; 2nd, Bro. G. Hill, P.M.; 3rd, Bro. R. Sandland; 4th, Bro. J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; and 5th, Bro. J. Moss. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, the W.M. rose for first time, when Bros. J. Levy, W. C. Podger, and W. Rickwood, P.M., were elected joining members, and the dues were collected. After the second and third rising, a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Paul, Preceptor, and seconded by Bro. J. Thom, Asst. Preceptor, to Bro. J. W. Elvin, P.M., P.Z. (formerly Preceptor of the lodge), for his kindness in presiding so efficiently at the working of the Sections. This was put and carried *nem. con.* and duly recorded on the minutes. Bro. Elvin suitably acknowledged the compliment, only regretting that unavoidable delay in acquiring the lodge-room had alone prevented the working of the whole of the Fifteen Sections. Thanks to the officers and workers concluded an instructive and enjoyable evening, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**MANCHESTER LODGE (No. 1310).**—A meeting was held on the 26th ult., at the Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, W., when there were present: Bros. Weston, W.M.; Lewis, S.W.; McVey, J.W.; Jabez Mason, Sec.; Kelly, S.D.; Lorch, J.D.; West, I.G.; G. Wood, P.M., Preceptor; Rudrum, P.M.; Dyke, Harris, Dingley, Drewell, Rowe, and Palmer.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rudrum being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. West, who rehearsed the investiture of officers. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, and Bro. Lewis was elected W.M. for the next meeting. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. R. P. Upton, W.M.; E. P. Woodman, S.W.; C. Smith, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; J. W. Clarke, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; W. Ropley, S.D.; C. Isler, J.D.; E. A. Wagstaff, I.G.; M. Tuck, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Essex; and A. Oliver, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Clarke being the candidate; afterwards that of passing, Bro. Oliver being the candidate. Part of the ceremony of raising was also rehearsed, Bro. Isler as candidate. Bro. Woodman was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

**MAIDSTONE.—ROBINSON LODGE (No. 2046).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 27th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Brewer-street. Present: Bros. E. Gratwick, W.M.; L. W. Stansell, S.W.; F. Blake, J.W.; H. Whyman, Preceptor; H. Potvine, Sec.; J. Dyke, I.G.; J. Gowen, Tyler; J. B. Groom, P.M.; and T. W. Lyle, P.M.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, when Bro. Stansell was voted to the chair for the meeting to be held on the 11th inst. The W.M. rose for the third time, when "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—A meeting was held on Friday, 26th ult., at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.W. Present: Comps. Schadler, M.E.Z.; Benedetti, H.; Hewett, J.; T. Grumant, P.Z. Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Cope, S.N.; Dawson, P.S.; Eggar, Loader, North, Meierhoff, Edwards, Willcox, Mayo, Block, Chapman, Addington, and Pullen.

The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Loader personating the candidate. Comp. Thomas W. Chapman, 101, was elected a member. Comp. Benedetti, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Comp. Hewett, J., was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for rehearsing the ceremony so ably for the first time. Comp. Stone, M.E.Z. 1275 installed Comp. Loader, H. 1622, into the chair of H. The chapter was then closed.

**THE SECOND ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 211.**

On Monday, the 22nd ultimo, the second annual supper of the above lodge took place at the Norland Arms, Addison-road, N.W., Bro. G. Cockerell, W.M. of the mother lodge, occupying the chair.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed, and immediately after lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent supper, prepared in Bro. Copley's best style, in whose house the weekly meetings of the lodge take place.

The usual loyal toasts were honoured, and several of the brethren contributed to the harmony during the intervals on the toast list, the piano being presided over by Bro. Louis Lee.

The indefatigable Preceptor of the lodge, Bro. G. E. HIGGINSON, P.M. 1791, gave a very interesting account of the progress that the lodge has made during its short career.

The popular W.M., Bro. G. COCKERELL, stated that he was very proud of his list which he should present at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls the greater part of which had been given to him by the members of the Benevolent Association in connection with the lodge of instruction.

The SECRETARY, in replying to the toast of "The Quill-driver," stated that the lodge had collected no less a sum than £100 14s. 2d. during its existence, which sum had gone to the Masonic Charities.

Thirty-eight brethren supported the W.M. on this occasion, and it was agreed by all present that the mother lodge, which, by the way, celebrates its centenary this coming autumn, might well be proud of its offspring, which is doing so much good in the cause of Charity, and in making Masons proficient in the ritual in the West-end of London.

**Obituary.**

**BRO. J. R. STACEY.**

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of our esteemed Bro. Jonathan R. Stacey, who died on the 29th ult. at his residence in Brixton-road. Bro. Stacey was well known in the newspaper world, and for upwards of 40 years was commercial manager of the *Morning Advertiser* newspaper, where his services were much appreciated. He was at an early age initiated into Freemasonry in the St. James' Union Lodge, No. 180, and was afterwards a Past Master of that lodge and P.Z. of the chapter. He was also one of the founders of the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, also of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541, and became Past Master of both these lodges. He was for nearly 20 years Preceptor of the well-known Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1541, held at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., and had also been Preceptor of the St. James' Union, the Constitutional, and the Alexandra Palace Lodges of Instruction, and was most indefatigable in giving instruction in the ritual of Freemasonry, and his fame as an instructor was carried by the numerous members of his lodges of instruction to all parts of the world. On his retirement from Freemasonry about 12 months since, he was presented by the members of his various lodges and other friends with an elegant service of plate, with an appropriate inscription as to his valued services. The interment took place at Norwood Cemetery, and representatives of the *Morning Advertiser* newspaper, and of the several lodges and lodges of instruction with which he was connected, as well as many private friends, attended to pay their last sad tribute of respect.

THE COURT of Common Council of the City of London has proposed to confer the Freedom of the City on the Right Hon. A. W. Peel, ex-Speaker, who has addressed a letter to Sir Richmond Cotton, the City Chamberlain, in which he states that it will give him sincere pleasure to accept the intended honour.



THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at 4 p.m.

THE DUKE OF ARGYLL has granted a site for a public hall, to be used as a drill hall, Masonic lodge, and similar purposes.

WE ARE ASKED to announce that the Evening Star Lodge of Instruction, Catford, had the last meeting of the season on Saturday, the 27th ult., and will resume on Saturday, the 28th September.

THE EMPEROR WILLIAM OF GERMANY has approved of the proposal to hold a lawn tennis tournament, open to military and naval officers, at Hamburg, on the 8th July next.

IN REPLY to a telegram from the Manchester City Council, the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society have accepted an invitation to hold their annual show in Manchester in the year 1897.

A COLLECTION of fine engravings after the works of Sir Edwin Landseer, belonging to the late Duchess of Montrose, was disposed of at Christie's on Wednesday, the sum realised being £1737.

FIELD MARSHAL Sir J. Lintorn Simmons, who has been appointed Honorary Colonel of the 1st Middlesex Volunteer Engineers, will be entertained by the officers of the corps at dinner at their head-quarters on Tuesday next, the 7th instant.

THE SADDLERS' COMPANY have remitted grants of 100 guineas to the Special Fund of St. Thomas's Hospital, £100 to the Gordon Boys' Home, and 50 guineas each to the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, the Royal Eye Hospital, the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, the Dental Hospital, and four other similar institutions.

MR. FURNESS, M.P., has made it known to the Mayors of West Hartlepool and Hartlepool that he has placed in the hands of trustees the sum of £12,500, to provide pensions for 50 old seamen resident in the Hartlepoons. Should the interest thereon be less than £500 Mr. Furness further undertakes during his lifetime to make up the amount so as to ensure £10 yearly to each pensioner.

AT A MEETING of the Liverpool City Council, on Wednesday, a letter from a local solicitor was read, in which it was announced that a plot of land comprising 103 acres, recently laid out as a recreation ground, was presented to the city, but the solicitor was not permitted to divulge the name of the donor. The rents from certain buildings on the land would suffice for its maintenance. The Council gratefully accepted the munificent gift.

THERE WAS a large and fashionable attendance at the Grafton Galleries on Wednesday, when the exhibition of "Fair Children" was opened, among those present being Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Granby, with their two young daughters, the Marquis of Lansdowne, the Countess of Romney, Bro. the Earl and Countess Cowper, the Earl of Suffolk, Lady Hothfield, Countess Cairns, and Lord Middleton.

THE ABERNETHIAN SOCIETY which was established as the Medical and Philosophical Society, in 1895, but altered its name in 1831, after the death of the eminent surgeon whom it commemorates, celebrated its 100th anniversary at St. Bartholomew's Hospital on Wednesday. A very interesting collection of relics of Mr. Abernethy was exhibited during the evening and subsequently the members of the Hospital Dramatic Society gave a performance of Maddison Morton's Farce, "A Regular Fix."

WE ARE VERY pleased to hear that Bro. George F. Black, of the Manchester Dramatic Lodge, No. 2387 (and the son of Bro. Thomas Black, P.P.G.D.), whose name has always figured so conspicuously in connection with garden parties, theatrical entertainments and concerts for the benefit of different Charities, especially the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, has been engaged by Bro. Henry Irving. He joins the company at the Lyceum early in June, and will go with them to America for a lengthy tour, on terms which are highly gratifying. We wish such a talented young artist every success.

FORMATION OF A LIVERPOOL MASONIC CYCLING CLUB.—A largely-attended meeting of brethren connected with various lodges in Liverpool and district was held on the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Bro. Ellis occupying the chair at the commencement of the proceedings. Bro. John Lane was unanimously elected president; Bros. J. C. Robinson and J. Clayton, vice-presidents; Bro. Thomas Price, hon. treasurer; and Bro. H. M. Shaw, hon. secretary. The rules of the club (bearing the title of the Liverpool Masonic Cycling Club) were subsequently considered in detail and adopted. It was resolved that the headquarters of the club should be at the Shipperies Hotel, Durning-road. Bro. T. B. Scott was elected captain, and Bros. H. Lord and W. Carne, sub-captains.

THIS 52ND ANNUAL REPORT of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York to 31st December, 1894, now issued, commences with funds in hand £33,177,685 16s., which became at the end of the year £41,899,208 10s. 3d., an increase of £3,721,522 14s. 3d. The insurance premiums were—new, £2,145,109 13s. 1d.; renewals, £4,963,306 4s. 6d., making together £7,108,415 18s. 5d. Considerations for annuities brought in £229,633 16s. 7d., an increase of nearly 10 per cent. Interest, rents, and dividends amount to £1,862,759 11s. 3d.; and there is a profit and loss balance, chiefly appreciations of securities, of £821,776 19s., making a total income for the year of £10,022,586 5s. 3d. The death claims of the year have been favourable, and, with matured endowments, amount to £2,723,706 14s. 4d., while surrenders and cash bonuses to policy-holders account for £1,491,744 2s. 2d. The increase in the amount insured is a notable feature, being upwards of 10½ millions pounds sterling. The company has also to be congratulated upon the returns under its 10 year distribution policy, of which the first issues have now matured.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK, with their son Prince Edward of York, arrived at York House, St. James's Palace, on Wednesday evening, from Sandringham.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN of Schleswig-Holstein attended the confirmation ceremony in the German Lutheran Church at Dalston on Sunday, and subsequently visited the German Hospital at Dalston.

SHER AFZUL, Kokan Bey, and other chiefs who led the enemy in the recent Chitral campaign, have been taken prisoners, while Umra Khan, Mohammed Khan and another brother are in Afghanistan, but under the surveillance of the Ameer's officers.

THE 83TH anniversary festival of the Licensed Victuallers' School will be held at the Crystal Palace in the month of July, and Mr. Theodore H. Watney, of the firm of D. Watney and Son, Limited, has very kindly undertaken to preside.

THE QUEEN, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice and Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, returned from her continental trip on Tuesday. Her Majesty left Darmstadt on Monday evening, and, travelling by special train, reached Flushing the following morning. There she embarked on board the Royal yacht for Port Victoria, and thence to Windsor, which was reached the next morning.

THE BARON DE COURCEL, the French Ambassador, presided at the annual dinner, which was held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Saturday evening last, in aid of the French Hospital and Dispensary in London, the Italian Ambassador and the Swiss Chargé d'Affaires being among the guests. The subscriptions and donations were announced as amounting to £2400.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Press Club was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Saturday evening last. Mr. Edward Pardon, the President, occupied the chair, and among the principal guests were Lord Harris, and Bros. Lord Charles Beresford, Sir Evelyn Wood, Sir Augustus Harris, Sir Arthur Sullivan, the Right Hon. D. Plunket, M.P., and Naoroji, M.P.

THE LATE Duchess of Montrose's collection of jewels, &c., was disposed of by public auction at Christie's Rooms, on Tuesday, there being a very large attendance of buyers and spectators. The excitement was great when her late Grace's necklace, composed of 362 fine pearls arranged in seven rows, was put up. The bidding commenced at £5000, and the necklace was ultimately knocked down for £11,500.

THE QUEEN OF THE NETHERLANDS, accompanied by the Queen Regent, and attended by the members of her suite, drove through the City on Monday, and afterwards visited the British Museum. Among those who have called on the illustrious visitors are the Duke of Cambridge, the Russian and French Ambassadors, the Swedish and Norwegian and Danish Ministers, the Prime Minister, Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Breadalbane, Lord and Lady Knutsford, and Sir William and Lady Harcourt.

OVER A THOUSAND people were present at the annual gathering at the City Terminus Hotel, in Cannon-street, on Tuesday evening, in aid of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage. The entertainment, which consisted of a ball and concert, was held under the patronage of Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, the City Sheriffs, Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, and the Metropolitan and City Commissioners of Police. The arrangements were excellent, and everything went off admirably.

AS THE Republic of Nicaragua has refused to give satisfaction to this country for the insults offered to our flag, and the indignities and injuries inflicted on the British Consul and sundry British subjects, some of the ships of our Pacific Squadron, under Admiral Stephenson, have taken possession of the Custom House and other government buildings in Corinto, which are now held by a detachment of bluejackets and Marines. There is every reason to believe, however, that Nicaragua will ultimately yield to the demands of Great Britain.

ON THE 10TH ULT., a meeting was convened at the Masonic Hall, Hanley, by Bro. Howson, W.M. of the Menturia Lodge, to consider a communication which had been received from the Prov. Grand Secretary asking if the brethren could provide accommodation for the holding of the Prov. Grand Lodge at Hanley. A resolution was unanimously passed to the effect that the accommodation would be provided. Much disappointment was subsequently experienced when it was stated that the accommodation was required for the meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge at Hanley in 1896, the year not having been mentioned in the letter received by Bro. Howson from the Prov. Grand Secretary. The Prov. Grand Lodge will meet at Walsall on the 8th instant.

ON SATURDAY, the 25th ult., the brethren of the Lewis Lodge, No. 1185, dined together at the King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green. The W.M., Bro. W. T. Hewett presided, and there was a good muster of brethren present. During the course of the evening a pleasing ceremony was performed by the W.M., who presented to Bro. Row, P.M., Treas., a silver coffee-pot and milk-jug, and to Bro. Lloyd, P.M., a clock, as a mark of esteem in which each is held by the lodge, and as a slight recognition of their long services. Each of the brethren named responded in suitable terms. The proceedings were enlivened by the vocal efforts of several brethren, notable amongst whom was Bro. Mackney, P.M., whose powers of entertaining are as strong as ever, he receiving great applause. As host, Bro. Buxton, P.M., performed his duties in a highly satisfactory manner.

BRO. F. W. DRIVER, M.A., P.M., P.Z., &c., author of "The Noble Soul," "The Submerged City," "Toujours Perdrix" (poems), "A Novel Vengeance," and "The Four Henries" (prose), recites his original productions at musical entertainments, smoking concerts, &c. For terms, address 62, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W.

A GREAT BLESSING TO HUMANITY is without doubt a medicine composed of ingredients that whilst it eradicates the germs of disease, strengthens the system. Holloway's Pills act in this manner, and in general debility, mental depression, and nervous irritability there is no remedy which operates so beneficially. They purify the blood, give tone to the stomach, and thoroughly regenerate the system. They are mild in operation, although most powerful in removing disease. Delicate females and young children can take them with safety and benefit. It would be difficult to enumerate all the advantages to be derived by taking these wonderful pills. No household should be without them, for there is no complaint which they cannot cure or relieve.

WEDNESDAY, the 5th inst., has been appointed for the reception of works of Art intended for the Summer Exhibition (the 34th) of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit-street Galleries.

AT THE regular meeting of the Lodge of Sympathy, No. 855, Wotton-under-Edge, held on the 9th ult., Bro. W. T. Adams, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation festival will be held in the Town Hall on the 17th inst., and the banquet at the Swan Hotel.

LORD RUSSELL of Killowen, Lord Chief Justice of England, presided at the festival dinner which was held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Tuesday evening, in behalf of the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, the amount of subscriptions and donations announced being £1687.

AT THE annual meeting of the John o' Gaunt Mark Lodge, No. 172, at Gainsborough on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., Bro. B. T. Adlard was installed W.M., and invested his officers. Bro. Liversidge, P.P.S.G.W., performed the installation ceremony, and the brethren afterwards held the customary dinner.

THE 51ST ANNIVERSARY and distribution of prizes of the Ragged School Union will be held at the Queen's Hall, Langham-place, on Monday next, the 6th inst., at 7 p.m., under the presidency of the Earl of Compton, M.P. The prizes will be distributed by her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany.

AT A RECENT COURT of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company, it was resolved to present an address of congratulation to the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London (Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Renals) on his accession to his high office, and to entertain his lordship at dinner at the Hôtel Métropole. The Lord Mayor has, accordingly, selected Monday, the 13th inst., when the dinner will be held at 7.30 p.m.

PRINCESS MARY ADELAIDE, DUCHESS OF TECK, was present at the annual meeting at Haberdashers' Hall on Monday of the Factory Girls' Country Holiday Fund. Bro. Alderman Sir David Evans presided at the meeting and mentioned that during last year 704 girls and women of the poorest class had been enabled by this Fund to enjoy a fortnight's rest and recreation in the country.

THE MARRIAGE of the Duke of Aosta and the Princess Hélène of France has been postponed in consequence of the accident which recently befell the Duke of Orleans. The Duke, however, is reported by the family physician to be going on satisfactorily. The Princess Hélène, accompanied by her mother, the Countess de Paris, will leave Southampton this (Friday) evening for Lisbon, en route for Seville, where the Duke of Orleans is laid up.

THE 86TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL of the Artists' Benevolent Fund was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Monday evening, under the presidency of Bro. John Hare, among the numerous guests being Bro. Lord Carrington (Lord Chamberlain), Bro. Sir F. Lockwood, Q.C., M.P., and Lady Lockwood, Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, Bro. and Mrs. S. B. Bancroft, Sir George Lewis, Bro. the Right Hon. David Plunket, M.P., Bro. Sir Douglas Straight, and Sir J. Carmichael, M.P. The subscriptions and donations amounted to close on £900.

AMONG THE GUESTS at the wedding party given at 78, Pall Mall, on Monday, by the Dowager Countess of Lichfield, after the marriage of her daughter, the Lady Edith Anson, with Capt. the Hon. L. F. King-Noel, 9th Lancers, and brother of the Earl of Lovelace, were the Earl and Countess of Lichfield, the Earl and Countess of Lovelace, Bro. the Duke and the Duchess of Abercorn, the Marchioness of Tweeddale, Bro. the Earl of Durham and Lady Anne Hamilton, Bro. Lord and Lady George Hamilton, Bro. Lord Frederic Hamilton, M.P., Bro. Lord and Lady Ernest Hamilton, Bro. Lord Claud Hamilton, Bro. Lord and Lady Amptill, and Bro. Lord Roberts and the Hon. Aileen Roberts.

BRO. THE REV. R. PECK, M.A., who has just been presented by Sir Henry Peck, Bart., to the living of Drewsteignton, is well known in Masonic circles. He is a Past Master of two lodges, P.Z. in the Royal Arch, P.M. in the Mark, and has held office in the Provincial Grand Lodges of Jersey and Suffolk as Prov. Grand Chaplain, and in the Provincial Grand Chapter of Suffolk as Prov. G. Scribe N. In the Mark Province of East Anglia he is a Past Prov. Grand Chaplain, and in the Order of the Temple Past Prov. Grand Almoner East Anglia. He is Grand Chaplain in the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and has served several Stewardships, and is a supporter of the different Masonic Institutions.

BRO. JAMES STEVENS, P.M. 1426, &c., has returned from a six weeks' tour in Scotland, in many of the principal cities and towns of which country he, as representative of the Australian Irrigation Colonies, has delivered his instructive and entertaining lecture on "The Fruit Groves of Australia," more particularly in relation to the important and prospering settlements of Milduras and Kenmark. The exceedingly beautiful limelight photo views by which his lectures are illustrated, and the lucid explanations given of the progress of the settlements, appear to have excited great interest, and press notices are unanimous in their appreciation of our brother's efforts. We are very pleased to note the hearty and kindly reception given to Bro. Stevens by our Scottish brethren on sundry occasions, when opportunities offered for his associating with them, in their several lodges.

A RECEPTION was held in the Grafton Galleries in honour of Mr. Auguste Manns, who has been the musical conductor at the Crystal Palace for so many years, and who, in that capacity, has rendered such valuable services to the promotion of musical taste in England. There was a very large gathering on the occasion, among those present being H.R.H. the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (Duke of Edinburgh), Lord Chelmsford, Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, Sir George Grove, Bros. Sir Arthur Sullivan and Sir Joseph Barnby, Sir Alex. C. Mackenzie, Bros. Sir Augustus Harris, Sir Walter Parratt, Sir Frederick Abel, and Sir John Puleston, Bro. Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair and Miss Sinclair, Madame Albani, Bros. O. Barrett, Lennox Browne, Wilhelm Ganz, and Wilhelm Kuhe, Mr. Santley, Madame Lemmens-Sherrington, and others. Sir Geo. Grove read the address, in which the Reception Committee gave expression to their sense of gratitude for Mr. Manns' services, and the latter having gracefully acknowledged it, the proceedings terminated.