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THE RECENT ELECTIONS TO THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Annual General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Friday, the 17th instant, when 20 men and 20 widows were elected to fill a corresponding number of vacancies on each Fund, there being, however, in each case only 17 vacancies to be filled immediately, the remaining three being deferred, that is to say, they will be filled as they occur without further reference to the ballot. There was, as may be imagined, a full attendance of those interested in the result of the polling, and the excitement was, as invariably happens when the number of candidates is largely in excess of the number to be elected, very great. For the

MALE FUND

there were, as we have just said, 20 vacancies, the Committee of Management having boldly determined on creating five additional annuities, thereby raising the number of old brethren on the Fund from 195 to 200. The Province of Kent had the good fortune to secure the post of honour by placing one of its five candidates at the head of the poll with 5170 votes, it being the applicant's first attempt to win admission to the benefits of the Fund. The second and third places were also taken by new candidates, one of three from Warwickshire being placed at No. 2 with 4885 votes, and the Hants and Isle of Wight brother at No. 3, with 4606 votes. A second Kent brother came next with 4562 votes, but of these 2492 were brought forward from the elections in 1893 and 1894, while the remaining 2070 were polled on Friday. No. 5, who was one of two East Lancashire candidates, and an applicant for the first time, obtained 4395 votes, and No. 6, from Wiltshire, who started with 279 votes from last year, had that number increased to 4331. A new candidate, who hailed from Derbyshire, stood seventh, with 4323 votes, and another of the like description, who was initiated in Bombay, and subsequently joined lodges in Northants and Hunts and Cornwall stood next with 4129 votes. One of the two candidates hailing from North and East Yorkshire, who brought forward 38 votes from 1893 and 1894, increased his total to 3979 votes and thereby secured the 9th vacancy. The tenth place fell to the solitary West Yorkshire candidate for whom his Province polled 3946 votes. No. 11, from Shropshire, was placed next in order with 3943 votes, and was followed by one of two brethren from West Lancashire, who started with 979 votes in hand from five previous ballots, and had the good fortune to augment his total by 2940 votes to 3919. A new applicant from Middlesex stood at No. 13 with 3870 votes, and one of three previously unsuccessful candidates from Cornwall at No. 14, with 3638 votes, of which 2442 were already standing to his credit from last year's ballot. The brother who came next was one of 15 candidates hailing from London, and won his vacancy right off with 3600 votes, while a second Warwickshire candidate, who brought forward 2280 votes from last year was close up with 3589, who was still more closely followed by a second London brother with 3585 votes. The three deferred annuities were secured by two out of five Suffolk brethren with 3565 and 3378 votes respectively, and one of two candidates from Nottinghamshire, who polled only 29 votes at his first attempt last year, but was successful in winning a further 3228 votes on this occasion, making his final total 3257. It will thus be seen that out of a list reduced by deaths from 61 to 58, of which latter number 15 were furnished by London and 43 by the Provinces and abroad, London was only able to win two vacancies, while the remaining 18 fell to the Provinces. This does not speak volumes in favour of the London management of its votes, especially when we find that the five highest unsuccessful candidates, who polled 3181, 3146, 2666, 2405, and 2025 votes respectively, all hailed from London. The other candidates who made a fair show were No. 26 (Suffolk) with 1890 votes, No. 27 (London) with 1533 votes—of which 1386 were brought forward from 1892, 1893, and 1894—No. 28 (London) with 1469; No. 29 (Guernsey and Alderney) with 1163 votes, and No. 30 with 1021 votes. Of the remaining 28, there were only six that obtained over 500 votes. It is also to be noted that only seven out of 26 candidates surviving from last year were able to win places, and amongst these seven is to be found only one out of the first 11 on the list, that is, of brethren who had been candidates for periods ranging from 3 to 12 years, while of the new candidates, as many as 13 obtained annuities. As regards the votes, there were 14,968 brought forward and 96,183 issued for the election, giving a total available of 111,151 votes. Of this number, 107,238 were passed by the Scrutineers, so that 3,913 were unused or spoiled.

For the 20 vacancies on the

WIDOW'S FUND.

there were 51 candidates, and here again there will be noted a marked disproportion between the successes achieved by the old candidates, exactly one

half of the annuities being distributed among the 30 widows who remained from last year, while of the 15 new candidates 10 succeeded and five failed. In this case also, of the 10 oldest candidates, who had been on the list for periods ranging in the case of the oldest from 14 years down to, as regards Nos. 9 and 10, seven years, only one obtained a vacancy, and the other nine must still go on hoping against hope that, if they survive long enough, they may in time succeed in being placed on the establishment. However, in one important particular, there is a material difference in the results of the polling for the two Funds. For the Men, as we have pointed out, London, with 15 candidates was able to place only two of them among the successful, while the Provinces and Abroad, which furnished 43 candidates, won 18 places. But for the Widows' Fund, London had the satisfaction of carrying seven out of its 10 candidates, and the Provinces 13 out of 41. The highest on the poll hailed from London, and having obtained 4907 votes at the elections in 1892, 1893, and 1894, obtained further support to the extent of 972 votes, and thereby raised her total to 5879. No. 2, who brought forward 542 votes from last year, came from the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and polled in all 5756 votes, while No. 3, London, with 2205 votes in hand, finished with a total of 5697 votes. No. 4, with claims on North and East Yorkshire and Lincolnshire was a new candidate, and scored off the reel 5523, and No. 5—one of two candidates from West Lancashire—followed suit by totalling up 5405 votes. The next in order was an old candidate from Durham, who had taken part in seven previous elections, and as she had had the good fortune to accumulate during those seven years 3746 votes, the Province, by supporting her with a further 1627, raised her total to 5373. The Norfolk applicant, who was new to polling experiences, raised 5289 votes and came out seventh, and an old London candidate with 25 votes in hand won the eighth place with 5277 votes, while No. 9, from Durham, had 5130 votes polled for her. No. 10, from West Yorkshire, had 4988 votes in hand at starting, and a further 10 votes transformed her from an applicant for an annuity into an annuitant. One of three candidates from Kent, with 3954 votes already to her credit, made up her poll to 4709 votes, while No. 12, a new candidate from West Yorkshire, was close at hand with 4701 votes. London furnished the next in order of success, the number of votes polled for her being 4694, and West Yorkshire the next, with 4657 votes. No. 15, from Essex, scored 4636 votes, the fourth West Yorkshire widow 4563 votes, and a second Kentish candidate 4552 votes, of which 796 were brought forward, and 3756 polled at this election. The three who will be told off to fill the Deferred Annuities as they occur, are all London candidates, and obtained 4502 votes—of which, however, 2034 were the result of a previous effort—4394 votes, and 4038 votes respectively. Of the Unsuccessful Candidates, there was only one who had the slightest approach to a chance of success, and she hailed from Madras, and polled 3018 votes. Next to her stood one of three widows hailing from Warwickshire, who obtained 1891 votes, and next to her the widow who has been for so many years on the list, and after 15 successive attempts to obtain the benefits of the Fund has at length secured 1758 votes in support of her claims. She belongs to the London district, had 1171 votes at starting, and in a few months will be 80 years of age. There were two others—both of them candidates remaining from the 1894 election—who polled upwards of 1000 votes, namely, one of three hailing from the Province of East Lancashire, who brought forward 15 votes, and raised her total to 1435 votes, and the other, being one of seven candidates from Devonshire, and scoring 1301 votes, of which 786 already stood to her credit. There was one candidate who polled 906 votes, but the votes given to the others were few in number. The number of votes brought forward was 27,777, and the number issued for this election 94,618, making a total available of 122,395. But the number that passed the Scrutineers was only 113,308, the number unused being 9087, which is decidedly a higher percentage than usual of the votes issued.

We cannot help reiterating our regret at the failure of the senior candidates for both Funds. We know nothing of their circumstances beyond what is furnished by the Committee of Management in the printed lists of applicants which are issued with the voting papers; but we know this much, that their claims have been investigated by the Committee, their petitions approved, and their names ordered to be placed on the lists for election. Yet, possessing no more than this very limited knowledge, we say it amounts to little less than a scandal that these poor old people should have been trotted out year after year for periods ranging from 10 to 15 years just to go through the farce of having a few more votes added to their previous polling record. It were far better their names were struck off the lists than that they should be encouraged to entertain the hope that some day or other they may wake up and find themselves annuitants on one or other of the Funds of our Benevolent Institution. We have already said that of the 10 senior candidates for the Male Fund one succeeded, and of the 10 senior on the Widows', one. For the nine unsuccessful on the former there were polled on Friday last 669 votes in all; for the nine unsuccessful widows in all 715 votes. We trust that next year something will be done by the Governors and Subscribers to secure for these brethren and widows the annuities of which the Committee of Management has adjudged them worthy.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

VISIT OF THE M.W. THE PRO GRAND MASTER, THE EARL OF EUSTON.

The annual meeting of this flourishing province was held at Leeds on Wednesday, the 15th inst., under exceptionally auspicious circumstances. When it became known to the brethren that the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, had accepted the Provincial Grand Master's invitation and intended to pay them a visit, no effort was spared to ensure to Lord Euston a hearty reception, and to make the gathering representative and successful. The result was one of the largest assemblages of Mark Masons which West Yorkshire has seen. It was not only numerous, however, it was brilliant.

Amongst those who accompanied or came together to greet the Pro Grand Master, in addition to Bro. Charles Letch Mason, Prov. Grand Master, and his Deputy, Bro. John Barker, were—

Bros. A. Woodiwiss, P.G.M. Derbyshire; John W. Woodall, P.P.G.M. N. and E. Yorks; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec.; W. Masterman, D.C.L., Deputy P.G.M. Notts.; Rev. Manley Power, M.A., P.P.G. Chap. Berks and Oxon.; F. Cleeves, P.G. Std. Br.; H. S. Holdsworth, G. Std. Br.; J. H. Gration, P.G.S.; J. W. Monckman, P.G.S.; Geo. H. Parke, G.S. (nominate); W. R. F. Morton, Prov. G. Sec. Lincoln; Tudor Trevor, P.P.G. Sec. W. Yorks.; W. E. Smithies, P.M. 53, Chas. Woollons, P.M. 110, W. F. Wilkinson, P.M. 58, and C. T. Rhodes, P.M. 58, Prov. G. Wardens; Richard Hodgson, P.M. 58, Thos. Myers, W.M. 111, Thos. Gaukroger, P.M. 14, John E. Craven, P.M. 14, G. H. Radcliffe, P.M. 58, W. Flockton, P.M. 111, and E. Billington, P.M. 127, Prov. G. Overseers; H. G. E. Green, P.M. 110, and Geo. F. Carr, P.M. 457, Prov. G. Treasurers; W. S. Blackburn, P.M. 374, and J. P. Hewitt, P.M. 53, Prov. G. Regs.; Joseph Matthewman, 110, Prov. G. Sec.; J. J. Martin, P.M. 110, Prov. G.D.; Thos. Wrigley, P.M. 14, Prov. G.I. of W.; Thos. Robertshaw, P.M. 58, and Thos. Norfolk, P.M. Old York, T.I., Prov. G.D. of Cs.; William Cockroft, P.M. 14, Prov. G.S.B.; Frederick Webb, P.M. 398, and Dr. S. Jacob, P.M. 352, Prov. G. Std. Brs.; John Brook, 137, Geo. Carbert, 110, and Geo. Wragg, W.M. 53, Prov. G. Orgs.; T. H. Pattinson, Prov. G.I.G.; T. B. Wilson, P.M. 457, M. J. Dodworth, P.M. 53, W. Senior, P.M. 127, and Chas. Middleton, P.M. 111, Prov. G. Stwds.; Geo. Jackson, W.M. 137; A. Armitage, 137; W. C. Fox, 53; A. J. Forsdike, 53; J. T. Thompson, 53; T. G. Howell, J.W. 137; J. Wood, 127; C. Sugden, 127; Chas. Lingard, P.M. 127; G. Hallas, 14; T. Rowbotham, 53; W. Crabtree, 58; Wm. Laycock, J.W. Old York, T.I.; Jos. Hartley, 110; W. N. Pearson, 110; F. Stafford, 110; R. Bowman, 110; B. S. Bailey, 374; W. Fearnough, 53; Wm. Walker, 53; W. A. Statter, W.M. 110; J. E. Mann, 457; J. H. Pawson, 398; W. W. Clayton, I.P.M. 374; J. Naylor, Sec. 137; J. B. Parkin, P.M. 352; John Reed, 398; A. Leach, I.P.M. 110; G. H. Clemons, W.M. 352; T. E. Greenhough, I.P.M. Old York, T.I.; J. Hill, T.I.; G. Patchett, W.M. 58; C. W. Hudson, T.I.; A. Wilson, W.M. 457; J. W. Smith, Sec. 374; Henry Smith, Dep. P.G. Master (Craft) West Yorks, and many others.

A Mark lodge was formed by Bro. T. Myers, W.M., and the officers of Copley Lodge under whose banner, jointly with that of St. Chad Lodge, No. 374, the meeting was held; after which the Prov. Grand Master, his Deputy, and the officers of the province, entered and opened Prov. Grand Lodge.

After the usual salutes, the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, and other Grand Officers entered and were most cordially received and saluted by all the brethren present.

The roll of lodges was called; all were represented, many of them very strongly, and of the Prov. Grand Officers only three were absent.

The Prov. Grand Secretary presented letters of regret at inability to be present from, amongst others: Bros. the Earl of Yarborough, Canon Tristram, Hon. A. de Tatton Egerton, F. Richardson, Percy Wallis, Jack Sutcliffe, R. Berridge, E. Letchworth, Col. R. G. Smith, Col. A. B. Cook, R. B. Reed, T. B. Whythead, M. C. Peck, Chas. Byford, R. Newhouse, John Chadwick, and the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P. Bro. Jackson, who has quite recently joined the Mark Degree, particulars of whose advancement appeared in our issue of 30th March last, wrote as follows:

"House of Commons, May 14th, 1895.

My dear Bro. Mason,—

I am greatly disappointed that I am unable to be with you to welcome and salute the Pro Grand Master of the Mark Masons. I have explained to you why I am detained in London, and therefore I need not go into that question here. I beg, however, that you will be good enough to allow the Secretary to inform the brethren that circumstances of public business alone keep me away.—With my hearty good wishes to all, believe me, yours truly and fraternally,

W. L. JACKSON.

Rt. Worshipful Bro. C. Letch Mason, Prov. G.M. of Mark Masons."

The minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Sheffield in November, having been presented and confirmed, the PROV. GRAND MASTER rose and said:

M.W. Pro Grand Master, R.W. Visiting Brethren, and Brethren of my own Province. It has been customary at our half-yearly gatherings to deliver an address, but, considering the auspicious occasion on which we are now assembled, it is not my intention to detain you very long. I desire, however, during the few minutes at my disposal, to call your attention to some matters connected with this province. Our Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was formed on the 2nd of August, 1871, so that next year we shall complete, as it were, our silver wedding, or to speak more correctly, the first quarter of a century of our existence. At that time there were but seven Mark lodges in West Yorkshire, six of these united at once to form the province, but one did not come in until 1874. There are now 12 lodges. This cannot be called a rapid increase, but I think we may say that it is steady progress, especially when we take into account the flourishing condition of the lodges. Signs of activity in some places are remarkable, notably in Sheffield, Halifax, Leeds, and Bradford. We have recently had the pleasure of advancing to this Degree the Right Hon. and Right Worshipful Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Craft Masonry in West Yorkshire. I may say that it is a very great disappointment to Bro. Jackson (as you will have heard from the letter which has been read to you) that he is not amongst us to-day, to join with us in giving a welcome to our M.W. Pro Grand Master. Although his Parliamentary duties keep him away, I know he is with us in spirit, and I hope we shall see him on some future occasion. I desire to thank the brethren of the province for their kind help towards the benevolent fund, and more especially would I remember our friends in Sheffield. Last year we raised, in the province, £112. For the coming festival, under the presidency of Lord Skelmersdale, to be held on the 10th of July, I hear from our energetic Provincial Grand Secretary that we shall not be far short of that sum this year, that we may be able even to exceed it. Our Charities are worthy of support, and I commend them to your kind consideration. During the past year we fortunately have lost very few brethren by death, yet I feel we must express our sympathy with our Barnsley brethren in the loss

they have sustained by the decease of Bro. Fincken, P.M., and our brethren of the St. Chad's Lodge in that of Bro. J. B. Hargreaves, P.M. Both were good and worthy men, brethren who have in their time done excellent service to our Order. It is now my pleasing duty to give and ask you to join me in giving a most hearty welcome to our M.W. Bro. the Earl of Euston, Pro Grand Master of England. I consider it a very high honour to have him amongst us to-day, and I am sure it is very gratifying that, notwithstanding the numerous engagements that press upon our M.W. Pro Grand Master, he has found time to come amongst us. We have prepared an address of welcome, sealed with the seal of the province, and, before I have the pleasure of handing it to Lord Euston, I will call upon our Provincial Grand Registrar, Bro. W. S. Blackburn, to read it:

It was in these words:

PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

To the Most Worshipful the Earl of Euston, Pro Grand Mark Master Mason of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown.

M.W. Sir,—We, the Provincial Grand Master, Prov. G. Officers, and brethren of West Yorkshire, tender to you a most hearty and sincere welcome on this your first visit to this prosperous and harmonious province.

As the distinguished representative of our M.W. Grand Master we can assure you that the Mark Masons of the West Riding of Yorkshire yield to none in their loyalty and attachment to H.R. Highness, and to the Officers of the Grand Mark Lodge of England.

We esteem your presence here to-day, and that of the other officers of Grand Lodge who accompany you, as a very high honour indeed, and we trust you will find, brief though your sojourn amongst us may be, that we endeavour faithfully to carry out the true principles of Mark Masonry, that we recognise our duties and obligations, and that we rejoice to extend to you that hospitality and kindly feeling, for which our county has obtained, we venture to hope, a not undeserved reputation.

Signed on behalf of the province,

[SEAL]

CHARLES LETCH MASON,
Prov. G. Master.
JOSEPH MATTHEWMAN,
Prov. G. Secy.

Leeds, 15 May, 1895.

The Pro Grand Master, on rising to reply, was cheered vociferously. He said: R.W. Provincial Grand Master and brethren of West Yorkshire,—I can hardly find words sufficiently strong in which to thank you for the hearty reception you have accorded to me. West Yorkshire I have always heard was proverbial for its hospitality, and I have indeed ample proof of the truth of it to-day. So far as I can judge, and as, in fact, I am informed, you are a powerful, prosperous, and harmonious province, and I can assure you it is a great satisfaction to me, as representing our Grand Master, that that is so. Much of the credit for this satisfactory condition lies, I do not hesitate to think, in the fostering care and unremitting attention which your Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Charles Letch Mason, has bestowed upon the province over which he tells us he has now ruled nearly 12 years. Permit me to thank you most sincerely for your welcome, and let me add that whatever I can do to further the interests or advance the cause of Mark Masonry in West Yorkshire, or in any part of England, is always at the command of my brethren; and if my presence here can produce influence for good to the Order, I shall be happy at some future time to visit you again. In the name of the Grand Officers around me, as well as in my own, I once more thank you.

The P.G. REGISTRAR, on being called upon for his annual report, said that, whilst four of the lodges had admitted no new members during the year, yet others had greatly increased, and especially was this the case with Britannia, 53; Copley, 111; Fearnley, 58; and Old York, T.I. He regretted to find that the number in arrears was rather greater, but the resignations showed considerable decrease; and whilst he could not quite consider the province to be enthusiastic, yet it might fairly be described as both vigorous and flourishing.

Bro. HERBERT G. E. GREEN, Prov. G. Treas., after presenting his balance-sheet, which was adopted, proposed Bro. W. W. Clayton, P.M. 374, as his successor.

This, on being seconded by Bro. G. F. CARR, P.P.G. Treas., was carried unanimously, Bro. Clayton's name being received with general approval.

The retiring Provincial Grand Officers were then called to the dais and handed in their collars, after which the following brethren were invested for the coming year:

Bro. Thomas Wrigley, 14	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Maurice J. Dodworth, 53	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Dr. Samuel Jacob, 352	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" Thomas Norfolk, T.I.,	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" Walter Hanson, 58	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. Geo. H. Stock, M.A., 398	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. W. Clayton (elected) 374	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Chas. Middleton, 111	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Joseph Matthewman, 110	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Thomas Uttley, 14	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Wm. Jas. Morris, 58	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" William Senior, 127	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" Alfred Leach, 110	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Thos. Bland Wilson, 457	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Tom Tomlinson, 111	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Charles Lingard, 127	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" C. H. Woodhouse, 398	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. Earp Greenhough, T.I.	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" W. Aked Statter, 110	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" Geo. Jackson, 137	...	...
" J. Brooks Parkin, 352	...	...
" Geo. H. Clemons, 374	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. H. Newton, 111	...	...

The next business was important. It was to recommend to the M.W. Grand Master a brother of eminence and ability to occupy the position of Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire for the next three years.

Bro. F. CLEEVES, P.M. 53, P.G. Std. Br., at once rose. He pointed out how long and faithfully Bro. Charles Letch Mason had served the province; that he was about to complete his fourth term of three years. He reminded the brethren of the condition of Masonry 12 years ago, and begged them to bear witness to its steady growth since. "I ask you, therefore, brethren," continued Bro. Cleeves, "unanimously to agree to recommend Bro. Charles Letch Mason to our M.W. Grand Master for a further term of three years. You know his merits; it is quite unnecessary for me to go into them. I therefore leave the verdict with you, with perfect confidence as to the result."

Bro. J. W. MONCKMAN, P.M. Old York (T.I.), P.G.S., as one of the oldest Mark Masons now living in the province, most heartily joined, and asked the brethren to join in the recommendation of Bro. Mason's name. He pointed out how much West Yorkshire owed to Bro. Mason, the great work he had done, and the flourishing condition of the lodges under his rule.

No other name having been submitted, the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER asked the Prov. Grand Secretary to take the proper steps when the time came to give effect to the recommendation of this Prov. Grand Lodge.

Bro. MASON, in a few appropriate words, briefly thanked the brethren for this mark of their confidence.

The election of the two Wardens and three Overseers to serve on the General Purposes Committee finished the business of the meeting. The Pro Grand Master and officers of Grand Lodge retired, and the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. C. L. Mason, subsequently presided at the banquet, which was held in the same hall.

The toast of "Her Majesty the Queen and Mark Masonry" having been proposed and duly honoured,

The CHAIRMAN said the next toast he had to submit to the brethren was that of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., M.W. Grand Master." Those of them who had been privileged to be present at the installation of His Royal Highness as Grand Master of the Mark for the present year would not forget that day, and he was one of those privileged individuals. Through the forethought of some enterprising brother, a photograph was taken of the scene, and he had the honour to appear in the picture. It was a most enjoyable meeting, and only those who were present could realise the interest which His Royal Highness took in Mark Masonry. It was a great advantage to Masonry that the heir to a throne like that of England should take an interest in the Order; it showed that he appreciated its importance. It was an institution of which the more they knew the more it was valued.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said that the toast he had next to propose was one he was sure they would receive with the greatest enthusiasm. It was "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He considered it a great honour that their Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master had paid a visit to West Yorkshire that day. It had given great *éclat* to their proceedings, and a deep dept of gratitude was due to him for the honour he had done them, especially when they considered his numerous engagements. On Sunday and Monday he was informed the Pro Grand Master went into Dorsetshire, to-day (Wednesday) he had travelled to West Yorkshire, and to-morrow he was going to Northampton to perform his duty as Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; from which they must come to the conclusion that Lord Euston was a busy man in Masonry. He believed their Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master was one whose heart was thoroughly in Masonry, who valued it for its own sake, and who was anxious to do all he could to promote its welfare. He duly recognised the great honour that had been done to West Yorkshire that day, and he was sure he should not fail to rouse their enthusiasm when he asked them to drink with all their hearts, "Long life, health and happiness to the Earl of Euston, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON, whose rising to respond was the signal for renewed cheers, again and again repeated, said: Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master and brethren, I thank you, Right Worshipful brother, for the very hearty, kind, and flattering terms in which you have proposed my health, and I thank you, brethren, from the bottom of my heart for the reception you have given to the toast. As far as I am concerned in Masonry, and I almost confine myself to the Mark Degree, it is not difficult to travel from one end of the country to the other. Railway Companies are very kind; they give you comfortable carriages and convey you rapidly at a minimum of expense. As to engagements, there are those made beforehand which are covered; and there are arrangements made off hand, such as "Yes, I'll come," and when the moment arrives you find that you cannot carry out your promise. It is impossible for anybody in a public position like mine in Masonry, to accept invitations unless I know long before hand. Then I can be there. If I make a promise, only such family affairs as come before Masonry, prevent my keeping it. You have given me the most hearty and cordial welcome I have ever yet received in any province in England. I shall long remember my visit to West Yorkshire. May I only say one thing. I am most pleased, most delighted to see your provincial meeting to-day. The absolute harmony which prevailed, the love you bear your Prov. Grand Master, and finally the unanimity which pervades the brethren were most gratifying, and go far to prove the good and efficacy of Mark Masonry. All I can say in thanking you for your kind reception of me this evening is, that if at any time it is necessary that I, or any of the other Grand Officers should visit West Yorkshire, I am certain we shall be most happy to do so at any time, if within the length of our cable tow. I wish you all, brethren, every success you can possibly desire, and may you increase steadily as you have done since your R.W. Prov. Grand Master took the chair twelve years ago. A steady progress is better than a sudden increase. Let us remember when admitting brethren into our Order that we are admitting men about whom we know somewhat, and let us take the greatest care as to those whom we advance to the Mark Degree. I urge it upon the Mark lodges of this province, that they cannot exercise too much caution. Anything I can do to help forward Mark Masonry I shall be happy to do, and I am sure I am speaking also for my Bro. Matier. Brethren, this day will long live in my memory.

The Earl of EUSTON next said he had a task before him much more difficult than the one he had just discharged. He was quite certain that the toast he was going to propose, that of "The Health of Bro. Charles Letch Mason, their Prov. G. Master," would be received even with greater enthusiasm than that with which they had honoured him. But it was only right that it should be so. Their Prov. G. Master had ruled over them some 12 years, and they by their unanimous vote in Prov. G. Lodge had selected him for another three years. He assured them that he should stay on and he asked them to join him in complimenting their Prov. G. Master for all his work in the past, and in showing how they honoured and respected him. He wished their Prov. G. Master happiness and prosperity, and that he might long live to rule over them in West Yorkshire.

The PROV. G. MASTER said he thanked them all most sincerely for the very kind manner in which they had responded to the toast which had been so kindly proposed by their M.W. Pro G. Master. He could assure them—and he thought those who knew him in Masonry would testify to it—that he had only one wish, and that was to promote the honour and prosperity

of their ancient Society; but especially did he try to advance the welfare of the Order, to preside over which they had recommended him to the M.W.G. Master of England that day. He assured them that there was a great deal to do in Mark Masonry which devolved upon the W.Ms. of the several lodges, and it was through their loyalty and co-operation that the welfare of the Order had been so satisfactory. They had had, fortunately, in the province also some very able and efficient Grand Secretaries, brethren who had discharged the work devolving upon them most successfully. They had only had three, and he was pleased to say that all three were living, and that though the oldest of them, through ill-health, was unable to be with them that evening, they had the other two amongst them. In responding to the toast, he must bear testimony to the support and untiring energy which the Secretaries had shown, and to them was largely due the success of the province of West Yorkshire. He could dilate upon Mark Masonry and its peculiar characteristics in many ways, and he would like to say one thing in the presence of the Secretary of the Mark Benevolent Fund, Bro. Matier. He did not wish to trespass upon the ground of the brother who was to propose the Benevolent Fund later on, and as their Prov. G. Master he did most heartily commend it to their consideration and support. There was one point, however, in which he and some other members of West Yorkshire differed from Bro. Matier. He should like to see the Mark Charities on the same footing, and granting the same annuities as the Royal Benevolent Institutions. The argument against it was that they had not sufficient funds; but he confidently believed if the authorities would agree to make the change, the Mark Masons of England would rise to the occasion and more liberally support the Charities. That was a point he felt very deeply upon. They knew that in the Masonic Institution, to Males they gave £40, to Widows £32. In the Mark Charities the grants were less. What was the consequence? Those who managed to get placed on the greater Charity threw the Mark Charity on one side. He believed if they would launch forth they would have nothing at all to fear as to the future; they would have larger support, and would thus indirectly advance the interests of Mark Masonry.

Bro. CLEEVES, P.M. 53, P.G. Std. Br. England, proposed "The Visitors."

This was responded to by Bro. J. WOODALL WOODALL, P.P.G.M. of N. and E. Yorks, who thanked the brethren present on behalf of the province, of which West Yorkshire was the big brother. West Yorkshire had assisted them loyally and generously in the big Charities. At the last meeting of the province they actually handed over to them the presentation to one of the Schools. He assured them that if they visited Scarborough the lodges there would give them a welcome such as they had given to him that day.

His Honour Judge MASTERMAN, D.P.G.M. of Notts, said he had not long been a member of Masonry in the Shires, but he had been long enough to know that Masonry was a great bond of union. He was a Londoner, born and bred, but he had found brethren both in the Craft and in the Mark, and the kindness and cordiality with which he had been received in Nottingham and elsewhere were astonishing to him. He returned thanks for the hospitality of West Yorkshire, and assured the brethren that if he was invited to come there again he should find it difficult to refuse.

Bros. the Rev. MANLEY POWER and MORTON, P.G. Sec. Lincolnshire, also responded.

Bro. M. J. DODWORTH, Prov. J.G.W., proposed "The Mark Benevolent Fund." He said that Charity was an institution in Mark Masonry. By Charity they were judged by the outside world, who knew nothing else of them, and he hoped never would. When they saw from the extract of their accounts that a sum amounting to £60,000 had been contributed in one year by the Masons of England for the amelioration of the distress of their brethren and their families, Masonry was raised in the estimation of the world to something like the estimation in which they themselves held it. Knowing the feeling which had existed in West Yorkshire for a great number of years, he failed to see how it was that the Mark Benevolent Fund could not be organised on something like the same lines as those upon which the Charities of the Craft are worked. Why should they not have in each lodge a Charity Steward, and for the province a Charity Committee? He thought it would greatly enhance the amount realised. The lodge of which he had the honour of being a Past Master had liberally responded to the appeals made on behalf of the Mark Charities. He was pleased to know that there was no falling off in Sheffield in that respect, and he believed the subscription from that city this year would exceed the handsome contribution they sent up in 1894. That would gladden the heart of their distinguished Bro. Matier, who would respond to the toast. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master had pointed out among the advantages of the Fund the small cost of management, and the little difficulty there was in getting candidates admitted to its benefits; in confirmation of which he might mention that on the first appeal, the widow of a Past Master of his (the speaker's) lodge was made an annuitant. He thought that had stirred up the brethren in Britannia Lodge, and he was of opinion that if the suggestions which had been made were carried out, it would greatly increase the popularity of the Mark Benevolent Fund.

Bro. MATIER, who was very cordially received, said, in returning thanks for the toast which had been so heartily and warmly proposed by the Provincial Junior Grand Warden, and accepted by them, he must say that in his dual position as Grand Secretary of the Order and chief executive officer, he had no other wish than to be at the control of the Craft, and he thought their Most Worshipful Grand Master would say that he was always amenable to reason. As regarded his position as Secretary of the Mark Benevolent Fund, he confessed he approached that part of the toast with fear and trembling. He was not a nervous man, but he could not forget that he was in the presence of the brethren of West Yorkshire, who had for so many years lifted the banner of Charity in connection with the great Imperial Institutions, and to such an extent that the question "What is West Yorkshire doing?" became proverbial. He was about to ask them what was West Yorkshire going to do? Their Festival would be held on the 10th July, and the Chairman would be Lord Skelmersdale. When their Prov. Grand Master went into the room that afternoon he knew only of 50 guineas being subscribed to the Benevolent Fund, whereas now he was informed it was over 100 guineas, and he hoped that sum would be largely increased. They could not compete with the Imperial Charities. The Girls' School produced at the last Festival the gigantic sum of £16,016; whilst at their last Festival they obtained for the Mark Benevolent Fund £1,894. He was also to a certain extent upon his trial. Their Provincial Grand Master and Secretary had sent in certain notices of motion with reference to altering the Book of Constitutions, to enable the General Board to give the same amount as that given by the Craft. In place of giving £26 to give £40, and in place of giving £21 to give £32. With regard, however, to their Benevolent Fund, where the Craft have gigantic sums at their

disposal, they had only £4000 invested, and the yearly interest on that sum yielded only £109, while last year they gave away £274. Their Educational Fund had £3000 invested, the income from which was £109, and they distributed £323. The Annuity Fund had got £5000 invested, the yearly income was £171, and they were giving every year £342. They had seven candidates waiting for the next Festival to see if the General Board could take them on or not. He was told that they had no elections. An election would cost according to the estimate of the General Board about £40. He would ask them what was the best thing to do, to have no election, and allow the matter to be dealt with by the General Board, and thus pay for four children 10 guineas each, or to two old ladies £21 each, or to spend the money in printing and postage as it is spent in other institutions? He thought they would agree with him as to which was the better course to pursue. There had been no worthy candidate who had ever presented himself or herself at the General Board who had not been relieved to the best of their skill and ability. He was speaking in the presence of the Pro Grand Master, who held the record of having obtained the largest sum ever subscribed at one of their Festivals, and he told him (the speaker) that whenever he was beaten he would stand again and try to outdo his previous record. Let them with one heart and one soul try and support Lord Skelmersdale at the next Festival, so as to beat Lord Euston's record, and then they knew they would have Lord Euston again as Chairman endeavouring to surpass Lord Skelmersdale. They had six girls and 16 boys receiving education at home with their parents and guardians, and under the supervision which is so useful in the earlier stages of life, and they got every year £5 each for clothing. They had also nine old brethren and four widows receiving respectively £26 and £21 each, and those old brethren and old ladies every New Year are each presented with a gift of £5 to enable them to obtain coals, petticoats, blankets, or overcoats. That Charity was one of the greatest charms of their Order; they spent nothing in bricks and mortar, but gave all the contributions of the brethren to those who stood in need of it.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, which, from beginning to end, were most successful. The credit for the satisfactory arrangements, both for the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge and the banquet, was due to a small Committee of the Copley and St. Chad Lodges and the untiring energy of their Secretary, Bro. John Wm. Smith.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET.

The annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Somerset was held on the 16th inst. in the Constitutional Club-room at Crewkerne, under the banner of Parret and Axe Lodge, No. 814, the P.G.M., Bro. Lord Dungarvan, presiding. The lodge room had been elaborately and very tastefully fitted up by a Committee of local brethren. The P.G.M. was supported on his right by the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, and on his left by Bro. Jas. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.

Bro. J. C. HUNT, Prov. G. Sec., first called the roll of members, and it was ascertained that 24 out of the 26 lodges of the province were fully represented.

The minutes of the last Prov. G. Lodge, held at Wells on the 3rd May, 1894, were read and confirmed.

Bro. C. L. FRY EDWARDS, Prov. G. Treas., next read the annual statement of accounts, from which it appeared that the receipts amounted to £316 10s. 7d., and that the expenditure was £209 6s. 4d. A payment of 100 guineas had been made to the Benevolent Institution, leaving a balance in hand of £20 0s. 2d.

On the motion of Bro. A. E. BURNETT, P.M. 291, seconded by Bro. CATFORD, the minutes were passed; and the P.G. Treasurer was congratulated on being able to present so satisfactory a report.

Bro. ASHLEY, P.M., proposed the re-election of Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards as P.G. Treasurer, and this was seconded by Bro. J. BURNETT, P.M. 291, and agreed to with acclamation, the P.G.M., Lord DUNGARVAN, remarking that they fully appreciated the valuable services of Bro. Edwards, and were deeply grateful to him.

Bro. EDWARDS thanked the brethren present for having elected him P.G. Treasurer for the eleventh year in succession.

The P.G. Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follows:

Bro. J. Tomsett, P.M. 814	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" T. L. Bennett, P.M. 926	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. R. White, P.M. 379	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. E. A. Sanford, 291	...	...
" C. L. Fry Edwards, P.M. 1199	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Bowyer, P.M. 1966	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. C. Hunt, P.M. 135	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. T. Dunsford, P.M. 291	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. C. Baldwin, P.M. 41	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. L. Dames, P.M. 53	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. C. J. York, P.M. 285	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. R. Gill, P.M. 906	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" E. A. Burnett, W.M. 291	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" F. Blackmore, P.M. 1222	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" D. Stallworthy, W.M. 1833	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" W. H. Stead, W.M. 772	...	...
" R. W. Buffett, P.M. 135	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" F. J. Dimmery, P.M. 1755	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" H. Cox, P.M. 1199	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" W. T. Baker, P.M. 135	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" A. Hammett, 261	...	...
" H. Amos, 1750	...	...
" J. B. Toms, S.D. 1953	...	...
" W. Ludlow, J.W. 2390	...	...	Prov. G. Tylers.
" A. J. Salter, 53	...	...
" S. Bigwood, 41	...	...

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY next read a satisfactory report from the Charity Organisation Committee, which was unanimously adopted.

The P.G.M. said he wished to take that opportunity of evincing his thorough appreciation of the efforts which the brethren throughout the province had made to support him on the occasion of the recent festival of the Benevolent Institution and he should be glad to have it noted on the minutes. He had pleasure, therefore, in proposing "That the best thanks of this P.G. Lodge be given to those brethren who supported him as Steward at the 1895 Benevolent Festival, as also the brethren and lodges whose generous donations to the Stewards' lists enabled them to take up the grand total of £1653 14s. 6d."

Bro. ASHLEY (Bath) seconded the motion, and bore his testimony to the great amount of benefit conferred by the Masonic Charities.

Bro. TERRY, Sec. R.M.B.I., said it afforded him very great pleasure to have the privilege of attending, on behalf of the Committee of that Institution, to tender their sincere and grateful thanks to his lordship for honouring the Institution by presiding at the Festival gathering, and the Stewards (26 in number) who attended it as representing every lodge in the province, to contribute the immense sum that was raised in Somerset. He had been specially requested by the Committee to attend P.G. Lodge that day to ask his lordship's acceptance of a copy of their resolution of thanks engraved on vellum, recording the fact that Somerset had this year surpassed itself in its contribution to the Masonic Charities.

The P.G.M. acknowledged the presentation, and said it was very gratifying to feel that their efforts in Somerset had been so much appreciated.

Dinner was partaken of at the George Hotel, under the presidency of the P.G.M.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual meeting of the Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons was held on the 17th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C. Bro. J. Albert Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution, was voted to the chair, and amongst his supporters were Bros. C. E. Keyser, A. C. Spaul, J. Pearce, Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorks; John Wordsworth, Sir J. B. Monckton, J. E. Le Feuvre, R. Wylie, John Chadwick, and W. Goodacre.

Before the proceedings commenced, the CHAIRMAN informed the meeting that the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., P.G.W., Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, would preside at the annual Festival of the Institution in 1896.

Bro. JAMES TERRY, Sec., then read the minutes of the last annual meeting.

The report of the Institution having been printed and circulated, was taken as read; and, on its being moved and seconded that it be adopted and entered on the minutes, the motion was carried.

Bros. Trew, Vincent, and Dangerfield were elected members of the Committee of Management.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, P.G.D., moved the re-election of Bro. John Albert Farnfield as Treasurer of the Institution, saying that he had much pleasure in doing so, as by the great services he had performed, Bro. Farnfield had proved himself a true friend to the Institution.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., seconded the motion. He had known Bro. Farnfield many, many years, and he trusted that for many years to come the office of Treasurer would be as well performed as it had been by Bro. Farnfield, with credit to him and benefit to the Institution.

The CHAIRMAN thanked the brethren, after the motion had been unanimously and rapturously carried, for their confidence, and added that what he had done in the past he would endeavour to do in the future.

Bro. A. C. SPAULL proposed, and Major BRIDGES seconded the re-election of the three Auditors.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, G. Std. Br., rose to make a suggestion, but not with the intention of opposing the brethren named. He thought the time had arrived for a change to be adopted, and that it was hardly fair for members of the Committee of Management to be auditors; it really came to this, that some of those who had the spending of the funds of the Institution should afterwards be the people to audit the accounts. Would it not be better that the accounts should be gone through by professional accountants as was done on behalf of Grand Lodge with the Grand Lodge accounts, and the accounts of the Boys' School and the Girls' School? He would ask whether the House Committee would not consider the matter of having some professional auditor who was a brother to audit the accounts.

The CHAIRMAN observed that unfortunately the laws of the Institution had just been amended, and those laws laid down the manner in which the accounts were to be audited. If Bro. Cumberland, who had the interests of the Institution so much at heart, had objected, as he had just suggested to the present mode of auditing the accounts, at the meeting for the amendment of the laws, he could have done so then. He might inform Bro. Cumberland, however, that among the auditors there was only one who was a member of the Committee of Management. In reply to a question put by another brother as to the mode of filling up vacancies which might occur on the Committee of Management, the Chairman said the laws were altered at the meeting he had just referred to in respect to this point. If one member of the House Committee died the remaining members of the Committee had the power to fill up the vacancy.

The following Report of the Committee of Management was then read by Bro. TERRY.

The Anniversary Festival in its behalf was held by direction of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M., Grand Patron and President, on Wednesday, the 27th February last. R.W. Bro. the Viscount Dungarvan, Provincial Grand Master of Somersetshire, presided as Chairman, and the Board of Stewards which supported his lordship consisted of 372 ladies, Lewises, and brethren. The total of donations and subscriptions obtained by the combined efforts of the members of this Board was announced as £14,113 6s., but this sum has been since increased by the receipt of outstanding lists, and additions to lists to £14,690 13s. This result is most gratifying. It shows unmistakably that the reaction which almost invariably follows upon any special effort in behalf of a particular Charity, has nearly, if not quite, expended itself in the case of this Institution, and inclines the Committee to hope that in future, as in past years, the annual contributions superadded to the permanent income will, as a rule, be found sufficient to meet the year's requirements. At all events, the Committee is desirous of placing on record its most sincere thanks to the Noble Chairman who so ably presided, the Board of Stewards which laboured so energetically and successfully in support of his lordship's advocacy and the lodges, chapters, and individual donors who have subscribed so handsomely towards the efficient maintenance during the present year. More especially are its thanks due to the Chairman's Province of Somersetshire, which exhibited such devotion to its Provincial Grand Master and so much solicitude for the welfare of this Charity, and the total of whose contributions (£1637) was far in excess of any sum it had ever previously raised.

At the election in May, 1894, there were on the two Funds of the Institution 435 Annuitants, namely, 195 men and 240 widows, while the number of applicants for admission was 119, of whom 65 were men and 54 widows. To-day there are 112 applicants, that is to say, 61 men and 51 widows, the very slight diminution in numbers, as compared with the previous years, being due to no particular cause, at least to none that is worthy of being specifically referred to.

The Committee, however, having observed that for some years past there had been no material variation in the number of candidates, while the annuities which became vacant year by year were few in proportion to the numbers of approved applicants, boldly resolved on making a slight increase of five on the male establishment. Accordingly, at its regular meeting in February, it declared that the vacancies to be filled at this election should be as follows, namely: 14 immediate—including the five additional annuities—and three deferred on the Male Fund, and seven immediate and three deferred on the Widows' Fund. But in the interval, there have been reported the deaths of 3 men and 8 widows, in addition to 1 resigned and 1 having become insane, and the Committee having regard to the successful result of the recent Festival and to the Laws of the Institution, recommends that these further vacancies shall likewise be filled up. Hence, if the Governors and Subscribers adopt this recommendation, the numbers to be elected at this meeting will comprise 20 men and 20 widows, the three deferred Annuitants being in each case included. The establishment for the new year will thus consist of 440 Annuitants as compared with 435 in 1894, of whom there will be 200 men in receipt of £40 per annum each, and 240 widows in receipt of £32 per annum each, the total sum distributable amongst them being £15,680. To this, however, must be added the sum of £600, divisible under Law 9 of the Male Fund among the widows of 30 recently deceased Male Annuitants, so that the sum total which will be disbursed in annuities during the coming year will be £16,280.

The Committee reports that at the special meeting of the Governors and Subscribers, held on the 15th November, Law 25 was amended in such a manner as to provide for lodges, chapters, and other Masonic bodies obtaining the rank and privileges of Vice-Patrons and Patrons of the Institution as already exists in the Educational Institutions, but when the Law, as amended, was submitted for the approval of the United Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication on the 5th December, 1894, the subject was referred back to the Governors and Subscribers for their reconsideration. A second general meeting was therefore held on the 13th February, when the two Clauses of the said Law 25 were amended in such a manner as to make their meaning and intent more obvious, but not giving the Committee power to confer the distinctions upon lodges, chapters and Masonic Societies of ranking as Patrons and Vice-Patrons. At the same meeting a new Clause was proposed to be added to Law 45, by which the Committee has conferred upon it the power of filling up any vacancy that may occur on the House or Finance Committee at its next regular meeting. The Laws, as thus amended, were approved by Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication on the 6th March last.

The Committee gladly avails itself of this opportunity of expressing its thanks to United Grand Lodge for the continuance of its annual grant of £70 towards providing the annuitants resident in the Assylum at Croydon with coals during the winter months, and to the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for its gifts of periodicals and comforts for the residents, and also to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement for its renewed vote of £10.

The Committee is also desirous of expressing the sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Honorary Surgeons of the Institution, J. Wayte, Esq., M.B., and R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., for their kind and unremitting attention to those among the annuitants, whether resident at the Assylum or non-resident, who, during the past year, have been unfortunately compelled to seek their advice and assistance, and to H. J. Strong, Esq., Honorary Consulting Physician, for the readiness with which he has at all times given, to all who needed it, the benefit of his long personal experience.

The Committee congratulated itself on being in a position to announce that the premises at Croydon are in a thorough state of repair, both internally and externally, and will only need the usual care and attention and such an outlay of money as will suffice to maintain them in that condition.

The audited statement of account for the year ended the 31st December, 1894, has been prepared with the utmost care by the Finance Committee and has undergone a rigorous examination before being finally passed and approved by the Auditors, and the Committee has every reason to hope that when the various items of expenditure have been carefully scrutinised and tested by comparison with those of former years, the Governors and Subscribers will feel themselves justified in arriving at the conclusion that the funds of the Institution have been expended with a due regard to economy and efficiency.

In concluding the report, the Committee is desirous of expressing its unabated confidence in the generosity of the Craft in London, the provinces, and abroad, and its unalterable conviction that, so long as the affairs of the Institution continue to be administered in accordance with the principles by which the Committee has been actuated in the discharge of its important duties, the means necessary to its maintenance at its present high standard of efficiency will be regularly forthcoming.

Bro. CHARLES E. KEYSER, P.G.D., moved that the report be received, adopted, and entered on the minutes, stating that a noticeable feature of the report was the placing of five further annuitants on the list, thus making 20 old brethren and 20 widows as the total number to be elected that day. He hoped all the brethren would consider the condition of the Institution, as disclosed by the report, satisfactory.

Bro. Major BRIDGES seconded the motion, and it was put and carried.

The Scrutineers were then nominated, and the election proceeded. The successful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns.

The usual votes of thanks terminated the day's proceedings.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The General Committee of Grand Lodge and the Board of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, President of the Board, was in the chair. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied the chair of Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. J. R. Tijou, P.A. G.P., took the chair of Junior Vice-President. Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; W. Lake, A.G. Sec.; W. H. Lee, and G. S. Recknell represented the Grand Secretary's department.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. William Vincent, David D. Mercer, Charles Dairy, George B. Chapman, William Fisher, T. W. Whitmarsh, J. H. Matthews, J. Newton, Robert A. Gowan, Henry Garrod, S. H. Goldschmidt, George R. Langley, George Graveley, Walter Martin, R. H. Evans, W. M. Bywater, Alfred Savill Tomkins, George E. Fairchild, James Bunker, W. Kipps, Henry J. P. Dumas, Samuel Vallentine, Robert Rowlands, James W. Burgess, Wm. Thomas Winsor, H. Massey, E. C. Mulvey, James Joseph Hall, C. H. Webb, Thomas B. Daniell, A. W. Devine, J. Pickett, M.D., A. G. Sandberg, W. Graham, S. G. Bonner, S. R. Lovett, George A. Sims, William John Hewett, Horace F. Bonner, E. T. Crouch, H. J. Macfarlane, Henry E. Fraser, G. Emblin, James Stephens, C. V. Jenkins, Valentine Wing, Richard Collick, Joseph Snape, Richard J. Harnett, W. C. Hodgkinson, R. A. Kemp, W. F. Redknapp, Baron D. Barnett, Wilson R. Booth, W. R. King, R. Pain Walkden, J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., V. F. Harcourt, William Butcher, J. G. Stevens, Herbert E. Smith, Edward Fox, S. P. Taylor, G. Edwards, F. D. Tyssen, Samuel Vickers, William Van Praagh, Matthew H. Hale, S. W. Latham, W. H. Williamson, F. A. Powell,

W. Goodchild, G. Penny, W. J. Levett, G. H. Leage, Edwin W. Lewcock, W. de B. Seagrave, F. Richardson, Arthur Cox, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

At the General Committee of Grand Lodge the agenda paper for next Quarterly Communication was first submitted, and the nominations were taken for the Board of General Purposes, the Colonial Board, and the Scrutineers of the elections and for the porch. The Board of Benevolence was then opened and the recommendations made at the April meeting to the Grand Master to the extent of £310 were confirmed. There were 59 cases on the new list qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Sydney, N.S.W., Birmingham, Jersey, Blyth, Neath, Waltham Cross, Trinidad, Hull, Malta, Gosport, Bellary, Antigua, Southport, Cambridge, Canterbury, Garston, Halifax, N.S., Fowey, Manchester, Todmorden, St. Helena, California, U.S.A., Kidderminster, Ferozepore, Heathcote (Victoria), Dinapore, New York, Sunderland, Derby, Louth, Budleigh Salterton, Sidcup, and Croydon. In the consideration of these cases the Board sat for five hours, dismissing five petitions as not being within the rules, and deferring 10 for want of completeness till 1st June next. The total sum voted for the relief of the remaining applicants was £930. Grand Lodge of June 5th was recommended to grant £75 in one instance, and a sum of £50 each in two other cases. The Most Worshipful Grand Master was recommended to sanction three grants of £40 each, seven of £30 each, and one sum of £25. Thirteen grants were made of £20 each, 12 of £10 each, and four of £5 each.

THE "NEW ERA" MARK LODGE, No. 176.

PRESENTATION TO THE SECRETARY, BRO. F. W. DRIVER, M.A., P.M., P.G. STWD.

A meeting of this lodge, which during the last two years has been borne on a full tide of prosperity, took place at Mark Masons' Hall on Saturday, the 18th inst. There were present Bros. Chas. James, W.M.; Henry Sadler, S.W.; John Lusty, S.O.; J. Cook, S.D.; Louis Mantell, P.M., P.G. Stwd. Eng., Treas.; F. W. Driver, P.M., P.G. Steward Eng., Sec.; J. M. Boekbinder, Steward; Wm. Vincent, P.G.D.C. Eng. (Hon. Mem.); and E. Mills, Tyler. Bro. W. B. Fendick, P.M. 8, was a visitor.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for the advancement of Bro. Jas. Geo. Vigo, 1671. It proved unanimous in his favour, and the candidate was duly advanced by the W.M., Bro. Wm. Vincent giving the explanatory addresses. The election for W.M. took place, when Bro. Henry Sadler, S.W., was unanimously chosen. Bro. Louis Mantell, P.M., was elected as Treasurer and Bro. Ed. Mills was elected as Tyler by show of hands. The audit was appointed for Saturday, September 28th, Bros. Crabb and Vigo being especially elected as Auditors. A Past Master's jewel was voted by the lodge to the W.M., Bro. Chas. James, for his efficient services in the chair.

The W.M. made a presentation to the Secretary, Bro. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M., of a handsome marble timepiece for his long and invaluable services as Secretary to the New Era Mark Lodge.

The SECRETARY, in warm terms, thanked the brethren for their substantial appreciation of his services, assuring them that, as in the past, so in the present and future, he would ever strive to promote the interests of the lodge.

The thanks of the lodge were given to Bro. H. Sadler, S.W., W.M. elect, for the suitable present of a mahogany box for the reception of the lodge collars and jewels.

The lodge was then closed. The brethren afterwards took train from Waterloo for the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, where a banquet was held under the genial presidency of the W.M., Bro. C. James.

The customary toasts were briefly put and tersely responded to.

The brethren left for town at an early hour.

SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND.

An important meeting of Royal Arch Freemasons was held in St. Mark's Hall, Glasgow, on Saturday afternoon, the 11th inst., for the purpose of consummating the union of the Grand Chapter of "Early Grand" Royal Arch Freemasons with the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, the former body representing chapters which originally worked under the authority of the Early Grand Encampment of the Order of the Temple in Scotland.

The Special Committee empowered to carry out the details of union met in St. Mark's Hall, where a Special Grand Chapter was held, presided over by the M.E. Depute Grand Principal Z., Comp. Major F. W. Allan, assisted by the following Grand office-bears: Comps. J. Dalrymple Duncan, Past Depute G.Z., as G.H.; J. MacNaught Campbell, G.J.; R. S. Brown, G. Scribe E.; J. A. S. Kerr, G. Scribe N.; Dr. G. Dickson, P.G. Treas.; J. Melville, G. Recorder; W. Munro Denholm, John Carruthers, and J. A. Trevelyan Sturrock, G. Sojourners; R. J. Jamieson, Z. 1, as G.S.B.; W. W. Newton, G. Std. Br.; and G. Hay, G. Janitor; Comp. E. Berger officiating at the organ.

The Special Grand Chapter having been opened, the G.S.E. read a short report of the negotiations for the union, after which the members of the Early Grand Chapter, which had met in St. John's Hall adjoining, and had formally dissolved for ever, were admitted, introduced by the G.S.E., and, having taken oath of fealty, were received into full communion and fellowship with Supreme Grand Chapter.

The M.E. DEPUTE G.Z. then addressed the companions as follows:—Companions, to-day we have been engaged in an important and eventful work—the consummation of an event unique, I believe, in the history of Royal Arch Freemasonry in this or any other country. We have now completed the happy union of two bodies, which hitherto have been working in a manner antagonistically to each other; each body claiming jurisdiction over Royal Arch Freemasonry in this country. We had, on the one hand, a number of chapters working under what was called the "Early Grand" Constitution, chapters which until very recently preferred to retain their original connection with the Templar Order, under the Early Grand Encampment of the Order of the Temple in Scotland. On the other hand, we had the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, regularly and constitutionally organised, and established in August, 1817, as an independent governing authority for Royal Arch Freemasonry in Scotland. This happy union has been achieved not without much labour and anxious thought on the part of those who have been mainly instrumental in bringing about this satisfactory result. The initiative was taken by our companions of the Early Grand Constitution in 1890, when it was resolved to approach Supreme Grand Chapter with a view of submitting certain propositions as a basis of union. These overtures were favourably entertained by Supreme Grand Chapter and a Committee was appointed to meet and confer with representatives of Early Grand Chapter. Various difficulties arose during the progress of the negotiations, but happily

these have all been overcome and now we have what, I trust, will long continue to be a united supreme governing authority for Royal Arch Freemasonry in Scotland, united in aims and objects, united in all good works, united in diffusing light and knowledge, and in cultivating Masonic Charity—which are the great objects of our sublime Institution.

Comp. THOMPSON, P.G.Z. of the dissolved Early Grand Chapter also referred to the happy consummation of their labours, and thanked the Acting Grand Z. for the very cordial and fraternal manner in which the members of the Early Grand Chapter had been received into union and fellowship with Supreme Grand Chapter.

Amongst those present were Comps. James Provan, P.G.H., James Balfour, P.G.S.E., J. Sanderson, P.G.S.N., and R. Bradshaw, P.G. 1st Soj. Prov. Grand Chapter Lower Ward of Lanarkshire; Major Peter Spence, D.G. Supt. and W. McMurdo, P.G.S.E. Prov. Grand Chapter Middle Ward of Lanarkshire; R. Crawford, P.Z. 92; W. R. Anderson, M.E.Z. 236; John Muir, M.E.Z. 73; John Toulds, P.Z. 38; and others.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Comps. the Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington, Grand Z.; the Right Hon. Lord Saltoun, Past Grand Z.; C. C. Nesbit, Grand H.; and Col. W. Joisen Macadam, 1st G. Soj.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Royal Athelstan Lodge (No. 19).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at Cannon-street Hotel, the following being in attendance: Bros. Milton Smith, W.M.; John Henry Whadcoat, I.P.M.; Edwyn George Young, S.W.; William Ferdinand Stauffer, J.W.; Henry Glenn, P.M., Treas.; Charles B. Barnes, P.M., Sec.; George Risdon Carsberg, S.D.; William Stacey, J.D.; Money Marsland, I.G.; Witham M. Bywater, P.M., P.G.S.B., D.C.; William Pound, P.M., Stwd.; W. P. Campbell Everden, Org.; G. Gilbert, Tyler; Charles Tyler, P.M.; George Cox, P.M.; James Dix, P.M.; Daniel Nicholson, P.M.; A. T. Hollingsworth, P.M.; Ralph S. Archbold, P.M.; Henry C. Jepps, P.M.; F. E. W. Collard, P.M.; George Sneath, P.M.; John Glenn, P.M.; G. Hardman, Hoyle, P.M.; William Nicholson, P.M.; Arthur Wormull, P.M.; Robert William Bilby, P.M., P.G. Treas. Middx.; Henry Poston, P.M.; A. Digby Green, P.M.; J. P. Hincel, M. Pulverman, J. H. Merrett, M. Maisland O. Maisland, G. Stevens, M. Mirov, A. C. Burnley, T. E. Williams, Charles Smith, C. E. Wells, and G. W. Capel.

The minutes of the last lodge meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. William Foxton, and he was initiated. Mr. Harry Lawrence Pound, was balloted for, and duly elected for initiation at the next meeting. The ballot for joining of Bro. William Dunn, B.A., was taken and proved unanimous. The special feature of the evening was the raising of Bros. Charles Henry Barnes, William Chapman Barnes, and John Walter Barnes, three sons of the Secretary, Bro. C. B. Barnes, P.M. This interesting ceremony was most ably performed by the W.M., who was well supported in his difficult task by the officers and Past Masters. The precision and correctness with which every officer performed their several parts, enabled the work to go through without a hitch, much to the admiration of the members and visitors. The sum of £10 was voted out of the lodge funds for the benefit of the widow of a late member. The W.M. announced that arrangements were being forwarded for a summer outing. A nomination for initiation was made by the W.M., and other formal business being concluded, the brethren adjourned to the usual excellent banquet.

After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," remarked that piety and virtue were the principles upon which Freemasonry was founded, and these were the principles which have guided the career of the Queen and endeared her to the nation.

In proposing "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the W.M. referred to him as the figurehead and ornament of the Craft, that he had steered us as that head along the flowing stream of peace, goodwill, and prosperity for many years past, and it was hoped that he would live long to adorn our Order in so befitting a manner.

In proposing the toast of "The Grand Officers," the W.M. said that No. 19 always desired to give due honour to Grand Lodge Officers. They appreciated their arduous labours, and in a passing remark referred to them as being in one respect the army and navy of the Craft, as being the defenders and guardians of the traditions and integrity of Masonry.

Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.M., P.G.S.B., D.C., in response drew attention to the way in which the Grand Officers threw themselves into the work of the Craft, always being ready to assist in the various duties they were so often called upon to perform, and referred to the R.W. Dep. Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcombe presiding the previous evening at the 107th Anniversary Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The rising of the I.P.M., Bro. J. H. Whadcoat, to propose the toast of "The W.M.," was the signal for continuous fire. He expressed the pleasure it was to propose the toast, remarking that Bro. Milton Smith had had that evening a difficult and arduous task to perform, and that in respect to both the initiation and the raisings he had done credit to himself and the lodge.

The W.M., in reply, said he was pleased to think that he had not depreciated the reputation of the lodge for good working. He attributed the successful conduct of the ceremonies to the loyal support of his officers, and the Past Masters and junior members who had assisted him with so much care and precision, thus avoiding confusion. His heart was in the lodge; it always had been, and whilst a member he hoped it always would be.

Bro. Wm. Foxton, in response to the toast of "The Initiate," which was proposed by Bro. Dix, P.M., in a feeling speech referred to the impression the ceremony of initiation had made on him. He had followed it with the deepest interest; was thankful to the W.M. for the manner in which he had conducted him into Freemasonry, and hoped that he would himself in due time be competent to take up the responsible office of W.M. of the Royal Athelstan Lodge.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Immediate Past Master and Past Masters," referred to the interest the I.P.M. still took in the lodge. He had not flattered, and he did not think he intended to. The distinguishing characteristic of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, he thought, might fairly be said to be its Past Masters, who had all distinguished themselves by their work in the lodge. Bro. Bywater had been a Past Master for about 42 years; Bro. Tyler about 49 years; and Bro. Dix 35 years. The younger Past Masters were all keeping to the lodge, and he hoped many of them would live to be 40 years or more on the roll.

The I.P.M. and Bro. Bywater, who had been a member for close on 50 years, responded.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next proposed by the W.M., who remarked that No. 19 had an old reputation for hospitality to visitors, and he hoped that reputation would never be lost. They always wished them to feel at home when they came, and make themselves comfortable, happy, and one with them.

Bro. the Rev. J. Browne, Chap. 1648, responded in a powerful speech on the excellences of the Institution, particularly in respect to that mutual love between the brethren of all ranks, a feature which is exemplified in no other society or institution in the world, and in the reception of visitors.

In proposing the toast of "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers," the W.M. spoke of Bro. H. Glenn as being not only the Treasurer, but a treasure. He was a real, hard working Treasurer. He had a large heart, and that heart was in the Royal Athelstan Lodge. As to the Secretary, Bro. Barnes attended to his duties, ill or well. He had been laid up the last week, but his duties had been carried out with that regard to correctness and care that no other Secretary could surpass. They regretted his inability to stop to the banquet, but he took their love and respect with him. As to the officers, they one and all diligently attended to their respective duties, and would undoubtedly make good Masters in their turn.

The toast having been duly responded to, the Tyler's toast ended a very pleasant evening, the musical talent of the following brethren adding materially to the enjoyment: A recitation by Bro. Dix, P.M., and songs by Bros. Stauffer, Stacey, Burny, Williams, Whadcoat, J. W. Barnes, W. C. Barnes, J. H. Merrett, F. G. Young, and the visitor, Bro. Brownson.

Honour and Generosity Lodge (No. 165).—The ordinary meeting of this old-established and well-known lodge was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Tuesday, March 26th. Bro. Henry Times presided, supported by Bros. F. T. Rushton, P.M. S., acting S.W.; Alfred P. Crabb, J.W.; F. B. G. G. G. S. D.; F. E. Rosher, J.D.; Howard Thompson, P.M.; C. Belton, P.M., P.D.G. D.C.; W. W. Aldridge, P.M.; G. E. Wainwright, P.M., Sec.; W. G. Lemon, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. Treas.; Richard Eve, P.M., P.G. Treas.; Dale Hart, P.M.; G. Sykes, W. de B. Herbert, F. H. Rosher, Frank Richardson, jun., and A. Hayne; while among the visitors were Bros. Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br.; Laurence Kellie, W.M. 63; W. Lewis Barrett, 1319; John Ratcliff, 1319; H. R. Rose, P.M. 2000 and 2343; J. A. Osborn, 2424; G. A. Lansdown, 1328; J. H. Ford, 2038; and J. P. Murrrough, 92.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Henry Times, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, by request of the W.M., took the chair, and raised Bros. Godfrey Sykes and Herbert to the Third Degree, and gave the ceremony in such a manner as to delight every brother present, as it was a Masonic treat.

After the lodge was closed, the banquet was served.

The W.M. gave the usual toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom, the D.G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcombe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. R. C. Sudlow. The toasts were drunk with great enthusiasm.

In reply, Bro. Sudlow said he was surprised the W.M. had coupled his name with the toast, seeing that there was such a distinguished Grand Officer present as Bro. Frank Richardson. The subject of Grand Officers was always brought to the fore in the months of March and April among the Craft generally, and the minds of many were exercised as to whether the choice of the M.W. Grand Master would fall upon them. The Honour and Generosity Lodge was particularly to be complimented upon the number of Grand Officers enrolled among their members.

Bro. Richard Eve, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that the W.M. had done excellent service to the lodge in the various offices of lower degree, as well as in the chair for a term of more than seven years, having discharged his duties with great credit.

After the W.M.'s health had been drunk heartily, Bro. R. Eve continued: I am now going to perform a duty which gives me a great deal of pleasure, and which, in spite of 40 years' experience in the Craft, I have never performed before. The W.M. is about to change his state in life, his single condition is shortly to be changed into a double one. He is going into this duplex position in a few days, and some of us have the pleasure of knowing the lady he is to be united to. We trust he will enjoy the new state in all health and happiness.

Bro. Eve then presented the W.M. with a handsome silver shield, salver and trays from the lodge as a testimony of his popularity. The silver shield had the "Good wishes" of the brethren engraven in the centre of it.

In reply, the Worshipful Master said, with deep feeling, that no mere words of his could express his pleasure at the kindness and generosity of the brethren in presenting him with such a beautiful token of their sympathy and friendship, that it was not the value of the articles in hard cash which touched him, but the forethought of the brethren in so remembering their humble servant; and that it was particularly appropriate that Bro. Eve should be the person selected to convey their feelings, as he and Bro. R. C. Driver had been his proposer and seconder on his entering the lodge. He would always keep the gift as long as he lived, and the lodge might always rely upon him for the very best services it was in his power to render.

In reply to the Worshipful Master's toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. Aldridge thanked the brethren for their kindly reception of the toast, and assured them he and all the P.Ms. were ready to give their support and assistance to the lodge to which they owed their very titles of P.Ms. He expressed their great satisfaction with the present flourishing condition of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The Visitors," coupling the names of Bros. Frank Richardson and Laurence Kelly.

Bro. Frank Richardson referred to the excellent working of the lodge, and especially the part so ably conducted by Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, who himself was made a Mason in the speaker's presence.

Bros. Laurence, Kellie, and Murrrough also replied in a few well-chosen words.

In giving the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," the W.M. thanked the officers for the valuable assistance they had rendered him throughout his year of office, and he hoped and felt sure that his successor would receive the same help from them. The names of Bros. Dale, Hart, and Alfred Crabb were coupled with the toast.

Bros. Dale, Hart, and Alfred Crabb responded.

The musical entertainment during the evening was of the usual high order. Mr. Turner Kesteven's execution on the piano of Chopin's Scherzo, Schumann's, "Vogel als Prophet, and an Etude by Chopin, the latter, an encore, was very fine, and Mr. Kesteven's name will, no doubt, be brought prominently before the London musical world shortly. Mr. Laurence Kellie sang three of his own songs, including "Love's nocturne" and "The city of night" as only the author can. Bros. Radcliffe and W. L. Barrett played duets from "Aida" and "The Lily of Killarney" upon flutes, a novelty in this lodge which was much appreciated, and Bro. Barrett gave "Neapolitan airs," which was encored. Bro. Rose kindly played the accompaniments.

The Tyler's toast completed the proceedings.

Panmure Lodge (No. 720).—The installation of the W. Master of this lodge took place on Monday evening, the 20th inst., when Bro. Geo. R. Nott was duly installed by Bro. George Allen, P.M., in a very impressive manner, and the officers were appointed in rotation. After the ceremony the brethren sat down to a most sumptuous repast, well provided by the host, Bro. George Huntley, at the Balham Hotel, when some high-class songs were sung by Bros. G. S. Graham, P.M., T. L. J. Moncrieff, R. H. Marchbank, W. J. Woodward, Mr. R. Mann, and Mr. Dion Lane, thanks to Bro. W. Williams, Organist to the lodge.

Ubique Lodge (No. 1789).—One of the most brilliant and successful of Masonic gatherings in the Metropolis, in "ye merrie month of May," came off on the 13th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, the occasion being the annual installation ceremonies of the Ubique, or Royal Artillery Lodge, the members of which are scattered over the face of land and water in the four quarters of the globe. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Major A. C. Hansard, R.A., P.M., and the minutes of the previous regular and audit meetings received and adopted. Bro. Capt. G. H. McLaughlin, R.H.A., of Lodge St. John and St. Paul (E.C.), Malta, was the joining member, all initiations, passings, and raisings being deferred to next meeting. The Secretary having announced communications of exceptional interest from Ubique members at several foreign stations, brought to notice the case of a widow from abroad, and read letters of regret for inability to be present from several home station brethren, &c., including Bros. Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, General Lord Roberts, G.S.W.; J. M. Beach, M.P., P.M.; Col. Hughes, M.P. for Norwich, P.M.; and others. The ceremony of installation was graced by the presence of 11 Grand Officers, and 13 Provincial Grand Officers, besides several artillery officers of distinction, and a large gathering of other brethren of the Royal Artillery.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. T. Ritchie, R.A., P.M., P.D.G.S.B. Eng., having assumed the chair by request of the W.M., Bro. Captain Victor F. W. A. Paget, R.H.A., S.W., was duly presented as the W.M. elect, installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, and regularly proclaimed and saluted as W.M. The imposing ceremony was faultlessly rendered, and the charges impressively delivered by the Installing Officer. The W.M., Captain Victor Paget, invested his officers as follows—all R.A.—: Bros. Quarter-Master-Sergt. Shackleton, S.W.; Capt. Jenkinson, J.W.; Rev. Solbc. B.A., P.M., Chap.; Edwin Morris, P.M., Treas.; Major Murdoch, S.D.; Quarter-Master-Sergt. Prewer, J.D.; Major Penton, I.G.; Capt. Birch, D.C.; Quarter-Master-Sergt. Paley, A.D.C.; Lieut. Learmont, Sec.; Sergt.-Major Stretton, Org.; Lieut. Prendergast, Capt. Chamberlin, and Capt. Grierson, Stwds.; C. Warren, Tyler; and the lodge unanimously re-elected as Charity Representative, Bro. Capt. Weston, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Kent; and as Auditors, Bros. Major-Gen. Robertson, Lieut. Straubenzee, and Capt. Shipman. Before closing the lodge, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Installing Officer, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Ritchie, while to mark the distinction of having ruled the Ubique Lodge for two successive years the I.P.M., Bro. Major Hansard, was presented with a Past Master's jewel, embellished with a solid gold bar, studded with brilliants.

The labours of the day being thus ended, the company adjourned to the sumptuous Victoria Hall of the Criterion for a repast, which was in keeping with the fraternal hospitality for which the Ubique Lodge is becoming proverbial. Covers were laid for 110, and among the company not before named, were: Bros. R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; R. Grey, Pres. B.B.; Glover, P.D.G.D.C.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br.; Nairne, P.G.D.; Hammerton, P.G. Std. Br.; Sergison, P.G.O.; Lewis-Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; Hopkinson, P.D.G.D.C.; Capt. Woollett, G. Stwd.; Viscount Dungarvan, P.G.M. Somerset; Major Boileau, R.A., P.D.G.M. Nova Scotia; Rev. Turner, P.G. Chap. Surrey; Burne, P.P.S.G.D. Sussex; Capt. Leslie, R.A., P.D.J.G.W. Punjab; Capt. Spinks, P.P.G.S.B. Kent; Capt. Jarvis, R.A., P.P.S.G.D. Jersey; Warren, P.D.G.R. Malta; Foster, P.P.G.R. Hants; Kennedy, P.S.G.D. Kent; Wilson, P.P.G.D.C. Malta; W. S. Croll, Generals Lloyd, C.B., and Wortham; Colonels Turner, C.B., P.M., and Keyser, C.B., P.M.; Count Ostrogog, late R.A.; Majors White, R.A., P.M., Daniell, R.A., and Cunliffe, R.A.; Capt. Vane Stow, C. Jolly, P.M.; Dr. J. Clarke, Campbell Taylor, Lieut. Walker, and others.

The loyal, Grand, and Provincial Grand toasts having been duly proposed and honoured, as well as those of "The Past Masters" and "The Officers,"

The W.M. rose, and after paying all honour to his Royal Highness the Grand Master, and graceful compliments to the Grand Officers, called upon Bros. R. Eve, P.G. Treas., and Robert Grey, Pres. Bd. Ben. The former entered at length into the functions of Grand Treasurer particularly, and laid emphasis upon some grants for Charities, Benevolence, and the Poor of Corporations; while the latter, in especially happy words, complimented the Ubique Lodge upon the distinction conveyed to it by his Royal Highness the Grand Master, in bestowing a Grand collar upon one of its founders (Bro. Lieut.-Col. Ritchie), and in behalf of the other Grand Officers present, thanked the W.M. for the toast, as well as for the splendid hospitality of the lodge.

The I.P.M., Bro. Major Hansard, then proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said the opportunity afforded him a great deal of pleasure, because their W.M. was an old friend of his, both Masonically and otherwise, and also because he felt sure their W.M. would maintain the honour and prestige of the lodge, and carry out the work entrusted to him to perform. They all looked on that lodge as a home, both as brother Masons and gunners, and they had had that day many letters of congratulations from all parts of the world. The spirit of Masonry learnt in that lodge was carried by its members throughout the world, and as a proof of it he would mention the fact that two of their brethren, who had left them on service, had since been elected Worshipful Masters almost directly they landed at their various stations. Their W.M. was a zealous Mason, and would make a courteous Master and make the lodge run smoothly. He asked them to drink the toast most cordially, and wished Bro. Paget a happy and prosperous year of office.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for their reception of the toast. He felt that he had undertaken a very serious duty, that of Master of that lodge, and must ask them to look over any shortcomings he might have. He hoped they did not expect a long speech from him, because soldiers as a rule had very few opportunities of getting up on their legs and making a speech. Now he would like to take the lodge into his confidence. He had been quartered for a few years at or near Woolwich, and there were many of the brethren in the same position. His object now that he was Master was to afford greater facilities for the country members to attend this lodge by making certain alterations in the by-laws, which might be considered on a future occasion. They only met four times a year, and he would like their country members to come up once a year at least and dine with them. So far as he was concerned, nothing should be wanted on his part to make the lodge a home for Masonic gunners of the Metropolis and districts generally.

Bro. Ritchie, in response to a very flattering reception of the toast of "The Installing Officer and I.P.M.," said it was a matter of great pleasure to him to do not only the installation ceremony, but any work that would conduce to the prosperity of the lodge. For the last 16 years he had seen the lodge grow into its present grand form, and yet even now its proportions were only pigmy in comparison to what it would be, for he considered it his and their duty not to cease bringing into it the gunners of the grand old regiment until it numbered 500 members, and if every member would only bring in two candidates, the number mentioned by him would soon be accomplished. He then eloquently advocated the claims of the Charities of the Order, and asked them to do their duty by having "a tender smile for pity," and a "hand open wide to Charity."

Bro. Hansard said he looked upon the two years he had served the office of Master of the lodge as two of the happiest of his life. He did not intend to sever his connection with the lodge. Their W.M. had been a good recruiter for him during his year of office, and he intended to return the compliment. He urged the brethren to reserve their votes for the Artillery lodge, and then, by combination, they would be enabled to secure the election of any candidates of their own to either of the Charities, should they require it.

Bros. Col. A. E. Turner, C.B., R.A., P.M., and Major A. C. Boileau, R.A., P.D. G.M. Nova Scotia, responded for "The Past Masters of and belonging to the Lodge," and Bros. Rev. H. W. Turner, P.P.G. Chap. Surrey, and Lee, W.M. 2399, for "The Visitors."

In his happiest vein, Bro. Col. Turner portrayed the growth of the Ubique Lodge since its formation, or, more correctly, its resuscitation, drawing the moral of its having met a regimental want by its vigour and stability at a centre where all R.A. brethren at some time in the course of their service meet, and can find a genuine welcome.

The P.P.G. Chaplain of Surrey is a *persona gratissima* at these annual gatherings, and all ended with a pervading sense of how good and pleasant it is for brethren to meet together in Ubique Lodge.

LAYING FOUNDATION-STONE OF LISKEARD COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

With full Masonic honours the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, Deputy Grand Master of England, and Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, on Tuesday laid the foundation-stone of a Cottage Hospital which is being erected at Liskeard through the generosity of Bro. Passmore Edwards. Gratefully appreciating the munificence of the gift, and desiring to celebrate the occasion in a spirit commensurate with its importance, the townspeople observed the day as a public holiday. Business was almost entirely suspended, the streets were gay with flags and decorations, a triumphant arch at the Parade, with an inscription wishing "Long life to Mr. Passmore Edwards," expressed the popular sentiment of gratitude to the donor, and almost the entire adult population, either as members of processions or as spectators, participated in the ceremony. The hospital is being erected at Tremedden, on the outskirts of the town. The site, which is the gift of Mr. L. Carrington Marshall, of St. Neot, is situated on high ground, adjoining the main road from Liskeard to St. Neot, commanding extensive views to the south and west, but sheltered from the north and east. When completed the building will comprise an administrative block in the centre, and wings on the right and left. The east wing will contain a ward for three men, and the west wing for three women, besides an accident ward. There will be in addition two smaller wards, intended, when not otherwise used, for private patients. A special feature of the building will be the provision in the centre block of three bedrooms and sitting-rooms, which will be occupied as a home for parish nurses in the Liskeard district. All the sanitary, warming, and lighting arrangements will be of the latest type. The walls are being built of local stone with brick dressings, and the internal fittings will be of pitchpine. The work is being carried out by Messrs. J. Symons and Son, of Blackwater, from the designs of Mr. J. Hicks, architect, Redruth.

There were two processions to the site, one representing the local societies, and the other comprising the visiting Masonic brethren. By invitation of the Mayor (Mr. W. H. Stantan), the magistrates, visitors, members of the Town Council, School Board, and other local bodies met at the Guildhall shortly before one o'clock. Among the earliest arrivals were the Right Hon. Leonard Courtney, M.P., and the Mayors of Truro, Falmouth, Launceston, and Saltash. Before joining the Masonic procession, Bro. Passmore Edwards paid a brief visit to the Guildhall and was warmly received.

The Mayor, in the name of the borough, extended a cordial and hearty

greeting to Bro. Edwards, remarking that they were delighted to welcome him on his first visit to Liskeard.

Bro. PASSMORE EDWARDS suitably acknowledged the compliment, but said the Mayor was not quite accurate in saying that that was his first visit to Liskeard. Before Mr. Stantan was born he had the honour of addressing a meeting in that borough. From that time to the present he had cultivated a friendly feeling towards Liskeard, and he was exceedingly glad to meet them there that day.

Precisely at one o'clock the town procession was formed outside the Guildhall. The Mayor, preceded by the mace-bearers, was followed by the Mayors of other Cornish boroughs and the members of the magistracy, Corporation, School Board, and Hospital Committee. Behind these came the local lodges of Odd-fellows, Foresters, and Rechabites, wearing their regalia and carrying their banners and symbols. Headed by the Liskeard Volunteer Band playing lively airs, the procession wended its way to the site, and awaited the arrival of the Ma-onic visitors.

The Special Provincial Grand Lodge summoned for the occasion was attended by a large number of brethren, who clothed in the Wesleyan School-room. The Provincial Grand Lodge was afterwards opened in the adjoining Temperance Hall.

There were present: Bros. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, Prov. G.M.; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. England, as Deputy Prov. G.M.; G. H. Baynes Reed, 75, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. G. G. Ross, Prov. G. Chaplain; J. Bazeley, 450, Prov. G. Reg.; G. D. Anderton, Prov. G. Sec.; M. Sampson, Prov. J.G.D.; G. Hassell, 1136, Prov. J.G.D.; W. L. Chegwidde, 589, Prov. G.S. of W.; Frank Bray, 1285, Prov. G.D.C.; J. O. Job, 496, Prov. A.G.D.C.; J. Basset, 1164, and J. Retallick, 699, Prov. G. Std. Brs.; T. B. Tresize, 1136, J. H. Hoskin, 557, and W. McLean, Prov. G. Stewards; J. Polkinghorne, Prov. G. Tyler; and many others.

Bro. ANDERTON, Prov. G. Secretary, said letters regretting absence had been received, among others, from Bros. Sir Charles Sawle, Deputy Prov. G.M.; Capt. Colville, Dr. Adams, and Colville Smith; and the P.G.M. said he had himself received an apology from Bro. Daniell.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened,

Bro. W. J. HUGHAN said he should like to say a word with regard to the late Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, of which their esteemed Provincial Grand Master was Chairman. He did not hesitate to say that under hardly no other Chairman would the result have been so gratifying. The most sanguine put the result of that dinner at £14,000, but the amount reached was £16,000, and a great deal of it was due to the popularity of the Chairman, not only in his own province, where £750 was obtained, but throughout England, as Deputy Grand Master of England. He moved a resolution congratulating their Provincial ruler on the immense success of that Festival.

Bro. ANDERTON, who, as one of the Stewards of the province, had £392 on his list, seconded the motion.

The P.G. MASTER, in reply, said he was not sorry this motion was proposed, because it gave him the opportunity of saying he did not attribute the success of the meeting to any efforts of his own, but to the zeal of Masons throughout the country, who apparently every year appreciated their Charities more, and are more willing to support them. It also gave him the opportunity of thanking the province for having backed him up on that occasion by giving him £750, which for a province which was small was most gratifying. He must say that although their lodges in Cornwall were small and in small places, they always did come to the front very well in the cause of Charity. He thanked them, and was proud of representing a province which, at any rate, always did its best for the good of those who deserved the assistance of their brother Masons.

The procession was then formed in due order, under the superintendence of Bro. Frank Bray, Prov. Director of Ceremonies, and headed by the Greenbank brass band, marched through the streets lined with spectators to the site of the hospital. On its arrival,

The Mayor, in the name of the inhabitants, cordially welcomed Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, and presented him with a silver trowel, remarking that his duty was simply to ask his lordship to accept the trowel and to lay the corner-stone of the Passmore Edwards' Cottage Hospital in accordance with the ancient ceremony of the great Society of Freemasons, which from time immemorial had been associated with the erection of buildings raised for the benefit of mankind, and which had the great privilege of recognising his lordship as one of its most distinguished rulers in this country.

Bro. the Earl of MOUNT EDGCOMBE, addressing the assembly, said they were a gathering of lawful Masons, true and faithful to their country, and bound by solemn obligations to take their part in erecting worthy buildings for the service of the brethren, the benefit of mankind, and the glory of God, the Great Architect of the Universe. They had among them, concealed from every eye, secrets which might not be revealed, and which no man had discovered. But those secrets were lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted in peace and honour to Masons in ancient times, and they had been transmitted to the Masons of to-day, whose duty it was to convey them unsullied to posterity. Unless their Craft had been good and their calling honourable, their Society would not have lasted so many centuries, nor should they have had so many brethren in their Order to further their objects and laws. They met under the banner of St. Martin's Lodge, No. 510, which celebrated that year the 50th anniversary of its existence in Liskeard, and they were assembled to commence the building of a house provided by the munificence of Bro. John Passmore Edwards to be used as a cottage hospital for that town, in which the poor, sick, and suffering might find relief and comfort. As it was the first duty of all Masons in every undertaking to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe on their work, he called upon them to join the Prov. Grand Chaplain in an address to the Throne of Grace.

The P.G. CHAPLAIN (Rev. Dr. Ross) having offered up a special prayer,

The P.G. SECRETARY read the inscription on the stone as follows: "This corner stone of the hospital, provided by the munificence of Bro. J. Passmore Edwards, was laid by the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, D.G.M. and P.G.M. Cornwall, May 21st, 1893. W. H. Stantan, Mayor."

To the accompaniment of solemn music by the band, the stone was then lowered with three distinct stops. With finished skill, the Earl of Mount Edgcombe then laid the stone, and, having proved it with plumb, level, and square, declared it properly laid with the usual Masonic formulas. In accordance with the ancient custom of the Order, his lordship afterwards scattered corn on the stone, and sprinkled wine and oil over it, explaining that the corn was symbolical of plenty and abundance, the wine of strength and gladness, and the oil of healing and harmony.

The hymn "All people that on earth do dwell," having been sung, the ceremony concluded with the benediction, pronounced by the P.G. Chaplain.

Afterwards the processions reformed and returned to the town, and the large concourse of spectators slowly dispersed.

A luncheon was afterwards held.

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To Abergavenny, Dowlais, Merthyr, Tredegar, Brynmawr, Builth, Brecon, Swansea, Carmarthen for 8 days.

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NOTE—By the [trips to Scotland] Cheap Third Class Tickets will be issued at a SINGLE FARE FOR THE DOUBLE JOURNEY, available for return on any day within 16 days from date of issue.

ON SATURDAY, JUNE 1st.

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ON WHIT MONDAY, JUNE 3rd.

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To Berkhamsted, Leighton, Watford, St. Albans, and Wolverton for ONE DAY.

ON THURSDAY (MIDNIGHT), JUNE 6th.

To MANCHESTER for 2 days (Races).

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FRED. HARRISON, General Manager.

London, May, 1895.

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HENRY OAKLEY, General Manager.

THE desirability of establishing a FREEMASONS' HALL and CLUB in LEWISHAM has been proposed by some local Freemasons. Any Brother desirous of ventilating this proposition at a Masonic Meeting, will oblige by communicating with Bro. JOHN COOTE, Plas Teg, 44, Rushey-green, Catford.

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At the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, May 17th, 1895, W. Bro. John A. Farnfield, Patron, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer and Trustee, in the chair, after the General Business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election of 20 Male Annuitants from an Approved List of 61 Candidates, and 20 Female Annuitants from an Approved List of 51 Candidates, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:

No. on Poll.	MALES.	Notes.
1	Bro. A. W. Wells	5170
2	Richard Vertigans	4885
3	Peter Barlow	4606
4	George Robson	4562
5	Henry Ainsworth	4345
6	John Collie	4331
7	Walter Woodthorpe	4323
8	John W. Harris	4129
9	John Priest	3979
10	John Hill	3946
11	Rich Lewis	3943
12	John Kilshaw	3919
13	Alfred Briant	3870
14	F. Dennis	3638
*15	Peter Burton	3600
*16	Edwin Pickering	3589
*17	William Langridge	3585
18	William Cook (deferred)	3565
19	William Armstrong (deferred)	3378
20	John Comyn (deferred)	3257

No. on Poll.	WIDOWS.	Notes.
1	Mrs. E. Whitehouse	5879
2	H. Kinsey	5756
3	E. A. Footitt	5697
4	S. E. Ace	5523
5	J. Bowes	5405
6	E. Best	5373
7	E. Welch	5289
*8	A. Neville	5277
*9	S. E. Beck	5130
*10	H. Dayson	4998
*11	H. Rolfe	4709
*12	L. A. Johnson	4701
*13	L. Sillifant	4694
*14	J. Exley	4657
*15	J. Belcham	4636
*16	S. J. Scargill	4563
*17	A. Stanton	4552
18	J. Holmes (deferred)	4502
19	N. Welchman (deferred)	4394
20	J. Fancques (deferred)	4038

The Votes of the Unsuccessful Candidates will be carried forward to the next election. Those marked * are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the Voting Papers were issued.

The three lowest on the Poll (both Male and Female) will be placed on the List of Annuitants as vacancies occur.

By order, JAMES TERRY, Vice-Patron and Secretary.

17th May, 1895. The ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held on the 26th February, 1896, under the distinguished Presidency of the Right Hon. Lord George F. Hamilton, M.P. (P.G.W.), R.W. Prov. G.M. for Middlesex. The services of Brethren and of Ladies, to act as Stewards on this important occasion, are earnestly solicited and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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Mrs. SUSANNAH BECK, Widow of the late Bro. Beck, desires to thank all those who have so kindly helped to secure for her the annuity from the R.M.B.I. Mrs. Beck finds it impossible to thank each individual personally, and takes the first opportunity of thanking them through the medium of this paper.

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SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1895. Masonic Notes.

Liskeard was the scene of great rejoicing on Tuesday, when the first stone of the Liskeard Cottage Hospital was laid with full Masonic ceremonial by Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Dep. Grand Master of England, and Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall. The town, which was filled with visitors from the country side, all anxious to witness so unusual a spectacle, had evidently made up its mind to thoroughly enjoy itself. Business was almost entirely suspended, and the streets and public buildings were decorated with triumphal arches, and flags, banners, and floral devices of every kind. The Hospital is the first of a series of similar institutions which are being erected in the various towns throughout Cornwall at the cost of Bro.

Passmore Edwards, whose munificence is most gratefully acknowledged throughout the county. A report of the proceedings will be found in another part of our columns.

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We are glad to be in a position to announce that the two ladies who figured in the London section of the Board of Stewards at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—Miss Cumberland and Mrs. James Stephens—have each of them increased their lists by 10 guineas. Miss Cumberland was Unattached, and now has to her credit the sum of £52 10s., while Mrs. James Stephens represented the Lodge of Fellowship, No. 2535, which was consecrated at the Restaurant Frascati in December last, and her list now reaches the large sum of £315, inclusive of her own personal donation of £52 10s. This is the third time that Mrs. Stephens has acted as a Steward, and taken up a Return exceeding £300. It speaks well for her energy and the kindly consideration she entertains for our Masonic Institutions, and we can only hope that she may have further opportunities of rendering similar services of equal or even greater value.

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We have already announced that the Annual Athletic Sports of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Kempton Park on Saturday, the 8th June. The arrangements are in charge of a Sports Committee, of which Bro. George Everett, Past G. Treasurer, is Chairman, and Bro. J. M. McLeod, the Secretary, and the Rev. H. A. Hebb, the Head Master, are members. The boys and the Board of Management, with their friends, will be conveyed by special train, leaving Wood Green Station (G.N.R.) at 11.10 a.m., and arriving at Kempton Park at 12.45 p.m., and will leave the latter on their return home at 7.30 p.m.

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A special train for the conveyance of friends and visitors will leave Waterloo (North) Station, No. 8 Platform, at 12.45 p.m., and, calling at Vauxhall, Clapham Junction, and Richmond, will arrive at Kempton Park Station at 1.25; returning from the latter at 9 p.m. Messrs. Bertram and Co. will provide dinner for visitors, at 3s. 6d. each person; tea at 1s.; and light refreshments, &c. The sports will commence at 2.30 p.m., and the proceedings will be enlivened by the Band (35 strong) of the T. Division of the Metropolitan Police. To add to the pleasure of those present there will be dancing in the Pavilion at 6.30 p.m. Tickets admitting bearer and friends may be obtained on application to the members of the Sports Committee, or to the Secretary of the Institution at the offices, 6, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

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It will have been seen from our "Note" of last week that the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Wednesday, the 3rd July, this being the third year in succession in which this important anniversary has been held in this favourite pleasure-resort. It has, however, been arranged that the banquet shall commence somewhat later than on former years, that is to say, at 5.30 p.m. instead of at 4 p.m. This will afford the Stewards and other ladies and brethren who may attend the gathering the opportunity of enjoying a few hours in the town or on the piers and promenades with which Brighton is so amply furnished.

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We shall be only too delighted to assist in any scheme for promoting the interests of Freemasonry, and rendering it still more serviceable to the general community than it is at the present moment. But the suggestion which Bro. James E. Carver threw out in his letter a fortnight since, that we should take upon ourselves to act as Secretary *pro tem* of the "Forward Lodge" or Committee, which he proposes should be formed is out of the question, for the single, but very important, reason that the time at our disposal does not admit of our accepting such a responsible post. We shall, however, be pleased to place in communication with Bro. Carver any brethren who may be desirous of furthering the purpose he has at heart.

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As regards the suggestion that Bro. J. Wardley was kind enough to make in our issue of the 11th inst., that a corner of the *Freemason* should be devoted to the publication of particulars about proved "Masonic Vagrants," it is undoubtedly well worth considering. But before committing ourselves to a distinct promise, we should like to hear more about the scheme which sundry Provinces seem inclined to adopt with a view to repressing, as far as possible, the admitted nuisance of "Masonic Vagrancy." We have already shown, in our article of the 30th March last, that we are prepared to support, as far as it lies in our power, any well-devised plan for the accomplishment of this object.

Correspondence.

SACKVILLE LODGE, No. 1619.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I see in last week's *Freemason* you have an account of meeting of Sackville lodge, 1619, on the 7th inst. Your correspondent pretty accurately describes what took place, in regard to proposed Masonic Hall. Now that this subject has been ventilated in your columns, I may, without revealing secrets strictly belonging to Sackville Lodge, give you so far as I know the origin of the movement for building a Masonic Hall. Some three years since my I.P.M., who held the office of W.M. for two successive years, promised the brethren that he would give a piece of land and £500 for a Masonic Temple. Causes operated, which I will not enter into here, which caused a delay, and when I took office in September last, I found that no steps had been taken even for the land to be transferred, I had an interview with I.P.M., Bro. Budd Budd, who has certainly been a very liberal brother indeed, and is, I believe, liberal in his support of the Charities, and from what he said I gathered that for the present his very generous offers must remain in abeyance. I then suggested that the brethren should subscribe a sufficient sum to enable them to build, and that the balance could be raised by bonds. He then said he would give a cheque for £100 and the land, if the rest could be raised. Approved plans have been submitted for a building to cost about £600, and we intended building in January, but Bro. Budd Budd objects to the building being in debt, hence the delay. Bro. Canon Cooper is very sanguine that if our difficulty is known it will be removed by the liberality of the Craft generally. He as well as myself and Past Masters, officers, and brethren of the lodge would very much like to see the Temple an accomplished fact. I have no doubt every true Mason would rather meet and do the work of the lodge in a building dedicated for that purpose. But, for myself individually, I must own to a certain amount of diffidence in appealing outside our own lodge for this building, as, although it is for the good of the Craft in general, it is for the benefit of Sackville in particular. I should be sorry if this letter prevents any liberal brother responding to any appeal Bro. Canon Cooper may make to them individually. Sackville Lodge owes him a debt of gratitude for the interest he has taken in the matter. He has the interest of the lodge at heart I know, and would like to see Freemasonry in East Grinstead extend its influence for good. I have, I fear, trespassed on your space. If you will kindly insert this in your next I shall esteem it a favour.—Fraternally yours,

D. WOOD, W.M. 1619.

Westfield, May 22nd.

P.S.—I may say £250 has already been subscribed.

GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason,"

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to the inquiry of Bro. James Kaye, P.M. 275, speaking as a P.M. of many years regular Masonic working, I should most certainly hold that the production of the Grand Lodge certificate is quite indispensable when visiting a lodge for the first time without a personal introduction by one or more of the subscribing brethren of the lodge who can vouch for the brother, presenting himself, as a visitor. We are most of us aware that unfortunately many little mistakes are made through a feeling of kindness or want of discipline on the part of the officers. In years gone by whenever a visiting brother presented himself in the ante-room, we always met him kindly, but the first question put to the brother, and always by a P.M., was, "Have you your certificate?" this being produced, the brother was taken into the retiring room for Past Masters, examined as to his knowledge of the Three Degrees, requested to sign his name, the signature was then compared with the signature on the margin of the certificate, and an obligation administered solemnly stating that the brother was the writer of the signature on certificate.

It has fallen to my lot many many times to test visiting brethren by this rule, and I can with great pleasure say I never had a single objection to the giving of proofs to the best of their ability and to our entire satisfaction. It was our custom to address a short admonition to each M.M. when presenting him with his certificate, and impressing him with the importance of producing his certificate before asking admission as a visitor. Some years ago I had the misfortune to have my portmanteau stolen; it contained my dress suit and other personal requirements, one Masonic apron, a Past Master's jewel, and my certificate. The person, or persons, who stole the portmanteau were kind enough to return my Grand Lodge certificate, for which I have ever felt very grateful. Apologising for troubling you.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

PAST P.J.G.W., P.P.G. Sec.

May 8th.

IT IS ANNOUNCED that the Duke and Duchess of York will visit Darlington during the Royal Agricultural Society's Show there next month. They are expected to arrive in the town on Tuesday, the 25th June, when they will receive an address of welcome from the Corporation. They will then proceed to Raby Castle, where they will remain as the guest of Bro. Lord Barnard. The following day they will attend the Show, and on the 27th will visit Barnard Castle.



"WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC CALENDAR, compiled by W. Bro. W. Goodacre, Past Grand Sword Bearer, Provincial Grand Secretary, Churchlea, Wigan, 1895-96. Wigan: Walls and Sons, &c., Wallgate."—This is a very valuable and interesting compilation, carefully edited by the zealous Prov. G. Sec., Bro. William Goodacre. The labour to compile the numerous particulars must have been considerable, the book being just such another for size and style as the 32nd edition of the Constitutions. There are 111 lodges in West Lancashire, it and the adjoining Province of East Lancashire making the largest two provinces in England, there being considerably over 200 lodges in the county. There are 46 Royal Arch chapters in the same Province, the whole of the 157 organisations having their days of meeting throughout the 12 months duly noted in the calendar, Installations being also stated. The calendar runs from April, 1895, to March 1896. The report by the Prov. Grand Secretary, presented at Lancaster 19th September last, is printed, by which we see that 647 candidates were initiated during the year, the roll of members numbering 7261, being an average of over 65 to each lodge, or nearly double that of some Provinces. The report of the local Charity Funds is very favourable, 212 children are on the Educational Institution, the annuitants number 30 on the "Alpass" Memorial Fund, and that of the "Hamer" is also doing well, two of these grand societies having incomes of nearly £2000 each. As Bro. Goodacre says most truly, with all this gratifying activity locally, the Central Masonic Charities have been well supported, £2500 being contributed to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in 1894, and substantial aid besides. A remarkable record. The officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Chapter are given from 1826 and 1867 respectively, as well as the officers, Past Masters, dates of warrants of the lodges, &c., and particulars of the chapters. Besides these, 18 Mark Lodges, seven Knights Templar preceptories, and three Rose Croix chapters are duly attended to. Undoubtedly Bro. Goodacre makes an excellent Editor, and the Calendar is a most welcome annual.

"VOICE OF MASONRY."—John W. Brown, Editor and Publisher, Chicago, Ill.—The April and May numbers of this well-known American Masonic monthly are full of interesting matter, the principal attraction being the further papers they contain by Bro. William E. Gintner, of Charleston, Illinois, in illustration of the question—"What is Freemasonry?" The April number also includes a most sensible article on "Perpetual Jurisdiction," by Bro. W. W. Clarke, Ancient Craft Correspondent for Kentucky, in which that worthy brother utterly demolishes the sophistical arguments by which it is endeavoured in some of the American Grand Lodge jurisdictions to prove that a lodge which has rejected a candidate for Masonry acquires certain rights over him. As Bro. Clarke puts it, "by such rejection an effectual bar is raised to any other lodge, at any place, in any manner, or any time however remote, ever acquiring jurisdiction of a rejected candidate, except alone by permission of the rejecting lodge, in which event the jurisdiction would be acquired not by right, but by grace." Such a doctrine must seem ridiculous in the eyes of English brethren, but it is seriously maintained in some of the States in North America. However, as we have said, Bro. Clarke demolishes it by a series of cogent reasonings, which are all the more effective, because they are calmly and dispassionately set forth. In the May number, there is an article headed, "Perpetual Objection," which deals with the same subject. Whether this is intended as a reply to Bro. Clarke's article or not we are unable to say, but in our opinion it fails to disturb his arguments. Both numbers contain a full store of "Masonic Gleanings," which furnish much valuable statistical and other information about other Grand bodies in the States.

"MASONIC ADVOCATE."—Martin H. Rice, Editor Indianapolis, Ind.—The May number includes an article by Bro. Daniel McDonald, P.G.M., headed "Masonic Reminiscences," and having especial reference to "Military Lodges" which were sanctioned during the great Civil War of 1861-65. There is also a report of the proceedings of the 41st annual convocation of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana, which was held in Indianapolis on the 17th April last. All the commanderies in the jurisdiction are said to have been represented, and there was a full attendance of Grand Officers, Present and Past. The new G. Commander is Sir Knight Walter M. Hoodman, while Sir Knight William H. Smythe remains at his post of Grand Recorder.

"THE FREEMASONS' REPOSITORY," Henry W. Rugg, Editor. E. L. Freeman and Son, Publishers, No. 3, Westminster-street, Providence, R.I.—Many of the articles in the April number are quoted from other Masonic periodicals, but those who are interested in the history of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States will find an interesting article on its Organisation from the pen of Sir Knight James H. Hopkins, which is intended as a reply to a former paper on the same subject by Sir Knight Carson. There will also be found a modest budget of "Masonic News," in which are noted the proceedings of various Grand Bodies.

"THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN," published by the Canadian Craftsman Publishing Company of Toronto (Limited), 78, Bay, Toronto.—Apart from its Masonic news, there will be found in the April number of this able monthly, in the first place, a calmly written article on the subject of the "Grand Lodge of Quebec v. England," to which we took occasion to refer in our "Notes" of last week, and in the next, a paper on "Freemasonry in the Continental Army," by Julius F. Sachse, which is well worth reading.

"THE FREEMASON," Toronto, Canada.—We learn from the opening paragraph of the April number that our namesake of Toronto last month entered upon the 15th year of its existence, and we gladly avail ourselves of this

opportunity of congratulating our worthy contemporary on its excellence as an exponent of Masonic opinion, and for the value of its contents generally. We trust it may have before it a long career of usefulness.

"THE KEYSTONE"—Masonic Publishing Company of Philadelphia, 237-9, Dock-street—for the 4th inst., contains an able article on the "Duties of Committees of Enquiry," and a long array of news, including an account of the constitution of a new lodge in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania—Radiant Star Lodge, No. 606. The ceremony took place in the Masonic Hall, Frankford, Philadelphia, on the 20th April, and was performed by Bro. Matthias H. Henderson, Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

Craft Masonry.

Cordwainer Ward Lodge (No. 2241).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday, the 15th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. F. W. Potter, W.M., and the minutes of the election meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury was duly installed in the chair of K.S., in the presence of a large number of Past Masters. The officers were invested as follows: Bros. J. W. Potter, I.P.M.; R. C. Mason, S.W.; J. A. Soper, J.W.; H. J. Adams, P.G.S.B., Treas.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., Sec.; D. Cowan, S.D.; J. S. Crowther, J.D.; A. P. Poley, I.G.; J. R. Reep, P.M., D.C.; H. F. Hepburn, A.D.C.; W. T. Buck, P.M., W. Banner, J. Dangerfield, and P. Beaby, Stwds.; and J. Rawles, Tyler. Members present in addition to the above: Bros. F. Stuart, J. Toss, A. Bull, Cyrus Beaby, E. Foxley, and Bro. C. D. Buck, P.M., and J. F. Hephner, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Durham, S.W. 1997; Kipp, P.M. 1997; Terry, P.M.; Ebbelwhite; Brown, P.M.; Clunn; Ferguson P.M.; Gardiner; J. Kipp, W.M. 1997; Gramell Allen, P.M.; Dangerfield, P.M.; Perks, P.M. 1507; Asher, P.M. 1395; Brockman, and Walter Beaby, 1541; and Skinner, W.M. 18.

The business was followed by a capital banquet in the Pillar Hall, the music under the direction of Bro. Turle Lee, the singing of Miss Minnie Chamberlain being much applauded.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

CANTERBURY.

Royal Military Lodge (No. 1449).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, on Monday, the 13th inst., when there were present: Bros. J. W. Fannery, W.M.; G. Pope, as S.W.; R. Fairbrother, J.W.; H. Andrews, J.D.; F. W. Drury, Stwd., as I.G.; H. Broughton, Stwd.; W. T. Clayton, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; E. Cockersell, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. Pearson, Org.; J. Plant, P.M. 31, P.P.G. Org., as I.P.M.; T. H. Blamiers, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; T. B. Rossiter, P.M. 972; E. Lukey, P.M. 199, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Mount, W.M. 31; C. Richardson, W.M. 972; A. W. Southwell, W.M., W. B. Loudon, P.M., E. G. Walthew, P.M., S. Brown, S.W., and W. Brannon, all of 1915; and several other well-known brethren.

The lodge was opened, and after a ballot had been taken for Mr. Henry Walthew, of Aylesbury and Calcutta, who is about to return to India, the same proving unanimous in his favour, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. E. G. Walthew, P.M. 1815, who initiated into Freemasonry his brother, Mr. Henry Walthew, the charge being given by the W.M., and the lecture on the tracing board by Bro. Clayton, P.M., in their usual well-known styles.

After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to refreshments.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and "The Initiate," were given.

Harmony was indulged in and all present appreciated the fine singing of Bros. J. Plant, Byron, Dewhurst, Pearson, Laybourne, and others.

During the evening reference was made to the unique position in this lodge of a Past Master initiating his own brother, and the initiate was wished every success in his future career abroad.

EPSOM.

Ebbisham Lodge (No. 2422).—A very successful gathering was held in connection with this lodge at the King's Head Hotel on the 13th inst., when the members present included Bros. J. Andrews, W.M.; J. O'Connell, P.P.G.O., I.P.M.; C. P. King, S.W.; W. J. Green, J.W.; Rev. E. G. Houndle, P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; W. Pile, P.P.G.S.B., P.M.; H. A. P. Genge, S.D.; E. G. Wilson, J.D.; W. Langlands, I.G.; J. Jacobs and W. R. Tytheridge, Stwds.; T. T. Bucknill, Q.C., M.P., Dep. G.R.; F. W. Coles, P.G.S.B., Treas.; G. Marshall, W. Swift Large, E. Capon, and Roland H. Ward. Visitors: Bros. F. West, Dep. Prov. G.M. in charge; F. Page, S.D. 2182; C. P. Lovelock, 1216; W. Large, P.P.S.G.D. Staff; W. C. Sabine, S.D. 1892; P. J. Rowland, 2096; H. R. Elkin, Stwd. 2157; J. R. Phillips, I.P.M. 2157; J. H. Osman, I.G. 1347; W. J. Baker, J.W. 1692; R. Salter White, S.W. 1692; E. Dixon, P.P.S.G.W. Berks and Bucks; T. A. Hill, P.P.G. Org.; W. W. Lee, W.M. 1897; and others.

After the routine business, which followed the opening of the lodge, Bro. W. Pile, P.P.G.S.B., was duly presented and installed into the chair by Bro. Andrews. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. C. P. King, S.W.; W. J. Green, J.W.; E. L. G. Houndle, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Chaplain; F. W. Coles, P.M., P.G.S.B. Eng., Treasurer; J. O. Connell, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Surrey, Secretary; H. A. P. Genge, S.D.; E. G. Wilson, J.D.; W. G. Langlands, I.G.; J. O. Jacobs, W.M. 55, D.C.; G. C. Barry, P.M., P.P.G. Organist, Org.; Dr. W. R. Tytheridge and R. H. Ward, P.M. 1823, Stewards; and A. Rowley, Tyler. The I.P.M., Bro. Andrews, was presented with a Past Master's jewel in appreciation of services rendered during the past year as Master, and the gift was appropriately acknowledged. An anthem—"Behold how good and joyful a thing it is"—having been sung, the lodge was formally closed.

After banquet the usual toast list was proceeded with. Bro. T. T. Bucknill, Q.C., M.P., Deputy Grand Reg.,

responding for "The Grand Officers," said that as a busy man he had to get 25 hours work into 24, and delighted as he should have been to have remained with them until the last, he had to travel back to town in order to address the Speaker one hour after midnight. They all knew that long before he was elevated to the position of a Grand Officer he had at heart the interest of that lodge. The members did him a great honour in making him the first Master—an honour he should never forget—and in that sense the interest of the Ebbisham Lodge would be nearest to his heart, next to his mother lodge. He was glad to see Bro. Cole, P.G.S.B., present, who was one of the inhabitants of the town who was not only a Mason, but a friend to those who were Masons. Although they were not very numerous, and although perhaps they might now be rolling in wealth, there was always to be found that hospitality and brotherly love which would never grow less, but more and more as the lodge grew in age and wisdom. The Worshipful Masters in the past had done their best, and the present ruler would follow in the same steps, and with Bro. O'Connell at his elbow could not go far wrong.

Bro. F. Coles, P.G.S.B., proposed "The D.P.G.M. in Charge," and

Bro. F. West, D.P.G.M. in charge, in reply, said it was not the first time he had replied in that capacity, having done so for over three years on a previous occasion. They could not possibly have a chief who more thoroughly had at heart the principles of Freemasonry than the late Col. Money, with whom he worked so harmoniously. They knew their new Prov. Grand Master by repute, and if he came up to the standard of his predecessors they would have an excellent ruler. In finding an old friend—Bro. Pile—in the chair, he was reminded that the brethren were keeping up the fabric of the old Masonic Craft by appointing such a distinguished brother, and giving energy and permanency to the Institutions of Freemasonry. The first W.M. had been appointed to one of the most distinguished offices in Grand Lodge, and he hoped that other members of the lodge would obtain the dark blue collar on a future occasion. Surrey was well represented by three collars in Grand Lodge this year, they were fairly earned. He knew the lodge would go on well under the care of the present W.M., and he hoped to see continued prosperity for many years to come.

Bro. J. Andrews, I.P.M., then gave "The Health of the W.M.," and said it was a difficult position to fill, especially to one occupying the chair for the first time. He had known their W.M. for many years, and could call him a friend of a quarter of a century. They had not disagreed in any matter, and they could each claim to have assisted the other. They were indebted to the W.M. for the manner in which he had helped the lodge in its formation and since. The brethren would all join in welcoming Bro. Pile as W.M., and in looking forward to a very happy period during his year.

Bro. W. Pile, P.P.G.S.B., W.M., in response, said he did not expect, until a few months ago, to be placed in that position, and thanked them for the toast of the W.M. He was proud indeed that the toast had fallen into the hands of the I.P.M., whom he thanked most heartily for his very kind words. He was delighted to be with the brethren, for if he was not present he felt he had lost something. They could understand how he felt as W.M. of that popular and young lodge, that had been recognised by Grand Lodge and the Province of Surrey. What little he (the W.M.) had done had been recognised by the brother on his right (Bro. West) on many occasions. So long as they could live happily, and meet happily and Masonically as they did then, so long would Masonry continue a delight, and the position of W.M. an honour. He urged the members to study the ritual, and work hard in order to arrive at the position he then held. He thanked them most heartily for the kind reception.

Bro. the Rev. E. L. G. Houndle, P.P.G. Chap., Chap., proposed "The I.P.M.," and said Bro. Andrews had performed his duty admirably, although deterred by ill-health. That gave them every sympathy, and all would join heartily in drinking the toast.

Bro. J. Andrews, I.P.M., said he had often proclaimed himself an old Mason, but it was only in recent years he had taken a very active part in Masonry, because circumstances prevented him before. He had always had Masonry at heart, and he was proud to be the I.P.M. of the lodge, of which he was a founder, founded in his native town. He thanked them for the jewel. He could not claim to be a perfect Mason, or one who had performed his duties in a perfect manner, but he had done his best. He had received the greatest consideration from the brethren during his year. It had been his practice never to shirk responsibility, and he hoped his efforts had met with their satisfaction. He was proud to know the lodge flourished, and hoped it would continue to do so.

Bro. J. O'Connell, P.M., P.P.G. Org., Sec., proposed "The Visitors" in felicitous terms, giving them a hearty reception on behalf of the lodge.

Other toasts followed before the Tyler's toast closed a pleasant evening, the enjoyment of which was considerably enhanced by the performance of a choice musical programme.

HAMPTON COURT.

Raymond Thrupp Lodge (No. 2024).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Mitre Hotel on the 1st inst. There were present Bros. Walter Haddon, W.M.; C. Venning Burgess, P.M., S.W.; Jabez Church, P.M., P.S.G.W. Middx., Treas.; Charles Graham, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; R. Turle, J.D.; J. Sadler Wood, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., D.C.; F. H. Hendricks, I.G.; A. Swinford F. Smith, Org.; A. K. Stevens, Stwd.; N. Mildred, P.M.; James J. Smith, T. H. Coomber, W. R. Burgoyne Watts, J. W. Taylor, F. B. Scott, and A. Young, Tyler. Visitors: Bro. J. Barrett, P.M. 1201; T. D. Berry, 2030; W. H. Making, P.M. 1278; D. Charteris 2319; P. Griffith, 2508; G. Yardley, P.M. 463; J. Gaze, S.W. 1922; W. F. Burgoyne Watts, S.W. 183; E. Marriot, 1319; H. Parkin, 2009; Fred. H. Cozens, and R. T. West, 1744.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, and the auditor's report received and adopted, Bro. C. Venning Burgess, the W.M. elect, was then presented and installed in a highly praiseworthy manner by Bro. Charles Graham, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx. The following were appointed officers for the year, and they were all invested with the exception of the S.W. and J.W., who were unavoidably absent: Bros. F. T. Simson, S.W.; W. Bacon, J.W.; Jabez Church,

P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., Treas.; C. Graham, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; R. Turle, S.D.; W. R. Burgoyne Watts, I.D.; F. J. Smith, I.G.; A. K. Stephens, Stwd.; F. Swinford, Org.; J. Sadler Wood, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., D.C.; and A. Young, Tyler. The customary addresses were very ably rendered by Bro. C. Graham, and he was congratulated for the efficient manner in which he had carried out the whole of the installation ceremony. The first duty of the newly-installed Master was to present Bro. Walter Haddon, the I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel, which he did in a few appropriate words. Bro. Haddon expressed his thanks for the kind appreciation of his services, and said that the jewel would ever remind him of his year of office and the many happy associations. A letter was read from Bro. Lord George Hamilton, regretting his inability to attend, and a joining member having been proposed for election at the next meeting, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, which reflected the highest credit on the establishment.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured.

The W.M. submitted the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," making special reference to Bro. Jabez Church, Prov. S.G.W., and he coupled his name with the toast.

In response, Bro. Jabez Church said that he was proud that his name had been associated with the toast. It had been his privilege and honour to have attended all the consecrations in the province since he had been in office. The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord George Hamilton, was a good one, and he had learnt much from him. It was not necessary for him to dilate on the many virtues of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Raymond Thrupp, as they were so well known. The lodge had been well honoured by the Prov. Grand Lodge, and in conclusion he stated that he was pleased to be one of that body, and a member of the Raymond Thrupp Lodge.

Bro. Walter Haddon, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He stated that it was one of the pleasures of his new office of I.P.M. to submit the toast. In Bro. Venning Burgess they had one of the very best of Masters, and no one could be more earnest in Freemasonry, and it was well known in other lodges what he had done for the Craft. He was a good fellow and an excellent friend, and they were all proud of him, and there was not the slightest doubt that he would have a splendid year as their ruler.

Bro. C. Venning Burgess, W.M., responded, remarking that words failed to express adequately what he then felt. Their's was a very happy lodge, for which he had a great feeling. He was greatly indebted to Bro. Raymond Thrupp for his first office in the lodge, and which was his first in Masonry. It would be his earnest desire to carry out his duties with satisfaction to himself and the brethren. His predecessors were excellent, and if he could follow in their footsteps he would be gratified, but, anyway, what he had to do would be done to the best of his ability, and in such a way that he hoped no one would ever regret having elected him to the high position of W.M.

The W.M. gave "The Visitors," observing that he was delighted to greet them, and he was honoured with their presence. Visitors were always appreciated there, and they helped to increase the popularity of the lodge. He joined with the toast the names of Bros. Leach Barrett, Making, Yadley, and Percy Griffiths, whom he asked to respond.

Bro. Leach Barrett, P.M. 1201, in reply, said it was a great privilege to him to be present that evening, as he had the honour of representing the Cornish Lodge, which numbered 50 members, and of which their newly-installed W.M. had been Master. He earnestly hoped that his year of office in the Raymond Thrupp Lodge would be as pleasant and successful as in the Cornish Lodge. Bro. Venning Burgess had gained honours in Freemasonry, which were increased by his being installed W.M. on that happy occasion.

Bros. W. H. Making, G. Yadley, and Percy Griffith also replied, all bearing testimony to the excellent working of the Installing Master, Bro. Charles Graham, the lavish hospitality of the members, the kind treatment they had received, and the musical entertainment which had been provided.

In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. stated that no lodge could prosper without the assistance of Past Masters, and he made special mention of Bro. Sadler Wood, who had made great efforts for the lodge, and he joined with the toast the names of Bros. Walter Haddon and Mildred.

Bro. Walter Haddon, in reply, said that it was an honour to belong to the lodge, to which all the Past Masters had remained loyal, and the longer he knew the lodge the better he liked it.

Bro. Mildred, P.M., also responded in eloquent terms. The W.M., in proposing "The Officers," paid a tribute to the excellent work done by the Treasurer and Secretary, and in the words of the song which they had had that evening, he thought he was in good company.

Bro. Chas. Graham, P.M., Sec., replied, observing that he had the lodge at heart, and he hoped it would be as successful in the next to years as it had been in the last 10 years.

Bro. W. R. Burgoyne Watts, J.D., also responded in a humorous speech, which elicited much laughter.

The happy and successful gathering, for which the W.M. is to be congratulated, was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

The vocal entertainment was most enjoyable, and was carried out under the able direction of Bro. Frank Swinford, in which the following also took part: Bros. Ernest Marriot, Henry Parkin, and Fred. H. Cozens, but a word of praise is due to Bro. Marriot for his great efforts.

PURFLEET.

Tilbury Lodge (No. 2006).—The first meeting of the season of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 18th inst., at the Royal Hotel. Bro. P. Walker was to have been installed, but owing to the regrettable death of Bro. Walker's daughter that morning, the ceremony had to be postponed till the next meeting in June. A letter of condolence was sent to Bro. Walker, and the members expressed their sympathy with him in his bereavement. The Secretary was also directed to send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Bro. W. L. Dalgeon, who had acted so well for the lodge as Secretary since its consecration, and who had endeared himself to all its members. Five guineas was voted from the lodge funds to head Bro.

Walker's list for the Boys' School. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., Battery, for the services he had rendered during his year of office. Five candidates were initiated by Bro. Bruton, P.P.G.D.C. Bros. Ralling and Lucking, Grand Officers, were present, besides about 50 brethren.

An excellent banquet followed, after which some good singing was rendered by Bros. Will Edwards, Dance, and Barry.

Royal Arch.

Fidelity Chapter (No. 3).—A meeting of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 3rd inst. Among those present were Comps. Stevens, M.E.Z.; Radcliffe, P.Z., as H., in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Larcomb; Captain T. C. Walls, P.D.G.D.C., J.; W. Collins, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., S.E.; J. Heming, P.Z., Treas.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., P.S.; Nash, D.C.; F. Graves, P.Z.; Larter, and Pratt. Comp. Dr. Sanger was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. Larcomb, Mapleton, S.N.; F. McDougall, P.Z.; S. Cochrane, P.G. Treas.; Lieut.-Col. W. Hart, G. Heming, and others.

The chapter was then closed, and a banquet followed. The M.E.Z. presided in a most genial way.

During the proceedings Comps. Radcliffe, Lardner, Nash, and Pratt entertained the companions.

The next meeting of the chapter will be held on the first Friday in November next.

Aldersgate Chapter (No. 1657).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 20th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Present: Comps. Arthur B. Hudson, M.E.Z.; H. B. Marshall, P.Z., H.; George Rawlinson, J.; George Kenning, Treas.; James Shotton, S.N.; George Hand, 1st A.S.; Charles Garton, 2nd A.S.; John Larkin, P.Z.; and W. S. Whitaker. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and the election of the Principals and officers resulted as follows: Comps. George Kenning, M.E.Z.; George Rawlinson, H.; James Shotton, J.; E. V. Jolliffe, S.E.; P. F. R. Saillard, S.N.; John Larkin, Treas.; George Hand, P.S.; Charles Garton, 1st A.S.; H. B. Marshall, 2nd A.S.; G. Couchman, Janitor; and Shotton, Hand and Garton, Auditors.

The companions adjourned to a banquet presided over by the M.E.Z., Comp. Arthur B. Hudson, when the usual loyal and other toasts were given, and duly responded to.

Farringdon Without Chapter (No. 1745).—This chapter met for the dispatch of business at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 29th ult., when there were present, among others, Comps. J. Young, P.Z.; Plummer, H.; E. Burritt Lane, Mus. Bac., P.Z., as J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, D.C.D.C., P.Z., S.E.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G. Std. Br., P.Z., Treas.; T. Simpson, P.Z.; and Nelson Prower, M.A., P.Z. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The election of Principals and officers then took place and resulted as follows: Comps. Plummer, M.E.Z.; H. Herbert, H.; Capt. W. Lurcott, J.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., S.E.; N. Prower, M.A., P.Z., S.N.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., Treas.; and E. Mallett, P.Z. 1623, Janitor. A gold bar was voted to the M.E.Z., to be affixed to his Past Principal's jewel, he already having twice filled the chair. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. H. Herbert, J.; G. Herbert, P.Z.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G. Org. Eng., and Capt. W. Lurcott.

The chapter was then closed.

A banquet followed. The speeches were few, but the songs were many, Comps. J. Young, E. B. Lane, and J. S. Plummer being particularly *en vidence*, and their efforts were greatly appreciated.

TWICKENHAM.

Era Chapter (No. 1423). This prosperous chapter met at the Albany Hotel, on the 11th inst., when there were present: Comps. Capt. T. Walls, P.D.G.D.C., P.Z., S.E., as M.E.Z., in the unavoidable absence through a domestic bereavement of Comp. W. Fisher, P.P.G.P.S., &c.; R. Poore, H.; F. Robinson, J.; Wells, S.N.; Daunt, P.S.; Dr. Ryley, P.Z.; H. Higgins, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; Burridge, Masters, and A. Collins. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. F. Foulger, No. 1949, was duly exalted. It being the night of the annual election, Comps. R. Poore was elected M.E.Z.; F. Robinson, H.; A. Wells, J.; Capt. Walls, S.E.; G. S. Daunt, S.N.; J. Masters, P.S.; E. H. Thielley, P.Z., Treas.; S. W. S. Burridge, 1st A.S.; A. Collins, 2nd A.S.; F. Holt, D.C.; and J. Gilbert, Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. W. Fisher for his services for the second year as M.E.Z., and a vote of condolence was passed to him on the loss of a near relative. Apologies were received from Comps. W. Fisher, M.E.Z.; E. H. Thielley, P.Z., Treas.; G. L. Wingate, P.Z.; W. H. Matthews, P.Z.; and others.

The chapter was then closed.

Refreshment followed labour. Comp. Dr. B. Ryley, P.Z., P.P.G.J. presided, his utterances being very eloquent and yet pertinent. The proceedings throughout were most genial and entertaining.

Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Albany Hotel on the 8th inst. Among those present were Comps. A. Toulmin, jun., M.E.Z.; W. J. Hakim, H., M.E.Z. elect; W. Taylor, P.Z., J.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C., S.E.; E. W. Davis, S.N.; C. Robinson, P.S.; and the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.Z.; and Dr. Hinton, M.A. Among the visitors was Comp. E. Wetzlar, P.Z. 1604. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Comp. the Rev. H. T. S. Saunders installed Comp. W. J. Hakim as First Principal, and Comp. W. Taylor as Second Principal. The M.E.Z. then inducted Comp. C. Robinson as J. The following officers were invested: Comps. Capt. Walls, S.E.; E. W. Davis, S.N.; Dr. Hinton, M.A., P.S.; and G. Harrison, Janitor. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A Past Principal's Jewel was presented to Comp. A. Toulmin, jun. Comp. W. H. Saunders was unanimously elected an honorary member.

The chapter was then closed.

A banquet followed.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

PROSPERITY LODGE (No. 65).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 15th instant, at the Old Parr's Head, Knight-riding-street, E.C. Present: Bros. Col. J. Meurice, W.M.; Galey, S.W.; Holmes, J.W.; Harlow, Preceptor; W. C. Thomas, Treas.; Robert Sarson, Sec.; Saunton, S.D.; Stokes, J.D.; Joy, I.G.; Jas. Smith, Portwine, Butcher, Meadows, White, and Fisher.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Meadows personating the candidate. Bro. White being the candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, the W.M. opened the lodge in the Second Degree, and Bro. White was passed to the Degree of F.C. The W.M. resumed the lodge in the First Degree. Bro. Galey was elected to occupy the chair on the last Wednesday, the fourth Wednesday being officers' night. The first Wednesday in June was granted to the Lion and Lamb members. Bro. Sarson proposed, and Bro. Meadows seconded, that five guineas be taken from the funds and placed on Bro. Thomas's list, who is representing Lodge No. 65 at the Festival of the R.M.I. for Girls. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held on Wednesday evening, the 22nd inst., when there were present Bros. Thomas, W.M.; Galey, S.W.; Butcher, J.W.; Harlow, P.M., Preceptor; Sarson, Sec.; James Smith, S.D.; Crawshaw, I.G.; Meadows, Haynes, King, and Sidder.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Haynes being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Meadows being the candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The W.M. opened the lodge in the Third Degree, and Bro. Meadows was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The W.M. resumed the lodge in the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first and second time. The W.M. rose for the third time, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 16th instant, at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea. Present: Bros. Bradley, W.M.; White, S.W.; Schott, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Stutfield, Sec.; Beauchamp, S.D.; Larkin, J.D.; Thomas, I.G.; Wits, P.M.; Cottis, Murdoch, Ham, Nicholls, and Royle.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Nicholls being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Murdoch answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Royle being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. White was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. After the third rising, the lodge was closed.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Frascati, Oxford-street, W., when there were present: Bros. George Hill, P.M., W.M.; E. Kraus, P.M., S.W.; J. Mason, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; W. E. Wilby, P.M., Sec.; J. Thom, P.M., S.D.; J. A. Zeppenfeld, J.D.; G. A. Sturgess, I.G.; T. W. Smale, P.M.; J. Levy, B. Goldberg, and G. Friedlander.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree and resumed in the First, Bro. John Levy was examined and entrusted. The lodge being resumed in the Second Degree the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. J. Levy being the candidate. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Thom, P.M. The lodge was called on and off. The 3rd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Paul. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and at the first rising Bro. G. Friedlander, 205, was elected a joining member, and the dues were collected. At the second rising, Bro. E. Kraus was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. After the third rising, the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., when there were present Bros. E. Kraus, W.M.; J. Mason, S.W.; M. Gooneratine, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; J. Thom, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; Geo. Hill, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Wilby, P.M., Sec.; L. Gienzel, S.D.; B. Dukes, J.D.; H. C. Parker, I.G.; W. Haslett, P.M.; A. Terry, A. Cohen, G. Friedlander, B. Goldberg, and M. Beedle.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The by-laws having been suspended for this meeting, the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Haslett, P.M. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. A. Cohen being the candidate. The 4th Section was worked by Bro. Thom, P.M., and the 5th by Bro. Paul, P.M. Bro. Cohen answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Arthur Cohen, 2318, was elected a joining member, and the dues were collected. At the second rising, Bro. J. Mason, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight, and appointed the officers in rotation. At the third rising, it was unanimously decided to confer the compliment of honorary membership on Bro. W. Haslett, P.M., for his valuable services to Freemasonry in general, and this lodge in particular. Bro. Haslett modestly replied, and the lodge was closed.

HARROW LODGE (No. 1310).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 10th inst., when there were present: Bros. H. Weston, W.M.; Kelly, S.W.; Harris, J.W.; Jabez Mason, Sec.; Lewis, S.D.; Dyke, J.D.; Handford, I.G.; Geo. Wood, P.M., Preceptor; Rudrum, P.M.; Thom, P.M.; T. West, D. Baker, and A. Zacke.

The lodge was opened in due form. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed by Bro. Kelly, Bro. Rudrum being the candidate. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times. Bro. Handford was elected a joining member. Bro. Kelly was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Congratulations of lodge were accorded to Bros. West and Baker on attaining the positions of W.M. of the Harrow Lodge and the Ravenscroft Lodge respectively. The lodge was then closed.

A meeting was also held on the 17th inst., when there were present: Bros. Kelly, W.M.; Lewis, S.W.; Baker, J.W.; Weston, Treas.; Jabez Mason, Sec.; Weston, S.D.; Palmer, J.D.; Robertson, I.G.; G. Wood, P.M., Preceptor; Corry, P.M.; Rudrum, P.M.; Dyke, Handford, F. Mills, and T. West.

The lodge opened in due form and the minutes were read and confirmed. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. Weston, and the 2nd Section by Bro. Kelly, W.M. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The 4th Section was worked by Bro. Wood, P.M. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times. It was proposed and seconded that Bro. Lewis, S.W. be elected W.M. for the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the W.M. for the excellent manner he had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction. The lodge was then closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 20th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. E. D. F. Rymer, W.M. 1891, W.M.; H. Campbell, S.W.; T. M. Lamble, J.W.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177, Dep. Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Sec.; S. J. Heilbron, I.G. 1658, S.D.; J. C. Conway, P.M. 1891, J.D.; A. Clark, W.M. 1668, I.G.; A. Caddy Jones, P.M. 1446, Stwd.; D. Gellion, P.M. 1425; J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753, 2150, 2421; W. J. Mason, P.M. 1328, 2150, 2246; J. S. Hayes, J.W. 1425; W. R. Hatton, and H. J. Thomas. Bro. W. Smith, 1668, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Smith being the candidate, who afterwards was instructed in his duties leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. After the usual preliminaries, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Hatton being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The following brethren were elected members: Bros. Rymer, Heilbron, and Smith, all of whom acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Campbell was elected W.M. for next lodge meeting. Bros. Thomas and Mason then announced they had been nominated for the Board of General Purposes, and the brethren promised as far as possible to support them at the election. A supposed indigent brother applied for relief, the certificate was impounded, and the applicant referred to the Grand Secretary. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. W. Rapley, W.M.; J. E. Thomas, S.W.; G. T. Peall, J.W.; J. W. Clarke, P.M., Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; R. Eddie, S.D.; A. Ingram, J.D.; E. P. Woodman, I.G.; R. P. Upton, J. T. Hoare, R. W. Nicole, and A. Oliver, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Upton being the candidate, and afterwards the ceremony of passing, Bro. Upton again being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Nicole, and the ceremony of investiture of officers was rehearsed. Bro. Rapley resumed the chair. Bro. Thomas was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, when there were present: Bros. W. B. Neville, W.M. 1767, W.M.; J. J. Mackay, P.M., S.W.; T. T. Gething, J.W.; Kead, G. Std. Br. Eng., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Rumbal, S.D.; W. Thwaites, J.D.; J. A. Battersby, I.G.; A. F. Taylor, Joseph Cox, C. C. Barber, M. Moss, E. J. Green, R. A. Bench, T. F. P. Bell, A. C. S. Mackenzie, J. H. Neville, R. M. Sharpin, J. W. Barker, P.M.; C. G. Hatt, P.M.; and R. Hendy.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Barber acting as candidate. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Neville vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. Mackay, who rehearsed the investiture of officers. Bro. Neville then reoccupied the position of W.M., and the lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Moss then answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. A. C. S. Mackenzie was elected a joining member. Bro. Joseph Cox was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and "Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held on Tuesday, the 21st inst., when there were present Bros. Joseph Cox, W.M.; C. C. Barber, S.W.; T. T. Gething, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Rumbal, S.D.; W. Thwaites, J.D.; M. Moss, I.G.; J. W. Barker, P.M.; T. W. Blott, P.M.; A. F. Taylor, R. M. Sharpin, C. G. Hatt, P.M.; W. B. Neville, W.M. 1767; A. C. S. Mackenzie, T. Pringle, A. J. Turner, W. H. Dresden, P.M.; T. E. P. Bell, J. H. Neville, H. J. Seal, R. N. Larter, and A. Williams, P.M.

The lodge was opened according to ancient custom, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Hatt offered himself as a candidate for raising and was therefore examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and was called off and on. Bro. Cox vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. Blott, and the lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Cox acting as W.M. elect. Bro. Blott gave the addresses incidental to the ceremony. Bro. Barber was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

MAIDSTONE.—ROBINSON LODGE (No. 2061).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Brewer-street. Present: Bros. L. W. Stansell, W.M.; F. Blake, S.W.; E. Gratwick, J.W.; H.

Whyman, Preceptor and I.G.; J. Gowen, Tyler; and J. B. Groom, P.M.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, when a discussion followed about the final meeting and supper of the lodge of instruction, to be held on the 15th June. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, when "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held Saturday evening, the 18th inst., when there were present: Bros. F. W. Wright, P.M., W.M. and President; E. Gratwick, S.W.; L. W. Stansell, J.W.; H. F. Whyman, P.M., Preceptor; H. A. Potvine, Sec.; P. Good, S.D.; W. Jenkinson, I.G.; J. Gowen, Tyler; F. Blake, P.M.; W. B. Stonham, P.M.; and A. Barton.

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 Degree and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, when the lodge was called off for refreshment. The W.M. rose for the first time after the lodge was called on. The W.M. rose for the second time, when Bro. Jenkinson was voted to the chair, on the proposition of Bro. Whyman and seconded by Bro. Blake. 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 of this chapter was held at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 17th inst. Present; Comps. Elgar, M.E.Z.; Willcox, H.; Loader, J.; Grummant, acting S.E.; Derham, S.N.; Cornford, P.S.; Thos. Grummant, Preceptor; Plant, Phillips, Benedetti, Dawson, Worth, White, and Telling.

The minutes of the previous weekly convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Plant personating the candidate. Comp. Phillips was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Comp. Willcox for so ably rehearsing the ceremony of H. for the first time. The chapter was then closed. The annual supper will take place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Wednesday, the 29th inst., at 7 p.m. Comp. C. H. Stone, M.E.Z. of the Star Chapter, will preside.

Knights Templar.

Shadwell Clerke Preceptory (No. 154).—The installation meeting of this preceptory, which had been postponed by dispensation, was held on the 8th inst. at 33, Golden-square. Sir Knight Gregorg, E.P., presided, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. At the request of the E.P., Sir Knight H. Lovegrove installed as a Knight of the Order Comp. Major Frank Mackleston-Allen, of Llyn Padarn, Llanberis. Sir Knight Lovegrove then installed Sir Knight T. Phipps Dorman as E.P., and the officers were invested as follows: Sir Knights H. Parnell Hay, Constable; J. J. Parker, Marshal; Alex. Stuart Brown, M.D., Prelate; Henry Lovegrove, Registrar; R. C. Leversedge, Captain of Guard; O. Heinemar, Almoner; J. Read, Org.; C. W. Capel and W. Manfield, Std. Brs.; and F. S. Guy, Pursuivant.

In addition to the officers and members, Sir Knights A. McDowall and J. Purrott were present.

The members afterwards dined at the Criterion.

Obituary.

BRO. M. M. KENNALLY.

It is with regret we announce the death of Bro. M. M. Kennally, J.W. of the St. John's Lodge, No. 795, Maidenhead, in which he was initiated May 21st, 1890. Our brother, who was well known in the Metropolis, was 44 years of age, and died suddenly on the 7th inst. The funeral took place on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Old Cemetery, Putney, and was attended by Bros. W. Tucker, W.M., and J. H. Custance, P.M., both of his mother lodge; and the following were also present: Bros. W. G. Silcock, 1441; J. H. Squires, Murrell, H. Trotter, 144; Philip Davis, and C. S. Merrett, who conducted the funeral arrangements. Many handsome wreaths—in all 24—were sent by Bros. Henry C. Muckley, 1365; P. Davis, Murrell, B. Reynolds, 1636; J. H. Custance, P.M.; and others.

WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAYS.

THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

The Great Western Railway Company announce Excursions to Cork and Killarney on Thursday, May 30th, to Gloucester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, Waterford, and other stations in South Wales and the South of Ireland on Friday, May 31st. A fast excursion train for the West of England will leave Paddington at 7:55 a.m. on Saturday, June 1st, reaching Exeter in 5 1/2 hours, and Plymouth in 7 1/2 hours, and excursions will also be run to Bath, Bristol, Dorchester, Weymouth, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Gloucester, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, Aberystwith, Barmouth, Llandudno, &c. Return tickets at 2/6. 6d. will also be issued to Guernsey and Jersey. On Whit Sunday a cheap train will run to Swindon, Stroud, Gloucester and Cheltenham, leaving Paddington at 8:35 a.m. At midnight on Sunday an excursion for one to five days will leave Paddington for Oxford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c. On the Bank Holiday cheap trains will be run to Reading, Bath, Bristol, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c. Excursions will be run to London from most of the principal stations, and cross country trips have also been arranged. Cheap tickets are now issued daily from London and many suburban stations to Staines, Windsor, Taplow, Maidenhead, Henley, Goring, Wallingford, and other riverside resorts. These tickets can be obtained throughout the Whitsuntide holidays, and, in fact, during the whole of the summer months. To meet the expected additional traffic

by the ordinary trains on Saturday, June 1st, the company will run in duplicate the 1.5, 3.0, 5.0, and 9.0 p.m. trains from London to the West of England, and the 12.0 noon, 3.15, and 9.15 p.m. trains to Weymouth, Hereford, and South Wales. The first portions of the 5.0 and 9.0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 4.55 and 8.55 p.m. respectively, but the first parts of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being, as far as possible, taken in the first portion, but with few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers. Ordinary and excursion tickets are issued at the Company's City and West End Offices, viz.: 103 and 107, Oxford-street; 181, Tottenham Court-road, W.; 23, New Oxford-street; Gloucester Mansions, Cambridge-circus, Shaftesbury-avenue, W.C.; "The Piazza," Covent Garden; 269, Strand; 26, Regent-street, S.W.; 20, Charing Cross; 17, Brompton-road; 4, Holborn-circus; Nags Head Yard, 137, Borough High-street, E.C.; Minorities (opposite Goodman's Yard); 5, Arthur-street East, London Bridge, E.C.; 82, Queen Victoria-street; 67, Gresham-street; 4, Cheapside; and at the L.B. and S.C. Company's Excursion Office (under Grand Hotel), Trafalgar Square. Tickets can also be obtained at Victoria, L.C. and D. Railway; Kensington (Addison-road); Uxbridge-road; Hammersmith, and other stations. The booking offices at the Paddington Station will be open all day on May 29th, 30th, 31st, and June 1st, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the Great Western Railway can do so at their convenience. Ordinary tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers.

THE LONDON AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

The London and North-Western Railway Company announce that the ticket offices at Euston-road, Broad-street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day on Monday, May 27th, to Whit Monday, June 3rd, inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North-Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains. Tickets, dated to suit the convenience of passengers, can be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) at the following town receiving offices of the Company: Cross Keys, 1, Wood-street, Cheapside, E.C.; 15, Queen-street, Cheapside, E.C.; 22, Aldersgate-street, E.C.; 8 and 9, Clerkenwell Green, E.C.; Swan-with-Two-Necks, 65, Gresham-street, E.C.; 30, West Smithfield, E.C.; Bolt-in-Tun, 64, Fleet-street, E.C.; Palmer's, 79, Knight-rider-street, E.C.; Spread Eagle, 3, Whittington Avenue, Leadenhall Market, E.C.; 13, Eastcheap, E.C.; 116, Holborn, E.C.; George and Blue Boar, 285, High Holborn, W.C.; Atlas Office, 167, Tottenham Court-road, W.C.; Golden Cross, Charing Cross, W.C.; 70, St. Martin's-lane, W.C.; 43, New Oxford-street, W.C.; 3, James-street, Covent Garden, W.C.; Spread Eagle Universal Office, Piccadilly-circus, W.C.; 34, Parliament-street, Westminster, S.W.; Hotel Windsor, Victoria-street, S.W.; Griffin's Green Man and Still, 241, Oxford-street, W.; 496, Oxford-street, W.; 231, Edgware-road, W.; Lion, 108, New Bond-street, W.; The Eclipse, 169b, Fulham-road, S.W.; 33, Hereford-road, Bayswater, W.; 34, Albert Gate, Knightsbridge, S.W.; 33, High-street, Kensington, W.; 65, Aldgate, E.; Royal Albert and Victoria Docks, Canning Town Goods Station, 41, Barking-road, E.; 233 and 234, Blackfriars-road, S.E.; 117, High-street, Borough, S.E.; Surrey Railway Office, 138, Newington Causeway, S.E.; 194, Westminster Bridge-road, S.E.; "Angel," Islington, 5, Pentonville-road, N.; L. B. & S. C. Office, Grand Hotel Buildings, Charing Cross, W.C. Tickets can also be had at Gaze and Sons, Limited, Tourist Offices, 142, Strand, W.C.; 4, Northumberland Avenue; and 18, Westbourne Grove, W.; and at the Army and Navy Co-operative Society's Stores, 105, Victoria-street, Westminster, at the same fares as at Euston Station. On Friday, May 31st, a special train will leave Euston Station at 6.25 p.m. for Holyhead and Ireland; a special train will leave Manchester (Exchange) at 12.55 p.m. and Liverpool (Lime Street) at 1.40 p.m. for Rhyll, Colwyn Bay, and Llandudno. On Saturday, June 1st, a special train will leave Willesden Station at 2.57 p.m. for Blethley, Wolverton, Blisworth, Weedon, Welton, Rugby, principal stations on Trent Valley Line and Stafford; a special express train will also leave Euston Station for Birmingham at 4.25 p.m.; a special train will leave Manchester (Exchange) at 12.55 p.m. for Rhyll and Llandudno; an additional express will leave Birmingham for London at 1.53 p.m.; the dining saloons from Manchester to London will not run on Saturday, June 1st. On Sunday, June 2nd, special trains will leave Euston at 8.53 and 10.10 a.m. for Watford, King's Langley, Boxmoor and Berkhamsted, Tring, and Cheddington. On Whit Monday, June 3rd, the 12.0 noon and 4.0 p.m. trains from Euston will leave at 12.10 noon and 4.10 p.m. respectively; the 4.30 p.m. train from Euston will not run. Passengers will be conveyed by the 5.0 p.m., except those for Peterboro', Market Harbor, Melton Mowbray, Nottingham and the Great Northern Line, who on this date will travel by the 3.15 p.m. train from Euston. The dining saloons between London and Liverpool and from London to Manchester will not run on Whit Monday, June 3rd, but the dining cars, Manchester to London, and the corridor dining car trains between London and Edinburgh and Glasgow will run as usual. On Whit Monday, June 3rd, numerous residential trains will not be run. The Company also announce that they will run excursions to and from London, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Leamington, Coventry, Walsall, Leicester, Macclesfield, Stoke, Stone, Liverpool, Manchester, Chester, North Wales and the Cambrian Line, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Oswestry, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, Morecambe, Carlisle, the English Lake District, &c. Excursions will also be run from London and other principal towns to Scotland and Ireland for the Whitsun Holiday week.

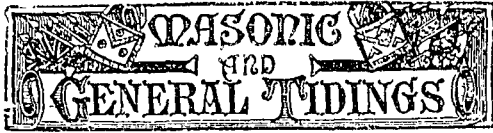
MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY.

Ordinary Train Service.—On Whit Monday, June 3rd, certain booked trains will be discontinued, of which due notice will be given by special bills at the stations. Early Issue of Tickets.—To prevent inconvenience and crowding, the booking offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate-street Stations will be open for the issue of tickets all day on Friday and Saturday, May 31st and June 1st, and tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway will also be

issued beforehand at any of their offices; at 267, Strand; 180, Victoria-street; 38, Cranbourne-street; 101, High Holborn; 5, Charing Cross (corner of Northumberland-avenue); 1, Shaftesbury-avenue, Piccadilly; 10A, New Bond-street; Gloucester Office, 495, Oxford-street; 272, Regent-circus, Oxford-street; 170, Queen's-road, Bayswater; 109, Tottenham Court-road; 33, Cannon-street; 13, Aldersgate-street; 10, Commercial-road; Four Swans, 36, Camomile-street; 13, Parkside, Knightsbridge; 122, Mare-street, Hackney; Red Cap, 6, Camden-road; Empire Office, 30, Silver-street, Notting Hill Gate; 50A and 52A, Leadenhall House; Myers' Office, 1A, Pentonville-road; 11, Onslow-place, South Kensington; Army and Navy Stores, 105, Victoria-street, Westminster; Civil Service Supply Association, 136, Queen Victoria-street; also at Cook's Offices—Ludgate-circus; 90, Gracechurch-street; 33, Piccadilly; 82, Oxford-street; 13, Cockspur-street; Mr. W. Whiteley's (Westbourne Grove), W., and the L. B. and S. C. Co.'s Offices, 28, Regent-street, Piccadilly; 8, Grand Hotel Buildings, Trafalgar-square. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from St. Pancras Station, and will be issued at the same fares as charged at that station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Cheap excursion trains will be run from London to Dublin, Cork, Killarney, &c., for 16 days, via Liverpool, on Thursday, May 30th, and via Morecambe on Wednesday, June 5th, returning June 6th, 8th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 18th, or 20th; to Belfast, Londonderry and Portrush for Giant's Causeway, via Barrow and via Liverpool on Friday, May 31st, for 16 days; to Londonderry, via Liverpool, on Saturday, June 1st, to return June 4th, 5th, 8th, 11th, 12th, or 15th, as per bill of sailing; to Leicester, Nottingham, Newark, Lincoln, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Liverpool, Blackburn, Bolton, Oldham, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Scarborough, Newcastle, the Furness District, Carlisle, &c., &c., on Saturday, June 1st, returning the following Monday or Thursday; to Carlisle, Castle Douglas, Dumfries, Helensburgh, Edinburgh, Greenock, Glasgow, &c., on Friday night, May 31st, returning the following Tuesday or Saturday, by which third class return tickets at a single ordinary fare for the double journey will also be issued, available for returning on any day within 16 days. On Whit-Monday, June 3rd, to St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Bedford and Birmingham, for one day; and to Manchester, for the races, on Thursday (Midnight), June 6th, returning Saturday, June 8th. Tickets for these trains for starting from St. Pancras Station can be obtained on the two previous days to the running of the trains at the Company's City and West End booking offices, Cheap daily and week-end excursions to Southend-on-Sea, as announced in time tables and bills. Cheap excursion trains for five or eight days will also be run to London from Carlisle, Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Blackburn, Burnley, Bolton, Bury, Rochdale, Oldham, Lincoln, Newark, Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Leicester, &c., on Saturday, June 1st; and for six days on Monday, June 3rd. From Liverpool, Southport, Manchester, Stockport, Bradford, Leeds, Barnsley, Sheffield, &c., on Saturday, June 1st, for three, five, or eight days. Passengers will be booked by these trains at cheap fares to Brighton, Hastings, St. Leonards, Eastbourne, &c.; and to Paris and other places on the Continent, having the privilege of returning by any ordinary train within 16 days. On Whit Monday, June 3rd, an excursion train to London for one or two days will be run from Bradford, Leeds, Barnsley, Sheffield, &c.; and for one, three, or six days from Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Walsall, &c.; and day trips from Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Wellingboro', &c.

THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

The Great Northern Railway Company announce that on the night of Saturday, June 1st, a cheap excursion will leave London (Woolwich Arsenal, Woolwich Dockyard, Victoria (L. C. & D.), Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, King's Cross, &c.), for Newcastle, Berwick, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Helensburgh, returning on Tuesday, 4th, or Saturday, 8th June. Tickets at a single fare for the double journey will also be issued by this excursion to places named, available for return by one fixed train on any day within sixteen days, including days of issue and return. On same date cheap three to six days' excursions will also be run to Cambridge, Wisbech, Lynn, Cromer, Norwich, Yarmouth, Lincoln, Leicester, Nottingham, Derby, Burton, Tutbury, Stoke, Newark, Sheffield, Barnsley, Huddersfield, Manchester, Stockport, Warrington, Liverpool, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Keighley, Halifax, Hull, York, Scarborough, Whitby, Bridlington, Darlington, Durham, Newcastle, &c. Returning June 3rd or 6th, and for one, three or four days to Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea and Mablethorpe. On Whit-Monday, June 3rd, cheap day excursions will be run from Victoria (L. C. and D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, King's Cross, Finsbury Park, &c., to St. Albans, Wheat-hampstead, Harpenden, Luton, Dunstable, Hitching, Royston, and Cambridge. Also from Moorgate, King's Cross, Holloway, Finsbury Park, &c., to Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea, and Mablethorpe. Returning same day only. Manchester Races.—On Thursday night, June 6th, a fast excursion, for two days, will be run from Moorgate, King's Cross (G. N.), etc., to Manchester, at a fare (3rd class) of 10s. To prevent inconvenience from crowding at the Company's principal terminal station, King's Cross, tickets, dated in advance, will be issued at King's Cross (G. N. R.), Victoria (L. C. and D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, and Finsbury Park stations, and at the following ticket offices: 90, Tottenham Court-road; 285, Oxford-street; "Star" Office, 138, Victoria-street, Pimlico; 139 and 141, Brompton-road; Albert Gate Office, 1, William-street, Lowndes-square; 169, Edgware-road; "Royal Oak" Office, 6, Porchester-road, Westbourne Grove; Cambridge Circus, Shaftesbury-avenue; 328, Strand; 29, Bow-street, Covent Garden; "Bee Hive," Whitecross-street; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; 80, Bishopsgate-street Without; G.N. office, Farringdon-street; 230, Essex-road, Islington; 264, High Holborn; 16, Fish-street Hill; 75 and 230, High-street, Borough; 44, Bread-street, Cannon-street; 1, Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall-street; 3, King Edward-street, Newgate-street; 22, Wood-street; 217, Old-street; 160A, Westminster Bridge-road; 7, Beresford-square, South Woolwich; Royal Victoria and Albert Docks (G.N. Co.'s offices); at the office of Messrs. Swan and Leach, 3, Charing Cross, and 32, Piccadilly-circus; at the Army and Navy Stores, 105, Victoria-st.; &c.



THE VISIT OF THE AMEER'S SON.—The reception and *dinner* in honour of the Ameer of Afghanistan's second son will take place at the Guildhall on Thursday, June 6th.

PRINCE HENRY OF BATTENBERG, after cruising in his yacht *Sheila* for several months in the Mediterranean, arrived at Windsor Castle from Lisbon on Sunday morning last.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES has forwarded a cheque for 20 guineas towards the funds of the forthcoming meeting, at Taunton, of the Bath and West of England Society.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE Corney Grain Memorial Fund announce that subscriptions to the amount of over £400 have been received towards the endowment of a cot in the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond-street.

ON THE 15th instant Bro. W. E. Mackley, S.W. of the Suburban Lodge, No. 1702, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation takes place on Thursday, the 27th prox., at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.

MR. AND MRS. GLADSTONE have accepted Sir Donald Currie's invitation to a cruise in the mail steamer *Tantalian Castle*, which will leave London on the 12th June, for Hamburg and Kiel, on the occasion of the opening of the Baltic Canal.

THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER presided at the annual meeting, which was held at Grosvenor House, on Saturday last, of the London Diocesan Council for the well-being of Young Men, among those who supported his Grace being the Bishops of London, Marlborough, and Stepney, Bro. Lord Herschell, and Field-Marshal Sir J. Lintorn Simmons.

BRO. SIR E. BALDWIN MALET AND LADY ERMYNTRUDE MALET gave a dinner party at the British Embassy in Berlin on Monday in honour of the new Russian Ambassador, Count von Osten-Sacken and the Countess von Osten-Sacken. The guests included the staffs of the Russian and British Embassies and other guests.

THE MARRIAGE OF THE Duke d'Acosta with the Princess Hélène d'Orléans is announced to take place on the 20th of next month, and the Prince of Naples will be present at the solemnisation. The newly-married couple, after spending several days in England, will proceed direct to Rome, where, it is expected, they will arrive on the 7th July.

THE NEW TOWN HALL, Clerkenwell, in Rosebery-avenue, will be opened on the 14th June, and it is announced that the Prime Minister will perform the inaugural ceremony. The new building will be a great adornment, architecturally, to the district, and will have on its façade a very handsome clock, the district being the centre of the English watch trade.

THE 37TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL in aid of the Railway Benevolent Institution was held at the *Hôtel Métropole* on Monday evening, under the presidency of Viscount Emlyn, deputy Chairman of the Great Western Railway Company. The subscriptions announced in the course of the evening amounted to £8194, including 50 guineas from the Queen and £50 from the Chairman.

FARMHOUSE AND COUNTRY LODGINGS.—Messrs. Walter Hill and Company, 67 and 69 Southampton Row, W.C., have published for the Great Northern Railway Company a neat guide containing particulars of farm house and country lodgings to be obtained during the holiday season at places adjacent to stations on the Great Northern Railway in Hertfordshire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, and Yorkshire. The book can be had on application to the Superintendent of the Line, King's Cross Station, at the Company's Receiving Offices and Ticket Agencies, and of Messrs. Walter Hill and Company.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK were present at the annual presentation of prizes and certificates to the writers of the best essays on animals, awarded by the Council of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The meeting was held at the Crystal Palace on Saturday last, the Duke handing those prizes won by boys, and the Duchess those which had been awarded to girls. Their Royal Highnesses afterwards partook of luncheon, and then returned by special train to London. The greeting with which the Royal visitors were received was of the most enthusiastic character.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland is to be held on Thursday, the 30th inst., in the County Hall, Carlisle, under the banners of Union Lodge, No. 310, and Bective Lodge, No. 1532. The principal business of the day is the laying of the corner-stone of the Binning Memorial Class Rooms, attached to the Christ Church Schools, and erected in memory of the late Bro. Col. Binning, an old and most respected citizen of the ancient Border city. The ceremony will be in the experienced and popular hands of Bro. Col. Sewell, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, whose father, a Carlisle man, held that position nearly 70 years ago, when the great statesman, Sir James Graham, Bart., of Netherby, was Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland. The Mayor and Corporation, with other public bodies, are to join in the procession to the site of the new buildings.

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.

MAN'S INGRATITUDE.—We have it on Shakespeare's authority that the winter wind is not more unkind than man's ingratitude. In many cases this is unfortunately only too true. There are times, however, when the benefit received is so great that ingratitude becomes impossible. When life is rendered a burden to us by sickness, and someone comes and restores us to health, we should be base indeed to feel ungrateful. Thus, millions are to-day grateful to Holloway's Pills and Ointment, which have cured them of all stomach and liver troubles, banished headache, flatulency, indigestion, and low spirits, and cleared their systems of gout, rheumatism, sciatica, and all similar ailments.

THE ITALIAN FLEET which will take part in the great naval gathering at Kiel on the occasion of the opening of the Baltic Canal, will visit our naval ports, but unofficially.

THE DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE'S reception at Devonshire House, which was to have been held on Tuesday, has been abandoned in consequence of the death of the Duke of Hamilton.

THE ART LOAN EXHIBITION.—Up till seven o'clock on Tuesday night considerably over 100,000 persons had visited the exhibition since its opening. The attendance on Sunday was just 2000.

BRO. COLONEL BIGNOLD, Mayor of Norwich, who had been a member of the Corporation of that city for 20 years, died on Sunday evening last from cerebral hemorrhage, supervening on influenza.

WE REGRET to hear that news has been received from Chitral via Simla, to the effect that Lieut. the Hon. F. H. S. Roberts, son of Bro. Lord Roberts, has met with an accident by which his arm has been broken.

A MEETING was recently held at Guildford under the auspices of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and among those who attended were the Duchess of Marlborough, who thus took the opportunity of exhibiting her interest in the movement.

WE ARE INFORMED a warrant has been granted for a new lodge to be called the Manchester, No. 2554, and to be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. The consecration will take place on June 14th. Bro. Wm. Baker Akerman, P.M., W.M. designate; Thos. Plumpton, S.W. designate; and William Charlton, J.P., J.W. designate.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Royal Cambridge Asylum for Soldiers' Widows, was held on Saturday last, under the presidency of the Duke of Cambridge. The institution, which is situated at Kingston-on-Thames, provides a home for the widows of non-commissioned officers and privates of the British Army of not less than 50 years of age. There are at present 69 widows in residence at the Asylum.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN distributed the medals and certificates won by members of the local St. John's Ambulance classes at the Albert Institute, Windsor, on Saturday last. Her Royal Highness was accompanied by her daughter, the Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, and among the company present were Bro. the Earl of Cork and Orrery, the Dean of Windsor, and the Vicar of Eton.

THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION of the Queen's birthday will take place to-morrow (Saturday), when there will be the usual ceremony of trooping the colours on the Horse Guards Parade. Ministers will also give their customary full-dress banquets in honour of the auspicious event, and the clubs and principal houses at the West End will be illuminated. The Queen completes her 76th year to-day (Friday) having been born on the 24th May, 1819.

BRO. SIR JOSEPH RENALS and the Sheriffs of London are as fortunate as their immediate predecessors, for the visit of the son of the Ameer of Afghanistan to the City should, according to precedent, give a baronetcy to one and knighthoods to the others. In this case there can be no doubt as to the reception being strictly official, as it was suggested in a formal letter addressed to the Lord Mayor by the Lord Chamberlain, and nearly all the Royalties in England are to be present.

THE ANNUAL DINNER on behalf of the Newspaper Press Fund, was held at the *Hôtel Métropole*, on Saturday last, under the presidency of H.M.'s Solicitor-General, Bro. Sir F. Lockwood, Q.C., M.P., among the principal guests being Viscount Fortman, Bro. Lord Addington, Bro. Sir A. Borthwick, M.P., Sir A. Mackenzie, Bro. Sir John Pender, M.P., Sir E. Hill, M.P., Bro. Sir Eyre Shaw, Sir C. Scotter, Bro. Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., Bro. T. D. Bolton, M.P., Bro. T. T. Bucknill, M.P., and the Sheriffs of London. The subscriptions amounted to £1300.

A PRELIMINARY MEETING of the friends and supporters of Bro. Deputy Rogers was held at Brewers' Hall, Adde-street, on Friday, the 17th inst., for the purpose of helping forward his candidature for the Shrievalty of London. Bro. Sebago Montefiore, J.P., presided, and there was a large and influential gathering including Bro. Deputy Hals, J.P., Deputy Brown, Bro. Judd, C.C., Bro. Hastings Miller, C.C., and others. The proceedings were most enthusiastic, and a resolution pledging the meeting to use all their influence to secure Bro. Rogers's election was carried by acclamation.

BRO. LORD CLAUD HAMILTON, Chairman of the Great Eastern Railway Company, presided at a series of competitions in ambulance work, which was held among the members of the Great Eastern Railway Corps of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, in the Stratford Town Hall, on Saturday last. Teams representing 17 divisions of the corps out of the 26 in existence took part in the contest, the Challenge Cup given by the Railway Company and the first prize being awarded to the Norwich Thorpe team. Prizes were also won by the Stratford, Fenchurch-street, Parkeston, and Cambridge teams.

SOME HIGH PRICES were realised at the sale of sundry private collections of pictures, which took place at Messrs. Christie's rooms, on Saturday last. A series of four works representing "The Story of Pygmalion," by Sir E. Burne-Jones, fetched 3500 guineas, while £2560 was given for "The Hesperides," by the same artist. W. Mulready's "Idle Boys," fetched 1000 guineas, and the "Bezestein Bazaar, Cairo," by J. F. Lewis, R.A., 1400 guineas; "Windsor Great Park," by David Cox, 1500 guineas; and "Land's End," and "Lake and Town of Zug," by J. M. W. Turner, R.A., 830 and 1100 guineas respectively. The day's sale produced a total of £33,166.

HOLIDAY SEASON, 1895.—The Great Northern and North Eastern Railway Companies have published a new and very useful guide for the coming holiday season, giving full particulars of the issue of tourist and other special tickets from London to the tourist resorts of Scotland, the East Coast watering places, Norfolk Broads, &c. The book is profusely illustrated, and contains a quantity of useful information to the intending traveller. Copies can now be had on application to the Superintendent of the Line, King's Cross Station, or at any of the Great Northern Company's London Receiving Offices or Suburban Stations.

THE GARDENERS' COMPANY.—Bro. Lieut.-Colonel G. Lambert, the master of this company, has issued invitations to a banquet, which will be given by him at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday, June 5th.

BRO. FRANK KENNARD, 228, had the honour on Tuesday last of presenting his entertainment of *Magical Marvels*, for the second time this year, to the Royal Family and guests at Windsor Castle.

THE QUEEN was to have left Windsor Castle for Deeside early in the present week, but her Majesty's departure has been postponed, and she will not leave for her usual excursion to Balmoral until next week.

HER MAJESTY has given directions that Royal carriages shall be sent from Buckingham Palace to meet the son of the Ameer of Afghanistan on his arrival at Victoria by special train this (Friday) evening. His Highness will reside, while in London, at Dorchester House.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY, attended by Bro. Sir R. Collins and Miss H. Maxwell, was present at an afternoon concert at Spencer House, in aid of the movement for establishing a working men's club, a gymnasium for factory girls, and a soup kitchen for Hoxton.

WE HAVE great pleasure to announce that the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton M.P., Provincial Grand Mark Master of Cheshire, has been appointed Grand Prior of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, for the Province of Cheshire.

A THREE DAYS' bazaar will be held at the Horns Assembly Rooms, Kennington Park-road, on the 11th, 12th, and 13th June, under the patronage of the Duchess of York, in aid of the restoration fund of St. George the Martyr, Southwark. Her Royal Highness has contributed some of her own work for sale. The Duchess of Albany has consented to open the bazaar on the first day.

BRO. THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF EGDMONT gave a dinner party at their residence in St. James's Place, on Monday evening, there being present among the guests the Earl and Countess of Lovelace, Bro. Lord and Lady Halsbury, Sir Nigel and Lady Emily Kingscote, Lord and Lady Sherbourne, and Lady Vaux of Harrowden.

THE DUKE OF YORK visited the City on Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of being admitted an honorary member of the Grocers' Company. His Royal Highness was subsequently entertained at luncheon by the Wardens of the Company, and afterwards visited the Stock Exchange, Lloyd's, and the Royal Exchange, at each of which he met with a most enthusiastic reception.

A MEETING of the Committee of the National Association for the Employment of Reserve Soldiers was held at 12, Buckingham-street, Strand, on Monday, under the presidency of General Sir John Adye. The draft report was considered, and from this it appears that the Association has 76 branches in the United Kingdom, and that 4120 situations have been found for men during the past year.

A MEETING will be held in London on the 2nd July, when the University of Wales will proceed to the election of a Chancellor, the elective body being the University Court—a council of 93 members, most of whom are appointed by various public authorities in Wales. A strong desire exists amongst the members that the Prince of Wales should be invited to accept the office.

THE SAILING of Sir John Franklin's third and last Arctic exploration expedition was fittingly commemorated by the Royal Geographical Society on Monday, the expedition, which consisted of the ships *Erebus* and *Terror*, having left the Thames on their fatal voyage in May, 1845. A visit to inspect the Franklin relics was paid to Greenwich Hospital, and after a dinner by the Geographical Club, the Society held its meeting under the presidency of the Duke of York.

ON MONDAY NEXT, the 27th inst., will be celebrated in Leeds, the centenary of the *Alfred Lodge*, No. 306. This will be the third Leeds Lodge and the thirteenth in the Province of West Yorkshire which has reached this honourable position. It will be the last lodge in Leeds to enjoy such privilege during the lifetime of the present generation, and we are informed that the W.M., Bro. William Blackburn, and the brethren of the *Alfred Lodge* intend to make the meeting in all respects worthy of the occasion, and to maintain to the fullest extent the reputation for hospitality and good fellowship which the *Alfred Lodge* has so long and so deservedly attained.

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE appointed by the Corporation of the City of London to make the necessary arrangements for the reception of the Shahzada Nasrulla Khan, son of the Ameer of Afghanistan, held their first meeting at the Guildhall, on Monday, under the presidency of Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Renals, Lord Mayor. Mr. Edward Lee, the Chief Commissioner, was elected permanent chairman, and various details connected with the reception were dealt with. The date has been fixed for the 6th prox. The Indian transport *Clive*, which is bringing his highness over, will drop anchor at Spithead on Thursday evening, and on the following morning the Ameer's son will land and witness the parade of the garrison and a naval brigade in honour of the Queen's birthday. After the review he will dine with the General commanding the Southern District, and leave for London next morning.

THE NEW VICAR of the Parish of St. Botolph, Aldersgate, having been instituted by the Bishop, has given Bro. the Rev. T. Selby Henrey notice that his services will no longer be required as curate. We feel sure that it will be the wish of the parishioners that some mark of their esteem in the form of a testimonial, should be presented to Bro. Henrey on the eve of his departure. Bro. Henrey's labours during the past six years are so well known that they require no commendation on our part; but we would allude to the open-air services in the Churchyard, an unique work solely originated and organised by him, and a worthy revival of the preaching in open times at St. Paul's Cross. We therefore particularly appeal to all classes of the parishioners, as well as to any members of the congregation and other friends, to assist, in however humble a way, in making the testimonial, by the number of its subscribers, an emphatic expression of their sympathy with Bro. Henrey on his removal from the parish. Subscriptions in furtherance of this object will be gladly received by Bro. Benjamin Norman, 62A, Aldersgate-street, and Bro. John Holliday, 14, Little Britain, Churchwardens.