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## THE GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND AND THE "ANTIEN" GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

Without exhausting, in our recent article on these Grand Lodges, the evidence, which is forthcoming from the "Antient" minutes, we have nevertheless adduced sufficient to demonstrate the justice of Bro. CHETWODE CRAWLEY'S proposition as to the Irish origin of the "Antient" Grand Lodge of England so far as regards the community of Working between the two Bodies. As regards the Bye-laws of private Lodges, we find it recorded in the minutes of the 1st April, 1752, that "The Copy of the Bye-laws for private Lodges as Written by the late G. Secretary J. Morgan was read and compared with Brother Lau: Dermott's copy of the Bye Laws of his former Lodge No 26 in the City of Dublin, and the latter being deem'd the most correct it was Unanimously Resolved that the most correct copy should be received and acknowledged as the only Bye Laws for private Lodges in future. And Public thanks given to Bro<sup>s</sup> Philip McLoughlin and Morgan for their good intentions and trouble in drawing up the former byelaws." Here we have the most emphatic testimony that could be produced as to the influence that was exercised by Dermott, even at the outset of his career as Grand Secretary of the "Antients," in modelling the English Society of which he was the chief executive officer on the lines of the Irish Grand Lodge, while if the readers desire evidence of the antagonism that existed between the "Antient" and "Modern" or "Regular" systems of English Masonry, they will find it in the memorandum attached to the minutes of the 5th December, 1759, in which, with reference to a certain "Bro. William Carroll a certified sojourner," who was "relieved by Private subscription" on that day, we are told that the said Bro. W. Carroll reported that he had applied for relief to the Modern G. Lodge and been refused, and "that Mr. Spenser the Secretary to the Modern Society sent out the answer to Carroll's petition in the following words, viz., 'Your being an Ancient Mason, you are not entitled to any of our Charity. The Ancient Masons have a lodge at the five Bells in the Strand and their Secretary's name is Dermott. Our Society is neither Arch, Royal Arch, or Ancient, so that you have no right to partake of our Charity.'" And by way of emphasising this disclaimer of Secretary Spenser, it is added "The petitioner Carroll delivered the Original paper written by Mr. Spenser to Mr. Dermott, G.S., in whose custody it remains."

Directing our attention in the next place to the very intimate relations which existed between the two Grand Lodges, we note in the minutes of the 1st March, 1758—we may reasonably assume in reply to a communication from Grand Secretary Dermott—"Heard a Letter from Mr. John Calder (G.S.) in Dublin wherein he assured the Grand Lodge of Antient Masons in London that the Grand Lodge of Ireland did mutually concur in a strict Union with the Antient Grand Lodge in London and promised to keep a constant correspondence with them;" and accordingly it was "Order'd that the Grand Secretary shall draw up an answer in the most Respectful and Brotherly Terms wherein the General thanks of this Grand Lodge shall be conveyed and assure them that we will to the utmost of our power promote the welfare of the Craft in General." However, for some years no correspondence appears to have been held between the two bodies, nor is it till Dermott has been for some time settled in the office of Deputy Grand Master to His Grace of Athole, G.M., and Bro. W. Dickey has succeeded him in that of

Grand Secretary that the subject of a correspondence between the two Bodies is again mentioned. In the minutes of the 2nd September, 1772, will be found a "Letter from Bro. Thos. Corker, D.G. Sec. Ireland to Laurence Dermott," the material parts of which are as follow:

(a) "D<sup>r</sup> Sir and B<sup>r</sup>—Your highly esteemed favor of the 29th April, also that of the 1st May, Pr Bro. Duffy, I do now (tho: late) most thankfully acknowledge the Rec<sup>t</sup> of, and do assure you that I would have done so long since had not some concerns of a particular nature prevented, which I flatter myself you will excuse. And now give me leave to inform you that I cannot find any traces of the agreement you mention as having been made between the Grand Lodges in 1757, which must have been a most unpardonable neglect at least, as nothing could have been more advantageous to our poor fraternity than a strict adherence to such a resolution, and which I hope in future to cultivate or rather 'stablish on its original just and equitable foundation, which is a matter I find cannot be done without your kind assistance, and which I am induced to hope from your known generous disposition and great attachment to the Ancient Craft.

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(b) "From what I have already said you will I hope think I knew not of such agreement being between the two G<sup>d</sup> Lodges, and must beg you to assure Mr. Wm. Dickey that his Letter to me was lost or mislaid, and that my having forgot his name was the sole cause of my not answering his favor, that I will now with the utmost gratitude acknowledge any favor of the same sort I shall receive, and carefully continue a correspondence with him, with you, Sir, or any of the worthy B<sup>r</sup>s in London. I beg leave to subscribe myself, D<sup>r</sup> Sir and B<sup>r</sup> (Signed) Tho<sup>s</sup> Corker, D.G. Sec<sup>y</sup>"

On this Grand Lodge adopted a resolution for a correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and also with that of Scotland, and that this correspondence was forthwith inaugurated may be gathered from the minutes of a Grand Lodge of Emergency, held on the 15th December, 1773, at which Dep. G.M. Dermott presided. In these we read as follows: "Heard a Letter from Lodge No. 148, at Gibraltar, setting forth that in the month of December last they received a summons for to assemble with other Lodges on St. John's Day, the 27th of said month, in order to proceed in procession to Church, which meeting they attended accordingly, that a set of People who had their authority from the Modern Grand Lodge, thought proper to dispute the legality of said Warrant 148, and proceeded to other unwarrantable measures: that in said Garrison there was also held the Lodges No. 11, 244, 290, 359, 420, and 466 on the Registry of Ireland, and No. 58 on the Registry of Scotland; that during these proceedings the Lodges No. 290, 11, 244, and 466 on the Irish Registry supported the Lodge No. 148 as became Men and Masons, as fully appeared by their letter sent the 3<sup>d</sup> last May to the Deputy Grand Sec<sup>y</sup> of Ireland. Also read the answer of the R.W. Grand Lodge of Ireland to said Letter." It was accordingly "Order'd"—(1). "That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be convey'd to the R.W. Grand Lodge of Ireland for their immediate Answer to the Lodges No. 299, 11, 244, and 466"; (2). "That the thanks of the R.W. Grand Lodge be convey'd to the Grand Secretary of Ireland for the despatch of said answer"; and (3). "That the thanks of this R.W. Grand Lodge be convey'd to Rob<sup>t</sup> Dowling, Master, and Mich<sup>l</sup> Clarke, S.W. No. 290; Peter Reid, Master, and John Wilson, S.W. No. 11; Tho<sup>s</sup> Surman, Master, and John Lowry, No.

244, and Anthony Brown Master and W<sup>m</sup>. Asplin S.W., No. 466, on the Registry of Ireland for the noble stand they made in supporting the legality of Lodge No. 148 (under our sanction) to the General Benefit of the Antient Craft." This lodge, No. 148, which was warranted on the 5th September, 1767, is still on the roll of Grand Lodge under the style and title of St. John's Lodge, No. 115, has received a Centenary Warrant, and still meets in the fortress of Gibraltar.

Further evidence of the close friendship maintained with Ireland will be found in the minutes of the Special Grand Lodge held by command of his Grace the Duke of Atholl, son and successor in the title and in the Grand Mastership of the "Antients," of John D. of Atholl, who died in 1774—on the 25th of March, 1775, when his Grace was formally installed in office in the presence, among other distinguished visitors, of his Grace, the Duke of Leinster, Past Grand Master of Ireland, to whom, subsequently, in recognition of his services to the Antient Craft, a gold medal was voted and presented; and also in the frequent correspondence which is referred to in the "Antient" Minutes. Indeed, as regards the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland, the "Antient" Grand Lodge of England was on the friendliest terms with both, nor, as we had the opportunity of showing in an article which appeared in these columns on the 12th January last, entitled "William Preston and the 'Ancient' Masons," did the efforts of the author of the "Illustrations of Masonry" or the other leading lights of the "Modern" Grand Lodge have the slightest effect on disturbing these relations. Nothing, indeed, is more remarkable in the history of Societies of every description, whether existing in bygone or recent times, than the slow, but certain, progress made by the "Antient" Grand Lodge of England from the day that Laurence Dermott, Past Master of Lodge No. 26, in the City of Dublin—who brought his knowledge of the Masonic Ritual with him, when he left Ireland for London—was appointed its Grand Secretary. But we have completed this portion of our task, and shall reserve such additional remarks as we feel it our duty to offer till some future occasion, when we trust we shall be able to demonstrate satisfactorily to our readers, that though Bro. CHETWODE CRAWLEY'S theory as to the Irish character of the "Antient" Grand Lodge of England is correct so far as we have considered it, Dermott considered there was a common origin for both the "Antient" and "Modern" systems of English Masonry in the Grand Lodge of England as established in London in 1717. It was the "Moderns" who, according to Dermott, were the seceders from "Antient" Masonry, not the body with which he became connected early in 1752, and this theory of his was borne out by Grand Secretary Spenser, when he declared that the Society with which he was connected, and of which he was the official mouthpiece, was "neither Arch, Royal Arch, or Ancient."

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The annual festival of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire was held by permission of Bro. the Dean, Grand Chaplain of England, in the Chapter Room of Gloucester Cathedral on the 5th inst. Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., P.S.G.W. England, Prov. G.M.; Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, P.S.G.D. England, D. Prov. G.M.; and Bro. James B. Winterbotham, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec., together with a large company of brethren of the Gloucestershire lodges, were present.

Bro. C. Lee Williams, P.P.G.O., gave an organ recital at 11.30 o'clock in the morning, and at 12 o'clock the Very Rev. the Dean conducted a large party over the Cathedral.

The brethren met for the transaction of business at two o'clock, and half an hour later adjourned for service in the Cathedral Choir.

The order of the procession, which was of a most imposing character, was as follows: St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 2541, Avonmouth; Hicks-Beach Lodge, No. 2407, Stroud; Tyndall Lodge, No. 1363, Chipping Sodbury; Royal Forest of Dean Lodge, No. 1067, Newnham; Zetland Lodge, No. 1005, Gloucester; Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 951, Stow-on-the-Wold; St. George's Lodge, No. 910, Tewkesbury; Lodge of Sympathy, No. 855, Wootton-under-Edge; Royal Gloucestershire Lodge, No. 839, Gloucester; St. John's Lodge, No. 761, Dursley; Sherborne Lodge, No. 702, Stroud; Cotswold Lodge, No. 592, Cirencester; Royal Lebanon Lodge, No. 493, Gloucester; Foundation Lodge, No. 82, Cheltenham; Royal Union Lodge, No. 246, Cheltenham; and Royal Lodge of Faith and Friendship, No. 270, Berkeley.

The rear of the procession was brought up by the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge in full regalia.

The sermon was preached by the Very Rev. the DEAN, who said that he believed Masonry had a noble future. Throughout Europe there was a painful, anxious feeling of unrest and discontent; but if the great levelling of classes which some were striving for were accomplished, work as well as wealth would be shattered. If dark days of strife fell on us, the Brotherhood of Masons would surely be a bulwark of order, for they were a numerous company, welded together by bands forged in no earthly workshop—a company of all sorts and conditions of men, from the Princes of the House of England down to the toiler for a daily wage; each city had its Masonic

garrison, each district its faithful lodge of Masons. Please God the lowering clouds would disperse, and the shadows flee away. But let Masons be ready, standing shoulder to shoulder, quietly, resolutely, teaching order and obedience, and reverence for all that was higher and nobler than themselves; holding fast those sublime teachings which Masons knew so well and prized so highly; living up to that high Masonic ideal which ever set before them self-sacrifice for others, loyalty to their Queen, patriotism, and, above all, clinging to that pure and simple religion which their forefathers taught them, and which alone had made England free, great, and strong. Then in coming days, whether of sunshine or storm, would Masons be the noblest, truest, patriot army ever dreamed of.

At the conclusion of the service the brethren returned to the Chapter Room, and resumed the business of the lodge. The following officers were appointed by the Prov. G.M. for the ensuing year:

Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith	...	...	D. Prov. G.M.
" R. P. Sumner	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Hooper	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Lefroy Austin	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Penley	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. B. Winterbotham	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" F. Boulton	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. Herbert	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" C. G. Shepherd	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Godsell	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Moody	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" S. Millard	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" S. Griffiths	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Viney	...	...	
" Dr. Johnson	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" L. Evans	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" Kyle	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Washbourn	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" Studman	...	...	
" Col. Atkinson	...	...	
" W. Window	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Treasurer, Bro. Nelson Foster, resigned after nine years of office. His resignation was accepted with regret, and Bro. James Bruton was appointed to the office.

In the evening a banquet was held at the Bell Hotel.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHANTS AND HUNTS.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northants and Hunts was held on Thursday, the 6th instant, under the auspices of the Perseverance Lodge, No. 455, at the new Masonic Hall, York-road, Kettering, which forms part of the new Drill Hall. Bro. the Earl of Euston, D.L., Provincial Grand Master, supported by Bro. John Haviland, P.P.S.G.D., D.P.G.M. nominate, presided, and about 120 brethren were present.

The Board of Benevolence and Charity Organisation Committee met in the large room at the Conservative Club prior to the meeting, and transacted the usual business.

Prov. G. Lodge was opened in due form at half-past two o'clock, and after the preliminary business had been disposed of, the Prov. Grand Master read the patent appointing Bro. John Haviland to the office of Dep. Provincial Grand Master in the place of the late lamented Bro. Butler Wilkins, who had held the position for many years and who was highly respected and esteemed by the members of the Craft. His lordship having duly installed and invested Bro. Haviland, whose appointment has been received with universal satisfaction, the following brethren were appointed Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:

Bro. T. P. Dorman, P.M. 1764	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" A. Webb, W.M. 455	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. T. Hodgson, P.M. 373	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. A. W. Gross, 1911	...	...	
" A. Cockerill, P.M. 360...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Dr. Knight, P.M. 443, 2283	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" F. S. Buckle, P.M. 442	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. C. Clarabut, W.M. 442	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" H. H. Packer, W.M. 737	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. Pascoe	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" G. Ellard, P.M. 360	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. J. Hart, P.M. 360	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Captain Wallace, 1911...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" R. W. Elsey	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Major A. F. Mulliner, P.M. 2380	...	...	
" E. J. Gibbs, 2431	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" G. W. Williamson, 455	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" E. Archer, 360	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" Beeby Thompson, 1764...	...	...	
" J. J. Errington, 2431	...	...	
" W. J. King, 607	...	...	
" F. Caster, 442	...	...	
" B. Baker, 455	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" G. Robinson, 360	...	...	

Prov. Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet in the Assembly Room of the Conservative Club, the chair being taken by the Provincial Grand Master.

The usual preliminary toasts were given from the chair, and subsequently Bro. H. H. PACKER proposed "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master," which was loyally received and graciously acknowledged.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER afterwards proceeded to propose the toast of "The W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," and in the course of his remarks spoke of the good work Bro. Haviland had done for the promotion of Masonry, and of his exceeding fitness for the office to which he had that day been appointed.

The toast was enthusiastically honoured, and was duly acknowledged by Bro. HAVILAND.

"The Worshipful Masters and Wardens of the Perseverance and other Lodges in the Province" was submitted from the chair, and replied to by Bros. WEBB, T. MERRY, and F. S. BUCKLE.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER also proposed "The Masonic Charities," to which Bro. G. ELLARD replied.

The proceedings were interspersed with songs, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

As regards the new Masonic and drill hall, above referred to, a long-felt want on the part of the Masonic brethren, as well as of the volunteers, has at last been supplied by the erection of a new building which provides accommodation for both. It is situated on the western side of York-road. The Masonic Hall, which is 34ft. by 18ft., is a well but plainly constructed room, and is fitted on the ground floor with a small ante-room and lavatories. The entrance is from the northern side, a 4ft. doorway giving admission both to the ante-room and to the stairs leading to the main hall. At the opposite end of the building is a 6ft. entrance to the Drill Hall, erected for the use of the Kettering (N) Company of the 1st V.B. Northants Regiment. Inside the passage is a room which will be utilised as an armoury, and just beyond a staircase leading to an officers' ante-room. The main hall, which is shut off with double doors, is a spacious and well-lighted building, 33ft. by 60ft. Messrs. Talbot, Brown, and Fisher, of Wellingborough, were the architects, and the contractor was Mr. George Wilson, of Kettering.

CONSECRATION OF THE RUFFORD LODGE,  
No. 2553.

In Nottingham, on the 6th inst., a ceremony was performed which will remain memorable in the annals of Freemasonry. From all parts of the province members had assembled to participate in the consecration of the Rufford Lodge, No. 2553. Apart from those holding distinguished rank in the county, there were present no fewer than six officers of Grand Lodge, including Bro. Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary. The gathering lacked one feature only. To the great regret of all, his Grace the Duke of St. Albans, the Prov. Grand Master of Notts, was unable to be present. It was one of the largest meetings which upon an occasion of interest has taken place at the Masonic Hall of late years.

Upon the 21st of February last the warrant was issued for the formation of the new lodge under the authority of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master.

The founders were: Bros. Fred. W. Chapman, A. Lawson, P.P.G.T.; J. Sulley, Augustus J. Barber, Enoch Hind, P.G.T.; Geo. Chapman, P.P.G.D.; Henry J. Mellors, Thos. Hallam, Nathan Ashurst, P.P.G.D. Derbyshire; Wm. Thompson Mather, W. W. Randall, Bingley Shaw, Charles Smith, Samuel Stevens, and John James Turner.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened. In the unavoidable absence of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Newton, D.P.G.M., and J.G.D. of the Grand Lodge, presided. His Honour Judge Masterman, P.J.G.W., officiated as the acting Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. the Rev. A. J. L. Dobbin, 402, P.P.S.G.W., acted as S.G.W. These officers were accompanied by the following from the Grand Lodge in addition to the Grand Secretary, Bro. Edward Letchworth: Bros. Balfour Cockburn, Prov. G.M. for Guernsey and Alderney; J. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Knyvett, P.G.D.; and J. H. Matthews, P.D.G. D. of C. The Provincial Grand Lodge Officers present, in addition to those already mentioned, included Bros. W. Burrows, 1794, 1405, P.J.G.W., P.P.G. Std. Br., Rev. Henry T. Hayman, 402, P.G. Chap.; Enoch Hind, 47, 1405, P.G. Treas.; Arthur Stubbs, P.P.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.; W. F. Sanders, P.S.G.D.; Alfred Aplin, P.J.G.D.; George S. Green, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; Samuel V. Holgate, P.G. D. of C.; J. G. Martin, Asst. D. of C.; E. W. Kidd, P.G.S.B.; S. Phillips, and George Atter, P.G. Std. Brs.; W. T. Cockrem, P.G. Org.; J. Valpy-Thomas, P.G.P.; J. Brooks, P.A.G.P.; J. J. Turner, P.G. Tyler; J. G. Carver, Lazenby, H. Hallam, and J. W. J. Barnes, P.G. Stwds.; and a large number of brethren.

After other business had been disposed of, the ceremony of consecrating the new lodge was entered upon, the principal office devolving upon the Grand Secretary of the Order, who was assisted by Bro. Jas. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D. of C., together with the Rev. H. T. Hayman, P.G.C., and the Provincial Grand Officers of Notts.

The installation of Bro. Fredk. William Chapman as the first Master of the new lodge was performed by Bro. George Chapman, P.P.G.D. The appointment and investiture of officers succeeded, Bro. Nathan Ashurst, P.M., P.P.G.D. Derbyshire, acting throughout as Director of Ceremonies. The following were the appointments: Bros. A. Lawson, P.P.G. Treas., I.P.M.; J. Sulley, S.W.; Augustus J. Barber, J.W.; Enoch Hind, Prov. G. Treas., Treas.; George Chapman, P.P.G.D., Sec.; Henry J. Mellors, S.D.; Thomas Hallam, J.D.; W. T. Mather, I.G.; and W. W. Randall, Bingley Shaw, and Charles Smith, Stewards.

A banquet followed the consecration ceremony, and for this excellent arrangements had been made by Mrs. Simpson, the menu being unexceptionable. The gathering was presided over by the Master of the new lodge, Bro. F. W. Chapman, who was supported by the officers of the Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges.

The customary Masonic toasts were honoured.

In response to that of "The Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past," which was proposed by Bro. F. W. CHAPMAN, Bro. J. PARKINSON, replied.

The toast of "The Provincial Grand Master," which was also proposed by the W.M., was acknowledged by Bro. Lieut.-Col. NEWTON.

Bro. EDWARD LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., replying to the toast of "The Consecrating Officer," congratulated those assembled upon the interesting and unique circumstances connected with the gathering.

The subsequent toasts included "The Worshipful Master," proposed by the GRAND SECRETARY; "The Installing Master," given by Bro. A. LAWSON, P.P.G. Treas.; "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. CHAS. SMITH, and responded to by Bros. His Honour Judge MASTERMAN, W. BURROWS, and F. WHARTON; "Worshipful Masters of Lodges in the Province," proposed by Bro. NATHAN ASHURST; "The Masonic Charities," given by Bro. E. M. KIDD, and replied to by Bro. T. SALISBURY; and "The Officers of the Lodge."

An admirable programme of music had been arranged by Bro. Bingley Shaw.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTH  
AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Malton, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., on the invitation of the Fitzwilliam Lodge, No. 277. There was a good attendance of brethren from various parts of the province, including the Prov. G.M., Bros. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett; the Deputy G.M., Col. R. Smith, and many Past and Present Prov. Grand Officers from York, Scarborough, Whitby, Middlesborough, Beverley, Driffield, and Malton.

After the ordinary business of the province had been gone through, votes of condolence with the families of the late Bros. J. B. Nicholls and J. Marshall were passed.

The Prov. Grand Master afterwards appointed and invested the officers for the year as follows:

Bro. G. Lamb, York (T.I.)...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" E. K. Spiegelhalter, 277	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" H. C. Clarke, 291	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" J. Graham, 276	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" J. R. Lane, 281	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. C. E. L. Wright, York (T.I.)	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" A. W. Walker, 277	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Holford, York (T.I.)	...	...	Prov. G. R. of M.
" J. T. Oliver, 337	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. Edgar, 281	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. M. Wilson, 201	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" W. S. Meek, 95	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" F. R. Hansell, York (T.I.)	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. W. Barry, 337	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" B. Cass, 95	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. F. Watson, York (T.I.)	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" S. Ridge, 277	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" J. T. R. Miller, 277	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" Hodgson, 276	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. M. Hornsey, 277	...	...	
" J. W. Stevenson, 281	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" T. Taylor, 291	...	...	
" W. Stockdale, 277	...	...	

The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet at the Talbot Hotel, Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett presiding.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Beautiful weather favoured the annual athletic meeting of the pupils of our Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which was held at Kempton Park on Saturday last, under the direction of a Sports' Committee, of which Bro. George Everett, Past G. Treasurer, was the President, and Bro. J. M. McLeod, Secretary, and Bro. the Rev. H. Hebb, the Head Master, were members. It is needless, therefore, to say, that those who had the privilege of attending enjoyed themselves most thoroughly. There was plenty of good music furnished by a full and well-conducted band of the T. Division of the Metropolitan Police; ample refreshment at a reasonable tariff of prices was provided on the ground for those who needed it by Messrs. Bertram and Co.; and, above all, there was a long programme of sport, in the course of which the boys exhibited a rare spirit of healthy emulation, which reflects credit not only on the children themselves, but likewise on those who have them under their charge. Moreover, everything was carried out promptly and punctually. The trains which conveyed the School and its hosts of friends were punctual, the arrangements were carried out as noted on the programme, and the clerks of the course were attentive to their duties and courteous withal. Indeed, the whole thing was a great success, and the School authorities, the Sports' Committee, and the boys are to be congratulated on the manner in which the meeting passed off.

The following is a list of the events, with the names of the winners in each:

- Throwing the Cricket Ball (open)—Fry, 1; Blyther, 2. Distance thrown, 30 yards.
- One Hundred Yards (under 13)—Chadwick, 1; Packham, 2; Morris, 3.
- Four Hundred and Forty Yards (open) Handicap—Marston, 1; Fry, 2; Blyther, 3.
- Three Hundred Yards (open)—Mossop, 1; Wilkinson, 2; Leeming, 3.
- High Jump (preparatory)—Rees, 1; Evans, 2.
- Two Hundred and Twenty Yards Handicap (under 13)—Chadwick, 1; Fanner, 2; Marston, 3.
- High Jump (open)—4-feet 5-inches—Fry, 1; Turner, 2.
- Hundred Yards (open)—Fry, 1; Wilkinson, 2; Mossop, 3.
- Bowling at the Wicket (open)—Davey, 1; Kennedy, 2.
- Four Hundred and Forty Yards Handicap (under 13)—Chadwick, 1; Mills, 2.
- Three-Legged Race (open)—Williams and L. O. Roberts, 1; Binks and Mills, 2.
- Two Hundred and Twenty Yards (preparatory)—Frost, 1; Evans, 2.
- One Thousand Yards Handicap (open)—Mears, 1; Williams, 2; Bennett, 3.
- One Hundred Yards (preparatory)—Muir, 1; Evans, 2.
- Hurdle Race (open)—Marston, 1; Fry, 2; Wilkinson, 3.
- Two Hundred and Twenty Yards (open)—Fry, 1; Mossop, 2.
- Two Hundred and Twenty Yards Strangers' Race—C. D. Rees, St. Olave's Grammar School, 1; H. T. Brock, City of London School, 2.
- Old Masonians (220 yards)—R. L. Churchill.

Tug of War—Fry's team.  
 Consolation Sack Race—Howes, 1; Spain, 2; Thompson, 3.  
 Prize for the "Victor Ludorum"—J. B. Fry.  
 Highest Batting Average during the Season—A. E. Davey.  
 Best Bowling Average during the Season—Pinder.

The prizes were afterwards distributed by Miss Della Everett, who offered a few kindly words of congratulation to the several winners as they presented themselves to receive their awards. The dancing which followed in the Pavilion was not the least attractive part of the day's proceedings.

Among those on the ground were: Bro. J. Stephens and Mrs. Stephens; Bro. G. E. Fairchild, A.G.D.C., and Mrs. Fairchild; Bro. J. M. McLeod, Mrs. McLeod and family; Miss Witty, Tunbridge Wells; Bro. J. W. Burgess, and Miss Burgess; Bro. J. J. Thomas, Mrs. Thomas and family; Bro. G. V. Wood and Mrs. Wood; Bro. Dr. Porter and Mrs. Porter; Bro. K. Manuel, Bro. R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; Bro. W. Hillier and party; Bros. T. H. Roberts, W.M. 1538, I.P.M. 2502; J. S. Cumberland, D.G.S.B.; F. S. Guy, H. F. Frost, G. Org.; R. D. Cummings, Dr. Lough, D. Whitcomb, Bro. E. L. P. Valeriani, and Mrs. Valeriani; Bros. Dr. Kempster, Dr. Kempster, jun., O. Philippe, C. Pulman, R. C. Sudlow, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Percy Fitzgerald, F. Kent; Bro. W. H. Bailey and Mrs. Bailey; Bros. F. West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Surrey; J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C.; Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.; Dr. Mickle, Dr. Lovett; Bro. the Rev. Hebb, Mrs. Hebb and family; Bros. H. Pritchard, F. H. Macklin, W. B. Fendick, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; J. M. Klenck; Bro. C. W. Hudson and Mrs. Hudson; Bro. J. Jarvis, P.M. 1627; Bro. and Mrs. Le Feuillade; Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Topping, Misses Topping, Mr. Edgar Everett, Miss Alberta Everett, Miss Della Everett, Mr. S. H. and Miss Ethel Hyde, Mr. G. Blake, Bro. H. Lavington, Miss Bagshawe, Bro. William Baker, Mrs. Baker, and son; and Mr. Walter Hyde.

We regret that Bro. Everett, through whose kindness the meeting was held at Kempton Park, was prevented by illness from being present and an eye-witness of the manner in which all present enjoyed the meeting.

### CONSECRATION OF THE CAESAREAN LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

The consecration of the above lodge took place with great *éclat* on the 29th ult., the Grand Secretary, Bro. C. F. Matier, accompanied by Bros. R. Berridge, Dr. J. B. Cockburn, and H. J. Rolls, having arrived in the island of Jersey for this purpose.

The lodge having been formed, with Bros. Matier as N.; Dr. Cockburn, as J.; and Rolls, as S., the following founders were elevated: Bros. Dr. T. J. Aubin, W. T. Pugsley, P. Bois, F. J. Godfray, C. Marett, P. G. Hamilton, E. Bree, J. Goldsmith, J. Barrette, Dr. M. Le Cronier, C. Wilson, J. N. de la Perrelle, J. Boyson, and A. Stevenson.

The consecration of the lodge was then proceeded with, being conducted by Bro. C. F. Matier in a most impressive manner, assisted by Bros. Dr. Cockburn, R. Berridge, and H. J. Rolls. To those only who have seen the Grand Secretary perform this function can any idea be formed of the solemnity of the occasion. Bro. Berridge performed the duties of D. of C.

The installation of Bro. Dr. T. J. Aubin as W.C.N. then took place, after which the following officers were invested, Bro. Dr. Cockburn kindly taking P.C.N.: Bros. E. Brée, J.; P. Bois, S.; W. T. Pugsley, Treas.; J. W. Hamling, Scribe; F. J. Godfray, S.D.; C. Marett, J.D.; P. G. Hamilton, D. of C.; C. Wilson, Org.; J. Goldsmith, Guardian; J. C. Barrette, Steward; and W. H. Hambly, Warder.

A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Matier and the brethren who accompanied him, and was ably responded to.

The brethren then adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a *recherché* dinner had been provided by Bro. E. Brée.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and responded to, a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

### LAYING THE FOUNDATION-STONE OF THE BINNING MEMORIAL SCHOOLS.

The "chief corner-stone" of the Binning Memorial Class Rooms, Christ Church Schools, Lancaster-street, Carlisle, was laid on the 30th ult., with Masonic ceremonies by Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in the presence of the brethren of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, and also from Dumfries, Annan, Langholme, and other parts of Scotland, the Mayor and Corporation of Carlisle, the Carlisle Volunteer Artillery, the Carlisle Companies of the 1st Volunteer Battalion Border Regiment, the Carlisle Fire Brigade, a contingent of the Boys' Brigade, the local clergy, and a number of the general public.

An interesting feature of the proceedings was a procession formed by the brethren, the Mayor and Corporation, the Volunteers, and other bodies taking part. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the County Hall previous to the procession, Bro. Col. Sewell acting as Provincial Grand Master. The order of procession of the brethren was arranged by Bro. R. A. Clarke, Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, in strict accordance with Masonic usage. There was a large number present.

While the brethren were being arranged in their order of procession at the County Hall, the Mayor and Corporation, Volunteers, and other bodies assembled in Court-square, where a large crowd had gathered to witness the spectacle. A start was made from the Court-square shortly before two o'clock in the following order: Police, under the Chief Constable; the halberdiers and sergeants-at-mace; the Mayor and members of the Corporation; Volunteer Artillery Band; Colonel Hilton and Military and Volunteer Officers; the Volunteer Artillery; the Rifle Volunteers and their band; Fire Brigade under Captain Bell; the contingent of the Boys' Brigade; and the local clergy. The two bands played alternately. At the Botchergate entrance to the County Hall the brethren joined the procession, walking behind the clergy. The Town Clerk and City Treasurer were with the Mayor, and the members of the Corporation in the procession were Mr. Ferguson, Mr. R. Forster, Mr. Shield, Mr. Hough, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Ritson, Mr. F. Harrison

Mr. A. Thompson, and Mr. Wigham. Lieut. Pollard walked with Colonel Hilton. The local clergy included the Rev. T. Baines, the Rev. A. R. Hall, the Rev. H. Lonsdale, the Rev. W. E. Strickland, the Rev. J. Baker, the Rev. R. Bower, the Rev. H. W. Farrar, the Rev. W. Blake, the Rev. J. R. Wood, the Rev. W. M. Shepherd, the Rev. J. Howard, the Rev. F. Ogden, the Rev. W. G. Bird, the Rev. E. Walker, the Rev. H. E. Wood, and the Rev. J. A. Whish. The Volunteer Artillery, including the band, comprised about 60 of all ranks. The officers were Captain Robinson, Lieutenant Wheatley, Quartermaster Martindale, and Chaplain Millard. The Rifle Volunteers were represented by Brigade Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel Hall, and by five officers, 10 sergeants, and 64 rank and file of the Carlisle Companies of the 1st Volunteer Battalion Border Regiment, the band included, the officers being Captain Donald, Captain Howard Smith, Lieutenant Allison, Surgeon Lieutenant Macdonald, and Chaplain Richmond. The Fire Brigade were represented by 14 men.

Mr. CROWDER, Chairman of the Building Committee, addressing Colonel Sewell, in requesting him to lay the chief corner-stone, expressed the pleasure it gave the Committee to see such a large attendance of various bodies, and said that he need hardly speak of the good work done by the Christ Church schools in Carlisle in the presence of so many who knew the subject. He would only say that speaking from some experience of the educational system in Carlisle, both from his position on the School Board and as Secretary and Treasurer of one of our largest voluntary schools, the Christ Church schools had long held their own, and kept in the front rank of our local schools. They had last autumn 731 children in average attendance. Speaking of the schools, he was at once reminded of the worthy and lamented citizen with whose name they would in future, as they had been for many years in the past, be intimately connected, and he felt that the late Colonel Binning would have desired no better tribute to his memory than that the addition to these schools, in which he took so great an interest, should be known as the Binning Memorial Class Rooms. Colonel Binning was a man to whom the city owed much. He had devoted much of his time to public work, his hand was ever open to any appeal for a good cause. He was for many years the life and soul of the Volunteer movement, with which the name of Colonel Binning was so intimately connected in the minds of all of them. As Mayor for two years he upheld the credit and honour of Carlisle, more especially on the occasion of the great infirmity bazaar, the success of which was in no small degree due to his energy and liberality. However, as he had before said, he believed he would have desired his work in connection with these schools to be remembered quite as much as any other object to which he gave his time and labour, and he was very pleased to say that the scheme bade fair to be an assured success; and hence they felt justified in making a fair start with this valuable addition to the schools, and trusted the work begun that day might be successfully carried through to a conclusion, and that many future generations of children of that parish might look back with pleasure and gratitude to the education they had received, and the still more important moral and religious training they had had in the Binning Memorial Schools.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, responding to Mr. Crowder's invitation, proceeded with due solemnity, and in accordance with the Masonic ritual, to lay the stone, using a silver trowel presented to him for the purpose by Mr. Crowder. He was assisted by various officers present, and the brethren made the responses in the form laid down. The prayers were read by the Rev. J. W. Hartley, Provincial Grand Chaplain. The stone bore the following inscription:—"Binning Memorial Class Rooms. This stone was laid with Masonic ceremonial by the Worshipful Brother Colonel Frederic Robertson Sewell, J.P., D.P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmoreland, 30th May, 1895." In a cavity of the stone was placed a bottle containing coins, newspapers, programmes of the proceedings, and of the bazaar to be held subsequently.

On the motion of Mr. CROWDER, seconded by the Rev. R. BURN (vicar of Christ Church), a vote of thanks to Bro. Colonel Sewell was passed; and in responding the DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said he had until that day believed that this would have been the first time in Carlisle that a chief corner-stone had been laid with Masonic ceremonial; but he had just learned that about 30 years ago Sir James Graham performed the ceremony in Devonshire-street. He was sure that the brethren would be very glad to give their services in laying the memorial stones of public buildings; but before their services were required he would like to see the Mayor and Corporation take the Masonic obligations and form a lodge. He saw no reason why there should not be a lodge municipal supported cordially by the members of the Corporation.

The National Anthem having been performed and sung, the proceedings terminated.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed at the County Hall, many of the brethren, with their friends and others, sat down to luncheon in the Lower County Hall. The Mayor of Carlisle presided, supported right and left by Colonel Hilton, Bro. Colonel Sewell, Chaplain Richmond, Mr. Wheatley, Mr. S. P. Foster, Mr. Crowder, and others.

A toast list was afterwards gone through.

### PRESENTATION TO BRO. SIR JAMES SAWYER.

The members of the Ladywood Working Men's Conservative Club met in fair numbers on the evening of the 30th ult. at the new premises in the Crescent, Birmingham, to witness the presentation to Bro. Sir James Sawyer of an illuminated address expressive of their hearty appreciation of his services as President for eight years. The chair was taken by Dr. J. C. Grinling (Chairman of the club), and there were also present Messrs. R. J. Richardson (Vice-Chairman), J. W. Comley (Treasurer), A. Trow, W. E. Dench, A. Chapman, F. W. Osborne, W. H. Evans, J. Barnes, G. Platnauer, Frank Freeman (Hon. Sec.), and others. Apologies were announced from Mr. J. Satchell Hopkins, Councillor Wilders, and Mr. J. Rooker.

The CHAIRMAN, after referring to Bro. Sir J. Sawyer's political services, presented the address, which was beautifully illuminated and bore Sir James's coat-of-arms, and was couched in the following terms:

"Sir James Sawyer, Kt., F.R.C.P., M.D. London, F.R.S. Edinburgh, J.P.—We, the members of the Ladywood Working Men's Conservative Club, desire to place on record our grateful appreciation of the valuable services you have rendered us during the past eight years as our President. You have always discharged the onerous duties of your position in a genial and happy manner, have presided ably over our more important meetings, and when we have come to you for advice you have always received us cordially, and given us sound and wise counsel. The club has grown and prospered under your leadership, has acquired new and more commodious premises, many new members have been already added; and we trust in the future this prosperity will continue. We thank you heartily for the generous hospitality you have more than once extended to us, by inviting us to spend the day at your country home, and to assure you how thoroughly we have enjoyed and appreciated the same. We also wish to convey to Lady Sawyer our sincere gratitude for her constant interest in the club; we

assure her ladyship that we note with pleasure her untiring labours in connection with the Primrose League. We trust you may be spared many years of health and happiness; that you may long continue in the profession you so conspicuously adorn, and lend your splendid talents to help forward the real interests of your city and country."

The address was signed on behalf of the members by the President (Lord Dudley), the Chairman (Dr. J. C. Grinling), the Vice-Chairman (Mr. J. R. Richardson), the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Comley), the members of the Committee, and the Secretary (Mr. Frank Freeman).

Bro. Sir JAMES SAWYER, having thanked the members very sincerely for their kindness, and congratulated them upon their entrance into the new club, which, he suggested, was a move in the right direction, traced his association with Birmingham to the period in the eighties when he found himself with sufficient leisure and opportunity to strike out a distinct political course in the town and subsequently. He then gave his reasons for retiring, and having reiterated his thanks for the honour they had done him, the proceedings closed.

MASONIC OUTING.

On Wednesday, the 22nd ult., a party of 33 brethren left Hull in two saloon carriages for York where they lunched, after which they proceeded to Darlington, and then, leaving the train walked through the pretty town and entered their carriages at the North Road station. During their walk, they admired the fine old parish church and other buildings, and some snap shots were taken by a "Kodacq" brother. On arrival at Barnard Castle, conveyances took the party through the interesting town, with its gardens in the centre of the long broad street, to the King's Head Hotel, which had been selected as the headquarters. This famous hostelry was immortalised by Dickens in "Nicholas Nickleby." It will be remembered that here Newman Noggs recommended Nicholas to call, for there he told him he could obtain a glass of good ale. The novelist visited Barnard Castle, and the house where he stayed is pointed out as well as the notorious "Dotheboys Hall," in the neighbourhood. The King's Head, we are glad to observe, still maintains its reputation for good fare. The brethren were welcomed by Bro. the Rev. Hartley Jennings, W.M. 1230, who subsequently dined with them. After an excellent repast, the visitors were conducted to the neat Masonic hall in Newgate, and met with a very cordial reception, a special lodge of emergency having been summoned for the purpose. Speeches were made by the W.M. of the Barnard Lodge, the W.M. of the Humber Lodge, the Prov. G. Sec. of N. and E. Yorks, and by Bro. W. C. Bradley, P.S.G.D. N. and E. Yorks.

At the closing of the lodge, the brethren proceeded to refreshment, when a capital musical entertainment was given. The honours after each toast were characteristically rendered. The brethren separated at 11 p.m.

The following morning a start was made at seven o'clock, and the party enjoyed a two hours' drive in brakes, viewing the beautiful scenery in the neighbourhood including the picturesque views of Eglstone Abbey, the Abbey Bridge, Rokeby (the subject of Scott's poem), the meeting of the waters (the Rivers Tees and Greta), the Dairy Bridge, spanning a romantic glen, Greta Bridge, a handsome structure, adjoining which is the old inn, once a famous posting house, with extensive stabling now disused. Rum and milk was the "early purl" of some of the hardy tourists, bitter beer of others, these beverages being considered as whets for the forthcoming matutinal meal. The drive was then continued by the old Roman camp and road, returning by the W.M.'s pretty church at Startforth. Crossing the ancient bridge, the tourists admired the noble old castle standing on the richly wooded bank of the broad Tees, with the quaint weather-beaten grey stone buildings on its shores, many in a ruinous condition. On arrival at the hotel, breakfast was served, the brethren being honoured with the company of Bro. Dr. Sevier, I.P.M. 1230. After this some went to see the famous Bowes Museum, a palatial structure, containing a valuable collection of paintings, pottery, &c., which were exhibited by the courtesy of the curator, Bro. O. S. Scott. Other brethren explored the ivy-covered ruins of the castle, and the many objects of interest in the old town.

Conveyances were now in requisition, bags were collected, bills paid, and the travellers went by rail to Middleton, in Teesdale, another old-world little place, and after the usual refreshment for the thirsty ones, thence by brakes to the High Force, where the water falls from its rocky channel 78 feet, in a vast sheet of foam. The beautiful wood was visited, wild flowers were gathered; some of the brethren scrambled down the rocks to the river's brink, to view the cataract from below, whilst others more animated than the rest (who, comfortably seated, tranquilly smoked their pipes), climbed to the dizzy heights overlooking the fall, and telegraphed salutations to their friends below. At the adjacent hotel the brethren were photographed by the Prov. Asst. Grand Secretary, and afterwards dined.

The healths of the energetic originators of the excursion, Bro. W. C. Bradley, and Bro. J. Milestones, the Hon. Sec. were enthusiastically received.

The traps were then called, and the party returned, arriving at Hull at about 11.20 p.m.

The excursion throughout was an entire success, the weather delightful, and the arrangements perfect.

The following brethren formed the party: Bros. T. B. Alkinson, R. Beevers, P.M.; W. C. Bradley, P.M.; J. Baynes, S. Coultas, S. Cooper, P. J. Drasdo, F. Eustace, T. G. Field, H. Fenner, C. T. Ganderton, J. Henderson, P.M.; M. Haberland, P.M.; W. Heyworth, W. A. Hutchence, P.M.; G. Leigh, P.M.; M. J. Martensen, W.M. 57; J. Milestone, Hy. Oldroyd, M. C. Peck, P.G. Sec.; A. J. Peacock, F. Rawson, J. Robinson, G. W. Richardson, T. B. Redfearne, P.A.G. Sec.; W. Scott, D. Swallow, Tyler; W. Tesseyman, W.M. 2494; J. W. Tindell, P.M.; J. G. Torr, P.M.; H. Wrightson, J. Wildbore, P.M.; and Dr. F. Wilson, P.G. Org.

SEVENTH ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1275.

The above was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Wednesday, the 29th ult. The chair was taken by Comp. C. H. Stone, M.E.Z. 1275, supported by Comps. W. Eckersall, T. Grummant, Wm. Cowley, J. Addington, R. J. Voisey, North, Meierhoff, Elgar, Willcox, White, Horley, Geo. Langley, Hooper, Dr. Webb, Ellinger, Barr, Edwards, Cureton, Hayward, Cornford, Cope, Cass, Wm. Briant, Dunn, Chapman, Hopkins, and Lindsey.

After a capital repast, supplied by Mrs. Venables, the proprietress, the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were forcibly presented by the President and loyally received.

Comp. R. J. VOISEY, P.Z., S.E. 1329, next presented the toast of "The President," which was received with acclamation, remarking that as he knew him so thoroughly he was able to speak. He had worked up through all the offices of the chapter and had succeeded in gaining the approbation of the companions, and was now holding the exalted position of M.E.Z. of his mother chapter. Some 14 years ago, he (Comp. Voisey) initiated the President into Freemasonry, and he had heard how ably he had conducted the affairs of the United Pilgrims' Lodge, No. 507, while its Master. Next to the Preceptor, Comp. Stone was S.E. of the Star Chapter of Instruction and a strong motive power, whose united efforts had brought about such unprecedented success, which was a pride to all of them. Those who attended the weekly meetings could bear testimony to the great amount of instruction imparted, in fact, there was none better in South London. They owed a great deal to the founders and especially to their President who had done so much and had gained the admiration of the companions.

In reply, Comp. STONE said he felt the kind remarks of Comp. Voisey very deeply, and thanked the companions for such a cordial reception. He was proud of holding such an honoured position, and trusted that so long as he lived his utmost endeavour would be to carry out the excellent principles of Freemasonry to their fullest extent. He was proud, too, of the support which the Past Principals of the Star Chapter always most freely gave, thus showing their deep interest.

The PRESIDENT next proposed "Success to the Star Chapter of Instruction," remarking the excellent service which it had rendered to Royal Arch Masonry. It had now reached its seventh year and he was happy to state was in a thoroughly sound position. It had accomplished much, and he would give a summary of its doings. During the past year it had been open 37 times, the average attendance being nearly 15, which was a great feature. The grandest of all was the part it had taken in Charity, giving five guineas to each of the Masonic Institutions, and last but not least, five guineas to the "Francis Testimonial Fund" to assist in enabling the widow to earn her livelihood. Their excellent Preceptor, Comp. T. Grummant, had done much towards the achievement and his name would be coupled with the toast, which was drunk with acclamation.

In reply, Comp. Grummant thanked the President for such complimentary remarks and the companions for such an enthusiastic reception. He knew and could testify that the Star Chapter of Instruction had done good work, for in visiting various chapters one could see the brand. It was not as it used to be as regards the various duties in the chapter. In former times those duties were relegated to a few, but now companions, and young companions, were able to work even the duties of the chair in an admirable manner. He was delighted to see such a capital number present, thus showing their interest, and he trusted that so long as he had the confidence of the companions he would do his very utmost for the chapter.

Comp. GRUMMANT next gave the toast of "The Visitors" in most appropriate terms, specially welcoming Comp. Hooper, so well known in South London, who in conjunction with Comp. G. R. Langley were doing such great things in the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, especially in that most excellent of gifts, Charity.

Comps. HOOPER, HOPKINS, and G. R. LANGLEY most ably responded. Comp. Wm. COWLEY, P.Z. 1275, next presented the toast of "Comp. R. J. Voisey, P.Z., Treas.," stating that there were few brethren in South London who had done more for the cause of Masonry. He was one of the founders of the chapter, and had been the Treasurer from its formation. All were proud of having so worthy a companion as one of the executive officers.

In reply, Comp. VOISEY said he felt his position was a very honourable one, and so long as the funds were committed to his keeping he should strictly guard them. He was very thankful for all the kindnesses he had received from the companions.

The PRESIDENT next thanked the artistes for their able services, which had been most freely given to the gratification of all present.

Comp. MEIERHOFF, P.Z., most heartily responded. Some excellent songs were rendered by Comps. Lindsey, Barr, Cureton, and North; and Comps. Meierhoff and Grummant recited. Comp. Hopkins most ably presided at the piano.

SONG—OUR GIRLS' SCHOOL.

As in a cultured garden fair  
The tender shoots we raise,  
In watchful and unswerving faith  
To blossom into praise;  
So, in the garden-ground of life,  
Where all find destined room,  
May we assist their infant forms  
In maidenhood to bloom.

SOLO AND CHORUS:

By aid substantial may we rear  
Our girls with right good will,  
As future wives and mothers dear  
Their duties to fulfil.

Still will the gardener bestow  
His efforts undismayed,  
Assiduously his task prolong  
In sunshine or in shade;  
And so let us with fostering care  
Develop their young hearts,  
Teach them to strive for higher aims  
Than this vain world imparts.

SOLO AND CHORUS: By aid substantial, &c.

And as the gardener removes  
With firm but gentle hand,  
All that encumbers future growth  
And beauty of the land;  
So may we ever hopeful strive  
Unceasingly to tend  
The buds of promise, till in bloom  
They consummate their end.

SOLO AND CHORUS: By aid substantial, &c.

As in the past, the present too,  
The future fruit accords  
Due meed of praise for all the toil  
That industry affords;  
So may our faith uphold our work,  
Hope cheer us on our way,  
For love bestowed will love ensure,  
Till dawns the perfect day.

SOLO AND CHORUS: By aid substantial, &c.

F. W. DRIVER, M.A.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MOLESEY LODGE,  
No. 2473.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. C. O. BURGESS.

The vitality and energy of this prosperous summer lodge was again evidenced by the large attendance of members and distinguished visitors who, notwithstanding the Whitsun holidays, assembled on the 6th inst. at the Castle Hotel, East Molesey, for the annual installation. There is a great attraction to a summer lodge of the "up-river" district, owing to the beauty of the locality in which it is held, and with the charming neighbourhood of Hampton Court and its magnificent parks, gardens, and the refreshing air of the river, accompanied by such fine weather as was enjoyed on the day in question, it can readily be understood that the members looked forward with pleasant anticipation to meeting each other under such cheerful circumstances. It was therefore an agreeable variation to town duties to be present at the installation of Bro. J. R. Cleave, a very popular and esteemed member of the lodge.

Bro. C. O. Burgess, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. J. R. Cleave, S.W.; H. J. Brook, J.W.; F. W. Buxton, P.M., Treas.; E. L. Berry, Sec.; W. Dennis, J.D.; C. G. Sherwood, I.G.; C. Stuart Walker, Org.; H. J. Keen, D.C.; C. Morrell, Stwd.; S. Hewitt, P.M.; C. E. Gilbert, D. J. Drakeford, J. Rowe, A. Cogliate, E. L. Campbell, T. A. Mitchell, F. Johnson, H. G. Walker, A. W. Bray, H. Price, and W. J. Harvey. The visitors were Bros. W. B. Fendick, P.G.D. Berks.; G. H. Foan, P.M. 1614; H. J. Wise; F. Lockett, W.M. 2222; C. E. Turnbull, S.W. 190; T. Kewer, P.M. 880 and 2222; T. Watt, 2030; W. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287; A. L. Bullen, P.M. 1614; J. W. Dawson, 1624; G. H. Reynolds, W.M. 2191; W. O. Welsford, W.M. 1231; S. Ellis, W.M. 1981; A. M. Kellaway, 1614; H. Luff, J.W. 2460; W. J. Mason, P.P.G.D. Surrey; J. Williams, W.M. 2146; W. A. Colyer, P.M. 193; E. Parsons, 1627; J. H. Price, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; W. J. Harris, P.M. 1321; T. H. Todd, J.D. 1901; G. C. Bond, P.M. 1614; J. H. Lane, 2146; C. Prentis, 2222; J. H. Mayo, P.M. 2222; Geo. Moorman, P.M. 1638 and 1981 and W.M. 2540; S. H. Baker, W.M. 2265; W. R. Wood, 2099; F. J. Little, P.M.; C. H. Worley, 2270; and R. T. West, 1744.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting the W.M. initiated Mr. Henry James Foan, and afterwards passed Bro. T. A. Mitchell. The excellent working of Bro. Burgess was much appreciated by the members and visitors.

Bro. S. Hewitt, P.M., then occupied the chair, and raised Bros. Drakeford and Johnson to the Third Degree, performing the ceremony in a commendable manner. Bro. Burgess then proceeded with the important task of installing Bro. John Robert Cleave as his successor, which he did with precision and dignity.

The following were appointed and invested as officers for the year:—Bros. E. L. Berry, S.W.; W. Dennis, J.W.; F. W. Buxton, P.M., Treas.; S. Hewitt, P.M., Sec.; C. G. Sherwood, S.D.; H. J. Keen, J.D.; C. Stuart Walker, I.G.; C. Wheatley, D.C.; C. Morrell, A.D.C.; C. E. Gilbert and A. W. Bray, Stwds.; and W. Lane, Tyler.

The delivery of the usual addresses was very ably and impressively rendered by Bro. Burgess, and he is to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which he carried out the installation ceremony.

Letters were read from Bros. the Earl of Onslow, Prov. G. Master; Fredk. West, Dep. Prov. G. Master; W. M. Stiles, G. Treas., and others, regretting their inability to attend. A gentleman was proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and

After other business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, which was prepared by Bro. Mayo in his usual good style.

The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in brief but eloquent terms.

In proposing "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. made special mention of those who had honoured the lodge with their presence, and had made great efforts for the Craft, and the province in particular, and he coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Langton and W. J. Mason.

In response, Bro. LANGTON said it was a great pleasure and honour to be an officer of the Province of Surrey, which now mustered 40 lodges and many chapters. The province had sustained a great loss by the much regretted death of Bro. Col. Noel Money, but in his successor, the Earl of Onslow, they had one who had worked very hard for Freemasonry, and he would be popular in the province. Then as to the Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. Fred. West, who he was sorry was not present, there was no one more respected for his great efforts. He spoke at length upon the good work done by the Charity Committee of the province, and in conclusion he congratulated the lodge in having in Bro. Cleave so efficient and genial a Master.

Bro. W. J. MASON also responded. He was delighted to attend their lodge, in which he had so many dear friends, and he hoped it would ever be prosperous. If he might say so, he had worked hard for the province, and it would be a pleasure to him to continue to do so.

Bro. C. O. BURGESS, the I.P.M., in proposing "The Worshipful Master," spoke highly of Bro. Cleave's many excellent qualities, which were calculated to enable him to fill his important office with dignity, earnestness, and loyalty to the lodge. He had been closely connected with him for the last two years, and could testify as to his worth, and he would add lustre to the lodge, which was quite safe in his hands. In the Worshipful Master's business the word selected to represent the firm in the telegraphic code was "Earnestness," and that appeared to him (Bro. Burgess) to supply the key-note to his character. He was earnest and liberal in the cause, and the handsome organ that he had given to the lodge was much appreciated by the members.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and

Bro. J. R. CLEAVE, W.M., on rising to respond, was enthusiastically received. He said that his heartiest thanks were due to Bro. Burgess for his kind but flattering words in proposing the toast, but he did not deserve anything like half the good things said of him. It was his earnest wish to follow his good predecessors, but it would be impossible for him to excel Bros. Burgess, Mason, and Langton, yet he would do everything that lay in his power to promote the interests of the lodge and the happiness of the members.

In appropriate terms the WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. Burgess, and Past Masters," observing that Bro. Burgess's working that night was excellent and could not have been done better. He was founder of the lodge, and had had a very successful and happy year of office, and his great efforts would never be forgotten. He then presented him with a Past Master's jewel as a small token in recognition of the ability with which he had discharged his duties, and he also handed him a handsome silver mounted album with portraits of the members of the lodge as evidence, if any was needed, of their appreciation of his sterling qualities.

Bro. C. O. BURGESS, I.P.M., on rising to respond, had quite an ovation. In an earnest speech he said that he was deeply touched with their manifestation, and he thanked the W.M. for his kind and generous words. The office of W.M. was an honoured one and he had had a very happy time. He congratulated himself and the other founders on the success that had crowned their efforts, as the lodge was a prosperous one, and he ventured to think that it would become a great power in the province. Although only a young lodge they had done well for the charities, and he urged the members to support the W.M., who was going up as Steward in July. In eloquent terms he referred to the presentations made to him that evening, which he acknowledged with sincere gratitude, and he appre-

ciated the great kindness, friendship, and generous feeling which had been shown to him by the members.

In giving "The Initiate," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER remarked that in the course of time Bro. Foan would make an excellent member, as his father was an eminent and earnest Mason, and a well-known Preceptor, and he would be able to teach him everything.

Bro. H. J. FOAN, who was accorded a hearty reception, responded. He was proud that he had been accepted into Freemasonry, and he thanked them for the kind treatment he had received. He was honoured by having been invested with a collar of office immediately after his initiation, and it would be his aim to perform, and he hoped with satisfaction, on the grand organ so generously given by the W.M.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Visitors," and he associated with the toast the names of Bros. Price, Fendick, Reynolds, and Colyer.

Bro. J. H. PRICE, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, replied that it was his third visit to the lodge, and that the visitors had enjoyed the excellent working of the I.P.M., Bro. Burgess, who was perfection, and would be closely followed by the W.M., who was well-known for his good workmanship and geniality, and in conclusion, he remarked that the banquet was everything that could be desired.

Bro. W. B. FENDICK, P.G.D. Berks, also responded, re-echoing the remarks of the previous speaker, and observing that the lodge had a good ruler, and if the members *cleaved* to him, he would *cleave* to them.

Bro. G. H. REYNOLDS said that it was difficult to find so young a lodge which had carried out the precepts of Masonry, and had so well supported the several Institutions.

Bro. W. A. COLYER, P.M., also responded. He had been a Mason for 14 years, but that was the first time that he had had the privilege of attending a provincial lodge, and he was very pleased with what he had seen and heard. Everything was good, both in the ritual and otherwise. He had seen Grand Officers act as Installing Masters, but certainly they had not done better than the work they had had that day from Bro. Burgess. He had known the W.M. for many years. He was a good friend and a thorough man of business, and the lodge would prosper under his generalship.

The toast of "The Officers" was heartily received, and responded to by Bro. S. HEWITT, P.M., Sec.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a memorable and enjoyable evening, and the W.M. is to be congratulated on the great success of the happy gathering.

The vocal entertainment was carried out under the able direction of Bro. Stuart Walker, in which the following also took part: Bros. Herbert Emlyn, Harris, Wood, and Mr. Gurney Russell. Bro. H. J. Foan (the initiate) ably presided at the pianoforte.



BRO. JOHN ROBERT CLEAVE,

who was installed third Worshipful Master of the Molesey Lodge, No. 2473, on the 6th inst., is the proprietor of the Hotel Windsor, Victoria-street, S.W., a director of the Swindon Junction Hotel Company, Limited, a member of St. Margaret's Vestry, Westminster, and although necessarily busily occupied by his numerous responsibilities, still devotes much of his energy and interest to the cause of Freemasonry. Our brother was initiated in the Concord Lodge, No. 1135, in June, 1879, was one of the founders and first J.W. of the Molesey Lodge, to the prosperity of which he has largely contributed by his hearty co-operation with his brother founders in their determination to make it a success. He is also a member of the Abbey Lodge, No. 2030, and the Eccentric Lodge, No. 2488. He is a Royal Arch companion and member of the Emblematic Chapter, No. 1321, and the George Price Chapter, No. 2096, and in the Rose Croix Degree he is a member of the Sovereign Palestine Chapter, No. 29, and has taken an active interest in supporting the Masonic Charities.

BRO. JOHN LANE, P.D.G.D.C.

Bro. John Lane, upon whom, in recognition of his invaluable literary services to Freemasonry, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, has been pleased to confer the rank of Past Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies, and whom we had the pleasure of congratulating on this well-merited distinction in our "Notes" of last week, was initiated in the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, on the 15th September, 1878, and having filled sundry minor offices, was elected and installed W.M. in 1882. Having joined the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, in June, 1887, he was later in the same year appointed to the rank of Past P.G. Registrar, Devon, in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee. The year following the Grand Lodge of Iowa, U.S.A., conferred upon him the rank of Past S.G.W., as a testimony to his great literary merits, while on similar grounds the lodges of St.

John the Baptist, No. 39, Exeter; St. John, No. 70, Plymouth; Fortitude, No. 131, Truro; Eboracum, No. 1611, York; and Humber Installed Masters, No. 2494, Hull, have severally enrolled him among their honorary members. He was exalted to the Royal Arch in St. John's Chapter, No. 328, Torquay, on the 25th February, 1880, and having successively held the various offices up to and inclusive of that of H., was at length elected and installed in the chair of Z. in 1889. The following year he was appointed Prov. Grand Registrar in the Prov. Grand Chapter of Devon. In the Mark Degree he has attained even greater distinction. Having been advanced in the Devon Lodge, No. 215, Newton Abbot, on the 14th March, 1882, and having been appointed J.O. and M.O. in 1882 and 1883 respectively, became founder and first W.M. of the Jordan Lodge, No. 319, Torquay, and on vacating the chair was appointed to and has since held continuously the important post of Secretary. In 1884 he was appointed Prov. G.M.O. Devon, and last year was advanced to the still higher position of Prov. S.G.W. He served as a Grand Steward in 1884, and received the brevet rank of G.S. Overseer in connection with the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee in 1887. He is also a Royal Ark Mariner, having been elevated to that Degree in the Sincerity Lodge, No. 35, Plymouth, on the 7th July, 1884. In 1888 he was founder and was installed as first W.C.N. of the Jordan Lodge, No. 319, and on completing his term of office was appointed and has since ably discharged the duties of Scribe. In the Order of the Temple, of which he was installed a Knight in the Royal Sussex Preceptory, No. 25, Newton Abbot, on the 22nd October, 1883, he is a Past E.P., and also a Past Prior of the Order of Malta, a Past Provincial Grand Registrar of the Provincial Priory of Devon, and a Past G. Captain of Guards in Great Priory, having been appointed to the former office in 1887, and to the latter in 1893. He was perfected Rose Croix, 18<sup>o</sup>, in the Coryton and Rougemont Union Chapter, No. 2, Exeter, in Dec., 1883, and was installed M.W.S. in 1888. Last year he was admitted to the 30<sup>o</sup>. He is also a member and Past G. Stwd. of the Allied Degrees, a member of the Cryptic Degrees, and in 1892 was advanced to the Royal Order of Scotland in the Prov. G. Lodge of London. He has also done excellent service in behalf of our local and general Charitable Institutions, and is a Life Governor of the Fortescue Masonic Annuity Fund, Devon, a Vice-Patron of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, as well as a Life-Governor of the Mark Benevolent Fund, for which he served the office of Steward in 1883, 1888, 1894. Above all he is a Vice-Patron of the Girls', Boys', and Benevolent Institutions, and has acted as Steward for each on three separate occasions. But it is in his literary character that his greatest honours have been won. In 1886 was issued his first edition of that most elaborate of all Masonic publications—his "Masonic Records," 1717-1886—dedicated by special permission to the Prince of Wales, M.W.G. Master. Last year Bro. Lane presented to United G. Lodge the copyright of this invaluable work, and in a few weeks' time the second edition, with corrections, amendments, and additions to the present date, will see the light of day. The labour of compiling such a work can be known to and appreciated only by those who have embarked on such an enterprise, while in the matter of extreme accuracy, methodical arrangement of detail, and precision of statement, it ranks second to none either in Masonic or extra-Masonic literature. In 1888 he read an instructive paper on "Masters' Lodges" before the members of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, which will be found in the published Transactions of that lodge. In 1889 he published a "Handy Book to the Study of the Lists of Lodges," and in 1891 a work on "Centenary Warrants and Jewels." To the great literary merit of his chief work—his "Masonic Records"—the Grand Secretary, in his place in Grand Lodge, has borne most eloquent testimony, while Grand Lodge itself, by its acceptance of his generous gift of its copyright, has, with equal generosity, endorsed that testimony. We, too, in our humbler way, have again and again expressed our admiration of his work and our indebtedness to it for information, which could only have been obtained from original sources, after protracted labour. Again, therefore, we offer our distinguished brother our heartiest congratulations on the crowning honour which has been just conferred upon him, and which, as we pointed out last week, he so eminently deserves. May he be spared to enjoy for many years the esteem and respect and admiration of his brother Masons!

## Rosicrucian Society.

### York College.

The first summer meeting of this body was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., at Northallerton, by the courteous invitation of the brethren of the Anchor Lodge. The fratres assembled about noon, and drove in carriages to view the remains of the old Carthusian Monastery of Mount Grace. The drive was through beautiful scenery, and was much enjoyed. Light refreshments were served on the spot, and then the Chief Adept of the Province, Frater T. B. Whythead, read a paper on the Order of Carthusians and the Monastery of Mount Grace. Fratres C. Palliser, C. Waistell, Dr. Tweedie, and other members of the Anchor Lodge and of the College, conducted the party round the ruins, after which they returned to Northallerton, where the M.C. was formed in the Masonic Hall, and two candidates introduced.

Subsequently a dinner was held at the Golden Lion, presided over by Frater W. H. Cowper, Celebrant of the College. Over 30 members of the Order were present.

## Cryptic Masonry.

### Grand Master's Council, No. 1.

A meeting of this council was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 16th ult. Among those present were Comps. G. Powell, T.I.M.; R. Loveland Loveland, J.P., as P.D.M.; A. McDowall, P.C.W., T.I.M. elect; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.D.G.M., Recorder; J. J. Pakes, 1st Marshal; G. Gregory, 3rd Marshal; H. P. Hay and N. Prower, M.A., Stwds.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.D.G.M.; the Rev. C. E. Wright, G. Chap.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A.; R. A. Gowan, B. Stewart, and H. Higgins.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Recorder installed Comp. A. McDowall as Thrice Illustrious Master. The following appointments and investitures were made: Comps. G. Powell, P.D.M.; W. A. Scurrah, D.M.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., Chap.; the Rev. C. E. Wright, Asst. Chap.; G. Graveley, Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, Recorder; J. J. Pakes, C. of Works; Dr. Pocock, C. of Guards; G. Gregory, C. of Council; H. P. Hay, J. J. Thomas and N. Prower, Marshals; J. N. Frye and H. Carman, Stwds.; B. Stewart, Warden; G. Briggs, Asst. Warden; H. Rogers, J.S.; and E. Mills, O.S. A vote of condolence was passed with many individual expressions of regret to Mrs. Williamson on the death of her husband, Major W. B. Williamson, J.P. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. Lieut.-Col. G. Lambert, P.D.G.M.; H. J. Lardner, P.T.I.M.; L. Steele, W. C. Taylor, J. T. Rowe, B. R. Bryant, G. L. J. Smith, W. M. Stiles, H. H. Shirley, M.A., Sir A. Harris, A. W. Humphreys, and many others.

The council was then closed in the Degree of Select Master and the companions adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to dine. The Thrice Illustrious Master presided.

The usual toasts received full justice. Comp. Baron de Ferrieres responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and Comps. G. Powell and R. Loveland Loveland for "The Past Masters."

## Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

### PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Old Parr's Head, Knight-riding-street, E.C. Present: Bros. Butcher, W.M.; Meadows, S.W.; Galey, J.W.; Harlow, P.M., Preceptor; Thomas, Treas.; Sarson, Sec.; Greig, S.D.; Emden, J.D.; Saunton, I.G.; Smith, Tyler; Jas. Smith, White, Joy, Terry, and R. D. Smith.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. White being the candidate. Bro. Terry being the candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The W.M. opened the lodge in the Second Degree, and Bro. Terry was passed to the Degree of F.C. The W.M. opened the lodge in the Third Degree. The W.M. closed the lodge in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and Bro. Meadows was elected to occupy the chair at the next lodge meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the Secretary announced that the lodge was now entitled to three votes in perpetuity for the R.M.I. for Boys, having now subscribed 30 guineas. 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 30th ult., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea. Present: Bros. Schott, W.M.; Larkin, S.W.; Thomas, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Stutfield, Sec.; Olive, S.D.; Nicholls, J.D.; Lightfoot, I.G.; Austin, Rymer, and Winsborrow.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rymer being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The 1st Section of the Third Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. A hearty vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Schott for the able manner he had occupied the chair for the first time in the lodge. Bro. Larkin was 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 20th ult., at the Frascati, Oxford-street, W., when there were present: Bros. B. Dukes, W.M.; H. C. Parker, S.W.; E. Kraus, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; J. Thom, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; George Hill, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Willby, P.M., Sec.; Geo. Ridout, P.M., S.D.; J. Mason, J.D.; J. Thom, P.M., D.C.; M. Beedle, I.G.; Burgess, P.M.; Mason, P.M.; S. C. Cross, and F. A. Zeppenfeld.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor. Bro. Dukes vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Burgess, P.M., who, in due form, rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Dukes resumed the chair, and the lodge having been resumed in the First Degree, Bro. F. A. Zeppenfeld answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Zeppenfeld being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, when Bro. W. J. Burgess, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., was elected a joining member, and the dues were collected. At the second rising, Bro. H. C. Parker, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. After the third rising, all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

### HARROW LODGE, No. 1310.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, N. Present: Bros. Weston, W.M.; Lewis, S.W.; Harris, J.W.; G. Wood, P.M., Preceptor; Jabez Mason, Sec.; D. Baker, S.D.; Handford, J.D.; Robertson, I.G.; J. Thorn, P.M.; S. Drewell, T. West, Roberts, Dyke, and G. Dingley.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Roberts being the candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. West being the candidate. The W.M. having vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Baker, W.M. of the Ravenscroft Lodge, Bro. Roberts was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

### ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. R. P. Upton, W.M.; W. Rapley, S.W.; E. P. Woodman, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., and J. W. Clarke, P.M., Preceptors; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; R. W. Nicole, S.D.; A. Ingram, J.D.; A. F. Hardyment, I.G.; R. Von der Sahl, E. A. Wagstaff, W. A. Goring, A. Oldrey, J. H. Thurman, J. R. White, W. G. Carrington, M. Tuck, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Essex; H. R. Bower, G. T. Peall, P. F. Holmden, P.M.; and Milton Smith.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Oldrey being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hancock, when the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Nicole as W.M. elect. Bro. A. F. Hardyment was elected a member of the lodge. The lodge was then closed, and the meetings will be discontinued until the first Tuesday in September.

### KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1757.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, when there were present: Bros. C. C. Barber, W.M.; A. F. Taylor, S.W.; A. C. S. Mackenzie, J.W.; George Read, P.M., G. Std. Br. Eng., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; G. A. Knight, W.M. 1585, S.D.; J. A. Battersby, J.D.; Maurice Moss, I.G.; E. Fox, W.M. 1275; W. B. Neville, W.M. 1767; A. Williams, P.M.; T. Pringle, H. J. Seal, H. Dalloway, and T. E. P. Bell.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Seal acting as candidate. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Bell offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Taylor was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and a vote of thanks passed to Bro. Barber for his able conduct of the duties of W.M. for the first time in this lodge. The lodge was closed with "Hearty good wishes."

### STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 31st ult., at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell. Present: Comps. R. J. Voisey, M.E.Z.; T. Grummant, H.; West, J.; Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor; Voisey, P.Z., Treas.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Benedetti, P.Z., S.N.; Elgar, P.S.; Ellinger, Beecroft, Phillips, Plant, Addington, and Chabot.

The minutes of convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Beecroft personating the candidate. Comp. T. Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor, was elected M.E.Z. for September 6th, the first meeting, commencing the autumn session. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. West, J., for so ably rehearsing the ceremony for the first time in the chapter. After "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed.

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**COLONIAL BOARD.**

Bro. JAMES STEPHENS respectfully thanks his many friends for the kind interest displayed by them in securing his election on the above.

As the figures have not been published, for the information of those who did not remain in Grand Lodge on the 5th inst. to hear the result, I append them, together with those of the Board of General Purposes.

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368	Mason, William James ...	2
317	Mulvey, Ebenezer Charles... ..	3
308	Thomas, John Joseph ... ..	4
280	Fendick, William Barnes ... ..	5
220	Sandberg, Arthur, M.D. ... ..	6
214	Lovegrove, Henry ... ..	7
191	Williams, Arthur ... ..	
157	Morley, William ... ..	
152	Boulton, James ... ..	
68	Powell, Frederick Atkinson ... ..	

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505	Stephens, James ... ..	1
389	Scurrah, William Alfred ... ..	2
321	Mulvey, Ebenezer Charles... ..	3
261	Eve, Richard... ..	4
236	Lovegrove, Henry ... ..	5
217	Walls, Capt. Thomas C. ... ..	6
173	Hogard, Charles Frederick ... ..	7
97	Gowan, Robert Anthony, M.D. ... ..	
67	Baskett, Samuel R... ..	
63	Lamonby, William F. ... ..	

**BRO. W. J. MASON** begs to return his sincere thanks to those Brethren who so kindly attended Grand Lodge on Wednesday week last. By whose kind suffrage placed him second on the Poll for the Board of General Purposes.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1895.

**Masonic Notes.**

It will have been seen from our report of the proceedings in Grand Lodge on the 5th instant, that the consideration of the important question of amalgamating the Colonial Board with the Board of General Purposes has been postponed till December. This is about the best course that could have been adopted. The proposal, in whatever form it might have been adopted by Grand Lodge, could not have been acted upon until it had been confirmed at the Quarterly Communication next ensuing, and it is unlikely that Grand Lodge would go out of its way to disturb the existing order of things until June, 1896, when the Board of General Purposes, as at present constituted, will be dissolved, and a new one chosen in its stead. In the meantime the Board will be able to consider the subject in all its bearings, and produce a scheme which will at once commend itself to the acceptance of Grand Lodge.

For ourselves, it appears to be a matter of little or no importance whether colonial Masonic questions are dealt with by a Committee of the Board of General Purposes told off for the purpose, or, as now, by a

specially constituted Colonial Board. If the Board's Committee is composed of brethren who are conversant with our Colonial Masonry, and well qualified by their ability, tact, and judgment to deal with the often difficult questions which will be submitted for their consideration, there is every reason to hope that the change will be beneficial.

It must not, however, be forgotten that the present Colonial Board was established at a time when the relations between our lodges in Canada and Grand Lodge were in a very critical state. The majority of the former, owing to the lax manner in which they considered their representations had been treated by Grand Lodge, had thrown off their allegiance and set up a Grand Lodge of their own, and the new Board was constituted in order that it might give its undivided attention to the affairs of English Masonry in the Colonies. We are persuaded that from the very outset of its career this new Board has laboured diligently, and, in the main, successfully to discharge its duties. But difficult questions are constantly arising, and will continue to arise, which it will tax the ingenuity of the authorities to arrange satisfactorily. If, however, it is the opinion of Grand Lodge that this is more likely to be done by a Committee of the Board of General Purposes than by a Colonial Board, by all means let the proposed scheme, either in its present or some other form, be adopted. The one thing needful in either case is that the men entrusted with the supervision of our lodges in the Colonies should have some knowledge of Colonial Masonry.

We regret exceedingly that sundry errors should have occurred last week in our list of the brethren who were appointed Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales for the ensuing year. We have very great pleasure in correcting them as requested. The new G. Organist is Bro. W. H. Barrow, Mus. Doc, *not* W. K. Barron, as printed; the new G. Inner Guard, Bro. W. C. Ferris, *not* W. C. Fenn; and the G. Asst. I.G., Bro. T. P. Dorman, *not* Thomas T. Dawn. Among those appointed Grand Stewards "Capt. J. H. Besley, R.A., 217," should have read "Capt. J. H. Leslie, R.A., 219."

It must add greatly to the honour which has recently been conferred on Bro. John Lane in respect of his literary services, that the full dress and undress suits of clothing pertaining to a P.A.G.D.C. have been presented to him by Grand Lodge, together with a jewel bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. John Lane, F.C.A., Past A.G.D.C., by the United Grand Lodge of England, in recognition of his literary services to the Craft.—5th June, 1895."

## Correspondence.

### THE COLONIAL BOARD ELECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to my claim to be a member of the Colonial Board, under the provisions of Art. 283, Book of Constitutions, I desire to say that immediately after the declaration of the poll on Wednesday, the 5th inst., it was officially intimated to me that the question would have to be decided by Grand Lodge in December. To say the least of it, this announcement is peculiar after the deliverance of the V.W. Deputy Grand Registrar in Grand Lodge the same evening, when he remarked: "He did not think there could be much difficulty as to the meaning of that rule; and to attempt to explain it would be an insult to common sense. How is it possible to give a ruling till after the election?"

The article reads thus: "Where practicable, three members of the Board shall be Past Masters of colonial lodges."

As at present constituted, the President and Vice-President of the Board are respectively Past Masters of lodges in the West Indies and in India. No other member of the Board has passed the chair of a lodge in foreign parts.—Fraternally yours,

W. F. LAMONBY.

June 10th.

### THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was at a meeting of Masons in one of the provinces a few days ago, when the question was discussed as to the best mode to elect the Grand Treasurer, so that every member of Grand Lodge might participate, without the expense of a journey to Great Queen-street. Some advocated the issuing of proxy forms to every member of Grand Lodge. This was met with the important objection that Grand Lodge had only the names and not the addresses of the brethren, and that the expense through additional staff, stationery, &c., &c., would be altogether out of proportion to the value of the end to be gained.

Another suggested that the Grand Secretary might send the requisite number of proxies to the Secretary of every lodge (*i.e.*, supposing the Grand Lodge books to show by a lodge's last return, six Past Masters, an additional one for the Master and two for the Wardens would make nine the requisite number), and on a given day the Secretary of the lodge would return to the Grand Secretary the proxies signed by those who cared to avail themselves of their privilege to vote for a Grand Treasurer.

Another suggestion was that every lodge outside the 10 mile radius of Grand Lodge should have one proxy vote to be exercised by the W.M., the brethren to have the right to direct their W.M. in whose favour to cast their lodge vote. Against this it was urged, that by such a course, the minority would be disfranchised; well, they always are, whether voting for a Grand Treasurer, a member of Parliament, or a County Councillor.

A fourth urged the advisability of making an effort to restore the old compact to elect a London brother one year and a Provincial brother the next, and so on alternately. But how is such an agreement to be made binding, and who is to enforce obedience in the event of a conflict of interests?

We were, however, all agreed on this point, that the present method of canvassing and treating, the latter veiled under the flimsiest of veils, is most detrimental to the prestige of the office and of the Craft, and that the sooner it can be curbed the better. There is no doubt, if one may judge from the past, that the London brethren can secure the Grand Treasurership year after year if they are sufficiently interested to take the trouble.

Being wishful to learn the views of the members of the Craft in other districts I have ventured to trespass on your space, narrating what I heard, in the hope that I might be able to gain more light for myself and brethren in our district.—Yours fraternally,

A MASTER OF A COUNTRY LODGE.

June 12th.

## Craft Masonry.

### Lodge of Honour and Generosity, No. 165.

The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on the 28th ult. at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, Bro. Henry Times, W.M., presiding. The other brethren present were Bros. J. R. Drake, S.W.; Frank Baggallay, S.D.; F. E. Rosher, J.D.; Alfred P. Crabb, I.G.; W. G. Lemon, P.M., Treas.; Richard Eve, P.M.; G. E. Wainwright, P.M., Sec.; William W. Aldridge, P.M.; Charles Belton, P.M.; Godfrey Sykes, John Woodhouse, W. de B. Herbert, Alfred W. Bush, F. Howard Rosher, and H. G. Rosher. Visitors: Bros. H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., Prov. G. Sec. Sussex; John Edelstein, W.M. Hram Lodge, U.S.A.; C. W. Hudson, P.P.G.W. Sussex; Alfred Lowe, P.M. 1791; J. P. S. Roberts, P.P.S.G.W. Sussex; E. D. Oppert, P.M. 1027; Charles H. Rosher, 1777; W. H. Herbert, P.M. 173; A. Head, 901; Emanuel C. Goodhart, P.M. 1118 and 1692; J. Whitehead, I.P.M. 1544; and J. A. Harrison, S.D. 2488.

The installation of Bro. John R. Drake, S.W., W.M. elect, was graciously ceded by Bro. Times to Bro. G. E. Wainwright, the Secretary, and twice W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Drake being an old personal friend of the Secretary. The ceremony was ably performed, after which Bro. Times was invested as I.P.M.; Bros. Baggallay, as S.W.; E. J. Wilberforce, J.W.; W. G. Lemon, P.M., Treas.; G. E. Wainwright, P.M., Sec.; F. E. Rosher, S.D.; Alfred P. Crabb, J.D.; Howard Rosher, I.G.; Herbert Powell, Stvd.; W. E. Blakeley, Org.; and R. Goddard, P.M., Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Times, I.P.M. Before the lodge was closed, an interesting discussion arose with respect to a visitor, Bro. Edelstein, from the United States, who, having proved himself a Mason and obtained admission to the lodge, had asked as a favour to have his certificate endorsed to the effect that he had visited the Lodge of Honour and Generosity, as he had had it similarly endorsed by a lodge at Jerusalem and in Malta. It was ultimately resolved that this should be done, and the certificate was so endorsed. Bro. Edelstein was invited both by the W.M. and Bro. Richard Eve to partake of the banquet which followed, but he declined on the ground that he was expected at his residence by his family.

The banquet was of the usual superb description which the Lodge of Honour and Generosity is celebrated for, and the usual toasts followed.

Bro. V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., Prov. G. Sec. Sussex, responded to the toast which included "The Grand Officers," and stated that that lodge had five Grand Officers amongst its members.

Bro. Times, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said the toast was so popular a one that it mattered not who proposed it, for it was sure to be well received. Bro. Drake, like his old friend and proposer, Bro. Wainwright, was a great favourite, and it had been a great treat to all the brethren to see Bro. Wainwright instal him. Bro. Drake was well known to members of the lodge. He was initiated in 1870, so that he had been a very long time working up to the chair: but now that he was there they all felt certain that he would preside over the brethren with that skill and ability with which he presided in other walks of life too numerous to mention. He started very well. He knew all his duties well, and the lodge would be prosperous in his hands. He wished him, as he hoped all the brethren would wish him, a very successful and happy year of office.

Bro. Drake, W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Times particularly for his kind expressions. He hoped that the brethren, whom he also thanked for their cordial reception of the toast, would believe that he recognised in the fullest manner the honour they had done him in electing him to the chair of that very ancient Lodge of Honour and Generosity. Personally he had the very greatest regard and affection for that lodge, of which he was a child, and in which he was initiated by his father 25 years ago. He supposed he was among the first six or eight of its senior members. It was true he had taken a long time to reach the chair, but that had not been entirely his own fault. Circumstances arose quite outside his own power which caused him to put off working in the lodge; otherwise he should have made an effort to reach the chair sooner. The pleasure which he had in reaching that honourable position was to a small extent decreased by the knowledge of the great responsibilities which the office involved, and a nervous feeling that he might possibly not be able to fulfil those duties in a manner fully worthy of the lodge. In passing through the chair he hoped he should increase his knowledge of Masonry. During the last few years the lodge had been favoured with Masters whose Masonic knowledge was most accurate, and who, furthermore, possessed the gift of eloquence, and these two qualities combined made it the more difficult for him and others to follow them. He could not help feeling that the high example which they had set was one which he and others would have the greatest difficulty in attaining; but he could promise the brethren that he should spare no time or effort to make himself capable of carrying out his duties. He hoped to inculcate by example and precept those virtues which they symbolised by the Masonic mysteries. If he failed to come up to his ideal he hoped the brethren would grant him their indulgence.

Bro. Drake, W.M., in proposing "The I.P.M.," said the most enthusiastic Mason that he knew, and one who by his energy and his work had given, if not a fresh lease of life, at least a fresh departure of vigour to the lodge, was Bro. Times. Masonic knowledge, great eloquence, most pleasing manner, everything they could possibly wish for in a Master, were to be found in Bro. Times. During the past year they had sat under him and profited by his example, his teaching, his kindness, and his geniality. If all who followed in the chair of the lodge would tread in his footsteps they would do well for themselves and for the lodge.

Bro. Times, I.P.M., in response, said after the flow of eloquence which had proceeded from Bro. Drake, which was as pleasant as it was undeserved, he was so covered with blushes that he could scarcely reply. It had been a very great pleasure for him to see the lodge prosper as it had in the last few years. When he came into the lodge, instead of having a nice horse-shoe table well filled, there was a table in the middle of the room, and an average sitting-down of six, eight, or nine. But now circumstances had altered, and the brethren had been instrumental in bringing fresh blood into the lodge. He did not think any brother regretted it. They had not brought men in indiscreetly, but to quote the ritual—"Men of merit and ability." He felt certain that every man he had introduced would give ultimate satisfaction. Before he said anything else, he would give them a message from his wife, who had told him no less than three times that day to be sure and thank the brethren of the Lodge of Honour and Generosity for the very beautiful presentation they gave her and him in celebration of their marriage, that presentation was on their sideboard, and the salver, and the trays, and the cup, and they would always remain there as long as they had a sideboard. The presentation would serve to remind his excellent wife and himself of the kindness, the good feeling, and the sympathy he had always received since he had been a member of the lodge. She gave him some more messages for the brethren, but at that late hour he would not trust himself to say anything more than to thank the W.M. for that flow of eloquence which was so natural to him when he entertained the Duke of York in the City; it was all so easy and so natural to him that he (Bro. Times), poor unhappy person, must feel very much out of place.

Bro. Dale Hart, P.M., replied to the toast of "The Past Masters;" Bro. E. D. Oppert, P.M. 1027, to that of "The Visitors;" and Bro. Baggallay, S.W., to that of "the Officers;" and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

### Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Bros. T. W. Fisher, W.M.; R. Sarson, S.W.; A. J. Holmes, J.W.; Thos. Cohu, Treas.; H. Legge, Sec.; C. Garton, S.D.; William Baker, J.D.; F. Hughes, P.M., D.C.; G. Couchman, Tyler; J. M. Mower, P.M.; George Kenning, P.M.; Smith, I.P.M.; A. Fergusson, R. A. Martyn, Thos. Stokes, S. Rippin, C. C. Welch, Jas. C. Peach, John T. Virgo, R. J. Dart, T. Crawshaw, A. J. Rippin, and J. G. Robeson.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Fergusson was raised, and Bros. Peach and S. Rippin were passed. The ballot proved unanimous in favour of Mr. Arthur John Rippin, who was then duly initiated. An appeal was read by the Secretary from a necessitous brother asking for some assistance, and the sum of two guineas was voted him by the lodge. Bro. Smith, in a felicitous speech, expressed the great pleasure with which he, in common with all the other members of the lodge, had heard of the honour conferred on their esteemed Treasurer, Bro. Cohu, P.M., in granting him the rank of P.J.G.W. of Alderney and

Guernsey, and proposed that the gratification of the lodge at this event should be entered on the minutes. This was seconded by Bro. George Kenning, P.M., and carried by acclamation.

Notice of proposition of a new candidate was given in for the next meeting, and there being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

**York Lodge, No. 236.**

A regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 20th instant at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, the W.M., Bro. Edwin Carter, being supported by his officers, several Past Masters, members of the lodge, and visitors. The minutes of the last regular lodge having been confirmed, the W.M., assisted by Bro. Dr. F. S. Grimshaw, conducted a passing and the raising of two brethren. Amongst other business Bro. Jones, P.M., was thanked for his services as Steward at the Girls' School Festival, and, in responding, spoke of the excellent work the Masonic Schools were doing. In accordance with notice, the W.M. moved the following resolution: "That the lodge desires to offer hearty congratulations to W. Bro. Todd, P.M., Treas., P.G.T., on his appointment as Grand Standard Bearer of England, and that in consideration of the efficient and valuable services rendered to this lodge by Bro. Todd during a period of 30 years, Grand Lodge clothing be purchased out of the funds of the lodge and presented to him." In doing so, the W.M. commented on the great services rendered by Bro. Todd to Masonry generally, and that lodge in particular, and felt sure the vote would be unanimous. Bro. A. Jones, I.P.M., seconded the resolution, and remarked that in reading the notice in the *Freemason* with regard to Bro. Todd's appointment, he could not help feeling that their worthy brother had a grand record. As members of the York Lodge, they all appreciated the honour conferred on Bro. Todd. Bros. Dr. Grimshaw, Dr. Bryson, Dr. Foster, Laughton, and Procter, Sec., supported the resolution in suitable terms. An address was then read, which will be suitably illuminated and presented to Bro. Todd at an early date, congratulating him on his appointment. He will also be entertained at a banquet.

**Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001.**

A lodge of emergency was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Harrogate, for the purpose of initiating two candidates, the following officers and brethren being present: Bros. A. B. Booty, W.M.; W. P. Bell, S.W.; W. H. Turner, J.W.; W. Lowe, S.D.; Thos. Linskill, Sec.; W. H. Goodwill, I.G.; W. Davey, P.M., I.P.M.; T. Lawrence, P.M.; J. T. Walker, P.M.; J. B. Griffiths, P.M.; W. T. Marshal, P.M.; Swale, W. P. Lawrence, and others. Visitors: W. Millington, W.M. 1221; W. Towers, I.P.M. 306; J. F. Towers, P.J.W. 306; and others.

The lodge was opened, and Messrs. A. E. Hocknell and O. Threapleton were duly initiated, the ceremony being performed by the W.M., Bro. A. B. Booty. The address in the north-east corner was given by Bro. W. Davey, I.P.M., Bro. W. H. Turner, J.W., gave the charge in the First Degree, and Bro. W. P. Bell, S.W., gave an explanation of the first tracing board. The whole of the work was most efficiently rendered.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards partook of supper.

**Newall Lodge, No. 1134.**

An emergency meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. In the absence of Bro. Charles Driver, W.M. (who, later in the evening, joined the company), Bro. Ben. Eckersley, I.P.M., presided and opened the lodge up to the Second Degree. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the chair was at this period taken by Bro. W. Nicholls, P.M., who performed the ceremony of raising. He was subsequently followed by Bro. A. H. Duffin, P.M., P.G.D. of C., who performed the ceremony of raising and completed the Degree, including the traditional history, and working tools, in the capital form he is accustomed to show. The brethren decided to hold their annual picnic on Wednesday, the 10th prox., and intend going to Trentham for Trentham Park, the seat of the Duke of Sutherland. There were present: Bros. C. Driver, W.M.; B. Eckersley, I.P.M.; H. Waterhouse, S.W.; R. W. Martin, J.W.; John Waring, P.M., Sec.; James Green, P.M.; A. K. Boothroyd, J.D.; A. H. Duffin, P.M., P.G.D. of C.; G. Smith, P.P.G.O., P.G.O.; W. H. Browne; C. Webb, P.M.; J. W. Nicholls, P.M.; F. Brierley, James Holt, R. W. Jarvis, S. O. Samuels, Thomas Curtis, William Flett, and Frank H. Gregory. Bro. J. S. Derbyshire, 1045, was a visitor.

**Vale of Brislington Lodge, No. 1296.**

On Wednesday, the 22nd ult., the installation of Bro. W. Agnew Fedden, as W.M. of this lodge, took place at the White Hart Hotel, Brislington, the Installing Officer being the P.G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan, who performed the whole of the ceremony with consummate ability. The D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D., was also in attendance. The presence of the two chief rulers of the Province of Somerset at an ordinary Craft lodge function is almost unique, and this circumstance rendered the gathering one of peculiar interest. The newly-elected W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. C. J. Hill, I.P.M. and Treas.; D. J. Falconer, S.W.; H. H. Townsend, J.W.; F. L. Bryde, Chap.; M. V. Brazier, Sec.; H. W. Pearson, S.D.; W. Dalby, J.D.; Pierrepont Harris, P.M., D.C.; W. R. Chandler, P.M. 2257, Org.; Hardcastle Dix, I.G.; and W. Miller, Tyler. In the course of the lodge proceedings, Bro. C. J. Hill, who succeeds Bro. Ashcroft as Treasurer, was also appointed a lodge delegate on the Charity Committee of the province.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren dined together, under the presidency of Bro. W. A. Fedden, the Prov. Grand Master and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and a goodly company of members belonging to the Brislington Lodge and to various lodges in Bristol, Frome, and elsewhere, being among the guests. Amongst those present from Bristol were Bros. D. Rose, P.S.G.W.; Parry, P.G. Reg.; and Pierrepont Harris, P.G. Sec.

**Fermor Hesketh Lodge, No. 1350.**

This lodge met for the last time this season on Thursday, the 6th inst., under the presidency of Bro. John Armstrong, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works Cheshire, whose year of office has been the most successful in the history of the lodge. A little over a year ago this lodge removed its quarters from the Masonic Temple, Hopt-street, Liverpool, where for some years it had a precarious existence, to the County Hall, Bootle, since which time its prosperity has been in the highest degree gratifying to its members. Since last July its membership has been increased by no fewer than 23 initiates and four joining members and its provincial position thus thoroughly assured. To mark Bro. Armstrong's year of office a special grant of 15 guineas was voted from the funds of the lodge to the West Lancashire Masonic Charity, and also a Past Master's jewel to the W.M. as a token of the appreciation by the members of the valuable services rendered by him during his occupancy of the chair. This is the third time it has been Bro. Armstrong's privilege to occupy the chair in a Craft lodge. The first time was nearly 20 years ago, at Warrington, at which town he first saw the Masonic light; the second time being only last year, when he was elected to fill the office in the Minerva Lodge, Birkenhead, a lodge established on literary and scientific lines, and whose object is to enquire into the origin and meaning of the ancient legends so numerous in the Craft. Bro. Armstrong has read numerous papers before this lodge bearing on the subject, notably a series on the "Descent of Masonic Symbolism from the Most Remote Antiquity." During his year of office at Bootle Bro. Armstrong has been supported by numerous distinguished brethren, notably by the present S.G.W. of Cheshire, Bro. H. Brown; Bros. T. Thorburn, P.S.G.W. Cheshire; Captain Macrae, P.P.G.W. West Lancashire; Dr. Crawford, P.G. Treas.; W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec.; and J. Ramsden Riley, P.P.G.D.C. West Yorks. Bro. F. J. Billet, S.W., was elected unanimously to succeed Bro. Armstrong in the chair of the Fermor Hesketh, and, from his well-known ability as an exponent of the ancient ritual, the lodge may certainly look forward to a year equally as successful as that just ended.

**Isle of Axholme Lodge, No. 1482.**

This lodge was held on Tuesday 4th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Crowle. Present: Bros. J. Faulkner, W.M.; C. Fox, I.P.M.; H. L. Burtenshaw, S.W.; W. Pickering, J.W.; J. J. Watson, Treas.; G. H. Tyack, Chap.; R. Wood, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; G. W. Wrestle, J.D.; J. Franks, I.G.; J. Turner, Std. Br.; W. Hoe, Stwd.; G. Meadley; R. Cundall; W. Burtenshaw, P.M.; T. C. Horsbin, P.M.; J. Constable, P.M.; R. M. J. Behrendt, P.M.; and G. Naylor, Tyler. Bro. R. Brew, 2259, was a visitor.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Messrs. Kent and Woodall were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, the ceremony being performed by Bros. Fox, Behrendt, and Burtenshaw, S.W. Bro. H. L. Burtenshaw received a unanimous vote for the W.M.'s chair, and Bros. J. P. Watson and G. N. Naylor were also elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively. All three brethren returned thanks for the honour conferred. Bro. Wood announced the arrangements already made for the installation of Bro. the Rt. Hon. Earl Yarborough as P.G.M. of Lincolnshire at Lincoln on the 27th inst. It was hoped some time ago that several brethren would have entered their names as Stewards from the lodge at the forthcoming Boys' Festival at Brighton, but up to the present only Bros. Stanniforth and Constable will be present.

After the close of the lodge, the brethren partook of light refreshment.

**Urmston Lodge, No. 1730.**

The regular meeting was held on Monday, the 10th instant, at the Victoria Hotel, Urmston. Bro. John Walton, jun., W.M., presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. R. Appledore, and proving favourable, he was duly initiated by the W.M., Bro. W. Bowers, S.W., presenting the tools, whilst the charge was very impressively delivered by Bro. G. G. Mends, J.W.; Bro. W. Ormrod, S.D., performing his duties well. Bro. J. Smith was then passed, the W.M. performing the ceremony. The following brethren were present: Bros. E. L. Littler, P.P.G. Treas., Sec.; G. R. Lloyd, P.M., P.P.P.G. Treas.; W. Hallard, J.D.; John Bowers, P.M., Org.; A. Hawkins, I.G.; John Hardwicke Marsh, P.M.; J. S. Whittley, H. H. Jones, S. E. Roberts, P.M., Tyler; T. W. Bone, P.M.; R. Swindell, P.M.; J. Walton, P.M.; J. Mends, and W. Ashworth. Visitor: Bro. Rev. W. Poole.

**United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128.**

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. Bro. R. P. Keates, W.M., in the chair, assisted by Bros. Cuthbert R. Lee, I.P.M.; R. Davison, S.W.; G. B. Davis, J.W.; Haydon, S.D.; W. E. Vorter, J.D.; Lennord, I.G.; G. J. Wood, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Bullock, P.M., D.C., acting Sec.; and H. Ivenden, P.M., Tyler.

The lodge (which was draped in mourning in consequence of the recent and sudden death of two Past Masters of the lodge, Bro. Wm. Masters, P.M., P.G. Stwd., and Secretary of the lodge, and Bro. Thomas Bateman Fox, P.M., P.S.G.W. West Yorks), was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous lodge were read and confirmed. Copies of the letters of condolence sent to Mrs. Masters and Mrs. Fox were read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. A similar communication, sent to Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, relative to the loss sustained by the death of Bro. T. W. Tew, P.P.G.M. of that province, and who had been a subscribing member of 2128, as well as its first acting I.P.M., was also read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Joseph Parkinson, Henry Thomas Town, and Charles Stephen Ayling, and proved unanimous. Mr. Parkinson was unable to be present, but Messrs. Town and Ayling were initiated by the W.M., who, in this ceremony, as well as in the passing of Bro. T. G. Newton, was perfect in his working. Bro. G. M. Webb was raised to the Third Degree by the I.P.M., Bro. Lee, who assumed the chair for that purpose; it is needless to say that the rendering of the ritual was faultless. The W.M. appointed Bro. W. H. Bullock, P.M. 2128 and 2432, D.C., as Sec., in the place of Bro. Masters, deceased, and he was duly invested. Bro. Bullock was Secretary of the lodge some years ago. The W.M. then appointed and invested Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., as D. of C., to succeed Bro. Bullock, who had been appointed Secretary, and in doing so said that no doubt the brethren were aware that the M.W.G.M. had conferred Grand honours on Bro. Cumberland, he having been appointed Deputy Grand Sword Bearer. This, the W.M. said, was most gratifying to him and every member of the lodge, and he heartily congratulated Bro. Cumberland on the well-deserved honour that had been bestowed upon him, and he called upon all present to salute him with Grand honours, which were given with much animation. Bro. Wood, P.M., here interposed, and said that the members of No. 2128 were so pleased about the honour conferred on Bro. Cumberland that they had joined together to show their regard for him, and he asked the W.M. to present to Bro. Cumberland his Grand Lodge clothing on their behalf. The W.M. said he was only too pleased to be the medium of handing to Bro. Cumberland this token of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren of 2128, for whom he had done so much. He was the father of the lodge, being its first W.M., and he wished him long life to wear the beautiful clothing now handed to him. Bro. Cumberland said his heart was too full to give utterance to what he felt, and asked all present not to measure his gratitude by the fewness of his words. £10 10s. was voted to Mrs. Masters' list for the Boys' Festival in July.

Lodge was then closed, and there was no banquet.

**Kingswood Lodge, No. 2278.**

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th inst. at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne, when there was a good attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was opened at an earlier hour than usual on account of the unusual quantity of business which had to be dealt with. Bro. H. T. Nell, P.M., Prov. G.D., I.P.M., occupied the chair in the absence of Bro. E. H. Moore, W.M., who is at the Cape. Among the brethren present were Bros. J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. G. Cobb, P.M., P.P. G.S.B.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. F. Bell, P.M., P.P.G.S.; R. W. Nicole, W.M. elect; F. Page, F. W. Tompkins, H. R. Bowers, W. Kennedy, E. N. Benningfield, V. L. Tapling, and others. The visitors were Bros. J. Le Bean, 30; M. A. Attwood, Org. 1348; J. Duncan, P.M. 53; J. Langton Johnson, W.M. 693; C. A. Hooper, P.M. 1613; W. H. O'Reilly, 1986; C. Isler, J.D. 1471; W. H. Bolt, I.P.M. 1563; H. J. Macfarlane, W.M. 27; J. Bartlett, Org. 2030; and A. Atkins, J.D. 1348.

The minutes having been confirmed, a ballot was taken for Messrs. David Taylor, Edward Henry Packham, and Henry Fredrick Packs, the result being in their favour, they were duly initiated, Bro. Nell performing the ceremony in a most able and impressive manner. The financial account for the year, as audited, was then unanimously approved. It showed the lodge to be in a highly satisfactory condition with a good balance and no liabilities. Bro. Nell then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. M. Coxon, P.M., who expressed the thanks of Bro. Cobb, P.M., and himself to the I.P.M. for his kindness in permitting them to perform the ceremony of the day. Bro. R. W. Nicole, S.W., W.M. elect, was then duly installed and saluted. The officers invested were Bros. H. T. Nell, P.M., Prov. G.D., acting I.P.M.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., S.W.; N. Pearce, J.W.; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. F. Bell, P.M., P.P.G.S., Sec.; J. Gravatt, S.D.; A. Ingram, J.D.; J. G. Cobb, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; R. Von der Sahl, I.G.; C. C. Renaud and A. J. Robinson, Stwds.; and T. Williams, Tyler. The addresses were then given by Bro. Cobb, P.M., in his usual admirable manner. A further ballot was then taken for Messrs. Charles George Nicle (b other of the W.M.) and Alfred Franklin, which, also proving unanimous, the W.M. gave a proof of his ability by initiating them in such a manner as to gain for himself high praise. The names of two gentlemen were submitted as initiates for the next meeting, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered by the visitors, the lodge was closed.

After a short interval, the brethren re-assembled and sat down to an excellent banquet, at the conclusion of which the customary toasts were proposed and duly honoured. Bro. Cobb, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that he had been known to most of the brethren for a number of years, and many of them were intimately associated with him in business. If the W.M. displayed the same amount of ability in the control of the lodge as he had done in business matters, a prosperous year of office was in store for him. He was one of the first initiates in the lodge, and his somewhat

rapid rise showed what energy and ability would accomplish, and might well inspire hope in the breasts of the initiates of that day.

Bro. R. W. Nicole, W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the kind and hearty manner in which they had received the toast of his health. He had been impressed by the ceremony through which he had passed that day. They knew that he had the interests of the lodge at heart, and would do his utmost to uphold the dignity of the chair and the prestige of the lodge.

In proposing the toast of "The Initiates," the W.M. said how gratified he was to begin his year of office with five initiates, but especially proud and happy was he at having initiated his brother.

Each of the initiates gave a brief and suitable reply.

Bros. Nell, P.M., and Cobb, P.M., replied for "The Past Masters," and a kindly reference was made to Bro. E. H. Moore.

The W.M. gave a hearty welcome to all the visitors. Some of them had been with them several times, which spoke well for the entertainment they received. In the case of some who were there for the first time, he hoped to see them again.

Bro. H. J. Macfarlane, W.M. 27, said that it was a very great pleasure to him to be present; he thought he should express the feeling of all the visitors in saying they had enjoyed themselves very much. They appreciated the working of the installation and the initiation, and congratulated the lodge and the W.M. on the happy commencement of what bid fair to prove a memorable year.

Bro. Duncan, P.M. 59, also briefly replied, and Bro. W. H. Bolt, I.P.M. 1563, gave some humorous reminiscences of former visits.

"The Treasurer and Secretary," proposed by Bro. Coxon, P.M., was replied to by Bros. Petch, Treas., and Bell, Sec.

Some excellent songs were given by Bros. H. R. Bowers, C. Isler, E. N. Benningfield, H. J. Macfarlane, M. A. Attwood, and Alf. Atkin, and recitations by Bros. E. Blinkhorn and C. M. Coxon.

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

### Broxbourne Lodge, No. 2353.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 1st inst., at the Hadley Hotel, New Barnet, when there were present: Bros. H. G. Holland, W.M.; E. Mulvey, P.M.; Treas.; E. J. Gittins, P.M., Sec.; T. J. Phillips, D.C.; J. W. Hunt, I.G.; H. Evenden, P.M., Tyler; A. Long, H. Roberts, R. Ridgway, R. H. Nicholls, C. G. Ridgway, Frith, Crowther, Wright, H. Passinger, F. Elvin, W. Bennett, J. M. Sillitoe, and others.

The lodge having been opened, Bros. Bennett and Long were raised to the Degree of M.M., and Bros. Crowther, Passenger, Wright, and Frith were passed to the Degree of F.C. The ballot was taken for Messrs. F. Elvin and J. M. Sillitoe, which, proving unanimous in each case, those gentlemen were both initiated.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dinner table, when an enjoyable evening was spent.

## Royal Arch.

### Mozart Chapter, No. 1929.

This chapter held a meeting at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on the 20th ultimo. Among those present were Comps. R. A. Gowan, M.E.Z.; Major T. W. Richardson, P.Z., P.G.S.B., as H.; J. Boulton, P.Z., J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., D.G.D.C., S.E.; and Dr. R. Beardmore, S.N. Comp. N. Prower, M.A., P.Z. 1745, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting was read and confirmed. The following elections then took place: Comps. Lieut.-Col. T. Tully, V.D., P.Z., M.E.Z.; J. Boulton, H.; Dr. R. Beardmore, J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., S.E.; Major T. W. Richardson, S.N.; R. A. Gowan, P.Z., Treas.; and W. Lane, Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed to the M.E.Z., and he was voted a Past Principal's jewel. The resignations of Comps. E. J. Hoare, P.Z., and J. Castello, P.Z., were received with regret. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. Lieut.-Col. T. Tully, V.D.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; and others.

The chapter was then closed, and a banquet followed.

Comp. Nelson Prower, M.A., made an eloquent speech in responding to the toast of "The Visitor."

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

### Marmaduke Tennant Chapter, No. 1992.

The first annual meeting and installation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Working-street, Cardiff, on Wednesday, the 27th ult. The Principals of the chapter, Comps. John T. Hogg, M.E.Z.; F. J. Ferris Bailey, H.; J. T. Ridley, J.; having been installed by Comp. David Williams, P.Z. Prov. G.J., in an impressive manner, the M.E.Z., appointed his officers as follows: Comps. John Sheridan, S.E.; T. P. Kerman, S.N.; C. Charles Jones, P. Soj.; Samuel Jones and G. Durston, Asst. Sojs.; W. J. Vaughan, Treas.; G. H. Cole, Org.; J. Amos Jenkins and Arthur Roberts, Dirs. of Cers.; and Theo. Edwards and W. A. Beer, Stwds. A number of distinguished brethren attended from the Provincial Grand Chapter, including Comp. S. Cooper, P.Z., P.G.H.; J. H. Taylor, P.Z.; T. Matthews, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; Thomas Evans, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; John Mundy, P.Z.; C. E. Dovey, P.Z.; W. B. Ferrier, P.Z.; F. G. Harrison, T. Rodway Hunt, C. H. Priestley, and others.

A banquet was subsequently held in the ante-room, the chair being occupied by Comp. John T. Hogg, M.E.Z., supported by his officers and a large number of influential brethren.

The postprandial proceedings were exceedingly entertaining, and enlivened by some excellent songs and recitations, contributed by Comps. Evans, Vaughan, Ferrier, Taylor, and John Sheridan.

## Mark Masonry.

### Old York Lodge, T.I.

The closing meeting of the present session of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Salem-street, Bradford, on Tuesday, the 23rd April, and it being election meeting, there was a good attendance. Bro. F. D. Harrison, Worshipful Master, was supported by Bros. T. E. Greenough, I.P.M.; J. T. Last, S.W.; Wm. Laycock, J.W.; Geo. Martin, M.O.; Bonsor, S.O.; John Ingleby, J.O.; Geo. Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.W., Treas.; Thos. Norfolk, P.M., Prov. G.M.O., Sec.; S. A. Auty, Chap.; G. Whitaker, R. of M.; G. C. Gamble, S.D.; Clifford, J.D.; John Hill, Tyler; C. Crabtree, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Simeon Whiteley, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; Pattinson, P.M.; Jas. Dewhurst, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bros. Concher and Whitaker, who had been previously elected, were advanced to the Degree of Mark Master by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Norfolk and Whiteley, the ceremony being performed by all the officers in a very creditable manner. Bro. Last, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bros. Althorp and Hill were re-elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively.

The newly-elected officers briefly acknowledged the confidence the brethren reposed in them, after which the lodge was closed, and a pleasant evening spent around the festive board.

### Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 4.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great-Queen-street, W.C., on the 27th ult., when the W.M., Bro. Lewcock, having lost his voice the ceremony was undertaken by Bro. W. Vincent, P.A.G.D.C., and was performed in his usual excellent manner. The W.M. elect, Bro. Frederick Atkinson Powell, having been

installed, invested the officers as follows: Bros. John Smith, Grand Steward designate, S.W.; W. H. Bolt, J.W.; E. W. Lewcock, Grand Stwd., I.P.M.; C. H. Everett, M.O.; A. Lowe, S.O.; James Reid, J.O.; Henry Lovegrove, P.G.I. of Wks., Treas.; Chas. Pulman, P.G.I.G., Sec.; T. W. Lightfoot, S.D.; W. F. Bates, P.M., I.G.; J. Read, P.G. Org., Org.; C. J. Axford, Past Grand Stwd., D.C.; and E. J. Mills, Grand Tyler, Tyler.

There being no other business, the Treasurer, Bro. H. Lovegrove, presented his accounts, showing a balance in hand, and the majority of the brethren proceeded to Freemasons' Hall to witness the consecration of the Justitia Craft Lodge.

### Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 181.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 15th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. E. W. Davis, P.P.G.O., W.M.; George Everett, S.W., W.M. elect; H. Higgins, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., as J.W.; R. W. Forge, S.O.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B., P.P.G.W., P.M., Sec.; J. T. Biggs, P.G. Std. Br., &c., P.M.; C. H. Köhler, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. J. Porter, P.M.; W. Thomas, P.P.G.O.; Pentelow, Berghoff, and Ubsdell. Bros. H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.S.G.D., and W. B. Fendick, P.M., were visitors.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. By request of the W.M., the Secretary installed Bro. George Everett, P.G.M.O. Middx., as W.M. The following appointments were made: Bros. Bonny, S.W.; R. W. Forge, J.W.; J. Hill, M.O.; H. Berghoff, S.O.; J. R. Ubsdell, J.O.; W. Fisher, P.G. Stwd., P.M., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., Sec.; and G. Harrison, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer. The Secretary having reported the sudden death of Bro. T. Meacock, J.W., a vote of condolence was passed and the Secretary directed to forward same to Bro. W. Fisher, P.M. Apologies regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook, J.P., P.G.M.; C. Cottebrune, W. Fisher, P.M., and others.

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

The numerous toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

Bro. H. J. Lardner responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers;" Bro. W. Thomas for "The Provincial Grand Officers;" Bros. E. W. Davis and J. T. Briggs for "The Past Masters;" Bro. W. B. Fendick for "The Visitors;" and Bro. R. W. Forge "The Officers."

The proceedings throughout were most enjoyable.

### Charity Lodge, No. 430.

The seventeenth ordinary meeting and the fifth installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Birmingham, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Sir James Sawyer, Knt., M.D., Prov. G.J.D. The other members present were Bros. W. Waters, I.P.M., Asst. Org. 115 (R.A.M.), P.G.M.O.; Thomas Rowbotham, P.M., J.W. 115, P.C.N. 115 (R.A.M.), Prov. G.J.W., Treas.; Edward Mallard, P.M. 115, P.C.N. 115 (R.A.M.), P. Prov. G.W., P.M., D. of C.; John A. Dexter, S.W. 174, D. of C. 115 (R.A.M.), P. Prov. G.S. of W., W.M. elect; J. G. Bennett, Prov. G.M.O. Worcestershire, M.O.; T. H. Pearce, J. 115 (R.A.M.), P. Prov. G. Org., S.O.; F. E. Watts, S.O. 115, G. 115 (R.A.M.), P. Prov. G. Stwd., J.O.; J. L. Jones, S.D.; R. O. Wills, Org. 174, Org. 115 (R.A.M.), P. Prov. G. Org., Org.; W. Frazier, I.G.; J. P. Tay, Stwd.; W. H. Rollason, R. of M. 115, Scribe 115 (R.A.M.); Thomas Reynolds, Thomas Parsons, W. H. James, R. B. Morgan, P.M. 115, Treas. 115, W.C.N. 115 (R.A.M.), P. Prov. G.W., G.A.D. of C.; A. G. Boys, Stwd. 115 (R.A.M.); T. A. Bayliss, H. Lidzey, Edwin Drakeley, Fredk. Garratt, C. C. Walker, J. G. Aston, and John C. Gray, Sec. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. the D.P.G.M. of the Province; W. Vial, W.M. 21 (Leicester and Rutland), Prov. G.S.D.; F. Amatt, Sec. 21; P.P.G.D. of C. Leicester and Rutland; W. H. Watton, S.D. 21; F. A. Merryweather, I.G. 21; R. E. Shorthouse, 115; Jabez Attwood, S.W. 115, J.D. 115 (R.A.M.), P.P.G.S.B.; M. Smith, W.M. 330, S.D. 59 (R.A.M.); C. D. Eaton, M.O. 115; J. H. Turner, S.O. Howe (T.I.); W. B. Stocker, P.P.G.S.D. (Stafford); Alfred Dewsbury, S.O. 290; A. C. Kellett, J.O. 115; W. Owen, Stwd. 115; O. C. Colmore, W.M. Howe Lodge (T.I.), P.G.S.D.; Howard J. Collins, J.O. Howe Lodge (T.I.), P.G. Stwd.; G. N. Millward, 115; Walter Short, R. of M. Howe Lodge (T.I.), P.P.G.S.D.; W. G. Smith, W.M. 174, P.G.R. of M.; Walter Glover, W.M. 115, S. 115 (R.A.M.), P.G.S.O.; Charles Hodgkinson, I.G. 115; J. A. Turton, J.D. 115; A. H. Hebbert, M.O. Howe Lodge (T.I.), P.G.S.B.; Charles Levers, Sec. 115, P.G. Stwd.; Joseph Candelent, W.M. 318, P.G.J.W. (Stafford); Bro. F. Powell, 318; and others.

After the usual routine business a ballot was taken for a candidate for advancement, Bro. William Hipkins, 1551, which proved unanimous. Bro. Hipkins was then advanced to the honourable Degree of a Mark Master Mason with full musical ceremony by the W.M. The W.M. then unveiled the portrait of Bro. Edward Mallard, which had been previously hung in the lodge room, and which proved to be a very striking likeness in oil, massively framed, and representing the brother in full Provincial Grand Lodge clothing and jewels. Annexed to the frame was a plate, with the following inscription:—"Presented to Wor. Bro. Edward Mallard, P.M., P.M. 115, P.C.N. 115, P. Prov. G.W., by the Wor. Master, officers, and brethren of the Charity Lodge, No. 430, in token of their affectionate fraternal esteem, June 5th, 1895. Sir James Sawyer, Knt., W.M., etc." With the portrait was an illuminated address, handsomely bound in Morocco and beautifully engrossed, which read as follows:—"This is to record that the accompanying portrait was presented by the Wor. Master, Bro. Sir James Sawyer, Knt., M.D., the Wor. Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the Lodge to the Wor. Bro. Edward Mallard, P.M., &c., &c., the Chief Founder and Past Master, in token of their affectionate and fraternal esteem and in recognition of his great services to Mark Masonry in general and the Charity Mark Lodge in particular." This address was signed by the W.M., and bore the names and full Masonic titles of the Most Noble Bro. the Marquess of Hertford, P. Pro G.M. of England, &c., and Prov. G.M. of the Province (Honorary Past Master), and the Past Masters and officers of the lodge, executed in the artist's best form. In presenting the address and portrait to the Worshipful Brother, the W.M. reminded the brethren that he was the fourth occupant of the chair of the Charity Mark Master Masons' Lodge, and felt that the remainder of his tenure of office should be a season of thanksgiving; the thanksgiving of the brethren, he added, would not be complete unless they recognised the great and exceptional services of Bro. E. Mallard, who was the First Master and Chief Founder of the lodge, and who had rendered such signal and successful services to Mark Masonry in general and the Charity Mark Master Masons' Lodge in particular. With that feeling and for those reasons he had initiated the movement which had been so generously and warmly supported by the Past Masters, officers, and brethren of the lodge, and which was crowned by the presentation it was his joy to offer for Bro. Mallard's acceptance. Not only was their gratitude due to their first W.M. for the chief part he had taken in founding the lodge, but they owed him a greater debt in his continued zeal, wise counsel, and energetic guidance, which had so much conduced to place the lodge in the high position it occupied in the Province of Warwickshire. In the name of the brethren of the lodge he begged Bro. Mallard to accept the portrait and address which had been prepared for him—to find a place for them in his happy home as memorials of their gratitude, and to accept also their affectionate desires that he might live long to enjoy his place in their lodge and in the heartfelt esteem of the brethren, and that on his happiness there might always belong to him that which was so conspicuously his due, "honour, love, obedience, troops of friends." After the presentation the ceremony of installation was proceeded with. The W.M. resigned the chair to the Installing Master, to whom the W.M. then presented the W.M. elect, Bro. J. A. Dexter, S.W., for the benefit of installation. A Board, consisting of 13 Installed Masters of the Degree, having been formed, Bro. J. A. Dexter was duly installed in the chair of the lodge, the whole of the installation ceremony being most ably and impressively performed by the Installing Master, Bro. Walter Waters. The newly-installed Master then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Sir James Sawyer, M.D., I.P.M.; J. G. Bennett, S.W.; T. H. Pearce, J.W.; F. E. Watts, M.O.; Chris Brady, S.O.; J. L. Jones, J.O.; Rev. W. H. Poulton, M.A., Prov. G. Chap., Chap.; Thos. Rowbotham, Treas.; H. Lidzey, R. of M.; J. P. Tay, Sec.; W. Frazier, S.D.; Thos. Parsons, J.D.; Edward Mallard, D.C.; R. O. Wills, Org.; Edwin Drakeley, I.G.; Harry James, J. G. Aston, W. H. Ball, A. G. Boys, and C. T. Holder, Stwds.; and A. Dalley, Tyler. The newly-installed Master then presented the retiring Worshipful Master with a Past Master's jewel of a uniform description to the one presented to each of the three previous Past Masters. The retiring Worshipful Master thanked the brethren for the signal mark of their favour in very kind and fraternal language. Bro. Thos. Rowbotham then proposed the following resolution:—"That the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Lodge of Charity

most heartily congratulate their Bro. member Wor. Bro. R. B. Morgan, P.M. 115, P. Prov. G. Sec. and P. Prov. G.W. of this province, upon his appointment and investiture yesterday as Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies in the Grand Mark Lodge of England, &c., and unitedly express a hope that the G.O. of the U. will preserve and keep him in health to enable him to fulfil his high office with the dignity and ability natural to him." In supporting the resolution, Bro. Thos. Rowbotham bore tribute to the great and good work that Bro. Morgan had done in the cause, and congratulated the lodge and the province generally upon the happy selection which His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master had made, Bro. Morgan having done great and good service to the province as Prov. Grand Secretary in years gone by, and also having filled all the offices in the Provincial Grand Lodge, and been placed in the chair of Senior Warden, and who had, notwithstanding all this, stuck to his mother lodge and his province, and worked ably and zealously down to the present time to promote the best interests of the Order, and he assured Bro. Morgan that every Mark Mason of the province hailed with joy the announcement that he had been appointed a Grand Lodge Officer. This was most heartily supported by Bro. Edward Mallard and carried unanimously and with acclamation. Bro. R. B. Morgan, in reply, said it was very gratifying to him to learn from such a high authority as Bro. Thomas Rowbotham that his preferment was so acceptable to the province. He also thanked the brethren for their congratulations and informed them that he had been overwhelmed with congratulations, and that he was indebted to the members of the Royal Ark Mariners (Bedford Charity Lodge), over which he had the honour of presiding for the beautiful Grand Mark clothing he appeared in, and he expressed a hope that in his new sphere he would be able to promote the interests of Mark Masonry in the Province of Warwickshire and the Charity Mark Lodge in particular. The D.C. then called the brethren to order for the usual Grand Lodge salute, which was most heartily given and most graciously acknowledged by Bro. R. B. Morgan. Apologies for unavoidable absence were then read from the Prov. G. Master, the Dep. Prov. G. Master of Leicester and Rutland, the Dep. Prov. G. Master of Worcestershire, Bros. J. C. Ashton, Rev. W. J. Down, W. O. Dingley, F. Jones, Murray Haynes, Wright Wilson, F. W. Wilmore, Joseph Young, S. Jenkins, A. E. Parkes, W. J. Ginder, W. L. Ball, W. P. Hoskins, S. B. Wheway, W. T. Belcher, Mus. Doc., Major G. W. Walker, Rev. W. H. Poulton, Chap., and C. F. Matier, Grand Secretary.

The brethren and visitors afterwards assembled in the banqueting room, where a very *richerché* banquet was placed before them by the curator, Mr. F. W. Rowles.

After the banquet the W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were received in proper Masonic spirit, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. W. Trevor Parkins, M.A., as a Past Grand Chaplain, responding.

The W.M. delegated Bro. W. Frazier to propose "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Sir James Sawyer, as a present officer, and Bro. T. S. Pearce, J.W., as a past officer, responding.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was entrusted to Bro. J. C. Gray, acting S.W., who eulogised the good Masonic virtues of Bro. J. A. Dexter by saying he had always shown himself to be a capable, thorough, and proper Mason, and who he had not the slightest doubt would preserve the Charity Mark Lodge in its present state of efficiency and maintain in its fullest splendour the high credit of the lodge in the province.

This was followed by the popular Masonic song, "Here's a Health to our Worshipful Master," sung by Bro. W. Frazier.

The W.M., in reply, pledged himself to do all that was necessary or could be done by a true lover and votary of the Order, and appealed to the officers to support him, with which support he maintained it was possible to sustain the character of the lodge, and even to increase its present high repute and popularity. He also thanked the visitors and brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received him, and congratulated himself upon the great gathering of Mark Master Masons, which created a record meeting in the province, and cordially invited the visiting brethren to come again and again.

The W.M. then, before sitting down, proposed "The Health of the Newly-Advanced Candidate, Bro. W. Hipkins," who responded with the greatest alacrity, and while thanking the brethren for the honour conferred upon him, promised that he would do all he was taught and could learn to become thoroughly acquainted with the Degree, the ceremony of advancement and the sublime principles and tenets therein reflected having much impressed him.

The toast of "The Visitors" was entrusted to Bro. Mallard, who thanked them sincerely for the honour conferred upon him personally by lending their presence and support to the lodge on an occasion when it had thought fit to do him honour, numbering as they did amongst them the Worshipful Masters of all the lodges in working in the province, as well as the Worshipful Masters and representatives of lodges in the neighbouring Provinces of Stafford, Worcester, and the joint Province of Leicester and Rutland. More especially he thanked his cousin and brother, Bro. W. Vial, the W.M. of the Howe Lodge, and his oldest friend and brother, Bro. Walter Glover, the W.M. of the Bedford Lodge, for their presence and countenance. He then coupled the names of the two brethren with the toast.

Bro. W. Vial, in responding, related that he had brought with him three of his best and trusted officers to do honour to the proposer of the toast as well as the Worshipful Master and brethren, and observed that two out of the three had been recently advanced to the Degree at Loughborough by Bro. Mallard himself, and they both thought they could not show their gratitude to him in a better way than by visiting him in his own lodge on such an auspicious occasion. Further, alluding to the great prize which the brethren of the lodge had provided for Bro. Mallard, and his family in particular, he paid a high tribute to the Masonic zeal and ability of the recipient of the favour, and he cordially thanked the W.M. and brethren for inviting him, and thus giving him the privilege of attending the meeting.

Bro. Walter Glover lamented that his Bro. Vial had covered all the ground that he meant to dwell upon, but at the same time he claimed a much longer Masonic acquaintance with the proposer of the toast, and said he would not be doing his duty if he did not fully and cordially endorse everything that Bro. Vial had said with reference to the Masonic zeal and ability Bro. Mallard had shown in the various Degrees in Freemasonry in which he was so well known and so highly respected. The speaker also claimed a most intimate and close relationship with the worthy brother's family, and vouched that he knew that the portrait presented that evening would be dearly prized by every member of his family, it being, in his opinion, a faithful and speaking likeness and a work of art highly creditable to the eminent artist who executed the work. He concluded by wishing the W.M. every success possible in his career as Master of the lodge and predicted a crowning year of success.

Bro. R. O. Wills sang several songs in his inimitable style, and other brethren added to the conviviality of the evening under his able direction and with his able accompaniment.

The Treasurer, in the course of the evening announced that he had a balance in hand on the presentation fund, and expressed his intention of presenting each subscriber with a cabinet photo of the picture.

The Tyler's toast brought to an end a very pleasant gathering.

## Reviews.

"THE TIN PLATE WORKERS' COMPANY." With a short account of the Discovery and Manufacture of Tin. By George Lambert, V.D., F.S.A., late Queen's Westminster (13th Middlesex) Regiment, Master of the Company, 1894-5, 1895-6. London: T. Brettell & Co., Printers, 51, Rupert-street, W., 1895.—Bro. Lieut.-Col. Lambert has recently compiled and published as a souvenir, we presume, of his late year of office as Master of the Tin Plate Workers' Company, an exceedingly useful history of the Company, with a still more interesting and useful account of the metal itself, and its use by the Provincians many centuries before the Christian era. It is true it is only a small pamphlet which contains this information, but Bro. Lambert is a past master in the art of condensation, and tells us briefly in a few pages and concisely what others would lengthen into the pages of a small quarto volume. Moreover, he has a neat and attractive style of narrating what he has to say on any subject. So that those who read this modest pamphlet of his will be pleased with what they read, as well as enlightened on the subject of tin, its antiquity and uses, and the Guild or Company which watches over and promotes the interests of those engaged in the tin industry.

## Obituary.

### BRO. DR. G. E. ALFORD.

The announcement of the death of Bro. Dr. George Ernest Alford, early on Tuesday morning, the 28th ult., caused feelings of painful surprise and profound regret throughout the town of Weston-super-Mare. The deceased was one of the most popular and skilful members of the medical profession in the town and his death will cause widespread and lasting grief. About a month ago, the deceased complained of overwork, and was induced to take a brief holiday. He visited the Channel Islands, taking with him his eldest son, and, on returning about 10 days afterwards, the doctor expressed himself delighted with his short holiday, believing it had set him up for the summer. His genuine devotion to his professional work caused him to renew his duties with greater ardour, but on Sunday, the 12th ult., after visiting his patients, he complained of being unwell, and he took to his bed the same day. It was found that he was suffering from a severe attack of influenza, and some days afterwards pneumonia developed. Dr. G. F. Rossiter was in attendance, and on the Friday Dr. Roxburgh was consulted, Dr. Fox, of Clifton, being summoned on the following day. Unremitting attention was given, and last week the bulletins which were issued encouraged us to hope that the crisis had passed and that Bro. Dr. Alford's health would ere long be completely restored. On Tuesday morning at eight o'clock there was a severe recurrence of symptoms of heart failure, and Drs. Rossiter and Martin were immediately summoned but Bro. Alford passed away at about half-past nine in the presence of the medical men and of his father, Mr. Richard Alford. Bro. Dr. Alford was the eldest surviving son of Mr. Richard Alford, of Orienterace, Weston-super-Mare, an old and highly esteemed member of the medical profession, and a cousin of the late Dean Alford. Bro. Dr. Alford was born at Tewkesbury on January 11th, 1853, and was educated at Clifton College, at the Bristol Medical School, and at the University College, London. In 1875 he was house surgeon at the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, and he subsequently took an appointment on board the Union Steamship Company's Syria, and completed two voyages. In 1875 he took the degree of M.R.C.S. Eng., in 1878 L.R.C.P. Edin., and in the same year L.M.K.Q.C.P. Ireland. In 1876 he was appointed house-surgeon at the Weston-super-Mare Hospital, and in that capacity he became exceedingly popular. In 1877 he went to the Dublin Rotunda, and early in 1878 he returned to Weston and commenced practice on his own account, speedily gaining the confidence and support of a large *clientele*. He was one of the honorary surgeons of the Hospital up to the time of his death, and was very highly esteemed by his fellow townsmen. He took a very active interest in Freemasonry, having been the W.M. of St. Kew Lodge in 1887, and held provincial rank both in Craft and Royal Arch Masonry. He leaves a widow and four children, for whom the deepest sympathy is felt. Mrs. Alford (*née* Rimington) is a highly accomplished vocalist, and her voice is often heard in Weston in the cause of charity or ministering to the pleasure and enjoyment of the people. Her sister is married to a brother of Dr. Alford, the Rev. Henry Powell Alford, vicar of Woodbury-Salterton, Exeter.

### BRO. THOMAS BEARD.

Bro. Thomas Beard, a well-known solicitor in the City, and a leading member of the Corporation of London, died on Monday morning at his residence, Stanley Lodge, Putney, in his sixty-eighth year. He was admitted an attorney in 1858, and practised with his sons in Basinghall-street. He entered the Corporation in 1869 as a member of the Court of Common Council for the Bassishaw Ward, and was re-elected in every succeeding year down to the present. He was Deputy of the Ward from 1886 to 1890, and was one of her Majesty's Lieutenants for the City of London. During his period of service in the Corporation he occupied the chair of 12 of the principal Committees, and he was Under-Sheriff of London and Middlesex nine times. He also served as Master of the Loriners' and Fruiterers' companies. He was an old Freemason, being a P.M. of the Temple Lodge, No. 101, and a member of the Eccentric Lodge, No. 2488. He had a large practice in the police-courts of the City and the metropolis and at the Central Criminal Court, and was especially interested in licensing matters. To many of the dramatic and music-hall profession he acted as legal adviser. His elder sons, Mr. Walter Beard and Mr. Thomas G. Beard will carry on the partnership business, and the latter succeeded him as Under-Sheriff at the commencement of this year, when failing health caused his retirement. In civic and other circles Bro. Beard's death has caused much regret.

### BRO. DEPUTY ROSE-INNES.

Death has claimed as his victim within the last few days another well-known member of the Court of Common Council. The painful impression caused throughout civic circles on Monday owing to the somewhat unexpected decease of Bro. Thomas Beard had scarcely subsided, when the news spread on the day following of the death on the continent of Bro. Deputy Rose-Innes, who was one of the most powerful and skilful debaters on the floor of the Court. For many months past our respected brother had been in a critical condition of health, and he disappeared from public life under the orders of his medical advisers. The deceased, who was a member of the legal firm of Rose-Innes, Son, and Crick, of Billiter-square-buildings, was born in 1840 in the parish of St. Clement Danes, and was the eldest of nine children. After being educated at King's College, he was articled in 1857 to his father, Mr. George Rose-Innes, who founded the firm in 1836, and is still in the enjoyment of robust health. The Deputy was concerned in several celebrated legal cases, amongst others the Bartlett case, and he was present at the execution of Kipski, whose fate created, it will be remembered, so much excitement. He married, in 1870, Miss Christina Maclean, daughter of Mr. John Maclean, formerly of Billiter-street, by whom he had two children, who died in childhood. The late Deputy devoted himself with much earnestness to the work of the Corporation, which he entered as far back as 1868 as representative of the Ward of Aldgate, while in 1890 he was appointed Deputy of his Ward. His experience in electioneering matters was unusually wide. On two occasions he acted for the late Bro. Alderman Sir Robert Fowler in Parliamentary elections, and he was engaged in the Ward elections of Bro. Alderman Sir David Evans, and Bro. Alderman Davies. He acted as Under-Sheriff on several occasions, Bro. Alderman Sir Walter Wilkin being the last Sheriff whom he thus served. During his career he occupied the chairs of most of the important Committees of the Corporation, and in 1885 was elected Chairman of the Commission of Sewers, of which body he was a valued member. During his year of office he had the gratification of seeing the completion of the Inner Circle Railway, the formation of which he had stoutly advocated in the Court of Common Council and also in the Commission of Sewers. In the freeing of Coulsdon Common he was actively engaged. As the Chairman of the County Purposes Committee, which he was chiefly instrumental in forming, and to the chair of which he was elected no fewer than four times, Bro. Rose-Innes rendered yeoman's service in the promotion of a Water Bill by the Corporation and the London County Council; indeed, in everything that he undertook he was actuated by one motive—and that the realisation of success. His genial temperament made him a welcome guest everywhere, and his place on the Court as a keen lawyer will be hard to fill. The deceased was a liveryman of the Painter Stainers' and Glovers' Companies, the Clerk of the Paviers' Company, and a highly respected member of our Order.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**—The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Friday, the 7th inst., being postponed from the regular date (31st ult.), in consequence of the occurrence of Whitsuntide as provided by the Laws. The chair was taken by Bro. Richard Eve, and amongst those present were Bros. Le Feuvre, Fairchild, Margrett, Manfield, Pulman, and Emery. In addition to the ordinary regular business, it was reported that the Finance Committee had made a further investment of £500 in the purchase of Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company's three per cent. Debenture Stock. A resolution of condolence with Mrs. Masters on the death of her husband was passed, and for the extraordinary vacancy on the Board of Management created by this lamented occurrence, Bro. Dr. W. H. Kempster, P.M. 60, P.G. Stwd., Vice-President of the Institution, was nominated for election at the next regular meeting on the 28th inst.

IT HAS BEEN announced that the marriage of the Earl of Carnarvon with Miss Wombwell will be solemnised at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Wednesday, the 26th instant.

THE MEETINGS of the Clapton Chapter of Improvement, No. 1365, will in future be held on Wednesday evenings, at eight o'clock, at the Amherst Club, Rectory-road, Stoke Newington.

BRO. J. RENWICK SEAGER, was presented with an illuminated address and a purse containing a cheque for £500 on Wednesday last, by Lord Tweedmouth, on behalf of over 300 subscribers.

THE ANNUAL regimental dinner of the 10th (Prince of Wales's Own Royal) Hussars was held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Wednesday evening, under the presidency of the Prince of Wales, who is the colonel of the regiment.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Royal Engineers was held in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole on Saturday evening last, under the presidency of H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-Chief, who is Colonel of the Corps.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK, accompanied by her husband, paid an opening visit to the sale held at Stafford House by the Scottish Home Industries Association on Wednesday, the Princess Louise and the Marchioness of Lorne being also present.

MONDAY, the 22nd July, has been fixed for the opening day of the Eastbourne Rose Fête Week. The principal features of the programme include a rose battle, rose ball, and confetti battle, together with a cricket match. Messrs. Barnaby and R. M. Perry are the organisers of this novel fête.

AT A MEETING of the Fletcher Chapter, No. 1031, held at the Masonic Hall, Birmingham, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., Comp. George N. Milward, M.E.Z., in addition to presenting a P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. Glover, presented a special jewel to Comps. W. M. Boddington, P.Z., and T. N. Bladon, P.Z., in recognition of many years' valuable services rendered by them to the chapter.

BRO. CHARLIE PFEIFFER, P.M. 1883, P.P.G.D. Somerset, who is severing his connection with the firm of Messrs. R. W. Miller and Co., Limited, of Bristol, after 15 years' service as traveller, has been presented by his fellow employés with a silver tea service, as a token of their esteem. The presentation was made by Mr. H. W. Hewlett, at a pleasant gathering held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the City Arms Hotel.

AT A SPECIAL GENERAL COURT of the brethren of the Trinity House, which was held on Monday, the 10th instant, the Duke of York was unanimously elected Master and Captain, Sir J. Sydney Webb, Deputy Master. At the conclusion of the appointed business the Court was closed, and the Deputy Master, the Elder Brethren, and the officials of the Corporation attended Divine service at St. Olave's Church, Hart-street.

IN CONNECTION with the proposed Festival at Brighton on Wednesday, July 3rd, we beg to remind the brethren that there is now a Masons' Club established, to which non-residents can be admitted as temporary members for a week, a month, or a year at a small charge. Any brethren desiring to avail themselves of the privilege should apply to the Secretary, Bro. A. J. Freeman, on the premises, Regent House, No. 2, Church-street, Brighton.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES has already expressed his desire to encourage a revival of the English silk industry, and it is hoped that he will be induced to create a revolution in gentleman's attire by donning those patterned silk waistcoats which were the pride of the dandy in the days of the Georges. It is stated that a Spitalfield's firm of silk manufacturers will shortly submit for the Prince's approval several exquisite specimens of these picturesque silk vestings.

THE DIRECTORS of SPIERS AND POND, LIMITED, notify that the transfer books will be closed from the 17th inst. to the 30th inst., both inclusive, for the purpose of preparing the interest warrants, on the 5 per cent. first mortgage debentures, the 5 per cent. "A" mortgage debenture stock, and the 5 per cent. "B" debenture stock, and the 4 per cent. "C" debenture stock of the company. The warrants will be posted on the evening of the 29th instant.

DEATH OF A VENERABLE FREEMASON.—The death occurred at 1, Kelston-view, Sydney-buildings, Bath, on Monday, the 27th inst., of Bro. Edmund White, one of the oldest citizens of Bath. Deceased, who was in business in that city for many years, had reached his 92nd year. He was at one time a member of the Town Council, but resigned, and left Bath, taking up his residence at Weston super-Mare. He returned to Bath two years ago. He was the oldest member of the Province of Somerset, having filled the Senior Warden's chair 55 years ago.

THE INSTALLATION of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow as Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Surrey will take place at the County and Borough Hall, Guildford, on Saturday, 6th July. The interesting ceremony will be performed by Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master of England. A committee has been formed to carry out the arrangements, consisting of the Worshipful Master and Secretary of the Onslow Lodge, Guildford, the Worshipful Master of Royal Alfred Lodge, Guildford, and several other Worshipful Masters of the immediate neighbourhood.

THE *Daily Telegraph* has opened in its columns a National Shilling Subscription to Dr. W. G. Grace, who for so many years has enjoyed the unusual distinction of "champion" of our great national game of cricket, our worthy contemporary heading the list with a donation of 2000 shillings. We trust that every lover of the game, and every one who has derived pleasure from witnessing a match, will contribute, for no one has deserved better of the sporting world than the renowned "W. G.," who, though now 47 years of age, has, in little more than a month, compiled nearly 1200 runs in first-class matches, out of which there are four three-figures, two of them being for 288 and 257 respectively.

BRO. CHARLES CHRISTMAS PIPER, P.M. of the Abbey Lodge, No. 2030, Westminster, was elected, by the United Parishes of St. Margaret and St. John, Westminster, on Wednesday last, at the fortnightly meeting, Chairman of the Vestry until the next annual election, which makes him—by the new Parish Councils Act—*de facto* a Justice of the Peace for Westminster. We congratulate Bro. Piper, as our friends and readers will on this preferment, knowing how thoroughly experienced he is in all matters Parochial, having been for many years an active, painstaking member of the Vestry, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and a Poor Law Guardian of St. George Hanover-square.

ON THE 31st ult., at Ilford, the Masons connected with the regimental lodges shot for the two challenge gavels, presented for annual competition by Bro. Major Lambert, late Queen's Westminster Rifles. Each lodge was represented by eight brethren, and the conditions were seven shots each at 200, 500, and 600 yards. The result for the first gavel was a win for the London Rifle Brigade (No. 1962), who totalled 625 points. The Queen's Westminster (No. 2021), were next with 613; and the 1st Surrey (No. 561) third with 561. For the second gavel the London Scottish (No. 2310) were top with 569, followed by the Bloomsbury Rifles with 568, and the Honourable Artillery Company (No. 569), who totalled 561 points.

POVERTY IN THE DITCH and the devil throwing stones at him." This was once a favourite toast in the days when heavy drinking and convivial meetings were commoner than they are now. It is a good toast, but unfortunately it is not always realised. As often as not, we are in the ditch, with poverty sitting complacently on our chest and the devil grinning hard-by. The fight for existence is keen, and we can only succeed in holding poverty at arm's length by keeping our heads cool, our nerves steady, and our frames healthy and vigorous. How are we to do this? There is only one sure way, my brothers. I speak in all seriousness when I say, use Holloway's Pills.

MR. LOUIS D. STRELITSKIE, SOLO FLAUTIST AND VIOLINIST.—This orchestra, of the best artistes of the season concerts, for classical, popular, and promenade concerts. For terms, individual and numbers, for short or long periods, at fashionable resorts, address, 23, Berner-street, Oxford-street, W.

THE PRINCESS CHRISTIAN has promised to present certificates and medallions to the pupils of the Norwood Centre of the St. John's Ambulance Association, on Friday, the 12th July next.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF WESTMINSTER will open the Technical Schools and Gymnasium at Moisford, Cheshire, which have been given by Mr. J. Verdin, D.L., of the Buckhurst, Nantwick, on Thursday.

PRINCESS EDWARD OF SAXE-WEIMAR presided at the opening ceremony of a three days' bazaar at the Athenæum, Camden-road, in aid of the building fund of the Stroud Green Home for Little Girls.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, Commander-in-Chief, has made known his intention of reviewing the 1st Life Guards, the Royal Horse Guards, and the 8th Hussars, on Wimbledon Common, on Monday, the 15th July.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL of the Nonconformist Choir Union will be held at the Crystal Palace, to-morrow (Saturday), under the conductorship of Mr. E. Minshall. The choir will number about 4000 voices.

A CONCERT will be given by the Countess of Radnor's Ladies' String Band and chorus of 160 performers, at the People's Palace, on Saturday, the 29th inst., in aid of the funds of the Bethnal Green Free Library. The Countess will herself conduct.

BY PERMISSION of the Duke of Westminster, the seventh annual meeting of the Shaftesbury Institute Mission was held at Grosvenor House on Wednesday. Bro. the Duke of Fife occupied the chair, and was supported by Bro. Lord Kinnaird, and others.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR (Bro. Lord Herschell), Bro. the Right Hon. G. F. Shaw-Lefevre, and Bro. Sir George O. Trevelyan, were among the Ministers who attended the Cabinet Council, which was held at the official residence of the Prime Minister in Downing-street, on Tuesday.

THE RIGHT HON. W. E. AND MRS. GLADSTONE, with Mrs. and Miss Drew, reached London from Hawarden on Tuesday, and embarked on board the Tantalion Castle, which sailed on the following day for Hamburg and Kiel, to be present at the opening of the Baltic Canal.

AT SOTHEBY'S ROOMS on Tuesday a Second Folio Shakespeare, which some years since was sold at auction for £148, was put up for sale among other books from the collection of the late Lord Orford, and amid great excitement was knocked down for £540, this being the highest price ever paid for a Second Folio.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY and Mrs. Benson entertained at dinner at Lambeth Palace, on Wednesday, the Stewards at the recent Festival of the Sons of the Clergy. Bro. the Lord Mayor, the Archbishop of York, and Bros. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., and W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., being amongst the guests.

BRO. THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE presided at a meeting held at Devonshire House, Piccadilly, on Wednesday, in aid of the fund for the extension of the West London Hospital, Hammersmith, among those present being the Princess Louise and her husband the Marquis of Lorne, Cardinal Vaughan, and Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P.

THE DUC D'ORLEANS arrived at Brickingham Station from Euston early on Tuesday morning, and was at once driven to Stowe House. The marriage of his sister, the Princesse Hélène de France, with the Duke of Aosta, will be solemnised at the Roman Catholic Chapel, Kingston-on-Thames, on Tuesday, the 25th inst., and will be attended by a number of foreign Princes.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT has been made in Darlington that the Duke and Duchess of York will visit that town on Tuesday, the 25th instant, and after receiving an address from the Corporation at the Town Hall, will proceed by railway to Raby Castle, where they will be the guests of Bro. Lord Barnard. On the following day their Royal Highnesses will pay a visit to the Royal Agricultural Society's show.

THE CHILDREN'S FLORAL PARADE AND FAIRY FETE was held in the grounds of the Botanic Society, Regent's Park, on Wednesday afternoon, among those present being their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, and the Duke of Cambridge, and other members of the Royal Family. The scene was exquisitely pretty.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the City Waiters' Provident Pension Society was held at the Cannon Street Hotel on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of Alderman and Sheriff Samuel, among the principal guests being Bro. Sheriff Hand, Alderman Vaughan Morgan, and Bro. Lieut.-Col. G. Lambert, who is President of the Institution. Subscriptions to the amount of about £300 were announced in the course of the evening.

THE BRITISH SQUADRON, which will attend the opening of the Baltic Canal on the 20th inst., will consist of the Royal Sovereign (flagship of Lord Walter Kerr, Vice-Admiral in Command), the Empress of India, Repulse, and Resolution, all battleships of 14,150 tons, with a speed of 17 or 18 knots; the Blenheim, Endymion, and Bellona cruisers; the torpedo vessel Speedy; the Royal Yacht Osborne, and the Admiralty Yacht Enchantress. Rear-Admiral Arthur Alington will be second in command.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, accompanied by the Duke of York, visited Dover on Monday, and was on board the Britannia during its match with the Ailsa, which was sailed on Monday under the auspices of the Royal Cinque Ports' Yacht Club. The Prince and his son returned to town after the race, which was won by the Britannia on her time allowance, and in the evening the latter, with the Duchess of York, dined with Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom, at their residence in Portland-place.

THE CIVIL SERVICE annual athletic meeting was held at the Stamford Bridge Ground, on Saturday last. There was a large attendance of some 7000 or 8000 spectators, and an excellent programme of sport, several of the events being very keenly contested. About 5 p.m. the Duke and Duchess of York arrived on the scene, and were very heartily cheered. When the programme was concluded, the prizes were given away by the Duchess, who, on leaving with her husband, was again most heartily cheered.

AT THE Horns Assembly Rooms, Kennington, on Tuesday, the Duchess of Albany opened a large bazaar in aid of the Restoration Fund of the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark. Her Royal Highness was attended by Bro. Sir Robert Collins and Mrs. Heron Maxwell, and after luncheon with the Bishop of Rochester and Miss Davids, drove to the Hall, where she was received by Admiral the Hon. Francis and Lady Louisa Egerton, and others. The bazaar remained open on Wednesday and Thursday.

A MEETING of all the principal actors and actresses was held in the Garrick Theatre on Saturday last, for the purpose of concerting arrangements for the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. Sir Henry Irving, in celebration of his having had so signal a mark of favour conferred upon him. It was determined that the testimonial should take the form of an illuminated address, to be signed only by actors and actresses, and enclosed in a gold casket. A Committee of 14 has been appointed to carry out the arrangements, while Mr. Pinero has been chosen to write the address, and Mr. G. F. Bashford will act as Honorary Secretary.

IT WAS ANNOUNCED early in the week that the illness of Bro. Lord Barnard, Junior Grand Warden of England, who met with an accident a short while since, had taken a serious turn, and that a medical man had been hastily summoned to Raby Castle, where he remained in attendance the whole of Monday night. Happily, however, somewhat reassuring news has since been received, and we trust it will be in our power to announce that his lordship is well on the road towards complete recovery of his health. It will doubtless be some consolation to our distinguished brother in the midst of his sufferings that he has the entire sympathy and good wishes of all his brethren in Masonry.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN made for the usual summer outing of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076. The excursion will take place on Friday, the 28th instant, and following days, to Winchester and neighbourhood, first-class saloon carriages being reserved by the 4.55 p.m. train from Waterloo for the members and their friends. The brethren, after inspecting the cathedral and other places of interest, will return to town by the train which leaves Winchester for London on Sunday at 8.21 p.m. This time, instead of the Secretary taking tickets for the whole party, each brother will take his own ticket. Those who intend joining the party should lose no time in forwarding their names, &c., to Bro. G. W. Speth, Secretary of the lodge, of whom full particulars may be had.