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THE PROVINCE OF SURREY.

The Province of Surrey is to be congratulated on having had its interests entrusted to a brother, whose family has been long resident within its borders, and who has himself won high distinction in the ranks of Freemasonry. Lord ONSLOW was appointed Senior Grand Warden of England in 1880, and there is little doubt that, if the movement in New Zealand some few years ago in favour of establishing a local Grand Lodge had met with anything like a practically unanimous support on the part of the brethren, his lordship would have been elected and installed its first Grand Master, with the full concurrence of the authorities of our Grand Lodge. However, his desire to occupy a position in which he might render important services to the Craft has at length been gratified, and on Saturday, the 6th instant, he was installed in office as Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of Surrey, in succession to the late Bro. Col. MONEY, C.B., with the splendour and solemnity which properly attend so great a function. That his lordship will have an uphill task before him in his endeavours to emulate the success of his predecessor's administration may not be questioned; but he is an able man, who has won honour as a Colonial Governor, and only a week or two ago was appointed to be one of her MAJESTY'S Under-Secretaries of State. Moreover, as we have before mentioned, his family has been long resident in Surrey, so that he will enter upon his new duties under the most favourable auspices. The Province, too, has been well administered. In the person of the late Bro. General BROWNRIGG, who was appointed to preside over it in 1871, Surrey had one of the kindest and most capable of Provincial Grand Masters. In the late Bro. Col. MONEY it was equally fortunate, and the progress it had made under Bro. Gen. BROWNRIGG was successfully maintained during the MONEY régime, the number of lodges that were placed on the roll of its Provincial Grand Lodge during the four years of its continuance being five. It now has 40 lodges in a flourishing condition, and of these no less than 17 have Royal Arch chapters attached to them. There will, therefore, be plenty to occupy Lord ONSLOW'S attention in his two-fold capacity of Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent, and we have every confidence that when his lordship has had time to make himself familiar with his duties, and the brethren, whose goodwill towards him is undoubted, have become accustomed to his presidency, his administration of the Province will prove to be as satisfactory as that of either of the predecessors of his lordship we have named. Indeed, if the very hearty congratulations which have been showered upon him on all sides since his appointment became known are an augury of, as they are undoubtedly an encouragement to, success, the success of Lord ONSLOW'S Provincial Grand Mastership is already assured.

THE MASONIC VAGRANT.

It is to be hoped that the discussion upon this subject, which has been carried on in our columns for several months past, will be attended with beneficial results. As one of our correspondents remarked a short while since, the Masonic Vagrant is a "burning question," and the speedier and more effectual the measures taken to cope with this class of question, the better it is for the community. If anything can be done to mitigate the nuisance caused by the professional Masonic vagabond—a nuisance, be it remembered, which is ever-recurring and wide-

spread—the attention lately bestowed upon him will not have been bestowed in vain. No member of our Society can entertain the slightest feeling of sympathy with such a person. Not only does he make his living by a series of impostures, but more frequently than not he prevents the honest poor brother from obtaining the help he so greatly needs, and which the well-to-do brother is at all times so ready to furnish. Lodge Almoners and subscribing brethren generally, when they discover they have been duped by a worthless vagabond, are apt to think that all applicants for relief must be tarred with the same brush. Or, as not infrequently happens, they employ the limited means at their disposal for relieving distress in succouring the impostor, and then they find they have nothing left for the wayfarer who really and truly needs their help. Of course, it is hopeless to expect that even the best-devised measures will have the effect of wholly stamping out this nuisance of Masonic Vagrancy, but there is no reason why some scheme should not be adopted with a view to mitigating it, and it appears to us that the present is a convenient time for formulating and adopting some such scheme. Thanks to the many letters which have appeared in our correspondence columns, the Masonic Vagrant has at length succeeded in securing a position of prominence to which, in a certain sense, he is justly entitled. Hitherto he has received but scant, or only occasional, attention. There has been a kind of vague general knowledge that he was a man of predatory habits, who roamed about the country at will, relieving innocent-minded brethren of as much of their spare cash as they were silly enough to part with, palming off upon them any dirty piece of paper that could be made to do duty as a certificate, and cramming them with stupendous lies about the position in the Craft he had once occupied and had lost through unavoidable misfortune. But this vague and general knowledge has at length been supplemented by a tolerably clear insight into the character of the various devices by which the Vagrant has succeeded in his imposition. We know now by what dirty tricks and under what aliases he has been able to impose upon a benevolent public, and we are not without hope that the brethren generally are prepared to make the most of this supplementary knowledge. The Province of Kent, at the instance of Bro. JOHN W. LITTLE, Almoner of the Medway Lodge, No. 1678, Tonbridge, has already taken the subject in hand, and at its annual meeting at Maidstone on the 3rd instant, it was ordered that a copy of the circular which had been drawn up by the lodge Almoners should be sent to each lodge in the Province for its careful consideration, and any observations or suggestions it might see fit to offer. Last week we published a letter from Bro. ALFRED C. MUTTON, of the Royal Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1362—not 1326, as erroneously printed—Red Hill, in which he announced that his lodge had recently passed a resolution to the effect "That the W.M. be authorised to communicate with the Prov. Grand Secretary with a view to arrange a meeting of representatives of all lodges in the Province to consider the best means of dealing with the Masonic Vagrant;" while Bro. WILLIAM SMITH, P.M. and Secretary of the Sondes Lodge, No. 996, East Dereham, who is Prov. Grand Treasurer of Norfolk, has favoured us with one or two communications, from the tenour of which we may reasonably hope that any measures which it may consider desirable to adopt towards mitigating the nuisance of Masonic Vagrancy will have the sympathy and support of the Province of Norfolk as well as of those of Kent and Surrey. But with three Provinces in favour of something being done, there

should be little or no difficulty in winning the hearty co-operation of other, if not of the whole of the remaining, Provinces. As the nuisance is general, so should any scheme for coping with it be the result of a general agreement among the whole body of the Provinces; and accordingly we invite our Provincial readers to bring all the influence they can to bear upon the Provincial authorities with a view to securing that hearty co-operation, without which any plan for dealing with this acknowledged evil must sooner or later fall to the ground. We must bear in mind that the Masonic tramp is supremely indifferent as to where he is able to levy toll upon our lodges and their members, so long as he succeeds in levying it; and if he finds there is just a trifle too much risk in playing his little game in the Provinces of Kent and Surrey, the only result will be that he will betake himself to Hampshire, Dorsetshire, or some Midland or Northern Province and there cultivate, with greater or less success, the acquaintance of Lodge Almoners. In short, if a few Provinces only take part in the war we propose to wage against the Masonic Vagrant, it will be better than leaving him to pursue his career unhindered; but if all join in the warfare there will be a reasonable chance of reducing the evil to a minimum. For ourselves, we can only repeat what we said in our article of the 30th March last—"that every well-ordered scheme to effect this most desirable object will command our sympathy, and shall receive all the support and influence in its behalf which we are able to command." Now, as then, we recognise that there are difficulties which will have to be encountered in order to bring the scheme into good working order. But these difficulties are very far from being insuperable. If the Provinces can once be brought to combine together, and within a reasonable time, what will have to be done subsequently will be comparatively easy. Let the Provinces follow the lead of Kent, Surrey, and Norfolk, and a scheme for dealing with the Masonic Vagrant will soon be arranged, and that scheme will, as we have said, receive our most cordial sympathy and active support.

THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK, U.S.A.

The 114th annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York was held in the Masonic Hall, New York, on the 4th ult., under the presidency of Bro. JOHN HODGE, M.W. Grand Master. Of the 743 lodges on the roll, as many as 720 were represented, and there was likewise a full attendance of Grand Officers, Present and Past. The proceedings passed off most harmoniously, the retiring Grand Master's address being, as usual, replete with valuable information as to the condition of the Craft in the jurisdiction, and, at the same time, with sundry well-considered opinions on the leading Masonic events of the past year. A very full, and we doubt not correct, version of the address appeared in the *New York Dispatch* of the 9th ult., and from this we have made a few extracts, which strike us as being calculated to interest our readers.

As to the constitution of "New Lodges," the views expressed by Bro. HODGE appear to be just and reasonable. "I am," said he, "heartily in accord with the policy of the Grand Lodge in the past with reference to the formation of new lodges. I believe that no new lodge should be erected if the prosperity and welfare of any old lodge would, in the slightest degree, be affected thereby. I believe, also, that authority to form a new lodge should not be given unless all the conditions are such as to assure, so far as human wisdom can determine, the gradual rise of a successful and permanent body." On the subject of "Foreign Relations," he expresses himself as follows:

"With much satisfaction I report that the utmost harmony exists in our relations with the Grand Lodges of Craft Masonry in the world. Those with which we are in fraternal correspondence have evinced upon every occasion a hearty desire to continue the friendly relations so long and so firmly established. In this connection I may be permitted to say that two of the Grand Lodges with which we formerly exchanged representatives—Kentucky and Wyoming—have abolished the system. The principal reason assigned by both is that the system has sown dissensions and engendered strained relations between Grand Jurisdictions. It is also alleged that the system has

broken up friendly relations between Grand Lodges, and that it is, at best, of doubtful utility and of no material benefit. I am not informed that any dissensions have arisen, or that strained relations have resulted through the instrumentality of Grand Representatives, or that friendly relations have been disturbed thereby. Controversies have arisen between Grand Masters as to the method of the appointment of Grand Representatives, but these controversies were the outcome of a difference of opinion and in no way affected the harmony of the general Craft. Because a Grand Master expresses his "contempt" for the whole system, it does not follow that it should be at once abolished by all Grand Lodges, as it is just possible that some personal reason may have given birth to that contempt. Measured by the standard of authority it can be claimed that the system is of doubtful utility, because the Representative is simply the guarantor of friendship of the Grand Lodge appointing him. Without power, without authority, he nevertheless is the visible evidence of the friendship entertained by the Grand Lodge he represents for the Grand Lodge by which he is accredited. I am fully in accord with the sentiment that underlies the system. The fact that at this moment I am in the presence of brethren who, with a very few exceptions, represent the Grand Lodges of the world, brings me in touch at once with all Free and Accepted Masons on the face of the earth."

After referring at some length to the question of "Non-affiliates," and expressing his belief that if greater and more persistent efforts were made by lodge Secretaries in the collection of dues, a very material diminution in the number of these non-subscribing brethren would be effected, Bro. HODGE went on to speak of those "Vagrant Masons" about whose knaveries there has latterly been so much correspondence in these columns. On this subject his remarks are well worthy of our attention, especially as the testimony he furnishes to the important work done by the "General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada" in every way confirms the statements made by one of our correspondents as to the great utility of the said Association. "The Craft," he was good enough to point out, "continues to be largely benefited by the useful work of the General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. Very many impostors have, through the medium of this Association, been discovered, and in jurisdictions which subscribe towards its maintenance, applications for relief from the 'travelling' brother have greatly diminished. It is unquestionably a fact that our lodges are too prone to help a strange brother without making due inquiry as to his worthiness to receive Masonic relief, and through this negligence hundreds upon hundreds of those not in good standing have received donations of money to which they were not entitled. The object of the General Masonic Relief Association is to detect and publish, in the monthly circulars issued by it and mailed to its subscribers, all who are travelling about the land and imposing upon the Charity of the lodges, who either by having been suspended or expelled from the Fraternity, ought not to receive its bounty. It is a source of regret that all Grand Lodges are not subscribers to this Association, and thereby hasten the time when it would be impossible for an unworthy Mason to impose upon the generosity of our brethren. I recommend that an appropriation be made from the funds of the Grand Lodge, in the same amount as heretofore, for the purpose of retaining its membership in the General Masonic Relief Association."

As regards the "Masonic Home," which not long since was erected by the Fraternity at Utica, Bro. HODGE stated that he had visited it some two months previously, and that it was then occupied by 73 brethren, 31 widows, 11 boys, and seven girls, who were being generously maintained and cared for, and that the medical men and clergymen of the city "cheerfully and freely" did all they could to promote the bodily and spiritual welfare of the inmates. He considered, however, that the accommodation was insufficient, and strongly recommended that new premises should be erected—a recommendation which the Grand Lodge subsequently adopted, the sum of 70,000 dollars being set apart for the purpose, the invested capital, the income from which for the present is more than sufficient for the requirements of the Institution, being left untouched.

It remains for us to add that Bro. JOHN STEWART is the new

M.W. Grand Master, his Deputy being Bro. WILLIAM R. SUTHERLAND, while Bro. E. M. L. EHLERS retains the post of Grand Secretary, in which he has acted so capably for many years. We trust that under the auspices of the new chief the Craft in this jurisdiction will continue to progress as it has done under those of his predecessors.

FREEMASONRY IN THE WEST INDIES.

We are indebted to the courtesy of Bro. R. J. Clinckett, Past D.S.G.W. of Barbados, for the following report of the presentation of an address and testimonial to Bro. Col. John Elliott, C.B., C.M.G., Dist. G.M., on his retirement from office.

The District Grand Master of Barbados, Right Wor. Bro. Col. John Elliott, C.B., C.M.G., having intimated to the brethren of the district his intention to retire from active service in the island where he held the important office of Inspector-General of Police, a Special Communication of the District Grand Lodge was held on the evening of the 16th of May last, under the banner of the Albion Lodge, No. 196, at the Masonic Hall, in Spry-street, Bridgetown, when, in the presence of a large number of brethren of the Albion, Victoria, and St. Michael's Lodges constituting the district, and of unattached brethren and brethren of the Scotia Lodge, No. 340 (S.C.), he was presented with an address and a purse containing 50 sovereigns.

The presentation was made by Wor. Bro. JOHN LOCKE, the Deputy Dist. G.M., in a few well-chosen words, in which he reviewed the District Grand Master's services to the Craft in the island, and expressed their regret at losing his guiding hand and influence which had worked so well and satisfactorily to the brethren, and called on Wor. Bro. JAMES J. WARNER, P.M., Past D.S.G.W., to read the address (the brethren being upstanding) which having been done, the purse and address, which bore about 70 signatures, was handed to the Right Wor. BROTHER, who replied in feeling and grateful terms, and cordially thanked them for the kindness he had invariably experienced from the officers and members, both of the District Grand Lodge and the private lodges.

The purse was a miniature M.M. apron, of kid-skin, lined with white silk, complete, with rosettes and silver tassels, &c., and is an elegant souvenir of the occasion.

The brethren then marched in procession round the lodge, individually shaking the hand of the District Grand Master as they passed the chair, whilst "Auld Lang Syne" was lustily sung, accompanied by the organ.

The brethren then retired to the lower floor and partook of refreshments, followed by a smoking concert, thus pleasantly terminating an event that will long be remembered by the brethren. The following is the address:

To Colonel John Elliott, C.B., C.M.G., P.G.D., and District Grand Master of Barbados.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—

The brethren of this district over whom you have so worthily presided since the re-founding of this District Grand Lodge in 1889, have learned with unfeigned regret that you are about to retire from the civil service of this island in which you have held with dignity to yourself and great usefulness to the community, the high and important position of Inspector-General of Police.

They cannot allow this last opportunity to pass without expressing in the strongest terms their hearty appreciation of the interest you have always taken in Freemasonry in this island, which has given a powerful, and we believe, permanent impulse to it, and this is evidenced by the founding of the two Lodges Victoria, No 2196, and the St. Michael, No. 2253, the coping stone of the Masonic edifice being the re-foundation of District Grand Lodge after an abeyance of nearly 50 years.

While testifying to your worth, Right Worshipful Sir, both in your official and Masonic capacities, it would be wanting on our part if we did not acknowledge the benefits we, as Freemasons, have received at your hands in connection with the impressive rituals and ceremonies of our Order which you have so often rendered effectively in our hearing, whether in bestowing light on an initiate or in consecrating our lodges, enabling us to appreciate more than ever their dignity and beauty, at the same time inspiring each lodge with a happy and fraternal rivalry in doing their work in perfect order and completeness.

It affords to us great pleasure to express to you, Right Worshipful Sir, our hearty valuation of your courteous and urbane manner when presiding over District Grand Lodge, as well as when paying visits to the several lodges from time to time, and also on those occasions when refreshment succeeding labour calls for general geniality, to which you have always and readily responded.

We need not say that your influence for good in Masonry will long be remembered in this District, and have no doubt that the name of Brother John Elliott will descend with happy traditions to many generations of Freemasons in this island.

It affords much gratification to the undernamed brethren to ask your acceptance of this address, also of this purse of £50, as a sincere token of our fraternal esteem and regard. We should be glad if you will purchase a piece of plate with it, in memory of the close ties of Masonic work with which we have been bound for so long, and have engraved on it, "Presented to the Right Worshipful District Grand Master of Barbados, Colonel John Elliott, C.B., C.M.G., P.G.D., by the Brethren of that District, as a token of their fraternal esteem and regard." It would also give us pleasure if you would have the article photographed, kindly sending one copy each to the three lodges.

Finally, Right Worshipful Sir, we commend you and your dear wife to the care of the Most High, and may the work you have done among us be to you a crown of joy and rejoicing, not only in this life, but when time to you shall be no more.

Dated at Masonic Hall, Spry-street, Bridgetown, Barbados, this 16th day of May, 1895, A.L. 4895.

JOHN LOCKE, Dep. D.G.M.
 JAMES J. WARNER
 ROBERT HAYNES
 JAMES GIBBON
 R. J. CLINCKETT
 F. N. A. CLAIRMONTÉ
 And about 70 other signatures.

Past D.G. Wardens.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF THE ISLE OF MAN.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, on the 27th ult. The preceding meeting was held in December; but this year, in consequence of a generally expressed opinion, that visitors, being Masons, might wish to visit the province, the brethren were summoned in a summer month. The attendance was larger than at the last gathering, but not what might have been expected under the special circumstances. The absence of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Major J. S. Goldie-Taubman, P.M., P.Z., Speaker of the House of Keys, through illness, was much regretted, and his place was filled by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. H. Nesbitt. Bro. G. C. Heron, P.M., P.Z., a Past Deputy Prov. Grand Master and a Past Grand Officer of England, acting as Deputy. Most of the other officers were in their places, and all the Insular lodges were seen, on roll call, to be represented. Bro. John Craine, Prov. J.G.D., was at the organ, in the absence of the Prov. Grand Organist, Bro. J. A. Mylrea, J.P.

The usual formalities having been carried out,

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said: I have to announce to you that I occupy the chair to-day owing to the very much-regretted absence of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master through illness. I have received telegrams from him, expressing his regret that, owing to the state of his health, his London medical adviser had forbidden him to travel to the Island at present.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and signed, the report of the General Purposes Committee was read and adopted.

The Charity Committee recommended a vote of £10 to the widow of a deceased brother, and that was unanimously approved.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY next read his annual report. It showed generally that the lodges were in fair condition, but the statement which gave rise to the most satisfaction was one to the effect that the Charity Fund now amounted, including this year's fees of honour and the collection of £3 made at St. Thomas' Church, to just over £500. The Provincial Grand Secretary added that he had often said that he would retire from office when the fund reached that sum, and he intended to do so, as he thought the time had now arrived when he might make room for another member to occupy the office.

The DEPUTY PROV. G.M. retorted, amidst applause, that the Provincial Grand Lodge would not second that, and congratulated the province upon having attained such a satisfactory result. He suggested the appointment of a Committee to invest at least £400 of that money.

This suggestion was adopted, and Bros. J. A. Brown, G. C. Heron, Dalrymple Maitland, H.K., J.P., and T. H. Nesbitt were appointed to see to that being done.

Bro. G. C. Heron was then, for the second time, unanimously elected, by ballot, to the post of Prov. Grand Treasurer.

Bro. HERON, in acknowledging the compliment, said that as long as he was spared he would do all he could in behalf of the Charity Fund.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then said that he had received a letter from Bro. the Rev. T. A. Taggart, vicar of St. Matthew's, calling attention to the fact that a new church was to be built in that parish in place of the old church in the Market-place. The Rev. T. A. Taggart, who was a Freemason of some years' standing, was anxious that the foundation-stone of the new church should be laid with Masonic honours. Personally, he (the Deputy) thought that the proposition should have the favourable consideration of the brethren.

Attached is a copy of the letter:

St. Matthew's Vicarage, Douglas,
 21st June, 1895.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My Committee and myself would deem it a great kindness if you would bring the following request before the Masonic brethren, and obtain, if possible, their co-operation.

The time for laying the foundation-stone of our new church will be coming on apace. We cannot as yet fix the date, but that will be done as early as practicable. We are daily awaiting the specifications.

But we should like above all things the co-operation of the brethren, and as grand a function of them on the occasion as can be arranged. I hope they would be agreeable to help us in this way.

May I add that if the time ever comes when my life is less laborious and anxious than it has been for many years, I shall deem it the greatest pleasure to be a lodge member and a monthly attendant, as I was 30 years ago—of Merchants' Lodge, 241, Hope-street, where I was made.

Accept the assurance of my fraternal regards.—Yours most truly,

J. A. BROWN, Esq.

T. A. TAGGART.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY moved the formal resolution, that in the opinion of the province it was desirable that the foundation-stone of St. Matthew's new Church be laid with Masonic honours.

The Prov. Grand Chaplain, the Rev. R. B. BARON, in seconding the motion, said that they ought to assent readily to Bro. Taggart's request. Bro. Taggart was appreciated not only by the brethren, but by the people of the Island.

The PROV. JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN supported the motion very cordially. Bro. Taggart being an old Mason, they should give the movement every possible help.

The PROV. GRAND TREASURER suggested that some of the officers of

the Grand Lodge of England should be invited to assist in the ceremony. The last visit of the Grand Officers had done much good, and placed Masonry upon a firmer basis in the Isle of Man. Bro. Taggart was a man who deserved support.

The PROV. SENIOR GRAND WARDEN also heartily supported the motion.

The PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN added that they would be helping a very hardworking clergyman, who had charge of the first church in Douglas.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY stated that the first cathedral in England had its foundation-stone laid by Freemasons, and it was well known that the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, had frequently assisted at similar functions.

The motion was carried unanimously, and the making of the arrangements was left in the hands of the General Purposes Committee, with instructions to invite the Grand Officers of England, whose presence, it was said by the Provincial Grand Secretary, would do a great deal of good to Masonry in the Isle of Man.

The Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows:

Bro. S. Webb	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. Hodgson	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. E. Ferrier	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. R. B. Baron	...	...
" G. C. Heron	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" G. H. Quayle	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Browne	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. J. Brown	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. Craine	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" T. Whiteside	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" F. C. Poulter	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" C. T. C. Callow	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" T. S. Ayled...	...	...	Brov. G.S.B.
" F. R. Rowe...	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. P. Callow	...	...
" J. A. Mylrea	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. G. Taylor	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" E. H. Goldie-Taubman	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. A. Kelly	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" A. S. Newton, 1075	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" G. H. Horne, 1242	...	...
" D. Maitland, 2049	...	...
" E. Burgess, 2050	...	...
" Dr. McQuarrie, 2164	...	...
" L. R. Corkill, 2197	...	...

The PROV. G. SECRETARY moved that the province vote Bro. Heron the Charity jewel. He was entitled to it, having served as Steward for the three great Masonic Charitable Institutions.

The Prov. G. Registrar, Bro. G. H. QUAYLE, seconded the motion, observing that no man in the Isle of Man had worked harder for Masonry than Bro. Heron.

The proposition was carried with applause.

Bro. HERON, in response, expressed the earnest hope that all the brethren would do their best for the Charities, which were the backbone of Freemasonry.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY referred to the death of Bro. Wm. Isdale, who had been a member of the Tynwald Lodge. Bro. Isdale was one of the founders and first S.W. of the Spencer Walpole Temperance Lodge. For many years the deceased brother had been anxious to go through the chairs, and when in office he displayed great ability, but ill-health fell upon him. He moved that the sincere condolence of Prov. Grand Lodge be sent to his widow and family.

The PROV. G. CHAPLAIN seconded the motion. He had known the late Postmaster of Douglas for 20 years, and he had received many kindnesses and much good advice from the one who had so recently passed away.

Bro. KILLEY suggested that Prov. Grand Lodge should send a wreath, and that suggestion was added to the motion, which was carried unanimously, the brethren standing while the Prov. Grand Master in the Chair put it.

"Hearty good wishes" were tendered from the Grand Lodge of England and several Craft lodges, and Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Granville Hotel, the Dep. P.G.M. presiding.

After dinner, the toasts of "The Queen and Royal Family" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, and the rest of the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," were honoured.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY gave "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master and his Deputy." The Prov. Grand Master took a very deep interest in the province, and would have been present but for his serious illness, which was very sudden. In fact, Major Goldie-Taubman had been ordered to leave London and go to the South of France. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master was like good wine; he needed no bush. Every one knew that Bro. Nesbitt was a good Freemason. His worth as a Mason, and as an individual, was known to them all. He had filled the chair that day at very short notice, with credit to himself and with satisfaction to the lodge—in fact, he had shown that he was fully qualified for the position he occupied.

The toast was heartily drunk.

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, in response, joined cordially in the general expression of regret at the illness of the Provincial Grand Master. He trusted that Major Taubman was not so seriously ill as their fears inclined them to think. He hoped that the Right Worshipful would soon be able to again take his place in the province. As for himself, he would continue, as before, to do the best he could in the interests of Freemasonry.

"The Health of the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge" was proposed in complimentary terms by Bro. M. CARINE, and acknowledged by the PROV. J.G.W.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by the PROVINCIAL SENIOR GRAND WARDEN, who spoke of the hospitality which both the Provincial Grand Lodge and the private lodges always extended to their visitors.

Bro. the Rev. J. M. WALTON expressed regret at the fact that there were so few visitors present, though the meeting had been held in June to give them an opportunity of attending. He did not know a single Mason in the Isle of Man personally, but he had made a point of attending. He was very fond of the Isle of Man, and hoped to have many more opportunities of visiting it.

Bro. J. J. TILLER also responded, saying he had not previously had an opportunity of visiting a lodge there, and he was informed that he could do so on the second Wednesday in July, when a son would have the Third Degree given to him by his father. Of that family there had been three generations in the lodge.

Bro. ALFRED HEMMING (who had come in after lodge, being unable to attend sooner) also responded, and spoke of the kindness and hospitality he had received from the brethren of the Isle of Man.

The DEPUTY PROV. G.M. then proposed a special toast in honour of the Ramsey brethren present. He wished them every prosperity, and expressed the hope that they would more frequently attend the meetings of the Prov. Grand Lodge.

Bros. KERRUISH, LAUGHLIN, and SIMPSON (who also belong to a Manchester lodge) responded, and invited any Douglas brethren, who might care to do so, to visit St. Maughold Lodge, at Ramsey.

The PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN proposed the next toast—that of "The Masonic Charities," and said that he had much pleasure in doing so. As a brother had said in lodge, Masonry would practically be nothing without its Charities. Of course, there was a great deal in the Brotherhood besides that, but the greatest value of the Institution lay in what it did in the way of Charity. He knew many cases where the bread-winner had been taken away, and it was then that the value of the Masonic Institutions for Boys and Girls were felt, as also was the vote from Grand Lodge. He therefore trusted that the brethren of the Isle of Man would earnestly and to the best of their ability support the great Masonic Charities. In their own Charity Fund, there was over £400 ready to be invested. He had to couple the toast with the names of four brethren famous in the Island for their interest in Masonry and for their enthusiasm. First came Bro. Heron, than whom there was no finer Freemason, with the exception of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Secretary. The decorations of the three of them showed how they had worked. Then, the others were the Bros. Killey and Callow, both of whom had worked hard on behalf of the Charities.

The toast was cordially honoured.

Bro. KILLEY and CALLOW having responded, the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY spoke as a Life Governor of the three Institutions—the Girls, Boys, and Benevolent—and this year Bro. Heron joined the third. Bro. Killey had been the first to set Manx Masons an example in that respect. They had now 336 votes in the Isle of Man, and as they had a candidate for admission to the Girls' Institution, he hoped all would do everything they could to help her.

The PROV. GRAND TREASURER said he had been at the annual meeting of the Girls' Institution the other day. There were three girls there from the Isle of Man. They were being well looked after and were a credit to the Island. The School sent 23 girls to the examination at Cambridge Senior University, and all passed with honours; 43 had been sent to the Junior Examination and a very great proportion passed. That attention was paid to the health of the children was shown by the fact that in the last 17 years there had been only 15 deaths. He had taken to the Institution 15 guineas from St. Germain's Lodge, Peel, which gave them a vote, and if they paid another five guineas they could secure two votes for the lodge in perpetuity. He was going to the Boys' School Festival and he thought that the Isle of Man would, in point of subscriptions, beat the whole of Scotland. He added that he intended becoming a Vice-President on behalf of the Isle of Man.

The Prov. S.G.W. handed to Bro. Heron the sum of one guinea towards the subscriptions he was taking to London for the Boys' School.

Bro. HEMMING said he was glad to take that opportunity of doing something towards the Masonic Charities, and asked Bro. Heron to accept a guinea on behalf of Miss Hemming, his first daughter.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY said he had also promised a guinea if four others were given; and the proposal was that the donors should ballot for the Life Governorship that that sum would buy. He would have much pleasure in giving his vote in favour of Miss Hemming's nomination for the office.

Bro. Callow added another guinea.

We may add that Miss Hemming is only five months old, and will be about the youngest Life Governess of the Institution.

A special toast was given in honour of Bro. Heron, who, as the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER said, gave his head, his heart, and his purse in the interests of Freemasonry. He was a thorough good Mason.—This remark evoked loud applause.

The Tyler's toast having been drunk, the interesting proceedings terminated.

LURGAN MASONIC BAZAAR.

The Lurgan Masonic Bazaar was opened on the 24th ult., with a ceremony of much brilliancy. As has already been announced, the object of the promoters is to provide funds for the erection of a Masonic Hall in the town of Lurgan, the want of which has long been felt. During the past seven or eight years Masonry has been spreading to a remarkable extent in Lurgan and its vicinity, and the inadequacy of the present rooms in the town for the purpose of the Order has been long present to the minds of all concerned. The present project was first mooted at the dedication supper of the Ulidia Lodge, No. 151, in 1894, and shortly afterwards a general meeting of the members of the three lodges in the district was held, and it was resolved that a bazaar and fancy fair should be held in June of the present year. The Executive Committee consist of Bros. J. Malcolm, D.L., Chairman; Francis Falcon, Vice-Chairman; and J. H. Clendinning and S. Agnew, M.D., Hon. Secretaries and Treasurers. Application was made at once to the Lurgan Real Property Company, Limited, for the use of Brownlow House and grounds—both of which are singularly beautiful and suitable for the purpose—for the bazaar. This request was most generously acceded to, and then the undertaking was set on foot under truly happy auspices. During the period intervening since that the promoters have set about their work with energy and enthusiasm, with the result that to-day saw the birth of a *fête* of the *genius* bazaar, admirably in keeping with the prestige of the great Masonic Order, for doing things on a noteworthy and splendid scale.

Brownlow House is a delightful old residence, evidencing in many of its details signal architectural triumphs. It is situated in the midst of spreading pleasure grounds, richly studied with noble trees, and looks out on a lake which stretches away into the distance in a clear blue expanse. No more suitable place for a bazaar could be desired.

Favoured with glorious summer weather, and with a sun which shed its rays upon the scene in no unstinted fashion, the spectacle in the grounds as the bazaar was opened was truly a pleasant one. The house itself was elaborately decorated for the occasion, and on the lawn outside were erected snow-white marquees, showing charmingly in contrast with a sward on which hot suns have as yet left but a kindly impress. Lines of bunting floated in the breeze from tree-top to tree-top, and contributed their own indispensable charm to the *ensemble*. In front of the house and lining either side of the gravelled walk leading up to the hall door, was a fashionable gathering of people assembled to witness the opening ceremony. On an elevated terrace or balcony overlooking the gravel walk there were gathered those principally concerned in the organisation of the *fête*, and the fair stall-holders and assistants, attired in their pretty costumes, made a brilliant show, both by their number and the tastefulness of their attires. At two o'clock the brethren, in full regalia, were marshalled in the following order: Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Officers, Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Officers of Armagh, Provincial Officers, Prince Masons, Knights Templars, Royal Arch Masons, and Craft lodges. The procession in this order proceeded to the dais, where the chair was taken by the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Robert W. Shekleton, Q.C.

The Old Hundreth Psalm was then sung by the choir in admirable fashion.

The CHAIRMAN, on rising to formally declare the bazaar open, was cordially greeted. He said that it afforded him great pleasure to be present on that auspicious occasion, and give what help he could to the undertaking. They all were aware that the object for which the bazaar had been started was the providing of funds for the building of a Masonic Hall for the town of Lurgan, and he was sure that was an object which would commend itself to them all. Although the Masonic Order was called a secret society, it had nothing secret in its principles or constitution; the only things secret about it were just their preliminaries, their mode of procedure in lodge, and their method of recognising each other when they met. Morally speaking, their Order was one that could be joined by anyone who believed in the Supreme Being, no matter what his religion was. Happily in this country, at any rate, a person who was an Atheist could not be a Mason. In other matters they never asked a man his religion or politics. He was very happy indeed to be able to come down there, but at the same time that feeling of pleasure was mingled with one of regret that the Grand Master of the Order, the Duke of Abercorn, was not able to be present. He (Bro. Shekleton) had been Deputy Grand Master for 26 years, and he could truly say that he had never presided at any function which gave him greater pleasure. He had no fear whatever as to the success of the bazaar, and in then declaring it open, he need only say in conclusion that he hoped, if he was spared, to be present at another ceremony in a short time in the town of Lurgan, namely, when they were opening the Masonic Hall, which they would, he trusted, be able to provide through the instrumentality of that *fête*.

Bro. Sydney Jackson, Deputy Prov. G.M. of Armagh was then moved to the second chair.

Bro. J. MALCOLM, D.L., the Chairman of Committee, proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Robt. W. Shekleton, Q.C., for attending and opening the bazaar. He said that Bro. Shekleton's name had been associated with Masonry for many years, and his brother Masons were only doing honour to whom honour was due when they appointed him to the high position in the Order which he now held.

Bro. the Rev. R. S. O'LOUGHLIN, D.D., seconded the motion, and said he trusted to see Bro. Shekleton present on the occasion of the opening of the new hall also.

The vote of thanks having been passed unanimously,

Bro. SHEKLETON briefly acknowledged the vote, again testifying the extreme pleasure which it gave him to be present.

The proceedings in connection with the opening ceremony then terminated.

The people then dispersed themselves about the grounds and through the house, and the bazaar was at once in progress in right merry earnest. The attractions provided were literally numberless, and each appealed strongly to the visitors to come and patronise it. What, for instance, could appeal more irresistibly to all who thronged the green sward and the pretty pleasure grounds amid the heat of the sun, than a row or a sail on the lake, and that was one of the attractions within everyone's reach for a small tariff? It was an ideal day for a sail, and, needless to say, great numbers availed themselves of the treat. The many other charming features of the bazaar, which were *al fresco* in their character, were also eagerly sought after. There were tea gardens under an elegant awning on the lawn, and this provided a pleasantly cool retreat amid all the heat of the sun, especially as it commanded an excellent view of many of the most beautiful features of the scene. The band of the 2nd Dorset Regiment attended, and performed a pleasing selection of music in the grounds. But it was inside Brownlow House itself that the full splendour of the bazaar manifested itself. Various apartments in it were set apart for the various stalls, and each presented many interesting and delightful features. The stalls were decorated with singularly good taste, each being designed to represent the characteristics of a different country in eastern and western sections. Thus India, Ceylon, Japan, China, and Egypt had each its fair votaries, and

very charming did the young ladies assisting look in their tasteful attire. The western section embraced Britannia, Canada, Hibernia, Turkey, and Switzerland, while properly coming under no geographical definition at all, but bearing out nomadic characteristics of the race, was the Gipsy Encampment, in which Miss Lillie Ross presided as the Gipsy Queen, and many fair Zingari lent invaluable assistance. A photographic studio had been erected on the grounds by Mr. W. Abernethy, of Belfast, and photographs were taken there at all hours of the day, while daylight lasted. In another section of the building there was situated the "Bijou Theatre of Varieties," at which "tableau vivants" were presented, and excellent musical programmes gone through. Here, too, the Lurgan Musical Troupe gave pleasant contributions to the general fund of entertainment. Mr. A. W. James officiated as Interlocutor, Messrs. H. C. Matthews, J. G. Jackson, and R. M. Edwards were the "Tambourines," and Messrs. H. Matthews, J. Lincoln, and A. W. Rodgers the "Bones." A comedietta, entitled "The Midnight Visitor," and a farcical comedietta, "The Boots at the Swan," were also performed. At the "Pavilion" there was also a Punch and Judy Show and a variety entertainment. In addition to all these features of entertainment there were a picture gallery, a scientific museum, and curiosity shop. The last named three departments were under the superintendence of Dr. J. M. Moore, Dr. Pedelow, Dr. Brownrigg, Dr. Rowlett, and Mr. J. A. Thompson, F.R.C.V.S., and among the exhibits were a host of interesting articles, including Masonic relics, scientific apparatus, magnetic and galvanic batteries, &c. In connection with this department the fine collection lent by Bro. Francis C. Crossle, M.B., was well worthy of note. There was also an excellent refreshment room.

As the afternoon wore on the attendance grew much larger, visitors arriving from all parts of the country round. Special trains ran to and from Belfast, and altogether the bazaar was taken up enthusiastically on all sides. In the evening the band of the 2nd Dorset Regiment again attended. From 10 o'clock till half-past 11 the reception room was devoted to dancing, and the fun was kept up with great spirit to the close. The bazaar was continued on the following day when it was opened by the Prov. Grand Master of Armagh, Bro. Viscount Templetown, and also on the two following days.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers to this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday last, 12th inst. There were present: Bro. George E. Fairchild, A.G.D.C., Vice-Patron, in the chair, Bros. Thos. Taylor, W. J. Mason, E. C. Mulvey, W. A. Scurrah, James Willing, jun., H. Massey, Charles W. Hudson, James Stephens, H. Imray, W. Flatman, J. J. Thomas, and J. M. McLeod, Sec.

Letters of thanks were read from Bros. Thomas Fenn, Jabez Hogg, and Wharton P. Hood for Hon. Rank conferred at the April Court.

A list of 46 candidates for the October election was approved, and 16 vacancies declared.

The Secretary reported the result of the 97th Anniversary Festival, held at Brighton on the 3rd inst., and that the total of the lists had now reached £19,057 1s.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Chairman, the Stewards, and the Hon. Secretary of the Festival (Bro. McLeod) for the splendid result of their labours.

The Secretary also reported that on instructions received from the Board of Management he had, through the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the Grand Secretary, approached his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master with a view of ascertaining if it would be his Royal Highness's pleasure to honour the Institution by presiding at the Centenary Festival in 1898. He was glad to be able to inform the Court the M.W. Grand Master had graciously signified to the Earl of Lathom that he hoped to be able to preside on the occasion.

A cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

LITERALISM'S DEMAND.

Sometimes and somewhere there has been a picture of a man in a path-way ever looking downward and, with a rake, pulling towards him dust and rubbish, and muck, for what there is in it. So acting, he is unconscious of his surroundings, and sees no vegetable, no grain, no fruit, no flower, no shrub, no tree, no animal, and no bird, unless by means outside himself it is brought into his rake's range. So acting, he beholds no glory of sun, or moon, or star, or comet, or cloud, and knows nothing of the aurora or the rainbow. He is a literalist, denying all existence by him unbeheld and unknown, and, consequently, he is a fit representative of those members of the Masonic Fraternity who, within the last two decades, have refused to accept Freemasonry as "a great science of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols," because it cannot be positively proven that Solomon, the Hiram, and the Saints John, were literally such Freemasons as now exist, and members of exactly such Masonic lodges as now grace the world. They doubt and dispute the legend of The Builder just as if it had to be real, and they deny everything that will not bear the literalistic test. The wonder is that they do not deny their own, and all other, existence.

The *Voice of Masonry* is against such literalism, and in its April issue, under the caption, "Can Literalism Go Further?" showed that, not literally, but allegorically and symbolically, Freemasonry is to be understood and accepted. In the face of all then said, a brother demands

assurance as to "whether or not Solomon was a Freemason"—a Speculative Freemason as now known—and as to "whether there is or is not any tangible evidence of his ever having been inside of a lodge as a member"—a lodge as now erected. He demands *tangible* evidence,—real, substantial, perceptible to the touch, tactile, palpable evidence,—and he will receive nothing allegorical, symbolical, or traditional. Testing them by the same process he would have to reject the Lord's parables.

This magazine showed that, "in principle and in act," in erecting the Temple at Jerusalem, "Solomon was a Mason, and the Institution's most distinguished head," but the brother in question ignores that and talks of "barren tradition, devoid of substance, and fit only for a collection of old wives' fables." From his "tangible" standpoint he scoffs at the numbers of the workmen as impossible "in the little territory of Palestine," and calls the account of them "a palpable absurdity." He forgets that the time and the occasion demanded the extraordinary labour, and that the demand was met by Solomon and the Hiram. He further forgets that Freemasonry accepts and utilises nothing of Solomon's doing outside of his work in erecting and dedicating the Temple at Jerusalem.

This magazine was careful to say that "all the true religion of the world, preceding Solomon, culminated in him and in the temple to the one true and living God that he erected at Jerusalem," and yet the brother writes as if no such affirmation had been made, and says: "Solomon added nothing to the purity of religion, nothing to the conception of the true God, nothing to the practice of true morals, nothing to Masonry except that part so intimately connected with operative Masonry as to be, in fact, hardly distinguishable from it." The Tabernacle idea was before Solomon, and he transformed it into the Temple idea, which has ever since prevailed. He demonstrated that Jehovah alone is God, and worthy of the greatest devotion, service and offering that man can bestow. And, having done all that was possible in the perfection of material and skill, in erecting the Temple, he exemplified the dedication and consecration service as it never was rendered before or since. All this being true, it is useless to say that "Solomon added nothing to the purity of religion, nothing to the conception of the true God," and futile to declare that if he was not literally a Freemason as the Craft is now known, he was a Masonic nobody. Literalism's demand that he be *tangibly* proven a modern Freemason, or that all Freemasonry says of him be deemed a Solomonic myth, is far too exacting, and not justified by any known law of evidence. It is enough to prove that, in principle and act in erecting the Temple, he was a Freemason.—*Voice of Masonry*.

PHYSICALLY PERFECT.

Mackey, in his "Symbolism of Freemasonry," says that the ceremonies are not the substance, they are but the outer garment which covers and perhaps adorns it. Take from Masonry these externals and you still have remaining its philosophy and science. They have always continued the same, while the ceremonies have varied in different ages and still vary in different countries. The definition of Freemasonry as "a science of morality veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols," contains this exact principle, that *Freemasonry is a science, a philosophy, a system of doctrines which is taught in a manner peculiar to itself, by allegories and symbols. This constitutes its internal character, while its ceremonies are external additions, which do not affect its substance.* He also reminds us that in studying the origin and purpose of Freemasonry, we are to enquire into its philosophy, its internal character, and not its ceremonies which have from time to time been foisted upon it, nor yet, we would add, upon its regulations and practices which from time to time have been changed and which differ in the various countries and jurisdictions.

The morality of Masonry constitutes its philosophy. It has for its basic idea, its firm foundation, a belief in, and an acceptance of, an All-wise, loving Father, and of a life beyond this vale of tears, while its philosophy, is the science of things divine as well as human, recognising the fact that the divine must be, and has been, accepted by all its votaries in some form and under such name as is to them best understood, and avoiding matters of faith and subjects of theological controversy. It leaves to each that liberty of conscience which is his right and due. Upon the human side, its precepts and teachings are of the highest type, and imperative stress is laid upon the conduct in this life, teaching us how to live if we would be true to ourselves and our neighbours.

Not only does it seek to uplift the individual himself in all the qualifications of manhood, but, in the most forcible manner, it impresses upon him those duties which he owes to others; that in the eye of God all men are alike his children, all subject to the same wise laws, fellow-travellers to the great beyond; temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice are the chief virtues by which individual life must be regulated, and that brotherly love, relief, and truth should be the governing principles of a Mason in his relations to others.

While other institutions teach these same principles and precepts, yet none of them present them to the mind and heart so forcibly as does Freemasonry. It has a way and manner peculiarly its own. Allegorical figures and symbols are made of use as mind pictures, by which it would more indelibly impress upon its votaries its true philosophy and science. By many it is claimed that Masonry in its incipency was purely operative, that the growth of the speculative was gradual and for years slow, until in time it became a governing force, and the operative, as such, became a thing of the past. From a careful study of its earliest records, we find that while Masons were largely, if not wholly, composed of operative workmen, yet that the social, moral and, to some extent, religious duties of life were inculcated. Like the guilds of the Middle Ages and the various unions and labour organisations of to-day, they were workmen banded together for mutual benefit. Such association naturally led to the cultivation of the higher duties of life. The innate selfishness of human nature required to be held in check, and their individual energies made to subserve to the interests of all. The regulations adopted for the accomplishment of such results constituted the speculative portion of early Freemasonry, and laid the foundation for that of to-day.

Masonry, as we now have it, is not forgetful of its origin, nor does it discard its early teachings. Its working tools are made use of as symbols, while many of its most important laws and edicts are based upon the

regulations and practices of the operative workmen, and many applicable to the "philosophy and science of Masonry."

In some of the recent discussions upon the subject of physical qualification, some writers who favour a literal construction of the regulation upon this subject according to the Dermott constitution go so far as to make regulations though purely as symbols, claiming that the "without blemish" clause was even more ancient than operative Masonry, and was adopted by them not for their government as workmen, but as a confirmation of God's will in relation to some of his unfortunate children, as expressed in the Levitical Law; that to them and to us it is a most profound symbolic teaching that none but the physically perfect are acceptable to the Almighty or can be allowed to dedicate and devote their lives to His service, a duty required of every Freemason.

They would imply that an upright, honest, and strictly worthy man of sound mind and memory can be of no service to the Great I Am, and for such Masonry finds no place. We have more exalted ideas of Him whom we worship as our Father, and, we think, a better and more rational conception of what Freemasonry is and of its objects and purposes. The regulations upon this subject we believe have been adopted for the government of the Craft purely as operatives. The Ancient Charges, compiled by Dr. Anderson from "records of Lodges not only in England, Ireland, and Scotland, but from beyond the sea," differ from the later revision by Dermott. It clearly recognises this idea when it says: "No Master should take an apprentice unless he has sufficient employment for him, and unless he is a perfect youth, having no main or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art," etc. In other words, he must be capable of learning his trade or profession, and of doing his Master's work. True, these regulations were compiled for, and adopted by, the Grand Lodge of England, but they were taken from records the most ancient and when operative was largely, if not wholly, in the ascendancy. We do not believe that it was ever intended by the Grand Lodge, or by any association of Masons preceding it, as a symbol, or that in any manner it refers to God's government. We can but believe that His care is over all the children of His creation; that He is no respecter of persons, and that the services of the apostle, Paul, notwithstanding his "infirmity," whatever it might have been, were as acceptable to Him as were those of the perfect man, Hiram Abif.

The "without blemish" regulation applied only to those who might be accepted as apprentices. Having served his full term as such and being proficient in the art, he was not debarred from advancement to higher grades of workmanship or of being accepted as an overseer over others less skilled, even though he may have been so unfortunate as to have lost an eye or a finger, while serving his Master, in learning his trade.

In such instances the symbol of the physically perfect man is ignored, and those qualities of mind, of brain and heart which constitute the upright and perfect man, must take its place. They are to our mind the important requisite, and if symbol it be, constitute the one most important.—*Masonic Tidings*.

MASONIC DRESS.

Masonry regards no man for its outward show or personal appearance. The proper qualifications for admission to the Fraternity are a perfect body, sound mind, and pure heart. It is not the purple raiment, nor the fine feathers; the jewels or costly diamonds, with which man decks his perfect body, but it is the raiment of morality, the ornament of virtue, and jewels of Charity in all their broadest sense, which fit a man for membership in the great fraternity of Freemasons.

Much has been said and written, and is being said and written to-day about the proper clothing for a Mason, in lodge, on the street, at funerals, and on public occasions where it is proper for Masons to be known as such. A good deal of what is written is not worthy of notice, but there is an undue importance given to the matter of dress that would lead some to think that the "dress made the man," and without a certain cut of coat, or colour of necktie, the man could not be regarded as a Mason.

We would not say one word against a careful regard for dress on all occasions. A man should be neat and cleanly at all times, and in these modern days, when great lakes are brought into cities and water can be had everywhere, by simply turning a faucet, there is no excuse for dirt. A man who is so careless, or slovenly, as to fail to perform the ablutions necessary to keeping a clean face and body, has "wheels," and is, therefore, not a proper man to be made a Mason. "Cleanliness is next to Godliness," and the pure-hearted man, the fellow-loving man, will be careful to keep his outward man clean.

Every Mason should appear at the lodge and everywhere clean, and he is not properly prepared if he is not so. Our brethren a hundred years ago regulated such matters in their by-laws, as the following clause from those of Carlow Lodge, 1795, will show:

"Each member shall appear perfectly clean and in his best clothes under a penalty of 4d."

But some of our friends regard it as of paramount importance that a Mason should appear at his lodge clothed in decent black, or at least dark clothes. When they walk in procession each one should have on a "Prince Albert" coat, a tall silk hat, patent leather shoes (pointed toes, we suppose), and a black necktie. It is not stated whether it should be a "four-in-hand" tie, an "Oxford" bow, or a black scarf, but it must be black, whether black is "becoming" to the brother's "style of beauty," or not. Others seem to think that every Mason ought to appear at lodge in full evening dress. "Clawhammer" coat, "silver buckles on his shoes," white kids upon his hands, and a perfection pink in his buttonhole, and a white necktie. The man who went to the feast without his wedding garment on felt out of place and quite uncomfortable. And so a man who goes to his lodge without the prescribed "swallowtail" ought to feel uncomfortable, and if the Tyler has been properly coached, the atmosphere of the ante-room will become so rigid that the man will seek some other place, where the "swallowtail" does not make the man.

All this is pleasantry, for we do think a man ought to have regard for his personal appearance at all times and especially when he goes to his Masonic lodge. It looks much better, every one must admit, to see all clad

in dark clothes, and a kind of uniform dress. And full evening dress is desirable and eminently proper, and we like to see brethren so dressed because it shows a high regard for the lodge, and a thoughtful care for personal appearance. We think, however, that in some quarters, as for instance, with our friends of the Keystone, there is an undue importance given to dress. It is not the broadcloth Prince Albert, or the clawhammer coat that makes the man or the Mason. A true Mason's heart beats as warmly under threadbare homespun jeans, as under the finest broadcloth that was ever turned out of the loom. As good work may be done by a brother in blue serge, with a purple necktie, as by one who is dressed in the most approved black, with the regulation "black tie." The grasp of a brother with a brown suit on is often as warm as that of the one who wears the quaker drab.

We do not think a brother ought to be refused admission to the lodge room because he is unable to have two suits of clothes, one for the lodge and one for "every day."

Let us attend our lodge regularly, clad in our "Sunday best," and practice in the lodge and out of it, those tenets that make the man loved and respected, whether he be clothed in purple and fine linen or in the plainer garb of the people.—*New York Dispatch.*

RECENT BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The following lists, and additions to lists, have been received since our report of last week:

Lodge	LONDON.	£	s.	d.
169 New List	...	16	0	0
173 Mrs. G. E. Fairchild, additional	...	10	4	6
	(raising her list to £330 4s. 6d.)			
Chapter				
1260 Comp. F. Varley, additional	...	1	15	0
	(raising his list to £36 15s.)			
Unattached				
*Bro. F. Adams, new Steward	...	21	0	0
„ Richard Barnes, new list	...			
	THE PROVINCES.			
Lodge	ESSEX.			
1437 Bro. Harold E. Smith, new list	...	10	10	0
	KENT.			
2530 Bro. C. Wallington, additional	...	1	1	0
	(raising his list to £71 4s. 6d.)			
	MIDDLESEX.			
2105 Bro. C. S. Stevens, additional	...	10	10	0
	(raising his list to £31 11s.)			
The Province	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.			
Bro. Lieut.-Col. Joseph Wright, additional	...	4	4	0
	(raising his list to £166 19s.)			
Lodge	OXFORDSHIRE.			
357 Bro. Harry Collison, new list	...	10	10	0
Lodge	WORCESTERSHIRE.			
529 Bro. Richard Westwood, additional	...	57	15	0
	(raising his list to £115 10s.)			
The Province				
Bro. T. R. Arter, additional	...	57	15	0
	(raising his list to £68 15s.)			
Lodge	YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST RIDINGS.)			
312 Bro. Rev. E. Fox Thomas, additional	...	32	3	0
	(raising his list to £63 2s.)			
*Bro. J. H. Harrowing, J.P., new Steward	...			
	FOREIGN STATIONS.			
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SUMMER OUTING OF THE CLAPTON LODGE, No. 1365.

On the 9th instant the above well-known lodge repeated its experience of last year by again going for its summer outing to Ipswich from Liverpool-street Station.

A goodly number of the brethren and their ladies and friends again attended, the executive arrangements being under the direction of Bro. Amendt, the zealous and indefatigable manager of the Great Eastern Hotel (the habitation of this lodge as regards its regular meetings as well as lodge of instruction).

The train, a special one of saloon carriages, left London at 10.10 a.m., arriving at Parkston Quay before 12, when the whole party went on board and privately inspected the Vienna, one of the splendid new steamboats belonging to the Great Eastern Company, specially designed and adapted for the comfort of the public during the passage between Harwich and Rotterdam, &c., the magnificence and splendour of which was much admired.

They then embarked upon the Norwich, steam tender, for a steam round the several warships in the Ouse, arriving at Harwich Pier some half-hour later, and then sat down to a capital lunch at the Great Eastern Hotel there, and by about two were en route by the Norwich for Ipswich, which was reached in about an hour, and it being about high tide, the Orwell, aided by the magnificent weather, was seen in its greatest beauty.

Arriving at Ipswich, the company either drove or strolled about, and inspected the various objects of interest, returning and re-embarking about four, and arriving back at the Great Eastern Hotel at Harwich a little before five, when they sat down to a very *recherché* and most enjoyable banquet, at which Bro. R. C. Fairclough, the W.M., presided, supported by Bro. A. H. Church, as S.W., and Bro. Walter Banks, as J.W.

The usual toasts were duly honoured, and some capital songs rendered by Bros. W. Banks and A. H. Church, and an excellent and amusing recitation, "How I killed that mouse," by Bro. Small.

The company returned to town by the same special saloon train at 8.15, arriving at Liverpool-street before ten, having had a most enjoyable day.

This particular route appears to be getting popular, as many lodges are adopting it, and we may add deservedly so, the whole trip forming a succession of "changes" so that the day slipped by with a "verve" all too quickly.

Bro. Edward C. Robinson acted as Secretary of the outing, and was responsible for all the arrangements, and both he and Bro. Amendt are to be warmly congratulated upon a highly successful and pleasant gathering.

SUMMER OUTING OF THE KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

The vitality and energy of this prosperous lodge was again evinced at its annual outing on Thursday, the 4th inst., showing that it is not behind the times in extending its hospitality to the ladies. The party consisted of Bro. W. B. Neville, W.M., and Mrs. Neville; Bro. C. W. Walters, Mrs. Walters, son and daughter; Bro. J. Wiggins, Mrs. Wiggins, daughter and friends; Bro. Louis Beale, Hon. Secretary of the Committee, and Miss Beale; Bro. Morris Moss and Mrs. Moss; Bro. Edward Moss and Mrs. Moss; Bro. C. Ortnor, Mrs. Ortnor and friends; Bro. Battersby and friends; Bro. Hillier, Mrs. Hillier and daughter; Bro. Hendy, Mrs. Hendy and friends; Bro. Chandler, Mrs. Chandler and friends; Bro. Coomber and Mrs. Coomber; Bro. Jennis and friends; Bro. Norman and Mrs. Norman; Bro. Freeman, Mrs. Freeman and friends; Bro. Craggs and Miss Craggs, Bro. Mackay and Mrs. Mackay, and others.

The arrangements were carefully worked out by the W.M., ably assisted by Bro. Louis Beale, Hon. Sec. of the Committee, and these brethren deserve the best thanks of the party, whose enjoyment and comfort they studied from first to last.

The party left Paddington at 9.20, in two saloon carriages, for Taplow, and at Maidenhead Bridge they embarked on two steam launches and proceeded up the most charming portion of the River Thames to Wargrave, where an excellent banquet was provided. Refreshments were also provided on the boat. Along the river the following places of interest were observed: Taplow Court, the residence of Mr. W. H. Grenfell; Clivedon Woods, purchased by Mr. W. W. Astor, in 1893, from the Duke of Westminster; Cookham, Bourne End, Quarry Wood, Taplow, Bisham Abbey, Medenham Abbey, Culham Court, Hambledon Lock, Greenlands, formerly the seat of Mr. W. H. Smith, M.P.; Regatta Island, Regatta Racecourse, reaches through Henley to Wargrave.

Everything passed off in a most admirable manner, and everyone appeared to have spent a delightful day.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., at the meeting of the Lodge of Peace, No. 149, Meltham, an interesting ceremony took place in the presentation of a portrait of himself to Bro. Charles Rayner, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., in recognition of his long and eminent services to the lodge, Bro. F. W. Lewis, W.M., in the chair. The portrait has been subscribed for by a large number of members of the lodge. It is an excellent work of art, as well as an exceedingly good likeness. The following letter he had received was read by the W.M.:

"Huddersfield, July 6th, 1895.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"I very much regret that I cannot be present this afternoon at your meeting to testify my respects towards Bro. Rayner as an old and valued Freemason. You are doing honour to one to whom honour is due. I trust you will have a pleasant and successful meeting, and believe me to be,

"Yours faithfully and fraternally,

"WM. FITTON."

The W.M. then called upon Bro. Ramsden, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., to make the presentation.

Bro. RAMSDEN, after expressing the gratification he felt in making the presentation in consequence of the pleasant Masonic associations between Bro. Rayner and himself in former years, referred to the zeal which Bro. Rayner had shown in the instructing of the younger brethren in the Masonic art. He believed that most of the present generation of Freemasons in the Lodge of Peace entirely owed their proficiency in the Craft, either directly or indirectly, to Bro. Rayner, who had been the guide and friend of all who required his assistance. He referred to Bro. Rayner's zeal for the maintenance of old traditions, and for the purity of working which distinguished the Lodge of Peace. He was one of the oldest trustees of the lodge property. He also mentioned two or three important occasions when Bro. Rayner particularly distinguished himself—at the celebration of the centenary of the lodge in 1877, the consecration of the Colne Valley Lodge, Slaithwaite, in the same year, and at the foundation-stone laying of the new Masonic Hall here at Meltham—on all of which occasions the Provincial Grand Lodge were present. He was present and joined in the great Masonic gathering on the 28th of October, 1868, when the Marquis of Ripon laid the foundation-stone of the Convalescent Home at Meltham. He had been a member of the Charity Committee of the province, representing the lodge there for many years. After referring to the esteem in which Bro. Rayner was held, not only in his own lodge, but throughout the province, he concluded by presenting Bro. Rayner with the portrait, and expressed a hope that he would have long life and health, and further usefulness in his Masonic career, and that in after years that portrait might remind his successors of the respect and affection in which he was held by the brethren of his lodge.

Bro. RAYNER, who was much affected, in his reply said that he thanked Bro. Ramsden from his heart for his outspoken recognition of the services he had rendered to the lodge, and assured him that the words he had uttered that day would never be erased from his memory; that they would be treasured up in it to the end of his days. He also thanked Bro. Morton for the active part he had taken in furthering the object, likewise those brethren who had so kindly contributed their money towards its accomplishment. He thanked them, one and all, with feelings of the deepest gratitude. He said that his reward came to him from the province in April, 1880. That day, 15 years after, it came to him in his own lodge. And although it came late, it was none the less welcome, nor any the less thankfully received. He then said that he would come to the most pleasing duty he had to perform that day. He had very great pleasure, indeed, in presenting to the lodge the portrait that had just been presented to him by Bro. Ramsden. He did so with a hope that it might be permitted to hang in a prominent place in the lodge room as a token of the long years he had laboured for the good of the lodge, and as an incentive to members of the lodge in future generations to do likewise.

A resolution was then moved by Bro. RAMSDEN, and seconded by Bro. JAMES KILBURN, J.P., C.A., I.P.M., "That the lodge gratefully accept Bro. Rayner's gift to the lodge, and that the portrait be henceforth hung on the walls of the lodge room." It was carried unanimously, and the proceedings then closed.

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To Correspondents,

The following communications stand over for want of space.

CRAFT—Leicester Lodge, No. 31; Minerva Lodge, No. 250; and Acacia Lodge, 2321.

ROYAL ARCH—Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192. Consecration of the Orient Mark Lodge, No. 482, Shanghai.

Summer Entertainment to the Masonic Annuitants at Croydon.



SATURDAY, JULY 20, 1895.

Masonic Notes.

The Summer Entertainment to the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, was given at the Asylum on Wednesday, and, as usual, proved a gratifying success. There was a full attendance of the friends of the Institution, who numbered between 150 and 160, and for whose comfort and convenience on the outward and home journeys the South-Eastern Railway Company made due provision. Bro. George E. Fairchild, A.G.D.C., of the Committee of Management, occupied the chair, and was very ably supported by Bro. John Newton, G. Pursuivant, another member of the same Committee, and Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Institution, who was accompanied by Bro. J. G. Stevens, a principal member of his staff. It is almost needless to say that every effort was made, and most successfully made, to give the residents of the Institution as enjoyable a day as possible, and judging from our experience of previous years, we venture to think that this particular day's enjoyment will not have been very far removed from the place of honour among these red-letter days. Upon the Criterion Handbell Ringers, under the direction of Bro. Harry Tipper, devolved the particular task of entertaining the residents and their numerous visitors, and if the applause which greeted their several performances is a criterion, the Ringers must have done well.

As usual, at these festive meetings at Croydon, the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite showed its exceeding goodwill towards the Institution by presenting each resident widow with a pound of tea and a pound of sugar and each male resident with half a pound of tobacco. Mrs. Scotter, too, wife of our worthy Bro. Scotter, gave to each of the widows, a two-pound jar of preserves.

In our analysis of the Stewards Returns to the Mark Benevolent Fund, we erroneously described Bro. George F. Jones, who returned the highest London list—amounting to £37 16s.—as having represented the Henniker Lodge, No. 315. He was set down in the list as the representative of the Onslow Lodge, No. 361, of which, at the present time, he has the honour to be W.M. We much regret the occurrence of the error.

The annual convocation of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Kent will be held at the Sun Hotel, High-street, Chatham, on Wednesday, the 24th instant, at 3 p.m., when business of the usual character will be transacted. The banquet will take place at the same hotel at 4 p.m. The South-Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies have very considerably arranged to issue return tickets at a single fare from all stations not less than 10 miles distant from Chatham, on production of the summons to attend.

The District Grand Lodge of Bombay has sustained a grievous loss through the death, from pneumonia on Monday, the 24th ult., of Bro. William Henry Hussey, Past Deputy District Grand Master, who for the last 26 years had fulfilled the duties of District Grand Secretary. Bro. Hussey was one of the most prominent members of the Craft in Bombay. He was well known to, and highly respected by, all the brethren in the district, and to the energy and courtesy he exhibited in the discharge of his duties must be ascribed much of the success which has attended the proceedings of our Order in Bombay during later years. We offer our most sincere sympathy both to the brethren of Bombay, who in Bro. Hussey have lost one of their chief supports, and to the members of his family.

As showing how great is the energy and activity of the Secretaries of our different Institutions, and how early in the field they are in their endeavours to enlist the patronage and support of illustrious and distinguished brethren, we call the attention of our readers to the report, which appears elsewhere, of the recent *Quarterly Court of the Boys' School, to the effect that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has very graciously promised to preside at the Centenary Festival of that Institution in 1898.* But this is not the only case in point. Bro. James Terry, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was able to announce the name of the distinguished brother who had promised to preside at the 1896 Festival, even before that of 1895 had taken place, and now he is working hard to obtain a Chairman and Stewards for the Jubilee of the Widows' Fund of the Institution, which, as our readers are no doubt aware, was established by Grand Lodge in 1849, or seven years after the elder, or Male, Fund. This is, indeed, looking ahead, and we can only hope that the early efforts of Bro. J. M. McLeod for the Boys' School, and Bro. James Terry for the Jubilee of the Widows' Fund of the R.M.B.I., will meet with the success to which they are justly entitled.

The following has been received from the M.W.G. Master of Maryland, Bro. General Thomas J. Shryock, of Baltimore, U.S.A., framed and placed in the lodge room of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, at the Criterion, Piccadilly at the installation meeting on the 18th June last. It was received with great acclamation:

THOMAS J. SHRYOCK,
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS
IN MARYLAND,
U.S.A.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Maryland,
Brother General Thomas J. Shryock,
Acknowledges the receipt of

The Congratulatory Address tendered him by
Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, of London, England,
Worshipful Brother George Reynolds, Worshipful Master,
On the occasion of the Completion of the New Masonic Temple in
The City of Baltimore.

The duty and labour has been one of love to the Grand Master, as well as to the Brethren of Maryland. Its doors are always wide open to extend Fraternal greetings and hospitality to the Freemasons of the world in general, and to the brethren of the Anglo-American Lodge in particular.

The Grand Master of Maryland extends to all the brethren of the Anglo-American Lodge a courteous and fraternal invitation to visit the building, of which he feels they will be as proud as are the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE FREE HOME FOR THE DYING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It may interest those of your readers who support "Our Brother's" bed in this Home, to learn that its last occupant, Sergeant Thos. Conolly, of Lodge No. 179 (I.C.), formerly of the 107th Regiment, now Royal Sussex, died yesterday from cancer in the throat.

He was an inmate of the Home for several weeks, and will be buried in the ground appropriated to the St. James's Servants of the Poor, at Nunhead Cemetery, on the 19th inst.

Our work is very real, and I shall be glad to afford any information as to it

to any enquirers. We would specially ask for contributions from lodges, as well as small annual subscriptions from individual brethren, as our expenses for maintenance and funerals are heavy, and we depend entirely on Charity.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, very fraternally yours,

W. PORTLOCK-DADSON,

July 17th.

P.M. 1383, Honorary Secretary.

W.M. IN THE CHAIR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I cannot claim to be one of the learned brethren whom "D.C." asks to enlighten him on this important subject, but he may not, perhaps, despise the views of one who is not even a P.M. He must not forget that the S.W. is the *next officer* in the lodge, and the position the writer takes is this—the W.M. when in lodge should retain his seat, the S.W., by right of his office, doing *all* the work of his own and the Master's chairs. This is assuming that the S.W. is competent—if he be not, he has no right in the S.W.'s chair. "D.C." must not forget that the Master and Wardens are the rulers of the lodge, all others, even including P.M.s., being subordinates. The point raised is certainly a very nice one, but I think when looked at carefully, the position given by me is correct.—Yours fraternally,

O. B. J.

Sydney, 27th May.

P.S.—"Bro. . . . your regular and punctual attendance . . . is essentially necessary, for in my absence you are to rule the lodge, &c., &c." It may be said, however, that this is contrary to Art 141, which says a P.M. *shall take the chair*—not so, and in no place does it say he shall *rule* the lodge. Granted, he *may* rule, *but at* the request or invitation of the S.W. The case, as put by "D.C.," would certainly seem to favour this view, the W.M. occupying the chair, but not being well enough to do the work; consequently the next responsible officer does it.

O. B. J.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your last issue Bro. Lovegrove totally misrepresented (doubtlessly unwittingly) the status of Bro. W. H. Bailey, when he stated that the latter is to all intents and purposes a London Mason.

Bro. Bailey is at the present moment, and has been for upwards of 20 years, a member of the Abbey Lodge, No. 624, Burton-on-Trent. He filled the various offices in that lodge with extraordinary efficiency and zeal, and was installed W.M. thereof in 1884.

He has always been a munificent supporter of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association and has been to the fore in every good work in the province, and the fact that the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. the Earl of Dartmouth, only last year appointed Bro. Bailey S.G.W. of the province, fully disposes of the allegation that Bro. Bailey is not a provincial Mason. We in Staffordshire are too proud of Bro. Bailey to let even London claim him.

A provincial Mason he is, and it is as such that we hope in due course to see him elected Grand Treasurer.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

E. V. GREATBACH, P.M. 418, S.W. 2487,
P.S.G.W. Staffordshire.

Dear Sir and Brother,

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Judging from the letters appearing in your columns in reply to mine of the 12th ult., it seems that the arrow I then shot into the air has fallen wide of the mark. I concern myself but little with the merits of the candidates whose claims are advocated by Bros. Stephens and Lovegrove respectively. My aim was to try and elicit some plan of an inexpensive and workable character, that might tend to diminish the scandals of touting and treating in connection with the election of a Grand Treasurer; at the same time maintaining the right of the members of Grand Lodge, as a whole, to choose their Treasurer, and securing to the Provinces a fair share of representation.

I draw a twofold conclusion from this, either the leading Masons in the Provinces do not trouble to read your valuable paper, or they are entirely apathetic in the cause. In the latter case, I am afraid the chances of mitigating the growing scandal, which we all deplore, are still very remote.—Yours fraternally,
"A Master of a County Lodge."

July 17th.

Reviews.

"ANNALS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF IOWA." Volume XIV., Part II.—1895. By T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.—This volume contains a full record of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa at its 52nd annual Communication held in the Odeon Opera House, Marshall Town, on the 4th June and two following days; the annual statistical and financial Returns showing the condition of the Craft in Iowa as regards numbers and funds; and the Report on Fraternal Correspondence, compiled by Bro. J. C. W. Cox, of Washington, Iowa, in which are carefully and impartially reviewed by that brother the proceedings of a considerable number of other Grand Lodges. The address delivered by the Grand Master, Bro. L. E. Fellows, is, as usual, the great feature of the Record, and from this we gather that during the past year dispensations were granted for four new lodges, and that the total membership in the jurisdiction is 26,103. The brother who was installed Grand Master in succession to Bro. Fellows is Bro. George Washington Ball, while the venerable Bro. Theodore S. Parvin remains at his post of Grand Secretary. It is almost needless to say that these annals form an important addition to the historical records of Masonry in the United States, having been compiled with the utmost care and attention to accuracy, and being furnished with such an array of statistical details as cannot fail to enlighten students of Iowa Masonic history in respect of the events that have occurred during the past 12 months.

"PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE M.W. GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF INDIANA HELD AT INDIANAPOLIS, MAY 28TH AND 29TH, A.D. 1895, A.L. 5895."—Indianapolis, Baker-Randolph Litho. and Eng. Co., 1895. This also is a carefully compiled record of the proceedings of this important Grand Lodge at its 74th annual communication, and like the Iowa volume will be found to contain not only a detailed account of the work done at the meeting, the reports of various kinds that were submitted, the Grand Master's address, statistical and financial tables, &c., but also a very full report on Foreign Correspondence, in which the proceedings of other Grand Lodges are considerably reviewed and opinions judiciously expressed, where thought desirable, as to the policy pursued by each Grand Lodge in respect of important public questions of conduct, discipline, &c., in which all jurisdictions must of necessity take an interest. The present Grand Master is Bro. Edward O'Rourke, while Bro. W. H. Smythe remains Grand Secretary.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

1072]

As to the great strength of Royal Arch Masonry in West Yorkshire, it has always been the opinion of some of us that every lodge, unless short of members, should have its own Royal Arch chapter, to which access should only be obtained through the lodge to which it is attached—except in the case of joining members. The subscription should be as small and the ballot as strict as convenient.

C. H. W.

1073]

With reference to a recent letter as to waistcoats, I have before me a painting of my father in a cut pile velvet waistcoat, of which I remember I had the reversion in about 1842. Don't let us have them again; but it might save trouble if waiters were to wear coloured ties—say blue, and the servants of a house to wear their master's colours.

C. H. W.

1074]

Apropos of Bro. Hughs's remarks on the history of Irish Lodge, No. 891, Enniskillen, my late father, who was never in a lodge between 1834 or thereabouts till he came as an Entered Apprentice to my installation, was duly proved and tried by a skilled P.M., though he never had a certificate, and was only registered in Grand Lodge as E.A. He claimed to have "passed the chair" in the old Lodge of Unanimity, Wakefield. He knew nothing of darkness, as a batch were raised to M.M. one Midsummer in glorification of Lord Mexborough. He taught me a curious mode of firing, which is now used as Salute in the Second Degree at installation of W.M.

C. H. W.

CHAMPAGNE CHEAP.

Some little while ago, I was spending the evening with a professional friend, a well-known vocalist of great musical ability. In the course of social chat, he related two incidents of his early career, which I thought so novel and amusing, that I obtained his permission to make them the subject of the following little sketch. He only made one proviso—that his name should be concealed, and no clue given by which the localities could be identified. I readily agreed. I think it will prove more interesting if I state the facts, as far as I can recollect them, in his own words—

"One of my first professional engagements was in a large, busy thoroughfare, at the East-end of London. A thriving tavern was the great resort of the people of the neighbourhood. A large hall was attached, where variety entertainments and smoking concerts were often given, to overflowing audiences. By a musical agent I was engaged for one of the latter, and was requested to appear in evening dress. Of course, I was too pleased at this good fortune, as I then considered it, to trouble myself to make any enquiries relative to the neighbourhood, and the class of people who used to attend. On the appointed evening, punctually at the time named, I made my appearance. Being directed to the room for the artistes, I entered it, and, seeing an individual who, from his dress, I considered to be a waiter, I asked him if any of the artistes had yet arrived. 'Yes,' replied he, 'two of them—you and I—the others will be here directly.' In a few minutes other professional gentlemen entered, in the same dubious dress, and cloudy white linen as the one I first accosted. Last of all came the one lady professional, of the Hebrew persuasion, a pianiste in dirty white satin, with a train of considerable length. If some of the superfluity at her feet had been applied to her neck, it would have been a great advantage on the score of decency, for her corsage was very low cut indeed. She wore around her neck a glittering necklace of sham diamonds, as large as hazel-nuts; had they been real, their value could have bought the freehold of the hall and tavern. Looks of astonishment were interchanged between the assembled artistes and myself. One of them asked me if this was my first appearance there. I said, 'Yes.' 'Then, as you do not know the class of people before whom you will appear, I may as well mention you must be prepared for anything that may happen—they are sometimes difficult to please; we are used to them, eh, Elliott,' addressing the manager. 'We go on, only stopping when a fight takes place.' As may be imagined, these tidings were not very encouraging to me; however, I resolved to do my best to merit approval. About nine o'clock—half-an-hour after the time announced—the concert began. Four known favourites had been well received—the last, a lion comique, had been vociferously encored three times, his last song was entitled, 'Lively little Lou.' Then it was my turn. As I ascended the platform I felt a little nervous; my song, unfortunately, was of a sentimental and pathetic nature. I had only sung two or three lines of the first verse, when I heard a man sitting at a table just below me observe to his companion, 'I say, Bill, are you going to stop and hear this d——d rot?' 'Not I,' said his friend; they then got up and went away. Soon I heard voices 'go home,' 'go to bed,' and mock applause. Instead of being daunted, I felt fresh courage rise. I continued, in spite of the interruption, nor did I quit the platform until I had finished my song. I had the feeling of inward satisfaction that I had never sung better, and knew I should have merited the applause of an appreciative audience. My fellow artistes sympathised with me very kindly and told me not to be downhearted. When the second part arrived the manager came to me and said he had consulted with the chairman, and they had come to the conclusion that it would not be prudent for me to appear again to sing the second song for which I was announced. In fact, the audience were greatly disappointed, they did not care for sentimental songs. He paid me my fee and gave me permission to leave, which I was very glad to do, inwardly resolving that, previous to my accepting a similar engagement, I would make some enquiries as to the style of audience before whom I should have to appear. My other experience, which was of a more serious and trying nature than the one previously related, occurred in a large music hall in one of the outlying districts of Lancashire. It was the first concert given by a band of White Negro Minstrels; they were engaged by the proprietor for a week, in this small provincial town. My services were accepted by the director of the troupe as a banjost and vocalist. On the evening in question we formed the usual semicircle on the platform. We saw before us a large audience of both sexes, as far as we could judge, of a very rough character. The performance commenced, first a concerted piece, then some instrumental and vocal solos, after which the comic man of our party delighted the audience by one of his excruciatingly funny songs. I need hardly say it was rapturously received, vociferously applauded, and his hearers then insisted that he should sing three other songs from his extensive repertoire. At last he was permitted to retire. After this I had to sing a sentimental song. The director had shown a great want of tact in putting me on for a serious song immediately the audience had received their fill of boisterous humour; indeed, it was most cruel. The result may easily be anticipated. As so soon as the audience perceived the nature of my song, they did not long delay

the signs of their complete disapproval. I cannot pretend to give you the expressions, with the full racy flavour of the Lancashire dialect they used; suffice it to say that I was told to 'shoot oop,' 'get away home,' and strong terms of a profane nature were used. I still, however, continued. At the conclusion of the first verse, as I showed no disposition to accept their invitation to retire, but evidently intended to complete my assigned task, my hearers began to grow impatient, and mark, in a most unpleasant manner, their indignation. In my second verse I had hardly declared that 'She wore a wreath of roses,' when I was greeted with shouts of derisive laughter; then came a shower of missiles, in the form of coppers (pence I mean); some struck my legs and feet, one hit the banjo, another I received on the back of my head. In spite of the intimations from the director, who retained his seat, and some of my fellow minstrels, who were still on the platform, I continued to the end of my song. Not till then did I cease. Instead of leaving the platform, as would naturally be expected, I beckoned to a servant standing at the wing. He came; I whispered to him; he re-appeared, bringing a dust-pan and hand broom. I then told him to sweep up the pence. This he did. The audience broke out into tumultuous applause; then complete silence ensued. They were curious to know what would happen. I did not keep them long in suspense. I asked the director, in a low tone of voice, if he could procure a bottle of cheap champagne. He said no doubt he could. I desired him to bring one, with a few glasses, on the platform. This was soon done. The bottle was opened, and some half-dozen glasses were filled. Then taking one in my hand, I advanced to the footlights, thanking the audience on behalf of the director, my companions, and myself for the champagne their liberality afforded us, at the same time drinking their jolly good healths. We all then bowed and retired, amidst deafening plaudits, to which we had again to appear, and repeat our acknowledgments. However rough and uncultured an audience may be, they admire British pluck, and are not slow in testifying their appreciation of it. The amount of pence collected on the stage not only sufficed to pay for the champagne, but left a small balance, which was afterwards given to a local charity. Later on in the evening I played a solo on the banjo, which was enthusiastically encored. During the rest of our stay we had a full tide of success. My appearance each evening caused quite an ovation, and my songs, though sentimental, were listened to with marked attention and invariably encored." I have thus endeavoured, as far as my memory would serve, to relate the two striking episodes in my friend's early professional career. I must, however, confess my inability to give an adequate idea of the dry humour with which they were told, and the merry twinkle of the eyes which accompanied the voice. Many other professional men, I have no doubt, could afford instances of personal experience equally amusing. Life, with most of us, is "a mingled yarn—good and ill together"—"sunshine and shade." Compensation, the grand old law of Nature, preserves the true balance in our material world.

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

62, Lancaster-road,
Notting Hill, W.

Craft Masonry.

Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13.

The installation meeting of this grand old lodge—the mother, aye, and grandmother of every lodge in the Woolwich and Plumstead District—took place on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead. There were some 150 brethren and visitors present, and the new W.M., Bro. W. A. Anson, was installed in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters to the number of 19. Bro. W. J. Barnes, W.M., opened the lodge, and initiated two candidates, passed one brother, and raised two others, and then installed his successor to the satisfaction of all present. The officers appointed were as follows: Bros. W. J. Barnes, J.P.M.; A. H. Russell, S.W.; A. McQueen, J.W.; H. S. Syer, P.M., Treas.; T. Hutton, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Turton, S.D.; H. Jacobs, J.D.; J. Quick, I.G.; G. Davies, P.M., D.C.; J. Horne, A.D.C.; B. J. Hiscock, Org.; J. Baily, Asst. Org.; and A. Cleal, P.M., G. Dennison, W. J. Crowdey, and T. J. Wren, Stewards. The Installing Officer was thanked for his services, and presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to London, and banqueted at the Holborn Restaurant.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. W. P. Applebee, P.M.; G. W. Reed, P.M.; J. G. Milbourne, P.M.; H. Grice, P.M.; L. Chasteaneuf, P.M.; J. Matthey, P.M.; A. Deans, P.M.; T. Hastings, P.M., P.P.G.P. Kent; and some 84 of the lay brethren. Among the visitors present were Bros. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; D. Belinfante, P.M. 435; H. Tufnell, W.M.; G. H. Nichols, S.W. and W.M. elect; G. Porter, J.W. 700; E. Carter, P.M. 858; J. Lyne, W.M. 851; S. W. Sly, P.M. 79; D. K. Somers, S.W., J. O. Cook, J.W., E. M. Taylor, J.D., and W. J. Squires, of 913; W. Sinnett, W.M., G. Ingle, S.W., and J. Fowler, J.W., of 1536; J. Lee, W.M., and F. Hully, S.W., of 2399; Penrose, P.M. 147; W. Still, P.M. 355 (S.C.); G. B. Catt, 1588; H. M. Cox, 2332; H. Pearce, 1599; J. P. Cox, 1326; L. Knoblanck, 392 (S.C.); and A. C. Wren, 1472.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, Bro. J. Terry eloquently so for "The Past and Present Grand Officers." Bro. Hancock presided over the singing, which was contributed to by Mrs. Hancock, Miss J. Hunter, Bros. Albon, Nash, and Harrison, and Mr. Hengler.

Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60.

The election meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 28th ult. Among those present were: Bros. Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.S., P.G. Std. Br., I.P.M., in the chair; W. H. Kempster, jun., P.G.S., S.W.; H. Slade, P.M., P.G.S., as J.W.; Hy. Young, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; E. Rogers, P.M., P.G.S., Sec.; Debenham, J.D.; Polenz, I.G.; Joslin, P.M., P.G.S.; C. Robinson, H. Mecklenburg, and W. Thomas, P.M. Among the visitors were: Bro. G. Davis, P.M. 1634; H. Ball, P.M.; R. Ballard, G. Lopez, and F. Limmis.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. H. Kempster, jun., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. H. Young, P.M., Treas.; and Bro. G. Evenden, Tyler. It was proposed by the I.P.M., seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously, "That the brethren of the Peace and Harmony Lodge of Freemasons desire to offer to the widow of the late Bro. William Masters, P.G.S., &c., their sincere condolence upon the irreparable loss she has sustained by his premature decease. They also wish to place on record their high appreciation of his merits as a man, a friend, and a Mason. By his untimely death the lodge has lost a zealous and distinguished member, and the Masonic Institutions a liberal and energetic supporter. In conclusion they wish most respectfully to convey to Mrs. Masters that in her great affliction she has the sympathy of every individual member of the lodge." It was also resolved that the Secretary be requested to forward a copy of the resolution to Mrs. Masters. Apologies regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. H. J. Lardner, G.S., J.W.; F. Binckes, P.M., P.G.S., P.G.S.B.; W. H. Kempster, M.D., P.M., P.G.S.; Sir Albert Altman, P.M., P.G.S.; G. Higgins, and many others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, and, as usual, the viands, wines, &c., gave unqualified satisfaction.

The members regretted sincerely to hear that the genial and venerable host B. C. Sadler had been confined to his room through illness for many months.

A few toasts were given. The memory of Bro. W. Masters, the late W.M., was drunk in solemn silence. The proceedings, in consequence of the recent death of the W.M., were necessarily shorn of their accustomed duration and conviviality.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 865.

The vitality and energy of this prosperous summer lodge, which may justly be called the Kensington Out-of-town Lodge, was again evidenced by the large attendance of members and distinguished visitors, who, notwithstanding the Ascot races, assembled on the 19th ult., at the Town Hall, Hounslow, for the installation meeting. There were present Bros. W. J. Gardener, W.M.; S. Sidders, S.W.; J. Cox, J.W.; C. E. Betts, Treas.; C. G. Hatt, Sec.; W. Essex, S.D.; E. J. Green, J.D.; Edward Clare, Org.; T. Dyer, I.G.; T. E. P. Bell, Steward; R. H. Williams, P.M.; S. Keene, P.M.; J. Lewarne, P. Howard, G. Shaddock, A. E. Brown, H. Robinson, Robert Kew, Walter Dew, G. Baldock; and the following visitors: Bros. W. F. Bates, P.M. 1507; Jessie Collings, P.M. 1585; W. H. Dresden, P.M. 602; W. Fayers, I.P.M. 1585; E. E. Gellowski, P.M. 534; W. Hillier, P.M. 1366; B. Bridgman, W.M. 144; F. L. Chandler, W.M. 1793; E. Fox, W.M. 1275; W. B. Neville, W.M. 1767; F. A. Crabb, S.W. 1415; F. Thomas, S.W. 144; J. J. Longhurst, S.W. 2175; S. C. Austin, J.D. 144; A. Thackray, I.G. 1425; C. C. Barber, I.G. 1585; W. Hancock, 1772; R. Clinch, 901; H. Rolls, 1381; N. Rolls, 733; R. Armstrong, 733; R. Sharpin, 1585; Paul Meeklenburg, 60; R. A. Bench, 733; and Edward With, 144.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The Auditor's report was received and adopted. The ballot was taken for Mr. Albert J. Clayton, and, proving unanimous in his favour, the W.M. initiated him and Mr. David Liddle. Bro. J. Cox, W.M. elect, was presented and installed in a highly praiseworthy manner by Bro. W. J. Gardener. The following were appointed officers for the year, and all invested in a very able manner by Bro. Cox, W.M.: Bros. S. Sidders, S.W.; W. Essex, J.W.; C. E. Betts, Treas.; C. G. Hatt, P.M., Sec.; E. J. Green, S.D.; T. Dyer, J.D.; E. Clare, Org.; T. E. Bell, I.G.; W. Dew and J. Lewarne, Stwds.; P. Howard, A.D.C.; and John Bull, Tyler. Bro. C. G. Hatt, P.M., stated he had undertaken to represent the lodge as its Steward at the annual Festival in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to be held on February 26th, 1896, and asked for a grant from the Benevolent Fund of the lodge, when the very handsome sum of 25 guineas was voted for that purpose, which the W.M. and four other brothers immediately augmented by promising five guineas each. The W.M. presented the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, in appreciation of services rendered during the year as Master.

After other routine business, the lodge was closed, when the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in the Town Hall in a most admirable manner by Mr. Zissell, of Hounslow.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in a truly Masonic spirit, and the pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by solos played on the cornet by Miss Lillian Cox in a splendid manner, by violin solos skilfully performed by Bro. Thomas, and by the excellent singing of Bros. Clare, Essex, Austin, and Green, Bros. Crabb and Clare accompanying on the piano.

A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close soon after 10 p.m., when the brethren returned by road and rail to Kensington and its vicinity, all expressing themselves well satisfied with the labour and refreshment of the Dalhousie Lodge, and its excellent manner in giving its funds to the cause of Charity.

Concord Lodge, No. 1135.

The installation of Bro. E. J. Tamlyn took place on St. John's Day, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Ilfracombe, the interesting ceremony being performed by Bro. G. C. Davie, P.A.G.D.C. England, P.G. Sec., in the presence of the following brethren: Bros. Duncan Guilding, W.M.; W. Day, I.P.M.; E. J. Tamlyn, S.W.; M. W. Tattam, J.W.; Rev. H. Packe, Chap.; W. Walters, Treas.; H. A. Grattan Barnett, Sec.; J. C. Clarke, S.D.; W. N. French, J.D.; C. H. Browning, I.G.; Dr. J. T. Gardner, Org.; A. H. Fisher and R. M. Rowe, Stewards; J. Goldworthy, P.M.; J. Lugg, P.M.; W. Rees, P.M.; H. R. Grover, P.M.; J. Myatt, P.M.; J. Blackford, Tyler; F. W. Twiss, W. H. Huxtable, J. Kelly, J. P. Huxtable, G. Lewis, G. Adams, J. Barrett, A. J. Harding, J. Chadden, and J. Watts. Visitors: Bros. G. Davie, 251; R. Harper, 251; M. Squire, 251; R. W. J. Smart, 251 and 489; T. Russell, 251; A. E. Jones, Loyal Lodge; C. G. Holmes, 342; J. C. Clarke, 489; A. A. Mackeith, 1254; and F. Sumner, 1101.

Bro. E. J. Tamlyn is an enthusiastic member of the lodge, hence the large and distinguished gathering which assembled at the ceremony. He was initiated on the 9th of March, 1887, and has worked his way to the chair in eight years. During his career he has assisted in the working of the lodge whenever required by giving lectures on the tracing board, and his services as Secretary to the lodge of instruction have done a considerable amount of good work. After the ceremony, Bro. E. J. Tamlyn invested his officers as follows: Bros. Tattam, S.W.; H. A. Grattan Barnett (who has held the office of Sec. for over three years and a half), J.W.; W. Walters, Treas.; J. Myatt, P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; Rev. Horace Packe, Chap.; J. T. Gardner, Org.; J. C. Clarke, S.D.; W. H. French, J.D.; W. Day, D.C.; C. H. Browning, I.G.; A. H. Fisher and R. M. Rowe, Stewards; and N. R. Grover, Charity Steward and Representative on Committee of Petitions.

Subsequently the brethren adjourned to the Ilfracombe Hotel, where a very sumptuous repast was placed before them by Bro. H. R. Grover.

The toasts included "The Queen and the Craft," proposed by the W.M., and duly honoured.

"The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, Present and Past," proposed by the W.M.

"The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Devon, Viscount Ebrington, and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," proposed by the W.M.

Bro. G. C. Davie, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., P.G. Sec. Devon, responded.

Bro. Duncan Guilding, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master."

Bro. E. J. Tamlyn responded.

"The Installing Master" was proposed by Bro. W. Walters, P.M., Treas.

Bro. G. C. Davie responded.

"The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. J. Gaydon, P.P.J.G.D.

Bros. Sumner, Clarke, and Russell responded.

"The Past Masters" was proposed by Bro. M. W. Tattam, S.W.

"The Wardens and Officers of the lodge," proposed by Bro. G. C. Davie, P.A.G. D.C. of England, P.G. Sec. Devon.

The Tyler's toast closed a very pleasant evening.

Dee Lodge, No. 1576.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Union Hotel, Parkgate, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., when Bro. John Mayers was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened under the presidency of Bro. Capt. Shaw, P.M., who, after the presentation of the W.M. elect by Bro. John Morris, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and Bro. the Hon. Henry Holbrook, P.D.D.G.M. British Columbia, installed Bro. Mayers into the chair of K.S. in a manner which well deserved the warm acknowledgments of the brethren, who had very rarely heard the beautiful ritual given with a more accurate and effective delivery, as well as with a more pleasing effect. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. F. V. Fearn, S.W.; R. C. Davies, J.W.; John Morris, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas. (ninth time); Joseph Clarke, P.M., Sec.; Charles Cordery, S.D.; George P. Poole, J.D.; Captain James W. Shaw, P.M., D.C.; J. W. Evans, P.M., Org.; George Edwards, Asst. Sec.; W. Taylor, I.G.; Samuel Lee, Thomas Davenport, A. F. Davies, and Edmund Leeming, Stewards; Sergt.-Major Croft, Hon. Tyler; George F. Bird, P.M., Prov. Asst. G. Sec., Charity Representative; R. G. Hawkins, P.M.; and George Forester, P.M. There were also present Bros. C. H. Davies, J. P. Carter, W. N. Conyers, T. P. Ball, W. Fleming, T. Reynolds, W. Crimes, A. J. Phipps, Mus. Bac., P.P.G. Org., and Dr. Madden. Visitors: Bros. George H. Brown, Prov. S.G.W.; Millward Hughes, Prov. G. Org.; John Armstrong, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; T. Knowles, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Owen Jones, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Humphreys, P.M., P.P.G.S.; W. Peers, P.M., P.P.G.S.; Rev. G. R. Johnson, P.M. and Chap. 1289; F. S. Moore, W.M. 1289; G. Bagaley, 721; Superintendent Leah, 721; J. Wild, 721; C. R. Haddock, 533; George Marsden, 1750; and others. The Festival of the Boys' School prevented a number of other influential brethren being present at the meeting, as many local members were at Brighton supporting Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton at this well-deserving Charity.

At the conclusion of the general lodge business, the members, accompanied by the visitors, adjourned to the dining hall, where Mrs. Acton had prepared a most ample banquet, which was presided over by the new W.M.

After the removal of the cloth, Bro. Mayers proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily taken up by all present.

Bro. the Hon. Henry Holbrook, in referring to "The Charities," alluded to the remarkable energy displayed by the brethren of the county of Chester, who had recently inaugurated a Benevolent Fund of their own in addition to the support given to the Educational Institution, which had been in existence some 30 years, and were that day sending up something like £1800 for the Boys' School, including a very favourable contribution from the Dee Lodge.

On behalf of "The Visitors," Bro. the Rev. G. R. Johnson expressed the pleasure it gave him to attend the meetings of his Masonic brethren, and wished that more of his own calling would take an active part in these gatherings, which would, in his opinion, greatly extend the sphere of influence of all concerned.

A specially prepared musical programme had been arranged for the occasion, and a number of glees, songs, &c., were admirably rendered by Bros. James Thomas, A. Millward, J. Halliday, and J. Wild. Bro. R. Thomas acted as accompanist both in the lodge room and at the festive board.

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

Isle of Axholme Lodge, No. 1482.

On Tuesday, the 2nd inst., the annual festival of this lodge was held at Crowle. It was the occasion of the installation of Bro. H. L. Burtonshaw as W.M. of the lodge. The brethren present included Bros. J. Faulkner, W.M.; C. Fox, I.P.M.; H. L. Burtonshaw, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Pickering, J.W.; G. W. Tyack, Chap.; J. F. Watson, Treas.; R. Wood, Sec.; W. S. Scholey, S.D.; J. Franks, I.G.; J. H. Lee, Org.; H. Hoe, A. W. Cundall, and T. T. Oates, Stwds.; T. Staniforth, P.M.; W. Burtonshaw, P.M.; T. C. Horobin, P.M.; J. Turner, Std. Br.; R. H. Sharp, C. Cundall, W. E. Cranidge, and others. Bro. F. Rand, P.P.G.D. W. Yorks, was a visitor. Letters and telegrams from all parts of the district were received from absent brethren.

Bro. Thos. Staniforth, P.P.S.G.W., performed exceedingly well the ceremony of installation, giving the addresses in an impressive manner. The solo, "Be thou faithful," was rendered effectively by the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. G. S. Tyack, B.A., giving proper and serious tone to the ceremony. After the installation, the W.M. invested the following as his officers: Bros. Faulkner, I.P.M.; Pickering, S.W.; W. S. Scholey, J.W.; J. Franks, S.D.; Rev. G. S. Tyack, B.A., J.D. and Chap.; J. F. Watson, Treas.; R. Wood, P.P.G. Std. Br., Hon. Sec.; J. H. Lee, Organist and Librarian; W. Chamberlain, P.M., M.C.; T. Staniforth, Almoner and Charity Steward; H. Hoe, Std. Br.; T. T. Oates, I.G.; A. W. Cundall, Asst. I.G.; J. Turner, R. H. Sharp, and R. Meadley, Stwds.; and G. Naylor, Tyler.

A superior banquet was held at the Darby and Joan Hotel, very nicely put on the tables by Mr. and Mrs. Jackson.

After the cloths had been removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toast list was gone through.

Broxbourne Lodge, No. 2353.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 22nd ult., at the Hadley Hotel, New Barnet, Herts, when there were present Bros. H. G. Holland, W.M.; H. Monson, S.W.; H. J. Ahern, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Treas.; E. J. Gittins, P.M., Sec.; O. Newmann, S.D.; T. J. Phillips, D.C.; J. W. Hunt, I.G.; J. Heilbrun, sen., and T. J. Patrick, jun., Stwds.; H. Evenden, Tyler; H. Lichtenfeld, P.M.; and S. Lichtenfeld, P.M.; H. Hempel, A. A. Hunt, C. G. Ridgway, Nicholls, Crowther, Sillitoe, H. Roberts, Buchner, Ramsbottom, M. Hummel, Elvin, C. E. Greening, R. Ridway, Knight, A. A. Watson, Bennett, Long and others. Visitors: Bros. E. Monson, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Middx.; W. H. Watson, S.D. 1687; G. Angold, S.D. 212; W. T. Winsor, W.M. 1950; R. J. Thomas, 1602; G. Evans, 1297; T. H. Munsey, 1491; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular lodge meeting and emergency meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M., elect, Bro. H. Monson, S.W., having been presented, was impressively installed into the chair of K.S. by the outgoing W.M., and appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bro. H. J. Ahern, S.W.; O. Newmann, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. Herts., Treas.; E. J. Gittins, P.M., Sec.; W. Staples, S.D.; J. W. Hunt, J.D.; T. J. Phillips, I.G.; T. Wilson, D.C.; J. Heilbrun, Org.; T. J. Patrick, sen., and C. A. Hempel, jun., Stwds.; and H. Evenden, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel having been presented to the I.P.M., Bro. H. G. Holland, for his past services, the report of the Audit Committee, which showed the lodge to be in a most satisfactory condition, was adopted. The ballot having been taken for Mr. C. E. Greening, and proving unanimous, he was duly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. The W.M. having announced his intention of standing as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the lodge voted £10 to be placed on his list.

Other business having been transacted the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, when a most enjoyable evening was spent, enlivened by the excellent singing of Bros. Sillitoe, Holland, Mulvey, Monson, and others.

Royal Arch.

Era Chapter, No. 1423.

The installation meeting of this prosperous chapter—which has made considerable strides in recent years—was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 13th instant. The members present included Comps. W. Fisher, P.P.G.P. Soj., M.E.Z.; R. Poore, Prov. A.G.D.C., H.; F. W. Robinson, J.; A. Wells; E. H. Thiellay, P.Z., P.P. G.D.C., Treas.; Dr. J. B. Ryley, P.P.G.J.; W. H. Lee, Prov. G. Scribe E.; H. Higgins, P.P.G.D.C.; Dauntton, P.S.; Masters, 1st A.S.; S. Burrigge, Collins, Holt, and others. Comp. W. W. Lee, M.E.Z. 1524, was a visitor.

The chapter was opened and the minutes confirmed, after which Bro. Josephs was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The M.E.Z., Comp. W. Fisher, carried out the ceremony in a very able manner and afterwards installed the following companions into their respective chairs: Comps. R. Poore, M.E.Z.; F. W. Robinson, H.; and A. Wells, J. The following officers were invested: Comps. Thiellay, P.Z., Treas.; Dauntton, S.N.; Masters, P.S.; Burrigge, 1st A.S.; Collins, 2nd A.S.; Holt, D.C.; and Gilbert, Janitor. The Scribe E., Comp. Capt. T. C. Walls, was unavoidably absent on military duties, this being the first occasion for 19 years that he has been absent from the chapter. Votes of thanks were accorded Comp. Fisher, I.P.Z., for his able rendering of the ceremonies, and Comp. Thiellay, P.Z., for his services as Treas., and the chapter was then closed.

After dinner the usual toasts were heartily honoured.

Comp. Dr. Beresford Ryley, P.P.G.J., replying for "The Provincial Grand Officers," expressed his pleasure at doing so, not only on his own behalf, but also for Comps. W. H. Lee and Thiellay, whom he had known for so many years. He also expressed his warm gratitude at seeing the ceremonies so ably performed by Comp. Fisher, who was also a Prov. Grand Officer.

Comp. W. Fisher, I.P.Z., P.P.G.P. Soj., in proposing "The Health of the Three Grand Principals of the Chapter," said that Comp. R. Poore, M.E.Z., was well-known to them all, and it was to him they were indebted for the infusion of new blood, which had so much conducted to the prosperity of the chapter. The H. and J. would doubtless ably fill their respective offices. The installation of these three companions was a happy augury for the future prosperity of the chapter, and the members wished them a happy and prosperous year of office.

Comp. R. Poore, M.E.Z., Prov. A.G.D.C., thanked the companions for the honour conferred upon him. It was one of the proudest things he had wished for to be installed as M.E.Z. after having been installed into the chair of K.S. Reterence had been made in a kindly manner to his dear father, which was very gratifying to him. As regards the working in the chapter, it was well known what a difficult matter it was to become acquainted with the ritual of the R.A. Degree on account of the few places where the ceremony was rehearsed. He would do his best to render the ceremony in the manner in which it should be rendered—without hesitation and with an impressiveness befitting its beauty.

Comps. H. Higgins, P.Z., acting H., and Wells, J., also replied.

Comps. W. Fisher, I.P.Z., and Thiellay, P.Z., replied for "The P.Zs." and "The Visitors," and "The Officers" were also given before an enjoyable meeting was terminated.

Aldersgate Chapter, No. 1657.

The installation meeting was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Present: Comps. A. B. Hudson, P.Z., M.E.Z.; George Rawlinson, J.; George Kenning, Treas.; James Shotton, S.N.; Charles Garton, 2nd A.S.; G. Couchman, Janitor; Horace Brooks Marshall, P.Z., P.G. Treas.; John Larkin, P.Z.; R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain; and W. S. Whitaker. Visitors: Comps. W. Darley Hartley, P.Z., 1824, D.G.H. South Africa (Eastern Division); Capt. Henry Wright, P.Z. and S.E. 1815; Robt. H. Crowden, P.Z. 1297; W. A. Scurrah, P.Z. 2271, P.P.G.S. Middlesex; S. M. Banker, M.E.Z. 192; Dr. W. A. Dingle, P.Z. 192; J. J. Thomas, P.Z. 749; Rev. T. Selby Henrey, 192; Fredk. Hughes, P.S. 192; and Samuel White.

The minutes of the regular convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. W. S. Whitaker installed the Three Principals: Comps. George Kenning, M.E.Z.; George Rawlinson, H.; and James Shotton, J. The M.E.Z. then invested the officers: Comps. John Larkin, P.Z., Treas.; Charles Garton, 1st. A.S.; and G. Couchman, Janitor. Comp. A. B. Hudson was presented with a bar to his jewel, in recognition of his valuable assistance to the chapter as M.E.Z. for the second year. Letters were read from Comps. Sheriff George Hand, Matthew R. Webb, Dr. Great Rex, and others, regretting their inability to be present.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to dinner, presided over by the M.E.Z., the usual toasts being duly proposed and honoured.

Comps. R. J. Simpson and Horace Brooks Marshall replied for "The Grand Officers," and Comps. W. Darley Hartley, D.G.H. South Africa, Capt. Henry Wright, and W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. Middx., replied for "The Visitors."

Comp. W. Darley Hartley entertained the companions with a most interesting account of the progress of Freemasonry in South Africa.

A very excellent programme of music was given by students of the Guildhall School of Music: Miss Edith Leslie, Miss Maud Ballard, Mr. John Johnson, and Mr. Charles Hinchliff. Miss K. Augusta Davies, A.G.S.M., presided at the pianoforte.

Farringdon Without Chapter, No. 1745.

The installation meeting of this prosperous and representative chapter was held at Audent's Hotel on the 24th ult., when there were present, among others, Comps. J. Young, M.E.Z.; J. S. Plummer, H., M.E.Z. elect; Captain W. Lurcott, S.N., J. elect; Capt. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C., S.E.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey, Treas.; T. Simpson, P.Z.; Nelson Prower, M.A., P.Z.; E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org. Eng., Org.; and Murphey E. Mallett, P.Z. 1623, Janitor. Comp. the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Comp. W. D. Webb, and it proved to be unanimous. The M.E.Z. installed Comp. Plummer as M.E.Z., and Comp. H. J. Lardner installed Comp. W. Lurcott as J. The installation of Comp. H. Herbert as H. was postponed till the next convocation in consequence of his indisposition. The following investitures took place: Comps. T. C. Walls, S.E.; N. Prower, P.Z., S.N.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., Treas.; Murphy, P.S.; and Mallett, Janitor. The report of the Audit Committee, a most satisfactory one, was received and adopted, and the Treasurer was complimented on the success of his financial efforts. The I.P.Z. was presented with a handsome gold bar in recognition of his second year's tenure of the chair. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. H. Herbert, G. Herbert, P.Z.; E. B. Lane, Mus. Bac.; and others.

An excellent banquet followed.

During the intervals of the toasts Comps. Dr. Lott, J. S. Plummer, J. Young, N. Prower, W. Lurcott, and R. C. Fillingham instrumentally, vocally, and dramatically entertained the companions.

Mozart Chapter, No. 1929.

A meeting of this chapter was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on the 17th ult. Among those present were Comps. R. A. Gowan, M.E.Z.; Lieut.-Col. T. Tully, H., M.E.Z. elect; James Boulton, J., H. elect; Dr. Russell Beardmore, S.N., J. elect; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C., Scribe E.; and Major T. W. Richardson, P.G.S.B. Surrey, I.P.Z.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the First Principal installed Comp. Lieut.-Col. Tully as M.E.Z., and Comp. J. Boulton, as H. Comp. Major Richardson installed Comp. Dr. Beardmore as Third Principal. Comp. Capt. Walls was invested as S.E.; Comps. Major Richardson, as S.N.; R. A. Gowan, P.Z., as Treas.; and W. Lane, as Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to Comp. R. A. Gowan. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. T. T. Phillips, P.Z.; R. P. Thomas, P.Z.; and H. H. Shirley, P.Z.

The chapter was then closed, and a banquet followed.

Mark Masonry.

Boscawen Lodge, No. 101.

The annual installation of this lodge was held at Chacewater on Thursday, the 13th ult., when Bro. J. Retalack was duly placed in the chair. Bros. R. F. Frazer Frizell, W. T. Chegidden, and J. Sarah, assisted by a Board of Installed Masters, ably performed the ceremony. The officers invested were: Bros. G. Timmins, I.P.M.; J. Fitton, S.W.; W. C. Wickett, J.W.; R. F. Frazer Frizell, Chap.; W. A. Bennett, Treas.; A. Pryor Treweeke, Sec.; W. J. Collins, M.O.; E. J. O. Pengelly, S.O.; J. Tidy, J.O.; J. Martyn, S.D.; J. Hall, J.D.; Major Shanks, R. of M.; S. Rogers, I.G.; W. E. Grose, D.C.; T. Jenkin, Org.; G. W. Gower, Stwd.; and J. Paul, Tyler.

Knights Templar.

Mount Calvary Encampment, D.

A meeting of this old encampment was held at the Mitre Tavern, Hampton Court, on the 18th ultimo, when there were present, among others, Sir Knights W. Maole, Eminent Commander; Egbert Roberts, Organist; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.C.G., P.E.C., Registrar; C. Slater, P.E.C.; and Nelson Prower, M.A., P.E.C.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, apologies from absent members were read, viz., Sir Knights the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., 1st Capt.; Basil Stewart, 2nd Capt.; Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, P.G.S.B., Treas.; B. Johnson, C. of Gds.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.C.; G. Graveley, P.E.C.; L. Steele, P.E.C.; T. Wood, P.E.C.; and Oscar Berry. The encampment was then closed.

A dinner followed, and it was served in a most admirable manner.

"The Health of the E.C." was given by Sir Knight N. Prower, who, in the course of his speech, congratulated Sir Knight W. Maole upon his restoration to health after some weeks' illness consequent upon a severe accident, which might have ended fatally.

During the evening Sir Knight Egbert Roberts favoured his hearers with some excellent vocalisation.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

Metropolitan Council, T.I.M.

A meeting of this distinguished council was held at the Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 21st ult. Among those present were Bros. Andrew McDowall, W.M.; G. Graveley, S.W., Master elect; E. L. Sheppard, J.W.; George Powell, Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; and W. G. Lemon, J.P., P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. N. S.

Cooper, P.M., P.Z., and P.M. (Mark), &c., having been balloted for, was admitted to the four Degrees by the Secretary, who subsequently installed Bro. George Graveley as W.M. The following appointments were made: Bros. G. Powell, S.W.; E. L. Sheppard, J.W.; Capt. Walls, Sec.; E. Sweny, Conductor; L. Steele, S.D.; J. J. Pakes, J.D.; N. Prower, M.A., I.G.; B. Stewart, D.C.; A. Humphreys, Org.; and E. Mills, Sentinel. The report of the Audit Committee having been read and confirmed, a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. A. McDowall. The resignations of Bros. H. French Bromhead and J. Hitchcock were received with regret. Among those who sent apologies for non-attendance were Bros. N. Prower, M.A., the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., Baron de Ferrieres, P.M.; R. L. Loveland, P.M.; H. J. Lardner, P.M.; and Basil Stewart.

The council was then closed, and a dinner followed at the Holborn Restaurant, when the usual toasts were duly honoured.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 144.

A meeting was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, when there were present Bros. Marriott-Matthews, W.M.; Goonertine, S.W.; Austin, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Stutfield, Sec.; Beauchamp, S.D.; Nicholls, J.D.; Royle, I.G.; Holland, P.M.; Fayers, P.M.; Bradley, Cooke, Lightfoot, Murdoch, Winsborrow, and Fleming.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Murdoch being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Bradley. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Lightfoot, who had previously answered the usual questions and been entrusted, being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Austin was elected W.M. for the next meeting. After the third rising, the lodge was closed.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 511.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the City of London Tavern, York-road, N.W., on Monday, the 15th inst., when there were present Bros. Hunt, W.M.; Caseley, P.M., S.W.; Bangs, P.M., J.W.; Mulvey, Preceptor; White, S.D.; Studds, J.D.; Gardiner, P.M., I.G.; Gorden, P.M.; Halsey, P.M.; Marx, P.M.; Cracknell, Hassell, and Baker.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and closed down to the First Degree. Bro. Mulvey, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Caseley, S.W., seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded to Bro. Hunt for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of W.M. for the first time, which was carried unanimously. The lodge then closed.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Frascati, Oxford-street, W., when there were present: Bros. Parker, W.M.; Beedle, S.W.; Mason, J.W.; Hill, Treas.; B. Dukes, acting Sec.; Gunzel, S.D.; Leather, J.D.; Zeppenfeld, I.G.; Thom, P.M.; Hazlett, P.M.; Krauss, Butcher, and Terry. Bro. Bennett was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Mason worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The 2nd Section was worked by Bro. Leather, with the assistance of the brethren. The W.M. next rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Butcher acting as candidate. Bro. Hartlett, P.M., worked the 4th Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Bennett, of the Fellowship Lodge, was elected a member. On the second rising Bro. Beedle was elected W.M. for the next meeting—carried unanimously, and the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. Joseph Cox, W.M. 805, W.M.; Robert Reid, S.W.; Hans Scharin, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; Thomas Jobson, Treas.; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; Patrick Cronin, S.D.; Wm. Hinds, J.D.; W. J. Coplestone, P.M., I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c.; Walter Herring, W. Beattie, P.M.; William Hide, Richard Josey, P.M.; G. E. Higginson, P.M.; and J. J. Lewen.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Herring having offered himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Higginson offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having given the necessary proofs, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Reid was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Lewen was elected a joining member, and a vote of condolence was passed to Mrs. Alais, widow of a former Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. Alais. The lodge was then closed.

HARROW LODGE, No. 1310.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, W., when there were present: Bros. Baker, W.M.; Lewis, S.W.; Palmer, J.W.; Jabez Mason, Sec.; Weston, S.D.; Roberts, J.D.; S. Drewell, I.G.; Wood, P.M., Preceptor; J. Thom, P.M.; Dyke, Johnson, and G. Sharpin.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Weston worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Dyke being the candidate. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, when Bro. G. Sharpin, of the Royal Commemoration Lodge, was elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction. Bro. Lewis was elected W.M. for the next meeting. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

A meeting of this lodge was also held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, N. Present: Bros. H. Lewis, W.M.; Palmer, S.W.; H. Weston, J.W.; G. Wood, P.M., Preceptor; Jabez Mason, Sec.; Roberts, S.D.; Robertson, J.D.; G. Sharpin, I.G.; J. Thom, P.M.; D. Baker, Johnson, St. Dickson, and Dyke.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Weston worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture, and Bro. Mason worked the 2nd Section. Bro. Dickson answered the questions leading from the First to the Second Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dickson being the candidate. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, when it was proposed by Bro. Weston, and seconded by Bro. Roberts, that Bro. S. T. Dickson, 1310, be elected a joining member—carried unanimously. Bro. Palmer, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, when there were present: Bros. W. Thwaites, W.M.; A. J. Taylor, S.W.; T. E. P. Bell, J.W.; George Read, P.M., G. Std. Br. Eng., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Treas.; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; R. M. Sharpin, S.D.; H. G. Danby, P.M., J.D.; Maurice Moss, I.G.; A. J. Clayton, Charles Ortnor, A. C. E. Mackenzie, H. S. Seal, J. H. Neville, W.M. 1767; W. H. Dresden, P.M.; R. H. Catling, W.M. 2157; A. Williams, P.M.; and W. B. Neville, W.M. 1767.

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. Clayton, acting as candidate. The lodge was called off and on. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by the brethren, under the guidance of the Preceptor. Bro. Taylor was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

Masonic and General Tidings.

IT HAS BEEN officially announced that a further issue of Volunteer Long Service Medals is about to take place, the number to be awarded being about 1600.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE has promised to lay the foundation-stone of a new Secondary School and Technical Institute in Kew-road, Richmond, on Wednesday next, the 24th instant.

THE CONDE DE CASA VALENCIA, the newly-appointed Spanish Ambassador to London, has arrived in England, accompanied by the Countess and family and attended by a numerous suite. His Excellency was met, on landing at Folkestone, by the Spanish Consul for the Cinque Ports.

AMONG THOSE to whom Civil List pensions have been recently granted are Bro. G. A. Sala, who has been assigned a pension of £100 per annum, in consideration of his services to literature and journalism, and Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., to whom has been awarded one of £75 a year, in recognition of his scientific and medical services.

THE ANNUAL COMPETITION in drill and physical exercises amongst children of the London Board Schools took place in the Royal Albert Hall on Tuesday, in the presence of the Duke and Duchess of York and a large gathering of spectators, and at the close the prizes were distributed by the Duchess of York, to whom, on the motion of Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., a vote of thanks was passed by acclamation.

THE LORD MAYOR (Bro. Alderman Sir J. Renals) and Mr. Edward Lee, Chairman of the City Lands Committee, visited Dorchester House on Monday, as a deputation from the Corporation of London, for the purpose of presenting to the Shahzada the gold casket containing the address of welcome from the City. The presentation was made by his lordship, whom the Shahzada begged to convey his thanks to the Corporation for their handsome gift.

A MEETING was held by permission of the Duke of Westminster at Grosvenor House on Monday for the purpose of forming a Ladies' Committee to aid the finances of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Lord Tweedmouth presided, and was supported by Sir E. Birkbeck, Chairman of the Institution, the Hon. Lady Birkbeck, the Duchess of Roxburghe, the Marquis and Marchioness of Ormonde, the Earl and Countess of Romney, the Earl and Countess of Strafford, and many others.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the Debie Lodge, No. 880, was held at the Kingston Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, on the 2nd inst., when Bro. Tom Wilkinson, W.M., initiated five accepted candidates, who were all "well and worthily recommended" in the fullest meaning of the phrase. The ceremony was ably and impressively performed, every officer being thoroughly conversant with his duties. There was a large attendance of members of the lodge, and the occasion was quite a red-letter day in its annals.

THE QUEEN held a Council at Windsor Castle on Tuesday, at which the Duke of Connaught, Bro. the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., Lord President, Bro. the Duke of Portland, the Earl of Coventry, and Bros. the Earl of Limerick and the Earl of Lathom were present. The outgoing Great Officers of State and Officers of her Majesty's Household delivered up their wands and insignia of office, and took leave of her Majesty, while their successors kissed hands upon appointment, and received their insignia.

BY COMMAND OF THE QUEEN, a performance of Bizet's "Carmen" was given by Bro. Sir Augustus Harris's Italian Opera Company at Windsor Castle, on Tuesday evening. The Waterloo Chamber was selected for the performance, and among those present were her Majesty, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Princess Christian, Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, the Duke and Duchess of York, the Grand Duchess of Hesse, and the Crown Princess of Roumania.

BRO. J. LLEWELLYN THOMAS has called our attention to the fact that he represented the "Western," not the "Eastern," Division of South Wales as Steward at the recent Boys' School Festival, when he took up a list of £220. If Bro. Thomas will refer to our "Analysis of Returns," he will find that the "Eastern" Division of South Wales is mentioned among the absentee provinces, while the "Western" Division received full credit for its share in the proceedings on that occasion. Still the error, which we regret, should not have occurred in the "Stewards' Lists" and "Summary of the Provinces."

THE MARK PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL is to be held at the old Grammar School, Lostwithiel, on Tuesday, the 30th instant, at 1.30 p.m. Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle, Bart., 30°, is the Prov. G.M., but at present there is no Deputy Prov. G.M., owing to the lamented decease of Bro. Thomas Chirgwin, J.P., P.M. 78, who for long filled that honourable position. Bro. W. J. Johns, P.M. 78, is the Prov. Grand Sec. The Prov. Grand Lodge was founded in 1867 through the instrumentality of Bro. W. J. Hughan (Past Grand Warden), the first Prov. G. Sec. and Senior Past Master in the county.

MASONIC PICNIC.—The annual outing under the auspices of the Staffordshire Knot Lodge, No. 726, took place on Wednesday, the 10th inst., when about 40 members and friends journeyed to Oxford and spent a very pleasant day, the principal features of which were visits to the colleges and a trip on the Isis. A guide led the visitors to the different places of interest, and a steam launch was chartered for the river trip. The return journey of 96 miles was made in the excellent time of two hours and three minutes, including the change at Wolverhampton. The W.M. (Bro. J. E. Evans) and the rector of Stafford and Mrs. Norman, in addition to the principal officers of the lodge, accompanied the party.

MASONIC EXCURSION.—On Thursday, the 4th inst., an enjoyable excursion took place in connection with the Victoria Lodge, No. 2360, the beautiful weather experienced throughout the day adding greatly to the pleasures of the outing. The party, which numbered about 20, left Chapel-street Station, Southport, shortly before eight o'clock in the morning, and upon arriving at Skipton partook of a capital breakfast at the Ship Hotel. Afterwards they drove to Bolton Woods, and then went on to Ilkley, where the various places of interest were visited. They returned by road to Skipton in time for dinner at six o'clock, and started on the return journey about 20 minutes past seven, Southport being reached shortly before nine.

WE HAVE just had shown to us two photographic groups of the founders and Consecrating Officers of the Abbey Lodge, No. 2529. The group is arranged at the entrance of Whalley Abbey, with its beautiful surroundings. Amongst the number there are many well known influential brethren, including Bros. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M.; the late Col. General Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey; Edmond Ashworth, P.G.D.; John Chadwick, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; James Newton, P.A.G. Sec.; Rev. J. O. Jelly, P.P.G. Chap.; William Forrest, P.P.G.D. (the W.M. designate), and others. The execution of the work was performed by Bro. Leslie Shawcross, of Blackburn, whose reputation as an artist is so widely extended, thus producing one of the finest groups we have had the pleasure to see.

BY THE QUEEN'S COMMAND, a State Ball was held at Buckingham Palace on Monday night. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, with their daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, the Crown Prince of Denmark and the Duke of Sparta drove under an escort of the Royal Horse Guards from Marlborough House to the Palace. Among those who were included in the Royal Circle were the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, who was accompanied by the Grand Duchess of Hesse and the Crown Princess of Roumania, the Archduchess Stephanie of Austria, Prince and Princess Philip of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, the Shahzada Nasrulla Khan, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Prince and Princess Christian, with Princess Victoria and Prince Christian of Schleswig Holstein, Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, the Duke and Duchess of York, Princess Louise (Duchess of Fife) and the Duke of Fife, the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke and Duchess of Teck and Prince Francis of Teck, and Prince and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar.

THE GREAT SUCCESS that has rewarded the philanthropic efforts to provide the public with good music in our parks, is shown by the large appreciative crowds who linger, with evident delight, near the various bandstands. The creation of the healthy taste for harmony will, in time, yield good fruit in giving the people a liking for a higher state of civilisation and a yearning for that which is good, noble, and true. Holloway's remedies work a similar miracle with the organisation of the body. The Pills, by their purifying influence, cleanse the blood, and the Ointment gives strength and energy to the system. Disease is driven out of its stronghold, and health once again resumes its sway.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY entertained the girls of the Esher National Schools at a garden party at Claremont on Thursday.

BRO. LORD HERSCHELL, G.C.B., has accepted the office of President of the Reformation and Refuge Union, in succession to the late Lord Aberdare.

IT HAS BEEN DECIDED that Bro. Lord Roberts shall take over the command of the troops in Ireland in succession to Bro. Lord Wolseley, on the 1st October next.

BRO. LORD AND LADY BRASSEY visited Windsor Castle on Wednesday for the purpose of taking leave of the Queen prior to their departure for New South Wales, of which his lordship has been appointed Governor.

THE QUEEN has presented Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, in commemoration of the many operatic performances given by him at Windsor Castle, with a handsome gold and silver centre ornament for the table.

AT THE Royal College of Music, on Tuesday, the certificates awarded to the pupils in the examinations recently held by the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music were distributed by the Princess Henry of Battenberg.

BRO. JOHN AIRD, M.P., presided at the 40th annual dinner, held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Wednesday, in aid of the Poplar Hospital for Accidents. Subscriptions to the amount of close on £4000 were announced in the course of the evening.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES, accompanied by the Princesses Victoria and Maud, the Crown Prince of Denmark, and the Duke of Sparta, visited the East African Village at the Crystal Palace on Wednesday, and witnessed a display by the Somali natives.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY visited Leatherhead on Tuesday for the purpose of opening a bazaar and fête in aid of the Church Tower Restoration Fund, and, before leaving Windsor Castle to fulfil the engagement, was commissioned by the Queen to make several purchases.

THE PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG, accompanied by her husband, visited Hackney on Monday for the purpose of laying the foundation-stone of the new free and parochial schools attached to the parish of St. John-at-Hackney, which were founded in 1714, and which it has recently been found necessary to extend. The reception which her Royal Highness met with was most cordial.

THE CONTENTS of the Ladies' Street Collection Boxes for the Hospital Saturday Fund, to the number of 500, were counted on Tuesday at the Drill Hall, Farringdon-road, by a staff of 58 bank clerks, under the direction of Messrs. Martin and Berry, of the City Bank (Holborn Branch), when they were found to amount to a total of £1530. Of this sum £120 was in gold, £675 in silver, and £735 in bronze.

A FULL PROGRAMME of festivities has been arranged in connection with the visit of the Spanish Training Squadron, under Admiral Martinez de Espinoza, to Plymouth. This (Friday) evening the officers will be entertained by the Mayor. On Monday next a visit will be paid to the Dock-yard, and the officers will afterwards lunch at the Royal Naval Barracks, Devonport. On Tuesday there will be a garden party and ball.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 371, MARYPORT.—On Tuesday, the 9th inst., Bro. G. W. Turney was installed Worshipful Master of this lodge at a meeting held in the Masonic Hall, Maryport, by Bro. G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.S.G.W., assisted by Bro. J. C. Thompson, P.M. 962, 2285, P.J.G.W. At the conclusion of the investiture of officers the brethren were entertained by the Worshipful Master at a banquet.

THE DUKE OF SAXE COBURG-GOTHA, with his daughters the Crown Princess of Roumania and the Grand Duchess of Hesse, paid an informal visit on Sunday last to Eastwell Park, near Ashford, where in former days he and the Duchess spent so many happy years. Their Royal Highnesses having wandered about the Park, returned to Ashford, and having dined at the Saracen's Head, resumed their journey to London.

THE DUCHESS OF TECK opened a garden fête and fancy fair at St. Anne's Hill, Wandsworth, on Wednesday, in aid of the restoration fund of St. Anne's Church. Among the patrons of the fête are the Bishops of Rochester and Southwark, Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Viscount Cranbourne, M.P., Bro. Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., and the Countess of Warwick. The fair and fête will remain open till to-morrow (Saturday).

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK honoured the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Benson with their presence at dinner at Lambeth Palace on Wednesday, among the guests invited to meet their Royal Highnesses being the French Ambassador, Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Breadalbane, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, the Bishop of Rochester and Mrs. Davidson, Bro. Lord and Lady Wantage, Bro. Lord and Lady Roberts, and Lord and Lady Reay.

THE HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL score ever made in the cricket field in a first class match was made early this week in the match between Lancashire and Somersetshire, when Mr. A. G. McLaren, after batting for seven hours and 50 minutes amassed the unprecedented total of 424, made up of one 6, sixty-two 4's, eleven 3's, thirty-seven 2's, and sixty-three singles. The previous highest score was that of Dr. W. G. Grace, who in 1876 made 344 runs for the M.C.C. against Kent.

THE REMAINS OF THE LATE SULTAN OF JOHORE were removed from Kensington under a guard of honour on Thursday. The body, which was embalmed, was conveyed from the Liverpool-street Station of the Great Eastern Railway by special train to the Docks, where it was shipped on board the P. and O. steamer Bombay, which leaves on Sunday. The Prince of Wales was represented by Major-General Clarke and the Duke of York by the Hon. Derek Keppel at the embarkation.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, the Earl and Countess Howe, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Jersey, Viscount Peel, and the Swedish Minister and Madame Akerman were guests of the Queen, at Windsor Castle, on Wednesday, and remained the night. In the afternoon her Majesty, accompanied by the Princess Henry of Battenberg and Princess Louise visited the camp of the 2nd Life Guards in Windsor Great Park and witnessed a musical ride. As at present arranged, her Majesty will leave the Castle for Osborne on Monday next.

THE FOUNDATION-STONE of a new technical institute in Lancaster-road, North Kensington, was laid by the Marchioness of Lorne, on Tuesday, in the presence of a large assembly. The site was purchased with a sum of £2500, subscribed in answer to an appeal by the Marquis of Lorne, while the Camden Trustees gave £5000. The building, when complete, will be available for instruction in carpentry, wood carving, dressmaking, and cookery. At the close of the function a vote of thanks to her Royal Highness was proposed by Bro. Sir A. Lorthwick, M.P., and carried by acclamation.

HIS HIGHNESS THE SHAZADA NASRULLA KHAN held a brilliant reception at Dorchester House, Park-lane, on Thursday. The magnificent saloons and staircases were lavishly decorated with palms, ferns, and exotic flowers. Arrangements had been made to utilise the fine grounds of the mansion for the purposes of the function; but they had to be abandoned on account of the wet weather. Among the guests were H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Crown Prince of Denmark, and attended by Major-General Ellis and Capt. Bull; the Duke of York, attended by the Hon. Derek Keppel; the Duke of Cambridge, Prince and Princess Christian, Princess Louise Marchioness of Lorne, Field-Marshal Lord Roberts of Candahar and Lady Roberts, Lord and Lady Playfair, Lord and Lady Tweedmouth, the Ambassadors of Russia and Austria, the French Military Attaché, Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P. (Secretary of State for India), and a great number of heads of departments in the various offices of State. During the evening the Blue Hungarian Band played.

DURHAM PROVINCIAL CHARITIES COMMITTEE.—The annual meeting of the Charities Committee of the Province of Durham was held on Saturday, the 13th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Durham, Bro. Thomas Coulson presiding, when representatives attended from the majority of the lodges in Durham. Bro. R. Hudson, Secretary, read the eighteenth annual report, congratulating the members on the enlarged interest which has been manifested, and the excellent returns compiled by the lodge representatives, 34 out of 36 lodges having responded to the special appeal made to them last year. The report showed a surplus of £414 13s. 4d. on donation account, and it was agreed to invest a further sum. The report was approved, and the officers were afterwards elected as follows: Chairman, Bro. Thos. Coulson; Vice-chairman, Bro. C. S. Lane; Treasurer, Bro. C. Rowlandson; Secretary, Bro. John Robinson; Auditors, Bro. T. C. Mabane and F. H. Bennett; Finance Committee, Bros. Beckwith, G. W. Bain, R. Hauxwell, R. Luck, M. Corbett, R. Hudson, Dr. C. D. Hill Drury, and S. Fenny. Two petitions for aid from the Durham Masonic Education Fund were considered, and grants made therefrom.