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## THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Two of the great Anniversary Festivals of the year have been held and with a success in both cases, but more especially in that of the Benevolent Institution, which must be extremely gratifying not only to their friends and supporters, but also to the whole body of English Freemasons. There only now remains, therefore, the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which will be celebrated at Brighton, on Wednesday, the 24th June, under the presidency of his Grace the Duke of DEVONSHIRE, K.G., Lord President of the Council, Prov. G. Master of Derbyshire, and as the interval between the gatherings on behalf of the two Schools has been curtailed at both ends—the Girls' School *fête* being about a week later, and the approaching Boys' School *fête* being fixed a week earlier than last year—there is no time to be lost in placing the claims of the latter as prominently as possible before our readers. Not that we have anything new to urge in its behalf. The story is one that we have been called upon to relate annually during a long series of years, but if we did not repeat it, the idea might find its way abroad either that the School was no longer in need of support or that something had happened which rendered its claims less worthy. Neither of these ideas would have the slightest foundation in fact. The School is not richer—not to any appreciable extent richer—than it was 12 months since; the number of boys on the establishment is, if anything, slightly greater, and the work of training them to a life of honourable usefulness when they have completed their course of study is proceeding as meritoriously as ever. There is, indeed, little, if any, change in the circumstances of the Institution and our appeal in its behalf is consequently as urgent as it has been during any of the 20 or 25 years just past. Thus the permanent income consisting of the grants of £150 from Grand Lodge and £10 10s. from Grand Chapter and the dividends on invested capital is within £2000, while the permanent expenditure is between £13,000 and £14,000, so that the annual sum which must be raised in order that the School may be maintained at its present state of efficiency is not less than £12,000, and the main source upon which the authorities of the Institution rely in order to obtain this sum is the Annual Festival. If the receipts from that event fall short to any serious extent of what is required for the year's expenditure, the Board

of Management has two alternatives to choose from—it can either reduce the number of children in the School or it can trench upon its capital. It is unnecessary to say that both these alternatives must be avoided if possible. There are already fully twice as many candidates as there are vacancies at successive elections, and to diminish the establishment would have the effect of augmenting the lists of candidates and rendering their prospects of being admitted to the benefits of which they have been declared worthy still less promising than they are at present. To draw upon the capital would result in a diminution of that permanent income, which, as we have already shown, is unduly small by comparison with the permanent expenditure. But we go a step further. We say—Not only is it necessary that the difference between income and expenditure at present existing should be made good in order to avoid the unpleasant alternatives we have referred to; but while the circumstances of the country are so prosperous, while trade and commerce flourish, and the wealth that exists undoubtedly throughout the Empire is inestimably great, unusual efforts should be put forth annually to raise as much more than is absolutely required as possible with a view to strengthening the permanent resources of the Institution, so that when times are less prosperous than they happen to be just now and the difficulty of raising the necessary ways and means is proportionately greater, the deficit that must be made good annually may be smaller. A few plain figures will serve to illustrate our point more clearly. Six years ago the invested capital of the Institution was £17,500 and the permanent income, inclusive of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter grants, less than £700; now the invested capital is £60,000 and the permanent income less than £2000. Thus the sum that has now to be raised annually is £1300 less than it was six years ago, and if only the same rate of progress is maintained, we may reasonably look forward to the necessary sum being reduced by a further £1300 when a further period of six years has passed. This may seem to be a small matter just now when the country is prosperous, but let a commercial crisis overtake us or the country find itself involved in war, and the Fraternity will then realise how wise is the policy of those who make all the hay they can while the sun shines. Had the Board of Management of the Institution for Boys been less considerate about the future, it would have been appealing to the Craft to make good a deficiency of some £13,500 instead of one amounting to about £12,000.

But this is not the only point of importance on which it is necessary we should lay stress in our appeal for the support of the Craft. Not only have the affairs of the Institution been successfully administered under the new *régime*, so far as its funds are concerned, but concurrently with the improved financial management, there has been an improvement in the tone and character of the School generally, while the scheme of education has been extended, and, at the same time, been made more practical. There are more children on the establishment now than ever there were before, and while those who exhibit a higher order of ability than is ordinarily to be found amongst boys of 14 or 15 years of age are retained at school beyond the ordinary limit of age in order that they may compete with better chances of success for scholarships at our Universities, Scientific Institutes, &c., those who exhibit greater aptitude for mechanical avocations receive special training in that direction in addition to the ordinary education which is bestowed on all English youths of the middle-classes. The reports of independent examiners,

whose services have been engaged during the last two or three years, show how excellent is the training which "Our Boys" are now receiving, while the results at successive Cambridge local and other public examinations prove incontestably that educationally they are capable of holding their own against other youngsters of equal or even a more advanced age. Thus the governing authorities under the new *régime* are able to show—firstly, that the funds of the Institution are being wisely and economically administered, that is to say, wisely, so far as the husbanding of its resources is concerned, and economically as regards the expenditure year by year; and, secondly, that this economy has not been obtained at the expense of efficiency, but, on the contrary, that economy and efficiency have gone together hand in hand during the whole of the period that has elapsed since the present *régime* was inaugurated. There need, therefore, be no misgivings on the part of brethren and their friends who may feel inclined to support our Institution for Boys that the moneys they may contribute will be less beneficially applied than they will undoubtedly be thankfully received. The duties of the Executive are not discharged perfunctorily. Everything is looked into most carefully, and what is even of greater consequence in the case of an Institution of this character, everything is at all times ready to be looked into, if need be, by a committee of public investigation.

Having thus set forth at some length the claims which the Institution has upon the support of the brethren, we purpose saying a few words as to the prospects awaiting us at Brighton on the 24th June. Bro. MCLEOD has been working with his accustomed energy in order to bring together a Board of Stewards, such as, in respect of numbers and influence, may worthily support so distinguished and experienced a Chairman as the Duke of DEVONSHIRE, and we are glad to say that his efforts in this direction have been so far successful that already some 400 ladies and brethren have volunteered their services for the occasion. Those who hail from the "Chairman's Province" of Derbyshire—which, by the way, has been very properly husbanding its strength in order to ensure, as far as lies in its power, the success of his Grace's presidency—have been working hard for many months past, and from our experience of what it has done on sundry notable occasions—when the Duke, then Marquis of HARTINGTON, M.P., presided at the 87th Festival in behalf of this Institution in 1885; at the Girls' School Centenary in 1888; at the Boys' School Festival, at Brighton, under the auspices of Lord LATHOM, in 1891; and at the Jubilee of the Benevolent Institution in 1892—we have every reason to believe that it will fulfil its part admirably. In 1885, the Province, which then had only 20 lodges on its roll, raised the large sum of £1546 17s. in behalf of their chief's then presidency, and now that it is stronger and better organised, we may hope that it will do at least as well; while, to mention another case—at the Benevolent Jubilee in 1862, it is entered in the returns for £1362 16s. Therefore, as regards this section of the Board, we are confident that Derbyshire will acquit itself with honour. We are likewise hopeful as to the efforts which are being made by the other Provinces which intend taking part in the proceedings, as well as by the lodges in the London district. Moreover, there are still nearly five weeks remaining, and in that time, brief though it may be, we may be sure that Bro. MCLEOD will be able to enlist the services of other brethren and so augment the Board and bring it more nearly to a level with those he has had the satisfaction of organising during the past years of his Secretaryship. He is the more likely to succeed in this, as during the time that remains, he will have the field almost entirely to himself. The other two Institutions have done their work for the present year, but his is still in progress, and we may be sure, as far as he is concerned, that nothing will be left unattempted in order that the very high average of Returns which has characterised the last five Festivals in aid of the Boys' School may be fully maintained.

#### THE RECENT BENEVOLENT ELECTIONS.

The annual general meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, the 15th instant, the chair being occupied, in the absence, through illness, of the Treasurer, Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD, P.A.G.D.C., by Bro. HENRY SMITH, P.G.D.,

P.D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire. The Report of the Committee of Management for the past year was read, adopted, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes, the most important announcement contained in it being to the effect that the ultimate total of the donations and subscriptions to the recent annual Festival was £20,084 15s. It was further announced that, in consequence of the deaths which had occurred among the annuitants on the two Funds since the vacancies were declared in February last, the number of candidates to be elected at the meeting would be 21 to immediate and three to deferred annuities on the Male Fund, and 16 to immediate and three to deferred annuities on the Widows' Fund. Accordingly, as soon as the ordinary business had been disposed of and Scrutineers appointed, the poll was opened, and, in the course of the afternoon, the result was made known as follows. Firstly, as regards the

#### MALE FUND,

for which there were originally 60 candidates, but two of them having died since the issue of the voting papers, the number was reduced to 58, of whom 19 hailed from London and 39 from the Provinces. One of the two Cumberland and Westmorland candidates, who brought forward nine votes, had the honour of heading the poll with 4650 votes, and was closely followed by the Warwickshire brother, who, at his very first attempt, scored 4592 votes. The third highest, who started with 678 votes, and made up his total to 4488, was a London brother, and then followed one of seven candidates from Devonshire, with 4455, of which only 17 remained from last year; a London brother, who started with 3166 votes to his credit, and finished up with 4282 votes; a new candidate from London, who received 20 votes, and polled in all 4214; and the Guernsey and Alderney candidate, who obtained 4208, of which 1163 were brought forward from last year. No. 8 hailed from Kent, and with the 20 votes allowed him, polled right away 4197 votes, while one of two Cornish candidates stood next in order with 4187 votes. The 10th was a London brother, who received 4121 votes, and so, too, was his immediate successor, who was close up with 4109 votes, of which, however, no less than 3181 already stood to his credit from last year. No. 12 was the only one out of the four Cheshire candidates who secured a vacancy, and this he did by polling right away 4013 votes, an East Lancashire brother being next, with 4006 votes and the Hertfordshire candidate close up with 3949 votes. A second Kentish brother polled 3934 votes, and thus secured the 15th vacancy, while one of four, or, as one of them had died, of three, Suffolk candidates, who brought forward 1910 votes, came next with a total of 3884 votes. No. 17, from London, obtained at once 3817 votes, another hailing from the same district, who had 2666 votes in hand, and raised his poll to 3816, being next, and the second East Lancashire candidate, who was a new applicant for the first time, close up with 3764 votes. One of two Sussex brethren, who brought forward 176 votes, secured the 20th place with 3743 votes, and the Cambridge-shire brother the remaining immediate annuity with 3733. The deferred annuities fell to two London brethren and a West Lancashire brother, one of the former, who started with 1469 votes augmenting that number to 3731, the West Lancashire applicant securing on this occasion the whole of his votes, 3719 in number, and the other London candidate polling 3515, of which 2405 stood already to his credit from May of last year. It will be seen from the figures we have quoted how close and, at the same time, how heavy, was the polling, there being a difference of only 1135 votes between the candidates who were placed at Nos. 1 and 24 with 4650 and 3515 votes respectively. Moreover, there were as many as eight others who polled upwards of 1400 votes, and of these the brethren who obtained 3325 and 3308 votes, with the two highest unsuccessful widows, will have apportioned amongst them the dividends on the "JOHN HERVEY Memorial Fund," while the brother who stood third on the unsuccessful list with 2916 will receive one-half of the grant of £10 by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. The next five in order obtained 2456, 2094, 1632, 1446, and 1403 votes respectively. The next highest was No. 1 on the list, who is now in a position to carry forward 796 votes to his 15th ballot. There were as many as 14 candidates for each of whom less than 100 votes were polled. The votes brought forward were 25,839, and those

issued for the recent Election 105,671, giving a total available of 131,510; but there were only 120,790 polled, leaving 10,720 unused or spoiled out of the number.

For the

#### WIDOWS' FUND

there were 53—or, as one had died subsequent to the issue of the voting papers, 52—candidates for the 16 immediate and three deferred annuities, the highest on the list being a new London candidate, who polled 6097 votes, the Northumberland widow, who was also an applicant for the first time, having 6062 votes. Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 were all London candidates, and at the first time of seeking the suffrages of the electors, severally scored 5991, 5763, 5636, 5527, and 5311 votes, while Nos. 8 and 9, who hailed from Essex and Kent respectively, obtained 5287 and 5041 votes. No. 10—East Lancashire—who brought forward 1435, increased that number by 3584 to 5019, and was followed by a first case from London with 4992 votes, and one from Monmouthshire, with 4932 votes; No. 13, who was one of the seven widows from Devonshire who went to the poll, scoring 4812 votes, of which 1301 were brought forward from the election in May, 1895. No. 14, from West Yorkshire, obtained 4641 votes, while No. 15—one of five candidates from Warwickshire—increased her last year's poll of 1891 to 4614 votes. The second West Yorkshire widow secured the 16th immediate annuity with 4557 votes, and then followed the three who will receive annuities as they fall vacant, viz., a London candidate, with 4485; the widow from South Wales (Western Division), with 1518 votes, of which 192 were brought forward; and the second of the three Kentish candidates who scored 1281 votes. Here it will be noted that between Nos. 1 and 17, the difference in the votes cast was 1612, and then there followed a great drop from 4485 to 1518. The two highest unsuccessful widows who became entitled to a share in the proceeds of the "JOHN HERVEY Memorial Fund" scored 1064 (London) and 940 (Sussex) votes respectively; the third highest who hails from Devonshire and will receive half of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement grant of £10, having to her credit only 519 votes. There were 17 of the remaining candidates who scored less than 100 votes each. The number brought forward from the 1895 election was 8799, and the number issued for this election, 100,243, giving a total of 109,042 available, but the number that passed the Scrutineers, in addition to those brought forward was 98,382, so that there were 10,660 votes unused or spoiled.

There are one or two other points which may be noticed. For the Male Fund Election London carried nine out of her 19 candidates, and the Provinces 15 out of 38; for the Widows' Fund Election, the former returned eight out of 11 and the Provinces only 11 out of 42 candidates. But the most remarkable feature of all is to be found in the paucity of the votes polled on this occasion in behalf of the senior candidates. The seven men on the top of the list for the Male Fund finished the day with only 2347 votes amongst them, and out of these 2078 were brought forward and 269 new votes, while only 11 of the 33 candidates remaining from last year won vacancies as against 13 out of the 26 new applicants. As regards the Widows' Fund the 15 candidates at the head of the list totalled only 2825 votes, of which 2290 were brought forward from last year and 535 were polled at this meeting. Moreover, while only four of the 28 widows from last year obtained places as many as 15 out of the 23 new applicants were successful.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE HOUSEHOLD BRIGADE LODGE, No. 2614.

The Prince's Hall, Piccadilly, was the scene of a most brilliant, and at the same time, a unique Masonic ceremony, on Thursday evening, when the Household Brigade Lodge, No. 2614, was consecrated by the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, in the presence of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G. Master, the first and permanent W. Master designate, while Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.W., was Dep. Master designate, and Bros. Sir Augustus Webster, Bart., and Capt. Wilfred Marshall, the Senior and Junior Wardens designate respectively.

The founders were 31 in number, and included, in addition to those already named, and the brethren who were appointed,

or in the case of the Treasurer elected, to office: Bros. Lord Cremorne and Lord Stanley, M.P., Past G. Wardens; R. Ashton Bostock, Lieut.-Col. A. E. M. Lockwood, M.P., S.G.D.; Capt. Francis C. Trollope, the Earl of Albermarle, Capt. the Hon. Gilbert Legh, W. F. C. Lethbridge, Sir George Arthur, Bart.; the Marquis of Zetland, Prov. G. Master of N. and E. Yorkshire; H. L. B. McCalmont, M.P.; Capt. A. Thistlethwayte, Earl Amherst, Dep. G.M. of England, and Prov. G. Master of Kent; Major Horace R. Stopford, Lord Kensington, Prov. G. Master of South Wales (W.D.); the Marquis of Hamilton, the Marquis of Hertford and Field-Marshal Viscount Wolsley, K.P., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., Past G. Wardens; and Major the Hon. Arthur Henniker.

The lodge having been opened by the Grand Secretary, the M.W. Grand Master, attended by the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and other Officers, entered the lodge, and, when his Royal Highness had taken his chair and been saluted, the Consecrating Officer—the Earl of Lathom—took the chair, and appointed his officers, and the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with, the Bishop of Llandaff, as G. Chaplain, delivering an impressive lecture on the "Nature and Principles of the Institution."

When the Consecrating Officer had solemnly dedicated the lodge, H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master himself constituted it, and, the ceremony having been completed, Bro. Major Lord Skelmersdale was installed as Deputy Master by the Grand Secretary, and, other formalities having been complied with, appointed and invested the following as his officers for the year: Bros. Sir Augustus Webster, Bart., S.W.; Capt. Wilfred Marshall, J.W.; Col. the Hon. H. F. Eaton (elected), Treasurer; Hugh Rayner, M.B., Secretary; Capt. H. R. Crompton Roberts, S.D.; Capt. R. W. Gordon Gilmour, J.D.; C. du F. Powney, I.G.; the Earl of Portarlington, D.C.; Major T. P. Catley and Noel Corry, Stewards; and Dan Godfrey, Org.

The thanks of the lodge having been voted, by acclamation, to the Consecrating Officer, a Committee was appointed to frame by-laws, and sundry propositions for initiation and joining having been handed in, the lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together, under the presidency of H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master, among those present, or invited to be present, in addition to the brethren who have been named, being Bros. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Past D.G.M., Prov. G.M. of Cornwall; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight; Lord Suffield, Prov. G.M. of Norfolk; Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., M.W.G.M., and the Earl of Haddington, Past G.M. of Scotland; the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M. of Northants and Hunts; Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. G.M. Somersetshire; the Earl of Yarborough, Prov. G.M. Lincolnshire; Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Prov. G.M. Middlesex; Lord Egerton of Tatton, Prov. G.M. Cheshire; Major-Gen. Lord Methuen, C.B., C.M.G., S.G. Warden; Lord Amptill, Prov. G.M. Bedfordshire, Lieut.-General Laurie, P.G. Warden, Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia; Col. the Hon. H. Byng, C.B., Marquis of Granby, and Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., Past Grand Wardens; Lord Saltoun, G. Master Depute of Scotland; Earl of March, P.G.W.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Sir Albert Woods (*Garter*), G.D.C.; Admiral of the Fleet the Hon. Sir H. Keppel, G.C.B., Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap.; Archdeacon Stevens, G. Chap.; Right Hon. Sir W. Marriott, Q.C., P.G.D., Dep. P.G.M. Sussex; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; Col. A. B. Cook, Sir Howard Russell, LL.D., Sir Augustus Harris, Past G. Treas.; W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., S.G.D.; Col. Campbell, A.D.C., Past G.D.; Frank Richardson, Past G.D.; J. H. Matthews, Past D.G.D.C.; Lieut.-General Randolph, Capt. N. G. Phillips, Past G.D.; J. D. Langton, Dep. G.D.C.; C. F. Matier, Past G. Std. Br.; W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; W. E. Chapman, Asst. G.D.C.; Edward Terry, P.G. Treas.; and others.

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual meeting of Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons was held yesterday (Friday), at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C. In the absence of Bro. John Albert Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution, Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D., P.D.G.M. West Yorkshire, was voted to the chair, and he was supported by the following brethren, who sat on the dais: Bros. W.

J. Hughan, P.G.D.; C. E. Keyser, W. Harrop, John Newton, and the Secretary (Bro. James Terry). There was a large body of brethren present, both from London and the provinces.

At the commencement of the proceedings,

Bro. TERRY said he had to announce, with very great pleasure, that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., P.G.M., Prov. G.M. for Sussex, would preside at the next annual Festival of the Institution, which would be held on February 24th, 1897. (Applause.)

The following report of the Auditors, which was read by Bro. TERRY, was, on the motion of Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D., seconded by Bro. JOHN NEWTON, P.G.P., accepted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

We, the undersigned, having audited the Treasurer's Account from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1895, inclusive, and all vouchers having been produced, do find the same correct.

MALE FUND.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance 31st December, 1894	...	2306	19	8			
Receipts	...	13,970	10	8			
		16,277	10	4			
Expenditure	...	14,939	12	9			
Balance on this Account	...				1337	17	7
WIDOWS' FUND.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance 31st December, 1894	...	1581	6	5			
Receipts	...	10,809	12	2			
		12,390	18	7			
Expenditure	...	11,164	12	6			
Balance on this Account	...				1226	6	1
SUSTENTATION FUND.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance 31st December, 1894	...	56	12	1			
Receipts	...	26	11	8			
		83	3	9			
Expenditure	...	22	13	6			
Balance on this Account	...				60	10	3
Total Balance	...				£2624	13	11

(Signed) CHARLES KEMPTON,  
STANLEY J. ATTENBOROUGH, } Auditors.  
WILLIAM CLEGHORN,

Freemasons' Hall, London,  
14th February, 1896.

The following Report of the Committee of Management was also read by Bro. TERRY, and on the motion of Bro. NEWTON, seconded by Bro. HUGHAN, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has very great pleasure in laying before the Governors and Subscribers a Report of its proceedings during the past year.

The Anniversary Festival in its behalf was held by direction of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M., Grand Patron and President, on Wednesday, the 26th February last, Right Worshipful Brother the Right Honourable Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Secretary of State for India, Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, presided as Chairman, and the Board of Stewards which supported his lordship consisted of 400 ladies and brethren. The total amount of the donations and subscriptions obtained by the combined efforts of the members of this Board, was announced as £19,511 7s., but this sum has since been increased by the receipt of outstanding lists and additions to list of £20,084 15s. This, with the exception of the amount raised in respect of the Jubilee Festival in 1892, is the highest total ever recorded at a Benevolent Festival, and redounds to the credit of all who participated in the labours which produced a result so exceptionally brilliant. It must be evident to all that the reaction which followed the tremendous efforts during the Jubilee year, has now ceased, and the friends of the youngest Masonic Institution may look forward with confidence to its receiving regularly such a measure of support as will suffice for its maintenance on its present footing of efficiency. Be this, as it may, however, the Committee is desirous of placing publicly on record its most sincere thanks to the noble Chairman who so ably presided, to the Board of Stewards which so energetically and successfully supported his lordship's advocacy, and to the lodges, chapters, and individual donors, who so generously responded to the calls that were made upon them for the means necessary to carry on the Institution during the present year. But more especially does it feel that its thanks are due to the Chairman's Province of Middlesex, which seconded the efforts of its chief with such devoted loyalty, and the total of whose contributions—£3705 15s. 6d.—is far in excess of any sum it has raised at any previous Festival.

At the election in May, 1895, there were on the two Funds of the Institution 442 annuitants, of whom 200 were on the Male Fund, and 242 on the Widows' Fund, while the number of applicants for admission was 112, namely, 61 men and 51 widows. To-day there are 113 applicants, of whom 60 are men and 53 widows. Thus the position, as regards the numbers on the two lists of candidates, is virtually the same as it was last year.

The Committee, however, is desirous of pointing out that in 1895 the Governors and Subscribers, on its recommendation, resolved on increasing the establishment on the Male Fund from 195 to 200, and, taking this fact into consideration, as well as the very serious responsibility which rests upon it, of raising the large sum required for the year's expenditure, it does not consider itself justified, notwithstanding the brilliant success of the recent Festival, in recommending, any further augmentation of the established annuities on either Fund.

It realises that the changes, which a few years since were made in the direction of greater stringency in the laws defining the qualifications of candidates have exercised a beneficial effect to this extent at all events, that if the number of applicants has not been as yet appreciably diminished, it has not been increased. Hence, if the Governors and Subscribers see fit to adopt its views the numbers to be elected at this annual meeting will be 19 men and 14 widows as

declared in February, the three deferred annuities being in each case included together with five men and five widows to fill the vacancies which have occurred since its regular meeting in the month of February as aforesaid and which in its opinion should be filled up. Thus, if the present annual meeting sees fit to adopt this recommendation the numbers to be elected to-day will be 24 men and 19 widows, including, as already pointed out, the three deferred annuities on each Fund. Thus the strength of the fixed establishment will remain as it was after last year's election, namely, at 442, of whom the 200 on the Male Fund will be in receipt of £40 per annum, and the 242 on the Widows' Fund of £32 per annum each—the total sum distributable amongst them being £15,744. To this must be added the sum of £560 payable under Law 9 of the Male Fund among the widows of 28 recently deceased male annuitants, so that the total amount which will be required for disbursement in annuities during the ensuing year will be £16,304.

The Committee gladly embraces this opportunity of recording its thanks to United Grand Lodge for the continuance of its annual grant of £70 towards providing those of the annuitants who reside in the Asylum at Croydon with fuel during the winter months—to the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for its gifts of periodicals and comforts for the residents; and to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement for its renewed grant of £10 to be divided between the third highest unsuccessful candidates of each sex.

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

The Committee also wishes to record its appreciation of the thoroughness with which the Staff enter into the spirit of their work, and particularly desire to offer to the Secretary congratulations on the continued energy he is permitted to enjoy after nearly 32 years' service in the successful working of the Institution.

The Committee is glad to be in a position to state that the premises at Croydon are in a thorough state of repairs, both internally and externally, and that during the ensuing year they will only need that care and attention and the outlay of such a sum of money as will suffice to maintain them in that condition.

The audited statement of account for the year ended 31st December, 1895, is appended. It has been compiled with the utmost care by the Finance Committee, and was subjected to the most rigorous examination before it was finally approved and passed by the Auditors. Under these circumstances the Committee has just grounds for hoping that when the several items of receipt and expenditure have been carefully scrutinised and compared with those of past years, the Governors and Subscribers will consider themselves justified in concluding that the funds of the Institution have been administered with a proper regard to economy and efficiency.

It only remains for the Committee to express its unabated confidence in the generosity of the Craft in London, the provinces, and abroad, and its unalterable conviction that, so long as it pursues its present policy, and in shaping that policy to the varying requirements of the moment, is actuated by the principles it has always been careful to observe in the discharge of its important functions, the means that are necessary to maintain the Institution at its present high standard of efficiency will be regularly forthcoming.

Bros. H. H. W. Clarke, P.M. 1625 (in place of Bro. Trew, qualified as a Vice-President; J. P. Fitzgerald, and William Vincent were elected on the Committee of Management.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, P.G.D., said he had very great pleasure in moving that Bro. John Albert Farnfield, P. Asst. G.D.C., be re-elected Treasurer of the Institution. Bro. Farnfield had held the same now for many years with very great benefit to the cause of the old people. A telegram had been received from him saying that he was down with a very severe attack of hay fever, otherwise he would have been present.

Bro. JOHN MARTIN, Prov. G. Sec. Berks., in seconding the motion, said that Bro. Farnfield was well-known, respected, and admired by all Freemasons, as his father before him, both of them being well-known in the Craft.

Bros. Kempton, Attenborough, and Cleghorn were re-elected Auditors, on the motion of Bro. T. W. WHYMARSH, P.G.P., seconded by Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D.

The Scrutineers of votes were then appointed, and the poll for the election of annuitants was declared open,

The CHAIRMAN first announcing that one candidate—Mrs. Huxham, Devonshire—had died the day before, and, therefore, no votes must be recorded for her.

A list of the Successful Candidates appears in another column.

The proceedings closed with votes of thanks to the Chairman and the Scrutineers.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

A meeting of the above Prov. Grand Lodge was held at the Gentlemen's Concert Hall, Manchester. There was a very large attendance of the brethren of the lodge and of visiting brethren. Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.W., P.G. Master, presided, and in the absence of Bro. Geo. Mellor, Dep. Prov. G.M., who has recently tendered his resignation on account of continued ill-health, the duties were taken by Bro. C. R. N. B=swicke-Royds.

On the roll of lodges being called it was found all were represented but two.

Bro. J. WRIGLEY, Prov. Grand Treas., presented his report, recording receipts to the amount of £832. The Prov. Grand Lodge, he said, had paid £333 in donations to charities, which was a larger sum than usual. The amount to be handed over to the incoming Treasurer was a balance of

£298, as against a balance of £405 received by himself at the beginning of the year, the difference being accounted for by the increased donations.

Bro. JOHN CHADWICK presented his 17th and last report as Provincial Grand Secretary. He said that at the time of his appointment, in 1879, there were 90 lodges and about 4100 subscribing brethren in the province; now there were 110 lodges and nearly 5000 subscribing members. During the financial year just ended he had visited a large number of lodges with great pleasure, as he found a due regard being paid to true Masonic working. For 36 years he had worked steadily for the good of the province, and he was especially pleased to have been among the founders of the present system of organisation of the Charities of the province.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed his great sorrow in losing the services of Bro. Chadwick, and his confident hope that the Prov. Grand Lodge would recognise those services in a tangible form. Their province was increasing in strength of numbers, both of lodges and brethren, and the lodges which he had consecrated during the past year were composed of men of high and worthy position, who, not only numerically, but socially also, would give dignity and importance to the Order. Those new lodges had testified their zeal for Charity by liberal donations, such as would compare with those from any lodges in this or any other province in the country. They had had their accessions, and they had had their losses. Among the latter was a great loss by the death of their lamented Bro. Hine, who had done giant's work in connection with their provincial educational and benevolent institution, as well as in connection with the Charitable Institutions of the Order in London. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. George Mellor) had sent in his resignation, owing to continued ill-health, and he took with him into his retirement the sympathy and best wishes of all with whom he had come in contact during his Masonic career.

For the Prov. Grand Treasurership—the only office not in the gift of the Prov. Grand Master—there were three nominations, viz.: Bros. Charles Swinn, P.M. 1633, W.M. 2387; Samuel Moore, P.M. 992 and 1170; and Samuel Shorrocks, 381.

The taking of the votes resulted in the election of Bro. Shorrocks.

Bro. Beswicke-Royds was appointed Deputy Prov. Grand Master by Bro. Col. STARKIE, who spoke of him as a very worthy and trusty brother, of high rank in Knight Templary, and a member and governor in this part of England in the 33°. The installation of Bro. Beswicke-Royds, the Prov. Grand Master added, will take place at a future date.

The Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year were afterwards invested in the following order:

Bro. Dr. D. J. Leech	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" C. D. Cheetham	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. W. Challenor	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. J. H. Latham	...	...	Prov. A.G. Chap.
" Sam. Shorrocks	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" S. F. Butcher	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. L. Vaughan	...	...	Prov. Dep. G. Reg.
" Samuel Carlow	...	...	} Prov. S.G.Ds.
" H. J. Cutter	...	...	
" Charles S. Allott	...	...	} Prov. J.G.Ds.
" T. L. Buckley	...	...	
" E. Barlow	...	...	} Prov. G.S. of Wks.
" Seth Wrigley	...	...	
" Henry Lord	...	...	} Prov. G.D.C.
" James Beardmore	...	...	
" Eli Winterbottom	...	...	} Prov. Dep. G.D.C.
" J. C. Witham	...	...	
" J. S. Horn	...	...	} Prov. A.G.D.Cs.
" H. Walmsley	...	...	
" W. Halstead	...	...	} Prov. G.S.B.
" R. H. Phillips	...	...	
" James Hopkinson	...	...	} Prov. Dep. G.S.B.
" R. Whitworth	...	...	
" John Miles	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Sergeant Searle	...	...	
" T. H. Hamer	...	...	} Prov. G. Org.
" C. W. Godby	...	...	
" J. H. Alden	...	...	} Prov. G. Purst.
" J. Garside	...	...	
" G. B. Blaikie	...	...	} Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Thos. Threlfall	...	...	
" Geo. W. Davics	...	...	} Prov. G. S.wds.
" G. H. Flower	...	...	

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

The above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Hanley, on the 13th inst., upwards of 450 brethren being present, including Bros. the Earl of Dartmouth, P.G.M.; Lieut.-Col. Bindley, Deputy P.G.M.; E. V. Greatbach, P.S.G.W.; C. Taylor, P.J.G.W.; Rev. O. M. Holden, P.G. Chap.; G. Bennion, P.G. Reg.; C. A. Newnham, P.G. Treas.; G. W. Walker, P.G. Sec.; W. H. Bamber, P.S.G.D.; T. M. Heap, P.S.G.D.; R. Longden, P.J.G.D.; S. Jenkin, P.G.S. of W.; J. Wooldridge, P.G. D. of C.; G. H. Tortoisshell, P.A.G.D. of C.; E. Martyn Scott, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Edwards, P.G. Org.; J. D. Steer, P.A.G. Purst.; E. Jones, W. H. Newby, J. Mason, and W. J. J. W. Heath, P.G. S.wds.; and W. Turst, P.G. Tyler.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the brethren gave the usual salutes to the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., P.G. Treasurer, and other P.G. Officers; and the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read the minutes of the last meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge held at Walsall.

Letters of apology were read from Bro. Col. Tudor, F. James, and others, after which the roll of lodges was called, and it was shown that all were represented.

The statement of accounts presented by the PROV. GRAND TREASURER was read and passed, and Bro. Newnham was re-elected P.G. Treasurer, and accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, addressing the brethren, said these Prov. Grand Lodge meetings afforded an opportunity of, in commercial language,

taking stock, and on that occasion he congratulated them upon the position of Masonry in the province. His lordship congratulated Bro. W. Bailey upon his election to the office of Grand Treasurer of England, and thanked the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge for their services during the past year, and for the assistance they had rendered him. Referring to the questions of finance and Charity, he spoke most hopefully of the success of the gathering to be held at Trentham in July next for the benefit of the Benevolent Fund of that province. The work in connection with the perpetual presentation at Wolverhampton Orphan Asylum was approaching completion, and he suggested that the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association should be the authority to deal with it.

Bro. Lord Dartmouth then proceeded to appoint and invest the following officers:

Bro. A. Caddick	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Major W. Tunnicliffe	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. O. M. Holden	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" A. E. Briscoe Owen	...	...	
" C. A. Newnham	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. Reeve	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Major G. W. Walker	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" George Wormal	...	...	} Prov. S.G.Ds.
" James Wearing	...	...	
" J. J. Smith	...	...	} Prov. J.G.Ds.
" W. J. J. W. Heath	...	...	
" A. Newton	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" A. Dewsbury	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" George Bott	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" E. B. Devereux	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. M. Willdig	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Mason	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" W. H. Newby	...	...	
" A. D. Parker	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. D. Steen	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" Thomas H. Hamer	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" John Forster	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" George Haynes	...	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" T. Cox	...	...	
" J. H. Dewes	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" W. Webster	...	...	
" E. R. Lane	...	...	

The members of Prov. Grand Lodge attended Shelton Church, where the offertory amounted to £16 7s. 6d.

An invitation was given from the Handsworth brethren for the Prov. Grand Lodge to be held under the banner of St. James's Lodge in 1898.

A banquet took place in the evening in the Victoria Hall.

"THE OLD MASONIANS."

The 10th annual dinner of the above Association of the old boys of our School at Wood Green took place on Friday, the 8th inst., at Anderton's Hotel. The attendance was not so good as in former years, but a most enjoyable evening was spent under the Chairmanship of the President, Bro. C. E. Keyser. The Chairman was supported by Bros. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. Boys, P.G.S.B., Past President of the Association; J. Leach Barrett, Vice-President; and Bro. the Rev. H. Hebb, M.A., Head Master of the School and Vice-President of the Association.

An excellent dinner, served up in Bro. Clemow's usual good style, received full justice at the hands of the company.

At the conclusion of the repast, the loyal toasts were proposed by the CHAIRMAN, who in particular referred to the recent celebration of the Prince of Wales' 21st year of Grand Mastership, and pointed out that it was also his 21st year of President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The toast of "The Old Masonians' Association" was next given by Bro. C. E. KEYSER, in which he stated the pleasure it gave him to be present and the strong interest he felt in the Association, which he looked upon as a very admirable body, and likely to advance the best interests of the School; like the proverbial bundle of sticks, he believed in the principle of the old boys binding themselves together for mutual support.

The response on behalf of the Association was made by the Treasurer and Secretary.

Mr. R. S. CHANDLER, Hon. Treasurer, spoke of the deep spirit of brotherhood that existed among the old boys of the Masonic School, and the outcome of that had been the establishment of their Association 10 years ago, that since then they had steadily progressed. To show the activity that was in the Association, he pointed out that 50 new members had been enrolled during the past year, nearly all of them boys under 21 years of age. They had also established this season an excellent cricket club. He continued that although they did not neglect the social aspect of the club, their chief object was a benevolent one—to assist old scholars of the School when through misfortune they required it, that thanks to the generosity of some of their many friends in the Craft they had been able to build up a fund of £135 for this purpose, he, however, hoped that this sum would considerably increase as time went on and their objects became better known to the Craft at large.

Mr. G. CROSS WILLET, Sec., in a few remarks referred to the possibility of forming a Masonic lodge in a few years time in connection with the association.

The toast of "The Past and Vice-Presidents" was given by Bro. R. H. WILLIAMS, in which he drew the attention of those present to the high and deserving honour that had recently been conferred on their Past President, Bro. J. M. McLeod, and hoped he would live long to sustain the rank of Past Grand Sword Bearer of England. He also referred to Bros. J. Leach Barrett and to H. Hebb, mentioning the improvement that had taken place at the School during the regime of the latter.

Bros. J. M. McLEOD, LEACH BARRETT, and the Rev. H. HEBB each briefly responded.

Bro. G. W. MARTIN, in giving the toast of "The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," mentioned that 30 years had elapsed since he entered the School at Wood Green, stating that the number of boys there in his time was 83.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD replied and said the boys at the School had increased from 83 to 283 since the last speaker had entered it in 1866, he also touched on the vast improvements that had been accomplished since then, and now the boldest project of all was about to take place—the removal of the School into the country.

He said that the boys—whether son of peer or peasant—were now all treated as became sons of gentlemen, the result being a higher tone amongst the boys, and the successful passing of examinations that years ago would have been considered impossible. He had just come away from the first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the forthcoming Festival, and he was glad to tell them that it already numbered 400. Before concluding, he referred to the Scholarship Fund, which, he said, had now reached £1400, which included, he was pleased to say, a sum amounting to about 20 guineas subscribed by old boys of the School.

Bro. R. E. BARNES gave the toast of "The Officers of the Association," which was humorously responded to by Mr. F. SCURR.

Bro. C. PATRICK O'DOHERTY, in well-chosen words, proposed the toast of "The President," who briefly replied.

The last toast was that of "The Visitors," by Mr. E. A. GOUGH, and which was replied to by Bro. A. M. BARNES.

At the close of the evening, the TREASURER announced that their past President—Bro. J. Terry—had sent them three guineas on behalf of the vice-presidency of Mrs. Dobby; also that Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., had given them one guinea on behalf of his son, Mr. Robert McLeod, the latter, Mr. Chandler added, had become a member of their cricket club, and was looked upon as one of themselves.

The evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

We might add that Bro. Sir Augustus Harris has consented to become the President of the Association for the ensuing year.

### MASONIC LECTURE AT GATESHEAD.

On the 1st instant, Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Torquay, P.G.D. of England, the well-known Masonic historian, gave a special lecture in the Industry Masonic Hall, Gateshead, on "The Old Lodges of Great Britain and Ireland." There was a large attendance, and upon the platform were: Bros. R. B. Reed (in the chair), Hugh Jackson, R. Hudson, W. J. Heppell, G. W. Bain, W. Logan, M. Corbitt, R. Whitfield, W. M. Pybus, W. M. Lyon, E. Shewbrooks, J. C. Moor, A. Dodds, T. R. Jobson, W. Stafford, R. Stewart, J. Stokoe, Thos. Coulson, Richard Harris, F. T. Schnitger, J. E. Noel, J. Munro, J. S. Wilson, Seymour Bell, G. Harland, W. Barlow, John Robinson, T. R. Short, W. G. Woolley, R. Lee, Wm. Eckford, W. C. Forster, John Usher, J. M. Bruce, and others.

Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, in the course of his lecture, maintained that lodges had existed in Great Britain from the 14th century. There was abundant evidence of the antiquity of the Order, and that it was not a modern institution, with its origin in last century, as some had contended. He referred to the actual records that were in existence of there being Operative Masons meeting in connection with the building of some of their grand and ancient cathedrals; and there was no doubt they met and carried on their trade in private to preserve the mystery of their Craft as Masons. Then they admitted for certain purposes a number of gentlemen, many in high positions, and in time there became societies which were composed of those who were not Operative, and were called "Speculative Masons." There were also lodges with both Operative and Speculative members. He was glad that the lecture was held in that old Industry Lodge at Gateshead, which had its records for nearly two centuries past, into the time when they were an Operative lodge, and met at Swalwell. The old minute book of that Industry Lodge was really invaluable, and ought to be reproduced in print for the benefit of Masonic students throughout the world. (Applause.) The lecturer referred to the assembly of the Craft in the city of York and the lodge at the Minster. He next spoke upon Operative and Speculative lodges in Scotland in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and afterwards of the rise and ascendancy of Speculative lodges in South Britain. Having spoken upon the relationship of the Three Degrees, and the fact that the "Mason's word" was a term met with in the ancient records, he quoted a number of most interesting minutes of the Mason's Company in London, the initiation in Newcastle, in 1641, during the time the Scottish army were in Newcastle, and had some time on their hands, when they initiated General Moray as a Speculative Mason. The date of their oldest document was of the fourteenth century, which was a manuscript in the British Museum. There were several lodges in Scotland and elsewhere which were not connected with any Grand Lodge. This was the case with the ancient lodge at Alnwick. In time these lodges joined Grand Lodges in Scotland and in London, and there were fraternal visits between those of the lodges who had joined the Grand Lodges, and they were received just as those who had been in the lodges which were previously connected with the Grand Lodge. Bro. Hughan also referred to the initiation of Mrs. Aldworth, the lady Freemason, in the eighteenth century, of which they had authoritative records. The lodges at York, Scarborough, and Bradford were mentioned, and equally interesting references were made to the Irish lodges of last century, and to the noble and beneficent purposes of Freemasonry.

Bro. W. LOGAN moved, and Bro. R. HUDSON seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was passed with hearty acclamation.

Bro. HUGH JACKSON proposed, and Bro. W. J. HUGHAN seconded, a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was given with enthusiasm.

### Lodges and Chapter of Instruction.

#### CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Café Royal, Regent-street, W., when there were present: Bros. Marks, W.M.; Fonseca, I.P.M.; Taylor, S.W.; Culliford, J.W.; Beach, Sec.; Brander, Treas.; Swift, P.M., A.S.T.; Ashplant, S.D.; Dixon, J.D.; Flood, I.G.; Long, Tyler; and several other brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren; afterwards the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed. The lodge was subsequently duly closed.

#### KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, when there were present Bros. Maurice Moss, W.M.; H. S. Seal, S.W.; H. G. Danby, P.M.; J. W.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Dep. Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; R. Liddiard, S.D.; J. J. Rumbal, J.D.; E. H. Tompsett, I.G.; L. J. Powell, Stwd.; E. Warden Dennis, P.M.; W. Hillier, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; Barton Jones, P.M., W.M. 452; J. H. Neville, P.M., W.M. 1767; H. R. Elkin, T. E. Bell, H. Robinson, A. J. Clayton, E. J. Green, and A. Powell.

The lodge was opened in the usual form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Clayton acting as candidate. Bro. Moss vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. Danby and the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Barton Jones offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having been duly examined was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed as far as the entrusting. Bro. Moss retook the chair of W.M., and the lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Seal was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bros. G. H. Poulton and J. W. Hays were elected joining members. The lodge was then closed.

#### CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

The usual meeting was held on Friday, the 15th inst., at the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, N. Lodge was opened, and Bro. T. Feistel, as W.M., who, after rehearsing the ceremony of initiation, vacated the chair in favour of Bro. I. P. Cohen, P.M., Preceptor of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, who, on behalf of a few friends, members of the Citadel Lodge, presented Bro. Fred Dunstan, P.M., the Preceptor, P.A.G.D.C. Middx., with a suit of undress clothing, in case of his provincial rank, together with a framed testimonial, and photo of the officers of the lodge. Bro. I. P. Cohen alluded in complimentary terms to the services rendered by Bro. Dunstan, as Preceptor, since the formation of the lodge in November, 1894, he having attended 58 meetings out of the 60 that has been held. Bros. S. Crane, P.M.; T. I. Bird, P.M. and Treas.; Geo. Clark, P.M. (V.P.M.C. Assn.), and W. E. Jeanes also testified to the good qualities and merits of Bro. Dunstan.

#### STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

The weekly convocation was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Cambridge, on Friday, the 15th inst. Present: Comps. Benedetti, M.E.Z.; Dunn, H.; Phillips, J.; Trov. Grumant, P.Z., Preceptor; Lewis, S.N.; Bonner, P.S.; West, Hewitt, Cass, and Addington.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Hewitt personating the candidate. Comp. Dunn, H. 1622, was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and the chapter placed at the disposal of the M.E.Z. 1622. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and the chapter was closed.

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### Our Portrait Gallery.



BRO. DAVID NIVEN,

Worshipful Master of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, was initiated in the Egyptian Lodge six years ago, in which he filled all the principal offices and was installed Worshipful Master on the 7th inst. Our brother first saw the light of day at Galloway in 1852, and at the age of 27 he came to London and was occupied as a merchant for 14 years, when finding that his health required a change, he returned to Scotland and started farming. He resides at Killymingan, Kirkcubrighton, Dumfries, and for the last two years he has travelled from there to attend the lodge meetings. He has the highest interests of Freemasonry at heart, and under his vigorous rule the prosperity of the Egyptian Lodge cannot but continue. A full report of the proceedings of Bro. Niven's installation appears in another column.

### Knights Templar.

#### RESUSCITATION OF THE DE TABLEY PRECEPTORY.

A most interesting ceremony took place on Saturday, the 16th inst., at the Town Hall, Altrincham, it being the resuscitation of the De Tabley Preceptory, which has not met for, we believe, some dozen years. The matter was originally taken up by Sir Knight Richard Newhouse, P.E.P., Prov. G. Reg., along with Sir Knights the Rev. C. Chetwynd Atkinson, P.G. Prelate; E. G. Parker, P.E.C.; Dr. W. A. Renshaw, P.E.P.; Harry Gordon Small, P.G. Marshal; and others. Invitations were generously extended to well-known workers in the Order to assist in the ceremonies.

The sir knights assembled at 5.30 p.m., and Sir Knight F. K. Stevenson, P.G. Chancellor, occupied the position of E.P., and installed four candidates, and conducted the inauguration of Sir Knight the Rev. C. Chetwynd Atkinson, M.A., as E.P., assisted by Sir Knights F. W. Leas, P.P.G. Vice-Chancellor; G. S. Smith,

P.G.S.B. Lances; W. G. Small, G. W. Davies, John Clayton, P.E.P.; S. Searle, and E. Pike, P.G. Chancellor Lances.

We heartily congratulate the members of the preceptory upon the excellent start they have made, and wish them in the future every success.

The following were present: Sir Knights R. Newhouse, P.G. Reg., and W. A. Renshaw, P.E.P. Visitors: Sir Knights Rev. C. Chetwynd Atkinson, M.A., P.G. Prelate; E. G. Parker, P.E.P., P.P.G.W. of Reg.; Harry G. Small, P.E.P., P.G.M.; F. K. Stevenson, P.E.P., P.G.C.; John Clayton, P.E.P., P.G. Constable; G. W. Davies, C. T. Brewer, F. W. Lean, P.P.G. Vice-Chancellor; A. H. Jefferis, P.E.P., P.G. Std. Br. Lances.; E. Pike, P.E.P., P.G. Chancellor Lances.; G. S. Smith, P.E.P., P.G.S.B. Lances.; S. Searle, J. Truelove, Richardson, P.E.P., P.P.G.W. of R.; G. Huxley, and others.

### GENERAL COMMITTEE OF GRAND LODGE AND BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The quarterly meeting of the General Committee of Grand Lodge (the Board of Masters) was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, when the chairs were occupied by Bros. Robert Grey, D. D. Mercer, and Thomas W. Whitmarsh. Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler, represented the Grand Secretary's department.

The other brethren present were Bros. J. H. Matthews, George B. Chapman, William Vincent, George R. Langley, Henry Garrod, Richard Horton Smith, G. Graveley, C. Kupferschmidt, George Mickley, James Boulton, Robert H. Gowan, Wm. J. Hughan, Walter Martin, C. Gubbins, Capt. F. Mills, Charles Dairy, A. W. Duret, Thomas A. Reeve, H. Massey, C. H. Webb, Charles Sheppard, D. C. Ritchie, Donald Andrew. H. J. Sharpe, Clement H. Berry, W. J. Purle, A. W. Fawkes, W. J. Thatcher, F. Keyser, H. J. Thomas, J. J. Green, P. W. Taylor, S. R. Lovett, W. P. Reynolds, M. T. Turk, W. W. Cook, D. Phillips, R. D. Darling, W. H. Bale, J. H. Sanson, Alex. C. A. Higerty, G. Parrett, George V. Wood, Henry Thomas Messam, Charles F. Cox, Joseph Snape, Ernest H. Young, Samuel E. Southgate, G. R. Cashfield, H. S. Simpson, N. J. Squire, C. Radcliffe, W. Robt. Barr, S. G. Bowner, Charles Le Plant, C. Pulman, A. Yare, James H. Gray, John Henry Rutherglen, Haswelby Turner, Sidney W. Larkin, R. Jourden, James Stephens, and Stephen Earl.

At the Board of Masters the business to be transacted at Grand Lodge of June 2nd was submitted to the brethren. The Board of Benevolence was then held, and Bro. Robert Grey, President, occupied the President's chair, Bro. D. D. Mercer, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Thomas Webb Whitmarsh, P.G.P., took the chair of Junior Vice-President. The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master, made at the April meeting, to the extent of £395. There were 35 cases on the new list qualified through lodges in the London District, and Brecon, Weymouth, Manchester, Devonport, Sittingbourne, Wareham, Bellary, Hull, Poole, Riverhead, Jersey, Reigate, Spalding, Birmingham, Southampton, Norwich, Brighton, Ealing, Aston, Eastbourne, Durham, Bishops Stortford, and New York. The Board sat nearly four hours, in the course of which time they deferred four cases and dismissed three. A total sum of £570 was apportioned among the remainder. The Grand Master was recommended to grant £40 each in three of them, and £30 each in five. Eleven grants of £20 each were voted, seven of £10 each, and two of £5 each.

## Craft Masonry.

### Egyptian Lodge, No. 27.

The installation meeting of this ancient and flourishing lodge took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 7th inst., and was well attended. Bro. H. J. Macfarlane, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. David Niven, S.W., W.M. elect; R. D. Smith, P.M., as J.W.; C. J. Pallot, S.D.; C. Kemp, J.D.; C. J. Cuthbertson, P.M., Treas.; M. H. Hale, P.M., Sec.; Jacobs, P.M.; Libbis, P.M.; Lambie, P.M.; Dixon, P.M.; C. B. Todd, P.M.; J. Scarth, P.M.; A. T. Webster, P.M.; A. E. Todd, P.M.; F. Harrison, P.M.; Ham, J. E. Waters, W. D. Stevens, T. C. Grimes, F. May, G. Newton, A. Janssen, J. Bangs, A. Symmons, J. Whiffen, A. J. Farrants, J. Ullmann, S. Ullmann, J. L. Ullmann, W. Johnson, A. Porter, A. Lyons, W. A. Pattison, J. L. Dunford, W. Notting, Tom Hughes, W. H. Allcorn, and J. Hollyman. Visitors: Bros. W. Hyde, 1613; W. Brett, J.W. 1305; F. Small, J.D. 2242; G. E. Warn, P.M. 1805; E. Hattersley, Org. 2262; J. E. Cannon, 2262; J. Pickering, 1539; T. R. Vernon, 1539; Reginald Groome, 1929; Arthur Briscoe, P.M. 1929, P.P.G.O.; J. J. Lamigeon, W.M. 2551; W. J. H. Dixon, 27; Jas. Bunker, P.M. 1158; R. Ballinger, 1887; H. E. Holmes, 1107; Stephen Earl, W.M. 186; J. Sandbrook, 1929; W. J. Dix, J.D. 174; F. Wint, P.M. 101; H. J. Cousins, J.D. 172; C. R. Burgess, P.M. 206; W. Bishop, 975; J. Kear-Colwell, 2398; J. F. Wimple, S.W. 65; E. C. Falbot, P.M. 65; W. I. Downes, 874; B. Wilmot, 874, P.G.R. Kent; T. Mander, 2168; W. L. Huet, 25; F. J. Sheppard, J.W. 3; and R. T. West, 1744.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. initiated Mr. Walter Johnson, and afterwards raised Bro. Waters. The working of Bro. Macfarlane was carried out in an excellent manner, and was much appreciated by the brethren. Bro. Macfarlane then proceeded with the important task of installing his successor, Bro. David Niven. The following brethren were appointed and invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. C. J. Pallot, S.W.; C. Kemp, J.W.; C. J. Cuthbertson, P.M., Treas.; Matt. H. Hale, P.M., Sec.; F. Linford, S.D.; Grimes, J.D.; Stevens, I.G.; J. Dixon, P.M., D.C.; D. Jacobs, P.M., and A. Janssen, Stwds.; and R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler. The customary addresses were given by Bro. Macfarlane in a masterly manner, and he deserves the highest praise for the excellent way he carried out the whole of the installation ceremony. The Auditors' report having been received and adopted, it was unanimously resolved to have a summer outing, and a Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

Other business followed, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, which was supplied by Bro. A. Clemow in his best style.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured.

Bro. H. J. Macfarlane, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He said that it fell to his pleasant lot to submit the toast which he ventured to think would be received most enthusiastically. The W.M. had a promising year before him, and a splendid staff of officers to do the work with him, and he hoped the prosperity of the lodge would continue under his reign, and he sincerely trusted that when the W.M.'s time came to vacate the chair he would have enjoyed himself as much as he (Bro. Macfarlane) had done while he was the Master.

Bro. D. Niven, W.M., on rising to respond, received a hearty greeting. He said that it was a great pleasure and honour to be the Master of the Egyptian Lodge in which he was initiated six years ago, and he had now reached the aim of his Masonic life. Bro. Macfarlane had had a successful year of office and if he could have the same he would be highly gratified. He had had a good start by having such a splendid assembly to preside over that evening and he would do his utmost to do everything in his power to promote the interests of the lodge and the happiness of the members.

In submitting the toast of "The Initiate" the Worshipful Master stated that he appeared to be a good sample of a good Mason. He had had a long chat with him that night and he was convinced that he would be an acquisition to the lodge.

In response, Bro. Walter Johnson said he would endeavour to become worthy of the Order—the grandest one in the world—and he was honoured by being made a Mason.

In giving "The Installing and Immediate Past Master, Bro. Macfarlane," the W.M. stated that his work that evening was excellent, which made it impossible to have been better rendered, and they were all proud of him. He then presented him with a Past Master's jewel, remarking that no one had more worthily earned it; they all appreciated his great services in the ritual and for what he had done for the lodge, and he wished him long life to wear the jewel and every happiness. The remarks of the W.M. were received with great applause.

The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented by the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, to Bro. Herbert Jepson Macfarlane, P.M. as a token of esteem for his most efficient services during his year of office, 1895-6."

Bro. H. J. Macfarlane, I.P.M., who was well received, responded. He appreciated the kind words of the Worshipful Master, and thanked the members for their cordial reception. He should honour the jewel as a mark of their respect, as it would ever remind him of the many happy hours he had spent in the Egyptian Lodge.

The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," observing that they were honoured with the attendance of a large number, but it was always so at their installation meetings, and they were proud to entertain their guests. On behalf of the lodge, he gave them a hearty welcome, and he associated with the toast the names of Bros. J. J. Lamigeon, W.M. 2551; Sidney Willmot, P.P.G. Reg. Kent; E. C. Talbot, P.M.; and Stephen Earl, W.M.

Bro. J. J. Lamigeon said that he was honoured by his name being coupled with the toast of the visitors, but he was at a loss to know why he had been called upon to respond, except to show that he was a bad speechmaker. It had been his good fortune to visit the lodge—in which he had several dear friends—on many occasions, and he thought the time had then arrived to tender himself as a joining member. The working was always good in the Egyptian Lodge, but he had never seen better than he had witnessed that night.

Bro. Sidney Willmot stated that it afforded him much pleasure to have been invited to the installation meeting, and he was glad to endorse the remarks of Bro. Lamigeon. He had done some work in the Craft, and might he say that Bro. Macfarlane's work was of the highest quality. The lodge was presided over by a genial brother, who did not come from Egypt but from the country of Bobbie Burns, and he felt he would have a successful career as W.M.

Bro. E. C. Talbot, P.M., also acknowledged the toast, remarking that the visitors had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, both in the lodge and at the banquet table.

Bro. Stephen Earl also responded, congratulating the initiate on the way he had been initiated in such a good old lodge.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary." He said they were good fellows all, and no words of his were necessary to call attention to their many qualities, and the great things they had done for the lodge, and he coupled with the toast the name of the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Matt. H. Hale, P.M.

Bro. M. H. Hale, P.M., responded, remarking that the hour was late, and time did not permit of long speeches, but he would content himself by thanking the W.M. for the eulogistic way in which he had proposed the toast, and the members for their kind appreciation.

The next toast was "The Officers," the Worshipful Master stating that they were efficient, and he hoped that they would all be constant and punctual in attendance, and he joined with the toast the names of Bros. C. J. Pallot, S.W., and C. Kemp, J.W.

Bro. C. J. Pallot responded, thanking him for having appointed him S.W. He and his colleagues would do their best to support the W.M., and he urged his brother officers to attend lodges of instruction, and so help to keep up the well-known reputation of the lodge.

Bro. C. Kemp, J.W., also acknowledged the toast in brief but adequate terms.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a most enjoyable and memorable evening.

The musical entertainment was one of the very best. The following took part: Bros. Reginald Groome, Wingoive Ives, Jno. Sandbrook, R. Douglas-Smith, P.M., and A. E. Todd, P.M., but the great feature of the evening was the song—"Stars may forget," which was most artistically rendered by Bro. Reginald Groome. Bro. Arthur Briscoe, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, presided with his well-known ability at the pianoforte.

The portrait of Bro. D. Niven, the W.M., appears in "Our Portrait Gallery" in this issue.

### Lodge of Truth, No. 521.

The celebration of the jubilee of the above lodge was held on Wednesday afternoon, the 13th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield. The warrant of the lodge is dated the 3rd December, 1845, the celebration of the jubilee having been postponed with a view to giving an opportunity for several distinguished brethren to attend, but unfortunately Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., P.G.M., &c., was summoned to attend a meeting of the Grand Lodge in London on the same day. The proceedings at the lodge were presided over by Bro. John Freeman Dyson, W.M., supported by his officers and a number of distinguished provincial and other brethren in connection with the Craft, amongst whom were Bros. Harry Allen, P.S.G.W.; J. S. Goodwin, P.J.G.W.; W. Harrop, P.P.G.W.; C. L. Mason, P.P.G.W.; H. G. E. Green, P.G. Sec.; J. Matthewman, Asst. P.G. Sec.; H. S. Childie, P.G. Reg.; W. H. Smithies, P.P.G.D.; J. R. Dore, P.P.G.D.; John Barker, P.P.G.W.; T. J. Walker, P.P.G.D.; Dr. MacGregor, P.M.; C. H. Marshall, W.M. 652; and other brethren from various lodges in the district.

The lodge having been opened, and after an introductory address by the W.M., Bro. Williamson, P.P.G.D., read a sketch of the history of the lodge, showing its career from the time of its inauguration in 1845 down to the end of December, 1895, in which he referred to the lodge being the Masonic parent of George Frederick Samuel Robinson, Viscount Goderich of Nocton who afterwards became Grand Master of the Craft in England. The address was listened to with great interest by a number of the elder brethren who remembered many of the occurrences referred to by Bro. Williamson in the early period of the lodge. Bro. H. Allen and other brethren offered hearty congratulations to the W.M. of the lodge on the auspicious occasion. During the proceedings Bro. Riley, P.M., entertained the brethren with a capital rendering of the song "Nazareth," and Bros. W. Riley and Arnold contributed a vocal duet.

Subsequently the brethren partook of a banquet in the large hall of the lodge, at which the W.M. presided, supported by the distinguished brethren already mentioned and a large gathering of brethren from the various lodges in the West Riding.

### Lewisham Lodge, No. 2579.

A successful meeting of the above lodge was held on the 9th instant at the Parish Hall, Ladywell. The following brethren were present: Bros. C. Sims, W.M.; C. Lamb, S.W.; J. Coote, J.W.; H. Visger, Treas.; E. Hall, Sec.; and the Rev. W. J. Salt, M.A., Chap.; J. A. Shelton, S.D.; H. Lewis, J.D.; W. C. Tyler, I.G.; H. Cole and W. T. Price-Taylor, Stwds.; C. W. Wilkes, Org.; J. S. Gregory, Tyler; F. W. Mandt, Col. Arnold, G. W. Perry, A. Reichenheim, F. C. Ward-Whate, H. Wayland, A. Yockelson, J. T. Wise, R. Batchelor, H. Kortlandt, J. H. Minson, H. B. Brooman, J. H. Kirby, D. Bartlett, and W. Clark. Visitors: Bros. W. Phillips, P.M. 1997; A. Kiver, W.M. 206; R. Ball, 1558; H. Ponter, 700; and T. Hinds, 813.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, after which Bros. F. D. Sandell and J. H. Kirby were unanimously elected as joining members. Bros. F. C. Ward-Whate, H. Wayland, J. T. Wise, and R. Batchelor were raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. W. Clark, H. B. Brooman, H. Kortlandt, and J. H. Minson were passed to the Second Degree, both ceremonies being impressively rendered by the W.M. Mr. Joseph Cook was then unanimously elected for initiation at the next meeting, he being unavoidably absent. Several candidates were then proposed, and the lodge being closed, the brethren sat down to dinner.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were ably given by the W.M., and duly honoured.

Bro. W. C. Tyler, Steward to the R.M.I. for Boys, responded for "The Charities."

The harmony of the evening was contributed to by Bros. Phillips, Lamo, Batchelor, Price-Taylor, Brooman, Ward-Whate, Shelton, Visger, Wilkes, and Hall, Sec.

THE DUCHESS OF TECK opened a Buttercup Bazaar at the Portman Rooms on Tuesday, in aid of the National Blind Relief Society. Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, who is President of the Society, was unavoidably absent, but her Royal Highness was received by the Duchess of Buckingham and Chandos, and others, and the Treasurer having explained the objects of the bazaar it was formally declared open by her Royal Highness. On Wednesday the bazaar was opened by the Duchess of Portland.

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At the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, May 15th, 1896, W. Bro. Henry Smith, V.-Patron, P.G.D., P.P.D.G.M. W. Yorks, in the chair, after the General Business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election of 24 Male Annuitants from an Approved List of 60 Candidates, and 19 Female Annuitants from an Approved List of 53 Candidates, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:

No. on Poll.	MALES.	Votes.
1	Bro. Joseph Pearson ... ..	4650
2	" Stanley Robinson ... ..	4592
3	" Arthur George Read ... ..	4488
4	" Robert Paul Morrison ... ..	4455
5	" David Legg ... ..	4282
6	" Charles Burmeister ... ..	4214
7	" Thomas Pethers ... ..	4208
8	" John Oliver ... ..	4197
9	" Silvanus William James ... ..	4187
10	" George Henry Powell ... ..	4121
11	" James Long ... ..	4109
12	" John Swain ... ..	4013
13	" James Ingram ... ..	4006
14	" Thomas Brewster ... ..	3949
15	" Joseph Henry Jewell ... ..	3934
16	" Samuel Wright ... ..	3884
17	"* Jacob Lazarus ... ..	3817
18	"* William Henry Hawkins ... ..	3816
19	"* James Johnson ... ..	3764
20	"* George Henry Clements ... ..	3743
21	"* Edward Ulyat ... ..	3733
22	" Joseph Catley (deferred) ... ..	3731
23	" Henry Melvin Molyneux (deferred) ... ..	3719
24	" George Whitley (deferred) ... ..	3515

WIDOWS.

1	Mrs. Margaret Helen Radcliffe ... ..	6097
2	" Margaret Smaile ... ..	6062
3	" Mary Ann Murlis ... ..	5991
4	" Mary Shaw ... ..	5703
5	" Harriett Hogg ... ..	5630
6	" Eliza Corrick ... ..	5527
7	" Mary Pascall Clark ... ..	5311
8	" Margaret Adams Day ... ..	5287
9	" Elizabeth Bonner ... ..	5041
10	" Hannah Binns Yates ... ..	5019
11	" Marian Elizabeth Sanford ... ..	4992
12	" Henrietta Lancy Coates ... ..	4932
13	"* Elizabeth Anna Sutton ... ..	4812
14	"* Ellen Berry ... ..	4641
15	"* Adela Sini Hodgetts ... ..	4614
16	"* Elizabeth Sykes ... ..	4557
17	"* Emily Jane Massa ... ..	4485
18	" Phoebe E. Cole Gosby (deferred) ... ..	1518
19	" Mary Ann Fuhr (deferred) ... ..	1231

The Votes of the Unsuccessful Candidates will be carried forward to the next election.

Those marked \* are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the voting papers were issued.

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

By order.

JAMES TERRY,

15th May, 1896.

Vice-Patron and Secretary.

The next ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held on the 24th FEBRUARY, 1897, under the most distinguished presidency of H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHMARNE, K.G.M., W.P.G.M., R.W. Prov. G.M. for Sussex. The services of brethren and of ladies to act as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT**

INSTITUTION.

MRS. MARY PASCALL CLARK

begs to return her sincere thanks to the many kind friends who assisted to secure her election to the benefits of this Institution on the 15th instant.

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MAY ELECTION, 1896.

Bro. JOHN OLIVER, P.M. 1328,

desires to express his most sincere thanks for the generous support given to him, which resulted in placing him eighth on the list of successful candidates.

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT**

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Bro. W. H. HAWKINS

desires to return his sincere thanks to all those friends who kindly assisted at his election on Friday, 15th inst.

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT**

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Bro. A. S. READ

begs to tender his most grateful and fraternal thanks to all his friends and brother Masons who so kindly and generously supported his election to the above Institution.

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7.55 a.m.—For WESTON-SUPER-MARE, Bridgwater, Taunton, Minehead (for LYNTON and LYNMOUTH), Banstaple, ILFRACOMBE, Tiverton, EXETER, Dawlish, Teignmouth, TORQUAY, Dartmouth, PLYMOUTH, Launceston, Tavistock, Bodmin, Wadebridge, NEWQUAY, Truro, Falmouth, St. Ives, PENZANCE, &c., for 3, 10, or 17 days.

12.35 p.m.—For Swindon, Chippenham, BATH, BRISTOL, Clevedon, Trowbridge, Frome, Wells, Yeovil, WEYMOUTH (for the Channel Islands), &c., for 3, 10, or 17 days.

A FORTNIGHT IN IRELAND.

THURSDAYS, JUNE 4 and 18, at 10.45 a.m.—For CORK.

FRIDAYS, JUNE 5 and 19, at 6.10 p.m.—For WATERFORD, Dungarvan, CLONMEL, Tipperary, LIMERICK, Tralee, Kilkenny, &c.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, and FRIDAY, JUNE 26, at 4.45 p.m.—For BELFAST, Armagh, Enniskillen, Larne, GIANT'S CAUSEWAY, &c.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, at 6.10 p.m.—

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**Masonic Notes.**

The principal arrangements for the Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which will take place at Brighton on the 24th June, were made at the first meeting of the Board of Stewards on the 8th inst., when the officers of the Board were appointed, and it was settled the Festival should be held pretty much on the same lines as last year. The Stewards' fees, the price of dinner tickets—with and without railway fare—will be the same as 1895, and the Committee in charge of the arrangements will consist of the President (Bro. H. C. Okeover, P.G.W., D.P.G.M. Derbyshire) and acting Vice-Presidents (Bros. Major C. W. Carrell, P.G.S.B., Prov. S.G.W. Guernsey and Alderney, and Richard Clowes, P.G. Std. Br., P.P. G.W. Essex and Sussex); the Hon. Treasurer (Bro. Hugh E. Diamond, P.P.G.W. Derbyshire); the Hon. Secretary (Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., P.P.G.W. Derbyshire); Bros. Freeman, Hudson, and Kent (of Brighton); Bros. Marsden, Woodiwiss, and Wallis (of Derby); and Bros. G. Fairchild, F. A. Powell, J. Stephens, J. J. Thomas, Sulley, F. A. White, and Thomson-Lyon. The annual fete and distribution of prizes by the Duchess of Devonshire will take place the day previous (Tuesday, the 23rd June), at Wood Green, and the annual sports at Kempton Park, on Saturday, the 13th June.

We are very pleased to note that in their report for the past year the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution referred

pointedly to the very valuable services rendered by the Secretary and his Staff. The paragraph in which this reference is made reads as follows: "The Committee also wishes to record its appreciation of the thoroughness with which the Staff enter into the spirit of their work, and particularly desires to offer to the Secretary congratulations on the continued energy he is permitted to enjoy after nearly 32 years' service in the successful working of the Institution." It must be exceedingly gratifying to Bro. Terry and his small but experienced staff of officers to know that the manner in which their duties are carried out is thus appreciated by the Committee. These brethren never think of sparing themselves when they believe there is an opportunity for them to give the Institution an extra helping hand, and it will encourage them to work, if possible, still more incessantly when they find themselves in receipt of such a tribute of praise from the governing body of the Institution.

There appears to be no end to the new lodges which are being established in West Lancashire. The Grand Lodge Calendar for the present year gives a total of 112 lodges for that province, and last week we published a report of the constitution of a new lodge in Preston, bearing the honoured title of "Stanley of Preston" Lodge, with Bro. the Earl of Derby, who was called to the House of Lords during his late brother's lifetime by the title of Lord Stanley of Preston, as its first W.M. His lordship is a Past Grand Warden of England, and for many years, until his appointment as Governor-General of Canada, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire. He has always taken a great interest in Masonry, and we have no doubt that under his auspices the new lodge, which is the fourth located in Preston, will start well on its career, and become in time a prosperous and influential constituent of the Province to which it belongs. It has our heartiest good wishes for its success.

We are afraid we shall not succeed in offering much in the way of consolation to our correspondent who complains that no Colonial Masons were included either among the brethren recently appointed to office in Grand Lodge or among those on whom brevet rank as Past Grand Officers was conferred. We do not profess to speak with authority—or even with any special knowledge—upon a matter which is entirely outside our province; but we feel that we are justified in affirming that the Grand Master and his advisers did not intend any slight to Colonial Masons, because none of the latter were awarded Grand Lodge honours, either of a present or past character. The difficulty they have to contend with is to make a selection of the brethren for the very limited number of offices to be filled from the thousands of Masons who are qualified to fill them. In 1887, distinguished Colonial Masons, equally with distinguished London and Provincial Masons, were honoured with Past rank; but the number of brethren thus honoured was considerable. On this occasion Past rank was conferred only on 21 brethren, and the probabilities are that if one or two Colonials had been included amongst them, there would have been as much heartburning over the selection made as there may be now over the absence of all selection.

The difficulty of which our brother complains is not a new one. Last year, the District Grand Master of Bengal held a special meeting of his District Grand Lodge at some up-country station, and he referred to the difficulty he experienced in appointing brethren to District Grand office who were not members of lodges in Calcutta. It was difficult for them to travel all the way to Calcutta to attend District Grand Lodge, and it became necessary to have brethren ready to act for those from outlying districts whom he appointed to office. If, then, the District Grand Master of Bengal experienced great difficulty in this respect in his limited sphere of action, how much greater must be the difficulty on the part of the Grand Lodge executive in respect of the far greater area over which the authority of the M.W. Grand Master extends? We feel sure that our correspondent, when he comes to realise more fully the difficulties with which the question is surrounded, will be inclined to regard the omission of Colonials from the recent list of honours in a less unfavourable light.

There is one exceedingly weak point in his letter, which will be found in another part of our columns. He does not admit that "Grand Officers are so regular in their attendance as to warrant this assertion," namely, that Colonial brethren, if appointed to Grand Office, could not, except under the rarest circumstances, be in their places in Grand Lodge. This appears to us to tell directly against our correspondent. If brethren resident in England cannot always fulfil their duties as Grand Officers, *a fortiori* will it be difficult even to impossibility for brethren residing in the Colonies.

## 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 STATUS OF A PAST MASTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

By accident I have only just seen the letter of Ex-Secretary P.M. in your issue of the 9th inst. Rule 9 clearly defines the requirements to be fulfilled to qualify a brother to claim a seat as a member of Grand Lodge as a Past Master; and Rule 81 clearly shows that all Past Masters in a Provincial lodge are members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, so long as they are members of Grand Lodge.

In the case put by your correspondent, may I suggest to him as a possible explanation that Lodge B. had omitted to return Bro. Smith as P.M. and that the Prov. G. Secretary did not recognise the identity of Bro. Smith of the rank and file of Lodge B with Bro. Smith formerly P.M. of Lodge A? A courteous letter of inquiry as to the reason of the omission to receive the usual notices would, I take it, put the matter right, or at all events elicit the reason for the omission to send.—Yours fraternally,

LEX SCIRPTA.

May 18th.

## GRAND LODGE HONOURS—DISTRICTS ABROAD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I thank you for inserting my letter last week, and for your editorial comments thereon. Will you kindly allow me space to reply to one or two points raised by your criticism?

In speaking of the absence of the names of District Grand Officers from the list of Grand Officers you say "we fail to see how any Colonial brethren, however distinguished, could be appointed to Grand office, considering that, except under the very rarest circumstances, it would not be in their power to attend and be in their places in Grand Lodge." Now, I do not for one moment admit that Grand Officers are so regular in their attendance as to warrant this assertion, but assuming that it is impossible for Colonial brethren to attend Grand Lodge, and carry out their duties as Grand Officers, surely the disability does not exist as regards the conferring of Past Rank. And yet not a single honour is conferred on the Colonies.

You say, too, "what we do object to is the slighting manner in which our correspondent speaks of the feelings, which, in his opinion, the M.W.G.M. and his advisers entertain towards Colonial Masons." Here you entirely miss my point. What I complain of is the want of feeling. And, surely the fact that in the past two newly-appointed Colonial Governors, "who happened to be Masons," have had brevet rank as P.G.W. conferred on them, can only be considered as a very left-handed compliment to the Colonies.

Colonials pay dues to Grand Lodge, and fees; some of them have a vote in Grand Lodge which they can but seldom, if ever, exercise. They are members of a self-governing body, but practically have no voice at all. These are their misfortunes; and their misfortunes do not, I regret to say, excite any sympathy at home.

I enclose my card, and remain yours fraternally,

PAST DISTRICT GRAND OFFICER.

May 13th.

## GUY'S HOSPITAL RE-ENDOWMENT FUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I read with much pleasure in your valuable paper of last Saturday that some five or six of the West-end clubs had contributed £1000 each for the purpose of endowing a bed at Guy's Hospital. I should very much like the Grand Lodge and Chapter of England, the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and the Grand Mark Lodge to follow so praiseworthy an example. The object requires no words of mine to recommend it; suffice it to say that our Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, is rendering his personal and powerful influence to the good work by acting as Chairman at the Festival of the hospital.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully,

P.M.

## A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Permit me to call your attention to some inaccuracies in your kind notice anent my appointment to Grand Office. I was not given the "brevet rank of Past G. Asst. Director of Ceremonies," but was appointed one of the Asst. Directors of Ceremonies for the year, and so chronicled by you in another part of your paper. I should not add that I was the founder of the Savage Club Lodge, but for the fact that you say I was the "founder of the Eccentric Lodge," the foundation of which was not my idea, but that of Bro. J. A. Harrison, as that of the Savage Club Lodge was of mine. It was the collar of Prov. S.G.W. which was conferred upon me in Bucks, and not that of Prov. G. Supt. of Works. Finally, it was not from any lack of interest in our Society that from 1871 to 1886 I made no Masonic record. From 1871 to 1884 I travelled twice round the world. I visited lodges, wherever I could find one, in the East and West Indies, throughout North and South America, in Africa, Syria, and Palestine, and in Australia and New Zealand; but never remained long enough in any place to work my way into office. But that my interest in our Society was kept green in my heart, may be inferred from the fact that, in 1884, after filling the chair of S.W. for the night in the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge at Jerusalem, I was elected a "Honorary Life Member."

Trusting you will pardon this very personal explanation and correction,—I am, yours fraternally,

WILL E. CHAPMAN.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN SCOTLAND.

The formation of a Provincial Grand Chapter for Ross and Inverness took place at Dingwall on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 12th inst., in the Masonic lodge in said town, when Comp. Sir Hector Munro, Bart., of Foulis Castle, was installed as Grand Superintendent by Comp. Major F. W. Allan, of Glasgow, M.E. Depute First Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and who was accompanied by a deputation from said Grand Chapter. There was a good attendance of companions of the province.

## Reviews.

MASONIC MISCELLANEA.—This is another volume in memoriam of the late Bro. Thomas W. Tew, J.P., the lamented Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, who did so much on behalf of the province in respect to the Masonic Charities, and especially the literature of the Craft. The introduction, explanatory and historical matter and notes, are by Bro. J. Matthewman, P.M. 1019, the esteemed Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary, who has been the able Editor throughout, and has done his part in the best of taste, good judgment, and in a most interesting manner. It may fairly claim to be the most important volume of the kind ever published, for not only have the selections from the Masonic addresses and speeches by the late Bro. Tew been most carefully made and rank as masterpieces by that distinguished and enthusiastic Craftsman, but papers are reprinted or published by several of the best known and respected Masonic authors and orators, including "Brotherhood," by the V. Rev. Dr. A. P. Purey-Cust, Dean of York, P.G.C.; the Oration, delivered by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. (which has had an enormous circulation at home and abroad), at Dawlish, Devon; "Class Lodges," by Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D. (a subject rarely treated, and yet of special value and interest); "A Masonic Curriculum," by Bro. G. W. Speth, Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Secretary of the celebrated "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, No. 2076, Leodion (who has rendered a real service to students of Masonic History by its preparation and publication); "Some Ancient York Masons and their early Haunts," by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.G.S.B. (one of the most able and accurate writers on Freemasonry in the city of York), and "Lodge Warrants," by Bro. William Watson, the honorary and most efficient librarian of West Yorkshire, who has made not only the province, but the Craft his debtor for the valuable services he has so long and so ably rendered. These papers are all of a most important character, and not hitherto thus collected and printed, and there is also a choice "Oration" by the late Rev. W. C. Lukis, M.A., F.S.A., &c. Then there are the "Denton Papers," which are so numerous and varied, that they must be read to be appreciated; besides which there are two monographs on the centenary of No. 306, Leeds, and the consecration of No. 2558, Sheffield, the concluding chapter being devoted to the revered Bro. Tew, his death, funeral, and a warm-hearted sketch of his career as an earnest and devoted Freemason. It should be stated that excellent portraits of the late Bro. Tew and the celebrated Craftsmen mentioned adorn this grand volume, which alone are more than worth the small sum asked for the work. It is not likely that any can be purchased now, but should brethren desire to obtain copies, enquiries may be made of Bro. J. Matthewman, Horsforth, Leeds. These particulars do not exhaust the attractions of this large book, for there are five chapters devoted to the resignation of the Prov. Grand Mastership by the late Bro. Tew, the feeling in the province, the appointment of his successor, and Masonic incidents in West Yorkshire.

"WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC CALENDAR, 1896-7."—This large and most accurate annual has been edited by the indefatigable Prov. Grand Sec., Bro. W. Goodacre, whose labours on behalf of the Craft in West Lancashire are well-known and much appreciated. If such useful work can be done so well for the largest province in England (numbering as it does 113 lodges), surely smaller provinces, so far without such a compilation, might follow the example thus set, and provide handy little books for reference, thus adding much to the efficiency of the lodges. The calendar portion represents an unusual amount of sheer hard work, having the days of meeting for all the 113 lodges, nearly 50 Royal Arch chapters, 18 Mark lodges, seven Knights Templar preceptories, and three Rose Croix chapters are given, and there is also a table of the installations. The roll of Prov. G. Officers from 1826 to 1895 of the Prov. G. Lodge and that of the Prov. Grand Chapter from 1867 onward to date are very helpful indeed, and must prove especially so to the active members of the province, who need such information, in the absence of the regular officers at provincial meetings. If "stars" were appended to indicate those who have died, their usefulness would be still greater for matters affecting precedence and such like points. One of the latest lodges constituted in the province, viz., the "Stanley of Preston," No. 2600, has the Earl of Derby as the first W.M., who is a P.G.W. of England, and was Deputy Prov. G.M. from 1872 to 1887. The Prov. G.M. is the esteemed nobleman the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Pro Grand Master of England, and the present Deputy Prov. G.M. is that good friend of the province, Bro. Robert Wylie. Lord Lathom is also the Grand Superintendent for West Lancashire and Prov. G. Mark Master of all Lancashire, having Colonel Le Gendre N. Sterkie as his efficient Deputy. Bro. Edmund Ashworth is Prov. G.M. of the Royal Order of Scotland for Lancashire and Cheshire, and the Educational and Benevolent Institutions of the province are also duly noted. The senior lodge on the roll is No. 32, Liverpool, and the oldest is No. 86, Prescott.

"FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF NORFOLK, 1896-97."—Brother G. W. G. Barnard, Provincial Grand Secretary, is the editor of this neatly-printed annual, which, although one of the smallest published, is brimful of information, the particulars being well-arranged and ably condensed. The Calendar is continued to April, 1897. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., is the Prov. G.M., and the respected historian of the province, Bro. Hamon Le Strange, P.G.D., is the Deputy Prov. G.M. For the Charities Committee, Bro. H. G. Barwell, of Norwich, is the Secretary. There are 18 lodges in the province, the particulars for each being most precise and complete. The senior and oldest lodge is No. 52, Norwich, dating from 1736, and the junior on the roll is No. 2602, Cromer, warranted 10th February, 1896. The seven Royal Arch chapters are evidently in a prosperous condition, and so also are the three Mark lodges, the latter being in the Province of East Anglia, Lord Henniker being the Prov. G.M. There are two Rose Croix chapters, and the same number of K.T. preceptories. It seems a pity that Bro. Hamon Le Strange's history of the province is not advertised or noted in this directory. It may be had of Bro. George Kenning, 16A, Great Queen-street.

"HISTORY OF THE STEWART LODGE, No. 1960 (S.C.)—Holding at Rawal Pindi and Murree, under the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab. By W. Bro. Major J. H. Leslie, Royal Artillery, Past District Junior Grand Warden, Punjab, and Past Master of the "Stewart" Lodge, 1896. W. H. Lead, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., printer and lithographer.—A lodge which has been in existence for the brief period of 15 years can hardly be said to have a history. It has surmounted the difficulties of its early career, it is in a more or less prosperous condition, and to judge from what has happened in the past, there is every likelihood that it will continue to prosper and ultimately become a centre of interest and influence in the particular group of lodges of which it is a constituent member. This is probably the sum and substance of what Major Leslie has said in this history which he has so carefully compiled of the "Stewart" Lodge, No. 1960 on the roll of United Grand Lodge. But we are very far from regretting, indeed, we are very grateful to him, that he should have written a connected and circumstantial account of the proceedings of this young lodge from the date of its first meeting under a dispensation from the District Grand Master of the Punjab until the close of last year. The lodge was founded by some very prominent members of our Order, among whom were the late Bro. Colonel Anthony Stewart, from whom the lodge derives its name and who was at the time District Grand Master of the Punjab, and the late Bro. H. J. Whymper, a writer of eminence on Masonic subjects and a leading member of the Craft in the Punjab, who was only prevented by the state of his health from accepting the office of Dist. G.M. Under such auspices, the lodge was certain to make a fair start, and though it has since had its vicissitudes of fortune, and at one time appears to have been in a somewhat critical state, it has gone on prospering until at the present time it is one of the strongest and most influential of the lodges in the District of the Punjab. This is no doubt due, primarily, to its having been careful to accept only good men and true as initiates or joining members, and in the next place, to there having been among its elected members a very large proportion of brethren who were prepared to devote all their energies to ensuring the success of the lodge. As to the manner in which Bro. Major Leslie has fulfilled his duty as historian of the "Stewart" Lodge, we can only say that it reflects on him the very greatest credit. He has taken the lodge records as his basis, and from these has compiled a succinct and very readable narrative, not too much overlaid with detail, but with chapter and verse for all the facts he has thought it necessary to introduce. There are, indeed, not a few circumstances—such as the temporary loss of the warrant; the passage at arms between the lodge and the authorities of District Grand Lodge over the communication of news to the press; and the Duke of Connaught's visit to the lodge—

which will be read with considerable interest, while the particulars concerning the late Bros. Col. A. Stewart and H. J. Whympier, and others who have been connected with the lodge, add greatly to the value of the book. There is also a series of Appendices, in which are set forth lists of those who have been members; of the officers; of the contributions to the Central and District Masonic Institutions. These constitute in themselves a most valuable record in the case of a lodge which has enjoyed so brief an existence, while the illustrations—which include a portrait of the late Col. Stewart, D.G.M., as the frontispiece, and the banner and P.M.'s jewel of the lodge in colours—are not the least among the many attractions which this neatly-bound, as well as excellently-printed, volume possesses. Lastly, there is a brief introduction from the pen of Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., with whose commendation of Bro. Major Leslie's work, the statements we have already made will show that we most cordially agree. We are well pleased with the book, and gladly take this opportunity of thanking the author for his courtesy in so promptly furnishing us with a copy.

## Craft Masonry.

### Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781.

The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Town Hall, Limehouse, under the presidency of Bro. G. H. Seage, W.M., supported by the following brethren: Bros. T. D. Burges, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Lancett, J.W.; T. B. Daniell, P.M., Treas.; G. Breden, P.M., Sec.; A. P. Bebrouth, S.D.; S. W. Bull, J.D.; D. G. Thomson, D.C.; G. E. Morrow, I.G.; W. H. Thrift, J. Porter, and T. Huett, Stwds.; R. C. Pasfield, P.M.; J. H. Pringle, P.M.; F. R. H. Gooch, P.M.; J. W. Reeves, P.M.; F. Robinson, P.M.; S. W. Timson, P.M.; A. H. Shepherd, P.M.; P. Saville, G. S. Nelson, W. J. Thrift, H. Barrett, R. Nichols, J. Miller, M. H. Mitchell, jun., R. H. Morgan, W. Shuttleworth, A. Lucas, C. J. Baldwin, T. W. J. Stevens, P. L. Wilson, H. W. Rance, D. Malley, J. R. Reedman, D. M. Creedie, W. Viner, L. Dalton, J. E. Spurgon, jun., J. W. Odling, and many others. The visitors included Bros. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; G. Parrett, P.M.; J. Lusty, P.M.; F. Adams, W.M.; E. Smith, H. Warren, and H. E. Steel, all of 1259; J. Limn, P.M. 1382; F. Barnes, P.M. 554, 993; R. Chaucey, 87; W. H. Montagu, 68; T. Williams, 1356; G. Olley, 1306; R. Brown, 1305; T. Blyth, 2411; J. Buchner, 1349; and J. Mills, 1765.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes read and confirmed, and preliminary business disposed of, Bro. J. H. Pringle, who acted as D.C., presented Bro. T. D. Burges to the W.M. for the benefit of installation, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was duly inducted into the chair of K.S. and saluted. The following officers were invested: Bro. G. H. Seage, I.P.M.; J. Lancett, S.W.; A. P. Bebrouth, J.W.; T. B. Daniell, P.M., Treasurer; G. Breden, P.M., Secretary; S. W. Bull, S.D.; G. E. Morrow, J.D.; Puttick, Org.; D. G. Thomson, I.G.; C. L. Nelson, D.C.; W. H. Thrift, J. Porter, T. Porter, and W. Shuttleworth, Stewards; and J. Taylor, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Seage, I.P.M., who acted as Installing Master, worked the ceremony and delivered the addresses with the greatest precision and impressiveness. Other Masonic business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

After the loyal toasts and those of the "Grand Officers" were duly honoured, for whom Bro. Terry briefly responded,

Bro. Seage proposed "The Health of the W.M." referring to his past work as a criterion for his future conduct of the lodge, to which Bro. Burges briefly replied.

In replying to the toast of "Installing Master," Bro. Seage said: that Masonry was with him a work of love, and he was sure the W.M. for the present year was one he was proud to instal into the chair.

In replying for "the Visitors," Bro. Adams said he was an old playmate and friend of Bro. Seage, and he owed much to the Merchant Navy Lodge for what he knew of Masonry, through Bro. Lancett, the Preceptor of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge.

Bro. Olley referred to the Merchant Navy Lodge as a school for Masonic knowledge, and was sure the W.M.'s work of that evening was an evidence of what he would do later.

Bro. Parrett said he hoped that the good feeling between the two lodges would always be maintained.

Bros. Limn, Montagu, T. Blyth, and others, added a few words.

In responding for the "Masonic Charities," Bro. Terry alluded to the splendid way in which the Merchant Navy Lodge had always come to the front. On the last occasion they had especially distinguished themselves, for out of a grand total of £20,000, they had contributed one-twentieth.

The remaining toasts were drunk with the usual honours.

Bro. Nelson was presented with an address on vellum for his work towards the Charities, and, in returning thanks, said he would be glad to represent the lodge again under such auspices.

### Paxton Lodge, No. 1686.

The installation meeting of this South London lodge was held on the 9th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, and was well attended. There were present Bros. C. W. Mayo, W.M.; F. Allen, S.W., W.M. elect; H. Longhurst, J.W.; C. S. Damant, P.M., Treas.; H. Ansell, P.M. 1305, Sec.; J. L. Stein, S.D.; Jas. Parker, J.D.; H. T. Green, Stwd.; J. M. Klenck, P.M.; H. E. Frances, P.M.; P.P.S.G.D. Surrey; T. Harrington, P.M.; F. W. Oldfield, P.M.; C. H. Bryson, P.M.; H. A. Stinson, J. Pardoe, O. Tichener, J. B. Jones, J. Flanedy, A. S. Stout, R. J. F. Clark, A. G. Payton, W. Bishop, A. B. Clayton, A. J. Midwinter, J. G. H. Radford, A. Wilson, S. H. Moyle, and T. Bowler, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. W. R. Snelling, P.M. 1541; C. Robinson, I.G. 1541; N. Prower, P.M. 1745; N. Defries, P.M. 185; W. Rogers, S.D. 1339; J. Buchanan, P.M. 1853; R. W. Bower, S.W. 15; W. Taylor, I.G. 1471; W. Pannell, 1471; A. Fish, 1910; S. Underwood, 2427; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177; H. B. Spaul, S.D. 145; J. J. Pope, P.M. 1305; C. S. Burdon, 2523; J. T. Galloway, W.M. 1598; H. M. Humphreys, 834; A. Jeffreys, J.D. 1598; J. Morris, S.D. 1050; F. Thorpe, 1986; W. J. Boyle, 2484; Willie Wright, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middx.; and R. T. West, 1744.

After the usual routine business, the W.M. passed Bro. S. H. Moyle to the Second Degree, and his working of the ritual was excellent. Bro. F. Allen was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being very impressively rendered by Bro. C. W. Mayo. The following brethren were appointed officers, and, with the exception of Bro. R. W. Archer, J.D., who, it was stated, had started to attend the lodge, but had been taken ill on the way, were invested: Bros. H. Longhurst, S.W.; J. L. Stein, J.W.; C. S. Damant, P.M., Treas.; H. Ansell, P.M., Sec.; J. Parker, S.D.; H. T. Green, I.G.; O. Tichener, Stwd.; and T. Bowler, Tyler. Bro. C. W. Mayo gave the customary addresses with marked effect, for which he received the congratulations of the brethren. The new W.M. then presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. C. W. Mayo, I.P.M., as a mark of respect and esteem in which he was held by the members, and he paid a tribute to the great duties he had performed as Master of the Paxton Lodge. The inscription on the jewel was—"Presented to Bro. C. W. Mayo, P.M., by the members of the Paxton Lodge, No. 1686, for efficient services as W.M. May, 1896." In acknowledging the jewel, Bro. Mayo, in a few words, expressed his hearty thanks.

The lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was supplied by Mrs. Venables.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured,

The I.P.M., Bro. C. W. Mayo, proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He stated that great things were expected of Bro. Allen, and 12 months hence the members would not be disappointed. Those who new him best loved him the most, and he felt sure that no one would ever regret the choice they had made in electing one so competent, who would be able to do everything asked of him.

The toast was enthusiastically received, as was Bro. Allen, W.M., on rising to respond. He said that the usual practice in giving a toast was to say everything complimentary, and then came the response, which was to negative the words of the proposer. Bro. Mayo had said very little of him (the W.M.) but only to predict what he might do, which he thought was somewhat vague, but he hoped that at the end of his year of office their verdict would be that he had been a success. He was proud, honoured, and gratified to be the W.M., but he was not conceited as he had done very

little to attain his high position. He was unable to express in words what he then felt, but he should never forget the responsibilities of his exalted office and he hoped to hand to his successor what he had received pure and unblemished.

In giving "The Installing and Immediate Past Master, Bro. C. W. Mayo," the W.M. stated that it was with unfeigned pleasure he submitted the toast. It was impossible for those who had seen Bro. Mayo's work to exaggerate his great qualities, and the ritual had never been better carried out. He was a thorough Mason at heart and being a very busy man he had not had much time for Masonry, but yet he had made himself proficient. He had been ill and instead of taking a well-deserved rest he had worked hard to be perfect in the ritual and he had excelled himself. Might he have many years to adorn the Paxton Lodge. He was the Preceptor of two lodges of instruction, and he knew no one better able to instruct, and he was always glad to impart his great knowledge in Masonry to all who came to him for instruction.

In response, Bro. C. W. Mayo, I.P.M., thanked the W.M. for his very kind words, and observed that the lodge had been practically in his hands for a year and nine months, in consequence of the death of a W.M. three months after he was installed, and he was glad that things had gone on so smoothly during his reign. The jewel would ever remind him of his happy connection with the lodge, and the kindnesses he had always received from his officers and all the members.

The W.M. gave "The Past Masters," and said they were the pioneers and the record of the lodge. He was glad that Bro. J. M. Klenck, the founder and "father" of the lodge, was present, as he would be able to tell them all about the lodge from its consecration. He also referred to Bro. H. E. Frances, who, he remarked, did not attend often enough, but they were always pleased to have him there with them. Then, as to Bro. T. Harrington, P.M., who had an honoured name in the lodge, he initiated him (the W.M.), and he should never forget the night of his initiation, which would linger long in his memory as one of the brightest nights of his existence. The W.M. also made special mention of Past Masters Bros. C. H. Bryson, F. W. Oldfield, and C. S. Damant.

Bro. J. M. Klenck, P.M., said that as the founder and the oldest Past Master it afforded him much pleasure to respond to the toast. He then gave some interesting details of the formation of the lodge, and regretted that several of the Past Masters he had seen installed had gone over to the great majority. For 13 years there had been only two deaths amongst the Past Masters, but the last seven years they had lost four Past Masters. He congratulated the W.M. on his high position, and he wished him a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. C. H. Bryson, P.M., also acknowledged the toast, remarking that everything that had been said of the Past Masters—himself, of course, excluded—was not more than they deserved. They all appreciated the W.M., who had sound judgment, was of easy manner, and courteous address, and there was little doubt he would have a brilliant term of office. He concluded his speech in a very humorous strain.

In submitting the toast of "The Visitors," the Worshipful Master stated that it was one of the highest importance in Freemasonry and hospitality was the outcome of human kindness. He assured those who had done them the honour of attending that they had a very hearty welcome. Visitors were like friendly critics, for whatever they saw good, was applauded by them, and what was bad they accepted with toleration, and he hoped they would forgive any shortcomings they had seen in him as Master. They had a great number of guests, among whom were Bros. Nelson Prower, who was a scholar and well advanced in Masonry, which he loved. He also made special mention of Bro. Ferguson, P.M., and he took that opportunity of thanking him for several acts of kindness which he had received at his hands, as within the last two or three weeks he knew nothing of the installation ceremony; but Bro. Ferguson had made him somewhat presentable that evening. The W.M. also referred to Bros. Defries and Buchanan, and, in conclusion, he earnestly hoped that all the visitors would look back to that night with a pleasant memory. He joined with the toast the names of Bros. W. J. Ferguson, P.M.; Nelson Prower, and N. Defries, P.M.

Bro. W. J. Ferguson, P.M., responded. He said that it was the first time he had the pleasure of visiting the Surrey Masonic Hall, and should carry away a pleasing recollection of that night's proceedings. The visitors had had a happy time, which was not to be wondered at, looking to the kindly feeling that appeared to exist all round, from the W.M. downwards. If he had been of any assistance to the W.M. he was gratified, and he felt that he could not resume his seat without referring to the grand working of the I.P.M., Bro. Mayo.

Bro. Nelson Prower said that he appreciated his name having been associated with the toast, but he regretted he had been called upon to respond, because there were present more competent and better Masons than he. The W.M. was a very old friend of his, and he was honoured by seeing him installed.

Bro. N. Defries, P.M., also responded, which he did in eloquent terms.

The toast of "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers" was next given by the W.M., who observed that no W.M. could feel more than he did the importance of having such excellent officers, and he had every confidence in them. He mentioned the Treasurer, Bro. C. S. Damant, P.M., who enjoyed the high respect and esteem of every member of the lodge. Then, as to Bro. Ansell, P.M., the Secretary, he was a tried and trusted member, one who had Freemasonry at heart, and he had to thank him for many kindnesses, and for his great services; he was, in fact, the general utility man of the lodge. He also referred to the other officers, whom, he ventured to think, could not be better in any other lodge in London.

Bro. C. S. Damant, P.M., Treas., responded, observing that the W.M. had spoken of him in such flattering terms, that it brought blushes to his cheek, and made him as timid as a new Mason. As Treasurer, it afforded him much pleasure to see the improved position of the lodge, which had risen from a state of poverty to one of affluence.

Bro. H. Ansell, P.M., Secretary, said that he was honoured by again having been appointed Secretary, and he would continue to do his utmost to promote the interests of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren.

Bros. J. L. Stein, J.W., and J. Parker, S.D., also responded, and the Tyler's toast ended a very successful evening.

Bro. Fred. L. Thorpe was in charge of the musical arrangements, and was assisted by Bros. W. Rogers, H. Humphreys, Mr. Walter Grace, Miss C. Maud West, and Madame Emilie Brooke. Bro. Willie Wright, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middx., ably presided at the pianoforte.

### Ubique Lodge, No. 1789.

A brilliant assembly of Masons gathered at the annual festival of this lodge, at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, on Monday, the 11th inst., the occasion being also the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Garrison Quartermaster-Sergeant Wm. Shackleton, R.A., Past S.W., in succession to Bro. Capt. Victor F. W. A. Paget, R.H.A., P.M. The ceremonies were graced by the presence of Bros. Field-Marshal Lord Wolseley, K.P., P.S.G.W.; General F. T. Lloyd, C.B., P.M.; Major-General A. H. King, C.B., P.P.S.G.W. Kent; Dr. Clément Godson, P.G.D.; J. Lewis-Thomas, F.R.G.S., P.A.G.D.C.; J. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; Major A. C. T. Boileau, R.A., P.G.M. of Nova Scotia; several Provincial Grand Officers, and the W.Ms., and Wardens of the R.E., Ordnance, United Military, National Artillery, Union Waterloo, and Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodges.

The lodge having been opened, letters of regret were read from the Grand Secretary, Asst. G. Secretary, and other Grand Officers on account of prize giving day at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and ballots were taken for candidates for initiation and joining membership. The passing to the Second Degree of Bro. Lieut. H. J. Snipman, R.A., I.O.M., was carried out by the W.M., Bro. Capt. Victor Paget, with characteristic ease and grace. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. T. Ritchie, P.D.G.S.B., then assumed the chair by request of the W.M., and conducted the installation of the W.M. elect, delivering also the charges in a masterly manner. The officers for the ensuing year, invested by the new W.M., were Bros. Captain V. Paget, I.P.M.; Captain H. L. A. Jenkinson, S.W.; Major R. H. Murdoch, J.W.; Rev. W. G. Howard, M.A., Ch. F., Chap.; Edwin Morris, P.M., Treas.; Lieut. J. Learmont, Sec.; Quartermaster W. H. Prewer, S.D.; Capt. F. E. Cooper, P.M., P.J.G.W. Chester, J.D.; and Major B. Lewis-Barned, Org. The Auditors elected were Bros. Captain H. Lloyd Powell, Lieut. H. Coningham, and Maj. P. A. Macmahon, F.R.S. After the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., and of a hearty vote of thanks to the Installing Master, the lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to banquet in the splendid Victoria Hall of the Criterion, where covers had been laid for 105.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, that of "The Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. Dr. Clément Godson, who cordially acknowledged the fraternal goodwill towards officers of Grand Lodge in general, and to himself in particular, by the powerful Ubique Lodge of 180 artillery members, and by its more

recent offspring, the National Artillery Lodge. Bro. Dr. Godson, also, in alluding to the Junior Wardens having compared the Prize Day to a Masonic "Oaks" Day, said that the prize distribution, and the presence of Lady Yarborough, had necessarily drawn away many Grand Officers, including himself, but that he had managed also to avail himself of the honours proffered by the Ubique brethren and had found himself amply recompensed for the effort. He wished the new W.M. and the lodge a happy new year.

The I.P.M., Bro. Capt. Victor Paget, P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," eulogised Bro. Shackleton as known to all Ubique brethren as an excellent Mason, able and zealous in the performance of duty, and devoted to the good of Freemasonry in general, and of his lodge in particular. Bro. Shackleton had, jointly, with the S.W., Bro. Capt. Jenkinson, established a Ubique Lodge of Instruction at Woolwich, and the brethren would have for the ensuing year a W.M. who, from his great experience, would prove to be a "steadiment" to the lodge.

The W.M., Bro. Shackleton, in response, said that while the I.P.M., Bro. Capt. Paget, had said more than he deserved, the W.M. could honestly confess to having endeavoured always to discharge faithfully whatever duties had been entrusted to him in the service of the Ubique Lodge, and that he felt proud of his exalted position in the distinguished lodge to which the suffrages of the brethren had raised him, for which he heartily thanked them all.

"The Installing Officer and the I.P.M." were coupled in a toast by the Worshipful Master. The former responded at once, because he knew the brethren were expecting to hear an eloquent speech from the I.P.M., and would merely express his hearty thanks for the cordial reception of his name; whereupon the latter said he had hoped while on his feet to collect suitable thoughts, but Bro. Ritchie's eloquence had cut the ground from under him, and he could only say that all his labours in the chair during the past year had been done to the best of his abilities, and "I also thank you."

The comical manner of both these speeches evoked much merriment.

"The Pastors Masters of, and belonging to, the Lodge" was given a bumper.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Ritchie said that, in the presence of so goodly an array of Past Masters and of so many brethren of Masonic distinction, it was an honour not to be lightly prized in standing up as the first Master of a lodge which had attained almost unexampled success, and been productive of so much real good, and, knowing so much of the inherent difficulties attending the progress of a successful lodge, he had a right to feel pleasure and pride in the evidences of his labours not having been in vain.

Bro. Major Boileau, R.A., P.G.M. Nova Scotia, said it was a great pleasure and honour to find oneself, on return from foreign service, so heartily welcomed by the Ubique brethren as a Past Master belonging to the lodge; and, in the course of amusing allusions to the increasing influence of the fair sex in matters Masonic, congratulated the Freemasons in England on the prerogative of "Worshipful Masters" to rule their brethren, not having yet been invaded by any "Worshipful Mistress." Bro. Boileau bore high testimony to the organisation of the lodge, and to the working of the I.P.M. throughout the past year, concluding with the remark that Capt. Paget was a Master who had put real "Horse Artillery" work into his Masonry.

Bro. Major Hansard, R.A., P.M., after presaging a still greater future for the gunners' lodge, gave a graphic narrative of an incident in the recent Italian campaign in Abyssinia, during a reverse, when it became necessary for the general to sacrifice a battalion in order to save the army, and the colonel, rallying around him his soldier Freemasons, successfully held long enough the forlorn post, although they died to a man with their colonel.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D. of C., who deprecated being styled a visitor, as he had the honour of having been elected an honorary member of the lodge at its consecration. However, during the many years in which he had visited the lodge, and been a privileged guest at the anniversary, he had marvelled not so much at the increasing proficiency, resulting in the perfect working they had all witnessed that day, as at the solid harmony and splendid fellowship characteristic of the Ubique Masons, who are bound to become the most numerous and most influential of the London district.

The Visitors' toast was also acknowledged by the Worshipful Masters of various military lodges already enumerated, and, after the "broken column" had passed round, the Tyler's toast brought to a close a most enjoyable and successful anniversary.

The banquet was laid out in the splendid Victoria Hall of the Criterion, with cross benches and four columns, and the menu on this occasion was worthy of Bro. Mantell, the manager.

### Bisley Lodge, No. 2317.

The last meeting of this flourishing lodge before the summer recess, took place at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Thursday, the 7th instant. Present: Bros. J. W. H. Littleboy, W.M.; J. Webb, I.P.M.; Captain J. Hoey, P.M., S.W.; A. G. Jackman, J.W.; Major G. Collins, P.M., Treas.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., Sec.; J. Tomlinson, S.D.; R. Clamp, J.D.; J. H. Askham, P.M., I.G.; G. J. Woolridge, B. N. Dudge, F. Millward Wilkins, H. W. Gloster, A. G. Gunning, and H. G. Whitburn. Visitors: Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; J. C. Partridge, P.M. 1974; E. J. Eastes, 2394; A. W. Crewdon, P.M., Charles Welch, P.M., and H. J. Bidwell, P.M., all of 2120; J. Whitburn, 1564; and Dr. Frederick L. Moore.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the preceding meeting confirmed, after which Bro. B. N. Dudge was raised by the Worshipful Master to the Third Degree. The rendering of the ceremony left absolutely nothing to be desired. The duties of the chair were most impressively performed, and the W.M. was ably supported by his various officers. Bros. Capt. J. Hoey and Major G. Collins were unanimously elected W.M. and Treasurer respectively for the ensuing year, and Bro. G. J. Mason was again chosen as Tyler by a show of hands. A Past Master's jewel (to be presented at the October meeting) was voted to the W.M. for his valuable services in the chair. A gentleman was proposed as a candidate for initiation, and there being no further business, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards dined together, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

"The Queen and the Craft;" "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales;" and "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; the Deputy Grand Master, Earl Amherst, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were given in quick succession.

After Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., had replied for "The Grand Officers," the next toast, "The Earl of Onslow, Prov. Grand Master," was followed by that of "The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, Present and Past." The latter was responded to by Bro. Major Collins, P.P.G.S.B.

"The Health of the W.M.," "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers," were then very cordially received and most happily acknowledged.

The speeches terminated with the Tyler's toast, but the brethren were slow in dispersing, owing to the excellence of the musical entertainment which had been provided for them.

Particular praise must be awarded to Bro. F. Millward Wilkins as a singer, and to Bro. H. J. Bidwell as a reciter, nor would a notice, however brief, of the musical talent displayed on the evening of the 8th inst. be complete, without alluding in terms of high commendation to the services of Bro. E. J. Eastes, Org. 2394, at the organ and piano.

### The Horwich Lodge, No. 2324.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 14th ult., at the Bridge Hotel, Horwich, when there were present Bros. Zachariah Tetlow, W.M.; John Evans, S.W.; J. W. Howarth, J.W.; Richard Hampson, Treas.; Hawthorne R. Thornton, P.M., Sec.; Thomas Cooper, S.D.; W. H. Howarth, J.D.; W. M. Varley, P.M., D.C.; W. W. Glover, I.G.; James Ryder, John D. Binns, J. H. Hadfield, and T. Mitchell, Stwds.; George Calderbank, Tyler; John Rogers, P.M.; J. Dent, P. Coulthurst, G. Holtford, J. E. Jackson, R. Bates, I. Breakill, Thos. Hope, W. Hibbert, J. Clarkson, W. J. Slater, J. Jones, F. Thornham, T. Kay, J. Wood, A. Sadler, H. Harrison, T. Eddleston, W. Balwin, J. P. Dent, Dr. W. C. Rigby, J. Farquharson, and John Croukshaw. Visitors: Bros. R. T. Boothby, S.D. 308; R. Flanagan, 1267; John Waring, P.M. and Sec. 1134; E. Hope, S.W. 146; R. Patterson, 1126; L. Fairclough, 730; and J. Farnworth, 730.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, after which the W.M. initiated Mr. John Holden, and the charge was delivered by Bro. Hawthorn R. Thornton, P.M., Sec. Bro. Dr. G. H. Whitaker, P.M., Org., P.P.G.Org., then took the chair and passed Bros. Dr. W. C. Rigby and James Farquharson. Bro. John Rogers

then took the chair and raised Bro. John Packer Dent, after which Bro. Varley, P.M., D.C., gave the traditional history, and explained the third tracing board. Bro. Robert Flanagan, 1267, was proposed as a joining member.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, which reflected the highest credit to Mr. and Mrs. Ashcroft.

The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in brief but happy terms, which were duly honoured.

### Doric Lodge, No. 2359.

The regular meeting was held on Saturday, the 9th instant, at the Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the election of W.M. resulted in favour of Bro. John Walker, S.W. Bro. A. K. Boothroyd, P.M., was elected Treasurer. The following were present: Bros. A. K. Boothroyd, I.P.M., acting W.M.; John Walker, S.W.; F. Thomas, J.W.; J. Ward, Sec.; F. Morgan, S.D.; J. Laurisch, J.D.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.O. East and West Lanes, D.C.; W. W. Wilkinson, I.G.; F. J. Brundrett, Org.; J. Lawrenson and R. H. Sayers, Stwds.; G. Metcalf, G. A. Myers, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Edgar Towell, P.M.; J. Sharples, A. G. Green, H. A. Kay, J. Dearnerley, J. W. Wardle, W. W. Barker, E. W. Rowell, J. L. Booth, J. H. Morris, and W. A. Younge. Visitors: Bros. J. W. Wilcock and J. Woodward, P.M.

### Ordnance Lodge, No. 2399.

The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Mount-pleasant, Plumstead, and if it was not a big affair, was at least a pleasurable one. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Regl.-Sergt.-Maj. J. V. Lee, who began his work by initiating a candidate, Mr. W. Kenny. Bro. A. Gomes, 1423, was elected a joining member. He then proceeded to invest his successor, Bro. Conductor Francis Hully, S.W. and W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S., and it is no figure of speech to say that Bro. Lee's working of the ceremony was a splendid display of eloquence and impressiveness. The new W.M. installed his officers as follows: Bros. Lee, I.P.M.; H. Crowdy, S.W.; G. Dyer, J.W.; R. Johnson, Treas.; W. G. Stackpool, Sec.; Rev. H. H. Walker, M.A., Chap.; J. Wheatley, S.D.; F. N. Widgery, J.D.; F. C. Cook, I.G.; R. Rawlinson, D.C.; W. Steer, F. Reynolds, C. Wills and E. Woods, Stwds.; and W. Redman Org. Bro. Hully commenced his year of office by raising Bros. Ringrose and Patten to the Third Degree, in grand style. Bro. Lee was presented with a Past Master's jewel for his services to the lodge, and to mark the esteem of the brethren, and a hearty vote of thanks was ordered to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge for his excellent work that day as Installing officer, for both of which Bro. Lee returned thanks. Five guineas were voted from the Charity box of the lodge for the immediate relief of the widow of a late brother of the lodge (which was afterwards made into seven guineas when the Charity box went round at the social board), and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet was laid in the fine upper hall of the building, and, served by Bro. Williams, was enjoyed.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. Capt. G. Spinks, P.M. 1536, P.P.G. S.B. Kent; Capt. Woollett, A.S.C., P.M., P.P.G. Stwd. Eng.; Capt. W. Weston, P.M. (Hon.), P.M. 1789, P.P.S.G.D. Kent; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.), P.M. 1472, W.M. 2184; F. Leeding, W. J. Tatters, F. Taylor, J. Beddowes, C. Mills, W. Jenny, A. Lawter, J. Austin, W. Booth, F. Gardner, and T. Davies, all of the lodge; W. A. Anson, W.M., A. W. Russell, S.W., A. McQueen, J.W., and G. H. Davies, P.M., all of 13; G. H. Nichols, W.M., G. H. Porter, S.W., and H. Pammant, J.W., all of 700; A. T. Reeve, W.M., W. Turvey, S.W., and J. Palmer, J.W., all of 1472; G. Ingle, W.M., B. Fowler, S.W., F. Reed, J.W., and E. W. Sinnett, P.M., all of 1536; W. Shackleton, S.W. and W.M. elect, and W. Jenkinson, J.W., both of 1789; T. O'Neill, W.M. 1977; and J. Smith, P.M. 1331.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured,

Bro. Lee proceeded to give the toast of "The W.M." He said he had had the honour that day of placing into the chair of the lodge a brother whom he had known for over 20 years, and was proud to say that he (Bro. Hully) was every inch a soldier and a good one. Bro. Hully had been in her Majesty's service for over 25 years, and if he carried out his duties as Master of that lodge in the same manner as he had those of a soldier—and who that had worked with him in that lodge and in their lodge of instruction doubted it?—they would have nothing to complain of. For himself, he felt sure Bro. Hully would be one of the "shining lights" of the lodge; his perfect knowledge of the ritual and of the lectures was a guarantee that the prestige of the lodge would be safe in his keeping. He asked them to drink the toast in bumpers.

Bro. Hully, in responding, said briefly that he could assure them that it was a proud moment for him to occupy the chair of that lodge, and to preside over such an excellent lot of brethren as those around him that night. It had been his ambition for many years to arrive at the Master's chair, and now that he had arrived there, he intended to carry out the duties attached to it to the best of his abilities, and he trusted to their satisfaction. He then proposed the toast of "The Installing Officer," and said they had heard how admirably Bro. Lee, P.M., had worked the ceremony of installation, and placed him (Bro. Hully) in the chair of their lodge that day. It was a perfect piece of work, so far as he knew, for Bro. Lee went through it without a halt or falter, and had been congratulated upon the excellence of his working by the Masters and Past Masters present.

Bro. Lee thanked the W.M. and brethren for their reception of him. If he had given them satisfaction that was all the reward he required, and if he had pleased them it afforded him as great a pleasure. He should attend the lodge, and render the W.M. any assistance in his power, should their esteemed brother require it. There was one thing he could say with safety, and that was that since the consecration of the lodge he had never been absent from one of its meetings, and did not intend to be in the future, if it was in his power to be present.

Bro. Woollett, in responding to the toast of the "Past Masters of, and belonging to the Lodge," said he had that night taken a step down the road, and could only say that he should attend the lodge as often as he could. He might not much longer be with them, but could assure the W.M. of his support while with them.

Bro. Spinks said he knew how little he deserved to have his name coupled with the toast, as his absence from the lodge meetings during the past year had been most conspicuous, not having been present since the last installation meeting. However, he could assure them that he felt proud to be a Past Master, and also to hold the position of a P.G. officer of the Province of Kent, seeing that their present Prov. G. Master, the Earl Amherst, had just been selected by H.R.H. their Grand Master, for the high and distinguished position of Deputy G. Master of England. He, Bro. Spinks, was not present at Grand Lodge when their esteemed P.G.M. was installed, but felt sure that every brother in the Province present must have been proud, and gave his lordship a hearty reception. He then mentioned that he was standing Steward for the Girls' School, and trusted the brethren would assist him in taking up a good sum. The smallest contribution would be thankfully received, for it was the little rains that made the big harvests, and it was a proud thing to say that one had given something to swell the £100,000 a year required for the Charities.

Bro. Weston said he was proud to be an honorary member of the lodge. Bro. Lee had been a splendid Master, and that day he had finished a good year's work by installing his successor splendidly. In their W.M. they had a good soldier and a good Mason. He had the pleasure of seeing, some 11 years ago, Bro. Hully take one of his Degrees in the Bulwer Lodge, at Cairo, and was proud to see him as Master of that lodge. He then urged a warm support of "The Charities." The scriptures spoke of the three great virtues, "Faith, Hope, and Charity," but Charity was of them all the greatest.

Bro. Jolly also responded.

Bros. Anson, Nichols, Reeve, Ingle, Davies, and Smith responded for "The Visitors."

"The Initiate" and "The Officers" followed, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

The musical portion of the evening's enjoyment was contributed to by Bros. Anson, Nichols, Fowler, Ireland, McQueen, and others.

### Manchester Lodge, No. 2554.

The regular meeting was held on Friday, the 8th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. There was a large gathering of brethren, and we are glad to see Bro. Thos. Plumpton, S.W., was duly elected Worshipful Master for the year ensuing.

A GRAND MASONIC TEMPLE is being arranged for at the new Trocadero Restaurant which Messrs. J. Lyons & Co. are now completing at Piccadilly Circus. Special and complete accommodation will be provided for large and small lodges, and the tariff will be strictly in accord with the moderation which has hitherto characterised J. Lyons and Co.'s charges. The cuisine will fully sustain the high reputation this company have already earned, and the decorations and comforts of the whole place will mark a new era in the record of Masonic gatherings. Inquiries as to particulars, should be addressed to the proprietors, J. Lyons & Co., Limited, Cadby Hall, Kensington.—[ADVT.]

## Royal Arch.

### Southern Star Chapter, No. 1158.

The first regular convocation of this young and very promising chapter was held at the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, on Wednesday, the 13th instant. There were present Comps. J. Block, M.E.Z.; I. Hands, H.; J. Bunker, J.; A. W. Wright, P.Z.; Wm. Beecroft, Treas.; J. Austin, S.E.; F. W. Downes, S.N.; Wm. Belchamber, P.S.; T. Blum, 1st A.S.; J. Atkinson, 2nd A.S.; W. C. Tanner, Stwd.; W. B. Hardwick, D.C.; and D. Legg, P.Z., acting Janitor. The visitors were Comps. J. D. Graham, P.S. 1614, and C. H. Stone, M.E.Z. 1901, P.Z. 1275.

The minutes of the consecration meeting were read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. having invested the S.N., a ballot—which proved unanimous—was taken for several brethren for exaltation, and the following being present: Bros. R. E. Clark, founder and P.M. 1158; F. Tarrant, P.M. 1158; T. Morris, 1158; and E. G. Cooper, 1158, they were exalted, in a very impressive manner, by the M.E.Z., and the lectures also of the respective chairs were given in a highly commendable manner by their occupants. The by-laws, as compiled, were submitted to the companions, who passed them, subject to the confirmation of Grand Chapter. Several handsome gifts of furniture were presented to the chapter by Comps. Block, M.E.Z.; Hands, H.; W. Beecroft, J. Austin, J. Atkinson, and others, consisting of a set of large candlesicks, two Volumes of the Sacred Law, the appropriate emblem of the three G.M.s., the instruments made use of, &c., for which the chapter passed a most hearty vote of thanks to the respective companions. Apologies were read from several brethren and companions for non-attendance, mostly on account of great pressure of business.

The business of the convocation ended, the companions adjourned to a capital repast, after which the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were right royally given and received.

The toast of "The Pro G.Z., G.H., and G.J., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was given by the M.E.Z., who remarked upon the excellent choice of the 1st G.Z. upon investing Earl Amherst as the G.H., and the best thanks of the companions were due to those excellent companions for their able services.

Comp. R. E. Clark, P.Z. 948, and acting I.P.Z. of the chapter, next proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z." whom he highly commended for his rendering the splendid ritual so perfectly for the first time. It spoke much for the success of the chapter, and his great desire was that it would continue to flourish under so able a ruler.

Comp. Block, M.E.Z., in reply, thanked the companions for so cordial a greeting, but having been placed in that honourable position it was his bounden duty to discharge his duties faithfully and well, and it would always be his earnest endeavour to carry them out to the very best of his ability.

The M.E.Z. next proposed the toast of his co-Principals, "The H. and J.," whom he was pleased to have as his chief officers in the conducting of this very promising chapter. Neither of these companions had ever rehearsed the duties of their respective chairs before, and it was to their highest credit that they had performed them so well, as they were such young R.A. Masons.

Comp. J. Hands, H., replied and said he was very gratified indeed to hear such kind words, but he should always strive to carry out his duties in the chapter as he was performing them as W.M. of the mother lodge, to the very best of his ability. He would thank Comp. Stone, M.E.Z. 1901, for having exalted him into R.A. Masonry in that chapter, so as to enable him to hold the honourable position of H. in the Southern Star Chapter.

Comp. J. Bunker, J., also most gratefully acknowledged the compliment paid him, and promised to do his utmost to uphold the prestige of the chapter.

The M.E.Z. next presented the toast of "The Exaltees" in most becoming terms, stating that the founder and oldest P.M., Bro. Clark, had expressed his desire of joining, as also Bro. Tarrant, P.M., and with what pleasure it had given him (the M.E.Z.) to work the ceremony of exaltation, as also upon Bros. Morris and Cooper, all members of the mother lodge, and now companions of the chapter; but, through unavoidable circumstances, there would have been a larger number of exaltees—both Past Masters and brethren of the lodge—which augured well for the chapter.

The companions gave the exaltees a most cordial greeting. Comps. Clark, Tarrant, Morris, and Cooper most ably replied, and expressed appreciation of the honour done them.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next ably presented by the M.E.Z. in a very complimentary manner.

Comps. C. H. Stone and J. D. Graham replied in happy terms. The M.E.Z., in giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," congratulated himself and the chapter upon two such worthy companions, and thanked them for the very deep interest they were taking in the chapter.

Comps. W. Beecroft, Treas., and J. Austin, S.E., replied in very becoming terms, assuring the M.E.Z. that their greatest desire was to support him, so that the Southern Star Chapter might long continue to flourish.

The M.E.Z. next proposed the toast of "The Officers," remarking upon the work of Comps. Downes, S.N., and Wm. Belchamber, P.S., the latter of whom was highly praised for the able manner he discharged his duties. The Assistant Sojourners—Comps. Blum and Atkinson—were also able to perform the duties of P.S., so that the chapter might need be proud of such young and able companions.

Comps. Belchamber, Downes, Blum, and Atkinson very gracefully replied, and promised their best services would be given in the benefit of the chapter.

The Janitor's toast closed a very happy meeting.

THE GLORIES of the old Trocadero in its best days are to be more than revived, as Messrs. J. Lyons & Co. have erected upon its site at Piccadilly Circus one of the grandest restaurants to be found in Europe. For elegance and convenience of construction, splendour of decoration, and the comfort and completeness of the general appointments it would be difficult to find its peer. The cuisine of J. Lyons & Co., Ltd., has earned for this Company the title of The Only Perfect Caterers, and the Trocadero Restaurant will be a distinct acquisition to Masonic lodges. Applications respecting bookings should be made to the proprietors, J. Lyons & Co., Ltd., Cadby Hall, Kensington, W.—[ADVT.]

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

On the occasion of the opening of the Municipal Buildings at Croydon by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., on the 19th instant, Bro. Sydney G. Edridge, W.M. of the Addiscombe Lodge, No. 1556, of which his brother, the Mayor of Croydon, is a member, entertained the annuitants who are resident in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon. For seeing the great show of the day, the Mayor and Bro. Sydney Edridge had made ample arrangements for the accommodation of the annuitants, and in the course of the morning waggons were sent to the Institution to convey them to premises in the High-street, along which the procession was to pass, and a brougham was provided for the Matron, Miss Norris.

A beautiful luncheon was laid for the annuitants at Bro. Sydney Edridge's office, and, after the ceremony of opening the new buildings was completed, they were driven through the town to witness the decorations. At half-past six in the evening, high tea was laid at the Institution, when Bro. Sydney G. Edridge presided, with Mrs. Edridge on his left, and the Mayor and Mayoress on his right. A large number of ladies and gentlemen of Croydon were also present. Among others were Bros. Walter Hopekirk, P.G.P.; Peter Joslin, 452; W. J. E. Hopekirk, 1586; J. Newton, P.G.P.; J. A. Farnfield, Treas.; Chas. Chumley, Dr. H. J. Strong, F. Nicholls, M.D., G. J. Allen, Alfred Lambert, Sec. 1556; A. Young Hyland, J. Harrison, J. Connelley, W. H. Lascelles, J. Stovell, R. F. Grundy, John Aris, T. W. Dobson, John M. Newnham, John Wayte, H. Simpson, H. Massey, W. G. Fenn, and Layton A. Richardson.

At the conclusion of the tea Bro. SYDNEY EDRIDGE, addressing the company said: The Mayor in his official capacity and the Mayoress in hers had graced that little meeting, but they were now obliged to leave for another function. They would, however, have been pleased and delighted with the display of talent which was about to be made at a later period of the evening. Still, this short visit of theirs was one of those passing sunbeams which were all the more gratifying because they were not so common. The Mayor had taken part in a very onerous public duty, and there was not a single lady or gentleman who had not seen how carefully the work was carried out. There was no single person present who would not re-echo the sentiments which Croydon felt through its length and breadth of regard for the Mayor for the splendid way everything had been done. The present little gathering was not so grand as that which some had had the honour of attending, but his audience was quite as appreciative, and he asked them cordially to express their good feelings towards the Mayor and Mayoress for their kindness in attending. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) He was happy to say that the Mayor was a Mason, as they would be able to know by what he would now say.

The Mayor of CROYDON, in acknowledging the compliment, said he could only assure the ladies and gentlemen, brethren and sisters, that it had given him and the Mayoress very great pleasure to attend at the Institution, and they had much enjoyed themselves. He wished to mention that he had had the honour that day of sitting next to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, and he took the opportunity of telling him that some of the brethren and sisters in that Institution were watching with a great amount of interest his Royal Highness passing. The Prince of Wales particularly asked him where they were, and he pointed them out to him. The Grand Master gave them a friendly recognition, and that remark of regard Masons well knew how to appreciate. That was the first time he (the Mayor) had been at the Institution, but he was sure everyone would admire that beautiful hall and the beautiful grounds attached to the buildings. He hoped it would not be the last occasion he should be present, and he trusted that each and all of the brethren would enjoy the entertainment provided. Many years might they all live in peace and comfort.

His Worship and the Mayoress then shook hands with all the annuitants and left, and after the hall had been prepared for the concert, the annuitants and visitors returned (Bro. Sydney G. Edridge, W.M. 1556, taking the chair).

An enjoyable entertainment followed.

Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD, Treasurer of the Institution, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman, said the day had been a red-letter day in the life of the annuitants, who had basked in the smiles of Royalty, for they had heard that the Prince of Wales had smiled on them when they were pointed out to him by the mace-bearer. Bro. Edridge was to be thanked for that, and also for accommodating them with refreshment at his office. The treat he had given them in the daytime was enhanced by that which he had added to it in the evening, and he hoped they had merited it. For what he had done for them, they asked him (Bro. Farnfield) to thank Bro. Edridge for this—one of the most pleasant days in their lives.

Bro. EDRIDGE, replying, said the longest day must have an end, and the sun had gone down on a very happy day. Associated with its most pleasant memories would be the fact that the brethren of the Addiscombe Lodge had been able to set before them an entertainment of which he should have not only a kind, but also a very pleasant recollection. He appreciated the privilege he had had in helping to take part in the day's festivities. He wished the old people to take part in them. He was very pleased to come down to the hall, which was a true haven of rest for the annuitants after the storms of life. Through the true Masonic hearts of the brethren that had been established, and it showed that they cared for the old people from day to day. The management of the place reflected great credit on those upon whom it devolved. He wished the people to remember there were members outside in the world whose hearts beat with theirs. He hoped that would extend; it was not Utopian. He trusted that the glorious Order to which Masons had the honour to belong would extend the blessings which comparatively few now enjoyed. In the words of the song they had just heard—not with the obligato, but with the sentiments in it from first to last, he said—"Good night, good night, beloved." (Cheers).

The company then retired.

### THE PIONEER LIFE ASSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

Relieved of the encumbrance of the liability incident to the original policies which lapsed in 1895, the Pioneer has now agreeable prospects before it, and judging from the report just issued, much energy has been displayed in giving full effect to the formula now adopted by this office, which appears to be having a full share of public appreciation. Established in Liverpool a few years ago, and where its centre of operations is still situated, the establishment, under careful management and application, appears to have done exceedingly well in the past year, the life account showing premium receipts amounting to £7361, the amount against claims being £2064, and a balance of £930, forming a basis for the life assurance fund, being carried forward with that object in view. There is a small balance on the year's working in the accident department, and the profit on sale of consols has considerably reduced the debit balance on profit and loss. As an instance of the cordiality and faith of the shareholders in the future development of the concern, they have spontaneously responded to the two first of the three shilling calls—due on January 14th and March 14th, a proceeding which must considerably enhance its prospects, enabling its directors and their principal adviser to anticipate the great wave of insurance which, year by year, appears to assume larger bulk, as the people become more familiar with the advantages to be secured under the protection of an insurance policy. The Pioneer enjoys the advantage of location in one of our most important centres, where, by the direct individual influence of the executive, a certain proportion of business must inevitably result, not that we would be understood that the scope of the office is limited to even so great a city as Liverpool, for already its policies are distributed broadcast, and, no doubt, under the encouraging prospects now opening out, the demand for these will greatly increase as the Pioneer increases in years and influence, and its agencies are established and consolidated in other parts of the kingdom. As already hinted, the hindrances of indifference and superstition are rapidly disappearing, and the apathy and prejudice of the people are giving way to better counsels, so that year by year we notice considerable additions to the membership of all insurance establishments. So that the Pioneer should take heart of grace, and feel assured that a large share of this reformed condition of our affairs, socially, must fall into its lot, with its attractive tables, and the extremely efficient working apparatus which it appears enabled to command. Under the new and improved conditions, we expect to find that considerable progress will be made ere the next report is issued.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF KENT will be held at Ashford on the 17th July.

BRO. F. JACKSON, P.M. 1987, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, on Tuesday last; Bro. F. Kedge, P.M. 1348 and 2191, Treasurer; and Bro. R. F. Potter, P.M. 1348, Tyler. We heartily wish the lodge every success.

A TERRIFIC CYCLONE swept over Sherman, Texas, U.S.A., on the afternoon of the 15th inst., when the western part of the town was completely destroyed, it being estimated that 60 people, mostly negroes, were killed, and a still larger number seriously injured.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Newspaper Press Fund took place at the Hôtel Métropole on Saturday last under the presidency of Bro. Lord Glenesk. The subscription list was a good one, and included 50 guineas from the Queen and 250 guineas from the Chairman.

THE MEMBERS of Bro. Sir Henry Irving's Company were among the passengers by the Cunard Line Steamer "Etruria," which left New York for Liverpool, on Saturday last. Miss Helen Terry has purchased a play entitled "Agatha Dene," which it is intended to produce at the Lyceum.

BROS. THE RIGHT HON. A. AKERS-DOUGLAS, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart. (Chancellor of the Exchequer), the Duke of Devonshire, Lord George Hamilton, W. H. Long, and Sir M. White-Ridley, attended the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Saturday last.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES and her daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, accompanied by Prince Charles of Denmark, returned to London from their recent visit to the Continent on Saturday evening last. They were met at Charing Cross Station by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who was attended by General Ellis, and at once drove to Marlborough House.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN distributed the teachers' diplomas and medals and certificates of the National Health Society in the Rubens Room of Grosvenor House on Saturday afternoon last. The Duke and Duchess of Westminster received her Royal Highness, and when the distribution was over the Duke moved a vote of thanks to the Princess for her kindness in attending.

A LARGE COMPANY was present in the Town Hall, Stratford, on Saturday last, when the final stages in the annual competition of the Great Eastern Railway Corps of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade took place. The Mayor of West Ham presided during the early part of the proceedings, and his place was afterwards taken by Bro. Lord Claud Hamilton, while the prizes were distributed by Bro. Lord Charles Beresford.

THE TROCADERO RESTAURANT will shortly be opened by Messrs. J. Lyons and Co., Limited, after a lengthened period of preparation. Every effort is being made to make this the handsomest and most perfectly-equipped dining palace in Europe, and the arrangements for Masonic meetings will be made a special feature. Applications respecting bookings should be made as early as possible to the proprietors, J. Lyons and Co., Limited, Cadby Hall, Kensington, where all inquiries should be addressed.—[ADVT.]

SIR ARTHUR ARNOLD, as Chairman of the London County Council, presided on Saturday last at the dedication to the public for ever of the "Hilly Fields," Brockley, which have been acquired at a cost of close on £45,000. Of this sum the London County Council provided £24,000, while the private subscriptions amounted to about £9,000, the remainder being contributed by the Greenwich and Lewisham District Boards. The fields occupy an area of rather more than 45 acres.

THE LAST DAY'S SALE of Bro. Montagu's collection of coins took place at Sotheby's on Saturday last, when £115 was given for a double sovereign of the first coinage of Henry VIII.'s reign; £175 for a double sovereign of the third coinage of Edward VI.'s reign; and £275 for a half George Noble of Henry VIII., for which Bro. Montagu had given £255. There was also a large number of pictures and drawings belonging to the late Mr. John Morley and others, disposed of at Christie's, some very good prices being realised.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY, attended by Miss Heron-Maxwell and Bro. Sir Robert Collins, visited the Crystal Palace on Saturday last for the purpose of distributing the prizes and certificates awarded by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to the writers of the best essays on "The Duty of Kindness." Her Royal Highness, on her arrival, was received by the Baroness Burdett Coutts, Lord and Lady Bellhaven, Sir George and Lady Measom, Bro. Sir Howard and Lady Vincent, Lady Nottage, and others. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Duchess visited the Burmese Village, and afterwards drove round the grounds in one of Sir David Salomons' horseless carriages.

A MEETING WAS HELD at Marlborough House on Saturday last, under the personal auspices of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and his sister, the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), when Lady Hallé was presented with a testimonial in celebration of the 50th anniversary of her *début* as a violinist, and of the 25th of her sojourn in this country. Among those present were Bros. the Earl of Kintore, Lord Suffield, Sir Francis Knollys, and Sir Edward Lawson, Signor Piatti, Sir George Grove, and Mr. Frederic Cowen, while the Chairman of the Fund Committee explained that, in obedience to Lady Hallé's wishes, the bulk of the fund had been devoted to the purchase of a villa at Azolo on the Venetian coast, and the remainder in renovating and furnishing it, and in purchasing a casket to contain an address to her ladyship. When this had been done, the Prince offered a few graceful remarks, and expressed his regret that H.R.H. the Princess of Wales was unable to be present on the occasion.

THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY announce that on Saturday, May 30th, the first of the weekly excursions will leave Paddington Station for Swindon, Bath, Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, Bridgwater, Taunton, Minehead, Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, Dartmouth, Plymouth, Falmouth, Penzance, Frome, Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, &c., and a special express excursion will leave Paddington at 8.5 a.m. each Saturday for Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Aberystwyth, Barmouth, Rhyl, Llandudno, Bangor, Carnarvon, Llanberis (for Snowdon), and other resorts in North Wales. Return tickets will also be issued to Guernsey and Jersey at 2s. 6d., available by the boat express leaving Paddington at 9.15 p.m. on Saturdays. On Thursdays, June 4th and 18th, excursions will be made to Cork, and on Fridays, June 5th and 19th, to Waterford, Dungarvan, Clonmel, Limerick, Kilkenny, and other places in the South of Ireland. On Tuesday, June 16th, and Friday, June 20th, cheap tickets will be issued to Belfast, Armagh, Larne, Portrush, Giant's Causeway, &c., and on Thursday, June 18th, to the Lakes of Killarney *via* New Milford and Waterford.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES held a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace on Monday on her Majesty's behalf, presentations to her Royal Highness being by the Queen's command deemed equivalent to presentations to her Majesty. The Prince and Princess of Wales, the Princess Victoria of Wales and Prince Charles of Denmark, with their suite, arrived, under an escort of the Royal Horse Guards, at the Garden entrance of the Palace from Marlborough House, there being also present Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig Holstein, the Duchess of Albany, and the Duke of York. The Hon. Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms were on duty in the State Saloons under the command of their Captain, Lord Belper, while the Yeomen of the Guard were on duty in the interior of the Palace under their Captain, Bro. the Earl of Limerick. Among the great officers in attendance upon the Princess were the Mistress of the Robes, Bro. the Earl of Lathom (Lord Chamberlain), Bro. the Duke of Portland (Master of the Horse), the Earl of Pembroke (Lord Steward), Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P. (Comptroller of the Household), and many others. The Diplomatic and general circles were numerous attended, among those present being Bros. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Capt. N. G. Phillips, Field-Marshal Viscount Wolseley (Gold Stick-in-Waiting), the Earl of March, and many others. A large number of presentations were made to her Royal Highness, and as the day was fine, a large crowd of spectators gathered about the gates of the Palace to view the arrivals, &c.

THE PRINCE'S RESTAURANT, PICCADILLY, W., which was opened on the 18th inst., is the most elegant and best appointed establishment of the kind in London, where Society can meet to enjoy Luncheons, Dinners and Suppers of the most recherché description.—Managing Director, G. Fourault, from Benoist.

V.W. BRO. FIELD-MARSHAL THE RIGHT HON. LORD WOLSELEY, K.P., P.S. G.W., has become an honorary member of the Ubique Lodge of the Royal Artillery.

THE CIVIL SERVICE SPORTS will be held at the Stamford Bridge Grounds on the 13th June, when the prizes will be presented by Bro. Lord and Lady George Hamilton.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES has given a donation of 100 guineas towards the fund which is now being raised for the re-endowment of Guy's Hospital.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, M.W. Grand Mark Master, has been pleased to appoint Bro. John Owen Marsh, J.P., P.G.S., Prov. Grand Mark Master of Monmouthshire.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK and the Duke of Cambridge visited the Royal Italian Opera House, Covent Garden, on Saturday evening last, and witnessed the performance of "Lohengrin."

BRO. THE RIGHT HON. LORD ADDINGTON, P.G.M. Bucks. assisted by the officers of the province, will, on Tuesday next, lay the foundation-stone of the Home for Women, in connection with the National Society for Employment of Epileptics, at Chalfont St. Peters.

BRO. THE DUKE OF PORTLAND, Master of the Horse, Lord Bangor, and Admiral of the Fleet, Bro. Sir H. Keppel, G.C.B., dined with Lord Belper and the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-arms at their mess in St. James's Palace, on Monday evening.

THE PRINCESS LOUISE (Marchioness of Lorne) will open the new head-quarters of the London Volunteer Medical Staff Corps, in Calthorpe-street, W.C., on Wednesday, the 10th June, on which occasion her Royal Highness will present the prizes won by members of the corps.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Army Temperance Association was held at the Royal United Service Institution on Monday, the chair being occupied, in the unavoidable absence, at the Drawing Room, of Bro. Lord Wolseley, by Bro. Major-General Lord Methuen, commanding the Home District.

THE COUNTESS OF WARWICK presided at the annual meeting, on Tuesday, of the Invalid Children's Aid Association. It was stated in the report that during the year 1895 as many as 791 cases were dealt with, the children in the majority of cases being either sent to convalescent homes or provided with carriages or surgical instruments.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE dined with Bro. Sir Edward and Lady Lawson on Monday evening, among the guests invited to meet his Royal Highness being Prince and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Earl and Countess Howe, the Right Hon. G. J. and Mrs. Goschen, Bro. Sir W. H. Russell, and Bro. Sir Frank and Lady Lockwood.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY visited Exeter Hall, on Tuesday, and presented a number of good-conduct stripes and ambulance certificates to skippers, mates, and smacksmen employed in the vessels belonging to the Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen. Her Royal Highness was attended by Miss Heron Maxwell and Bro. Sir Robert Collins.

THE LEWISHAM LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 2579, has now been formed, and meets every Wednesday evening, at the Black Bull Inn, Lewisham, at 8 p.m., under the following officers: Bros. H. T. Bridges, P.M. 957, 2579, Preceptor; J. A. Shelton, S.W. 1558, S.D. 2579, Treasurer; and Edward Hall, Sec. 2579, J.D. 1793 and 1995, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL DINNER in aid of the City of London Truss Society took place at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of Mr. John Norbury, Honorary Treasurer of the Institution, the donations and subscriptions amounting to close on £700, in which was included a sum of £52 10s. given by the Chairman.

THE DUCHESS OF TECK, attended by Lady Catherine Coke and the Hon. S. Greville opened the three days' bazaar which was held in St. Martin's Town Hall in behalf of the Royal Eye Hospital, Southwark. Her Royal Highness was received by the Committee, on whose behalf, subsequently, Sir Francis de Winton tendered the thanks of the authorities for her kindness in coming.

THE NEW PALACE STEAMERS, LIMITED, will commence their regular sailings tomorrow (Saturday) from Old Swan Pier, London Bridge. The Royal Sovereign will run daily at 9.35 a.m. (Fridays excepted) to Margate and Ramsgate and back. The Koh-i-nor will leave at 9.30 a.m. for Southend and Clacton. The handsome La Marguerite does not commence running until June 20th, when she will make regular trips to Margate and Boulogne as before. Special trains will be run from Fenchurch-street to meet the boats at Tilbury for the convenience of those leaving town later.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT arrived at St. Petersburg on Monday, *en route* for Moscow, to represent the Queen at the Coronation of the Czar. The Royal yacht Victoria and Albert, on which their Royal Highnesses were, on entering Cronstadt roads, was greeted with salutes of 21 guns from the warships anchored there. The two British cruisers which escorted the Royal yacht remained in the roads, while the yacht itself entered the narrow channel leading to St. Petersburg.

THE FIRST "LIFEBOAT" SATURDAY was held in London on the 16th inst., with a view to benefiting the funds of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Several hundred lads from the training ship *Arethusa* were stationed at the railway stations, bridges, and other prominent points, while in sundry districts processions were organised in honour of the occasion, and marched through the principal thoroughfares. In many business houses collections were made, while in the afternoon and evening there were demonstrations in the grounds of the Imperial Institute.

THE ANNUAL DINNER in behalf of the Royal Hospital for Incurables at Putney was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Tuesday, the 19th instant, under the presidency of Bro. Herbert J. Allcroft, Treasurer of the Institution. During the past year 860 persons had shared in the benefits conferred by the Hospital, 220 of them as inmates and 640 as out-patients. In the course of the evening subscriptions to the amount of £3681 were announced, or more than £1000 in excess of the sum raised last year. The half-yearly election will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on Friday next, the 29th instant, when 30 candidates will be elected. The annual sale of the inmates' work, for their own benefit, will be held at the Hospital, West Hill, Putney Heath, on Tuesday, June 9th, and two following days, from 2 to 7 p.m. On the opening day the Countess of Dudley will preside at the inaugural ceremony.

### THE COLONIAL MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY LIMITED.

The directors of the Society have been enabled to issue a brilliant and gratifying report for 1895, which was confirmed with tokens of hearty approbation at the annual general meeting held at the principal offices, 419 and 421 Collins-street, Melbourne, on Wednesday March 25th, and which is now being issued from the central offices for the United Kingdom, 33, Poultry, Cheap-side, London, E.C., where Mr. Edward W. Browne, F.S.S., with characteristic zeal and energy officiates as manager, with a distinguished and representative directorate. When account is taken of the vastly-improved state of trade in Australia of late, in contradistinction to the alarming events of a few years ago, it was to be expected that the extensive holdings of the Society, under a thrifty and enterprising control, would take a materially improved turn in the world's commerce. Such has proved to be the case on a liberal scale. Dealing with last year's figures exclusively we find that an unprecedented record is exhibited, for of new business 3553 proposals were received for sums amounting to £1,085,414, of which 825 were declined, withdrawn, or not proceeded with for £263,691; 317 remaining in various stages towards completion for £104,516; 2411 having been completed, 2296 for life assurance, and 115 for endowments, amounting in the aggregate to £717,207. The annual income arising from policies issued during the year amounted to £23,339 9s. 1d. The renewal premiums amounted to £282,615 13s. 9d., bringing the total premiums for the year up to £303,933 15s. 11d. The value of this progression in the year was enhanced by a saving of more than £10,000 in claims, the sum actually paid last year having been £97,333 18s. 2d., including bonuses, an additional sum of £27,050 10s. 7d. having been paid for endowments matured under 141 policies; the total sum disbursed since the organisation of the Society having been £1,539,496.

### DEATH.

BRO. GEORGE JAMES EARNEY.—On the 23rd ultimo, at "Glenroy," Sidcup, Bro. George James Earney, P.M. and D.C. of the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, and Skelmersdale, No. 1658. Interred at Southsea, Hants.



**MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)**

For the week ending Saturday, May 30, 1896.

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

**MONDAY, MAY 25.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
- 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 700, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich.
- 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel.
- 905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1015, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.
- 1632, Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1745, Farringdon (Without), Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
- 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel.
- 2397, Columbia, Criterion.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

- 188, Joppa, Guildhall Tavern.

**MARK LODGE.**

- 4, Prince of Wales, Mark Masons' Hall.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
- Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
- Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
- Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.
- Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
- Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
- Marquess of Ripon, Mildmay Tavern, Ball's Pond-road, N., 7.30.
- Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
- Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
- North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.
- Perseverance, Ridter's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.
- Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
- Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
- Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
- Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
- St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
- St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8
- Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.
- Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
- United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30
- Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.
- Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
- Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.
- Woodrow, Star and Garter Hotel, Pall Mall, W., at 3.
- Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
- Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
- Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
- North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8

**TUESDAY, MAY 26.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
- 46, Old Union, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 105, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel.
- 259, Prince of Wales, Hotel Metropole.
- 2108, Empire, Criterion.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 21, Cyrus, Blanchard's Restaurant.
- 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
- 2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
- Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
- Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8
- Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
- Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High-street, at 8.
- Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
- Dalshouse, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.
- Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
- Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
- Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
- Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
- Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
- Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
- Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
- Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
- Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
- Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
- Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.
- Mount Edgumbe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8.
- Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
- New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
- New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
- Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
- Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
- Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30
- St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
- St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
- Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
- Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8
- Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
- Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
- Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
- 212, Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant.
- 753, Prince Frederick William, Frascati Restaurant.
- 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel.
- 808, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar.
- 1390, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon.
- 1719, Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall.
- 2332, Borough of Greenwich, Masonic Rooms, East Greenwich.
- 2410, Hiram, Freemasons' Hall.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

- 1269, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall.

**MARK LODGES.**

- 13, Hiram, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
- 176, New Era, Mark Masons' Hall.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
- Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
- Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
- City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.
- Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
- Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.

- Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
- Duke of Albany, The Clock House, Battersea-park-road, at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.
- Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.
- Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
- Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
- Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
- Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
- La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
- Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
- London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30
- Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
- Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
- Mount Lebanon, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
- Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
- Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
- Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, at 7.
- Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
- Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
- Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
- St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.
- Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
- Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
- Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
- United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.
- United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.
- Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.
- Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
- Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
- Domatic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
- Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

**THURSDAY, MAY 28.**

- General Committee Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 5.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
- 861, Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel.
- 1421, Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford.
- 1523, St. Mary Magdalen, Cafe Royal.
- 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 2432, Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Court Hotel.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
- 29, St. Albans, Albion Tavern.
- 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 157, Bedford, Holborn Restaurant.
- 102, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
- 255, Iris, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
- 766, William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 1601, Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8
- Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
- Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
- Creator, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
- Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.
- Elliott, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
- High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
- Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
- Honor Oak, Crystal Palace Tavern, at 8.
- Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
- Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
- Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
- Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
- Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.
- Leopard, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
- Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
- Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
- Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
- Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
- Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30.
- St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
- St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
- St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney at 8.
- St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
- Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.
- Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
- Tranquillity, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30
- Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.
- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
- Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.
- Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8

**FRIDAY, MAY 29.**

- Council Boys' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
- House Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Croydon, at 3.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Albion, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
- All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
- Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N., 8
- Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
- Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
- Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.
- Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbrooke-grove, Notting-hill, 8.
- Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
- Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
- Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
- Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
- Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
- Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
- Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
- Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.
- Loyalty, Private Rooms, 266, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
- Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
- Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
- Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
- Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Jew Bridge, at 8.
- St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
- Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
- Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
- Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
- Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
- Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
- The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
- United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
- Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
- Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
- Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
- Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
- Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8
- Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

**SATURDAY MAY 30.**

(No Meetings.)

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
- Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
- Duke of Connaught, The Lord Napier, West Side, London Fields, at 8.
- Ebury, Grapes Tavern, 123, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.
- Eccleston, Victoria Tavern, 46 Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.

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