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

A few days hence and the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will have become an event of the past. It behoves us, therefore, to lay before our readers the claims it has upon the Craft and appeal, yet once again, for a generous measure of that support which it so fully merits and which, on the whole, has never been appealed for in vain. We may premise that the prospects are assuring. The celebration is fixed for Wednesday, the 24th inst., and will take place at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, under the auspices of Bro. His Grace the Duke of DEVONSHIRE, Lord President of the Council, Prov. G.M. Derbyshire. As for the Chairman's Province, which will occupy the central position on this occasion, we both hope and believe that it will play its part in a manner worthy of its acknowledged reputation as a consistent and liberal supporter of all our Masonic Institutions. What it has done at previous anniversary gatherings has been faithfully recorded in these columns; but more especially is this the case in respect of the loyal support it gave to its Prov. G. Master—then Marquis of HARTINGTON, M.P.—when he presided at the 87th Festival of this School in June, 1885, and as regards the prominent position it held among the Provinces generally at the Girls' School Centenary in 1888; at the Boys' School Festival held at Brighton, under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, Pro Grand Master, in 1891; and at the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Covent Garden Theatre in 1892. Many of the foremost brethren who took a leading part on the occasions we have enumerated are still as vigorous in the discharge of their Masonic duties and as eager to sustain the prestige of their Province as ever, so that we have little, if any, doubt that, if the circumstances in which it is placed are as favourable as they have been in the past, Derbyshire will spare no effort in order to beat its own previous best on record; firstly, because its respected chief will be the central figure at the gathering; secondly, for its own sake as a recognised supporter of Masonic Charity; and, lastly, but chiefly, because the cause for which it will be exerting itself is essentially a good one. As regards the other Provinces, there are many of them in readiness to do good suit and service, while London, we believe, is well represented, and will do its part as loyally as ever, the number of ladies and brethren whose assistance Bro. MCLEOD has had the good fortune to enlist as Stewards being, up to the present time, about 450.

As regards the position of the School, and the claims it has

upon the consideration of English Freemasons, we cannot add anything to what we have said in previous articles of a similar character; but we can repeat it as emphatically as ever and upon equally authentic *data*. The main point to be considered is—how to defray an expenditure amounting to close on £14 000 out of an assured income of somewhat less than £2000—and the only solution to this problem is to be found in the Returns which we are awaiting at the Festival, which will be held some 10 days hence at Brighton. A subsidiary, but still important, point is how to increase the permanent income of the Institution, so that the demands for money, which are now exceedingly heavy, may be made less urgent; and, here, again, our only solution will be found in the Returns we are looking forward to. If the approaching Festival results in a total of donations and subscriptions as large, or nearly as large, as was obtained last year, then it will be possible, after defraying the regular expenditure, to purchase a few more thousands of stock. The interest derived from this further investment will augment the annual income and create a corresponding diminution in the amount to be raised annually by voluntary subscription. The diminution will, of course, be on a small scale when compared with this annual deficit of about £12,000, but we have an abiding faith in the policy we have been advocating for some time past of raising more than is required for the year's service, and utilising the surplus in augmenting the invested capital. This can be done now with comparative ease while the country and its trade and commerce are in a prosperous state; while by way of showing that it is a profitable policy to follow, we have but to contrast the permanent income of to-day of our Institution for Boys with what it was only five short years ago. Then the invested capital was £17,500 and the permanent income, all told, within £700; now the capital is £60,000 and the permanent income, all told, within £2000. Thus the policy we advocate has at least the twofold merit that it slowly, but surely, diminishes the demand for voluntary subscriptions, and, at the same time, so strengthens the monetary position of the Institution that, when the inevitable rainy day comes, it will be better able to tide over the difficulties which are the necessary concomitant of a rainy day. As for the claims which the Institution has upon the generous consideration of the general body of English Freemasons, they are as many and as undoubted as they are various. In the first place, it is beyond all question that the School has been well managed during the present *régime*, the fact we have already drawn attention to, that in the course of the five years it has been in existence, the funded capital has been enlarged from £17,500 to £60,000, being alone sufficient to justify our statement. But while this increase of capital has been in progress, the School itself has been vastly improved. Independent examiners, after a strict and impartial investigation into the educational system now pursued, have borne ungrudging testimony to the excellence of that system and the beneficial effects it has had in raising the tone and character of the School. The boys are well cared for mentally, morally, and socially. They are instructed physically as well as mentally, and in the competitions into which they enter, either in the examination hall against the boys of other middle-class schools, or in the playing fields, they manage, without serious difficulty, to secure their full share of the honours to be awarded. However, it is not necessary we should enter into fuller details in reference to these points. It is enough for us to have shown that the conduct of the Institution has latterly been very successful both in respect of its administration and scholastically;

and it is because we know this statement is incontrovertible that we appeal with so much confidence to the brethren generally to give all the support they can to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at its approaching Annual Festival. The contributions we invite them to make on this occasion will be well applied, and, sooner or later, bring forth good fruit abundantly.

#### UNITED GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

It appears to have become the custom that when any one who happens to be a sufficiently prominent Mason is appointed to the Governorship of one of those of our Australasian Colonies, which of late years have set up independent Grand Lodges of their own, he should be elected, sooner or later, to the office of M.W.G. Master. Thus, when the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was established, the Governor of the Colony, Bro. Lord CARRINGTON, who was a Past S.G. Warden of England, was elected its first Grand Master, and when his term of office as Governor was completed, Bro. the Earl of JERSEY, who was appointed to succeed him, and who was not only a Past S.G. Warden of England, but also Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, was chosen his successor in the Chair of Grand Lodge. Similarly, when Bro. the Earl of KINTORE was appointed Governor of South Australia, no long time elapsed ere he was installed as Grand Master of its Grand Lodge, and now Bro. Lord BRASSEY, K.C.B., upon whom—on the eve of his departure to enter upon the duties of Governor of Victoria—his Royal Highness was pleased to confer the brevet rank of Past Grand Warden, has been elected and installed M.W.G.M. of the United Grand Lodge of that Colony. His lordship was elected at the Quarterly Communication, held at Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, on the 16th March, and was installed in office in the Town Hall, Melbourne, on the 4th May, while the installation banquet was held in Freemasons' Hall. It will be seen from the report we publish elsewhere, that every endeavour was made by those in charge of the arrangements in order to ensure that the ceremony should pass off in a manner worthy of the Craft. The duty of installing Lord BRASSEY was assigned to Bro. the Hon. S. WAY, Chief Justice, and Most Worshipful Grand Master of South Australia, who, it will be seen, delivered an extremely interesting address on the occasion. Bro. C. E. DAVIES, M.W.G. Master of Tasmania, installed Bro. Sir W. J. CLARKE, Bart., as Pro G. Master, and the Hon. GEORGE COPPIN, Past G.M., performed the like office in the case of Bro. GEORGE BAKER, Past G.M., as Deputy G.M., while Bro. BAKER invested the other Grand Officers—Bro. the Hon. GEORGE TURNER, the Premier of the Colony, as S.G. Warden, and Bro. MCLEOD the Representative of Portland in the Legislative Assembly, as J.G. Warden, &c., &c. The most elaborate arrangements had been made by the Board of General Purposes, and it would have been strange, indeed, if the anticipations of our worthy contemporary had not been realised, and "the installation of his Excellency, Bro. Lord BRASSEY, as M.W. Grand Master of Victoria, and the investiture of his officers" shown to be "the most brilliant Masonic ceremony ever witnessed in the Colony." To add to the *éclat* of the occasion, invitations were issued by Bro. Sir WILLIAM and Lady CLARKE to a Grand Masonic Ball, which was to be held at the Town Hall, on Thursday, the 7th May, and to which all Present and Past Grand Officers, and the W. Masters and Wardens of all private lodges, as well as a large number of visiting brethren from the other Colonies were to be invited to be present.

With reference to Bro. Sir W. J. CLARKE, Bart., Pro G.M., who, it will be remembered was, in the days preceding the establishment of its Grand Lodge, the head of the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions then holding concurrent jurisdiction in the Colony, and who, when the United Grand Lodge of Victoria was formed, was elected its first M.W.G. Master, and had held the office from that time forward, we learn from the *Keystone* that steps were taken in the month of April with a view to recognising the invaluable services of that distinguished brother to Freemasonry in the Colony by erecting in the grounds of the Masonic Almshouses a cottage, which is to be called the "Clarke Testimonial Cottage." The Chairman of the Committee

appointed to preside over the raising of the funds necessary to carry out this object announces in the circular which has been sent out to the Worshipful Masters of the lodges that he has been personally assured by Bro. Sir W. CLARKE that "no testimonial which the brethren could present to him would be more acceptable than the one suggested, and that he would highly appreciate such recognition of his services."

We are also pleased to be able to announce, on the authority of our esteemed contemporary, that the scheme, so far as it has been dealt with by the lodges, has been received most cordially, and what is still more to the point, most generously responded to. That such a project should have been conceived and be already in a fair way of being carried out is as creditable to our Victorian brethren, who are so greatly indebted to their present Pro Grand Master for the strength and prosperity of the Order in the Colony, as it is to the distinguished Mason, whose fame as such they are determined upon perpetuating. Victoria has our hearty good wishes for the continuance of its good fortune under its new M.W.G. Master.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE SYMPATHY CHAPTER, No. 483.

Comp. Earl Amherst, G.H., Grand Superintendent of Kent, assisted by Comps. J. S. Eastes, P.G.S.B., Prov. G.H., as H.; Sibert Saunders, Prov. G.J., as J.; Thomas S. Warne, Prov. G.S.E., as Scribe E.; and Horatio Ward, P.G. Std. Br., P.P.G.J., as D. of C., consecrated a new chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Sympathy, No. 483, Gravesend, on the 8th instant. The ceremony was performed at the Royal Clarendon Hotel—where the lodge meets—and was attended by—

Comps. Wm. Russell, P.Z. 829, P.P.G.J., Prov. G. Treas.; H. Forss, P.Z. 1623; John P. White, P.Z. 2277; Arthur Ronaldson, 829; Robert J. Beamish, 829; Orilton Cooper, 1928; Frank Hitchens, J. 829; Wm. Hawker, 1837; Thomas Taskes Hogg, 829; Charles Cobham, P.Z. 94; Ernest Ingham, 1837; John A. Gillett, 1837; John Fitch, 508; Charles Hind, P.Z. 1837; W. Spencer Bowen, 1837; F. Mitchell, 829; Alfred Spencer, P.P.G.J., Prov. G.S.E.; C. Wilfred Blaxland, P.G.S.N.; W. S. Whitaker, P.G. Reg.; C. R. Cockburn, P.G.S.; T. H. Blamiers, P.P.G.S.B.; P. Jones, P.A.G.D.C.; Edward Barrett, P.G.S.B.; George Goble, P.A.G.D.C.; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928; E. Walker, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Morris, P.G.S.B.; B. K. Thorpe, P.P.G.J.; G. Briggs, P.Z. 2147; J. B. Groome, H. 2046; E. A. Hooper, H. 2147; G. Harlow, P.Z. 2147; J. T. Reeves, P.Z. 31; A. W. Southwell, 742; W. T. Wiggins, 20; R. W. Walker, P.Z. 749; and Edwin Weller, M.E.Z. 503.

Comp. John Beavis Groom, H. 2046, played the musical accompaniment.

After the chapter had been formally opened, Earl AMHERST stated that a charter had been granted by the Prince of Wales for that new chapter, which had been petitioned for by companions who desired such a chapter adjacent to their homes. They had met together for the purpose of giving effect to the charter. It was always a pleasure to see a new Royal Arch chapter started, more especially when it had a good prospect of success, as in the present case, when it was projected by companions having the interests of the Order at heart. He was always pleased to see a new home established where the rites of the Order could be practised and its benefits extended.

Comp. SAUNDERS delivered the oration, and after the chapter had been constituted, Comp. Warne most ably installed Comps. William Russell as M.E.Z.; Henry Forss as H.; and John Percy White as J. The other companions appointed to office were Comps. Arthur Ronaldson, S.E.; R. Jeffrey Beamish, S.N.; Thomas Taskes Hogg, Treas.; Orilton Cooper, P.S.; Frank Hitchens, 1st A.S.; William Hawker, 2nd A.S.; Charles Cobham, D.C.; Ernest Ingham and John A. Gillett, Stwds.; and Martin, Janitor.

A founder's jewel was presented to Earl Amherst, who, with the other Consecrating Officers, was afterwards elected an honorary member of the chapter.

The chapter was afterwards closed, and the companions sat down to a choice banquet, and subsequently honoured a select list of toasts.

Comp. W. RUSSELL, M.E.Z., after the banquet, proposed the toasts of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" and "The G.Z. of the Order, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." In giving the former, he said it would ill-become the companions on the day of the consecration of a new chapter not to drink the toast of the Queen; and, in giving the latter, he observed that the Prince of Wales had been a public man from his birth upwards; he had done much for Freemasonry and for various societies, spending his money in various walks of life. He then referred to the Prince's success at the recent Derby, and said that Freemasons, as well as other Englishmen, congratulated him upon it. He had worked well in the Craft, and the expansion of Freemasonry since he became its head had exceeded the expectations of all the brethren. Long might he live to patronise English sport, and to continue to act in the cause of Freemasonry as he had done so zealously for so many years!

Comp. RUSSELL, in proposing the next toast—"The Pro G.Z. and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past"—said the brethren of Kent felt very great interest in that toast, as their Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent was now Grand H. of Grand Chapter, and several companions of Kent were Past Grand Officers. Among these were Comps. R. Joynes Emmerson, Horatio Ward, Alfred Spencer, and James Smith Eastes, who had secured the prosperity of Masonry in the province. There

were no worthier companions who could have been selected for Grand office. If there was ever a hard-working brother in the province it was Bro. Spencer, who had been steadfast and always to be found ready when wanted.

Comp. ALFRED SPENCER, Prov. Grand Scribe E., replying, said it was not necessary for him to make any comment on the merits of the companions named in the toast, the merits of each and all of them were well-known to all Masons. He might, however, say that every companion of Kent would feel proud and honoured to think that the Prince of Wales had been pleased to give the position of G.H. to Earl Amherst, Grand Superintendent of the province. They all wished that Lord Amherst might live long to occupy that proud and honourable position, and long also might Craft and Royal Arch Masons of Kent rally around him to sustain him in that position. For the other Grand Officers he would say that as Comp. Russell had spoken of him in very eulogistic terms, he felt proud to occupy his high position given him by Earl Amherst, and he hoped in occupying that position he should be always worthy of the high terms Comp. Russell had been kind enough to apply to him.

Comp. RUSSELL next proposed "Earl Amherst, Grand Superintendent of Kent." The companions of the province had thought many years they were in the happy position of the good man in the Bible, who found a jewel of great price, and went and sold all that he had and bought it. Years ago they found their jewel of great price, sold all they had and bought it; and they kept that jewel in the Province of Kent for 36 years, and some 20 years in Royal Arch Masonry. But the jewel, to a certain extent, had been taken from them; there were companions who had come and demanded to share the rights of proprietorship in that jewel, and who could say them nay? But Freemasonry was not a Society which appropriated what was good and valuable and kept it to itself. Masons were not niggardly or captious. It had pleased the Prince of Wales to appoint Earl Amherst to a position in Grand Chapter, and so far from expressing any regret at others sharing with them the proprietorship of their Grand Superintendent that priceless jewel, they congratulated him on his preferment, and rejoiced that he had been promoted to a higher honour than it was in their power to give him. He trusted that Lord Amherst might be spared many years enshrined in the hearts of Freemasons of England and of Kent. But it was impossible for him to hold a higher place in the hearts of any Englishmen than he did in the hearts of Kentishmen. That night they had to thank him for his kindness in attending personally to consecrate their chapter, and start their barque on the sea of life. It was a happy omen to have fine weather to make good voyages and be successful in their career. They had the good wishes of the companions in the province generally, and if such kindly acts as his lordship had showered on them that day could be of any value, he thought it was a happy augury for the success that would attend that chapter through many years of existence. Addressing Comp. Lord Amherst, Comp. Russell said the companions thanked him for the services he had rendered that day, and they hoped he would be spared many years to rule over the destinies of Arch Masonry in the Province of Kent, and that the success which had attended his banner might go on for many years to come.

Comp. EARL AMHERST, in responding to the toast, which was most cordially received, said it was always customary—he thought it was a custom which ought to be abolished—to thank the Provincial Grand Master or Superintendent for attending to do his duty. In point of fact, he thought every such Grand Master or Superintendent ought always to be pleased to attend to constitute either a new lodge or a new chapter, because he knew that he was constituting that which would increase his influence in the cause of Masonry, and it would be ill to depute the duty to any one but himself. The duties ought to be performed by him, to whom they were assigned, whether it was the duties of Master of a lodge, or Warden, or Deacon, or an Inner Guard, whatever was assigned to him he ought to perform it. His duties were assigned to him by the G. Master, and he ought to perform them. Besides, there were few more beautiful ceremonies in Masonry than the consecration of a new Royal Arch chapter or a new Craft lodge. He was always obliged to Comp. Horatio Ward for his unvarying devotion to the Craft in his position of D.C. It was a very great matter that these ceremonies should be well performed and reverently rendered. If a hitch occurred, or somebody did something improperly, the whole thing was marred, and the solemnity of the ceremony was done away with. He would impress upon the companions of his province that they should do as Comp. Ward had done, and study to take upon themselves duties which they might at some time be called upon to fulfil. Depend upon it, although it might involve taking trouble at the time, some day or other they would be called upon to take some part, and if they were not prepared they would regret they were not as perfect as Comp. Ward in that part, as they would find the ceremonies would not be worked so smoothly. It had given him very great pleasure to attend at Gravesend and consecrate a new chapter. There was good room for it in Gravesend without interfering with the old one. That was always the difficulty in recommending new lodges or new chapters—whether the old lodge or old chapter was likely to injure the prosperity of another. But he thought there was room for this chapter to go on and prosper, and he hoped it would for many years to come adorn the roll of the Grand Chapter of Kent. With respect to the kind observations which had been made concerning himself, he knew perfectly well the honour he had received from the Grand Master and Grand Z., had been felt more or less by every lodge and chapter, and every brother throughout Kent. The great appreciation by his Royal Highness of the services of the brethren of the Province of Kent, was shown by the honour conferred on the head of it, and the honours conferred on the other brethren. He could not grant collars to all the brethren, but Kent still received some share of the collars. Naturally the district of London not having a province of their own, took a large share of the distinctions. Kent, however, had had no small share of Grand Lodge honours, and the appointment he had received from the Prince of Wales showed his appreciation of the way in which Royal Arch Masonry had been worked in the Province of Kent. Let them show their appreciation of that by upholding the character of Royal Arch Masonry.

Comp. RUSSELL, in submitting to the companions the toast of "The Deputy Grand Superintendent, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers," said it was not many months ago a thrill of apprehension ran through all the members of the Masonic Craft, when they heard that Comp. Eastes was dangerously ill. It must have afforded a thrill of pleasure to every companion that afternoon to see Comp. Eastes among them looking as well as he did, and so far recovered. It was very difficult on an occasion like the present, adequately to express the deep feeling they all experienced when they heard of Comp. Eastes' illness; it exhibited itself day by day in the anxious enquiries to learn his condition. Thanks to the Great Architect

Bro. Eastes recovered, was with them once more, and they were truly thankful that the Great Architect had in his unbounded mercy and goodness spared him. There was no Royal Arch Mason in the province more beloved than Comp. Eastes. He had a loving heart, but a firm hand, and that made them good Masons. There were other Masons in the province who had also worked honestly, zealously, and truly in the cause, and it was to be hoped that their familiar voices might be heard for years to come, consecrating, or assisting to consecrate, chapters and installing and investing officers. Comp. Warne was an Installing Master *par excellence*; he was *facile princeps*. If anyone dared to do anything not as Comp. Warne did it he must be careful, for he rushed in where angels feared to tread. Other companions did not hold office from year to year like Comp. Warne, but they had risen to their dignity through the hard work they had given to Royal Arch Masonry; it was a reward of merit. Long might all those companions live to instruct, guide, and assist the younger Royal Arch Masons, so that they might in their turn become Preceptors instead of pupils.

Comp. THOMAS S. WARNE, Prov. G.S.E., who was called upon to respond, said Comp. Russell had feelingly alluded to their dear Comp. Eastes, and he was glad to hear those kind remarks as to the delight with which they all welcomed him again among them. Unfortunately Comp. Eastes was not able to stay to the banquet, and consequently he (Comp. Warne) had to reply for the Prov. Grand Officers. It was said by artists that if you wanted to test the value of a painting you must look at it under two aspects—by a near examination and a view from some distance. He was afraid that in the kind remarks Comp. Russell had made he had looked at him at too great a distance, for if he had looked at him a little nearer he doubted whether he could have said all the kind things they had heard. However, he (Comp. Warne) only gave expression to his belief and the belief of his confreres, the Grand Officers, when he said he and they were proud to serve under Comp. Lord Amherst, because he always maintained that although the Grand Officers might be selected for Grand Office, it was not so much the brethren who were honoured as the lodges or chapters to which they belonged. Therefore, it should be the aim of the companions and the brethren to stand well with their chapter or lodge. As to the events of the day, he had felt it a privilege to take part in the consecration of another new chapter for Kent. When he looked back to the last twenty years and remembered—holding the position he did—the first chapter he assisted in consecrating stood No. 11 on the roll, and now that the Sympathy was the 26th chapter in Kent, he believed that much of the *éclat* and prestige acquired had occurred through the happy circumstance of having Comp. Lord Amherst as the head of the Province. Without betraying confidence, he could inform the companions that a petition was about to be presented for another chapter in the province, so that shortly they might hope to see a roll of 30 chapters in Kent. He would impress upon Masons wherever he went, that it was all very well to attend the consecration of lodges and chapters, to extend the borders of Masonry, but what did it all mean and what should it mean? That they were endeavouring to carry out the three great principles of the Order—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. If these were the watchwords they could view with calm equanimity the extension of their borders, because they knew wherever a chapter was, there was a centre of usefulness, the Charities were fostered, and the principles of Masonry were increased. He hoped there was a fine future for that chapter.

Comp. EARL AMHERST proposed "The Three Principals of the Chapter." The Provincial G.S.E. had spoken of enlarging the borders of R.A.M. and what it meant. One thing it did mean, that more members would come in, and the Grand Treasurer of Kent would rejoice in that, because he would have greater power in the cause of Charity, which had been the pride of the province hitherto. For many years past Comp. Russell had been Treasurer of Kent, an honour and distinction which he hoped would be conferred on Comp. Russell for many years more. Under his considerable financial knowledge, the financial duties of the province had been well performed. At times his schemes were daring, as was the one he lately propounded; but they had to thank Comp. Russell very often for his good advice at their provincial meetings in laying out the funds to the best advantage. The voting power of the province had been enormously increased. He was the M.E.Z. of the Chapter of Sympathy, the Second Principal was the Master of the Lodge of Sympathy, and a most excellent and enthusiastic Mason was the Third. All had passed the chair in other chapters. They were all able and experienced, and it only remained for the companions to assist them properly to make the chapter a success.

Comp. RUSSELL thanked his lordship, and hoped the new vessel now fairly embarked on the sea might be a good and successful trader, and bring home much profit to its owners. Its owners were good Masons of the Province of Kent. All such profit meant increased prosperity to the Province of Kent in Royal Arch Masonry. They would all share in that, and he, as Grand Treasurer, would have pleasure in applying the funds. They wanted to increase the power for good of the province. They had propounded many schemes; some had been rejected; but the bulk had been accepted, and the result had been an unbroken march of success, and if the scheme which had been lately before the Provincial Grand Lodge preparatory meeting was followed up by a grant from the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter, he felt sure that the two branches of Masonry would be so indissolubly linked together, that they would be stronger and more powerful, and would be able to defy anyone to say that an agricultural province like Kent was unable to cope with the great manufacturing provinces in relieving their fellow-creatures. As long as they could go on marching hand in hand with their companions in the south in this noble race, it seemed to him that the Province of Kent was embarked on a great undertaking and it was necessary absolutely that every zealous Mason should lend his shoulder to push the business through, and he was sure no Kentish Mason would hold back. Comp. Russell then referred to the formation of the chapter, thanking Comps. Forss and White for what they had done, and stating that they were both excellent workers, and would be able to expound Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of Kent. When the province had such zealous and earnest members success must attend the banner.

Comps. FORSS, H., and WHITE, J., also replied. The toast of "The Visitors" was replied to by Comps. GROOME and WALKER, and

Comps. ARTHUR RONALDSON, S.E.; BEAMISH, S.N.; and ORLTON COOPER, P.S., responded to a toast, which Comp. RUSSELL very genially proposed, of the companions who conceived the idea, and had the energy of carrying it into effect, of constituting the chapter.

The proceedings then closed.

## THE VICTORIA GRAND LODGE.

## INSTALLATION OF LORD BRASSEY AS GRAND MASTER.

## A BRILLIANT CEREMONY.

Melbourne, May 4.

The installation of his Excellency Lord Brassey as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria was performed with much pomp and circumstance, this afternoon, in the Town Hall. The doors were opened at 3 o'clock, and a steady influx at once began. Soon every seat in the balconies, which were set apart for Master Masons, was occupied, each Craftsman wearing the orthodox evening dress and apron of white lambskin, with trimmings of blue and silver. Downstairs the rear portion of the hall was tenanted by Masters and Wardens, whose Masonic aprons were displayed in conjunction with distinctive collar and gauntlets peculiar to their offices. The lesser grades of the Grand Lodge Officers, both Past and Present, all in full regalia, were accommodated in the front portion of the hall, while the platform was reserved for the Grand Officers, Past Grand and Deputy Grand Masters, Past Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, visitors of distinction, and officers of Grand Lodges of other Constitutions.

By a quarter past 4 o'clock, when the doors were closed, every seat in the body of the hall had been taken, and a brilliant spectacle was presented. The entry of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Sir William J. Clarke, with the Grand Lodge Officers; and the subsequent entry of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Tasmania, Bro. C. E. Davies; the Most Worshipful Grand Master of South Australia, Bro. Chief Justice Way; the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Queensland, (E.C.), Bro. Augustus Charles Gregory; and the Past Deputy Grand Master of New South Wales, Bro. Hopson, added more and more to the brilliancy of the scene. Each was escorted to his place on the dais by the Grand Lodge Officers, and when the last had taken his seat the dais fairly glittered with gold collars and jewels, and with the aprons and gauntlets made heavy and costly with gold bullion embroidery and fringe.

The blare of trumpets announced the approach of the Grand Lodge Representatives, and preceded the proclamation in east, west, and north. Music was poured forth by an effective choir, and devolved into a mighty outburst of song as the voices of 2000 men joined in singing hymns of praise. A triumphant march came from the organ as the Most Worshipful Grand Master elect (Bro. Lord Brassey) made his entry with all the stately ceremonial peculiar to such a function, and the solemn hush which from time to time pervaded the hall as the oaths and obligations of office were administered made up a scene which for dignity and impressiveness has never been equalled in the history of Freemasonry in Victoria.

Bro. Lord Brassey having been obligated, was invested and installed, and the usual proclamations were made and salutations given.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of S. Australia, Bro. Chief Justice WAY, said: M.W. Grand Master and Brethren,—Seven years have passed since we met in this hall to enthrone the first Grand Master of Victoria and to place in his hands the emblems of authority which he has since used so beneficently, so wisely, and so well. None of us who were then present can ever forget that historic occasion—that impressive ceremonial, when representatives of all lodges belonging to the four Constitutions then working in this Colony paid homage to their first Grand Master, when Masonic union was accomplished, and the fully constituted United Grand Lodge of Victoria became one of the ruling Grand Lodges of the world. And now we are met again for a like purpose we have no reason to regret the step that was then taken. The objects you had in view have been accomplished. The Craft has been consolidated and enlarged. It has been brought under one central administration, and it is now in reality as well as in name a united brotherhood. Remembering the unexampled financial difficulties which this Colony has had to encounter, and which, happily, she is successfully overcoming, and remembering also that it is not the practice of the Craft to invite recruits to its ranks, the increase in the number of lodges and of members strikingly evidences the success of the union. The number of lodges then stood at 137; now it is 40 more, or 177. The membership at the union was 6000. Today, in spite of over 7400 resignations, deaths, and exclusions, the subscribing members number above 8500, or nearly 50 per cent. more than at the date of the union. The stream of relief also has flowed on with expanded volume. Nearly £10,000 has been distributed by the Board of Benevolence during the last seven years, and this independently of the relief afforded by the Blue Lodges and individual Masons. May I pause then to congratulate Most Worshipful Bro. Coppin, the veteran leader of the union movement in Victoria, on this signal triumph of the principles which he advocated persistently and courageously through good report and through evil report for so many years? And there is equal reason for satisfaction at the choice which was made of M.W. Bro. Sir William Clarke as your first Grand Master—a choice which alone made the union possible. Again and again that choice has been ratified. Six times in as many years the votes of Grand Lodge for the Grand Mastership have been unanimously cast for the same illustrious Mason. Wise, conciliatory, and just as a ruler; upright, nay, chivalrously honourable in his dealings with his fellow-men, loyal as a subject, patriotic as a citizen, distinguished alike for ingenuous simplicity of character and kindness of heart; munificent, not in his benefactions alone, but in every relationship, Sir William has won for himself year by year a still larger measure of the respect, the confidence, the gratitude, and the love of his brethren of the Craft. Although in Australia we have hitherto adhered to the English rule of re-electing our Grand Masters as long as they are willing to retain office, yet during the seven years of Sir William Clarke's Masonic rule in Victoria there have been repeated changes in the occupancy of the Grand Master's throne in the adjacent territories. In New South Wales, owing to Lord Carrington's and Lord Jersey's successive departures, and the lamented death of Sir Robert Duff, whose sterling qualities had only recently become fully recognised, there have been three such changes. In South Australia there have been two, in consequence of Lord Kintore's election and completion of his term of office as Governor. In Tasmania, with the most recently established Grand Lodge, there have already been two changes through the honoured and well-earned retirement of M.W. Bro. the Rev. Poulett Harris and the sudden death of M.W. Bro. Dr. Giblin in the prime of manhood and whilst his career seemed full of high promise for the future. And now in Victoria the first change in the Grand Mastership has come, owing to M.W. Bro. Sir William Clarke's own express desire that the Craft here should enjoy, as it has already enjoyed in New South Wales, and South Australia, the prestige and the advantage of having the Governor of the colony on the Grand Master's throne. Fortunately Sir William's interest in Masonry remains unabated, and the Craft will not lose the benefit of his services, as with characteristic self-effacement he has consented to act as his successor's Pro Grand Master. Should the occasion hereafter arise I do not doubt that his brethren may look to him with confidence to resume his old place at the head of the Order. M.W. Grand Master—If the occupations of a busy life have prevented you for many years from taking an active part in English Masonry, I hope it is not fanciful to point out that, considering your family associations with many of the great engineering works which are as distinctive and will be as permanent memorials of the 19th century as the great Gothic fanes of Europe are of the Middle Ages, there is an appropriateness in your now identifying yourself more closely with the Order whose members are the speculative successors as the modern engineer and his assistants are the operative successors of the old Crafts-

men. The Prince of Wales, the M.W. the Grand Master of England and the Patron of Australian Masonry, by conferring on your lordship the rank of Past Grand Warden of England, vouched for you to your Australian brethren as eminently fitted for the government of the Craft. Your brethren on this side of the world, when they reviewed the features of your career, could not fail to ratify his Royal Highness's judgment. One who has dedicated his time and energies and fortune to worthy aims and the benefit of his fellow-men, who has interwoven philanthropy and public spirit into the web and woof of his life, who has studied human affairs in all parts of the world, who has had legislative experience in both Houses of the British Parliament, and has held high office under the Crown in more than one Administration, who has been decorated and ennobled by his Sovereign in recognition of his distinguished services, and who finally, on the recommendation of her advisers, has been appointed to the Governorship of this great colony—unquestionably answers the requirement of the ancient charges that the Grand Master should be of "singularly great merit in the opinion of the Lodges." Moreover, in unanimously electing you M.W. Grand Master to the highest office in their gift, your brethren of the Craft in Victoria have not only done honour to you and brought distinction to their Order, but they have manifested through you as her Majesty's representative their devoted and unchangeable loyalty to your royal mistress, her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. M.W. Grand Master—Seated on that throne, you have at once received a high distinction and undertaken a grave responsibility. You have been invested and installed as the supreme ruler in a Brotherhood 8500 strong, without counting thousands more who are prevented by distance or other circumstances from continuing their active membership. The significance of these numbers will be better understood if we recall some of the preliminary conditions of admission to our Order, and some also of our beliefs and practical aims. Every member of our Brotherhood has been accepted by his lodge, after due enquiry, as a fit and proper person to join "a society of upright and true men, of mature age, of sound judgment, and strict morals," and relying upon his declaration that his candidature is "uninfluenced by unworthy motives," and is prompted by "a sincere wish to become more extensively serviceable to his fellow-creatures." Each of us has been pledged to upright conduct, to purity of life, to good citizenship. Belief and trust in the Great Architect of the Universe lie at the foundation of our faith, and we acknowledge the Volume of the Sacred Law to be the guide of our lives. Professing "a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols," the true Mason does not rest satisfied with a cold theoretical belief. He transmutes his belief into practice, into "brotherly love, relief, and truth." Although our society, like all other human institutions, may fall short of its ideals, the lives of a large proportion of its members are beneficially influenced by its sanctions. There is abundant reason to rejoice that in these young Australian commonwealths the pure light of Masonry has shown all along their history with ever growing brightness. Our lodges are doing their beneficent work in every city, in every town, in almost every considerable village throughout the land. Even in the most distant outposts of settlement you will find members of our Order striving to square their lives according to the rules of the Craft. Building up as we are in these Colonies a young and vigorous national life, it is well that our undertaking as citizens should be participated in and aided by a society which, whilst concerning itself with the profoundest problems of our being, does not disdain to encourage the old-fashioned virtues of honesty and fair dealing, of industry and thrift. Allying itself to no sect or party in religion or in politics, but welcoming good men from every side, of every condition of life, and of every race; witnessing for toleration, cultivating loyalty, love of country, and a fraternal spirit, our society cannot fail to be a powerful agency for good in the community, both in its internal and external relationships. At home it tends to promote friendly co-operation between capital and labour, employers and employed, and seeks to prevent class animosities and internecine strife. Reaching again to a wider scope, and disregarding political or geographical divisions, it will help to unite these sister Colonies together with yet firmer and more indissoluble bonds, and to maintain a perpetual union between our island continent and the dear old mother country. This gathering of the Craft, at which you, the Freemasons of Victoria, welcome your brethren from the other Colonies and all parts of the world, and honour some of us with the privilege of taking part in this great ceremonial, is an object-lesson to politicians and to statesmen, that the completest local autonomy is not inconsistent with the closest fraternal alliance between territories however divided from one another by distance or by artificial bounds. Standing on the floor of this Grand Lodge, breathing the serene atmosphere of brotherly love, undisturbed by "wars or rumours of wars," we hold fast to the great principles of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, and confidently look forward to the golden age when our labours shall find their happy consummation "in the parliament of man, in the federation of the world—when they shall beat their swords into plough-shares and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." And now, M.W.G.M., it is my privilege as Installing Officer, of which I gladly avail myself, to be the first to congratulate you, as I do most heartily, on behalf of your South Australian brethren, as well as on my own behalf, on your assumption of the Grand Mastership. A long experience of the Craft in Victoria enables me to assure you of the loyal support of all your brethren, from the latest entered apprentice who wears a white apron up to the Pro Grand Master himself. And I invoke upon your labours the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe.

In reply, the Grand Master, Bro. Lord BRASSEY, desired personally to thank Bro. Chief Justice Way for his eloquent speech. His visit was most highly appreciated by the large gathering of representative Freemasons assembled in the hall. He (Lord Brassey) regarded the proceedings not as designed to confer personal honour on himself, but as an act of loyalty and recognition to the Crown in appointing Governors of Colonies to high offices in Masonry. They were following the lead of the old country, where the Prince of Wales and other members of the Royal House had at all times been proud to identify themselves with the vast organisation established for noble purposes. He was sure that it would become one holding the position of Governor to come there and support an Order which proclaimed the universal brotherhood of man, and in which all class distinctions were forgotten. He assured them without reserve that he was heartily with them in sentiment, and cordially approved of the principles of Freemasonry.

The M.W.G.M. announced that he had appointed Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., as Pro G.M.

Bro. C. E. Davies, at the invitation of the M.W.G.M., obligated and invested Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke.

The M.W.G.M. announced that he had appointed Bro. George Baker as Deputy G.M. After presentation, Bro. Baker was obligated and invested by Bro. George Coppin.

The presentation and investiture of the Grand Lodge Officers was then proceeded with, Bro. George Baker acting as Investing Officer. Included in the list was the Premier, Bro. George Turner, who holds office as S.G.W.

The representatives of sister Grand Lodges having been presented, the proceedings were brought to a close at a quarter to eight with the singing of the National Anthem and cheers for the Queen and the G.M.

Half an hour later the numerous company assembled in the Masonic Hall, where the annual banquet was held.

The speeches delivered were of a complimentary and fraternal character. —*South Australian Register.*

MASONIC SERVICE AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH,  
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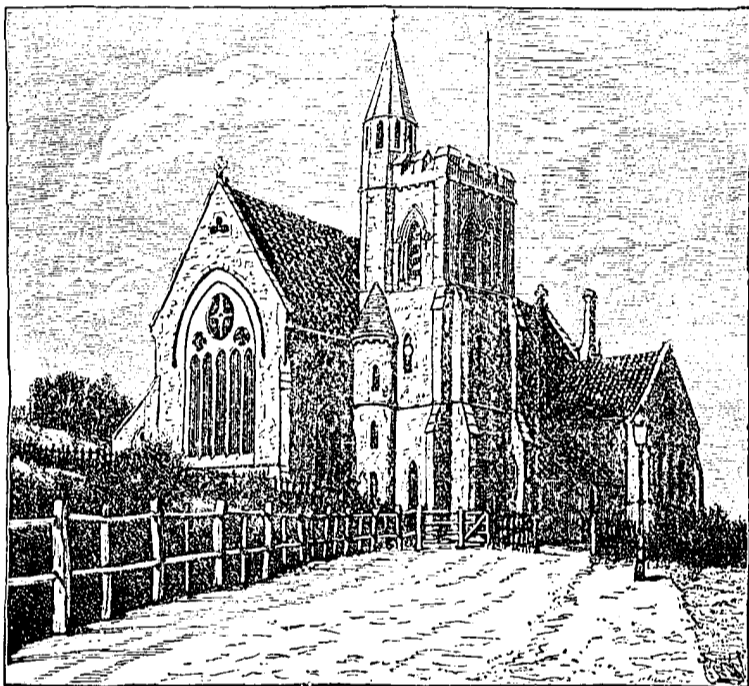
An interesting and successful Masonic Service was held in the above church on the evening of the 2nd instant. The idea originated with the respected Vicar, Bro. the Rev. Percy White-Collard, M.A., who with his churchwardens, Bros. J. S. Harling, W.M. 1293, P.M. and Treas. 30, and James Martin, 63, worked energetically to ensure a successful gathering. They were ably assisted by Bro. C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury, P.M. 2241 and 1997, who acted as Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. F. L. Perken, P.M. 63, the Hon. Secretary.

The brethren assembled and clothed in the Parish Room at 7.30, and walked in procession to the church, which is picturesquely situated on the brow of the hill known as One Tree Hill. Those who were strangers to the locality were pleasantly surprised at the extent and beauty of the view gradually expanding around them, a fair panorama of hill and dale, smiling fields and dark woods, stretching for many a mile across the lovely country of Kent, with the outline of the Knockholt Beeches clearly visible in the distant horizon, full twenty miles away.

The brethren were met at the western door by the clergy and choristers, and presented an imposing spectacle as they proceeded up the centre aisle, to the music of a triumphant processional hymn. The service was sung by the vicar, the first lesson being read by Bro. the Rev. E. H. Pearce, M.A., Vicar of Christ Church, Newgate-street, and the second lesson by the Rev. A. F. Ryder Bird, M.A., of Forest Hill House.

The musical arrangements were under the able superintendence of the Organist, Bro. Ernest E. Vinen, F.R.C.O., Org. 788, and the performances worthily maintained the reputation of the choir of St. Augustine's—a church famous for its musical services.

The programme comprised Hoyte's setting of the Lord's Prayer, Spohr's anthem—"How lovely are Thy dwellings fair;" Stainer's duet—"Beloved, let us love one another;" and the Sevenfold Amen and Hymns 391, 365, and 437 from Hymns Ancient and Modern.



ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH.

The following admirable sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. J. F. KIRTO, M.A., Prebendary of St. Paul's, Chaplain-in-Ordinary to the Queen, and Vicar of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Westminster, from Acts xx., v. 35—"It is more blessed to give than to receive." He said: As the diamond flashes out its own peculiar brilliancy above the richest and most costly setting; as the dew-drop, with its quivering beauty, sparkles out upon the whiteness of the lily's breast; so here enshrined in the address of the Great Apostle to the Gentiles, a fitting close to his most touching farewell, eloquent with pathos and affection, there stands out beautiful and clear the simple saying of our Lord—which I have chosen for my text—"It is more blessed to give than to receive." We wonder what was the occasion which first drew forth from Jesus this paradox of Christian philanthropy. And yet, indeed, it matters not; for the principle which is here set forth adapts itself to all circumstances, and is a fitting antidote to the natural selfishness of man, wherever that spirit is displayed. It is easy enough, of course, to see how the Apostle applies this saying of Jesus in his argument. He uses it in order to enforce that duty of practical sympathy and self-denying love, which he had also recommended by his own example. Now if he had urged this duty on the ground of the benefit which it conferred on others; if even he had pointed to the pleasure which the expression of gratitude confers this seems easy enough to understand; but when he supports his exhortation by this saying of our Lord, he is taking higher ground than this; he is speaking of the blessedness to ourselves of the self-devoted and self-sacrificing spirit, and, strange as it may seem, he claims this saying of our blessed Lord in support of his position, for it is more blessed to give than to receive. Now, of course, the mere pleasure of receiving it is not difficult to understand. Go out into yonder thoroughfare, and watch the eager, hungry countenance of the beggar who pursues you with whining, piteous voice and outstretched hand. Bestow on him some larger gift than the merest trifle that only mocks his misery, and the greedy clutch, the brightened eye will show at once the pleasure which your gift confers. A look at yonder miser, who, with stealthy looks and with feverish haste, counts up again his golden treasure as he adds another to his store. There may be pleasure, joy, and even rapture and delight in satisfied greed, or in appeased lust, or in taking of a beggar's dole, but there is nothing of blessedness in these. But when the mother receives from God the new born treasure to her bosom; or when the mourner is comforted in sorrow by the loving words of Christian tenderness and sympathy; or when the shipwrecked mariner is rescued from impending death, and receives back again the gift of life that had been well-nigh lost; or better still when the soul receives from God the blessed gifts of His own Holy Spirit, the sweetest consolation of His heavenly love. Surely, as with hearts full of gratitude it is given to us to receive gifts like these, there is something more than mere pleasure and joy, there is a real blessedness which we can all appreciate. Can it then be true that there are blessings higher and holier still—can there be any blessing greater than that of receiving into a grateful heart the precious gifts which God bestows. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Ask the athlete, and he will tell you that in the

putting forth of physical strength, there is more enjoyment than in the long and powerful process of acquiring it, and so preparing for the strife. Ask the statesman, and he will bear witness that in the exercise of his high power, there is more pleasure than in the gaining it. Ask the poet, the author, the artist, or the teacher, and from all alike the testimony will be given that the real enjoyment is to be found, not in the gifts but in their exercise, not so much in acquiring as in spreading the powers they possess. Go to the philanthropist, the man in whose heart their lives the enthusiasm of humanity, the man is filled with the spirit of tenderness and love for man, who longs to do good, hoping for nothing again, and he will tell you, that there is no joy like that pouring out itself in that ministry of love to man which is "twice blessed, which blesseth him that gives and him that takes." Go to the Christian, the man who has received into his life the precious gift of God's own love, to whom every gift he gains comes as a mark of God's favour, and an expression to him of God's care. His heart is full of blessedness in the gifts which he has received; but he, too, will bear his willing witness to the truth of our blessed Master's declaration—"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Yes, he most of all, as a steward for God, of every gift which God bestows, with willing service and whole-hearted devotion to the Lord, gives back to God and consecrates to His glory all that he is and all that he possesses, and the more he is able to give of time, of opportunities, of talents, of wealth, of effort, to the glory of God, the more fully does he recognise that blessed as it is to receive good gifts from God, there is a higher, holier blessedness in being permitted to give back to Him, and pour out before the altar of His throne those gifts of a grateful heart, which he is willing to accept. But does this blessedness come to every kind of gift—and if not what are the characteristics and conditions of that giving which procures the blessing. If you do good to them which do good to you, what thanks have ye? If ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thanks have ye? To give in a cold, calculating spirit, as a matter of fashion, or of policy; to give in order to win the approval of men, to give not out of love, but in a vain spirit of ostentation and display, there is no blessedness in this. To give what we can easily spare, to bestow that which we shall not miss, to give without generosity and without self-sacrifice, there is no blessedness in this. Self-sacrifice is the essential condition of the blessing. In this country we pride ourselves upon the largeness of our liberalities, and boast in the greatness of our Charity. What amazes me is not the generosity, but the intense spirit of selfishness which finds its home in every class of society. The self-indulgence which permits the working man to consume on his own personal pleasure that which should minister to the comforts of his home, and which leads the wealthy man to allow himself the gratification of every expensive taste and appetite, and forbids him to be lavish in his gifts to God, and to God's church and to God's poor. Why is it that in these hard times, as men call them, with every evidence of wealth and luxury around us, every philanthropic and religious work is languishing for want of funds? How is it, that the luxury of benevolence is the first luxury which many men curtail, and that the barest fraction of his income is the utmost that men can afford to devote to the glory of God? But if there is no blessedness in giving without self-sacrifice, so there can be no hearty self-sacrifice where there is no love. God loveth a cheerful giver, for that cheerfulness in giving is a sign and evidence of love. Love which makes the sacrifice easy, makes the blessedness complete; and, thank God, that this blessedness in giving is open to us all—the poorest and richest may share in this—for the highest blessedness comes in giving the highest and the noblest gift. Consecrate yourself to God and the blessedness is yours; cast out the idol that sits enthroned in the natural heart of man, and let God, and God alone, occupy the vacant throne, and reign in heart and life supreme. There is no blessedness like this. Pray God that it may be yours. Give all you can to Him, and then all that you possess will be used in daily stewardship for Him. To you who are my brethren in the Craft I need add nothing to urge the claims of our Masonic Charities upon your warm and generous support, for we all recognise it to be our first duty and our highest privilege to be liberal in our gifts to the brethren. The very foundation principles of our Craft demand that we should show towards one another fidelity, philanthropy, and love. And it is in the exercise of these gifts that we best exhibit and set forth to others the power of Freemasonry. To you who are not of the Craft it would be impossible to appeal on grounds like these. You are, no doubt, strongly influenced by a desire to know what are the peculiar secrets of the Society. There are secrets, of course, which no Freemason may reveal, but there are also guiding and governing principles which are common to all men, and if I appeal to my brethren on the ground of fidelity, philanthropy, and love, I may appeal to you for your generous help on the same grounds, and ask you to give in that liberal and loving and self-sacrificing spirit which alone can win the blessing, so that by your own experience you may learn the truth of this saying of our Lord—"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The collection amounted to close upon £20, which will be devoted to the Masonic Charities.

Amongst the brethren present were Bros. E. W. Allen, P.M. 173 and 795, P.Z. 173; G. R. Bolton, P.P.J.G.W. Kent; H. Carman, P.M. 548 and 442, P.P.G.O. Norths and Hunts; Dr. S. Hague, P.M. 2105, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex; George Kenning, P.M. 192 and 1657, P.P.G.D. Middlesex; H. Preen, P.M. 377, P.Z., P.P.J.G.D. Worcestershire; R. H. Dean, P.M. 657; E. T. Edwards, P.M. 788 and 2264, P.P.A.G.D.C. Middlesex; L. Ferguson, P.M. 1997; H. Gardiner, W.M. 1261; G. E. Gwinne, P.M. 1321; C. Gooding, P.M. 788; J. Hart, P.M. 193; E. T. Perken, P.M. 63; C. Robeson, P.M. 673; A. Rosendale, P.M. 1673; C. Sargent, P.M. 1261; C. G. Saunders, P.M. 1609; C. H. Stone, P.M. 507; F. J. Street, P.M.; J. W. Stevens, W.M. 2234; J. D. E. Tarr, P.M. 1293, P.P.G.D. Middlesex; C. Upton, W.M. 63; Isaac Dunn, P.M. 1622; W. Downing, P.M. 20, P.G.D.C. Kent; T. Whitford, P.M. 2500; F. H. Bywater, 1987; W. R. B. Briscoe, S.W. 1657; J. W. Breeze, J.D. 2264; W. Colclough, 343; H. Cornford, S.D. 1922; H. A. Christmas, 2182; W. Crute, 1076; E. N. Davis, 1818; G. Fawcett, P.P.G. Org. Somerset; C. N. Foley, 173; R. L. Franks, S.D. 96; J. Graves, 788; A. Inskipp, S.D. 1997; J. L. King, 1339; W. S. Le Grand, 874; J. Lamyon, 1364; H. Lewis, J.D. 2579; C. Lock, J.W. 1361; J. A. McLaughlin, 30; A. R. Marten, 186; Alfred Moore, 91; J. Moore, I.G. 1364; T. G. Miller, J.W. 2105; H. W. Neild, 1631; H. M. Newlyn, 180; T. J. Peckham, S.D. 1423; A. E. Remington, J.W. 30; J. F. Roberts, 76; W. Ramsey, 1777, P.P.G.D. Middlesex; T. Lewes Sayer, 1216; C. Smith, S.W. 30; F. W. Trackson, 1058; and A. T. Walmsley, 2241.

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**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.**

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Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.

The attendance of the Provincial Grand Officers, and of the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of the Lodges in the Province, is required at the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, to be held at the PUBLIC HALL, HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, on SATURDAY, the 27th day of June next, under the Presidency of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.

Other members of the Lodges in the Province (being Master Masons) may attend the Meeting, but they cannot vote nor take part in any business, unless they are Past Masters of Lodges under the English Constitution, and have retained their position as members of Grand Lodge. Visitors, being Master Masons, can also attend the Meeting, if properly introduced.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1896.

**Masonic Notes.**

The event of the week, nay, rather of the year, took place at the Imperial Institute on Wednesday evening, when the Prince of Wales presided at the Festival in aid of the Re-endowment Fund of Guy's Hospital. His Royal Highness has taken a keen and active interest from the very outset in the scheme for re-establishing this fine old Institution in something of its old sphere of usefulness and enabling it to render those great benefits to the poor and suffering of this great Metropolis which had made its name famous among the great London hospitals, and he now has his reward in the knowledge that in a great measure through his instrumentality "Guy's" has been enriched by donations and subscriptions amounting in the aggregate to close upon £160,000. This is an enormous sum, far exceeding the returns announced at any festival ever previously held in behalf of any Charitable Institution. The Centenary of our Girls' School, which was held in 1888 under the presidency of his Royal Highness, and produced a total of over £51,000, was for a few years the "best on record," until in 1892 the Benevolent Jubilee was celebrated, and the subscriptions reached a total of £69,000. But this result in behalf of Guy's beats our Girls' Centenary and Benevolent Jubilee, taken together, by some £40,000, and we imagine it will be a long time before this record is beaten. It is satisfactory to know that our Grand Lodge figured prominently among the contributions to this magnificent result, and that Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., on whose proposition the grant of 500 guineas was made by Grand Lodge, is returned

with upwards of £600 to his credit, while a closer examination of the lists of subscriptions will doubtless disclose the names of many other prominent supporters of our Masonic Institutions among the contributors to the Guy's Hospital Re-endowment Fund. We sincerely trust that ultimately the complete sum of £500,000, which is considered necessary to the restoration of the Hospital to its former vigour, will be obtained.

The Committee of the Board of Stewards, which was appointed on the 8th May, has completed the arrangements for the Festival on the 24th instant, and they were approved at a further meeting of the Board, which was held at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, the 9th instant. The special trains will leave Victoria at 11 a.m., calling at Clapham Junction and East Croydon, and London Bridge at 1.35 p.m., calling at East Croydon, while the return special will leave Brighton at 9.15 p.m. for both Victoria and London Bridge, calling at Clapham Junction and East Croydon *en route*. But those who may miss these trains will be allowed to travel by the ordinary trains which leave Victoria at 11.40 a.m. and 1.50 p.m. and London Bridge at 2 p.m., while a limited number of passes by the trains leaving Victoria at 3.50 p.m. and London Bridge at 4 p.m. will be issued, but application for these must be made to the Hon. Sec., Bro. J. M. McLeod, 6, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., before Saturday, the 20th inst. The return tickets are available, without extra charge, by any ordinary train on Thursday or Friday, the 25th or 26th instant respectively, and on payment of 2s. at the Brighton Booking Office by any ordinary train on any day up to and inclusive of Monday, the 29th inst.

As regards the banquet and other arrangements, the brethren and the ladies accompanying them will dine together in the Dome at 5.30 p.m., the caterer being, as in previous years, Bro. John Sayer, who has submitted an excellent menu which has been approved by the Committee of the Board. The musical arrangements include a performance by the London Military Band, which has been specially engaged for the occasion, on the Eastern Lawn, from 3 to 5.15 p.m., while an orchestral band will play in the Dome from 5 p.m. and during dinner, and on the Eastern Lawn from 7 to 8.30 p.m. We may add that the whole of the Royal Pavilion Buildings and Lawns have been engaged for the day, and that the Corporation has consented to close the latter from 2 to 8 p.m., so that the Stewards and visitors may enjoy themselves in privacy.

We may state that Visitors' tickets will be issued to brethren at 25s. including, and 21s. excluding Railway Fare; and to ladies at 21s. including, and 15s. excluding the rail Fare. Also, that the members of the Sussex Masonic Club will extend a hearty welcome to brethren at their premises, "Regent House," 2 Church-street, corner of New-road, on the day of the Festival, and that the Committee of the "Smugglers' Club," nearly opposite the Alhambra, have elected the Stewards honorary members for the day.

We beg to remind our readers that the annual Athletic Sports of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held to-morrow (Saturday), at Kempton Park, commencing at 2.30 p.m. A special train will leave Waterloo (North) Station, No. 8 Platform, at 12.45 p.m., calling *en route* at Vauxhall (12.50), Clapham Junction (12.55), and Richmond (1.13), and arriving at Kempton Park Station at 1.30 p.m. The return trains will leave Kempton Park at 9 and 9.50 p.m., calling at the above-named stations as well as at Twickenham. Return fares—first class, 2s., and third class, 1s. 6d. The band of the T Division of the Metropolitan Police has been engaged to play during the proceedings, and there will be dancing in the Pavilion from 6.30 p.m.

This (Friday) afternoon, the Hope Chapter, to be attached to the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, Newbury, will be consecrated by Comp. John Thornhill Morland, M.A., Grand Superintendent of Berkshire, assisted by his Prov. Grand Officers, and when the ceremony is over, the Principals designate—Comps. C. E. Keyser, P.Z., P.G.S.B., M.E.Z.; Richard Ravenor, P.Z., H.; and the Rev. W. Muirhead Hope, J.—will be installed in their respective chairs. The founders include, in addition to the three we have just named, Comps. W. H. Belcher, P.Z., Prov. G. Reg.; S. Knight, Reginald Maples Edwin Head, G. Boyer, and Major Gerald Ricardo.

An especial meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Somersetshire will be held at the new Masonic Hall, Minehead, on Thursday, the 18th instant, when the building will be solemnly dedicated to the purposes of Freemasonry. The Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, as well as the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of the lodges in the Province have been summoned, and all Master Masons invited to attend the proceedings, which will be carried out under the auspices of Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. Grand Master, who will be assisted in the ceremony of dedication by his Prov. G. Officers. Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 1.30 p.m., and a banquet will be served at the Feathers Hotel at 3.30 p.m.

## 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 RE-ENDOWMENT OF GUY'S HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I truly and sincerely thank Bro. Keyser, P.G.D., for so kindly taking up the matter of Guy's Hospital at the last Quarterly Communication; I knew full well I myself could not have achieved this result. I worked very hard for 18 months, and only by the kindness of that generous brother my suggestions have been adopted. I also hope and trust he will succeed in bringing the amount to £1000, so that a bed endowed by Freemasons may remain a monument for generations, and the outside world may know that Freemasons are not as selfish as generally reported.

I shall feel thankful if you will kindly give this letter a small space in your valuable paper, as you have kindly done for the one on the 7th March, which has brought about such happy results.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

MAURICE SPIEGEL, P.M., P.Z.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I cannot think that the members of Grand Lodge wished to prevent Bro. Keyser from giving full details of his motion, but am of opinion that there was much excitement over the Grand Master's Derby victory, and the proposal to benefit the excellent hospital was agreed to without need of words. I should like to express my regret that I prevented Bro. Sir J. C. Dimsdale from seconding the motion, my excuse is that I take an interest in hospitals, and I have had the honour of passing through the chairs of the Masonic bodies just prior to the esteemed proposer of the motion. Surely we can make up the total for Bro. Keyser to send in £1000.—Yours fraternally,

HENRY LOVEGROVE, G.S.B.

### KNIGHT TEMPLARS AND MARK MASONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is to be hoped that the alterations in the Regulations will increase interest in the Templar Order. It seems odd that the election of members to serve on the General Board should be a cut and dried affair, so many Past Grand Officers proposed on behalf of the executive, none of the Knights in the body of the hall taking the slightest interest in the matter. The alteration of the precedence of Grand Sword Bearers is unfair to the other officers, and especially to the Captains of the Guard, who now are the lowest on the list.

The great success of the Mark meeting is very gratifying, but I have seen more of the rank and file at an annual meeting. Here again the brethren showed so little interest in the General Board, that a list of Past Grand Officers was put forward and none below the dais.

The members of this Order are rather grumbling at the number of offices wasted, thus the offices of Master Overseer, Grand Treasurer, G.D.C., and Inspector of Works, were filled by Past Grand Officers. The two former have well deserved promotion, but why Bro. Plumbe again took office as Inspector of Works is as difficult to understand as Bro. Driver holding the office for some years, thus keeping out many deserving Architects.—Yours fraternally,

"OBSERVER."

### CRAFT JEWELS IN A ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I cannot understand anybody making such an absurd statement as is quoted. Nearly all Masons have a large number of Craft, Arch, and Charity jewels on a hanger or bar, and they wear all at whatever meetings they attend. It is obvious that only these jewels can be worn at Craft or Arch meetings, and not Mark, Templar, or Rose Croix.—Yours fraternally,

HENRY LOVEGROVE.

### A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

On more than one occasion you have warned your readers against a person using a card, on which certain letters are inscribed after his name, and which has recently been forwarded to me by a benevolent brother, whose faith in the Brotherhood, and strict adherence to the Grand Principles of our Order had prompted him to part with a sovereign under the impression that he was assisting a worthy Mason to tide over a brief period of financial depression.

In the hope that this communication may prove more effective than your previous notices have been, and in the interests of really deserving objects of Masonic Charity, I venture to ask you to give as much publicity as possible to the following statements:

I have no hesitation in saying that the individual so described has no right or title to these letters after his name if they bear the ordinary interpretation put upon them. Having some doubt on the matter, I applied to a well-known Mason, whose answer is—"was never on the books of Trinity College, I have had them searched back to 1848." His favourite story is that he is expecting a remittance from Australia, where he has property, and this has been the burden of his tale in London for at least five years; his general *modus operandi* is to call at the private residences of well-known Masons on a Sunday, and by using the name of another Mason as a recommendation, I regret to say that in many cases his persistency meets with the success which he desires, but, certainly, does not deserve.

Lately he was sentenced in London to three months' hard labour for obtaining money by false pretences, he having previously had a month, and in April last he was charged with begging, when the magistrate, probably being unaware of his real character, discharged him with a caution.

In the case referred to in my opening paragraph, he stated that he had been sent by a brother with whom I happen to be personally acquainted. I therefore considered it my duty to inform him of the fact of his name being used for begging purposes. While thanking me for having brought the matter under his notice, he says: "I regret to have to say that I am afraid Bro. (?) is an impostor. Some years ago he appealed to me as a distressed

brother, and I gave him some small sums. Since then he has repeatedly, and, I need hardly say, without my authority, used my name as in the present case." Now, it seems to me that this is a clear case of fraud, as nearly as possible like the others for which he was sentenced, and, as such, should be attended to by the Police or the Public Prosecutor.—Fraternally yours,

ALMONER.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The usual half-yearly meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street, Whitehaven, on Friday, the 5th instant, under the banner of Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119. Amongst those present were Bros. Colonel F. R. Sewell, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. Grand Master, presiding in the unavoidable absence of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P.; A. Taylor, P.M. 1532, P.S.G.W.; J. C. Thompson, P.M. 962, P.P.J.G.W., as P.J.G.W.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.S.G.W.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 962, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Barr, P.M. 119, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Atkinson, P.M. 872, P.P.J.G.W.; G. Dalrymple, P.M. 872, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec.; H. Bewes, P.M. 327, P.P.J.G.W.; and many others. A distinguished visitor was present in Bro. Edward Letchworth, P.G.D., Grand Sec., and he was duly saluted.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the annual communication, held at Workington in October last, were read and confirmed, after which dues from lodges and fees of honour from officers were received.

The question of the place for the celebration of the annual festival next came up for consideration, when, on the invitation of the W.M., Wardens, and brethren of Union Lodge, No. 310, Carlisle, it was unanimously resolved to recommend to the Provincial Grand Master that Provincial Grand Lodge should assemble at the "merrie citie," on which occasion also the brethren will celebrate the centenary of Union Lodge, which was chartered in 1796, by the "Moderns," the present warrant having replaced one granted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland some years previously. The gathering consequently may be looked forward to with much interest by the Craft on both sides of the Border.

The Charity Committee's report, recommending the granting of several sums to old and infirm brethren and widows, was submitted and adopted.

Bro. DALRYMPLE, P.G. Sec., had on the agenda a notice of motion—"That the sum of 100 guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," but it was held over until next year, when the lodges in the province will make a united effort to support their Prov. Grand Master, should his lordship be pleased to accept the invitation to preside at the 99th anniversary of the Institution.

Bro. W. F. LAMONBY moved that the sum of five guineas be donated to the Scholarship Fund in connection with the Boys' School; but, as a month's notice had not been given, the question could not be dealt with.

Prov. Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Grand Hotel, where they dined together, under the presidency of the Dep. P.G.M., Bro. Col. Sewell.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

#### INSTALLATION OF THE M.E. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

The annual convocation of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held in Freemasons' Hall, College-street, Whitehaven, on Friday, the 5th inst., under the banner of Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter, No. 119. There not having been a convocation for two years, in consequence of the lamented death of the late Grand Superintendent, the Earl of Bective, the 10 chapters in the two counties were, nevertheless, fairly well represented, the principal business being the installation of the Grand Superintendent designate, Comp. Col. F. R. Sewell, P.Z. 371, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G.M. The convocation was honoured with the presence of Comp. Edward Letchworth, Grand Scribe E., who had kindly consented to attend and perform the installation ceremony.

Shortly after noon, the Grand Scribe E. opened Provincial Grand Chapter, supported by Comps. John Barr, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.H., acting Second Principal, and W. F. Lamonby, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.J., acting Third Principal. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Chapter, held at Appleby, March 30th, 1894, were read and confirmed, after which the new Grand Superintendent was announced, duly obligated, and installed by the Grand Scribe E. The Prov. Grand Treasurer's statement of accounts, showing a substantial balance in hand, was confirmed, after which, on the proposition of Comp. LAMONBY, seconded by Comp. BARR, Comp. G. W. Kenworthy, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.J., was re-elected P.G. Treasurer.

The officers for the year were installed as follows.

Comp. T. A. Argles, P.Z. 129	...	...	Prov. G.H.
W. C. Johns, P.Z. 119	...	...	Prov. G.J.
G. Dalrymple, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.H.	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
R. F. Long, P.Z. 310...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
G. W. Kenworthy, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.J.	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
T. M. Rallinshaw, P.Z. 1074	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
E. J. Burgess, P.Z. 327	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
J. Harris, P.Z. 327	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
J. F. Hope, P.Z. 1073	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
S. Broadbent, H. 119...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
Dr. J. F. Muir, J. 119	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
W. Hodgson, P.Z. 1073	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
H. F. Fox, 119	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
J. Cooper, 962	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
J. Kassell, 119	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.



Comp. J. Burford, 1390 ... }  
 " H. S. Wilson, 1073 ... } Prov. G. Stewards.  
 " A. J. Livesey, 327 ... }  
 " J. Pearson, P.Z. 327 ... } Prov. G. Janitor.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Letchworth, G.S.E., for his kindness in coming so far to perform the important ceremony of the day, and was ordered to be recorded on the minutes, after which Provincial Grand Chapter was closed.

**PRESENTATION TO BRO. SIR WILLIAM ABDY, BART., P.G.D. ENGLAND, P.P.S.G.W. ESSEX.**

The monthly meeting of the Easterford Lodge, No. 2342, was held on the evening of Thursday, the 4th instant, at the Temple, High-street, Kelvedon, and there was a large attendance.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. C. T. THORN, presided, and after the business of the evening had been concluded, he, on behalf of the lodge, presented to Bro. Sir W. Neville Abdy, Bart., a handsome Past Master's jewel and an illuminated address, subscribed for by the members. In making the presentation, the W.M. said they had all been most anxious to present to Sir William some memento of his two years of office, as an evidence of their appreciation of the obligation they were under to him for the gift of the magnificent Masonic Temple in which they were assembled. They knew that their I.P.M. was not one who cared to adorn his person with numberless decorations, but they trusted that the one then offered him would be accepted, not so much on account of its intrinsic value, but as a token of the affectionate regard which they all felt for him, and that it would be prized by him accordingly. (Applause.) In conclusion, the W.M. congratulated Sir William on the distinguished honour just conferred on him by H.R.H. the Grand Master in appointing him to office in Grand Lodge.

Bro. Sir Wm. Abdy was loudly applauded on rising to acknowledge the gifts. He said the extremely kind words in which the W.M. had conveyed to him these handsome presents had touched him very deeply. In what he had done he had been actuated by a desire to further the best interests of Freemasonry generally, and the lodge he dearly loved—Easterford—particularly. He felt that he was quite undeserving of so much kindness, for it had been a great pleasure to him to have been the means of providing for them a place in which they could meet in comfort, and perform with becoming dignity the grand ceremonies of the Craft. As the Master had said, he did not care for wearing a lot of jewels, but this one he assured them he should always wear with great pride and pleasure, and, although he had now ceased to rule the lodge, he trusted that he should meet them all many times in that hall, and that the lodge would always be as flourishing as it was at the present time.

The jewel, which is a very handsome one, bears the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Sir Wm. Abdy, Bart., I.P.M., by the brethren of the Easterford Lodge, No. 2342. May 7, 1896."

The illuminated address, to which were attached about 70 names, was as follows:

"To Worshipful Brother Sir Wm. Neville Abdy, Bart., P.G.D. Eng., P.P.S.G.W., P.M., &c.

"We, the undersigned brethren of the Easterford Lodge, No. 2342, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, beg your acceptance of a Past Master's jewel as a small token of our esteem, together with this expression of our high appreciation and recognition of the manner you have discharged the duties of your high office for two successive years as Master of this lodge and a ruler of the Craft.

"Your career has been marked by a genial disposition and unceasing efforts on behalf of the interests of our Order, in which your hand and heart have been ever ready in promoting and assisting our Masonic Charities. Your rendering of our beautiful ritual has been recognised by all Masons in the province, and has added to it that lofty purpose of character, which is the highest and purest teaching of our Order, and we all join in the fervent wish that the Great Architect of the Universe will bestow on you every earthly blessing, so that when you look upon this address it may be satisfaction to know you are regarded by your brother Masons as a worthy man, a true friend, and an ornament to Freemasonry.

"We desire also to place on record our heartfelt thanks for the handsome and unique temple you, with your truly magnificent generosity, have reared as a landmark to Masonic enterprise for all time, and a token of worth and emulation, among the members of the Easterford Lodge in particular. We, the members of your lodge, shall never cease to remember the ready and unsparing help, which no personal trouble and inconvenience has ever prevented you from cheerfully giving us, and we feel that in offering you this small token of our regard, its intrinsic value makes no attempt to express adequately the love and esteem entertained towards you by every member of it."

**Craft Masonry.**

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

A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 4th instant, at Cannon-street Hotel. Present: Bros. T. W. Fisher, I.P.M., acting as W.M.; A. J. Holmes, S.W.; C. Garton, J.W.; Thos. Cohe, P.M., Treas.; Hy. Legge, P.M., Sec.; William Baker, S.D.; the Rev. T. Selby-Henry, J.D. and Chap.; James Smith, P.M., D.C.; Thos. Stokes, A.D.C.; J. G. Robeson, I.G.; C. Couchman, Tyler; F. Hughes, P.M.; J. M. Mower, P.M.; Peach, A. J. Rippin, Farr, Lloyd, Collins, Lockett, Fishleigh, Martyn Pitt, Fergusson, Peirson, Roche, Crawshaw, Simmonds, and Virgo. Visitors: Bros. Jordan, W.M. 2021; Ward, 1227; D. Harlow, P.M. 65; and Ringrose, 1076.

In the greatly regretted absence, through illness, of the W.M., Bro. R. Sarson, the lodge was opened by Bro. T. W. Fisher, who very ably performed the various duties of the evening, which consisted of raising Bros. Lockett, Fishleigh, Collins, Farr, and Lloyd, and passing Bros. Pitt and Peirson. Notice was given of a candidate for initiation at the next regular meeting. Before the lodge adjourned a telegram was sent to the W.M. conveying the sympathy of the members of the lodge with him in his illness and their wishes for his speedy recovery.

Bro. T. W. Fisher also presided at the dinner, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed by some capital singing by Bros. Ringrose, Jas. Smith, and A. J. Rippin, and recitations by Bros. D. Harlow and Fergusson.

**St. George's Lodge, No. 242.**

The first meeting after the installation was held in St. George's Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, on Friday last. Present: Bros. R. Bridge, W.M.; J. H. Pawson, I.P.M.; F. H. Buckland, S.W.; G. Smith, J.W.; F. Rand, Treas.; J. Duff, Sec.; H. C. White, S.D.; T. W. Turner, J.D.; S. B. Castle, Stwd.; J. Mason, Tyler; C. Richardson, Asst. Tyler; T. G. Stock, E. E. Thire, C. Reasbeck, T. Bletcher, J. W. Chapman, J. Hastie, Fretwell, P.M., and others. Bro. J. Constable, 2249, was a visitor. There was no work, but two candidates were proposed, and the W.M. announced that the lodge would not meet again until October, emergencies excepted, of which every brother should have due notice.

The brethren afterwards partook of supper in the ante-room.

**Finsbury Lodge, No. 861.**

The installation meeting of this well-known lodge was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, on Thursday, the 28th ultimo, when a large number of members and visitors attended to witness the installation of Bro. Henry Whitney as W.M. The popularity of the lodge in general, and the new W.M. in particular, was amply testified to by the following brethren: Bros. T. A. Stenner, W.M.; Henry Whitney, S.W.; H. Groome, J.W.; Samuel W. Vaile, S.D.; F. Hallows, Sec.; Thos. H. Noakes, Org.; W. B. Pratt, I.G.; W. Groome, P.M., D.C.; G. Leach, P.M.; S. Finch, P.M.; Geo. Preston, P.M.; C. Sims, P.M.; J. Rennick, A. J. Reed, Geo. Wright, Thos. Greeves, W. C. Berry, R. Wright, P. G. Mills, and W. Booker. Visitors: Bros. J. Flenman, 1743; C. Thompson, 1158; C. Wise, W.M. 1158; C. M. Morris, W.M. elect 1571; C. F. Padthorpe; F. E. Wright, S.D. 871; J. Thornhill, P.M. 1479; W. Tyler, P.M. 2579; W. R. King, W.M. 1671; T. H. Mills; A. B. Bayfield, W.M. elect 145; Padthorpe, W.M. elect 511; J. K. Pitt, 1339; W. R. Westley, P.M. 186; E. Hall, Sec. 2579; Fred. B. Wood, 1539; H. J. Lardner, P.G.S.; W. S. Whitaker, P.M. 1572; F. M. Archer, 177; P. M. Hooper, 1320; P. Cronin, J.W. 1512; D. Saines, 2540; W. I. Partidge, J.W. 79; S. J. Durham, P.M. 1622; G. Greiner, P.M. 92; J. R. Gillies, 898; E. Collard, 2047; J. H. Harvey, 1623; J. D. Webb, J.D. 1745; J. Cooper, P.M. 1320; H. H. Broughton, 62, 901; J. La Feuillade, P.M. 1381; N. Isaacs, 1349; A. B. Butt, 753; C. Parsons, 1637; J. Hollingsworth, 127; A. H. Rumbauld, Sec. 1441; J. R. Pitt, W.M. 463, P.P.G. S.B.; Thos. R. Catt, I.P.M. 1320; W. W. Westley, P.M. 186; E. Stall, Sec. 2579; and W. Berry, 2579.

After the usual formal business of reading the minutes of the last regular meeting, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, when Bro. Henry Whitney, W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. Stenner for the benefit of installation, the ceremony being very ably carried out. The following officers were invested: Bros. T. A. Stenner, I.P.M.; Harry Groome, S.W.; Saml. W. Vale, J.W.; J. Knight, S.D.; W. B. Pratt, J.D.; E. Legg, P.M., Treas.; F. Hallows, P.M., Sec.; T. F. Noakes, Org.; W. Groome, D.C.; A. J. Reed, I.G.; W. G. Hallows and Crews, Stwds.; and M. Gross, Tyler. Bro. Whitney then initiated Mr. J. Tyler Nash in a masterly style, after which the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, presided over by Bro. Whitney, W.M.

The music after dinner was performed under the direction of Bro. T. F. Noakes, Organist.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," having been honoured,

The W.M. proposed "The Pro G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom; the Deputy G.M., the Right Hon. Earl Amherst; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," at the same time expressing the pleasure he felt at having as a visitor Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.G. Stwd.

Bro. Lardner, in reply, thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the manner that toast had been received. As regards the Grand Officers, he could hardly claim to be one, because, being a Past Grand Steward of England, he did not come under the wing of the Grand Lodge Officers; but, be that as it may, he was very pleased to be with them that evening, and to see the beautiful ceremony of installation so well carried out.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Worshipful Master," said it was the greatest possible pleasure to him to instal his successor, Bro. Whitney, it was a very important toast. Bro. Whitney had rendered good service to the lodge, and he had that day entered into the Master's chair in the full sunshine of "Hearty good wishes" from all the brethren.

Bro. Whitney thanked the brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received the toast. He could assure them that nothing would be wanting on his part to carry out the duties of W.M.

"The Initiate" was next given. In reply, Bro. Jas. Tyler Nash said he was pleased to become a member of the Craft, and would do his best to become a useful brother amongst them.

It is interesting to note that Bro. Nash has been a subscriber to the Charities for many years.

Bro. Tyler, in replying for "The Visitors," said that was his first visit, and he hoped it would not be his last; he was very much pleased to see how beautiful the impressive ceremony of installation had been carried out. The working of the ritual was done in a highly impressive and perfect manner.

Bros. Whitaker, Forbes, and Westley also replied in well-chosen words.

The Worshipful Master said it was a very pleasing duty for him to propose "The Health of the Installing Master." The brethren knew how well he had carried out the duties of W.M., and it was his pleasing duty to present him with a handsome Past Master's jewel, a time-piece, and an umbrella for Mrs. Stenner.

Bro. Stenner, in response, said he thanked Bro. Whitney for the manner in which he proposed his health, and the cordial way in which it was received. It was most gratifying for him to be the recipient of the Past Master's jewel, which would always be a source of pride to him, and he would do his best for the Craft in general and that lodge in particular.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Past Masters," referring to the services they had rendered, and coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Week, Cherry, and Salter.

Bro. Weeks, in reply, said he had been a member of the Finsbury Lodge for 35 years, and it was refreshing to him, as the oldest P.M., to say a few words. The Finsbury Lodge was second to none in the Craft, and he was highly pleased to be with them again, as it took him back to days gone by, and he hoped the lodge would go on prospering as it had done in the past.

"The Officers" were next honoured, and the Tyler's toast ended a very happy and successful meeting.

During the evening sweet music, vocal and instrumental, was given by Bros. W. J. Derby, and Fred. W. Stephens, Miss Ada Hunt Smith, and Miss Louisa Jenkins.

**Clapton Lodge, No. 1365.**

The election meeting of this distinguished City lodge was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, on the 21st ultimo, when there were present Bros. J. D. Geddes, W.M.; R. E. Fairclough, I.P.M.; A. H. Church, S.W.; F. C. Lintott, J.W.; W. Blackburn, P.M., Treas.; W. D. Church, P.M., Sec.; W. Banks, S.D.; F. Orfeur, acting I.G.; J. Holland, Stwd.; D. Campbell, P.M.; W. Finch, P.M.; C. E. Luker, P.M.; W. H. Caton, P.M.; W. Macklin, G. Schilling, A. W. Diamond, S. J. Edwards, E. J. Livett, J. H. Shipman, C. R. Campbell, P. Becker, H. J. Dyer, J. Dolman, W. D. Seaton, T. W. Vaughan, E. Wildash, H. Green, F. W. Moore, W. R. O. Cathrow, S. Hartogs, and J. Very, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. C. Maillard, 2234; A. Wallis, 2234; J. J. Wharton, 65; J. Miller, P.M. 1491; J. Bunker, P.M. 1155; A. C. Dornford, 554; C. W. Matthews, 2271; R. Davies, 176; and R. T. West, 1144.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed and the by-laws read, the W.M., Bro. Geddes, initiated Mr. F. W. Moore, and immediately afterwards Bro. R. E. Fairclough, I.P.M., at the Worshipful Master's request, gave the ancient charge in splendid form. The W.M. then passed Bros. J. H. Shipman and E. J. H. Livett. Bro. A. H. Church, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. W. Blackburn, P.M., re-elected Treas.; and Bro. J. Very again appointed Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. J. D. Geddes, W.M., for his very excellent services, which he acknowledged in happy terms. Bro. D. Campbell, P.M., Hon. Sec. of the Summer Outing Committee, submitted an elaborate report, which was adopted. The sum of 10 guineas was voted to be placed on the Worshipful Master's list as Steward for the Boys' Institution, and five guineas for Bro. Macklin's list, who was also going up as Steward for the Boys. Five guineas having been voted to an indigent brother and after other business, the lodge was closed.

A superb banquet followed, for which Bro. H. C. Amendt, the general manager of the Great Eastern Railway Company's Hotels, was responsible.

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

The I.P.M., Bro. R. E. Fairclough, proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He stated that the W.M. had set him a lesson of brevity, which he, of course, must follow, but he was loth to do so, as he felt he could not in a few words give the toast the justice it deserved. His geniality and the respect they felt towards him went

without saying, and the way he did the work of the ritual was in a quiet, but effective manner, and the great services he had rendered to the lodge were appreciated by all the members.

Bro. Geddes, W.M., who was well received, responded. He thanked them most cordially for receiving the toast so heartily, and he again referred to the Past Master's jewel which had been voted to him, and he thanked them for the 10 guineas for the Boys. He did not deserve so much kindness from them, but he fully appreciated it. That was his last night as Master, and he was enjoying himself much, but he regretted to go now that he was beginning to feel comfortable in his position. In conclusion, he begged hard for the members to liberally support his list as Steward for the Boys.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Initiate." He said that what they had seen of him that evening made them anxious to see more of him, and he thought he would be an excellent acquisition to the lodge and the Craft, and he advised him to at once join the lodge of instruction connected with the lodge.

In response, Bro. F. W. Moore thanked them all for having received him into their fold. They knew he had taken a certain vow, which he meant to fulfil, and he earnestly hoped to carry out in every way all that he had been taught that night.

"The Visitors" was next given, the W.M. remarking that no words of his were necessary to commend the toast. They were all more than welcome, and the lodge could not have too many guests. Those present were all of the jolly kind, and he associated with the toast the names of Bros. J. Miller, P.M. 1491; J. J. Wharton, 65; Dr. Dalton, and Jas. Bunker, P.M. 1158.

Bro. Miller, P.M., responded, observing that the Clapton Lodge was gifted for the way they received and entertained their visitors. The W.M. was an old friend of his, and his excellent work they had witnessed took him by surprise, and he felt that their ruler was one of the very best.

Bro. J. J. Wharton said that he was glad to be there amongst so many old friends, and the working and hospitality of the lodge had not decreased in any way. Masonry bound men to men and hearts to hearts.

Bro. Dr. Dalton also acknowledged the toast in brief terms.

Bro. J. Bunker, P.M., stated that it was not his first visit by a great many. He was pleased that his friend, Bro. A. H. Church, had been elected W.M. He saw him initiated by his father, Bro. W. D. Church, and he hoped it would be his good fortune to be present when the worthy father would instal so worthy a son. There was no doubt he would carry out the duties of his new office in a way that was expected of him, and that at the end of his year of office the verdict would be "Well done, Bro. Arthur Church."

In giving "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Past Masters," the W.M. stated that they were in evidence to them all, and nothing was necessary from him to call attention to their many virtues, except to add that the success and life of the lodge was due to them, and he coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Blackburn, P.M., Treas., and W. D. Church, P.M., Sec.

Bro. Blackburn, P.M., acknowledged the toast, and thanked the members for having re-elected him as Treasurer, which he considered was a great honour. He had the pleasing duty to inform them that the lodge was in a very flourishing state, which was entirely due to the energies of the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. W. D. Church. They were all proud of the W.M. elect, Bro. A. H. Church, who would make one of the best of Masters in the annals of the lodge.

Bro. W. D. Church, P.M., also responded, and said that he was in a peculiar position that evening, because he stood in doubt as to whether he would be again appointed Secretary, as it had been whispered to him that the W.M. elect had intimated that he intended to make his officers "sit up." However, if the coming W.M. did not overlook him, he would continue his efforts as Secretary of the Clapton Lodge. He could not resume his seat without thanking them from his heart for having elected his son W.M. He was his first initiate, and Bro. Geddes had been kind enough to say that he (Bro. W. D. Church) could instal him as W.M., and it would be gratifying to him to have that great honour.

Bro. W. Firch, P.M., said that the W.M. had distinguished himself in the lodge, his speeches at the banquet table were out of the common, and when he came on the shelf of the Past Masters he would be received with open arms.

After repeated calls, Bro. R. E. Fairclough stated that that would be the last time he would appear as the I.P.M., and he took that opportunity of thanking the W.M. and the members for the many kindnesses he had received at their hands.

Bro. D. Campbell, who was also called upon, acknowledged the toast in a humorous speech, which elicited much laughter.

In submitting the toast of "The Worshipful Master Elect and the Officers," the W.M. stated that he endorsed everything that had been said of Bro. Arthur Church, the W.M. elect, as he would be able to fill the chair with honour to himself and the lodge. He also referred to the other officers, remarking that when their time came to go forward they would not be found wanting, and would keep up the great prestige of the lodge.

Bro. A. H. Church, S.W. and W.M. elect, responded. He thanked them for the great honour they had conferred upon him by electing him W.M., as he would be the youngest Master in age in the lodge, and the day he was to be installed would be the silver wedding of the lodge. He did not think that the officers he should appoint would be required to "sit up," as they would be efficient in every way.

Bro. F. C. Lintott, J.W., and others also responded in some good speeches.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a most enjoyable gathering.

The following vocally entertained the brethren: Bros. G. Schilling, W. Banks, H. Green, S. J. Edwards, Dr. Dalton, and E. J. H. Livett.

It is pleasing to record that during the evening upwards of 40 guineas was subscribed to the Worshipful Master's list as Steward for the Boys' Institution.

#### Installed Masters Lodge, No. 2134.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street; Hull, on Friday, the 5th instant. Present: Bros. G. L. Shackles, P.P.G.D., W.M., W. Tesseyman, P.P.G.S. of W., I.P.M.; J. Bilson, S.W.; J. Henderson, P.P.G.W., as J.W.; Thos. B. Redfeare, P.A.G. Sec.; T. Foley, P.P.G.S. of W., as S.D.; R. R. Hawley, P.P.G. Reg., as J.D.; A. King, P.P.G.D., D.C.; M. Scott, P.P.G.W., I.G.; H. Preston, P.P.G.D., Tyler; M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.G. Sec.; L. P. Brekke, J. Mackaill, P.P.G.S.B.; M. J. Martensen, and T. Morrill, W.M. 57. Visitors: Bros. J. R. Stringer, P.P.G.O.; Dr. F. Wilson, P.P.G.O.; E. E. Wilson, W. Pearson, F. J. Cooper, H. Davis, G. M. Poskitt, T. G. Milner, W. W. Fletcher, G. Everingham, D. Swallow, J. Priest, T. Binnington, W. N. Cheeseman, P.P.D.G.D.C.; F. J. W. Crowe, P.P.G.O. Devon; A. Percy, J. Pybus, and H. Meyer.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for a joining member, who was accepted. The W.M. then introduced Bro. F. J. W. Crowe, P.P.G.O. Devon, who read an interesting paper upon Masonic certificates. Bro. Crowe has bestowed much trouble and expense in the search of old Masonic certificates of all kinds, and claims to have obtained the most complete and representative collection in existence of these documents, of all Degrees and rites, and from all parts of the world. The lecturer said that there was a great fascination about Masonic certificates, for, in the first place, they present *history*; in the second place, *symbolism*; and, in the third place, *personality*. They contain history in that they give evidence of the existence of a certain Masonic body, Grand or subordinate, at a particular date, and that certain Degrees were worked at that date by that body. They contain symbolism in the designs, often extremely elaborate and handsome, with which the certificate is embellished, and they contain personality in that they bear the autograph of various Grand Officers (in some rites including those of the entire governing body) as well as of the recipient, who may himself become famous in after years; and so, in many ways the collection of these relics of the past possesses a charm quite its own. Bro. Crowe referred to the oldest Masonic certificate known, and which is written on a very curious document called "The Ancient Stirling MS. of the Old Charges," which is very minutely described in Bro. Hughan's latest work, and is considered to date as far back as 1600, if not, indeed, earlier. The Grand Lodge of England took little or no trouble as to the registration of its members, or the granting of certificates, during the earlier part of its existence, and it was not until 1755 that certificates were formally required by Grand Lodge. Previous to this date, the private lodges issued their own certificates, which were practically clearance certificates, and of which Bro. Crowe displayed a large collection. The first published list of the various

classes of Masonic certificates, with dates, was issued by Bro. Crowe in a catalogue of his own collection, published in 1894. In the following year, Bro. J. Ramsden Riley published his long-promised and handsome volume on "English Craft and Royal Arch Certificates," under the auspices of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, 2076, and at the present time Bro. Crowe is engaged upon an illustrated work dealing with the Masonic certificates of all Degrees and countries.

The lecturer, in describing the peculiarities and variations of the certificates issued by the two English Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters was greatly assisted by photographs shown by the lime-light, kindly manipulated by Bro. J. Pybus.

At the close of the lecture the W.M. moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Crowe for his kindness in coming from such a great distance to instruct and interest the brethren, which was seconded by Bro. M. C. Peck, who expressed the pleasure he had derived from the address and inspection of the many beautiful specimens which Bro. Crowe had brought. The time was all too short to admit of adequate study of them.

The vote was carried by acclamation, and suitable acknowledgment by the lecturer.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where refreshments were provided by the W.M., and a few happy hours were agreeably spent.

#### Hiram Lodge, No. 2416.

The last regular meeting of the session was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 27th ult. In the unavoidable absence of the Worshipful Master, Bro. G. Elkington, the chair was taken by Bro. Horace T. Bonner, I.P.M., who was assisted by Bros. A. F. Wrightson, S.W.; W. West, J.W.; F. A. Powell, P.M., as I.P.M.; Henry Lovegrove, G.S.B., Sec.; Merritt, Pearce, F. Tupper White, W. Henry White, Montagu Baldwin, and others. The business consisted of the passing of Bro. Young, and the raising of Bro. Lawrence. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation.

Dinner followed, and the usual toasts were honoured, that of "The Grand Officers," being received with great enthusiasm, as the senior P.M. and Sec. had to respond for the first time.

#### Molesey Lodge, No. 2473.

##### VISIT OF THE R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Castle Hotel, East Molesey, on the 6th inst., when the members and visitors assembled in goodly numbers, and were rewarded by witnessing a lengthy programme of work performed in an exemplary manner that left nothing to be desired. The lodge was opened at an early hour by Bro. J. R. Cleave, W.M., supported by Bros. E. L. Berry, S.W., Master elect; W. Dennis, J.W.; F. W. Buxton, P.M., Treas.; S. Hewett, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., Sec.; C. G. Sherwood, S.D.; H. J. Keen, J.D.; C. Stuart Walker, I.G.; J. H. Hawkins, Prov. G.D.C.; J. D. Langton, D.G.D.C.; C. O. Burgess, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Mayo, E. Lane Campbell, C. Morrell, D.C.; H. G. Foan, Org.; W. Lane, Tyler; and many others. Visitors: Bros. Right Hon. Earl of Onslow, Prov. G.M.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; W. Brown, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Tyler, Prov. G. Sec.; W. B. Fendick, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; W. S. Hooper, W.M. elect, 1987; J. Skinner, W.M. 2191; W. O. Welsford, I.P.M. 1321; F. A. Hazledine, P.M. 2098; J. Woodward, 2191; G. H. Foan, P.M. 1614; H. Luff, S.W. 2460; J. B. Townsend, J.D. 214; W. A. Colyer, P.M. 1193; F. Neale, W.M. 1281; F. C. Cooper, 44; F. Kedge, P.M. 2460; W. Sergeant Lee, P.M. 2488; C. J. Webbe, 1305; J. A. Harrison, J.W. 2488; W. Brooks, J.W. 2120; R. Sebastian Hart, P.P.G.D.; J. H. Price, Prov. G. Treas.; F. Jackson, P.M.; W. Green, J.W. 22; W. H. Gardiner, P.P.G.S.W. Berks; C. B. Leatherby, 1861; P. Mayo, W.M. 2222; J. G. Lane, 2146; G. G. Symons, P.M. 45; and W. W. Lee, P.M. 1897, 2381.

The minutes were confirmed, and a satisfactory Audit report adopted. Bros. Norman Jones, J. G. Wood, and F. Muntzer were raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. H. A. Lewis was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. H. Bevis was next initiated into Freemasonry. The Prov. G.M., the Earl of Onslow, attended by the Grand Officers and Prov. Grand Officers, then entered the lodge room—an elegant and commodious chamber, recently erected for Masonic work—and having been saluted, had an opportunity of hearing the ancient charge rendered by the W.M. Bro. E. L. Berry, S.W., was presented for installation by Bro. C. O. Burgess, P.P.G.D., and Bro. Cleave completed his arduous day's work by an impressive rendering of the installation ceremony, that well deserved the high encomiums subsequently passed by the Prov. G.M. The following officers were invested: Bros. J. R. Cleave, I.P.M.; W. Dennis, S.W.; C. G. Sherwood, J.W.; F. W. Buxton, P.M., Treasurer; S. Hewett, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Secretary; H. J. Keen, S.D.; C. Stuart Walker, J.D.; Charles Morrell, I.G.; C. E. Gilbert, D.C.; A. W. Bray, A.D.C.; H. G. Walker and C. W. Frommholz, Stewards; H. G. Foan, Organist; and W. Lane, Tyler. The Prov. G.M. and the Prov. G. Sec. were unanimously elected honorary members, and returned thanks for the compliment. Bro. Cleave, I.P.M., was re-elected the representative for the Provincial Charity Committee. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Cleave, who acknowledged the gift in an appropriate manner.

Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

The usual toasts followed, the W.M. setting a commendable example in the brevity of his remarks.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the W.M. said the members of the Molesey Lodge were proud of the fact that their first W.M.—Bro. J. D. Langton—had recently been appointed D.G.D.C., a reward to which he was justly entitled by his hard and earnest work in Masonry.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., in reply, said he thought he could say he had known the Province of Surrey longer than any brother in the room, as it was 30 years since he first visited a Surrey lodge. He attended on the present occasion, not only as a Grand Officer, but also as the Dep. Prov. G.M. of Bucks, and for many years those two provinces had worked together harmoniously. The interchange of visits was always gladly welcomed on both sides. He could not disconnect himself from the province which he considered almost his second mother province.

The W.M. then proposed "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master," to whom, on behalf of the lodge, he offered a right royal Surrey welcome. That was the first visit of the Provincial Grand Master to the Molesey Lodge, and they considered themselves highly honoured in having such an eminent brother to preside over them. Besides taking a keen interest in municipal politics, the Provincial Grand Master found time to look after Masonry in Surrey, and the longer he was their chief, the more would the Surrey Masons admire him.

Bro. the Earl of Onslow, Prov. G.M., in reply, said: It affords me very great pleasure to be present to-night and see the work of this lodge. I have visited a few of the lodges—and I am sorry to say but a few—in the province, but I can safely say it has never been under auspices so good, as regards work and agreeable surroundings, as I have enjoyed during my visit to this lodge. It has been often said that Surrey is the bed-chamber of London, but I am not sure in the case of this lodge that London is not the bed-chamber of the Molesey Lodge. But whether you live in London or Surrey we offer you a hearty welcome if you select that county for the meetings of your lodge. There are many strong and powerful lodges in Surrey, but some small and weak, and I as the Prov. G. Master, would gladly welcome in view of the increase in the number of lodges, that our neighbours would come down and strengthen some of our old lodges in the province. I am glad to have this opportunity of announcing that it is our intention to hold the Prov. G. Lodge meeting in Kingston, on 22nd July. It is a town in which I think Prov. G. Lodge has not been held for 12 years, but it is an important centre, and I hope that the Freemasons of Kingston, whom I have not met, will give us the welcome always accorded in all parts. "New brooms sweep clean," and I am a new broom; but whether I sweep clean you will judge for yourselves. I propose to make an alteration in the manner in which our Prov. G. Lodge meeting is held. It has been the practice for Prov. G. Lodge to be held under the banner of some lodge or lodges in the place determined upon, and I propose that it shall not be held under any banner, but pay its own expenses. Under those conditions it will be found more easy for the Prov. G. Master in awarding the honours to the several lodges to select those who have done good work, and award them without favour or distinction equally in all parts. It is for that reason I have decided to make that change. I beg to assure you I am not going to make a long speech, for there is nothing I dislike more. I will only thank you for the right royal welcome accorded me.

"The Prov. Grand Officers" was proposed by the W.M., who referred to the several Prov. Grand Officers present, and said that Masonry in Surrey was bound to go forward with such good men at the head.

Bro. C. Tyler, Prov. G. Sec., returned thanks, and said he expressed the feelings of all Prov. Grand Officers present when he said how pleased they were at the manner in which the work was done in the lodge. It was a great treat, and he could safely say having visited a great many, that each lodge in the province tried to outdo the others.

The Prov. Grand Master, in proposing the next toast—"The Health of the W.M."—said he had known the W.M. for too short a time to enable him to prognosticate what would be the result of his year of office, but he could say the W.M. had taken no small pains in the interest of the lodge to see that everything was in decency and order. As a W.M. Bro. Berry had a high standard to live up to, for the work he had seen that day was as good as any to be found in the province. It had been often said—"That which becomes a man most is his manner of leaving it," and that which became a W.M. most was the manner in which he installed his successor, and no brother present would contradict him when he said that the manner in which the W.M. had been installed was worthy of the traditions of that lodge. He gave them "The Health of the W.M.," wishing that his year of office would be as successful, and that he might instal his successor in as admirable a manner as had been done that night.

Bro. E. L. Berry, W.M., expressed his thanks for the way in which the toast had been proposed and received. He had indeed a very difficult task to perform for the next 12 months to try to get "one better" than the I.P.M. He would do his best to be their W.M. as a W.M. should be, and carry out the work to the best of his ability, and endeavour to make them happy and their meetings as genial as possible. That lodge was formed with the idea of being charitable, and he hoped that, although many were London Masons, they would not forget the Province of Surrey. They had a Charity Association formed with the idea of Worshipful Masters of the lodge going up as Stewards with good lists. He again thanked them for the manner in which they had received him, and for the kindness with which they had placed him in the chair.

"The Initiate" was next given and responded to, after which

The W.M. submitted "The Installing Master and Past Masters." The I.P.M., Bro. Cleave, was a man of sterling worth, and when he (the W.M.) asked that brother to join that lodge, they would give him credit for introducing a worthy Mason. The Prov. Grand Master had referred to the perfect rendering of the installation ceremony, which was done after the three Degrees had been performed. Bro. Langton had done good suit and service in Masonry, especially as Secretary of the Charity Committee, and Bro. C. O. Burgess's work had been recognised by Prov. Grand Lodge.

Bro. J. R. Cleave, I.P.M., returned thanks for the reception accorded him, and also for the jewel presented by the lodge.

Bros. J. D. Langton, D.G.D.C., and C. O. Burgess, P.M., P.P.G.D., also replied.

"The Visitors" was given by Bro. Burgess, P.P.G.D., and responded to by Bros. Gardiner, P.S.G.W. Berks; W. B. Fendick, P.S.G.D. Berks; F. Kedge, P.M.; and Colyer, P.M.

Other toasts were given before the Tyler's toast closed a successful gathering, that will doubtless be regarded as a red-letter day in the history of this young and successful lodge.

Bro. Foan, Org., presided in a brilliant manner at the pianoforte, and was ably assisted in the musical arrangements by Bros. Stuart Walker, Masters, Read, and Sergeant Lee.

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.

### Moira Chapter, No. 92.

The installation of Principals took place on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. The following are the officers for the year: Comps. Sir Norman Pringle, Bart., M.E.Z.; G. Greiner, H.; E. D. Oppert, J.; Bertram Noakes, P.Z., S.E.; R. Phillips, P.Z., S.N.; J. M. Mitchell, P.S.; Sir Alfred Dent, K.C.M.G., P.Z., A.S.; R. W. Tweedie, P.Z., A.S.; and T. L. Wilkinson, P.Z., Treas. Those present were duly invested, and after the installation of the First Principal by Comp. W. Hooker, I.P.Z., the ceremonies of installing H. and J. were very ably performed by the new M.E.Z.

There were also present Comps. R. F. Gould, P.Z., and W. Bohm, P.Z. Visitors: Comps. John E. Lovett, 1114, and Andrew C. Durrant, 12. Comp. W. J. Hughan, P.A.G.S., was prevented by a previous engagement from being present.

The companions afterwards dined together.

## Mark Masonry.

### Love and Honour Lodge, No. 94.

The annual meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Falmouth, when Bro. J. M. Carne, P.M., was installed W.M. for the second time. He appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. W. J. Sharpe, S.W.; W. Wickett, J.W.; W. F. Newman, P.M., Treas.; Bruce Gregg, M.O.; J. M. Blamey, S.O.; W. Nicholls, J.O.; J. Rowe, S.D.; T. G. Holder, J.D.; J. H. Peters, I.G.; W. Gundry, Sec.; A. Smith, D.C.; G. Carter, Org.; and J. Frances, Tyler.

After business the brethren retired for refreshment to the Royal Hotel, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

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.]

## MASONIC SERVICE.

On Tuesday afternoon, the 2nd instant, a Masonic service was held in Manchester Cathedral in connection with the Yarborough Lodge, No. 633. Assembling in the Derby Chapel, the brethren walked in procession to the north-door and took the seats assigned to them in the centre of the building. An appropriate sermon was preached by the Dean, who, in commending Masonic objects and Charities, dwelt on the fact that the special teaching of Trinity Sunday was that of unity, which was also the feature of Freemasonry.

## Lodges and Chapter of Instruction.

### PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 13th ult., at the Weavers' Arms, London Wall, E.C., when there were present Bros. William Baker, W.M.; W. J. Greig, Asst. Preceptor, S.W.; Spencer, J.W.; D. Harlow, P.M., Preceptor; H. T. Meadows, Sec.; Jas. Smith, P.M., S.D.; Emden, J.D.; Butcher, I.G.; Harris, P.M.; Drake, Rev. Selby-Henrey, Scott, Holmes, and Knight.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was very successfully rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Drake being the candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Meadows, who worked the ceremony of raising, Bro. Rev. Selby-Henrey being the candidate. Bro. Baker then resumed the chair, and closed the lodge in due form after Bro. Greig had been unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting.

### LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. H. C. Parker, W.M.; T. L. Goldstein, S.W.; F. Jackson, P.M., J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; F. Thom, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; Geo. Hill, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Wilby, P.M., Sec.; F. G. Evans, S.D.; M. Beedle, J.D.; A. G. Sturgess, I.G.; W. Proctor, P.M., Tyler; A. Terry, T. H. Clear, and J. Mason.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Thom, P.M., and the 2nd by Bro. Jackson. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. A. Terry being the candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. At the second rising, Bro. J. L. Goldstein was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. After the third rising, all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

### RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 29th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. R. Phillips, W.M.; Wm. Hide, S.W.; W. Hinds, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; T. Johnson, Treas.; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; P. Cronin, S.D.; A. J. Clayton, J.D.; T. Knights, I.G.; J. H. King, Steward; W. J. Coplestone, P.M.; W. W. Williams, P.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx.; Barton Jones, P.M., W.M. 452; Hans Scharien, P.M., W.M. 834; A. J. Dalton, E. H. Tompsett, R. Reid, H. Sellick, J. Worth, J. Banks, and Webb.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Tompsett acting as candidate. Bro. Banks offered himself as a candidate for passing, and he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree. Bros. Barton Jones and Frederick Webb were elected joining members. The lodge was then closed.

### HARROW LODGE, No. 1310.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 29th ult., at the Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, W., when there were present: Bros. Weston, W.M.; E. Lewis, S.W.; Rudrum, J.W.; Geo. Wood, P.M., Preceptor; Jabez Mason, Sec.; T. West, S.D.; Rowe, J.D.; Eardley, I.G.; Lynn, P.M.; Ellis, P.M.; Brown, P.M.; C. E. Mulvey, P.M.; Jones, Johnstone, Drewell, Roberts, and Dingley.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Johnstone having been examined and entrusted, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Johnstone acting as candidate. Bro. Roberts having been examined and entrusted, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Roberts acting as candidate. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, the W.M. rose for the first time, when Bro. Ellis, 1310, was elected a joining member. Bro. T. West, I.P.M. 1310, was presented with a Past Master's jewel on his vacating the chair in the Harrow Lodge, and replied in a neat speech, thanking the officers and brethren of the mother lodge. The W.M. having risen for the second and third times, the lodge was closed.

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

A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Café Royal, Regent-street, W., when there were present: Bros. W. M. Marks, W.M.; Ashplant, S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; Smith, P.M., Preceptor; H. T. Culliford, S.D.; Stewart, J.D.; Flood, I.G.; Long, Tyler; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Smith, P.M., Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were next rehearsed, Bros. Marks and Neilson acting as candidates. The lodge was subsequently closed.

### KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at the Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, when there were present Bros. H. J. Seal, W.M.; H. G. Danby, P.M., S.W.; R. Liddiard, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Dep. Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; Barton Jones, W.M. 452, S.D.; R. N. Larter, W.M. 1791, J.D.; Hillier, P.M.; W. B. Neville, P.M.; C. G. Hatt, P.M.; J. H. Neville, P.M., W.M. 1767; A. J. Clayton, and W. H. Marler.

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. W. B. Neville acting as candidate. Bro. Clayton offered himself as a candidate for passing, and having been duly examined was entrusted. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Marler was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

### STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 22nd ult. Present: Comps. J. Loader, M.E.Z.; J. Dunn, H.; W. Dawson, J.; T. Grumant, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; H. Cornford, S.N.; G. Lewis, P.S.; North, Bailey, and Hewitt.

The chapter was declared open, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Hewitt personating the candidate. Comp. Jos. Bailey, 1901, was elected a joining member. Comp. J. Dunn, H. was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, which closed the chapter for the session (June, July, and August). The chapter was then closed.

THE OLD TROCADERO went the way of all things but in its stead there has been raised a Trocadero which bids fair to altogether eclipse the memories of the old favourite place of amusement. A magnificent restaurant has been raised upon its site, and Messrs. J. Lyons and Co., Limited, have succeeded beyond their anticipations in making this the most attractive and comfortable resort of the kind in Europe. A Masonic Temple is included in its many attractions and exceptionally good arrangements are being made for the convenience of lodges. Application for particulars should be made to the proprietors, J. Lyons and Co. Limited, Cadby Hall, Kensington.—[ADVT.]

IN THE MATCH from the North to Dover on Saturday last, four of the largest yachts, namely, the Satanita, the Ailsa, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's Britannia, and the Emperor of Germany's Meteor, were entered, and, after an exciting contest, first prize was taken by the Meteor, the Britannia being second, the former, after deducting the necessary time allowance, just succeeding in beating her formidable opponent. In the evening the captain of the Meteor received a telegram from the Emperor congratulating him and his crew on their success. This is the second time the Meteor has been victorious over the Britannia.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

THE NORTHERN BAR LODGE, of which Bro. Justice Bruce is the Worshipful Master, will entertain the members of the Chancery Bar Lodge at a dinner to be held in the Middle Temple Hall, by permission of the Treasurer and Benchers, on Wednesday, the 24th inst.

FIELD LANE REFUGES AND RAGGED SCHOOLS.—The 54th annual meeting and converson of the above will be held in the Institution on Tuesday evening, the 16th inst., when the Right Hon. the Earl Compton, M.P., Vice-President, has kindly consented to preside; chair to be taken at 7.30 p.m.

THE PRAISEWORTHY EFFORTS of Mr. Walter Tyrrell, the manager of the Novelty Theatre, to convert his pretty little house into a pleasant resort for playgoers are meeting with a fair amount of success. Mr. Tyrrell is, perhaps, better known in Masonic circles as Comp. Shipway, the Scribe E. of the Dalhousie Chapter.

THE LADIES' BICYCLE GYMKHANA was held in the grounds of the Ranelagh Club, where a capital grass course had been prepared, on Saturday last. Among those present were the Duchess of York, the Princess Mary Adelaide (Duchess of Teck), who subsequently gave away the prizes, and the Duke of Teck.

THE ANNUAL REGIMENTAL DINNER of the Royal Horse Guards took place in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole on Monday evening, among the guests being Bro. Viscount Wolseley, Commander-in-Chief, Lord Galway, Major Lord Dalrymple, Bro. the Marquis of Zetland, Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, and others. The band of the 2nd Life Guards played during the evening.

THE SIRDAR of the Egyptian Army, Sir A. Kitchener, has achieved a considerable victory over the Dervishes, of whom 800, including the Emir Hammuda, who commanded, were killed, while several hundreds were taken prisoners. The Egyptian loss was one British officer, slightly wounded, and about 20 killed, and so, including eight Egyptian officers, wounded. The fight took place at Firkeh, on the road from Wady Halfa to Dongola.

THE DIRECTORS of Spiers and Pond (Limited) notify that the transfer books will be closed from the 15th inst. to the 30th inst., both inclusive, for the purpose of preparing the interest warrants, on the 5 per cent. First Mortgage Debentures, the 5 per cent. "A" Mortgage Debenture Stock, and the 5 per cent. "B" Debenture Stock, and the 4 per cent. "C" Debenture Stock of the company. The warrants will be posted on the evening of the 30th inst.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY, attended by Bro. Sir Robert and Lady Collins and Miss E. Heron-Maxwell, visited Wandsworth, on Saturday afternoon last, for the purpose of laying the foundation-stone of the new chapel of St. Anne's Church. The Bishop of Rochester and Archdeacon Burney conducted the dedicatory office, and her Royal Highness offered up a brief prayer in laying the stone. She afterwards received a number of purses containing a sum of £73, and at the close of the ceremony took tea with several of the leading parishioners at the vicarage.

THE DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT has promised to open a rose show and bazaar at the Queen's Hall, on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., in aid of the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, and on the occasion the Duke of Newcastle, whose skill as an amateur photographer is well known, will exhibit some of the most advanced uses to which Professor Röntgen's great discovery can be put. Among the stall-holders will be Lady Amherst of Hackney and her daughters, Countess Cowper, the Countess of Bantry, the Countess of Albemarle, Lady Llangatlock, and Lady Skelmersdale.

AMONG the cycle companies that have just been brought before the public, there is probably none which has a better claim to attention than the Singer Cycle Company, whose prospectus was issued on Monday. The Messrs. Singer have been turning out cycles at their manufactory in Canterbury-street, Coventry, at the rate of 500 a week, and these cycles are all of the highest class. The firm holds any number of patents for various improvements, and the Singer cycles are used by the War Office for military purposes, the Czar, the King of the Hellenes, the King and Queen of Portugal, the Princess of Wales, Princess Maud of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, and the majority of the British and Continental aristocracy patronise this make. The new company thus comes out under exceptionally favourable auspices, and with the moderate capital of £600,000 there should be a very good return for those who are fortunate enough to secure an allotment.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF YORK, the Master, and the Elder Brethren of the Trinity House were entertained at luncheon at the Mansion House on Monday by Bro. Lord Mayor Sir W. Wilkin, among the guests present being H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha and the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Christian and the Duke of Teck, the Duke of Westminster, Bro. Lord Ashbourne, the Earl of Northbrook, Bro. Lord George Hamilton, Lord James of Hereford, Bro. Admiral of the Fleet the Hon. Sir H. Keppel, Bro. Ferdinand de Rothschild, M.P., Sir Arthur Arnold, Bro. Sir C. Mark Palmer, M.P., Bro. Alderman Davis M.P., Sir Charles Hall, Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, Bro. Aldermen Sir H. E. Knight, Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., M.P., F. P. Alliston, Vaughan Morgan, Treloar, and Sir David Evans. In the course of the afternoon the Prince, who was accompanied by the Duke of York, presented to Mr. Henry C. Burdett a handsome album in recognition of his many valuable services in connection with the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund, the ceremony taking place in the Old Ball Room, under the presidency of Bro. the Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs, and many members of the Corporation being also present, as well as Earl Stanhope, Lord Knutsford, Bro. R. B. Martin, M.P., the Bishop of Stepney, and Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S SHOW AT LEICESTER, JUNE 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, AND 26, 1896.—The Great Northern Railway Company draw attention to the fact that they are prepared to deal specially with live stock, implements, and merchandise traffic passing to and from the Royal Agricultural Show at Leicester, from June 20th to 26th next. There is a direct and convenient route between the Great Northern Station and the show ground, and the company will undertake cartage at a reasonable rate. Exhibits should be consigned and addressed per Great Northern Railway. The Great Northern Company's office and their representatives on the Show ground will be available as usual for enquiries as to passenger or goods train services, and for the requirements of senders and consignees generally. Excursion trains will be run from various points on the Great Northern Railway, full particulars of which may be obtained from bills to be had at the various stations. Cheap season tickets will also be issued during the show for the convenience of exhibitors and visitors generally, available from June 20 to 27, both dates inclusive, between Leicester and surrounding stations.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S SHOW, LEICESTER, JUNE 20TH TO 26TH.—The site selected for the Royal Agricultural Society's Show of 1896, being adjacent to the Midland line at Leicester, the company will offer every possible facility for the prompt despatch and working of all descriptions of traffic both to and from the Royal Show. The Midland Company's dock at Welford-road, where cattle and other live stock will be dealt with, is in close proximity to the Show ground, and, in addition to this, a new station at Aylestone-road, with special siding and dock accommodation (which will be the nearest to the Show ground), has been provided for dealing with all descriptions of traffic, including machinery, traction engines, agricultural implements, &c. The Midland route is the most direct between Leicester and London, the Eastern Counties, the West of England, the North of England, Scotland, &c., and the train services between these points will be found most convenient. The ordinary train service, by which passengers will be conveyed at a single fare and a quarter for the double journey, from certain stations will be supplemented by a number of special expresses. Cheap excursion trains will also be run to Leicester from various parts of the Midland line, particulars of which will be duly announced by special bills. Cheap season tickets, available from Saturday, June 20th, to Saturday, June 27th, both dates inclusive, will be issued between Leicester and the surrounding stations, full particulars of which may be had on application. Special folder time-tables, giving full particulars of the company's arrangements, in connection with the Royal Show, may be had on application at Midland stations and agencies.

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has forwarded to the Royal College of Music her annual subscription of 100 guineas.

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Princesses Victoria and Maud dined with Sir Horace and Lady Farquhar, on Saturday evening, at their residence in Grosvenor-square.

BRO. SIR EDWARD MALET, lately Ambassador at the Court of Berlin, will preside at the triennial dinner of old members of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, which will be held on Wednesday, the 24th inst.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has announced her intention of contributing £50 towards a fund which is being raised in Cornwall for the restoration of the fine old tower of Holy Trinity Church, St. Austell. The work of restoring the tower is now in active progress.

BRO. SIR AUGUSTUS HARRIS has now in preparation at Olympia a grand spectacular display dealing with recent events in South Africa. It promises to be even more realistic and exciting than the Chitral scenes, which created such a sensation and kept alive so much public interest for five months.

AT HOLY TRINITY, Tulse-hill, on Wednesday afternoon, the marriage took place of Mr. Sydney Francis Staples, son of the late Bro. Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G., who was Lord Mayor of London 1885-6, and Miss Violet Maud Margaret Altman, daughter of Bro. Sir Albert and Lady Altman, of Elm Court, West Norwood.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the 1st Life Guards' Club was held in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole, on Saturday evening last, among the guests being Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Prince Adolphus of Teck, the Marquis of Ormonde, the Marquis of Hamilton, the Earl of Verulam, Lord de Ramsey, Lord Greville, Bro. Lord North, and others.

WE REGRET to say that an accident befel the Count de Casa Valencia, the Spanish Ambassador, on Sunday afternoon last. His Excellency was crossing the road in Grosvenor-gardens, when he was knocked down by a cab and received a cut on the head and sundry contusions on the knee and elbow. He at once received medical aid, and has since been reported as progressing favourably.

ACCORDING to the RETURNS issued by the London County Council, the number of unmuzzled dogs seized in the streets of the Metropolis between the 17th February and the 16th May was 17,989, and of these 4105 were claimed by their owners at the various police stations. The number of cases of rabies reported was 25 in January, 25 in February, 22 in March, 11 in April, and 10 from 1st to 21st May.

THE CEREMONY of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Chancellor of the University College of Wales will take place on Thursday, the 25th instant, at Aberystwyth. The Princess of Wales will accompany the Prince. After the Prince has been installed, the Princess of Wales will open the new Women's Hostel, a beautiful building on the sea front, which has been erected to accommodate the lady students at the University.

THE MILITARY TOURNAMENT at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, was continued during last week, and will be continued during this. There has been a large attendance daily, and the greatest enthusiasm has been shown by the spectators during the several competitions, several of which have been decided. It is to be hoped the Charities to which the surplus proceeds of the Tournament are devoted will be benefited as largely as they have been in previous years.

THE CYCLE CRAZE shows no sign of abatement, indeed, if one may judge from the number of cycle firms which have developed into limited companies, the day of the cycle has but just begun to dawn. There is another cycle company on hand which will be out in a few days, and which, although it asks only for the moderate sum of £200,000 as capital, should prove an excellent investment, as it is stated that the firm, that of J. R. Starley and Co., the Owners of the Imperial Rover Cycle, have already in hand far more orders than with their present appliances they can possibly complete.

WE UNDERSTAND that the Rev. Sydney H. Fleming, Vicar of St. James', Crofton, contemplates joining the Craft, and will probably be initiated in the Bedford Lodge, No. 157, at Freemasons' Hall, at the next meeting of that lodge, in the autumn, by Bro. Layton A. Richardson, J.P.M. The Rev. S. H. Fleming preached a sermon recently on Church and Stage, with special reference to the great drama, "The Sign of the Cross," which has been published, and has now reached its third edition, and caused some sensation amongst the Masonic, Theatrical, Musical, and Clerical world.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH a time-honoured custom, which dates from the reign of Henry III., sundry of the judges attended divine service at St. Paul's Cathedral, on Sunday afternoon last. Their lordships were Lords Justices Kay and Smith, and Justices North, Grantham, Sterling and Kennedy, and were received by Bro. Lord Mayor Sir Walter Wilkin and the Sheriffs, among those who were present being the Lady Mayoress, the Common Serjeant (Sir Forrest Fulton), the Recorder (Sir Charles Hall), Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Savory, Alderman Truscott, Bro. Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, F. P. Alliston, and W. Vaughan Morgan, many members of the Common Council, the Dean of St. Paul's, and several of the Prebendaries and Canons, and a very large general congregation. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Stepney.

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, accompanied by their daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, visited the East-end of London on Saturday afternoon last for the purpose of opening the East London Trades, Industries, and Arts Exhibition at the People's Palace, Mile End-road. The streets, all the way from the City to the Palace, were thronged with spectators, who enthusiastically cheered the Royal visitors. On reaching their destination, the Royal party were received by the Bishop of Stepney and the Chairman and other members of the Executive Committee of the Exhibition, a guard of honour of the 2nd Tower Hamlets Rifle Volunteers being on duty at the entrance. After the Princess and her daughters had been presented with bouquets and the Prince with a buttonhole, the Royal visitors took their seats, and an address of welcome was delivered by the Chairman. The Prince, who, on rising, was greeted with immense cheering, acknowledged the address, and dwelt at some length on the value of such exhibitions as tending to promote success in industrial competitions. When his Royal Highness had declared the Exhibition open, the Royal party were conducted round the building, and, after partaking of tea, quitted the Palace, in order to return to Marlborough House, amid the heartiest possible demonstrations of loyalty.

AN EARNEST APPEAL IS BEING MADE on behalf of "The Home of St. Barnabas," which was founded last year, and has been temporarily set up at East Grinstead. The Home is intended for poor and aged clergymen, who are without means and no longer capable of doing work, as well as for those who have been engaged in Mission Work and are utterly broken down in health from the effects of bad climate and excessive work. The Institution when completed will consist of a chapel and two wards at each side fitted with cubicles for incurable cases, and 20 small houses, each containing four rooms, will be added as funds are subscribed. Ten of these houses will be set apart for Home, and 10 for Missionary and Colonial Clergy. It is estimated that the first portion of the proposed building, consisting of two wards, with accommodation for nurses and servants, and 10 of the small houses can be erected for £5000, while each additional house will cost about £300. Towards this sum about £500 has been subscribed, and we trust that for so admirable a purpose the remainder will be forthcoming at an early date. In the meantime a temporary home has been opened, as we have said at East Grinstead, which will accommodate 10 inmates, the honorary Lady Superintendent being Mrs. W. H. Cooper, wife of Bro. Canon W. H. Cooper, who occupied the same position at the Hostel of St. Luke. A rector has promised £50 on condition that nine others will give a like sum between now and St. Barnabas Day. Seven of the nine amounts have been contributed, so that their only remain two to complete the number which will secure the rector's promised donation. Among the members of the General Council will be found Bro. Bishop Macrorie, the Dean of York, the Archdeacon of London, Canon Tristram, D.D., the Rev. John Robbins, D.D., the Rev. J. A. Lloyd, M.A., &c., &c., while Bro. Canon W. H. Cooper is Warden and Hon. Secretary.

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.]

CONSECRATION OF THE NAVY LODGE, No. 2612.

For the second time within the brief period of a month his Royal Highness the M.W.G. Master has been graciously pleased to accept the position of W.M. Designate of a newly-consecrated lodge. On the first occasion it was the Household Brigade Lodge, No. 2614, which was consecrated by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M., and constituted by his Royal Highness in person, at Prince's Hall, Piccadilly, on Thursday, the 14th May; on the second occasion it was the Navy Lodge, No. 2612, which was consecrated at Freemasons' Hall, this (Friday) evening, the 12th June, by the same distinguished Mason, his Royal Highness, however, being unable, owing to the pressure of his engagements, to take any part in the ceremony, or preside, as he did in the case of the Household Brigade Lodge, at the subsequent banquet.

The idea of a lodge reserved entirely for naval men appears to have originated with the famous Bro. Thomas Dunckerley, who was a Master Gunner in the Navy, and served at the Siege of Quebec, in 1759, and under various officers of distinction. Bro. Henry Sadler, in his valuable work entitled "Thomas Dunckerley, His Life, Labours, and Letters," considers it extremely probable that it was through Dunckerley's influence that the warrant issued in 1760, to hold a lodge of Freemasons on board H.M.S. Vanguard, was granted, and, subsequently, the warrant to hold a similar lodge on board H.M.S. Prince. These lodges, however, and a third on board the Canceaux, for which a warrant was granted by the Prov. G.M. of Canada, did not enjoy a long existence, and since their time, officers of the Royal Navy, who have felt a desire to be initiated into our mysteries and privileges, have been under the necessity of joining the regular lodges, if any, meeting at our various naval stations, at home and abroad; and we are glad to see that there are many who have availed themselves of these opportunities, and subsequently attained to officers of distinction in the Craft. Among these may be mentioned Bros. the late Admiral Sir J. Borlase Warren, Bart., who was P.G.M. of Derbyshire in 1792, and Prov. G.M. of Nottinghamshire in 1802; the late Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis, Prov. G.M. of Hampshire, 1840 to 1869; Lord Charles Beresford, J.G.W. in 1885; the late Lord Alcester, S.G.W. in 1890; the late Admiral Sir E. A. Inglefield, J.G.W. in 1891; Rear-Admiral Markham, the present District Grand Master of Malta, and others. But the Navy Lodge, which has just been constituted, though its membership is reserved for brethren serving in the Navy and Marines, or in the Civil Departments connected therewith, will meet in London, and will be, to all intents and purposes, a civilian lodge, and, as it has a strong body of founders, there is every probability that it will secure for itself a conspicuous position among our lodges at the very outset of its career.

The following is a complete list of the founders—63 in number—whom, with the exception of the principal officers designate, we have ranged in alphabetical order: Bros. Rear-Admiral A. H. Markham, District Grand Master Malta, W. Dep. M. designate; Col. William Campbell, R.M.A., A.D.C., P.P.G.W. Hants and Isle of Wight and Malta, P.G.D. England, S.W. designate; and Rear-Admiral W. H. C. St. Clair, P.P.G.W. Hants and Isle of Wight—after whom the St. Clair Lodge, No. 2074, Landport, was named—J.W. designate; and Bros. J. H. S. Allen, late Lieutenant R.N.; G. E. Armstrong, late Lieutenant R.N.; Captain G. G. Astor, R.M.A.; A. G. Bagot, late Lieutenant R.N.R.; Lieutenant G. A. Ballard, R.N.; Capt. Sir Francis Blackwood, Bart., R.N.; Major-General G. F. Blake, R.M.L.I.; Admiral Henry Boys; Lieut. W. H. Page, R.N.; the Right Hon. Lord Brassey, K.C.B., G.C.M.G., formerly Civic Lord of the Admiral; Capt. G. A. Callaghan, R.N.; Lieut. G. S. Q. Carr, R.N., C.M.G.; G. Carrington, Admiralty; Lieut. W. H. du C. Chads; F. W. Chaine, late Lieutenant R.N.; C. Colson, Admiralty; Commander the Hon. S. C. J. Colville, R.N.; Major-General J. F. Crease, R.M.A., C.B.; W. Cuming, Admiralty; H. Ashley Cummins, R.N.; Commander Bernard Currey, R.N.; Lieut. J. D. Daintree, R.N.; James Dunn, Admiralty; Captain Sydney M. Eardley-Wilmot, R.N.; Francis Elgar, I.L.D., Admiralty; Capt. H. W. Fleet, R.N.; R. A. Fitch, Surgeon R.N.; Commander E. F. Inglefield, R.N.; the Hon. Sir H. Keppel, Admiral of the Fleet, G.C.B.; Cogan McL. McHardy, late Admiralty; Robert Main, Admiralty; Deputy Insp.-General J. H. Martin, R.N., D.S.O.; Gordon Miller, Admiralty; Dep. Inst.-General Belgrave Ninnis, R.N., M.D.; Col. Commandant F. A. Ogle, R.M.A., C.B.; Lieut. S. R. Olivier; S. Osborn, Surgeon, late R.N.A.R.; Lieut. G. M. Paine, R.N.; Major-General Philips, R.M.L.I., C.B.; Lieut.-Col. W. H. Poe, R.M.L.I., C.B.; Lieut. F. Powell, R.M.L.I.; Capt. E. B. Pusey, R.N.; Maj. G. D. C. Raitt, R.M.A.; Rear-Admiral H. H. Rawson, C.B.; W. E. Riley, Admiralty; Capt. C. G. Robinson, R.N.; Capt. E. N. Rolfe, R.N., C.B., A.D.C.; Commander H. N. Rolfe, R.N.; Lieutenant W. H. Sandford, R.N.; John Scott, Admiralty; Lieutenant R. Sterling, R.N.; A. H. Tarleton, late Lieutenant R.N.; Lieutenant Basil R. H. Taylor, R.N.; Thomas U. Thynne, late Lieutenant R.N.; Commander L. F. G. Tippinge, R.N.; Lieutenant Cecil Twistleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, R.N.; W. L. Wishart, Fleet Engineer R.N.; and Staff Commander A. R. Wonham, R.N.

Friday, the 12th instant, having been chosen for the consecration, the brethren assembled at Freemasons' Hall, and Bro. E. Jetchworth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary, having taken the chair, and appointed his officers, *pro tem.*, the lodge was opened, and Bro. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Pro Grand Master, attended by his officers, entered, and assumed the chair as Consecrating Officer, and, having been saluted in due form, appointed as his officers Bros. Major-General Lord Methuen, C.B., C.M.G., S.W.; Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.W., as J.W.; the Ven. Archdeacon Stevens, G. Chaplain, as Chaplain; F. Richardson, P.G.D., J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C., and Col. A. B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C., as A.D.Cs.; and C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br., as I.G.

The ceremony then began, and, in the course of the proceedings, Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon STEVENS, Grand Chaplain, delivered the following oration on the Nature and Principles of the Institution:

To all who value the Grand Principles on which our Ancient Order is based, the consecration of a new lodge may well be an occasion of thankfulness. It is one more centre from which it is to be hoped that there will radiate the beams of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. The growth of Masonry of late years has been marked and rapid. The world at large cannot have failed to recognise it, and—whilst in ignorance as to its hidden mysteries and secrets, its symbolism and its ritual—must recognise its fruits, its works of Charity and beneficence, which indicate its true character. In the lodge which we are met to consecrate this evening, we rest assured that the high aims of Masonry will ever be kept in view, that the votive offerings made to-day of Corn, Wine, and Oil, will bear no empty formalities, but be true symbols of the Prosperity, the Good-will, the Unity, which shall mark its future progress; that the Salt sprinkled—as the emblem of Friendship—shall never lose its savour. The teachings of Masonry to all who follow them thoughtfully, are eminently practical; every detail has its bearing on our duty towards God and our neighbour as we pass through life, leading on to that sublime truth so forcibly impressed on every one of us that "to the just and virtuous man, death has no terrors equal to the stain of falsehood and dishonour." Nor is it a small thing in days like the present, that Freemasonry insists upon the paramount importance of order and discipline—of loyal obedience to lawful authority. As in the rearing of any stately edifice, there are those who direct and superintend the work of the operative Mason and Craftsmen of different degrees of skill, many of whom, after serving their apprenticeship, must be content to execute some special work assigned to them, without exactly knowing how it forms part of the grand design of the master-mind—the great architect who drew the plans—so we must, most of us, be content to discharge life's duties, trusting to the Great Architect of the Universe, Who is ever carrying out His vast designs to their perfect completion, though we may not live to see the day. Yet, so far as in us lies, if we have but to lay one brick it shall be well and truly laid, according to the directions of those set over us in the work. And lastly, Masonry ever suggests the thought that we are enquirers—seekers after that which is lost, which we hope some day may be recovered. The hidden mysteries of nature and science are in this age marvellously unfolded—something new and wonderful constantly revealed—yet in the very process of discovery we gather that there is ever something beyond hitherto unrevealed and unexplored; that there are mysteries which the eye of human reason cannot penetrate, unless assisted by that light which is from above, so if we arise we shall ever look onward and upward to what is higher and better than anything already attained. True as the needle to the pole by which the mariner steers an unerring course across the trackless ocean, we shall lift our eyes to that bright Morning Star, Whose rising brings joy and peace to the faithful and steadfast among men and Masons. May the blessing of the Most High so rest on this new lodge—on its founders—on all who are or who shall hereafter be members of it—that it may be distinguished not only for the excellence of its working, but for their fidelity to the grand and ennobling principles of the Order, by which not this society alone, but the whole framework of society, is sustained and knit together in the sublime design of the Great Architect and Ruler of all!

The consecration was then carried out according to ancient custom, and the lodge having been constituted, the Pro G.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. the Earl of Euston, P.G.M. Norths and Hunts, who, assisted by Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, P.G.M. Somersetshire, installed Bro. Rear-Admiral A. Hastings Markham, as W. Deputy Master. The customary salutes having been given, the W. Deputy Master appointed and invested the following as his officers for the year, namely: Bros. Gordon Miller, P.M., as acting Past Master; Col. W. Campbell, R.M.A., A.D.C., P.G.D., as S.W.; Rear-Admiral W. H. C. St. Clair, P.M., P. Prov. G.W. Hants and Isle of Wight, J.W.; Robert Main (elected) Treas.; Williams Cuming, Sec.; Capt. H. W. Fleet, R.N., S.D.; T. U. Thynne, late R.N., J.D.; Maj.-Gen. G. F. Blake, R.M.L.I., D.C.; Com. the Hon. S. C. J. Colville, R.N., I.G.; Com. L. F. G. Tippinge, R.N., J. H. S. Allen, late R.N., Lieut. W. H. Boys, R.N., and George Carrington, as Stwds.; and E. J. Mills, Tyler.

The ceremony having been completed, a vote of thanks was passed, by acclamation, to the Consecrating Officers and those who had assisted him, who were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge, and a Committee to draft the necessary by-laws having been appointed, and sundry propositions for initiation and joining having been handed in, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where dinner was served, under the superintendence of the manager.

The chair was occupied by Bro. Rear-Admiral Markham, W. Dep. M., who was supported, right and left, by Bros. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M.; the Earl of Euston; Viscount Dungarvan, P.G.M. Somersetshire; Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., P.G.W.; his Honour Judge F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; E. Jetchworth, F.S.A., G. Sec.; Robt. Grey, P.G.D., President Board of Benevolence; and Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; Ven. Archdeacon Stevens, G. Chap.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; R. Loveland Loveland, P.G.D., President Board of General Purposes; T. Fenn, P.G.D., Past President Board of General Purposes; and W. E. Tomlinson, M.P., S.G.D.

There were also present Bros. Gordon Miller, Acting P.M.; Col. W. Campbell, S.W.; Rear-Admiral St. Clair, J.W.; Colonel Lockwood, M.P., S.G.D.; Captain N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; Major-Gen. Hay, C.B., P.G.D.; Col. J. Davis, A.D.C.; Col. A. B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C.; Major C. W. Carrall, P.G. Sword Bearer; C. F. Matier, P.G. Standard Bearer; S. G. Kirchoffer, P.D.G.D.C.; Belgrave Ninnis, R.N., M.D., P.G. Std. Br.; A. Stewart Brown; R. Berridge, P.G.D.; Charles Belton, P.D.G.D.C.; J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C.; Lennox Browne, P.D.G.D.C.; H. Lovegrove, G.S.B.; H. H. Room, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; Dr. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.; J. H. Martin, R.N., D.S.O.; H. R. Rose, G. Org.; Com. Wonham, R.N.; C. G. Marcus; W. Russell; Lieut. F. Powell, R.M.L.I.; S. Osborn; F. W. Chaine, late R.N.; J. McNeill Miller; Lieut. Halsey, R.N.; Major Probyn; R. Main; W. Johnson Smith; Commander the Hon. S. Colville, R.N.; C. Stewart Erskine; G. Carrington; C. D. Lovell; Mostyn Pigott; C. W. Cayzer, M.P.; Capt. Pusey, R.N.; W. Gilbert; Capt. W. H. Fleet, R.N.; Major Raitt, R.M.A.; W. E. Riley; F. Francis; H. Daintree, R.N.; Dr. Roper; Major Sir Rose Price; Major-General Bl ke, R.M.L.I.; Major Gubbins; C. McL. McHardy; H. Col. Jocelyn Otway; J. H. S. Allen, late R.N.; H. C. Colson; H. Thomson Lyon; W. Hynes; J. Donaldson; —. Rolfs; E. Armstrong; T. U. Thynne; Commander Inglefield, R.N.; E. E. Johnstone; C. Wentworth Fitzwilliam; John Scott; W. H. Kiallmark; W. A. O'Gorman; Ashley Cummins, R.N.; E. J. Conlon Lieut. Tarleton, R.N.; F. H. Martineau; and Lieut. Boys, R.N.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. H. R. Rose, F.R.A.M., Grand Organist, assisted by brethren of the Earl of Mornington Lodge.

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