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### WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

We are indebted to the courtesy of the Hon. Secretaries of this Institution for a copy of their report for 1896, and save as regards one particular, which will be noticed hereafter, there can be no question that the past year has been a successful one. The Institution was founded in 1850, and during the 47 years that have since elapsed has been liberally supported, while its affairs have been administered in such a manner as to secure that greatest of all desiderata, efficiency combined with economy. From its foundation there has been received towards its maintenance a total sum of £58,272 12s. 5d., being at the rate of nearly £1240 per annum, the principal sources of income being donations and subscriptions amounting to £30,285 14s. 1d.; Proceeds of Masonic Balls, £7955 2s. 8d., and Interest on invested capital, £20,006 15s. 8d. The sum paid on account of the children who have been admitted to the benefits of the Charity is £31,708 16s. 10d., while the payments for printing, postages, &c., amount to £2032 6s. 10d., the average annual expenditure being in this respect slightly less than £43 5s. The present amount of invested capital, together with the cash in bank is £23,709 18s. 9d., while the present value of certain presentations to Institutions, which have been purchased from time to time is returned at £1451 10s. The Statement of Account for the past year shows a total on the receipt side, including the balance brought forward from previous account, of £889 12s. 2d., and the sum of £300, being part of a mortgage repaid, to £3564 14s. 6d., of which £1498 0s. 6d. took the form of donations, subscriptions, and proceeds of annual ball, while the interest on stock reached £841 1s. 10d. The expenditure, including £1000 invested with the Preston Corporation, reached £2413 2s. 9d., of which £1313 5s. 9d. was paid for education, clothing, &c., of the children on the foundation; and £98 17s. for printing, postage, &c., and fireproof safe; the balance in bank at the close of the account being £1151 11s. 9d. But to the sum just mentioned as having been expended for education, &c., of the children, must be added the proportion of cost for the year of eight presentations amounting to £120 16s. 8d., so that the total sum disbursed on the children amounted, in fact, to £1434 2s. 5d. There were in all 198 children in receipt of the benefits of the Institution during the past year, namely, 119

on the Educational Fund, at a cost of £673 6s. 7d.; 46 on the Combined Fund at £509 19s. 2d., and 25 on the Advancement Fund at £130; while the remaining eight were in sundry Institutions on presentation at the cost of £120 16s. 6d. The solitary cause for dissatisfaction with the Report of the Honorary Secretaries is that there are, unfortunately, as many as 50 lodges which have made no return, and what enhances our regret at this abstention from any support during the past year is that they have amongst them on the Institution 30 children costing £151 15s. 2d. It is difficult to imagine that these 50 lodges are so differently constituted from the other 65 lodges in the Province as to be unable to contribute at least a portion of the amount expended on their children. Some of them, no doubt, may have had a more than usually unproductive year, while others may have been under the necessity of incurring a heavier expenditure than usual. But, even when we have made allowance for these contingencies, it is still a problem which we shall not attempt to solve, why so considerable a proportion of the lodges in the Province have done nothing during the past year for this most deserving Charity. A former Grand Master once said something to the effect that a large subscription to one of our Charitable Institutions was a credit only to those lodges and brethren that contributed, but not to those who abstained from contributing. Similarly, the credit for maintaining the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution belongs to the 65 lodges which subscribed towards its maintenance, no portion of this credit appertaining to the 50 lodges that did nothing.

We notice that the Honorary Secretaries conclude their report by making a "special appeal to all to mark this year of Victorian Jubilation by some characteristic effort on behalf of this Institution." We heartily wish success to this appeal, not only because it is right that so auspicious a year as this of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee deserves to be marked in some special manner, but also because it will perhaps encourage some of the 50 lodges which did nothing last year to redeem such credit as they may have lost by proving themselves doubly generous in their subscriptions to their Educational Institution.

### THE MASONIC VAGRANT.

It has been suggested that the English Mason is rather partial to being victimised in a small way; that he looks upon the impostor as a kind of practical joker; and that when he has got over the first feeling of having been "done," he is inclined to laugh at the dirty trick that has been played him, and consoles himself with the reflection that, after all, it was only a trifle which he has been lightened of, and which is not worth making a fuss about. If this is the case, we fully understand the apathy with which the various plans that have been propounded by ourselves and others for the suppression of Masonic Vagrants has been met. Some two years ago the "Vagrant" was brought rather more prominently than usual under our notice by the Almoner of one of the lodges in Kent, and we suggested a scheme we thought might be productive of some good, by which the several Provinces under the Grand Lodge of England should work together in such a manner—by circulating among themselves lists with full particulars of all who were known to be prowling about the country seeking whom they might conveniently levy toll upon; or by any other plan that might seem good to them—that the "Masonic Vagrant" would find it hardly worth his while to continue his little game. Last summer we were again requested to publish certain letters, warning our readers against the same or other fellows whose depredations on the unwary had been attended with greater success than usual.

We then offered to take upon ourselves the responsibility of compiling and distributing amongst all who cared to have it a list of all the "Masonic Vagrants" as to whose operations we received information; and we undertook to furnish the list, from time to time, to all those lodges which subscribed for it on payment of a small fee, just sufficient to cover the cost of printing and postage. But, though each suggestion was, in its turn, received with a certain amount of favour, the innate unwillingness of the English brother to do anything that might involve any personal trouble prevailed over all other feelings, and the only result of our offers has been that we have been favoured with a few more letters of caution against Masonic impostors. In the United States and Canada there is a Society known as the "Masonic Relief Association," which has been established with a view to putting down imposture, or, at all events, reducing it to a minimum. Quite a number of Grand Lodges belong to this Association, and each, in consideration of a certain small annual payment, receives such a number of lists of vagrants and others who try to live by preying upon members of the Masonic body, as will suffice for the requirements of its private lodges. The plan is found to work well, and, according to a statement we quoted some time ago from—if we remember rightly—the annual address of a Grand Master of Canada, several thousand dollars are saved yearly to members of the Craft by means of this Association.

But, though Englishmen, whether Masons or not, are notoriously unwilling to concern themselves about what is everybody's business; though they may be disposed to look upon acts of imposture at their expense as being too petty to trouble about, has it never occurred to those who are Masons that it is not they who are in comfortable or affluent circumstances who suffer when they are defrauded of a few shillings or a sovereign? True, the money they have given to an impostor might, as it afterwards turns out, have been usefully employed, but they do not feel the loss. Those who are injured by this indiscriminate almsgiving are the really deserving poor Masons who are without food and shelter. "Once bit, twice shy." The brother who has listened to the plausible tale of one whom he afterwards discovers is a thorough-paced rogue and vagabond, immediately jumps to the conclusion that every subsequent applicant for his charity must be tarred with the same brush. Certain letters we have recently published show that in the case of a man who appends to his name the impressive capital letters "B.A.T.C.D.," even imprisonment does not deter him from his fraudulent practices. Why then should there be this indifference to an evil which we are all interested in suppressing as far as possible, if only that the poor but honest brother may not be denied, as too often happens, the relief he sorely needs?

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CAMBRIDGE-SHIRE.

A convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall in Cambridge, on Wednesday, the 10th inst. The Grand Superintendent (Comp. Col. R. Townley Caldwell) appointed and invested his officers as understated:

Comps. E. M. Money, 859 ...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" W. P. Spalding, 88 ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" W. H. Jarrold, 88 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Scribe E.
" H. E. Greef, 441 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Scribe N.
" W. H. Francis, 859 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Rev. I. R. Tuttiest, 88 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" A. Hill, 859 ...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S
" P. Bramall, 8.9 ...	...	...	Prov. 1st Asst. S.
" P. H. Young, 441 ...	...	...	Prov. 2nd Asst. S.
" R. H. Adie, 859 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. G. Chennell, 88 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" S. H. Sharman, 441 ...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. Davies, 809 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" C. H. Ellis, 859 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

After the de-patch of business, the companions adjourned to banquet at the Lion Hotel.

#### ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

The annual meeting was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday, the 10th inst. Present: Bros. C. F. Matier, P.D. G.M., Recorder; R. B. Berridge, G. Treas.; R. Loveland Loveland, A. Balfour Cockburn, Dr. Clement Godson, Rev. R. Russell Finlay, R. J. Voisey, W. A. Scurrah, W. Wright, F. Bevan, W. F. Williams, W. Vincent, R. Clowes, J. C. F. Tower, J. A. Braik, and others,

The meeting was opened by Bro. C. F. MATIER, P.D.G.M., who apologised for being in the chair, as the Grand Master had telegraphed to say he was prevented from coming by most important business. The Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, had asked him to take the chair and instal Bro. R. Loveland Loveland as Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Loveland Loveland was then obligated, invested, and installed, and proclaimed as Deputy Grand Master.

The minutes were taken as read, on the proposition of Bro. W. VINCENT, seconded by Bro. R. BERRIDGE, and were unanimously confirmed.

The report of the progress of the Order during the past year was read by the GRAND RECORDER, and showed that 24 certificates had been issued, increasing the total membership to 797. Bro. B. R. Bryant, who had resigned the office of Grand Lecturer after many years, had had the rank of P. Principal Conductor of Works conferred upon him.

The report was received and adopted.

On the motion of Bro. Rev. RUSSELL FINLAY, Bro. R. BERRIDGE was re-elected Grand Treasurer, and returned thanks.

The following Grand Officers were appointed and were invested, with three exceptions:

Bro. Col. Lockwood, M.P. ...	...	...	G. P. Con. of Wks.
" Rev. R. Russell Finlay ...	...	...	} G. Chaps.
" Rev. R. C. Fillingham ...	...	...	
" R. Berridge ...	...	...	G. Treas.
" C. F. Matier ...	...	...	G. Recorder.
" R. J. Voisey ...	...	...	G. Lecturer.
" A. Balfour Cockburn ...	...	...	G.D.C.
" Dr. Clement Godson ...	...	...	G.A.D.C.
" W. A. Scurrah ...	...	...	G. Con. of Council.
" W. Wright ...	...	...	G. Capt. of Guards.
" F. Bevan ...	...	...	G. Org.
" W. F. Williams ...	...	...	} G. Marshals.
" J. C. F. Tower ...	...	...	
" F. E. Bailey ...	...	...	
" W. Barnwell ...	...	...	} G. Stwds.
" J. A. Braik ...	...	...	
" E. J. Mills ...	...	...	G. Outer Guard.

There being no further business for transaction, the meeting was declared closed by the DEPUTY G. MASTER.

A banquet was subsequently held at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Deputy Grand Master, which was well attended.

#### LADIES' NIGHT OF THE SIR WALTER RALEIGH LODGE, No. 2432.

The annual ladies' night of the above lodge was held at Freemasons' Tavern on the 25th ult., and was the most successful of those which the lodge justly boasts of having established for the entertainment of the non-Masonic members of their families and among their friends. The lodge is now a well-known lodge—a class lodge certainly, being established by and for those engaged in the tobacco trade—it has pursued an excellent Masonic course for the last five years, and has not forgotten the Charities. The charitable object was not forgotten at this enjoyable meeting, for the *Daily Telegraph* Prince of Wales's Hospital Shilling Fund cropped up in the course of the evening, and in the result produced £5 13s. Besides its Masonic work, it has a keen eye for enjoyment, for the members, while pursuing their lodge business, do not forget that there are social and domestic ties which must not be overlooked, and that the lodge and chapter are not to absorb the whole of their attention. Keeping this truth in view, they introduce wives, daughters, sweethearts, and sisters once a year to a partly Masonic gathering, in which a ball is the most attractive part for the ladies, and in the summer time ladies also participate in a country outing. The brethren of the lodge have become experts now in making arrangements for the production of these enjoyments, and those who visited Freemasons' Tavern on the 25th ultimo were not at all surprised to find that everything went off well.

The proceedings commenced with a reception by the W.M., Bro. W. Klingenstein, P.M. 73 and 1540, the Stewards of the day being Bros. G. Ransford, G. Emblin, D. Phillips, W. H. Lowry, W. F. Bates, R. Ambler, Louis Weenen, C. Ransford, H. Cosins, O. C. Moore, and W. H. Bullock, P.M., Hon. Sec.

The party which attended consisted of 130 ladies and gentlemen. They were Bros. W. Klingenstein, W.M.; W. H. Lowry, P.M., S.W.; W. F. Bates, P.M., J.W.; C. H. J. Ransford, S.D.; David Phillips, P.M., I.P.M.; George Ransford, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Treas.; W. H. Bullock, P.M., Sec.; R. Ambler, Stwd.; J. H. Butt and party; Harrold and party; A. S. Benjamin and party; O. C. Moore, H. Cosins and party; E. Grahert and party; L. Weenen and party; I. L. Van Gelder, E. Asser and party; G. Staven and Hughes, F. C. Buckingham, A. Simpson, W. Pearson, S. F. Atkins, H. Evenden, P.M., Tyler; C. R. Lee, P.M. 2128 and party; Hoppold, 2128; Dreyfus, A. Klingenstein, E. S. Webb, H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1923, and Miss Massey; W. E. Buxton, R. Bullock, Mrs. Bullock and the Misses Bullock; Mrs. Webb and the Misses Webb; Mr., Mrs., and the Misses Ansbacher; Mrs. Arthur Klingenstein. Mr. Schubach, Mr. and Mrs. Carwitham, Mr. A. Levy, T. Fitch, Julian Bell, A. H. Forbes Fisher, Mr. Hughes, Gore Ouseley, Salaman, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Southee; Mr. A. Davis, Mr. H. Bullock, Mrs. Ransford, Mrs. Buxton, Mr. and Mrs. Lazarus, Mr. and Mrs. S. Cohen, and Mr. and Mrs. Westcott.

During the reception some beautiful music was performed by Miss Ethel Bullock, who is not yet 15 years of age.

After the reception a choice banquet was provided in the Crown Room, where every arrangement was prepared for the comfort and convenience of the ladies and brethren. When the banquet was concluded and grace had been said, every lady was presented with a box containing two silver hat pins. At the first of these ladies' dinners, the W.M., Bro. W. H. Bullock, gave each lady perfume; at the second, Bro. George Ransford gave fans; at the third, Bro. G. Emblin gave handkerchiefs; and at the fourth, Bro. D. Phillips presented purses.

Bro. W. KLINGENSTEIN, W.M., proposed "The Queen" and "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," who he said embodied everything which could make the Masonic Order what it was.

Bro. VAN GELDER proposed "The Ladies, Our Fair Guests this Evening," and said that although Masons were somewhat exclusive they always honoured the fair sex, and although they only welcomed them very rarely among them he need scarcely say they were delighted to see them present that evening. He could assure the ladies that notwithstanding Masonic gatherings were gatherings of

men, Masons welcomed the ladies occasionally, but they thought of them when they were not present. In Masonry there had been a Masonic poet who, among other subjects he mentioned in a song was one to the effect that

"No mortal can more the ladies adore,  
Than a Free and Accepted Mason."

But there was another poet dead and gone, Sir W. Scott, who was a Mason, who wrote—

"O woman, in our hours of ease,  
Uncertain, coy, and hard to please,  
When pain and anguish wring the brow,  
A ministering angel thou!

Those were far grander words than he (Bro. Van Gelder) could invent, and with those words he would ask the brethren to give all their friends a most hearty reception in the drinking of that toast.

The toast was responded to by a BROTHER who said the ladies were deeply grateful for the entertainments provided that evening and were only sorry they could not answer Bro. Van Gelder themselves. They knew much time was taken up in being a Mason, and they were very sorry that they were not allowed to take a more prominent part in the Order. They did not know why they could not take a part in Freemasonry. From what they had seen, although Masonry took the brethren much away from home, they thought that was in favour of Freemasonry, and they hoped they might be permitted to come again another evening. The W.M. had been good enough to present each of them with a couple of handsome silver hat-pins, and they would retain them as long as it was possible for them to retain such a reminiscence of a very happy evening. As surely as they pinned their hats on with these pins so long would they pin their faith to Freemasonry. As there was a much more agreeable entertainment before them than speeches, he would say, on behalf of the ladies, who wished to renew their visit on a future occasion—

"Happy have we met,  
Happy have we been,  
Happy may we part,  
And happy meet again."

Bro. W. KLINGENSTEIN, W.M., proposed "The Visitors," and such an array as they had that evening he was very happy to see. He hoped they had all enjoyed themselves, and that they would enjoy themselves still more.

Bro. ANSBACHER responded, and said he felt sure they would enjoy themselves in the early hours of the morning. The arrangements had been admirable.

Other brethren also responded.

Bro. D. PHILLIPS, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M."

Bro. W. KLINGENSTEIN, W.M., responded; he thanked the brethren more than he could express in words. For these and all their kindnesses, he thanked them, and hoped he would meet the brethren and ladies many years. He would give a toast that was not in the list—"Bro. W. H. Bullock, P.M. and Hon. Secretary," who had had a good deal to do with that entertainment.

Bro. W. H. BULLOCK, P.M., in response, said he had a capital excuse for saying nothing; they were rather behind hand with their proceedings. There was to be a concert in another room at nine o'clock, and it was now a quarter to 10.

The company then adjourned to the concert room, where Miss Ethel Bullock played a fantasia of Irish airs on the pianoforte, and accompanied all the other songs—Behrend's "Gift," Mrs. Buxton; a violin solo of selected pieces, Miss Florence Webb; "I've got the Ooperzootic," Mr. Oscar C. Moore; a mandolin solo of selections, Miss C. M. Lowry; and "Father O'Flynn," Mr. W. E. Buxton.

Dancing commenced about half-past 10, and was continued until four on Friday morning with great spirit, the band of the 2nd Life Guards, conductor, Corp. A. W. Hulley, performing.

The meeting, it was said, was a record one in every way.

### WEST SMITHFIELD CHAPTER, No. 1623.

#### LADIES' BANQUET AND SOIRÉE DANSANTE.

The installation meeting of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 23rd ult., when Comp. Samuel Ellis was installed in the First Principal's chair by Comp. F. Brown, P.Z.; Comp. A. D. T. Hamilton, P.Z., was inducted into the second chair; and Comp. H. E. Sanders, by special dispensation, was installed in the chair of J. The other officers invested were Comps. R. F. Brick-Dale, P.M. and P.Z., Treas.; W. J. Barnes, S.E.; R. Hassell, S.N.; R. S. Cobden, P. Soj.; G. A. P. Antunovich, 1st, Asst. Soj.; G. J. Bailey, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and C. Sheppard, Janitor.

It was a happy thought to have a ladies' banquet and soirée dansante, which was arranged to take place immediately after the installation meeting, when the whole of the spacious rooms of the establishment were utilised for the important occasion. Ladies, companions, and their friends, to the number in all of about 80, assembled in the Pillar Hall, where they were received by Comp. Samuel Ellis, M.E.Z.

Among those present were Comp. S. Ellis, M.E.Z., and Mrs. Ellis; Comp. G. A. Ball, I.P.Z., and Mrs. Ball; Comp. A. D. T. Hamilton, P.Z., H., and Mrs. E. Hamilton; Comp. H. E. Sanders, J., and Mrs. Sanders; Comp. C. Patrick, P.Z., and Miss Patrick; Comp. R. F. Brick-Dale, P.Z., P.P.G.S. Herts, and Mrs. Brick-Dale; Comp. F. E. Roberts, P.Z.; Comp. R. Henri Goddard, P.Z., and party; Comp. H. C. C. Hirsch, Mrs. Hirsch, and party; Comp. W. J. Barnes, S.E., and Mrs. Barnes; Comp. R. Hassell, S.N., and Mrs. Hassell; Comp. R. S. Cobden, P. Soj., and Mrs. Cobden; Comp. G. E. Turner and Mrs. Turner; Comp. G. J. Bailey, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Comp. F. Reeves and Mrs. Reeves; Comp. F. Brown, P.Z.; Comp. E. Schadler, P.Z., and party; Comp. H. Bond, P.Z., and Mrs. Bond; Comp. E. C. Talbot, P.Z., Mrs. Talbot, and Mrs. Mills; Comp. J. J. Wright, Mrs., and Miss Wright; Comp. Fulwood and Mrs. Fulwood; Comp. J. Eale and Mrs. Eale, and Miss Coleden; Comp. J. Isaacs and Mrs. Isaacs; Comp. H. Kemp Mrs., and Miss Kemp; Comp. A. H. Waterhouse; Bro. Bilby, W.M., and Mrs. Bilby and party; Bro. Plant and Mrs. Plant; Bros. Roach and F. Allshorn; Bro. Cannar and Miss Cannar; Bro. S. E. Blandford, Mrs. Blandford and party; Bro. J. Davidson and Mrs. Davidson; Bro. C. Clisby and Mrs. Clisby; Bro. J. Rouch and Mrs. Rouch; Bro. F. T. Reynolds-Wilmot and Mrs. Wilmot; Bro. A. H. Myers, Miss Myers, and party; Bro. Collier; Mr. and Mrs. Miller; Mr. R. H. Hassell; Mr. E. F. Hassell and the Misses Amy and Edith Hassell; Mr. and Mrs. E. Brown; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kemp; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. D. Rapkin; Mr. and Miss Carter; Mr. R. McCourt; Mr. C. H. Turner and Miss Baker; Mr. and Mrs. Talbot; Mr. and Mrs. Matthews; The three Misses Ball; Mr. C. Weedon; Mr. H. Weedon; Mr. and Mrs. Nettleslip; Mr. Gilbert; Mr. Myer; Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, and Bro. and Mrs. R. T. West.

After ample time had been given for introduction and conversation, and for a few late comers to arrive, the company adjourned to the Masonic room, where an excellent banquet awaited them, which reflected the highest possible credit on the establishment, and it was admirably served under the personal superintendence of the manager, Bro. W. A. Wallace.

The M.E.Z., Comp. S. Ellis, presided at the banquet table, having on his right Mrs. Ellis, and being well supported by the officers of the chapter.

When ladies honour Masonic circles with their presence, it is only right that they should be studied in every way, and in making the toast list a short one, the M.E.Z. no doubt had this view in mind, as it goes without saying that the fair sex are not lovers of hearing long speeches, especially when there is a dance to follow.

In brief, but earnest, terms the M.E.Z. gave "The Queen and the Craft," making special mention of her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

Comp. G. A. BALL, I.P.Z., in proposing "The M.E.Z.," said that it was his privilege and pleasure to submit the toast, which, he was sure, would be received with great enthusiasm. They all knew that the M.E.Z. would do his very utmost to promote the interests of the chapter. The success that evening was entirely due to the M.E.Z., and he must be a ladies' man or he would not have had such a large number of them present.

Comp. ELLIS, M.E.Z., on rising to respond, had a great reception. He said that his sincere thanks were due to them for the way they had received the toast and for the kind words of the I.P.Z. He had hoped they would have let him off responding, as it was always difficult to speak of one's self. He was honoured with their presence, and he was glad to have ladies and those outside Masonry at his installation banquet. As far as they had gone, he thought it was a success, thanks to the Committee, who had worked very hard to make it so. He made special reference to the beautiful electrical display, and he took that opportunity of thanking his friends, Messrs. Gudgeon and Co., for their generosity in being the means of giving such a charming effect to the banquet table. He should never forget their kindness, and said it was the first time that such an exhibition had ever been attempted at Anderton's Hotel.

The M.E.Z. then presented Comp. Ball, I.P.Z., with a jewel, as a slight return for his excellent work during his year of office, and he hoped he would have long life to wear the token of their esteem and regard.

Comp. BALL, I.P.Z., thanked them for their kindness in presenting him with the jewel; he hoped he had carried out the duties of his office to their satisfaction and he should ever do his best for the chapter.

The toast of "The Ladies" was entrusted to Comp. R. F. BRICK-DALE, P.Z., who said it was undoubtedly the toast of the evening. He was sure the companions hardly expected to have been honoured with the presence of so many ladies and he hoped they could find no fault with the entertainment of the chapter, and on behalf of the companions he tendered them a very hearty welcome and they were delighted to have them there, and he felt that that evening would redound to the credit of the West Smithfield Chapter.

The toast was received with great enthusiasm.

Bro. ROACH, whose name was associated with the toast (in the absence of the "New Woman") responded for the ladies, and on their behalf thanked the company for the hearty way the toast had been received. They were enjoying themselves very much and if the good M.E.Z. and the companions would only invite them oftener they would be more pleased, but anyway they would anxiously look forward to the next ladies' gathering.

In an excellent, but humorous speech, Comp. C. Patrick, P.Z., proposed "The Visitors," and he coupled with the toast the names of Comps. H. Bond, P.Z., and G. Schadler, P.Z.

Comp. H. BOND, P.Z., said it afforded him much pleasure to respond to the toast and to thank the M.E.Z. for the way he had received and entertained the visitors, and he was glad to be present as he had known him for many years. He was glad the ladies had not been forgotten on that happy occasion. Their presence covered a multitude of sins on the part of the male kind, as a few after attending their Masonic duties got home early, while many, he was afraid, reached home very late, and it was only right that ladies should be invited whenever it was possible to have them, and it gave them a better opinion of Masonry.

Comp. G. Schadler, P.Z., also acknowledged the toast in happy terms.

The toast of "The Committee and the Officers" closed this part of the proceedings.

Each lady was, during the evening, presented with a beautiful scent-bottle filled with scent, which was an agreeable surprise and much appreciated.

The company then adjourned to the ball-room. The M.C.s were Comps. R. F. Brick-Dale, P.Z., and G. Schadler, P.Z., and right well did they do their duty. The musical programme was of a very high order and added to the enjoyment of the company. The artistes were Miss Claribel Hyde, Miss Hermione Hamilton, Madame Clara Doran, Mr. Herbert Grover, Mr. Allen, Bro. Geo. De Pledge, Comps. Egbert Roberts, P.Z., and R. Henri Goddard, P.Z., Mr. Gurney Russell, and Comp. A. D. T. Hamilton. A special word is due to Miss Hermoine Hamilton and Bro. De Pledge, who gave the duet "Courtship," with marked effect, and mention should also be made of Miss Claribel Hyde and Mr. Herbert Grover. Comp. T. F. Noakes presided at the pianoforte.

Dancing was continued until the time arrived for a most enjoyable entertainment to terminate, which was undoubtedly a great success, and Comp. Ellis, M.E.Z., and the Committee, are to be commended and congratulated upon the result of their labours, and everyone appeared to go away happy with what had been provided for their amusement.

Townley's band was excellent.

The beautiful decoration of the banquet table and the lighting of the room was by electricity, for which Messrs. E. H. Gudgeon & Co. were responsible, and it was most effective.

### ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE ROSE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1622.

#### PRESENTATION OF TESTIMONIALS TO BRO. DAVID ROSE, P.M., PRECEPTOR, AND MRS. D. ROSE.

The above took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Thursday, the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. S. W. Ballard, W.M. 1622, President; David Rose, P.M., Preceptor; Isaac Dunn, P.M., Treas.; C. H. Stone, P.M., Sec.; J. Loader, P.M.; Dr. Webb, P.M.; Wm. Dawson, P.M.; Thos. Grumant, P.M.; S. Derham, P.M.; Conyers, W.M. 1475; J. Ellinger, P.M.; J. R. Cass, P.M. 1320; Benj. Dowsett, W.M. 101; W. J. Edwards, W.M. 217; G. L. Klyne, W.M. 2266; Harry Wood, P.M.; Jennings, Wright, Smith, Tucker, E. A. Rice, S.W. 1320; Hy. Cornford, J.W. 1922; Frampton Shuter, George Thompson, Keeble, P.M.; Ayris, J.W. 217; Vague, Gomm, C. Sowton, Assist. Sec.; Nellthropp, Wal Kirby, Meitiner, Twitchin, 1425 and 1639; Mark Kinghorn, Wm. Jeffery, and Choveaux, Org. 1622.

A capital supper having been provided by Mrs. Venables, the proprietress, in her usual appreciative style, and to which ample justice was done,

The W.M. rose, and gave the toast of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the Craft," remarking that it had so often and so ably been given, that he felt sure he was only re-echoing every sentiment of the brethren present in stating it was a most auspicious event to have broken the record as regards her beneficent reign, and that he trusted the G.A.O.T.U. would spare her to celebrate the grand event of her Diamond Jubilee.

The toast was received most loyally.

"The toast of 'H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Pro G.M., and the D.G.M.," received at the hands of the PRESIDENT that accord of praise it so justly merited, for all who had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge could testify to their duties being most efficiently carried out.

The toast was drunk with acclamation.

Bro. Dr. WEBB, P.M. 1622, next proposed "The Health of the President," the highly esteemed W.M. of the Rose Lodge. All knew his worth and his work, which was of no ordinary kind, as was proved in the lodge and the excellent manner he had carried out the whole of his duties in every office to which he had been appointed. Now that he had received their unanimous suffrages he had proved, and was proving, the wisdom of their choice. He was a most ardent and worthy brother.

The toast was responded to most cordially.

In reply, Bro. S. BALLARD thanked Bro. Dr. Webb for his kind expressions and the brethren for so hearty a reception. It was indeed a great honour to preside over such a distinguished gathering, which only occurred perhaps once in a lifetime, as W.M. of their mother lodge. He had been looking forward to the happy event for some time and had endeavoured to perform the function worthy of the occasion. He was indeed flattered by the very complimentary terms of Bro. Dr. Webb, specially on his working, but if he had given them all satisfaction he was amply repaid by their many kindnesses towards him for whatever trouble and pains he had taken at any time to discharge the duties he had been appointed to. He most gratefully thanked them.

Bro. BALLARD next presented the toast of the evening, "Success to the Rose Lodge of Instruction," coupled with the name of Bro. David Rose, P.M., its worthy Preceptor. The lodge had been established about 24 years and had done excellent service, especially in South London, but it had also rendered good and suitable service to brethren from all parts of London to receive at the hands of the able and ever willing Preceptor, Bro. D. Rose, that instruction which was given so perfectly by him. It placed the President in a most difficult position to know how fully and appreciatively to express to Bro. D. Rose the thanks of the brethren for the splendid tuition they had received from him—one of the best of Preceptors, and to mark that appreciation and show their respect, they would ask him to receive a purse containing 42 guineas, in presenting which he (Bro. Ballard) said it was indeed a very great honour, and he hoped Bro. Rose would receive it with as great a pleasure as the brethren had in presenting it. At the same time the brethren had not forgotten Mrs. Rose, who had passed through a very serious illness, but now had recovered very favourably, for her many sacrifices in the loss of her husband's company so much at the lodge of instruction, for the advantage of Freemasonry in general. They had thought it a duty and great pleasure in asking her, through Bro. Rose, to accept a splendid diamond brooch, inscribed as follows: "Presented to Mrs. David Rose as a mark of esteem from the members of Rose Lodge of Instruction—1897," with the earnest hope that she would quite recover to wear the same for years to come. He would ask the brethren to drink to the toast in bumpers.

In reply, Bro. D. ROSE said: Worshipful Bro. President and Brethren,—That he most heartily thanked them for the toast so ably and tenderly presented, and so very cordially received. It was, indeed, to him a pleasure and great privilege to have been present for 24 years at such a happy gathering, with one exception, when he was afflicted, but he had cause to be grateful for enjoying such excellent health. The President had proposed success to the Rose Lodge of Instruction. What constituted that success? Why the hearty support and co-operation of the brethren? young and aspiring to learn the working of the beautiful ceremonies which he had endeavoured should be performed in the lodge of instruction as perfectly as possible. The lodge had been enabled to produce a capital muster of W.Ms. and also installing Masters, which, some 35 years ago was almost unheard of, for each Master to instal his successor. That duty was relegated to one or two old P.Ms., who looked upon it as a right, and it was almost an impertinence for another to offer to perform that ceremony. Many years ago an old Past Master in the Peckham Lodge was very anxious to undertake that duty, and it had been continued since, as also in the Rose Lodge, by each succeeding Master. He would go further, and state the lodge of instruction had made Preceptors, and he must mention a young brother in the lodge whom the younger brethren might well look up to, who was an excellent worker, and one well-fitted in an eminent degree to discharge the duties of Preceptor. He felt well-assured in its prosperity, and would in the future, as in the past, most strenuously strive to maintain the good working and respectability of the lodge. To come to a more personal matter, Bro. Rose said his language was insufficient to respond to such a testimony of their flattering kindness. However, he was convinced that it would not have been bestowed had he not been considered worthy. It certainly was most kind, and showed the fraternal feelings of the brethren towards Mrs. Rose, who would be delighted with such a handsome gift. It would fully compensate her for his many absences, and he would say that the obligation was so great, that no satisfaction was so great, and opportunities so short, but that all he could render in his power should be bestowed on the lodge, and that nothing should be wanted to make it as valuable as heretofore. Again he thanked the lodge most cordially for their very great kindness.

Bro. BALLARD next presented the toast of "The Treasurer, Bro. Isaac Dunn, and the Secretary, Bro. C. H. Stone, P.M.," and said the Treasurer was one of the best, and took a very deep interest in the lodge, and also well guarded its funds. The Secretary was a most enthusiastic brother, and nothing was too great a trouble for him. They had only to ask him, and whatever lay in his power it would be done with a very good heart. He also paid a high tribute of respect to the late Secretary, Bro. Thos. Grummant, P.M., which office he had filled for so many years, and with benefit to the lodge.

The toast was drunk with acclamation.

Bro. DUNN, in reply, paid a high tribute to Bro. Rose as a Preceptor, as he himself some years since had proved, and which had enabled him to discharge his duties well; also of the remarks that had fallen from Bro. Rose respecting his understudy, who certainly was one to be admired, and who would always most readily assist in any instruction that was required of him. With respect to the funds of the lodge, they were not large, but in its Charitable Associations—seven in number—it had been enabled to send up to the various Masonic Institutions between £1200 and £1300, not one quarter of which would have been subscribed were it not for such and kindred Associations. He thought such subscriptions were ennobling, and redounded great credit on the brethren. They had the example given them by the M.W.G.M., who did not disdain the shilling subscription to the Diamond Jubilee Fund for such a worthy cause. He had been attached to the lodge of instruction for many years, and so long as the trust was reposed in him, so long would he guard and distribute the funds to the benefit of the lodge.

Bro. STONE responded. It was indeed a great honour to him to succeed so worthy a Brother as Thomas Grummant, whom he should endeavour to emulate. He had served as Assistant Secretary for 14 years under so good a Master that being then Secretary he should perform the duties to the best of his ability. He thanked the Bro. President for the very kind words said of him and also the brethren for the manner they had received them. He remarked upon the able assistance he had from the Assistant Secretary, Bro. Sowton, who was most indefatigable. The lodge had made good steady progress during the year, holding 39 meetings with an average of 19, and had also done good service in the cause of relief to the indigent on finding them worthy. He would always do his best for the benefit of all.

Bro. SOWTON also very feelingly responded.

The toast of "The Visitors" having been cordially given and duly responded to by Bros. DOWSETT, SHUTER, and KINGHORNE,

The PRESIDENT next gave the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary of the Testimonial Fund" in words of high eulogium considering the splendid result of their efforts.

Bros. CASS, P.M., Treas., and WM. DAWSON, P.M., Sec., replied. To each of them it had been a great pleasure and labour of love for so worthy an object.

A capital programme was provided by Bro. Choveaux, the Organist, assisted by Bros. Kinghorne (reciter), Frampton, Derham (flautist), G. Thompson, Jennings, Thomas Grummant (reciter), and C. H. Stone. Bro. Choveaux ably accompanied.

### PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. A. SCURRAH, GRAND STANDARD BEARER.

That the appointment of Bro. W. A. Scurrah to the important offices of G. Standard Bearer in Grand Lodge and 1st A.G.D.C. in Grand Chapter gave unbounded satisfaction to a very large circle of friends and admirers goes without saying, and it was equally certain that the opportunity would be seized to mark that satisfaction, and also the esteem and regard in which he is held, by presenting him with the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter regalia. Bros. W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas., and Captain C. J. Knightley, P.M., took the matter in hand, and, having learnt by experience the wisdom of having small committees, constituted themselves into a committee to bring the matter to a successful issue. Subscriptions were limited to the lodges and chapters of which Bro. Scurrah is a member, and the result was a complete success, terminating in a complimentary dinner to Bro. Scurrah, held at Anderton's Hotel on the 9th inst.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. W. A. Scurrah, G. Std. Br.; James Stephens, P.G.W. Bucks (Vice-Chairman); S. Cochrane, P.G. Treas.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B. Maj. T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B.; E. Storr, P.M.; Jacobs, P.M.; A. Clemow, P.M.; F. Swinford, P.G. Org. Middx.; Paine; J. J. Thomas, Vice-Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps.; Capt. C. J. Knightley; J. Irvine, P.M.; A. H. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; W. Martin, P.M.; H. Stiles, P.M.; J. Bolton, P.M.; and many others.

After dinner, the CHAIRMAN briefly proposed "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Grand Officers," Bro. S. COCHRANE, P.G. Treas., replying for the latter toast.

The CHAIRMAN then said they had arrived at the most important part of their proceedings—to do honour to the guest of the evening, Bro. W. A. Scurrah, G.S.B. and 1st A.G.D.C. in the Royal Arch. Something like two years ago their places were changed. Bro. Scurrah presided, and he (the Chairman) sat on his right. However, they had reversed things on the present occasion, and he felt a pleasure in saying how much he appreciated the fact, being deeply sensible of all Bro. Scurrah did for him. Bro. Scurrah had been a hard worker in Freemasonry. They all remembered, and Bro. McLeod knew well, that in his predecessor's time, Bro. Scurrah was the premier Steward in taking up £600 for the Boys' School, and that was only done by indomitable perseverance. They were all proud to see such a representative meeting to do honour to him and it augured well that in his several lodges and chapters the members were pleased to come in such large numbers. They recollected that Bro. Scurrah had held the high official position of Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes and at last he had been selected for the higher offices in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. They had not gone outside his lodges and chapters for subscriptions but all the members had come forward in a loyal spirit. All who knew Bro. Scurrah personally, knew him to be a right honest gentleman and Freemason, who had at all times done his utmost for the best interests of Freemasonry. In the Board of Management of the Boys' School he had done great work, and in every lodge and chapter with which he was associated he was a useful member. They were delighted to find him in the best of health after his hard work, for he was held in high esteem and honoured by his friends who were proud to be present to honour one who so richly deserved it. On behalf of the subscribers he (the Chairman) asked Bro. Scurrah to accept the aprons, collars, and jewels, and breast jewels of G. Std. Br. in the Craft, and 1st A.G.D.C. in the Royal Arch, and also the heartiest good wishes of every brother assembled, hoping he would live for many years to enjoy the distinguished position he had attained by his good work.

The jewel bears the following inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. W. A. Scurrah, G. Std. Br., by V.W. Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas., on behalf of the members of his lodges, together with a full outfit of Grand Stand. Br. clothing, 9 March, 1897."

A similar inscription appears on the Royal Arch jewel.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH, G. Std. Br., who was heartily received, said they would all agree that he was hardly ever at a loss for a speech, but on the present occasion he felt quite overpowered with all their kindness, and if he failed in saying all he ought to say he hoped they would forgive him. He was delighted to be surrounded by so many good and faithful friends, including many of his old colleagues on the Board of General Purposes, Bros. S. Cochrane and J. J. Thomas, the principal members of his mother lodge, and the Senior Past Masters of other lodges. There were many present whom he had initiated into Freemasonry—about 10—which showed the kindly feeling on their part in thus showing their appreciation for their father in Freemasonry. He felt the Chairman had flattered him very considerably, because what he had done he had considered it his duty to do as a Freemason, having only been initiated in 1883, but since that time he had to the utmost of his ability made up for lost time. When he was initiated their chairman was the Secretary of his mother lodge and welcomed him. For 10 years he was on the Board of General Purposes, and was never afraid to put forward his own opinions, although always bowing to the decision of the majority. He did not know what to say of the kindness displayed towards him. He thanked them all from the bottom of his heart for the very handsome gift presented to him. It was an expensive gift and therefore must be acceptable to any brother, and he felt he must necessarily have the respect and esteem of the subscribers or they would not have come forward in such a liberal manner.

He should always remember, when wearing the clothing, the kind hearts that surrounded him on that occasion and also those brethren who were absent. He was deeply grateful to Bro. McLeod for being present, knowing his numerous engagements, but they had worked harmoniously together on the Board of Management, which, he thought, would bear a grand comparison to the management years ago. He must express his thanks to Bro. Stiles, who had been a faithful friend ever since he entered Freemasonry, and much that he had learnt and done had been owing to the words and kindly encouragement which their Chairman had given him. He hoped that his future conduct as a Mason would be such as to merit their approbation and merit the splendid gift they had presented to him on the present occasion.

Bro. JAMES STEPHENS, P.G.W. Bucks, proposed "The Secretary, Bro. Capt. C. J. Knightley," and said that brother possessed one of the most genial and kindest of dispositions, and was ever willing to do all in his power to serve his fellow man generally.

Bro. Capt. C. J. KNIGHTLEY, P.M., replied in appropriate terms, after which Bro. W. MARTIN, P.M., gave "The Vice-Chairman."

Bro. J. STEPHENS, P.G.W. Bucks, in response, said that without being egotistical, he took some little credit to himself for the position Bro. Scurrah occupied, for some two years ago, when first elected to the Board of General Purposes, he proposed Bro. Scurrah for the position of Vice-President. It was a necessity in their Institution that they should have at the head of their affairs men of undoubted respectability, when they remembered that the Heir Apparent was their Grand Master.

"The Chairman" was proposed by Bro. W. A. SCURRAH, and responded to by Bro. W. M. STILES, Past G. Treasurer, who expressed his appreciation for the honour of being elected the Chairman of a meeting which had been so convivial and jolly.

"Our Guests" was acknowledged by Bros. J. M. McLEOD, Sec. R.M.I.B.; J. THOMAS, and T. C. WALLS.

The proceedings terminated, after the CHAIRMAN had expressed his appreciation of the excellent musical entertainment given by Bros. F. Swinford, J. Cross, and Wilfred Davies.

### LADIES' NIGHT OF THE WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 548.

Ladies, it is known, have ever had a hankering to solve the sacred mysteries of Masonry, and the fact that if not actually participating in the dread ceremonies of the Craft, they were at least assisting in that world-wide-known function—a Masonic dinner—added a zest to the enjoyment of those of the fairer sex who were present at the ladies' banquet in connection with the above lodge at the Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday evening, the 10th inst. If not concerned in the ceremonies themselves, they were rubbing shoulders with them, at the least. Before the arrival of "sisters" on the scene, however, the brethren had been doing most efficient work in the Three Degrees, with Bro. H. W. Wybourn in the chair, assisted by Bros. F. Jones, S.W.; D. Jackson, J.W.; W. Riminton, I.P.M.; W. Jones, P.M., Treas.; Andrew Holmes, P.M., Sec.; H. Groves, S.D.; G. J. Freame, J.D.; B. Church, I.G.; F. W. Hancock, P.M., D.C.; W. E. Jeanes, A.D.C.; C. Childs, W. E. Berryman, and A. J. Lawrence, Stewards; J. Hall Org.; and A. Ball, P.M., Tyler.

In the point of numbers, as in other respects, the dinner was a great success—an overflow table had to be arranged for some 20 of the brethren in another room, while nearly 100 sat down in the principal room.

Among those present, besides the officers of the lodge named, were Bros. J. J. West, E. W. Hathersich, J. Youldon, C. Atkins, G. Newall, G. H. Kitson, J. Macgregor, C. M. Challenger, J. G. Milbourn, A. Quiney, A. Atkins, R. J. Amos, G. W. Duck, W. L. Ommaney, W. A. E. Russell, A. R. Johnson, J. Humm, J. Collins, J. B. Rolfe, R. Brisco, E. A. Brandon, F. T. Adams, H. Browne, R. Griggs, H. Plant, E. J. Chambers, F. C. Hillier, J. Laxton, J. T. Wood, J. W. Stoner, A. Martin, J. James, W. J. Harris, A. Bovay, C. Churchill, W. H. Newall, H. Mills, W. F. Corp, W. Dedman, W. Scott, G. Vanderherde, A. Mathams, T. A. Whiting, G. Carr, S. W. Jameson, J. Hall, C. Chandler, E. J. Campion, and others.

Among the ladies present were Mrs. H. W. Wybourn, Mrs. Riminton, Mrs. A. Holmes, Mrs. G. Newall, Mrs. Kitson, Mrs. Stoner, Mrs. Atkins, Mrs. and Miss Youldon, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. W. H. Newall, Mrs. and Miss Mills, Mrs. Adkin, Mrs. Plant, Mrs. Jeanes, Mrs. Church, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Amos, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Hathersich, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Browne, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Churchill, Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. James, Mrs. Mathams, Mrs. Jameson, Mrs. Humm, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Brisco, Mrs. Griggs, Mrs. Childs, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Quiney, Mrs. Burrell, Miss Mackenzie, Miss Rose Moss, and others.

After dinner the toasts of "The Queen and Craft" and "The M.W.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been proposed—with an eloquent little reference to the "Diamond Reign" from the chair, the toast of "The W.M." was submitted by the I.P.M., who said that Bro. Wybourn, although only recently installed in the chair of K.S., had performed the ceremonies that night in a manner second to none in the history of the lodge, to which he was sure to prove a credit. Bro. Wybourn was their jubilee Master, or at all events their fiftieth Master, and the occasion could not have been celebrated in a manner more fitting than by their festivities of that evening. He welcomed, in the name of the lodge, Mrs. Wybourn.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, responding, said that to a certain extent his occupancy of that position that night was due to his wife, who had persuaded him, when he had made up his mind to relinquish active connection with the Craft, not to do so. He had not forgotten, he assured the brethren, that in a lodge of nearly 100 members he had been unanimously chosen W.M., or forgotten the ceremony, and the eloquence, and dignity of the I.P.M., and as he looked upon the jewel which had been given to the I.P.M. by the lodge in commemoration of his year of office, and in recognition of his efficient working and unflinching courtesy, he could never forget that the confidence reposed in him carried with it great responsibility, inasmuch as he had to maintain the prestige of the lodge for working, and its dignity. He was proud of the lodge—they were very happy in their working—and he was especially proud to be its fiftieth Master. He asked members and officers to maintain the prestige of the lodge, and remarked upon the gratitude that all felt to their Preceptor, Bro. Milbourn, who, he knew, felt that he had his reward whenever he knew another pupil of his occupied the Master's chair.

The W.M., proposing "The Initiates," said that to them the toast meant admission to an ancient and distinguished Order, a new sphere of thought and action, a general desire for knowledge, and, he trusted, a sincere wish to render themselves more extensively serviceable to their fellow men. He gave them a hearty welcome. To the members of the lodge the toast meant an addition to their ranks, and, they hoped, assistance in maintaining the prestige of the lodge and Craft.

The initiates briefly responded.

In proposing "The Ladies," the W.M. said that a great ambassador, referring to the Queen's life and career, said upon them were strung all those virtues which made life admirable, desirable, and happy. He claimed the same for every lady there, the queens of their hearts and homes. The ladies shared their joys and sorrows, and that night they had invited them to share their joys, and to see as much as they possibly could of what went on in Freemasonry. The ladies had gladdened that evening by their presence, and he asked the brethren to drink their health.

Bro. F. W. HANCOCK responded, expressing the hope that the ladies' banquet would become an annual affair. He was sure the ladies had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and after this probably, when the brethren came home late, they would not object, as they would know they had been doing their duty.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Holmes, the Secretary, and Bro. W. Jones, the Treasurer," who had been mainly instrumental in bringing the affair to a successful issue.

Bros. HOLMES and JONES responded, the latter expressing the obligation of the members of the lodge to those who had assisted in the musical programme.

"The Health of the Artists," proposed by the W.M., was responded to by Bro. MATHAMS.

"The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. MILBOURN, P.M.

The ladies all received as souvenirs flower sprays and bottles of scent.

A charming musical programme, here and there in which the speeches were set down, was contributed to by Mrs. Fred Adams, Miss Rose Moss, L.A.M., Miss Elsie Mackenzie, Bros. W. Jones, P.M.; R. Griggs, A. Bovay, F. E. Campion, A. Mathams, J. W. Stoner, W. J. Harris, R. Dennant, John Hall, Org.; G. Freame, J.D.; and A. E. Kippis—who, during the discussion of the menu, was concerned with Messrs. D. Dealer and J. H. Robinson in the rendering of a selection of music—was at the piano.

### THE OLD MASONIANS.

On Friday, the 12th inst., "our boys" and their friends spent a very pleasant evening together at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, the occasion being the annual concert in aid of the Benevolent and Grant Fund of their Association. The President of the Society, Bro. W. H. Bailey, G. Treasurer, was to have presided, but, owing to a sudden and unexpected call out of town, he was prevented from doing so. In his absence, the chair was taken by Bro. R. S. Chandler, the Treasurer of the Association.

In a few opening remarks, Bro. CHANDLER, in tones of regret, explained the unavoidable absence of their President, Bro. Bailey, and added that if he had been able to attend he would have received a hearty welcome from the members.

The programme—a long and well-varied one—was carried through with great élan. Madame A. H. Watkins, R.A.M., won the hearts of all with her singing of "Amorous gold fish," "The gay tom-tit," and "Rory Darlin'"; Miss Madge St. Clair charmingly sang "Camilia and Rose"; Mrs. Jessie Ta'Bois rendered with much feeling and expression "Whisper, and I shall hear;" and Miss Blanche Dunnett, G.S.M., showed her thorough mastery of the pianoforte in her playing of "Valse Chromatique." Two capital songs were rendered by Bro. C. Patrick O'Doherty (Old Masonian)—"Queen of the earth" and "The storm fiend;" Mr. A. H. Stephenson (Old Masonian) gave in excellent style "The night watch" and "Angels guard thee;" and Mr. Arthur Bentley, of the Mohawk Minstrels, delighted everybody with "Mary of Argyll" and "My sweetheart when a boy." Mr. N. E. Proff, an excellent elocutionist, recited "One more" and "The house that Jack built." Of the humorous element, Bro. Harry Hall's contributions were side-splitting, and Mr. Harry Jinks also created a good deal of laughter, each of these gentlemen receiving an encore. One of the most popular items on the programme was a musical sketch, entitled "Mr. and Mrs. Muffitt," the characters consisting of Mr. Algernon Muffitt (an adoring husband), Mr. Vincent J. Lee (Old Masonian), and Mrs. Algernon Muffitt (an enterprising wife), Miss Amy Jacobs. Each acted the part well and was loudly applauded. Mr. Frank Grant, F.R.C.O., made an efficient accompanist.

At the close of the evening Bro. R. H. WILLIAMS, in complimentary terms, proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, seconded by Bro. J. LEACH BARRETT, Vice-President, and duly carried.

Bro. CHANDLER, in responding, first of all in the name of the company, thanked the artistes for the pleasant evening spent and mentioned that they had all given their services voluntarily. He then took the opportunity of explaining the objects of the Old Masonians' Association, that they had been established for two purposes, social intercourse and mutual assistance, the latter being the more important; he added that the proceeds of the concert held that night would be devoted to augmenting the fund they had set aside for assisting old scholars of their school who through misfortune might need it, that they had now about £135 but he hoped by steady pegging away they would be able eventually to accumulate a very substantial sum. Before concluding Bro. Chandler informed the members that he had hoped their esteemed Past President, Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, would have been able to have taken Bro. Bailey's place as chairman that night, but he had at the last moment been detained at Freemasons' Hall, he was, however, very glad that Bro. McLeod had been able to look in for a few minutes before attending an engagement in another part of the building.

The evening was brought to a close with the National Anthem.

The duties of Steward were ably and energetically carried out by Mr. G. Cross-Willett, Secretary, assisted by Bros. R. E. Barnes and C. P. O'Doherty, and Messrs. C. W. Barber and J. H. Hewett.

We are sure it will be gratifying to many of our readers to hear that this association of old scholars of our Institution at Wood Green is steadily gathering strength and numbers. In the past two years they have added a football and cricket club, the former, although so recently started, has acquitted itself well during the past season, and now the members are busy arranging for the cricket fixtures.

We are sure if any brother Mason would like to contribute a small donation to their much needed Benevolent Fund it would be very thankfully received and acknowledged by the Treasurer, Bro. R. S. Chandler, 37, Adolphus-road, Finsbury Park, N., or by the Secretary, Mr. G. Cross-Willett, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

A BAYARD SERMON AT ST. PAUL'S.—Preaching at St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday last, the 14th inst., before the United States Ambassador, Bro. the Archdeacon of London said they had had with them one during the past four years they had learned to love and honour in the highest degree as a very genuine, sincere, and able contributor to permanent results of the highest kind. Nobody had done more to remove disagreements which had arisen between the two branches of the Anglo-Saxon race. In bidding farewell, it was not unfitting in the central cathedral of English life that they should offer their heartfelt acknowledgments to Mr. Bayard for his unaffected kindness, his loyalty to his own people, and the powerful contributions he had made to the peace of the world.

## Craft Masonry.

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

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Nether Hall-road, Doncaster, on Friday, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. R. Bridge, W.M.; J. H. Pawson, I.P.M.; F. H. Burkland, S.W.; G. Smith, J.W.; F. Rand, Treas.; F. Duff, Sec.; F. W. Turner, J.D.; H. Foster, I.G.; S. B. Castle and H. W. Burnett, Stwds.; J. Mason and C. Richardson, Tylers; J. D. Nelson, C. Porrett, W. C. Wright, J. W. Charman, J. Hirst, J. W. Hanson, C. Reasbeck, F. J. Forth, P.M.; A. W. Fietwell, P.M.; and F. Webb, P.M. Visitors: Bros. W. A. Charles, W.M. 1807; J. Constable, Sec. 2259; J. E. Welsford, 129; W. Saunders, 597; T. Barber, W.M. 2259; and T. Tomlinson, 2259.

Bro. J. Hirst was raised to the Degree of a M.M.  
The brethren afterwards adjourned for light refreshment.

### Henley Lodge, No. 1472.

The installation meeting of the above flourishing lodge took place at the Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., and was well attended by the brethren of the lodge and visitors from neighbouring and London lodges. The lodge was opened, and the usual preliminaries having been concluded, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Jeavons, Stewart, and Foster, and proved unanimous in their favour. Bro. A. T. Ives, P.M., then acting as D.C., presented the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Turvey, S.W., to the W.M., Bro. Reeve, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and our worthy brother having been placed in the chair of K.S. was proclaimed and saluted in the usual manner observed among Masons. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Palmer, S.W.; T. H. Lait, J.W.; C. H. Canning, P.M., Treas., P.M. 2184, P.P.J.G.D. Essex, Treas.; C. Jolly, P.M., P.M. and Sec. 2184, Sec.; E. Morgan, S.D.; D. Ross, J.D.; S. Chaplin, I.G.; T. Welch, D.C.; A. Carter, and W. H. Turvey, R. Alabaster, and G. Richardson, Stwds.; and J. Andrews, Org. Bro. A. T. Ives then gave the addresses excellently, and so concluded the ceremony of installation. The W.M. commenced his year of office by initiating two of the candidates in rare form. Bro. Reeve was presented with a Past Master's jewel and a testimonial for installing his successor, and returned thanks, and then the lodge was closed.

The brethren, to the number of 107, then went in special saloon carriages to Fenchurch-street Station, and from thence to the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, where, under the especial supervision of Bro. Start, the courteous manager, they enjoyed the grand banquet prepared for them.

The toasts were excellently put by the W.M., and loyally responded to by the brethren.

The occasion was interesting on account of the W.M.'s father—a venerable veteran of some 90 years of age—being present, and, seated on his son's right hand, greatly enjoying himself.

Some splendid singing by Miss Nellie Roberts, Madame Bertha Risch, Bro. R. Fowler, W.M. 1536; Mr. Everett, and Walter Hengler added much to the pleasures of the evening.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. Dr. W. Vance, P.M., J. Elder, P.M., J. Savage, P.M., B. Curtis, P.M., A. Knight, P.M., C. Powling, P.M., A. J. Manning, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Essex, A. McQueen, S.W., W. H. Turton, J.W., and G. Davis, P.M., of 13; G. H. Porter, W.M., J. H. Roberts, P.M., S. Southgate, P.M., and W. Lawson, P.M., Sec., of 700; R. Fowler, W.M., and F. Reed, J.W., of 913; F. Hully, W.M. 2399; J. D. Mears, P.M. 1076; F. J. Eedle, P.M. 2104, P.G.S. of Works Essex; and others.

### Hemming Lodge, No. 1512.

A meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 18th ult. Among those present were Bros. W. Hopkins, W.M.; P. Cronin, S.W.; C. Wheatley, J.W.; J. E. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Sec.; C. Davis, J.D.; G. Ransford, P.M., P.G.S.B., D.C.; H. Wheatley, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. Bright, and B. Schultze, Stwds.; W. Spearling, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; and H. H. Room, P.G. Std. B. Eng., P.G. Sec. Middx. (hon. member). Among the visitors were Bros. J. Mayo, W.M. 1614; E. J. New, S.D. 1445; J. Lothair, 816; and Dr. A. H. Willoughby, 1733.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. T. Sadler was passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. Roberts initiated. The resignation of Bro. H. Dove was received with regret. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. E. H. Trotter, P.M.; G. J. Tagg, P.M.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; W. Hill, A. Macchi, and C. Boyce, Stwds. The lodge was then closed.

An excellent dinner followed. The toasts were briefly given, but to the point.

Bro. H. H. Room, P.G. Std. Br., responded at length and in fluent terms on behalf of "The Grand Officers." He thanked the W.M. for the kind expressions he had uttered in introducing the toast, and particularly for the kind references to his humble name and services. He had attended many meetings of the Hemming Lodge, and he was always struck with the good fellowship that prevailed and the support given to the lodge by its numerous and distinguished Past Masters.

Bro. G. Ransford responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was given by Bro. J. C. Jessett, who complimented Bro. Hopkins, upon the manner in which he had initiated the candidates that evening.

A few other toasts and replies quickly followed, and the proceedings terminated.

During the evening Bros. Pitt, Cronin, Lothair, Fox, and Dixon, entertained the brethren with vocal and dramatic selections.

### Penge Lodge, No. 1815.

The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at Anerley, and was well attended by members, besides a good muster of visitors. A long programme was despatched by the W.M., Bro. H. O. Budd, in a very efficient manner, and included one initiation, two passings, and two raisings. The election of the new Master for the ensuing year resulted in an unanimous vote in favour of Bro. A. E. Pridmore, C.C.

After the business came refreshment.

Having duly honoured the toast of "Her Majesty," the W.M. made some very apropos remarks in favour of the Hospital Fund instituted by the *Daily Telegraph* at the suggestion of the M.W.G. Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and proposed to set apart to that fund the usual after-dinner collection.

The members and visitors hailed the suggestion with enthusiasm, and the collection announced reached the sum of 840 shillings, the largest sum as yet that has been subscribed to this fund by any Masonic lodge.

### Wallington Lodge, No. 1892.

The installation meeting was held at the Town Hall, Sutton, on the 11th inst., when the attendance of brethren was one of the largest yet held by this successful lodge. Bro. W. J. Baker, F.R.G.S., W.M., was supported by Bros. J. Salter Whiter, F.R.H.S., W.M. elect; J. Andrews, P.M., P.G.S.B. Surrey, Treas.; W. Pile, Prov. G. Treas. Surrey, Sec.; H. D. Aslett, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. Surrey; W. Churchill Sabine, J.W.; S. T. Baker, S.D.; T. Wilson Aird, M.D., J.D.; F. C. Baker, I.G.; F. Carter, P.P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; G. C. Burry, P.P.G. Org.; F. Tomlin, J. F. Jones, Stwd.; A. H. Salter, P.M.; F. A. Norton, P.M.; R. H. Ward, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B. Sec. R.M.I.B.; F. West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Surrey; C. T. Tyler, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Wilson, I.G. 2384; W. F. Driver, P.M. 1360; T. Smith, P.M. 30; C. J. Martin, 1360; C. R. Hall, 1815; E. S. Hall, 1815; T. E. Leigh, 1347; C. P. Lovelock, 1216; E. J. Dodd, P.G.O. Kent; H. M. Grellier, S.W. 2140; W. T. Poole, P.M. 860; C. A. Hardwick, P.M., Sec. 1740; T. A. Compton, P.M. 2384; Rev. H. W. Turner, P.P.G. Chap.; C. P. King, I.P.M. 2422; W. J. Green, W.M. 2422; W. Gripper, P.S.G.D. Surrey; L. W. D. Muir, 2546; J. O'Connell, P.P.J.G.D.; W. G. Langlands, P.M. 55; E. R. Capon, D. Saines, 2422; C. Price, 1347; P. J. Ward, 3; E. Phillips, 1826; A. Heiron, J.D. 18

G. M. Dixon, P.P.S.G.W.; H. Knibbs, A.D.C. 1641; T. R. Porter, 1347; T. Bentham, P.P.G.C., 1616; T. A. Hill, P.P.G. Org.; J. H. Asman, S.D. 1347; A. Stribling, P.M. 1347; S. J. Tomkins, 55; R. Banks, 1347; F. Whitfield, 15; and W. W. Lee, P.M. 2318.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. Salter Whiter was then presented as W.M. elect, and was impressively installed by the retiring Master, Bro. W. J. Baker. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. W. C. Sabine, S.W.; S. T. Baker, J.W.; J. Andrews, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; W. Pile, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., Sec.; T. Wilson Aird, M.D., S.D.; F. C. Baker, J.D.; F. Carter, P.P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; G. C. Burry, P.P.G. Org.; F. Tomlin, P.M., I.G.; T. F. Jones, Stwd.; and A. Rowley, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. W. J. Baker, in recognition of his services in the chair during the past year, and as a mark of respect and esteem from the members. Other business was transacted and the lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet was well served, and Bro. T. F. Jones, the Steward, was assiduous in his attentions to the visitors and members.

The usual toasts followed, "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," being first heartily honoured.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the W.M. welcomed Bro. McLeod, and said that the I.P.M. had promised to act as Steward for the next Festival of the Boys' School and hoped to be supported by the brethren.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., said that by the kindness of Bro. West, P.G.D., he was enabled to reply. It was a pleasure to visit that Masonic centre and see such a representative gathering. He congratulated the W.M. on reaching the chair, and was assured he would carry out his duties in a progressive and admirable spirit. With reference to the Charities, they hailed with pleasure the very satisfactory result of the recent Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and hoped that in years to come it would be increased by the generosity of the Craft. The Board of Management of the Boys' School had done excellent service during the last few years, and those brethren who were Subscribers had regularly received detailed information of the work being done. That work could not be done without money, and the invested capital was very limited and they had to appeal to the Craft to make up the deficiency. In the district of Sutton they had done much and sent up large sums. He thanked Bro. Baker, I.P.M., for consenting to act as Steward, and was sure the brethren would not allow him to go up empty handed.

"The Prov. Grand Master, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and Prov. G. Officers," was next proposed by the W.M., who said that the three lodges in the neighbourhood knew Bro. F. West, their Deputy Prov. Grand Master, well, for, although he had many calls upon his time, he was a frequent visitor. Bro. West always gave them words of encouragement, and he (the W.M.) hoped he would have a cheering note to sound on their assembly that night.

Bro. F. West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M., returned thanks on behalf of his illustrious chief, who, although absent attending to higher State duties, was with them in spirit. They were glad to be able to report that the province was not one of which the Prov. Grand Master need be ashamed. He returned thanks on behalf of the large number of Prov. Grand Officers around him, and congratulated the lodge and the W.M. on being so well supported. It showed that in the district there were Prov. Grand Officers, who, although past in rank, were still doing good Masonic work. They did not retire directly they received their collars, but went on improving and working for Masonry. They had had an excellent address from Bro. McLeod, and he was sure it would have beneficial effects, for they did not often have the pleasure of meeting him. He ventured to congratulate the W.M. on his position, and expressed the hope that he would go through the work as well as Bro. Pile and others had done in the lodge. Everything connected with the gathering had been satisfactory, especially the handsome book compiled by Bro. Pile and containing the musical programme.

Bro. W. Pile, P.M., P.G. Treas., also responded, and thanked them very heartily for the high position they had elected him to in the province—one of the most honourable a Mason could attain to. He took a great interest in Masonry, especially in that district, being also a member of the Lorne and Ebbisham Lodges, and he hoped all those lodges would retain the high position they held in Surrey. The importance of Masonry in that neighbourhood was proved by the fact that he had been elected as Prov. G. Treasurer. He did not seek re-election to that office, but again thanked them for the confidence placed in him. He hoped the Deputy Prov. G.M. would never have cause to regret one single word of the praise he had uttered regarding their lodges.

Bro. W. J. Baker, I.P.M., said the toast he had to propose was one of the pleasures of his Masonic life. He had had the pleasure that evening of installing one of the most popular Masons in that district, Bro. Salter Whiter. The brethren had seen some of the Worshipful Master's working, and that brother would not only maintain the reputation of the lodge but build it up to the position which the Wallingtonians would be pleased to see. The W.M. and himself were initiated together. Knowing Bro. Salter Whiter as he had done for many years he was confident that in placing him in the chair they possessed a Master who had the interest of Masonry thoroughly at heart. He had always found the W.M. willing to come forward when wanted, and he had exemplified that on this occasion by heading his list for the Boys' School. Nothing should be wanting on his part to render the W.M. all the assistance he could and serve him in every way. The W.M. had chosen as one of his Wardens a brother whom he (the I.P.M.) was proud to call his son, and he could, therefore, confidently say the two Wardens would render the W.M. the same assistance which their predecessors in office gave. He regretted he was not able to install the W.M. in a better manner, but he had the satisfaction of knowing that the chair he had vacated was occupied by a true and sincere friend, with whom no fault would be found when his year of office expired. He gave them, with all heartiness, "The Health of the W.M."

Bro. J. Salter Whiter, W.M., said he did not think he had ever been in a more awkward position than in rising to reply to the toast of his health, so ably proposed by the I.P.M. Of course, they would take the I.P.M.'s remarks *cum grano salis*. Long before they became Masons they were Masons together in spirit, and had enjoyed each other's friendship for many years. He would endeavour to conduct the lodge as it should be conducted, to the comfort and satisfaction of all the members. Their lodge was a united lodge, the brethren working together in concord and harmony. He was proud to say that was the record meeting of the lodge, for there were present a larger number of members and visitors than they had had previously. He hoped to be present as their W.M. when the Masonic Temple at Sutton was opened. That would be a proud day for this lodge and the Lorne and Ebbisham Lodges when that ceremony took place, and he hoped all the members would endeavour to be present. It was a great undertaking and he hoped they would not be deficient in gratitude to those who had borne the heat and burden of the day upon their shoulders. It would be his duty to continue to cement the Masonic feeling existing among the three local lodges. They were, as Bro. Pile had said, like one lodge, for it was impossible to go into one without meeting members of the other two. It was his privilege to propose "The I.P.M., Bro. Baker," who throughout his year entertained the members in a splendid manner and did his work well.

Bro. W. J. Baker, I.P.M., in response, said his work had been a work of love. Since he joined Masonry with the W.M. they had both put their shoulders to the wheel and done their best. He very much appreciated the great kindness with which he was always received by the brethren. If his efforts had given satisfaction he was proud and pleased. He should still continue to work and support the W.M. as far as he possibly could.

"The Visitors" was given in cordial terms by the W.M. and acknowledged by Bros. J. O'Connell, P.P.J.G.D.; Dr. W. Gripper, P.P.G.D.; and E. J. Dodd, P.G. Org. Kent.

Other toasts were given before a most successful evening was brought to a close.

A handsomely-bound volume, which reflected the greatest credit on the good taste of Bro. Pile, P.M. and Sec., contained the programme of music and words of the songs. The programme included items by Bros. G. C. Burry, P.P.G. Org.; T. A. Hill, P.P. G. Org.; R. T. Ward, P.M.; A. Stribling, J. Asman, S. T. Baker, F. Baker, E. Phillips, and C. Hill.

### Argonauts Lodge, No. 2243.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 8th inst., at the Constitutional Club, Putney, under the Worshipful Mastership of Bro. Herbert Henry Woodroffe. The lodge was consecrated in 1888, after it had been established for the exclusive use of present and past members of recognised amateur rowing clubs. These clubs had already belonging to them several Masons, and it was out of these that the founders of the Argonauts Lodge ranged themselves. The two clubs were the

London Rowing Club and the Thames Rowing Club, the two principal amateur clubs, which have now acquired a world-wide reputation. The progress of the lodge since its commencement has been steady, but not rapid, and it does not appear to be so well known among amateur rowing clubs as it should be, seeing that it was specially designed for increasing by means of Masonry the friendship between the rowing fraternity which always exists so strongly. The lodge is suitable for them in every way; it meets at Putney, a generally-acknowledged rowing locality, and its days of meeting are the second Monday in January, March, October, November, and December, the first two months being before the boating season commences, and the last three after it closes. It has only rowing men in it, and it has now broadened its base by accepting members of other than the London and Thames Clubs. Its present members are Bros. Eugène Monteuis, P.M. 14, 2060, P.G.S., P.G.S.B., P.M. and D.C. (L.R.C.); John Charles Radford, P.M. 1420, P.M. and Treas. (T.R.C.); Gordon Smith, P.M. 2041, 14, P.G.S., P.M. (T.R.C.); George Daniel Lister, P.M. 482, 1361, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, G. Stwd., P.M. (L.R.C.); Thomas William Willis, P.M., Stwd. (T.R.C.); Ernest Theodore Smith, P.M. 1768, P.M. (T.R.C.); William Ernest Smith (T.R.C.); Frank Richardson, P.M. 14, P.G.D. (L.R.C.); Cuthbert Walter Mapleton, P.M. 256, P.M. and Sec. (T.R.C.); Herbert Henry Woodroffe (L.R.C.); Percy Stansfeld Smith (T.R.C.); Charles Wyld Hughes (T.R.C.); Lieut.-Col. Herbert Burrows Adcock (L.R.C.); A. Thorn (L.R.C.); C. Val Hunter (T.R.C.); H. Murray Watt (T.R.C.); P. A. N. Thorn (L.R.C.); F. H. Willis, Stwd. (L.R.C.); Arthur John May (T.R.C.); Herbert C. Arthur (T.R.C.); William Dick Barclay (T.R.C.); A. S. Falconer (T.R.C.); D. Lyell (T.R.C.); and W. G. Fidge (Vesta R.C.). Its first Master was Bro. Eugène Monteuis (1888), who was followed by Bro. Charles Radford (1889), and Gordon Smith (1891), George Daniel Lister (1892), Thomas William Willis (1893), Ernest Theodore Smith (1894), Cuthbert Walter Mapleton (1895), and Herbert Henry Woodroffe (1896). With such Past Masters and such a list of members as that given above there ought to be no difficulty in making the lodge a numerous lodge.

The brethren who attended the installation meeting were Bros. H. H. Woodroffe, W.M.; P. Stansfeld Smith, S.W.; C. W. Hughes, J.W.; J. C. Radford, Treas.; C. W. Mapleton, Sec.; A. Thorn, S.D.; H. M. Watt, J.D.; P. A. N. Thorn, I.G.; A. S. Falconer; Alfred Williams; T. W. Willis, P.M.; E. T. Smith, P.M.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; W. G. Fidge, H. C. Arthur, A. J. May, and D. D. Barclay. Visitors: Bros. Ralph Langton, 1657; H. W. Prior, P.M. 90; Walter Oldfield, 2328; J. Maples, 144; J. Anderson, 2319; E. Hallows, P.M. 33; C. O. Haas, Stwd. 1777; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; C. Smith, F. H. Attwater, and W. J. Dyer, 2030.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Herbert Henry Woodroffe, and, after the minutes had been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was submitted and passed. It showed a balance of £41 in hand, and 10 guineas of this amount was transferred to the lodge Charity account. When the ceremony of installation came on, Bro. J. C. Radford, P.M., Treas., was placed in the S.W.'s chair and Bro. T. W. Willis, P.M., in the J.W.'s chair. Bro. Woodroffe installed as W.M. Bro. Percy Stansfeld Smith, and was himself invested as I.P.M., afterwards receiving a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services during the past year as W.M. The officers of the new W.M. for the year were Bros. C. W. Hughes, S.W.; Alexander Thorn, J.W.; J. C. Radford, P.M., Treas.; C. W. Mapleton, P.M., Sec.; H. M. Watt, S.D.; P. A. N. Thorn, J.D.; F. H. Willis, I.G.; Eugene Monteuis, P.M., D.C.; T. W. Willis and A. J. May, Stewards; and F. G. Mitchell, Tyler. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. J. C. Radford, P.M.; that to the Wardens by Bro. Woodroffe; and that to the brethren by Bro. Willis, P.M.

A vote of sympathy in his illness was passed to Bro. Eugene Monteuis, which the Secretary was directed to convey to him by letter, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the usual toasts were proposed, and a beautiful vocal and instrumental musical entertainment was given by Bro. R. B. Hopkins on the silver bells; Mr. T. Detmar, Mr. Josef Claus, and Mr. Wallis Arthur.

Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., returning thanks for "The Grand Officers," said good masters made good servants, and as the Grand Officers had had a really good Master in the Prince of Wales, he supposed that was the reason they had had such good men at the head of Freemasonry. The Prince of Wales was never tired of doing good in Masonry, and about a month ago, on one of the wettest and most miserable days ever experienced, he drove from Longton to Staffordshire to lay the foundation stone of a Mechanics' Institute. How it was he did not catch his death with cold he (Bro. Richardson) did not know. In Lord Lathom the brethren had a man who did his duty, and although, there were more than 100 lodges in his province, in the course of the year he managed to attend the installation meetings of each. He had put in writing that he would attend the installation meeting of a lodge named after himself which met at the Surrey Masonic Hall next month; but, unfortunately, the day happened to be Good Friday, and the meeting would not be held on that day. Lord Amherst was one of the oldest Provincial Grand Masters in the country and he was a good worker. Those brethren who were at Grand Lodge on the 3rd inst., were able to see how he ruled over it and brought the business to a close. As regarded the other Grand Officers he believed they did their duty; whenever called upon they did it to the best of their lights; they did it to show they had not been pitchforked into their honours, but that they were entitled to the distinction conferred upon them.

Bro. Herbert Henry Woodroffe, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," a toast which always met with a cordial reception, but in a lodge like the Argonauts, where the W.M. was such a good friend to all the brethren as Bro. Percy Stansfeld Smith was, it was likely to be most enthusiastic. Most of the brethren had seen him work up from the position of I.G. For the last few months Bro. Smith had worked for the duties he had now to perform. As one who knew Bro. Smith thoroughly he could say that what he undertook to do he carried out successfully, and when he undertook the Mastership of the Argonauts Lodge he would be as successful in that sphere as he always had been in former efforts in other walks of life.

Bro. Percy Stansfeld Smith, I.P.M., in acknowledging the proposal and the reception of the toast, said he did so with a very tremulous feeling, inasmuch as his predecessors in the chair had performed the duties of that position so perfectly. However, the brethren had taken him for good or for evil, such as he was. He wished to express his thanks for the cordial way he had been received, and as he was going to conduct the speeches with brevity throughout the evening, he would simply thank the brethren for their kindness, and assure them that he should endeavour to conduct the affairs of the lodge with credit to himself and to the happiness of all the members.

Bro. Prior, replying to the toast of "The Visitors," said it was very pleasing to be present to see his partner in business installed in the W.M.'s chair; but that was not the only reason for his pleasure; there was another and as forcible a one; Bro. Percy Smith was such a thoroughly good fellow. He wished him every prosperity and happiness in the chair of the Argonauts Lodge. He was at Bro. Smith's initiation, and also at that of his brother Charles. Bro. Percy Smith and Bro. Charles Smith entered very heartily into the ceremony, and at the time he (Bro. Prior) knew they would make good Masons. He congratulated the W.M. on having Bro. Frank Richardson present. There was no brother in the Craft who had done so much for the Charities as he; he was an honour to Freemasonry; he had been through many ceremonies—250 he thought—and it was a thing for the Argonauts Lodge to be proud of that he was a member. He (Bro. Prior) had always taken a great interest in Masonry, and as a proof that he had, he might mention that on the previous Monday he sat down to his 114th meeting of his St. John's Lodge, No. 90; he never had missed a single meeting of that lodge, and he mentioned this as an incentive to members who were coming on in the Argonauts Lodge. When he was in the chair of St. John's Lodge he felt as proud as King Solomon, but the W.M. of the Argonauts Lodge looked better, and worthy to be the Master in the Diamond year of Queen Victoria. Long might he live to enjoy that prosperity in Masonry and the hospitality of all connected with this lodge!

Bro. E. Hallows also responded. As an old P.M. of No. 33 he did not think from what he had seen that evening that the provinces and the suburbs had much to learn from the London lodges. The work had been carried out from start to finish perfectly. Bro. Percy Smith was following brethren in the chair who had set a good example which he would be proud to follow. The Argonauts Lodge had a future before it of great prosperity. Long might it continue.

Bro. Percy Stansfeld Smith, W.M., next said he really hardly knew how to begin in proposing the toast of "The Past Masters." There were five or six of them present that evening; this young lodge had been proud of its Past Masters, for a more indefatigable crowd he had never met. They had all been hard workers, and he felt in the chair very much indebted to them. He was going to couple with the toast Bro. Woodroffe, I.P.M., and Bro. Radford, the Treasurer, a most worthy individual, and most indispensable officer; and Bro. Mapleton, Secretary of that lodge and of several lodges of improvement—a regular rat for work; he never missed a meeting of the latter,

and was as keen as any brother. He took particular pains in polishing up a rough diamond, and for some time past, he (the W.M.) had been like a bee in a bottle. For the very arduous and able way in which the P.Ms. had pushed him (the W.M.) on to the chair of K.S., he had to express his thanks, and he hoped that when he went out of it it would not be found he had been so very bad. They were perfectly right—if anyone wanted to do anything in Masonry he must work at it.

Bro. Woodroffe said he had been a P.M. so short a time that he could hardly be considered to be included among the P.Ms. who had worked so hard. However, he hoped to do his best in the future, and it would be one of his pleasantest duties. Although the P.Ms. had passed the chair, they had not lost interest in the lodge, and if any one of the officers should at anytime be unable to be present, the P.Ms. were always ready to fill his place.

Bro. Radford, P.M., Treas., said he considered it a great honour to be a P.M. of the Argonauts Lodge, although he had the honour to be a P.M. of other lodges. The conviviality and joviality of the Argonauts Lodge surpassed anything he had experienced. That night they were able to report a balance in advance of anything they had been previously able to report, notwithstanding they had carried a sum to their Special Charity Fund, to which Bro. Ernest Smith had contributed five guineas. They carried forward—£28. He was pleased to follow in the steps of Bro. Frank Richardson. The brethren were indebted to that brother for the founding of the lodge. It was first mooted in the Thames Rowing Club, and their dear Bro. Monteuis joined most heartily in it. But there was a difficulty at that time in getting warrants for class lodges, but Bro. Monteuis said that if there was anyone who could put them in the way of getting one, Bro. Frank Richardson was the brother to do it. Bro. Richardson did so, and they succeeded in making that lodge practically an exclusive lodge for rowing men.

Bro. C. W. Mapleton, P.M., Sec., also replied, and said that the W.M. had said he was a rat to work, but he wished the W.M. to remember that rats were connected with sewers. The W.M. had also said that he himself had been like a bee in a bottle on account of his (Bro. Mapleton's) assisting him in the work. Well, as a P.M. of the lodge, he had great pleasure in keeping it going or in helping it in any way. It had then been in existence nine years, and with one exception all the Past Masters of the lodge were still with them. That was a great thing to say. Most of the Past Masters held office in the lodge, like the Treasurer and D.C., and himself (Bro. Mapleton), and that showed the great interest of the Past Masters; they kept it going, and it gave stability to a lodge, for very often if they got a number of young initiates, especially among rowing men, they were a little gasy; they might have bald heads and wear spectacles, but still they were young; they wanted helping along and advising. But any time they wanted advice the Past Masters were pleased to see them. The brethren knew his address in the City and also at Putney, and at any time at either place he was glad to see them to give them any advice in his power. The lodge was then round the signal. The brethren heard from the report that it had a good balance, and he asked the brethren to put their backs into the work of the lodge, and keep it going, and it would hold its own with any of the lodges.

The toast of "The Officers" was then honoured and responded to. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

### Bisley Lodge, No. 2317.

A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Thursday, the 4th inst. The W.M., Bro. Capt. J. Hay, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. J. H. Askham, P.M., S.W.; J. Tomlinson, S.W.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., Sec.; R. Clamp, S.D.; H. Whitburn, J.D.; H. W. Gloster, Steward; J. W. H. Littleboy, I.P.M.; J. Webb, P.M.; C. F. Passmore, P.M.; W. A. Shaw, P.M.; Gale, Honner, Wilkins, Dudge, and Gunning. Visitors: Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; H. J. Bidwell, P.M., Sec. 2120; A. Gibbs, P.M. 2101; and E. G. Gale, 2521.

After the formal opening of the lodge and the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, Bro. H. Honner was raised to the Third Degree, the ceremony being most ably performed by the W.M. Notice of motion was given from the chair that at the next meeting it would be proposed that the sum of five guineas should be contributed from each of the lodge funds (Ordinary and Benevolent) to the scheme for commemorating her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee by the erection of a hospital for Woking and the neighbourhood.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Major G. Collins, P.M., Treas.; and the Rev. E. R. Parr (vicar of Chertsey), and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren dined together under the presidency of the W.M.

The usual toasts followed.

Bro. R. F. Gould replied for "The Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Lancaster (in the absence of the I.P.M.)

The W.M. suitably responded.

Other toasts succeeded, and a very pleasant evening was spent, the enjoyment of the brethren being much enhanced by the excellent musical programme which had been provided for them, and in which Bros. Wilkins, Webb, Bidwell, Whitburn, Gibbs, and Gloster took the leading parts.

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### Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 211.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street on the 25th ult. Among those present were Bros. Dr. H. Kialmark, P.G.S., W.M.; G. Larter, S.W., Master elect; E. Beard, J.W.; R. Lawson, P.M., P.G.S., M.O.; J. Rosedale, S.O.; J. N. Frye, P.M., Treas.; Maj. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; P. Monson, P.M.; and J. N. Huish, P.M. Bros. H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.S.G.D., and J. D. Wilde, 387 (I.C.), were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. F. N. Hardinge, P.M., P.Z.; G. Wales, P.M.; and George Strevens. They, being in attendance, were duly and impressively advanced by the W.M. Bro. H. J. Lardner then presented Bro. G. Larter, S.W., Master elect, and he was impressively installed by the W.M. Among the officers appointed and invested were Bros. Beard, S.W.; Rosedale, J.W.; R. Lawson, P.M., M.O.; Richards, S.O.; G. Hardinge, J.O.; J. N. Frye, P.M., Treas.; Maj. T. C. Walls, P.M., Sec.; G. Wales, S.D.; G. Strevens, J.D.; and Ellis, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the W.M., and a vote of thanks passed to him for his services as Installing Officer. The audit report was received and adopted. It having been reported that Bro. J. Taylor, P.M., had died, a vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family, and the Secretary was directed to forward same to them. Bros. F. C. Frye, P.M., and Dr. E. F. Pocock, P.M., sent apologies for non-attendance. The lodge was then closed, and a banquet followed.

The W.M. made an excellent chairman, his manner was genial, and his respective utterances were not too long.

Bro. H. J. Lardner responded in a neat speech on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

A very pleasant evening was spent.

Several of the brethren contributed selections both of a humorous and sentimental character.

A FANCY DRESS BALL will be held at the Crystal Palace in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on April 28th, in aid of the Nursing Division of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, under the immediate patronage of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Princess Christian, and the Marchioness of Lorne.

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**Masonic Notes.**

We have received, but too late for an extended review this week, the second Fasciculus of Bro. Dr. Chetwode Crawley's "Cementaria Hibernica." A hasty glance at its contents has sufficed to satisfy us that it will equal, if, indeed, it does not surpass in interest and importance the first Fasciculus which was issued in 1895. There is in it a mass of matter relating to the early and hitherto most obscure history of the Craft in Ireland, and most of this is new, not only to the general body of the Craft, but also to the great

majority of Masonic Students. Among this matter is the evidence which Bro. Crawley has been so fortunate to discover and to which, if we remember rightly, we referred a few weeks since in our short article announcing the early publication of this Fasciculus—of the existence of the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1725, that is to say, four years earlier than the date ordinarily assigned to its foundation. However, we need not prolong our remark here, as we promise ourselves the pleasure of looking closely into the new Part of Bro. Crawley's work, and placing the result of our investigations before the readers of this journal. It is enough that we express our thanks to Bro. Crawley for his courtesy in favouring us thus early with a copy of his Fasciculus II.

East Lancashire, we regret to say, has sustained a severe loss by the death of Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, Past G. Std. Br. of England, and one of the most prominent Masons in that large and influential Province, who late on Tuesday evening succumbed to a stroke of paralysis that overtook him a few days previously. Bro. Sillitoe was one of the ablest and most indefatigable members of our Society in his Province. He was, for instance, a leading supporter of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, had occupied that position for many years, and took a very active part in connection with the Festival which was held in Manchester in aid of that Institution on the 1st July, 1895. He was also a foremost member of the Provincial Grand Lodge, but it was in Royal Arch Masonry that he rendered his most important services, nor is it so very long since we published in these columns an account of the presentation to him of a testimonial in recognition of those services. His energy and ability, and the valuable assistance he was able to render to Freemasonry in consequence of his possession of those qualities, will be sorely missed and it is with a mournful sense of satisfaction that we take this opportunity of tendering our sympathy as well to the Prov. G. Master and Grand Superintendent of East Lancashire and the lodges and chapters under his charge, as to the family and numerous circle of friends of our deceased brother, whom we had the privilege of knowing well, and for whom, as a result of that knowledge, we entertained the greatest respect.

Our attention has been called to a letter which appeared a few days since in one of our daily contemporaries, and in which the writer suggests that the Masons of this country should take some opportunity of expressing our sympathy with the brethren of Greece over the Cretan business. The writer fully realises that the matter over which we are to express our sympathy is of a political nature and he is fully aware that Masonry is a non-political society. This, of course, makes his proposal all the more absurd and ought, indeed, to have prevented him making this suggestion. If there are brethren who sympathise with Greece in what she is doing in Crete, by all means let them take any and every opportunity that may seem good to them to express that sympathy, but let it at the same time be distinctly understood that they do so not as Masons—in which capacity it is forbidden by the fundamental rules of our Society to take part in the political controversies of the day—but as private individuals. We have but to remind the originator of this extremely foolish proposal, that there are lodges in Constantinople and Smyrna, which are not unlikely to include some Turks amongst their members, and if some Masons, as such, express their sympathy with the Greek brethren, others might feel justified in expressing the same feeling with their Turkish brethren.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the date for the consecration of the Skelmersdale Chapter, No. 1658, has been fixed for Wednesday, 12th April, at 5.30 p.m. The ceremony will take place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, and will be performed by Comp. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Scribe E., assisted by other Grand Officers. The Principals designate are Comp. J. Hill, P.Z. 1329, as M.E.Z.; Comp. Sidney F. Mackway, M.E.Z. 1216, as H.; and Comp. L. V. Durrell Anley, P.Z. 1201, as J.

We publish elsewhere a letter from a correspondent who signs himself "P.P.G. Warden," and, taking it for granted that his Royal Highness, the M.W.G. Master, intends conferring Past rank as Grand Officers of United Grand Lodge of England on distinguished brethren in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, as was done in 1887 in commemoration of her

Majesty's Jubilee, expresses the hope that the choice will not fall upon favourites, as happened in 1887, but that the Dep. Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries, and—in the event of their being already Grand Officers of England—Grand Officers of high standing of the Provinces should have these honours conferred upon them, so that there may be no heartburning, as in 1887.

It is to be regretted that our correspondent, before addressing to us this letter, did not take the trouble of scrutinizing carefully the names of those upon whom Past Grand rank was conferred in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee. They are included in the lists of Grand Officers from the Union in December, 1813, to the present time, which are to be found at pp. 76-98 of our Grand Lodge Calendar. Had he taken this much trouble, he would have been able to satisfy himself that the Provincial and District celebrities who were honoured with Past Rank in 1887, were chosen, not by any system of favouritism, but because they had—one and all—been appointed to offices of high rank in their several Provinces and Districts.

We shall not take the trouble of citing all the Provincial and District brethren who were thus honoured. We will, however, furnish enough instances to show how utterly unwarranted is the suggestion he makes that, to use a familiar phrase, "kissing went by favour" in the selection of the brethren for Past Grand Rank from the Country and Abroad. Amongst those who received rank as Past G. Wardens were: Bros. Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., D. Prov. G. Master Cornwall; Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., D. Prov. G. Master Wiltshire; the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett (now Lord Bolton), Dep. Prov. G. Master N. and E. Yorkshire; and H. St. John Clarke, Dep. Dist. G. Master Victoria. Among the Past G. Deacons were: Bro. Col. Robert H. Lindsell, Dep. Prov. G. Master Bedfordshire; L. F. B. Dykes, Dep. Prov. G. Master Cumberland and Westmoreland; Walter G. Rogers, Dep. Prov. G. Master Devonshire; Charles Hambro, M.P., Dep. Prov. G. Master Dorsetshire; John Brook-Smith, Dep. Prov. G. Master Gloucestershire; Richard H. Holmes, Dep. Prov. G. Master Northumberland; Col. Henry Platt, Dep. Prov. G. Master North Wales; Frederick West, Dep. Prov. G. Master Surrey; Col. John Maclean, Dep. Prov. G. Master Warwickshire; A. F. Godson, M.P., Dep. P.G. Master Worcestershire; Henry Smith, Dep. P.G. Master West Yorkshire; W. H. Fitze, Dep. Dist. G. Master Bengal; Lt.-Col. W. H. Hutton, Dep. Dist. G. Master Montreal; and Barron L. Barnett, Dep. District G. Master Queensland.

There were other Deputy Grand Masters of Provinces and Districts who were honoured with Past Rank, while among Provincial and District Grand Secretaries may be enumerated Bros. Robert Bradley (Berks and Bucks); W. Naylor (Derbyshire); Robert Hudson (Durham); Edgar Goble (Hants and Isle of Wight); Alfred Spencer (Kent); John Chadwick (East Lancashire); W. Goodacre (West Lancashire); and John F. H. Woodward (Middlesex), who were all made Past Grand Sword Bearers. We trust this list will satisfy our correspondent.

In our recent article on the School Elections we took no heed of the candidates whose petitions had been accepted but whose names have been since withdrawn from the list for the Boys' School Election next month. These are four in number, two—Nos. 13 and 51—being noted on the voting papers, while the other two—Nos. 33 and 48—have been withdrawn since the voting papers were issued. These withdrawals reduce the number of candidates for this Institution from 60 to 56. As one of these (No. 48) was a *last* case, his withdrawal reduces the number of boys who have only this chance of admission from five to four.

It will be seen from a report we publish elsewhere of Bros. Sir J. C. Dimsdale, Past G. Treas., and C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., joint Honorary Secretaries of the Guy's Hospital Re-endowment Fund that a considerable portion of the sum required to make up the balance of the £1000 needed for the permanent endowment of a "Freemason's Bed" has been subscribed, upwards of 120 lodges and other Masonic Bodies having contributed the guinea solicited. The amount still needed to complete the endowment is by no means large, and we trust that not long hence we shall be in a position to announce that it has been obtained.

## 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 QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As throughout the British Dominions, or rather throughout the world, every British subject will return thanks to the G.A.O.T.U. for having spared unto us our Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria to have completed a most peaceful 60 years' reign on the 22nd of June next, do you not think it could be arranged for Freemasons as a body to return our grateful thanks to the Great Architect for favours already received through the instrumentality of our Gracious Sovereign, who has done so much to benefit the cause of Masonry, which is also shown by the deep interest his Royal Highness, the Grand Master Mason of England, the Prince of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family take in furthering and benefiting the Craft at all times?

As a suggestion, if a certain Sunday were fixed upon and the various lodges in each town throughout the provinces were to band together and assemble in a public place of worship, a suitable service taken, and the offertory devoted to certain Charitable Institutions, I feel sure it would meet with the approbation of most Masons, who at all times fear God and honour our Most Gracious Majesty.

I have not the slightest doubt that if some such scheme were put on foot it would not only lead to a day of thanksgiving for the Craft in general this present year, but would have a tendency to promote the wish to set aside one Sunday throughout each year for a general thanksgiving to Him from whom all goodness emanates.

I shall feel indebted if you will let this appear in our valuable paper, the *Freemason*, in order that it might go forth as a suggestion most fitting at least to enable brethren to join together in unity to offer our praises and thanks for favours already received, and that our Order may still be endowed with every moral and social virtue.

Thanking you in anticipation, fraternally yours,

A PAST MASTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is generally anticipated that the above auspicious event will be celebrated by conferring Past Grand rank on one or more representatives of each province in proportion to lodges. If this is so, it is to be hoped greater satisfaction will be the result than was the case in 1887. Instead of picking and choosing favourites, cannot some definite plan be adopted? Why not select the D.P.G.M. or next the P.G. Sec., or, if they hold Grand rank, then the next P.G. Officer holding office at the date of celebration (22nd June), and thus associate the year of office with the great event? I am convinced it would be a popular mode of selection and prevent any heartburning.

As I don't hold any office in this province this year, I write disinterestedly.—I am, yours fraternally,

P.P.G. WARDEN.

Hope Hall, Liverpool.  
13th March.

## Reviews.

"VITA MEDICA: CHAPTERS OF MEDICAL LIFE AND WORK."—By Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S. Longmans, Green, and Co., 29, Paternoster-row, London, New York, and Bombay, 1897.—A certain mournful interest attaches to the publication of this volume. The preface bears date the 31st October, 1896, while we gather from the note which follows by the author's son, Mr. Bertram Richardson, that the chapters composing it were finished "November 18th, 1896, just before eight o'clock in the evening. At 10 he was seized with the illness which ended fatally on Saturday morning, November 21st." To this is added the information that "The last proofs were not revised by my father, and but for the few corrections that could be made without him, the book is published as it left his hands." It follows that this book is a complete biographical sketch of the author's career, there being nothing to add to it but the record of his death. It is, as far as we know, a solitary instance of its kind and emphasises the regret we must feel that a man who had accomplished so much should have been taken from us at a time when, whatever his bodily powers may have been, he must have enjoyed to the full that intellectual vigour which had characterised him through his whole career. But though we cannot help regretting that his life-work should have ceased almost at the moment when he had written the concluding lines of his book, it is at least a consolation to us to know that he should have bequeathed to us this narrative, compiled by himself, and containing so much that is interesting to all classes and conditions of men, but more especially to the members of the profession of which he was so bright an ornament. In his opening chapter he tells his readers distinctly that the book is not intended as an autobiography, but is rather a series of "memories," to which must be added "researches and ideals that stand apart from the memories." But in whatever form we may regard his compilation, there can be no doubt as to its claims upon our respect and admiration. He certainly did some splendid work, and the country is largely indebted to him for the results of many of his researches, and the realisation of not a few of his ideals. He seems to have been fitted by nature for the part he played in afterlife. He must have been a laborious, rather than a brilliant, scholar, but at the same time, it is evident that he possessed exceptional powers of ratiocination. Hence in the experiments of all kinds he was continually engaged in making he more often than not succeeded in gaining his object. His conclusions may generally be looked upon as safe, because he took such infinite pains to ensure the correctness of the premisses from which they were deduced. But we need not dwell on the character of one who is so recently deceased, and whose works are still fresh in the minds of us all. Bro. Sir B. W. Richardson was essentially a busy man, but those who knew him best and study this record of his life from his own pen, will marvel how even such a man as he could have managed to crowd so much laborious work into the period of a single lifetime. The opening chapters are devoted to his school days and his early experiences as a student. Alter a preliminary spell as a pupil of a Mr. Henry Hudson, of Sowerby, who seems to have been an able man, from whom he learned not only how to make up pills and potions, but also something of electricity, embalming, and wood-carving, young Richardson was entered at Glasgow College, or, as it was called, "Anderson's University," where the famous African explorer, David Livingstone, had been a student before him, where he came in contact with men who had at the time, or have since, made themselves famous, prominent among them being the late Dr. Thomas Graham, Master of the Mint, and Dr. Thomas Thompson, author of "Heat, Light, and Electricity." Here it was that he obtained his first experience of anaesthetics, an operation being performed in the Royal Infirmary upon a patient who had been sent into a sound sleep by the inhalation of ether. It was here, too, that he made the acquaintance of what was known as the "Irish Fever," which was really due to famine, and which broke out among the Irish that had migrated from Ireland; and after doing his duty among the poor people who were smitten down, was himself attacked by it, and on recovering sufficiently, gave up for a time his studies and recruited his health and strength at the residence of an aunt in Rutlandshire. Thence

he went to Saffron Walden, where he obtained a practical insight into the duties of a medical man under the auspices of a general practitioner of the name of Browne. Thence he moved into Leicestershire and made further advances in his profession under Mr. Dudley Hudson, of Littlebury, by Narborough, and while with Mr. Hudson an opportunity presented itself for obtaining a position near London as an assistant to Dr. Willis, of Mortlake, the change being noted by him as "the turning-point," as doubtless it was, in his life. Here he won the Fothergillian Gold Medal of the Medical Society of London for his essay on "Diseases of the Child before Birth." The antiseptic qualities of gases also engaged his attention, while the experiments he here entered upon resulted ultimately in his invention of the "Lethal Chamber," in which animals are put to death painlessly. Subsequently he took a very prominent part, with Sir Edwin Chadwick, in the work of sanitation, travelling the country in all directions, and doing his utmost to improve the sanitary condition of our cities and towns. He also for many years was a strong advocate of abstinence from alcoholic liquors, not, as he is careful to point out in that portion of his book in which the subject is treated, from any serious objection to the drinking of such liquors, but from the evidences he tells us he obtained by means of experiments of the action of alcohol on the system. And while he was thus engaged, he found time for editing or writing for many scientific journals, and was officially connected with several hospitals and infirmaries. In short, the marvel is, as we have said, that a man should have been able so to accomplish so much and such various work as our late distinguished brother. As for the book itself, the manner in which his medical career is recorded in these pages, we feel sure that it will be very widely and very deservedly appreciated. There is, of course, much in it of a purely medical nature which will be as Greek to the mind of the lay reader. But Bro. Richardson's experience as a lecturer before large popular assemblies has not been without its effect on his style as a writer, and the result is that "Vita Medica" is so written that far the greater part of it can be "understood of the people." And those who read it will be well rewarded for their pains. They will learn a good deal about the best known members of the medical profession during the Victorian era, about the various kinds of anaesthetics, and, above all, of the efforts which have been made of late years towards the prevention of disease by means of sanitation. There is, indeed, no part of Bro. Sir B. W. Richardson's autobiography which may not be studied with the greatest advantage, but none with greater advantage than that which treats of "Sanitation"—Chapter XV. Be it added that the book, which contains nearly 500 pages, is published at the modest price of 16s.

### THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following new lists and additions to lists have been received since last week:—

LONDON.			
Lodge			£ s. d.
145	Bro. J. E. Gerlach, additional	...	5 5 0
	(raising his list to £32 11s.)	...	
197	„ W. T. Pigott, additional	...	8 19 0
	(raising his list to £41 18s.)	...	
1328	„ R. P. Upton, additional	...	2 2 0
	(raising his list to £38 17s.)	...	
2454	„ G. F. Smith, additional	...	1 16 0
	(raising his list to £61 1s. 6d.)	...	
Unattached			
	Mrs. Tom Green, new list	...	5 5 0
PROVINCES.			
BERKSHIRE.			
Lodge			
1101	Bro. E. Margrett, additional	...	3 0 0
	(raising his list to £63)	...	
CHESHIRE.			
2433	„ A. H. Baird, new list	...	10 10 0
ESSEX.			
2255	„ George S. Daunton, additional	...	2 0 0
	(raising his list to £138 10s.)	...	

N.B.—There are two errors to which we have been requested to call attention and which will be corrected in the Reprint. (1) Bro. C. L. Nelson was Steward for the Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781, London, not for Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, as stated in our report of the 27th ult., his list being £68 5s. (2) The representative of the Hartismere Lodge, No. 1663, Eye, in Suffolk, was Bro. D. W. Curtis, not Carter, as printed in the before mentioned report.

## Craft Masonry.

### Kent Lodge, No. 15.

The installation meeting of this ancient lodge, which celebrated its centenary in 1858, was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, the 10th inst. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. J. G. Carpenter, P.M., who, after the usual routine business, proceeded to pass Bro. Bennett. Bro. Carpenter then followed with the installation of his successor, Bro. R. W. Bowers. The whole of the ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner, the delivery of the charges being followed very closely by the large lodge present. The new Master at once invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. J. G. Carpenter, I.P.M.; Bradley, S.W.; Smith, J.W.; Stimson, P.M.; Treas.; Buckeridge, P.M., Hon. Sec.; A. R. Carpenter, S.D.; Salter, J.D.; Huddart, I.G.; Saunders, Org.; Towers, P.M., Stwd.; Loewenfeld, D.C.; Norris, A.D.C.; and Edgley, P.M., Tyler. At the conclusion of the investiture, Bro. Bowers initiated Messrs. Thomas Edward Williams and Herbert Sinclair Southey King. Naturally the effort was critically watched by the many Past Masters present, but the method of its performance satisfied everyone that the new Master was quite equal to his work. Before the lodge was closed, the I.P.M. and Installing Master was presented with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of the sincere appreciation of the brethren of his services during the past year.

The installation banquet was held in the Venetian Chamber of the Holborn Restaurant, when 150 brethren sat down and discussed a very elaborate menu. Of this number 102 were visitors.

Nine o'clock had gone past when the toast list was approached. "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were duly honoured, and after some songs,

Bro. J. G. Carpenter, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master, Bro. R. W. Bowers." If he were to extol all the good qualities of the new Master, he said, by far too large a portion of their time would be taken up that evening. All the brethren of the Kent Lodge, however, knew Bro. Bowers's sterling qualities, whilst they had already had an opportunity of seeing his working. Immediately after his own installation he proceeded to initiate two gentlemen in a way which showed, in the homely phraseology of "Bill Adams," that he was the very man for the job. The new Master had the good wishes of every member of the Kent Lodge—(applause)—and they were all perfectly assured that, under his guidance, the lodge would prosper in the forthcoming year as it had done in the past. (Applause).

The toast was received with enthusiasm, and Bro. Bowers, in reply, said he could not find words in which to adequately express his gratitude for all the cordiality and kindness he had received. He felt proud and honoured at the trust which had been committed to his care. He would do his very utmost to carry out the best traditions of the Kent Lodge, and to promote harmony within it. The brethren had not lightly cast upon him the cares of office, and he hoped to conduct the affairs of the lodge with credit to himself and with satisfaction to the brethren.

The Worshipful Master, in a very graceful speech, proposed "The Initiates," to which Bros. T. E. Williams and H. S. King briefly responded.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Rev. F. G. Fuller, an American Mason, and Bro. J. H. Price, Past Grand Treas. Surrey.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Past Masters," especially referred to the great work Bro. E. Stimson always did to promote the welfare and comfort of the brethren and visitors. Bro. Stimson was a brother to whom they were all indebted. He laboured indefatigably to promote the interests of Masonry and the Kent Lodge, and the speaker was fortunate in having him amongst his officers.

Bro. J. G. Carpenter, I.P.M., responded.

Bro. E. Stimson and Buckeridge replied for "The Officers," the former stating that all he had ever been able to do for the Kent Lodge was a labour of love, and one he should be pleased to continue.

During the evening a capital musical programme was sustained by Bros. Wood, H. Emlyn, W. Edwards, A. and H. Gee, Madame Florence Winn and Miss Ethel Winn.

The officers, brethren, and visitors present included the following: Bros. R. Bowers, W.M.; Bradley, S.W.; Carpenter, S.W.; Stimson, Treas.; Huddart, I.G.; Salter, J.D.; Smith, J.W.; Pickering, Arthur E. Mullins, W.M.; Kinnell, W. Smith, W.M.; Welsford, Fendick, Whitford, P.M.; Price, Hopps, Allen, Rev. G. Fuller, Williams, King, Carpenter, I.P.M.; Andrews, Buckeridge, W.M.; Grimmett, sen., P.M.; Pamment, Orchard, Todd, V. Orchard, James, Wilson, Groom, Pointon, Dravin, Perry, Benton, White, Forster, Dr. Elliott, Wagstaff, Pculter, Collier, Kearsey, Morris, West, Webster, Newman, Davies, Grundy, Richardson, Dr. Campbell, Scrivener, Jacobs, Jaeger, Rivers, Jager, Ethridge, Roach, Hurdle, Jay, Dowling, Ayling, Churchill, Treves, Brantford, Osborne, Watts, Norris, Bate, Price, Fedle, P.M.; Meyers, Newman, Carman, Hurdle, Morgan, Mead, Ellis, Clapp, Hills, Powell, Hosie, Cooper, Chesterman, Thomas, Gummant, Towers, Grantham, Burton, Tarr, Hood-Barrs, Hunt, McBean, Kege, Nicholson, Tritton, With, Dr. Noble, Lovell, Jenkins, Wells' visitor, Dr. Priestley, Barker, Dr. Smyth, Laundry, Hentsch, Stanton, Cavill, A. Burton, Webster, Hatchett, Cottrell, Dr. Ward, Harrison, Scott, Cuddey, Latham, T. E. B. Everett, Carter, Aubert, Owen, Shaul, Holloway, Dr. Adams, Marcus, Walker, Dorey, T. Dorey, Hope, Ball, Gomm, Swinn, Longworth, E. Smith, Jennings, Bennett, La Feuillade, W. Grimmett, J. Hope, Parr, Purkiss, Goff, Wigglesworth, Pearce, Spencer, Rockley, Ricketts, Lerwill, Skelton, Perrin, Glover, Sanders, Geenley, Goodfellow, Rutch, Gilbert, Cooks, Stritling, Bartlett, Hamilton, Buckeridge, Hawkins, Nettleship, Hirsch, Williams, Hamilton, Sheffield, Forster, Whitfield, Banks, Pile, Tyrer, Dr. Bott, and Batho.

### Whittington Lodge, No. 862.

The last meeting of the present session—which has been a very successful and enjoyable one under the presidency of the genial and popular W.M., Bro. T. H. T. Jarvis—was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 15th inst. The members in attendance included Bros. T. H. T. Jarvis, W.M.; H. Kemp, S.W.; W. Tyler, J.W.; S. Godden, Treas.; J. Weaver, P.M., Sec.; G. Clarkson, S.D.; J. E. Southgate, D.C.; W. Bradford, I.P.M.; W. H. Godden, Stwd.; J. Irving, P.M.; A. V. Pauncefoot, P.M.; G. H. Wavell, P.M.; T. J. Collins, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas.; W. A. Scurrah, G. Std. Br.; W. Green, 1178; J. Gull, S.W. 2264; O. Taylor, I.G. 1967; J. Curtis, P.M. 223; Captain C. J. Knightley, P.M. and Sec. 1744; F. Harrison, P.M. 27; and W. W. Lee, P.M. 2381.

Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bros. F. H. McClelland, T. C. C. Bond, and A. Harden were then raised to the Third Degree, the W.M. rendering the ritual and traditional history in an exceedingly able manner, receiving well-earned encomiums from the Grand Officers and brethren generally.

After banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, the Worshipful Master briefly gave the usual toasts.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas., responded for "The Grand Officers," and said that, in speaking of the Past Grand Officers, he had only to point to what they had done. He could only say how proud and pleased he was to see the good name of the lodge so well maintained by the W.M.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, G. Std. Br., said the Grand Officers were all imbued with one spirit—to advance Masonry in every shape and form. In the last few years ability and hard work had been recognised more considerably than in former times. He worked hard for 10 years on the Board of General Purposes, and was now grateful to the M.W. Grand Master for having appointed him a Grand Officer. He trusted he should not rest on his laurels, but do his work as a Mason, and always be to them and all the brethren of the Craft their true friend Bro. W. A. Scurrah.

Bro. W. Bradford, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said words were scarcely necessary to recommend the toast. He had only to call their attention to the manner in which the work was done in the lodge, and they were justly proud of their W.M. They would have to go back many years to find an equal for their W.M., and great credit was due to him, because he was not an old Mason. The W.M. would grace the Past Masters' corner in the same manner as he had graced the chair of the Whittington Lodge.

Bro. T. H. T. Jarvis, W.M., returned sincere thanks for the hearty reception. He could only tell them, as he had told them before, that if he had done his work during the time he had had the honour to fill the chair to their satisfaction, he was more than repaid. Although not an old Mason, the work was a labour of love. He had thrown his whole heart and soul into it, and was more than gratified at their approbation.

The W.M. proposed "The I.P.M.," and said the remembrance of what Bro. Bradford did for their last year was fresh in their memories.

Bro. W. Bradford, I.P.M., replied.

"The Visitors" was next submitted.

Bros. Harrison, P.M. 27; Curtis, P.M.; and Capt. C. J. Knightley, P.M., Sec. 1744, responded.

For "The Treasurer and Secretary" Bro. Irvine, P.M., replied for Bro. Weaver, P.M. and Secretary, who had been obliged by professional duties to leave early in the evening.

Bro. Godden replied for the Treasurer's portion of the toast.

"The Past Masters" and "The Officers" were given, Bro. Kemp, S.W., responding for the latter.

The Tyler's toast concluded an enjoyable evening, which can be best summarised by saying the work was good, the dinner excellent, and the speeches short.

### St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2078.

The installation ceremony of this lodge took place at Scunthorpe Masonic Rooms on Thursday, the 25th ult., when Bro. E. M. Weigall, P.P.G.D., was re-installed in the chair of K.S. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. R. M. J. Behrendt, P.J.G.W. The following officers were appointed: Bros. Dewhurst, S.W.; Peace, J.W.; Campbell, Sec.; Langbridge, Treas.; Morrison, S.D.; Maldon, J.D.; and Horner, Tyler.

After lodge the brethren adjourned to the Blue Bell Hotel, where a capital banquet was provided by the host, Bro. Swaby.

As the W.M. has occupied the chair before, the toast of his health was very enthusiastic.

Among the visitors were Bros. Dove, P.P.G.D.; J. Constable, 1482, P.P.G.D.; T. Barber W.M.; and J. G. Eland, J.W. 2259.

### Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.

A regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Bradford, on Thursday, the 4th ult. Bro. S. A. Bailey, P.M., W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. S. Robinson, I.P.M.; A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; C. H. Ellis, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Last, P.M., Sec.; John Niven, P.M.; R. S. Hird, S.W.; W. H. F. Schutte, W.M. 2330, as J.W.; W. S. Smith, as S.D.; J. R. Peat, as J.D.; J. S. Marsland, I.G.; R. B. Nicholls, Org.; H. Holmes, Tyler; J. Morton, J. B. Fearnley, A. Swaine, F. Kinder, and J. S. Hedley. Visitors: Bros. J. Young, W.M. 302; J. Pickles, D.C. 302; T. M. Lawson, W.M. 600; A. Graham, 600; G. C. Porritt, 600; H. B. Ratchiffe, 600; A. Riley, 2330; G. H. Hodgson, 2330; E. H. Walker, 2330; and R. N. Abbey, 1100.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, Bro. Townsend was

raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. Robinson, I.P.M., and the charge delivered by Bro. Ellis, P.M., Treas. The name of a gentleman was submitted for initiation and apologies tendered for the absence of a number of the brethren.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and with song and sentiment a very pleasant evening was spent.

### Hugh Owen Lodge, No. 2593.

The first year of this successful lodge, which is composed exclusively of Poor Law officials, was brought to a close at the Frascati Restaurant, on the 12th inst., when Bro. J. H. Rutherglen, who was installed as the first Master 12 months ago, vacated the chair in favour of Bro. H. G. Holland, who is also W.M. of No. 2054. There was a numerous attendance of members, including Bros. J. H. Rutherglen, P.M., W.M., H. G. Holland, P.M. 2353, W.M. 2054, S.W., and W.M. elect; R. H. Nicholls, J.W.; W. Chapman Grigg, M.D., Treas.; Rev. F. J. Greenwood, H. Roberts, Sec.; H. D. Aslett, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; and many others. Visitors: Bros. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; T. H. Moon, P.M., P.P.G.D.; G. F. Cox, P.M.; T. W. Blott, P.M.; T. Coulthard, P.M.; W. T. Weston, P.M.; F. Purkis, I.P.M.; A. J. Turner, W.M.; J. A. Shelton, W.M.; T. Bolton, W.M.; J. S. Coulson, H. B. Spaul, H. Wagstaff, G. F. Brooking, H. Jones, H. C. Wootton, J. M. Silliter, S. C. W. Drake, R. Hendy, F. M. Kinke, J. Wilson, and W. W. Lee, P.M. 2381.

Lodge was opened, the minutes read, and a candidate raised to the Third Degree. Bro. H. G. Holland was then installed as W.M. by Bro. Rutherglen, who gave a very fine rendering of the ceremony. The following officers were invested: Bros. John H. Rutherglen, P.M. 1642, I.P.M.; R. H. Nicholls, S.W.; J. W. Hunt, S.D. 2353, J.W.; W. Chapman Grigg, M.D., P.M. 10, 1635, 1591, Treas.; Rev. F. J. Greenwood, Chap.; H. Roberts, Sec.; H. Ramsbottom, S.D.; C. G. Ridgway, J.D.; J. B. Schrader, Org.; E. A. Frith, I.G.; H. D. Aslett, P.M. 1892, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, D.C.; H. T. Willis, A.D.C.; A. E. Lee and H. Tull, Stwds.; and F. G. Soper, Assist. Sec. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Rutherglen, I.P.M.; who was also asked to accept a large framed photograph of himself, the members expressing the hope that the photograph would be allowed to remain in the lodge room as a permanent reminder of their first W.M. Bro. Rutherglen, I.P.M., returned thanks in appropriate terms, expressing his gratitude for the gifts and also for the kindness which had been shown him during the first year's existence of the lodge. A vote of thanks was accorded the I.P.M. for the generous gift of three handsome chairs, each bearing a suitable inscription, for use in the lodge. The Treasurer, Bro. Dr. Grigg, undertook to represent the lodge as Steward for the Boys' School, and a sum of five guineas was voted to his list. The attention of brethren was called to the fact that the Hugh Owen Lodge of Instruction meets at the Frascati on Friday evenings.

Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was followed by the customary toasts.

In proposing "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the W.M. alluded to the movement inaugurated by his Royal Highness on behalf of the hospitals, and a collection was made at the table for this object, resulting in a donation of £5.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., replying for "The Grand Officers," referred to the eminent services rendered to the Craft by the Pro G.M. and Deputy G.M., both in Grand Lodge and in their respective provinces. He (Bro. Terry) had been a Mason 38 years, and during that time had represented three Grand Masters, having upon 121 occasions consecrated lodges throughout the country—he had also consecrated between 60 and 70 chapters. He therefore thought that those slight services were some justification for having "caught the speaker's eye" and obtained Grand Office. He was an honorary member of over 300 lodges, and he had not, therefore, been an idle member of the Craft. He returned most sincere and grateful thanks for the toast.

Bro. J. H. Rutherglen, I.P.M., said it would be his pleasing duty during his year of office to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and he knew it would be received with enthusiasm and delight. He was somewhat reminded of a recent humorous observation on the London County Council to the effect that if the butter of honour was all put on to one gentleman there would not be sufficient to go round. He would, therefore, save some for future meetings. They were fortunate in having as their second Master so distinguished a Mason as Bro. Holland. There could be nothing more likely to conduce to the success of a young lodge, at least in its first year, than to be ruled by men of great ability and knowledge of the Craft—men who commanded the confidence of all the members. Of himself he could say nothing except that he had been placed in the position of first Master, not on account of his ability, but rather, he thought, for the position he had recently occupied in respect of the service which this lodge served. He then told them he was not the man who ought to have taken the chair, although he had served the office in his mother lodge, but he did not claim to be a good worker. He hoped his connection with the lodge would make him take a greater interest in Freemasonry. He had done what he could to advance the interest of the Hugh Owen Lodge, but in the present W.M. and in those coming on they had men who would be able to do a great deal for it. He was sure the brethren would drink the health of the W.M. with great cordiality, for during the past year when he (the I.P.M.) was not able to attend in time he did the work efficiently and well. He thanked Bro. Holland for that valuable assistance and only hoped the Great Architect would give him health and strength to govern the lodge with credit to himself and satisfaction of the brethren.

Bro. H. G. Holland, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren. He had expected the toast to be well received, being amongst friends who all had the interest of the lodge at heart. He was very proud to have attained the position of W.M. of a London lodge, for he had always aspired to that distinction. When he was initiated into a very large lodge he then expressed his wish to occupy the chair, but he did not do so for many years. The opportunity arrived for him to become a founder of a lodge in Herts, where he became the first J.D., and rose to be W.M. He was then asked by Bro. Dr. Moore, who was now the father of the Wilson Hles Lodge, to join them, and he was now proud to be the W.M. of a lodge bearing such a distinguished name. He was also pleased to be the W.M. of the Hugh Owen Lodge, having been a Poor Law officer for 23 years. He hoped the members would favour him, as they had the I.P.M., with their best support. There was a bright prospect before the lodge, and it was likely there would be a good number of initiates. Three had been proposed that evening, and he should ask them to attend a lodge of emergency to initiate them. There was a great deal of work to do, which ought not to be delayed until October. It had been proposed that during the summer there should be a summer outing, and that later on they should have a Masonic ball, and hoped he should be assisted by the brethren to make both a success. He returned them sincere and heartfelt thanks, and hoped on many occasions to meet those round the table, and spend as pleasant an evening as he hoped they had done on the present occasion.

"The Joining Member" was next given and duly responded to by Bro. Hope.

In proposing "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. thanked those who supported his Stewardship for the Benevolent Institution, when he had the honour of taking up a sum of 100 guineas from that lodge.

Bro. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., in the course of his reply, referred to the two Educational Institutions—the Girls' and Boys' Schools—the latter of which was to be removed into Herts. The Benevolent Institution started with 15 old men, at £20 a year, having one festival in three years, afterwards altered to one every two years, and then to an annual event. The festival this year realised £18,200, since increased to £18,600, and the W.M., by the kindness of that lodge and two lodges in Herts took up nearly £1900.

Bro. A. J. Turner, W.M., replied for "The Visitors," and expressed their satisfaction at the splendid work, and their thanks for the enjoyment afforded them. He assured the brethren that their I.P.M. was as much respected in the parish where he lived and worked as in this lodge.

Bros. J. A. Shelton, W.M., and F. Purkiss, I.P.M., also replied, after which "The Past Master" was warmly received and appropriately responded to by Bro. Rutherglen, I.P.M.

Other toasts were given, the proceedings terminating, as usual, with the Tyler's toast.

The musical arrangements were in the hands of Miss Ida Hedges, Bros. J. E. Coulson and W. Green, and Messrs. E. Clode, W. Fullerton, and A. Albrecht.

## Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657.

A meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, when there were present Bros. Thomas Briggs, W.M.; S. Croft, I.P.M.; H. N. Bennett, S.W.; Rupert Smith, J.W.; Sam White, P.M.; Treas.; George Kenning, P.M., Sec.; C. R. R. Hopper, S.D.; A. B. Hudson, P.M., J.D.; E. Anderton, P.M., D.C.; S. G. C. Sanson, I.G.; H. Thomas, Tyler; Matthew R. Webb, P.M.; George Rawlinson, P.M.; James Shotton, P.M.; Ralph Langton, C. R. Leedham, and J. C. Hayes. Visitors: Bros. George Briggs, B. B. Bucal, T. Richardson, Joseph C. Verey, Henry Lamb, Rev. T. Selby Henrey, W. Webb, M. Wilkinson, W. Hooker, W. Candy, and W. Salter.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Mr. C. R. Leedham was initiated. Bro. J. C. Hayes was admitted a joining member. One guinea was voted to the Guy's Hospital Fund. Ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the W.M.'s list at the forthcoming festival. A Committee was appointed to carry out the arrangements for a complimentary dinner to Bro. Septimus Croft and Mrs. Croft.

The lodge was closed; a banquet followed.

## London County Council, No. 2603.

The first installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, on Wednesday, the 17th inst., when a large and distinguished gathering to the number of 150, assembled to witness the interesting proceedings. The members in attendance included Bros. the Earl of Onslow, Prov. G.M. Surrey, W.M.; Sir Geo. D. Harris, P.G.D., S.W.; Nathan Robinson, P.M., J.W.; R. M. Beachcroft, P.M., Treas.; E. White, P.M., Sec.; G. S. Elliot, P.M., S.D.; H. Percy Harris, P.M., J.D.; W. J. Bull, I.G.; T. H. W. Idris, W. H. C. Payne, H. Schartau, Org.; Major Clifford Probyn, and many others. Amongst the large number of visitors present were Bros. Col. R. T. Caldwell, Prov. G.M. Cambridge; Admiral Markham, Balfour Cockbourn, Prov. G.M. Guernsey; G. Richards, D.G.M. Transvaal; T. Fenn, P.G.W.; R. Grey, P.G.W.; W. H. Bailey, G. Treas.; R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; G. Everett, P.G. Treas.; R. Horton Smith, O.C., D.G. Reg.; Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary; W. M. Tomlinson, M.P., S.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; P. de laude Long, P.G.D.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; R. Gooding, P.G.D.; S. Pope, O.C., P.G.D.; H. Clutton, P.G.D.; F. West, P.G.D.; Judge E. Masterman, P.G.D.; H. R. Crawford, P.G.D.; Rowland Plumbe, P.G.S. of Wks.; J. Edmeston, P.G.S. of Wks.; C. Belton, P.D.G.D.C.; E. St. Clair, A.G.D.C.; G. Fairchild, Past Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies; T. Gardiner, Past A.G.D.C.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I. for Girls; Major G. F. Gadsden, P.G.S.B.; W. A. Scurrah, G. Std. Br.; C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B.; Deputy Inspector-General Belgrave Ninnis, P.G.S.B.; W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; R. Dudfield; J. Lees Hall; Rev. F. Downes; Rev. T. L. Phillips; H. S. Foster, M.P.; L. Mieville; H. H. Collins; J. Williams; Rev. C. M. Bevan; Dr. Clement Godson, P.G.D.; E. Schlüter; E. Routledge; E. A. Southall; T. Sandeman; B. D. Barnett; H. W. Kiallmark, P.M.; L. Reichenbach, G. Treas. Grand Lodge of Switzerland; J. Williams, P.M. 1791; J. Dimsdale, 1; J. M. Prichard, P.M. 1635; T. A. Reade, P.M. 166; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and many others.

After the opening of the lodge, a candidate was raised to the Third Degree by Bro. Nathan Robinson, P.M., in the temporary absence of the W.M. Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., then assumed the chair, and installed Bro. Sir G. D. Harris, P.G.D., as W.M. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Nathan Robinson, P.M., S.W.; G. S. Elliot, P.M., J.W.; R. M. Beachcroft, P.M., Treas.; E. White, P.M., Sec.; H. Percy Harris, P.M., S.D.; W. J. Bull, J.D.; T. H. W. Idris, I.G.; W. H. C. Payne, D.C.; H. Schartau, Org.; and R. W. Edgley, P.M., Tyler. On the proposition of Bro. White, P.M., Sec., a sum of 25 guineas was voted to the W.M.'s list for the Girls' School, a similar sum having been given last year to the Boys' School.

Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, which reflected the highest credit upon all concerned.

The usual toasts followed, "The Queen and the Craft" being heartily honoured, as was also that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M."

In giving "The Grand Officers," the W.M. said there was as large a gathering of Grand Officers present as had assembled that year. The members were exceedingly grateful to them for coming to a lodge composed of the members of a body which had not the best of reputations. Besides asking the senior to reply, he would also call upon a Grand Officer who came from a part of the world about which some of them had heard something of late—the Transvaal.

Bro. Colonel R. T. Caldwell, Prov. G.M. Cambs, said he was taken by surprise in having to reply for so large and illustrious a gathering of Grand Officers. They took, and had taken a great interest in the success of Freemasonry, and, as the W.M. had said, the success of the last few years was due in a great measure to that interest. They recognised that the success was principally due to the interest taken by the Grand Master, and they must gratefully recognise the interest taken by the active, energetic, and popular Grand Secretary. The Grand Officers showed their interest in Freemasonry by their presence, and that night there was a further inducement to be present besides the hospitable entertainment accorded them by that lodge, which was unique. It was their British privilege to express their opinions freely, and, although occasionally in speaking they coupled it with the words, "I may be wrong," there was an implied remark, "I am cocksure I am not." The London County Council deserved great credit for possessing a lodge which brought the various elements together, enabled the machine to work amicably, and fostered a tolerance for other people's opinion.

Bro. G. Richards, D.G.M. Transvaal, said he shared to the full the diffident feeling actuating Bro. Col. Caldwell when he started his speech, and admired the fluency with which his diffidence disappeared. He could not speak in the same eloquent terms, for there was a tradition and an old custom which he was told prevailed amongst the Dutch lodges that any member speaking for more than three minutes was deprived of his Masonic privileges for one year. He was not sure of the rules here, but was proud to be permitted to address them. He happened to meet a South African friend, and told him where he was going, and was told they were "a cosmopolitan lot," and were all middle-class or peers. They were very moderate in the Transvaal, and, at the same time, very progressive. The progress of Masonry in the Transvaal was a proof of the leaps and bounds that Masonry had made under the wise rule of the Grand Master. In 1889 there were only two lodges existing in the Transvaal, but he now had the honour of presiding over 16 lodges under the British Constitution. They were scattered, and it was a difficulty to arrive at a close communication with every lodge, because they had not a Pulman service of cars, and it took him four or five days by coach, and the roads—he meant the roads in the Transvaal—were none too pleasant to ride over, and had an interesting trick of bucking up against you when you did not want them. There was perfect harmony between those working under the British, Netherlands and Scotch Constitutions. There were two Irish lodges, and "more power to them," as they were good fellows to meet. The Dutch he attached importance to because he had found the perfect harmony of working and the fraternal feeling existing between them. He did not wish to trench upon anything political, but he believed that Freemasonry between those nationalities was a great factor in diminishing the race feeling which unfortunately existed between them. Where they found good Masons they must eventually find good government. He thanked the W.M. for the kind mention of his name, and one of his pleasantest recollections would be his visit to that lodge. He had been struck with the harmony and good feeling, and if any one of the members present should find himself in Johannesburg—and it was not a far cry—they would be only too happy to reciprocate the hospitality he had received at their hands.

Bro. the Earl of Onslow, I.P.M., then said he had received the gavel of authority for the purpose of proposing the most important toast of the evening, "The Worshipful Master of the London County Council Lodge." There were many members of the London County Council present who knew Bro. Sir George Harris and his work and what he had done for London, but there were a great many present who, perhaps, were not so intimately acquainted with the great services he had rendered to this metropolis. As a member of the London County Council he (the I.P.M.) ventured to recommend the toast not only for the able manner in which Sir George Harris had discharged his duties in the chair that night, but also for the services he had rendered the ratepayers of the Metropolis, for he had spent a long, able, and useful life in the services of the crown. He (the I.P.M.) was not altogether what was known as a chicken but he was one year old when Sir George Harris was Worshipful Master of an important lodge in a colony in which he had resided—the Bahamas—and ever since that day the W.M. had devoted himself to the services of his Queen and Freemasonry. They would gather from what he had said that the W.M. was no longer a young man. They had

only to look at the illustrious scion of his house, who was one of the great supporters of the London County Council, to know what he had said was correct. If they looked at the subject of the toast they would see he had maintained his juvenility, his activity and his power of serving his fellow countrymen by the fact that he had never allowed himself to be an idle man. He (the I.P.M.) who had arrived only at middle life could say that the greatest ambition he had, and which he believed would actuate most of them—was never to allow themselves to get rusty in the service of their Queen and country. That was what the W.M. had set before him and accomplished and it was on that account he asked them to drink his health as the second Master of the London County Council Lodge.

Bro. Sir Geo. Harris, P.G.D., W.M., in reply, said he did not think that at any period of his life he felt so much at a loss to find words to express his gratitude, not only to Lord Onslow for the flattering terms in which he had been pleased to speak of him but for the enthusiastic way they had been pleased to receive the toast of his health. He was unfortunately not present at his election but he wondered at his own temerity in accepting the appointment, for if by any chance they put him in comparison with his illustrious predecessor he should be at an immense disadvantage. He had accepted the office and would make every effort to continue the success of this lodge. Going again into the chair at the end of 44 years took him back to those days when he was quite a youngster in a lodge in a far distant land, and he could not but compare the scene on the present occasion to that in the far distant colony. They had no palatial banquet hall, and no room similar to where the ceremony was performed, but there was great enthusiasm among the Masons of that colony, and if they were to go there and enter the harbour of Nassau, the most important building would be the Masonic hall, and that spoke a great deal for the enthusiasm of the Craft there. With regard to that lodge, the W.M. last year commented upon its peculiarities. In recent years there had been many class lodges established, and generally they had been a success. The Northern Bar, the Chancery Bar, the Guards, and the Marcians—each had some bond of union independent of Masonry. This was a class lodge, and, with one exception, he did not know of any other which had such a singular bond of union—for it was their differences. In the Council Chamber they differed pretty warmly, but directly they put on their Masonic badge the whole thing was changed, and there was nothing but harmony. He hoped they would succeed as they had done in the past year under his illustrious predecessor, they would then do a good work in the Craft, and a great deal of that asperity of feeling would be smoothed, for there was an old proverb, "You differ most when you know each other least." In other countries a man on one political side would not look or talk to a man on the other side. Even before this lodge was started in the London Council, when they met in the tea-room, all was changed, and he had seen the I.P.M. chaffing John Burns, who was not, perhaps, of the same way of thinking. He (the W.M.) would only thank them for the cordiality with which they had received him. He would do his best to carry out the work with the same good feeling as in the past. Before he sat down, he wished to propose "The Health of their I.P.M." In recommending this to their notice, it was not that the I.P.M. was a peer of the realm, or a member of the Government; it was not on account of his exalted position, and of his great experience in the Colonies, where he had ruled most successfully, but it was for that kindness of disposition, that geniality and charm of manners which had pleased all those opposed to him in political views. It was that which had endeared him to them, and he would merely ask them to drink the toast. The very pretty jewel they were good enough to vote, he should have the pleasure of placing on the breast of the I.P.M., and he did not think any jewel was ever conferred upon any P.M. which was more thoroughly earned.

The jewel bears the following inscription—"Presented to R.W. Bro. the Earl of Onslow, by the London County Council Lodge, No. 2603, in recognition of the ability with which he discharged the duties of first W. Master. 17th March, 1897."

Bro. the Earl of Onslow, I.P.M., expressed his deep sense of the obligation placed upon him by presenting him with a memento of one of the most pleasurable years of his existence when he had had the honour of being W.M. of the London County Council Lodge. It had been given to him, not he thought because he deserved it but because his brethren had been good enough to elect him to the post of first W.M. He thought he ought to apologise for not having been present to give the benefits of installation to his worthy successor, but he had important duties to perform in another place on behalf of the Government. Although he opened the lodge he had to absent himself until invested as I.P.M. He ventured to differ to some extent with the D.G.M. of the Transvaal who had remarked that this was the most cosmopolitan lodge he had attended; for so far from being cosmopolitan it was one of the most British Institutions they could possibly find. The W.M. had expressed in well chosen words the circumstances attendant upon this lodge, namely, that although upon the London County Council they were sharply divided into two political parties, they met in the lodge upon fraternal ground. He ventured to say there were two institutions which could not be paralleled anywhere in the civilised world—the Tea Room of the House of Commons and the London County Council Lodge. Nowhere else could they find a common ground where both parties met in the utmost friendship, and that, he thought, was one of the greatest safeguards of the Constitution, that however much they might differ in politics, when they met, whether as Freemasons or in friendly society, they recognised that their first duty at least was to agree not to differ. During the short time he had had the honour of being W.M. of that lodge he had noticed that that feeling had not in any way diminished, but was growing and gathering in strength. He was a keen partisan, and it was his duty to represent the view of one party in that Council, but he was not without hope that the day may yet come when the interests of London will be as well safeguarded and as well looked after even if party politics disappear. If that aim was ever to be accomplished, he thought that one of the most potent influences which would combine towards that end would be the instruction of the London County Council Lodge. They had been able to meet without a single item of friction from one side or the other, and he thought he might say that both parties were equally represented in the lodge, and not a little had been done even in the present party divisions to make the business of the Council progress and prosper to the general interest of the ratepayers of London by the members of this lodge.

The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," calling upon the following brethren to reply, Bro. Reichenbach, of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, whom they gladly welcomed, Bro. Routledge, formerly an alderman of the London County Council, and Bro. Rev. F. Downes.

Bro. L. Reichenbach, G. Treas. Grand Lodge of Switzerland, thanked Bro. Williamson, the representative of his Grand Lodge of England, for the opportunity of being present. He could promise them a similar reception should they visit his fine country amongst the mountains and lakes.

Bros. E. Routledge and Rev. F. Downes also replied, the latter remarking that as they were about to be photographed, even if the photographer employed the Röntgen rays he would fail to discover a skeleton at the feast.

Bro. R. M. Beachcroft, P.M., Treas., returned thanks on behalf of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and said the whole of the work had devolved upon the Secretary, which had been worked in a manner which reflected the greatest credit upon himself and the lodge.

Bro. E. White, P.M., Sec., said that, unfortunately, he had not been as well as he could have wished, and, therefore, he felt more anxiety than he otherwise would have done. He thanked the Worshipful Master for the honour done him by asking him to be Secretary for the second year, and would do what he could while he occupied that position.

The W.M., in giving "The Officers," alluded to the fact that his son was the S.D., and had the distinction of installing his father into the chair of a lodge. He took the opportunity of thanking the Grand Secretary for the way he (the W.M.) had been installed that day.

Bro. Nathan Robinson, P.M., S.W., observed that it had been said that Radicals dearly loved a lord, and, whether a lord or not, they admired Lord Onslow, because he was a man of the right sort.

The Tyler's toast by Bro. Edgley, P.M., concluded the proceedings.

During the evening a photograph of the banquet-hall was taken by Messrs. Fradelle and Young, of Regent-street, who make a speciality of this branch of photography, and from their past success it is safe to assume that the result will be an interesting and artistic souvenir of the occasion.

Bro. H. Schartau, Organist, was assisted in the musical arrangements by Madame Isabel George, Miss Emily Foxcroft, Bro. Walter Tilbury, and Malwyn Humphreys.

THE COUNTESS OF BECTIVE is arranging for an Arts and Crafts Exhibition to be held in the town of Lancaster to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen.

## Royal Arch.

### Alfred Chapter, No. 306.

There was a fairly numerous attendance of companions of the above chapter and visitors at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on Friday evening, the 12th inst., on the occasion of the annual installation of Principals and investiture of officers of the chapter. The ceremony was most impressively performed by Comp. C. L. Mason, P.Z., P.P.G.W., and P.P.G.H., who inducted Comp. Tom Batt into the chair of M.E.Z.; Comp. W. Blackburn into that of H.; and Comp. A. Redmayne into that of J. The other officers invested were Comps. J. A. Compston, S.E.; C. H. Wilson, S.N.; J. Threpleton, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; J. B. Jowett, P.S.; J. A. Boorman, 1st A.S.; G. Darley, 2nd A.S.; J. H. Barrowclough, Stwd.; and J. H. Newton, Janitor. Among those present were Comps. W. E. Ellidson, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Gosirell, H. 1096; J. R. Barton, H. 123; C. Scriven, J. 2069; W. Lowers, P.Z.; J. T. Brigg, J. 289; J. T. Towers, P.S.E.; G. T. Wright, R. A. Blackburn, R. H. Blackburn, E. Smith, and others. During the course of the proceedings a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. C. L. Mason for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the ceremony, and "Hearty good wishes" and congratulations were given to the Three Principals on their installation by the visitors and the whole of the companions present. During the past few months a number of brethren have joined the chapter, which has entered upon a new era of prosperity.

After the chapter had been closed, the companions sat down to an excellent banquet, when the usual toasts were duly honoured and an enjoyable evening was spent.

### Era Chapter, No. 1423.

This chapter held a wonderfully successful meeting on Saturday, the 13th inst., at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, when the M.E.Z., Comp. F. W. Robinson, P.G. Reg., exalted no less than 10 brethren into Royal Arch Masonry. This is certainly a record for the Era Chapter, and we think for the Province of Middlesex also. The brethren who were exalted were Bros. Alexander Maistall, M. Henry, C. R. B. Maltby, George Riley, Capt. Alfred Haine, G. C. N. Hagborg, John Eberstein, James Gemmel, Thomas O. Wydell, Ernest Westman, and in addition to the exaltees the chapter was reinforced by a companion in Comp. Bertrand Grant, 1021. This Saturday, "red letter day," places the Era Chapter at the head of the Middlesex chapters, and, undoubtedly, it now ranks as the most numerous in the province. Comp. Robinson was very ably assisted by Comps. Richard Poore, P.Z., P.P.A.G.D.C., as H.; and H. Higgins, P.Z., P.G.P.S., as J.; and Comp. C. H. Phillips, P.Z., did the P.S. work in his well-known forcible and able manner.

The companions afterwards sat down to a banquet at the Albany Hotel, which mine host provided, at which there was "ne'er a grumble." The usual loyal toasts were given and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Among the Past Principals present were Comps. Major T. C. Walls, J. Thierlay, F. Windgate, C. H. Köhler, F. Fisher, J. Plummer, and a host of visitors.

### Sir Charles Bright Chapter, No. 1793.

The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., when Comp. Austin was installed M.E.Z., Comp. Hoddinott as H., and Comp. Larcomb J., and the two latter being exaltees of the chapter and good workers, were heartily congratulated. Comp. Austin acted as Installing Principal, and it is needless to say the ceremonies were conducted in a perfect manner. Comp. R. W. Forge, P.Z., P.G.P.S. Middx., was re-elected Treasurer.

Amongst the visitors were Comps. J. T. Briggs, P.G.S. Middx.; Ambrose, Treas. 975; and Hill, P.S. 177.

A case of distress having been brought to the notice of the companions was relieved from the funds, and the chapter closed.

## Cryptic Masonry.

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

The election meeting of this council was held at the Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 26th ult. Among those in attendance were Comps. W. A. Scurrah, T.I.M.; J. J. Pakes, D.M.; G. Graveley, P.T.I.M., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.P.G.M., P.T.I.M., Recorder; J. N. Frye, B. Stewart, George Briggs, J. H. Hay, H. Higgins, Rev. C. E. Wright, P.G. Chap.; and H. J. Lardner, P.T.I.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Comp. J. J. Pakes, D.M., was unanimously elected T.I.M.; Comps. G. Graveley, P.T.I.M., Treas.; Briggs and Stewart, Auditors; and E. Mills, Outer Sentinel. A vote of thanks was passed and ordered to be entered on the minutes in recognition of the services of Comp. W. A. Scurrah, T.I.M. Among the numerous apologies for non-attendance were communications from Comps. Baron de Ferrieres, P.D.G.M.; R. Loveland Loveland, J.P., P.D.G.M.; Rev. Dr. W. Lemon, M.A., G. Powell, P.T.I.M.; Major P. Dunbar, Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., G. Gregory, J. J. Thomas, and W. M. Stiles.

The council was then closed and the companions dined together at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of the Recorder.

The only toasts proposed were "The Queen and the Cryptic Rite," "The Grand Master," "The T.I.M.," and "The T.I.M. elect."

Comp. J. J. Pakes, in responding to the last named toast, made a speech of some point and humour.

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

## Lodges and Chapter of Instruction.

### PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Weavers' Arms, 17, London Wall, when there were present Bros. S. Spencer, W.M.; William Baker, S.W.; E. Croft Wise, J.W.; D. Harlow, P.M. 65, Preceptor; J. Greig, S.D.; Collier, J.D.; J. Collins, I.G.; R. Sarson, P.M. 192; John G. Robeson, F. H. Farr, W. Lloyd, Butcher, Kinipple, and Read.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Read being the candidate. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Robeson being the candidate. The W.M. resumed the lodge in the First Degree, and Bro. Greig gave the closing addresses of the installation, after which the W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Collier was elected a joining member. On the second rising, Bro. William Baker was unanimously elected W.M. for the first Wednesday in April, next Wednesday being officers' night of the mother lodge, and the following, being the fifth in the month, Preceptor's night, when we would strongly recommend all those in search of a Masonic treat, and wishing to see the work done as it ought to be, to be present. The W.M. again rising, and "Hearty good wishes tendered by the brethren, the lodge was closed.

### PERCY LODGE, No. 198.

This popular North London lodge has been removed from its old quarters in the Southgate-road, Islington, to more convenient ones at Bro. D. J. Wittes, the Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, Stoke Newington, where we hope, and do believe, it will retain all its prestige under the able management of its well-known Bros. J. P. Cohen, Preceptor; J. A. Powell, Treas.; and H. Stallard, Sec.

The weekly meeting was held on Saturday evening, the 13th inst., at the usual hour (8 p.m.), when there were present Bros. W. Hancock, W.M.; G. Peters, S.W.; T. Matthews, J.W.; J. P. Cohen, Preceptor; W. T. Oakley, S.D.; D. J. Witte, I.G.; A. W. Fenner, acting Sec., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Stallard; J. Faulkner, J. Jacobs, T. Feistel, and others.

Lodge was opened in regular form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Faulkner having offered himself as a candidate for passing, gave proofs of his proficiency and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced a Degree and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Faulkner acting as candidate. The ceremony of raising being about to be rehearsed, Bro. Faulkner again offered himself as candidate, and, having answered the questions in a very satisfactory manner, was duly entrusted. Lodge was advanced to the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, including the traditional history, Bro. Faulkner being the candidate. We need hardly say that both ceremonies were rehearsed by Bro. Hancock in a faultless manner, being ably supported by his officers, who each performed his duties in a perfect manner. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, when Bro. Peters, W.M. 1227, was elected to preside at the next meeting. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

### ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present: Bros. C. C. Renaud, W.M.; C. Smith, S.W.; C. T. Rayner, J.W.; J. W. Clarke, P.M., P.G.P. Middx., Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; V. J. R. Longman, S.D.; C. Isler, J.D.; F. H. Johnson, I.G.; R. Philip Upton, P.M.; H. J. Kembell, sen., A. F. Hardymont, H. R. Bower, W. Rapley, S. Cload, J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Treas.; G. Jexley, and L. Danielsson.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Cload being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Rapley, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Bower being the candidate. Bro. Renaud resumed the chair. Bro. C. Smith was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The customary vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for his services in the chair for the first time. The lodge was then closed.

### STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Cambridge, S.E., on Friday, the 12th inst. Present: Comps. G. Benedetti, M.E.Z.; W. Dawson, H.; Smith, J.; Thos. Grummat, P.Z., Treas.; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; Hurdell, S.N.; Cureton, P.S.; Isaac Dunn, Derham, and J. Lunnhurst.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Longhurst personating the candidate. Comp. Wm. Dawson was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The chapter was placed at the disposal of the M.E.Z. of the Rose Chapter, on the 26th inst. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Smith, J., for his ably performing the ceremony of J. for the first time, and the chapter closed.

## GUY'S HOSPITAL RE-ENDOWMENT FUND.

The following is a First List of the Lodges and other Masonic bodies that have contributed towards the sum still required to be raised in order to complete the £1000 necessary to permanently endow the "Freemason's Bed":—

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys (Committee Dinner Club) ... £2 2 0  
Lodge No. 2593 ... 1 2 0

The following Lodges have contributed £1 is. each:

1	2	4	6	7	8	12	15	23	26	27	33	45
58	60	63	69	95	96	140	162	173	176	177	179	180
181	183	192	194	197	205	548	700	749	765	781	857	860
879	901	905	917	1159	1259	1287	1288	1319	1348	1364	1366	1397
1420	1425	1441	1471	1472	1523	1537	1539	1558	1563	1572	1585	1586
1589	1598	1604	1612	1613	1615	1623	1627	1670	1671	1687	1694	1707
1744	1745	1768	1853	1924	1962	1964	1974	1987	2000	2022	2047	2048
2094	2150	2168	2182	2206	2228	2242	2264	2271	2272	2291	2312	2361
2395	2396	2398	2408	2426	2469	2470	2489	2500	2546	2550	2552	2563
2601	2611											

Chapter No. 55 ... £1 1 0  
Faith and Fidelity Preceptory (K.T.) ... 1 1 0  
Per Bro. G. J. Rowe (No. —) ... 1 1 0

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## Obituary.

### BRO. REUBEN WARD.

It is with sincere regret we record the death of Bro. Reuben Ward, a well-known, and widely, and highly respected Mason in Cork, which occurred on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at his residence, Fisher-street, Kinsale. Bro. Ward was initiated into Masonry 37 years ago, in the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, No. 199, Dover (E.C.), and was a member of many lodges under the English, Irish, and Scottish Constitutions. He twice received the distinguished honour of being elected Master within a period of 10 years, having held that office in 1885, and again in 1895, and was invested with the same apron that was used when he was raised 35 years before in Lodge No. 235, Dover, with full honours, and the enthusiastic and loving greetings of his brethren. Bro. Ward was one of the original founders of the Kinsale Lodge, No. 234, and was, during seven years, Secretary, during which time the lodge flourished both financially and otherwise. He was a most enthusiastic Mason, never sparing either time or trouble in working for the good of the Craft, and he was frequently heard to say that he looked upon Masonry as next to his religion, and was indefatigable in his efforts to raise funds for the support of the Masonic Charities. The large and respectable procession which followed his remains to his lasting place in St. Multose, testified to the high esteem in which he was held by all creeds and classes.

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## Masonic and General Tidings.

INDIAN FAMINE FUND.—Down to Thursday night the Mansion House Fund amounted to £435,000.

BRO. LORD HALSBURY, we regret to hear, is suffering from a sharp attack of influenza.

BRO. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND has retired from the post of Alderman on the Middlesex County Council.

AS CHAIRMAN of the Guildhall School of Music, Bro. Deputy Pearce Morrison has issued invitations for a dinner at the Guildhall on Friday, the 9th prox.

THE DISMANTLING SALE of the Marquis of Londonderry's six pits at Rainton, which has been proceeding for seven days, closed on Thursday. The total amount realised was less than £20,000.

THE GOLDSMITHS' COMPANY have offered the Cromer School Board the sum of £3000 to be invested in providing scholarships for children passing from elementary to secondary schools. The offer has been accepted.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT presided at a meeting of the Officers Club at Aldershot on Tuesday evening, when a lecture on the "Cataracts of the Nile" was given before the Military Society by Major-General Sir W. Butler.

LADY PIRBRIGHT has contributed £105 towards the Lady Mayoress's branch of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London, in memory of her father, the late Sir Benjamin Phillips, who was Lord Mayor of London 1866-7.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, who is going to Berlin in connection with the forthcoming fêtes, has arranged to leave Victoria by the boat train this evening (Friday.) His Royal Highness will travel *via* Queenborough and Flushing.

DR. NANSEN had the degree of Doctor of Science conferred upon him *honoris causa* at Cambridge on Tuesday, and met with a most enthusiastic reception from the students, who were present on the occasion in very large numbers.

BRO. THE HON. SIR STAFFORD NORTHCOTE, BART., M.P., presided at the final meeting, on Saturday last, of the Commercial and Industrial Section of the Victorian Era Exhibition, which will be opened at Earl's Court in May.

THE EMPRESS FREDERICK OF GERMANY, attended by Count Seckendorff, and others, visited the Countess Alexander Munster, at Marnfield, on Saturday last, travelling by train from Victoria. Her Majesty afterwards paid a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Connaught at Bagshot.

AMONG THE Ministers present at the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Tuesday, were Bros. A. Akers-Douglas, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart. (Chancellor of the Exchequer), the Duke of Devonshire, Lord George Hamilton, and Sir M. White-Ridley, Bart.

THE EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA called on the Duke of Cambridge and the Marquis of Lorne at Cannes, on Sunday, and afterwards went on board the Prince of Wales's yacht Britannia, where also were the Queen of Hanover and the Duchess of Cumberland. His Majesty's interview with the Prince lasted about 20 minutes.

BRO. THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE and Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, the Deputy Chairman of the London Sessions, have resigned their seats as Aldermen on the Middlesex County Council. Thus, with the four councillors who have retired since, the total number of resignations during the past four weeks amounts to six.

BRO. FIELD-MARSHAL VISCOUNT WOLSELEY, the Commander-in-Chief, has so far recovered from his recent indisposition as to be able to resume his attendance at the War Office, and will hold a Levee at the Horse Guards on Tuesday, the 6th prox., at 1 p.m., the number of officers present to be limited to a hundred.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN has fixed Friday, the 6th May, for the St. John Ambulance fête and competition at the Crystal Palace, in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Bro. Lord Stalybridge, Chairman of the London and North-Western Railway Company, has very kindly accepted the presidency of its newly-formed railway centre in connection with the Association.

BRO. THE EARL OF RADNOR has sold his hounds to the Marquis of Worcester, who will have sole charge of the Badminton Hunt next autumn. Bro. Lord Radnor had had the pack for the last six years. At the same time, arrangements are being made to hunt the Radnor country with a subscription pack, a Committee of the leading landowners and farmers having been formed for the purpose under the chairmanship of the Earl of Pembroke.

THE VALUE of the personal estate of the late Bro. Sir John Brown, of Berrion, Shortlands, Kent, formerly of Endcliffe Hall, Sheffield, has been sworn at £16,155. The deceased who was formerly Mayor of Sheffield and Master Cutler, was a director of the Great Northern Railway Company and Earl's Shipbuilding Company, the founder of the Atlas Works in Sheffield, and a member of the firm of John Brown and Co. He died on the 27th December last, at the age of 80 years.

A VOCAL and instrumental concert will be given by the students of the Ladies' Division of the Crystal Palace Company's School of Art, Science, and Literature, in the Concert Room, on Wednesday next, the 24th inst., at 3 p.m. The Crystal Palace Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. August Manns, will take part in the concert, and the programme will include symphony for orchestra, by Edith Langford; concertos for pianoforte and orchestra, by Schumann and Rubinstein; and *valse* for eight hands, on two pianofortes, by Moszkowski.

THE DUKE OF YORK, accompanied by the Hon. Derek Keppel, visited the headquarters, in Southwark, of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade on Tuesday afternoon. His Royal Highness was received by the chief officer (Commander Wells), the Chairman of the Fire Brigade Committee of the London County Council (Mr. Urquhart), the second officer of the Brigade (Mr. Gamble), and the Fire Superintendents. Having witnessed a course of drill and inspected the various departments, the Duke left, having previously requested the chief officer to express his pleasure at what he had witnessed.

MISS FLORENCE KLENCK, daughter of our respected Bro. J. M. Klenck, will give a concert in aid of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London at the Bow and Bromley Institute, in commemoration of the 60th year of the Queen's Reign, on Wednesday next, the 24th inst. The vocalists will include the Misses Florence Klenck, Kate Smith, and M. Carr Porter, and Messrs. Charles Chillely, W. Lewis, and A. Moore, and the instrumentalists Messrs. A. Dove (violin), W. Swatman (bones), and W. Dunn (flute). Mr. C. H. Howland will be the accompanist. Prices of admission 2s. 6d., 1s., and 6d.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 24th inst., a bazaar will be held at the British Embassy in Berlin—which has been lent for the purpose by Sir F. Lascelles, the British Ambassador—under the patronage of the Empress Frederick, in connection with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and in aid of the Endowment Fund of the Home in Berlin for English and American Governesses, which was founded some two years ago by her Imperial Majesty. The Patronesses of the bazaar include, in addition to the Empress, H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, the Duchess of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, the Duchess of Connaught, the Duchess of Albany, the Duchess of Devonshire, the Marchioness of Salisbury, and others.

THE LORD LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND gave a grand banquet at Dublin Castle, on Saturday evening last, in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The banquet was served in St. Patrick's Hall, and among the guests were Bro. the Duke of Devonshire, K.G.; the Marquis of Ormonde, the Marquess of Dufferin and Ava, the Earl of Pembroke (Lord Steward); Bro. Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland); Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, K.G.; the Marquis of Downshire, Bro. the Earl of Huntingdon, the Earl of Cork, the Earl of Drogheda, Bro. the Earl of Arran, Bro. Field-Marshal Lord Roberts, and Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P. The sole toast given was that of "The Queen," which was drunk with enthusiasm. When the banquet was over there was a grand tattoo by torchlight by the troops in garrison, consisting of the 3rd Hussars, 2nd Battalion Scots Guards, 1st Battalion Oxford Light Infantry, 2nd Battalion Royal West Kent, 1st Battalion Durham Light Infantry, 4th Battalion Rifle Brigade, and added to these were the Royal Irish Constabulary, and the Dublin Metropolitan Police.

BRO. WHITE'S Masonic jewels were among the property stolen from his house last week.

THE CLOTHWORKERS' COMPANY have granted £500 to the special fund of £100,000 now being raised on behalf of Charing Cross Hospital.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT has arranged that the Aldershot Military Tournament shall be held near the Gymnasium, Cranbrook, on Thursday and Friday, the 22nd and 23rd April.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK, attended by the Lady Mary Lygon, paid a visit on Wednesday afternoon to the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, Albany Memorial, Queen-square.

A REPORT of the last meeting of the Caterham Lodge, No. 2095, at which Bro. the Earl of Onslow, Prov. Grand Master, Surrey, paid a visit, has been received, and will appear in our next issue.

BRO. HORACE BROOKS MARSHALL, J.P., D.L., will preside at the festival dinner of the Orphan Working School, at the Hôtel Métropole, on Tuesday, the 30th inst. The School maintains 500 fatherless children.

BRO. THE DUKE OF FIFE has very kindly consented to preside at the first Festival dinner which will be held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Thursday, the 8th April, in aid of the funds of the Alexandra Hospital.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND have arranged for a remarkable illumination in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee this year. The design has been prepared and will be executed by J. Defries and Sons, of Houndsditch, who were responsible for the illuminations of this building on the two previous occasions.

THE LORD LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND and Countess Cadogan, attended by Mr. Victor Corkran, Private Secretary, left Dublin on Thursday night for London. The Dublin season having terminated, their Excellencies will remain at Chelsea House for a fortnight, and then return to the Viceregal Lodge.

BRO. SIR M. WHITE RIDLEY, Bart., M.P., gave a dinner party at his residence in Carlton House-terrace, on Wednesday, at which there were present, among others, Bro. the Earl of Lathom and Lord Amphil, Sir E. Poynter, P.R.A.; and Bro. Sir Mark Stewart, M.P.; John Reid, M.P.; and J. W. Maclure, M.P.

AT THE ANNUAL meeting of the North London Nursing Association, which has for the last 17 years undertaken the free nursing of the sick poor of Islington, Holloway, and the neighbourhood, it was resolved in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee to raise a special fund by inviting subscriptions for fixed terms of years.

BRO. ROBERT MARSH, Carfield, Great Dunmow, Essex, has just died. He was an extensive seed merchant, but was best known as one of the leading promoters of the Dunmow Fitch contest, having been for many years one of the counsel for the claimants. He was likewise a Shakesperian reciter and a Past Master of the Rosslyn Lodge.

THE WILL of Bro. Rudolph Gustavus Glover, of the War Office, Pall-mall, who died on February 16th, at 59, St. James-street, was proved on March 8th, by Lieut. Alfred Charles Glover, the nephew, Bro. Joseph Charles Parkinson, of 17, Great George-street, and Bro. Frank Richardson, of 28, Golden-square, the executors, the value of the personal estate being £1,995 3s. 11d.

IN OUR report last week of the consecration of the Alleyn Lodge, No. 2647, the names of two of the founders who were appointed to office, but were unavoidably absent from the meeting—Bro. W. H. Stone, No. 1287, now S.D., and Bro. Baron W. E. von Ruffenstein, No. 2319, now I.G.—were omitted. We are not responsible for the omission, but at the same time, we regret it should have occurred.

THE AGENT-GENERAL for Victoria has received a telegraphic despatch from the Government of the colony stating that the trustees of the National Gallery at Melbourne propose to hold a loan exhibition next June to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee. The trustees are anxious to secure paintings of the Queen, pictures illustrating the history of her Majesty's reign, and also those representing the progress of art during that period.

AN EXHIBITION OF WATER-COLOUR DRAWINGS, by Mr. Tom Simpson, will be held at The Gallery, 175, New Bond-street, during April, the distinctive features of which will be the directness of their execution and the conciseness of treatment exhibited in the work, and on this account described by the artist as a show of "Short-hand" Water-colour Sketches, including subjects in and around Greater London, Essex, and parts of the Sussex coast; in all about 100 examples.

AMONG THE guests present at the dinner party given by Sir M. Hicks-Beach, M.P. (Chancellor of the Exchequer), and Lady Lucy Hicks-Beach, at the official residence in Downing-street, on Wednesday, were the Duchess of Buckingham and Chandos, and Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, the Earl and Countess of Seiborn, Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Ebrington, Bro. Sir Frederick Milner, Bart., and Bro. Mount, M.P. Lady Lucy Hicks-Beach afterwards held a reception, which was very numerously attended.

THE QUEEN, accompanied by Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, and attended by the Countess of Antrim, drove from Cimiez to St. Jean on Thursday afternoon in bright and warm weather. A very large crowd waited to see her Majesty pass, more than a hundred carriages being stationed in the neighbourhood of the hotel. In the morning Princess Henry of Battenberg and Princess Louis of Battenberg visited Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) at Cannes, it being her Royal Highness's birthday.

BRO. GENERAL LORD METHUEN was entertained at the Soldiers' Home, Buckingham Palace-road, on Thursday. A large number of friends of the Institution, which is connected with the Methodist Church, were present to meet the Commander of the Home Military District. At a meeting which was afterwards held Sir George Hayter Chubb said although the Institution was £207 to the bad on the year's working they were full of confidence and hope for the future, because of the fund which the Wesleyans were raising in aid of establishments of this kind. Bro. Lord Methuen, in a brief speech, expressed a belief that if civilians were only made acquainted with the excellent services which these homes rendered to soldiers and sailors they would contribute much more readily to their support. The army now got a better class of men than formerly, and he thought they were deserving of all that could be done for them.

THE DUKE OF YORK, attended by the Hon. Derek Keppel, visited Chelsea House on Wednesday (St. Patrick's Day) for the purpose of opening a two days' sale and exhibition of work by the Irish Industries Association. His Royal Highness was received by the Marchioness of Londonderry, Bro. Lord and Lady Arthur Hill, and Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Duncannon, and among those present were Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar, the Duchess of Abercorn, the Lady Mayoress, the Countess of Bective, Lady Castletown, and others, who afterwards occupied the various stalls. Bro. Lord A. Hill, as Chairman of the London Committee, welcomed his Royal Highness, who afterwards declared the sale open, and was honoured with a vote of thanks for his kindness in attending. Chelsea House was lent for the purpose by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland (Earl Cadogan) and the Countess Cadogan.

COMBINATIONS or amalgamations are all the rage just now, and therefore it is not altogether a surprise to find that the old-established Ridler's Hotel in Holborn has made its appearance as a company, taking under its wing, so to speak, the Lowestoft Grand Hotel and the Lowestoft Royal Hotel. The share capital of the combined concerns is £120,000, consisting of 50,000 5½ per cent. cumulative preference shares of £1 each, and 70,000 ordinary shares of £1 each, 40,000 of which are taken by the vendor as part payment of the purchase money. There are also £80,000 of 4½ per cent. debentures to be issued at £102, secured on very satisfactory assets, these include freehold and leasehold property in Holborn, the freehold of the Grand Hotel, Lowestoft, and a 21 years' lease of the Royal Hotel in the same town. Mr. John Whaley, who is the proprietor of the three hotels, is the vendor, and he has secured the right to purchase freehold property adjoining Ridler's Hotel, and it is proposed to pull down the old house—another ancient landmark gone—and erect upon the extended area a new hotel suited to the requirements of the age. Ridler's always gave us comfort; the new Ridler's will, no doubt, give us luxury, and the happy shareholders will revel in good dividends and be able to enjoy their London holiday at Ridler's, or of Londoners at the Lowestoft hotels, where they can get a sea breeze unrivalled on the English coast.

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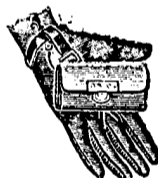
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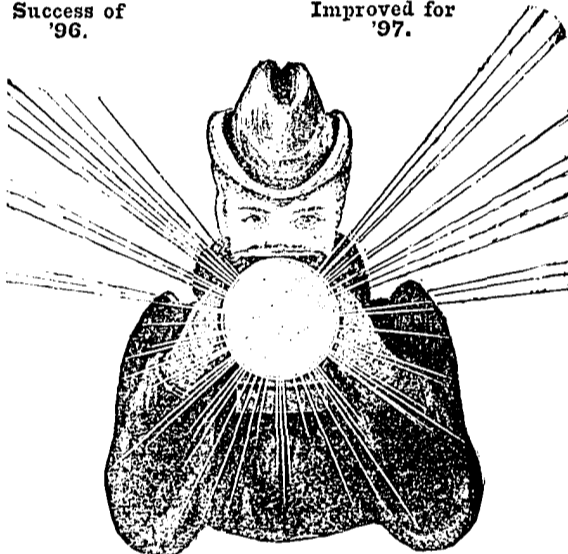
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**MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)**  
For the week ending Saturday, March 27th, 1897.

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 22.**

- CRAFT LODGES.**  
4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.  
20, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Savoy Hotel.  
28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.  
183, Unity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
222, St. Andrew's, Albion Tavern.  
706, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich.  
902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel.  
905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.  
1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel.  
1632, Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1744, Royal Savoy, Criterion.  
1828, Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel.  
1910, Shadwell Clerke, Mark Masons' Hall.  
2399, Bishopsgate, Great Eastern Hotel.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**  
12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 23.**

- CRAFT LODGES.**  
14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.  
46, Old Union, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.  
165, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel.  
180, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.  
205, Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.  
259, Prince of Wales's, Hotel Metropole.  
1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel.  
1348, Ebury, Criterion.  
1441, Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
2108, Empire, Criterion.  
2424, St. Stephens, The Art Club, Lewisham.

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24.**

- Board of Benevolence, at 5 precisely.
- CRAFT LODGES.**  
2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.  
201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.  
212, Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant.  
753, Prince Frederick William, Frascati Restaurant.  
754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel.  
1050, Victoria, Guildhall Tavern.  
1309, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon.  
1580, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel.  
1718, Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel.  
1719, Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall.  
1818, Clapham, Criterion.  
2322, Boro' of Greenwich, Masonic Rooms.  
2395, Avondale, Clarence Rooms, Brixton.

- 2416, Hiram, Freemasons' Hall.  
2455, St. Martin's New Town Hall, Charing Cross.  
2502, Papyrus, Criterion.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**  
704, Camden, Anderton's Hotel.  
1209, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- MARK LODGE.**  
13, Hiram, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

- LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.  
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.  
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.  
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.  
Creaton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Crusaders, The St. John's Gate Tavern, St. John-square, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.  
Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.  
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.  
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.  
Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.  
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.  
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.  
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.  
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
Lewisham, Black Bull, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.  
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.  
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30  
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.  
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.  
Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8  
New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, N., at 8.  
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.  
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.  
Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, at 7.  
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.  
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.  
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.  
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.  
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.  
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.  
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.  
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30  
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8  
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.  
Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.  
Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham, at 8.  
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.  
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 8.  
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8

**THURSDAY, MARCH 25.**

- General Committee Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 5.
- CRAFT LODGES.**  
22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern.  
34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.  
95, Prosperity, Holborn Restaurant.  
60, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.  
99, Shakespear, Albion Tavern.  
507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel.  
706, William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel.  
861, Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel.  
871, Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford.  
1421, Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford.  
1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel.  
1608, Kilburn, Blanchard's Restaurant.  
1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1810, Victoria Park, London Tavern.  
1974, St. Mary Abbots, Bailey's Hotel, Kensington.  
2192, Highbury, Cock Tavern.  
2204, Chough, Cannon-street Hotel.  
2432, Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Court Hotel.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**  
5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.  
101, Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel.  
1614, Covent Garden, Criterion.
- MARK LODGE.**  
118, Northumberland, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street.

- LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8  
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.  
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.  
Elliott, Railway Hotel, Feltham.  
Great City, Red Cross, Paternoster-square, at 7.  
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.  
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.  
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.  
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.  
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.  
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.  
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.  
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.  
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.  
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.  
Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.  
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.45  
Royal Savoy, Prince of Wales, Hampstead-road, at 7.30.  
St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.  
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney at 8.  
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.  
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.  
Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.  
Tranquillity, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W., at 8.  
Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.  
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.  
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.  
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 26.**

- Council Boys' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
- CRAFT LODGES.**  
60, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall.  
197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.  
509, Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City-road.  
1591, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.  
2000, Earl of Mornington, Cafe Royal.  
2312, London Irish Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**  
1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
- MARK LODGE.**  
400, Egerton of Tatton, Mark Masons' Hall.
- KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.**  
Faith and Fidelity, Mark Masons' Hall.
- LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Albion, The Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., at 7.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N., 8.  
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.  
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill, 8.  
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7

- Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.  
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.  
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.  
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.  
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.  
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.  
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.  
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8  
Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.  
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.  
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.  
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.  
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.  
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.  
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.  
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.  
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.  
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pikes," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.  
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace - Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.  
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8  
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8

**SATURDAY, MARCH 27.**

- CRAFT LODGES.**  
1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.  
1584, Loyalty and Charity, Frascati Restaurant.  
1679, Henry Mugggeridge, Anderton's Hotel.  
1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.  
2472, Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**  
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