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CÆMENTARIA HIBERNICA.*

In this second *Fasciculus* of his "Cæmentaria Hibernica" Bro. Dr. CRAWLEY takes us with him through a further stage of his investigations into the early History of Freemasonry in Ireland. That history, as we have pointed out, is most obscure. All its early archives have long since disappeared, and the labour which his investigations must have entailed can only be understood by those who have embarked upon similar enterprises. Fortunately he has been encouraged to pursue his course by the success which has heretofore attended his efforts—a success which, though it may not satisfy the expectations of the unlearned in these matters, we venture to think is commensurate with the extent of his labours and entitles him to the gratitude of all who attach importance to ensuring that the history of our ancient and honourable Society, like the histories of all other Societies, shall be as accurate as the collection of authentic *data* can make it. Till quite recently Freemasonry has been chiefly indebted for what has been palmed off upon a credulous public as its history, to the imagination of its compilers, who have allowed so free a play to the exuberance of their fancies as to leave little, if any, room for the introduction of facts. Since the appearance in the ranks of Masonic historians of such as Bros. W. J. HUGHAN, the late Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, R. F. GOULD, and others, and now of Bro. CRAWLEY, there has been a complete change, and our history is so crammed with facts, that no room is left for the play of the imagination. There are, indeed, some among those who have busied themselves with the study of our history, who, like our worthy Bro. JACOB NORTON, of Boston, Massachusetts, resolutely reject as facts what cannot be demonstrated with the same precision and exactitude as are to be found in our records of the present day. This class of writers and critics, however, is very limited in numbers, though it is sufficiently influential to keep those who are engaged in Masonic historical investigations from exhibiting any tendency to extricate themselves from a difficulty by preferring fancy to facts. At all events, we look to find facts, not fiction, in the writings of our present school of historians, and it is the presence of these facts in Bro. CRAWLEY'S work that renders it so valuable.

*CÆMENTARIA HIBERNICA: Being the Public Constitutions that have served to fold together the Freemasons of Ireland Fasciculus. Secundus, 1735-1744. Re-issued with Introductions by W. J. Chetwode Crawley (LL.D., D.C.L., F.R.G.S., F.G.S., F.R. Hist. S.), Past Senior Grand Deacon Ireland, Grand Secretary of G. L. of Instruction, Ireland.

The Preface, in which Bro. Dr. CRAWLEY sets forth his claim to speak with some authority on matters of ritual, so far as they affect the Grand Lodge of Ireland and the Antient Grand Lodge of England, and draws attention to the more important subjects which are treated in this *Fasciculus*, has already been noticed. We are, therefore, at liberty to proceed at once to a consideration of the contents, the first section of which is headed "Ambulatory Lodges," and may be taken as in the main explanatory of the Frontispiece—an exact facsimile of the earliest military warrant known to have been issued by any Grand Lodge. This warrant bears date the 7th November, 1732, and was granted by Lord Viscount NETTERRILL, G. Master; Lord Viscount KINGSLAND, Deputy Grand Master; and JAMES BRENNAN, M.D., and ROBERT NUGENT, Esq., Grand Wardens of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, to Mr. JAMES MURRAY, Master; and PATRICK HOWARD, and PATRICK REID, Wardens, to form and hold a lodge in the First Battalion Royal Regiment of Foot, and granting to them and their successors full power to elect a new Master and Wardens from time to time, and to make such laws, rules, &c., as they may think proper for the wellbeing of the said Lodge, subject, of course, to the supreme authority of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The author's remarks on this class of lodges, but more especially upon the warrant of this particular lodge, are brief, but interesting, while in respect of what he says as to the very considerable number of military lodges under the Irish Constitution, it may not be out of place to point out as a further link connecting the Irish and Antient Constitutions, that the latter also had quite a respectable number of army lodges on the roll. In the List of Antient Lodges for 1817 contained in Bro. GOULD'S useful little work on "The Atholl Lodges," there were as many as 48 such lodges enumerated in the year mentioned.

In the second section of the *Fasciculus*, Bro. CRAWLEY furnishes a long account, taken from the *Dublin Weekly Journal* of the 26th June, 1725, of the installation of the Earl of ROSSE as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, on Thursday, the 24th of the same month (St. John the Baptist's Day.) Hitherto, the year 1729-30 has been accepted universally for the establishment of this Grand Lodge, though, from Bro. CRAWLEY drawing attention to a paragraph quoted by Bro. GOULD in the third volume of his History from the *London Journal* of the 17th July, 1725, it is evident that the latter was within an ace of making the discovery which is set forth in this section. The passage quoted by Bro. GOULD is to the effect that "From the same kingdom (Ireland) we" (the said *London Journal*) "have advice that the Society of Freemasons had met and chose the Earl of ROSS Grand Master for the year ensuing," and the reason why this announcement did not lead Bro. GOULD to make further researches is explained as being that this paragraph "was, fairly enough, held to refer to the Grand Lodge of Munster, the only Grand Lodge known to exist in Ireland about that time." Thus the honour of having unearthed this conclusive evidence that the Grand Lodge of Ireland was in existence four years earlier than the date ordinarily assigned to its foundation, and, moreover, that the said evidence shows that even at the earlier date now discovered it "was no sudden creation, but had been then long enough in existence to develop a complete organisation of Grand Officers with subordinate lodges under its jurisdiction," belongs entirely to the author of "Cæmentaria Hibernica." The account, as quoted *verbatim* from the *Dublin Weekly Journal*, is very precise in its statements, fully bearing out Bro. CRAWLEY'S suggestion that the Grand Lodge was not a new creation. The

ceremony took place in the Great Hall of the King's Inns, and as it is announced that the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master (who was absent), and the Grand Wardens were included among those, who went in coaches and chariots to the place of meeting, where in the course of the proceedings the *new* Grand Master (the Earl of ROSSE), and Grand Wardens were chosen and his lordship appointed his Deputy Grand Master, it necessarily follows that, whether the Grand Officers who figured in the procession were the same who were afterwards chosen for the ensuing year or a different set altogether, the Grand Lodge must have been in existence prior to this St. John the Baptist's Day, 1725. For how long a time it may have existed previously there is nothing to show, but that it was in existence some four or five years earlier than the time hitherto accepted by all writers has now been proved to a demonstration, and the honour of having made this discovery belongs, as we have said, to Bro. CRAWLEY. It is just possible that, as the Duke of WHARTON, Grand Master of England in 1723, and the Earl of ROSSE, Grand Master of Ireland, 1725-6, were "Arcades ambo" men of the same character, between whose careers, as Bro. CRAWLEY points out, there is a strong parallelism, Lord ROSSE may have desired to emulate his brother peer, and got himself elected Grand Master of Irish Freemasons, as WHARTON had done two years previously of the English Freemasons; but even this will not explain the completeness of the Irish organisation in June, 1725, and the existence in that month of six lodges of Gentlemen Freemasons. These were not created in a day, and the inference—a not unnatural one, considering the close intercourse between the two kingdoms—is that the Grand Lodge of Ireland dates its foundation from a period still nearer to the year 1717 than even Bro. CRAWLEY'S discovery warrants us in accepting.

The further remarks we desire to make on this and the other contents of *Fasciculus II.* must be reserved for another article.

THE ANTI-MASONIC CONGRESS AT TRENT.

We do not think that it matters greatly to the Masonic body what happened at the Anti-Masonic Congress which was held at Trent during the autumn of last year. Great expectations were formed of its results. The soul of Christendom was declared to have been stirred by the diabolical practices of the Freemasons, and it is just possible that some simple-minded people may have looked forward to the utter annihilation of Masonry as soon as the Congress had settled to its work and issued its proclamations of anathema, &c., &c., &c. But like those in the Ingoldsby Legend, who heard the curses both loud and deep that were uttered by the priests in respect of a certain knavish trick that turned out to have been perpetrated by a certain knavish little bird, no one seems to be a penny the worse. The Congress has met, denounced, and separated. The world still revolves on its axis in its appointed orbit round the sun and everything on the face of it bears a very striking resemblance to what was on its surface six months ago. The people are for the most part the same, they follow pretty much the same avocations, their habits and modes of thought are about the same, nor is there anything to show that the Anti-Masonic Congress of last autumn has had any other effect than that of involving those who attended it, as well as those who proposed and planned it, in the utmost ridicule. No one, in short, is a penny the worse. Yet a good many people still think it worth while discussing what happened at the meeting, and among those are not a few of our Masonic contemporaries, who do not seem to realise that the Congress proved a *fiasco*, and that the best course to adopt towards it is to treat it with silent contempt. The world is far too enlightened to swallow the absurd nonsense which the Romish priesthood is always ready to din into its ears, that Masonry is "ever waging an open, relentless warfare in the halls of its universities, in the class-rooms of its schools—a warfare that has no other end than the one of placing the very DEVIL himself upon the altars of JESUS CHRIST, the Man of GOD; of substituting Lucifer for the GOD of the Christian throughout the length and breadth of the Christian world." Such claptrap as this may have the desired effect of imposing upon the people who are so ignorant

as hardly to know their right hand from their left. But it is no good addressing this nonsense to those who have received even a modicum of educational training. Nor will it greatly influence men to talk in exaggerated strains to the effect that "the Catholicity of Europe has shaken off its lethargy and at once donned the costume of the warrior. Yes, the Cardinal Maria Sancha has sounded, as did Peter the Hermit of old, by his pen, and his tongue, the tocsin of battle. For him alone, and in his service, does he to-day gird himself with the panoply of the crusader against the legions of Masonry, against those impious hosts who would feign war successfully against the Blessed Sacrament." Those who talk and write in this Boanerges' vein, lose sight of the monstrously absurd disproportion between cause and effect. Catholic Christendom girding on its armour in order to do battle with the impious hosts of Satan turns up in a Congress of some 400 or 500 people, held in a tenth-rate city, whose name is barely known except to students of ecclesiastical history. The mighty host that was to annihilate the powers of Darkness was, after all, a mere "Three Tailors of Tooley Street" affair, and the Constitutions of Freemasonry are still in full force. Hence, while we do not suggest that Masons should despise even the smallest of their enemies, we recommend as the more dignified way of dealing with this Congress of Trent, that was held last autumn, that as little notice as possible should be taken of its proceedings. It has come and gone, and we, against whom it was directed, can well afford to bury the ridicule it provoked in oblivion.

CONSECRATION OF THE ARTER LODGE, No. 2654.

The consecration of the above lodge, of the Province of Worcestershire, took place at the Moseley and Balsall Heath Institute, in the presence of a large concourse of brethren of Worcestershire and the adjoining provinces, among them being Bros. W. T. Page, P.G.S.; J. Attwood, P.G.D.C.; A. Pearson, P.G.R.; W. Boddington, P.P.A.G.S.; J. Hill White, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. C. Box, P.G.O.; Herbert Manley, P.G.S. of W.; E. Collens, P.G.S.B.; C. Mytton, P.P.G.R.; A. Greene, P.G.P. of England; T. Tallis; W. Thomas, P.P.S.G.D.; C. E. Bloomer, P.P.S.G.W.; R. B. Morgan, P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Dingley, P.P.G.S. of W.; and others.

The ancient and impressive ceremony of consecration was performed by Bro. Augustus Frederick Godson, M.A., M.P., P.G.D. Eng., Prov. G.M.; assisted by Bros. R. Arter, P.S.G. of W., &c., as S.W.; A. Greene, Past G. Purst. Eng., as J.W.; the Rev. George Frederick Hough, P.P.S.G.W., as Chap.; William Waldron, P.P.S.G.W., as D.C.; John Millington, P.G. Purst., as I.G.; Charles Percy Perry, W.M. designate; Richard Wheeler Haines, S.W. designate; and Charles Benjamin Bishop, J.W. designate.

The brethren having assembled in the lodge room, the lodge was duly opened, and the hymn "Hail Eternal by whose aid" having been sung, the CONSECRATING OFFICER addressed the brethren on the motive of the meeting, after which a number of duly prescribed ceremonies were performed; the warrant from the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, was read, and an oration on the nature and principles of Masonry was given by the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. G. F. HOUGH.

After allusion to Bro. Arter, after whom the new lodge was to be named, commending him to imitation, and referring to his charitable work in laudatory terms, he said the new lodge, No. 2654, was being consecrated in one of the most memorable years of the whole Christian era, namely, that in which our beloved Queen completed her record reign. The Queen had reigned on true Masonic principles. At her advanced age we could not hope to have her with us for any long period, but we might be thankful for the benefits already enjoyed under her beneficent sway. Some said that the time for Masonry had passed away; but its principles were more than ever needful. It was said that our civilisation had reached a height at which Masonry could be dispensed with. But in this age of self-sufficiency, when men seek new theories to replace the principles for which our forefathers bled and died; at a time when education tends to become more and more secular; when the agnostic paraded ancient beliefs as incomprehensible mysteries; when men of learning speak together in congress and the name of God is not mentioned in connection with scientific inquiry; when order is derided, and everything of nature's laws is said to be antagonistic to personal freedom—in such an age Masonry was calculated to be good for mankind. Men should make the Masonic principles the daily pursuit of their lives; that is, they should live in love and charity with all men, not only with brother Masons, but with the whole world.

The oration over, the brethren sang the anthem "Behold how good and joyful," Bro. Fox being at the organ, after which came the dedication prayer and the invocation, and various other ceremonies of an interesting character, including the reading of extracts from the Holy Writ. Then corn, the symbol of plenty, was scattered; wine, the symbol of joy, and oil, the symbol of peace, were poured, and salt was sprinkled, the symbol of fidelity and friendship.

After the anthem "O how amiable," the Chaplain went with the censer three times round the lodge, the lodge was constituted, and the anthem "The spacious firmament on high," was sung. Then came the Patriarchal Benediction, and the consecration was over.

Bro. T. R. Arter, P.S.G.W., then installed Bro. Charles P. Perry as Worshipful Master, and the usual investments and appointments took place.

Jewels were presented to the Consecrating Officers, to the founders of the lodge, and to Bro. Arter.

The lodge being duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, Bro. C. P. Perry, W.M., in the chair.

While responding to a toast, Bro. A. F. GODSON, M.A., M.P., P.G.M., said that proposals for new lodges were by him received with extreme care, owing to occasional uncertainty regarding their future. In the case of the Arter Lodge, however, he had no doubt of its brilliant prospects. It was in excellent hands, and would, in his judgment, have a great career.

A number of brethren contributed songs and instrumental pieces during the evening, which was passed in good fellowship, and with the usual customs belonging to Masonry.

FIRST LADIES' NIGHT OF THE CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

The affection for "ladies' nights" grows apace with each successive season, and now another lodge must be added to the already lengthy list of those which include this interesting function amongst their annual fixtures. Experience has proved that once the innovation has been made, the "ladies' night" is looked for and anticipated like the annual installation meeting. The Citadel Lodge, No. 1897—one of the strongest and most prosperous in the Province of Middlesex—has hinted at the excellence of the idea for some years past, but it was reserved for the present popular and energetic W.M., Bro. W. J. Ball, to carry the idea into execution, to the unbounded satisfaction and enjoyment of all concerned. The establishment chosen was the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 13th instant, and it was a curious coincidence that the S.W. of the lodge, Bro. L. Mantell, concluded his official duties as manager on the same occasion.

The W.M. was loyally supported in the onerous duty of making the necessary arrangements by Bros. J. Osborn, P.M. and Sec., P.P.G.S.B., and J. H. Gaskin, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., who rendered excellent service in the capacity of Stwd., assisted by Bros. Lavington, W.M.; George, Kessler, and Lander; Bro. O. J. Von Holtorp, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., who officiated with tact and courtesy as general D.C.; and last, but by no means least, Bro. Willie Wright, P.M., P.P.G. Org., who directed the musical arrangements.

At the conclusion of a well-served banquet, each lady was presented with a dainty lace handkerchief as a small souvenir of the occasion, and a short toast list was proceeded with. The speeches were interspersed with musical items by Madam Alice Lovenez, Miss Emily Foxcroft, Miss Florence Kemp, and Bros. Herbert Linwood, Walter George, Geo. Robins, and Percy Young, and Mr. W. J. Lucey.

"The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" were the first toasts heartily honoured.

Bro. HORACE BANKS, I.P.M., then rose, and said he had an important toast to propose which he was sure would be received with the enthusiasm the subject merited. It was the health of the esteemed, respected, and popular "Worshipful Master." There were many present who had had the honour of Bro. Ball's acquaintance for some years, and could testify to the fact that he was a staunch friend, a faithful brother, and a good Mason. That, perhaps, included everything, for if a man carried out the teaching of the ritual he could not go far wrong. Although, the W.M. possessed all those good qualities essential to a good Mason, the members could not but think there was something wanting, for to use a familiar expression "he wore a worried look." Some suggested it was that the W.M.'s successful year of office was drawing to a close and he was dreading joining the ranks of the P.M.s or "old fossils." The W.M. wanted a ladies' night, and he had now got it, and a very successful one, too. Bro. Ball was to be especially congratulated on the inauguration of these pleasant functions having taken place during his term of office. The members would sincerely regret when that term expired, for no brother had preceded him in the chair who had worthily fulfilled the duties than their esteemed and respected Bro. Ball, W.M.

Bro. W. J. BALL, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for the very flattering remarks made in the proposition of the toast, and also the brethren for their cordial reception. It was a very difficult thing, having said good things of other people, to say something good for yourself. With regard to the Citadel Lodge, of which he was W.M., it had for its number 1897, which he considered most unique, inasmuch as it was the only lodge on the roll of lodges of the Grand Lodge of England which enjoyed that distinction, 1897 being the year of her Most Gracious Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. They thought they could not do better than celebrate the occasion by inviting the ladies that night. There was something of selfishness with regard to Masonry, but they were endeavouring in some degree to atone for that. The accommodation at Harrow, where the lodge met, was not sufficient for the members, and it was therefore necessary to hold their present gathering in London, and they thought they could not do better than visit the establishment with which the Senior Warden was connected. On behalf of the lodge he welcomed all those not connected with it, and sincerely trusted the company would consider the Committee merited the success he thought they had achieved.

Bro. T. I. BIRD, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., proposed "The Ladies," and said the members were delighted to welcome them. They were always dependent upon the ladies, even from the earliest days of their youth, when mothers watched over them with tenderest solicitude. From sisters they had derived the greatest assistance and help, and he would not debate upon the happy days spent at a later period with some other fellow's sister.

Bro. WALTER GEORGE, in response, said that as a lady he was quite overcome with the reception given them. He need hardly say they were delighted to be amongst the members of the lodge that evening. The ladies had been thinking it was about time they were invited to the festive board of the Citadel Lodge, but having waited 12 years for the invitation, they had enjoyed themselves immensely. They had enjoyed the banquet, and were eagerly looking forward to a little further on when they might join in the light fantastic dance. As a lady, he did not think it would be possible for him to do more than express his thanks for the kind and generous way in which they had been entertained, and their sincere hope that they might have the pleasure of booking the same date next year.

Bro. J. H. GASKIN, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C., proposed "The Visitors" in cordial terms, and Bros. ROBERTS, P.M., and HANDS replied.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in giving "The Stewards," thanked those brethren on behalf of all present for the time and trouble so cheerfully given in order to ensure a successful evening.

Bros. VON HOLTORP, P.P.G.D.C.; OSBORN, P.M. and Sec., P.P.G.S.B.; and MANTELL, S.W., acknowledged the toast, after which the second half of the concert programme was proceeded with.

An adjournment was made to the ball-room, where dancing was heartily

indulged in until the hours of the clock gave warning that the time for departure had arrived.

The evening was voted a charming and decided success, and the next W.M. of the Citadel Lodge will stand small chance of the popularity enjoyed by the present occupant of the chair if he does not announce, on the first opportunity, that a ladies' night is to be included in his programme.

The company, which numbered about 130, included Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Ball; Bro. and Mrs. Horace Banks; Bro. and Mrs. T. I. Bird; Bro. J. Weston; Bro. and Miss Osborn; Bro. and Mrs. W. H. Lee; Bro. and Mrs. H. Browne; Bro. and Mrs. Von Holtorp; Bro. Hurran and party; Bro. and Mrs. Childs; Bro. W. M. George; Bro. Willie and Miss Wright; Bro. Horstead and party; Bro. L. Mantell; Bro. and Mrs. Lavington; Bro. J. H. Gaskin and party; Bro. and Mrs. Davison; Bros. Kessler, Appleton, and Young; Bro. and Mrs. Schartau; and many others.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. C. J. WOODFORD.

On Wednesday evening, the 17th inst., at a meeting of the brethren of Lodge Amity, No. 137, Poole, Dorset, a very interesting feature of the evening's proceedings was the presentation to the Secretary, Bro. C. J. Woodford, of a centenary jewel in 18 carat gold. This jewel was granted to the lodge some years ago as a proof of its existence for over a century. One local characteristic of this jewel is that it bears the representation of the dolphin, which is a part of the Poole borough arms.

A most gratifying circumstance in connection with the presentation was that the address accompanying the jewel bore the names of all the members of the lodge except those living at a distance and unable to be reached. The presentation was made to mark the esteem in which Bro. Woodford is held, and also as a slight recognition of the valuable services rendered as Secretary for the past four years. The address, which had been nicely engrossed by Bro. A. Taylor, was placed inside a blue Morocco case, lettered in gold.

The presentation was introduced by the Treasurer, Bro. DUGDALE, the address was read by Bro. TAYLOR, and the investiture of the jewel was made by the W.M., Bro. J. H. WHADCOAT.

The address was as follows:

"To W. Bro. C. J. Woodford, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G. Purst., Secretary Lodge Amity, 137, Poole, Province of Dorset.

"We, whose names are hereunder written, desire to offer you the accompanying Centenary Jewel, as a token of fraternal regard, wishing at the same time to express our thanks to you for the care and attention you have bestowed upon the secretarial duties of Lodge Amity, No. 137, Poole.

"Dated this 17th day of March, A.D. 1897; A.L. 4897.

"J. H. Whadcoat, W.M., member of Grand Master's Lodge (No. 1), P.M., Royal Athelstan Lodge (No. 19), 18°, and K.T., member of Lodge Quatuor Coronati (No. 2076); A. C. Chapin, P.P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; Herbert Saunders, S.W.; F. P. Oakley, J.W.; H. J. Sydenham, P.P.A. G.D.C., Chap.; W. D. Dugdale, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; H. W. Scratchley, S.D.; Lewis W. Pretty, J.D.; Geo. Aug. Mate, I.G.; F. A. Sharp, P.P. J.G.D., D.C.; W. J. White, Org.; George Hodges, Stwd.; George Wood, Stwd.; T. S. Furnell, P.P.A.G.D.C.; P. E. L. Budge, P.P.G. Reg.; F. G. Wheatley, P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. A. Lawton, P.P.S.G.D.; Richard Smith, P.P.G.S.B.; Daniel Hitching, P.P.S.G.D.; W. J. Tarrant, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Charles Carter, P.G.D.C.; Albert Taylor, P.P. G.D.C.; A. C. Kemble, P.G. Stwd., W.M. 2559; James Summers, E. N. Blanchard, W. J. Burden, W. J. Bacon, J. H. Potter, Wm. Wheeler, Arthur Newton, F. C. Pomeroy, John Elford, G. W. Green, Willfred Buckley, J. J. C. Condon, Stephen Short, T. K. Ingram, Alfred Langlois, Henry Burden, sen., Ernest Cadman, Henry Meredith, J. B. James, Wm. Snook, Edward Howell, A. H. Yeatman, H. T. Harris, G. T. Budden, George Cole, H. F. W. Gwatkin, J. S. Lucas, Albert James, H. J. Blake, David Palk, Thomas Griffiths."

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE ROYAL STANDARD LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1298.

A supper was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Castle, 81, Holloway-road, N., to celebrate the re-opening of the lodge room after structural and decorative improvements, a good number of the members, including many Past Masters and visitors, being present. The chair was taken at 7.30 by Bro. T. Cull, W.M. of the mother lodge, and Preceptor of the lodge of instruction, faced by Bro. Spearsall, W.M. elect of the mother lodge.

After an enjoyable supper, a very pleasant musical evening followed, many of the brethren contributing some excellent songs, &c., bringing a most successful evening to a close.

The lodge will continue to meet at The Castle, every Friday evening at 8 throughout the year, brethren cordially invited.

THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following additions to lists have been received since last week:—
THE PROVINCES.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.			
Chapter	2262 Comp. Youlden, new list	...	15 15 0
CHESHIRE.			
Lodge	630 Bro. W. Newton, additional	...	£ s. d.
	(raising his list to £42).	...	5 11 6
SUSSEX.			
Lodge	811 Bro. Breed, additional	...	2 2 0
	(raising his list to £33 10s.)	...	
	1842 Bro. P. H. Palmer, additional	...	1 1 0
	(raising his list to £17 17s.)	...	
WEST YORKSHIRE.			
Lodge	2608 Bro. J. N. Hart, new Steward	...	10 10 0
	2608 „ L. Hanson, new Steward	...	10 10 0

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at the Freemasons' Hall, Bro. James Henry Matthews, President of the Board, presided. Bros. D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President, and C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs. Grand Secretary's department was represented by Bros. Edward Letchworth, G.S.; W. Lake, Assist. G.S.; W. Dodd, G. S. Recknell, and Henry Sadler, G. Tyler. The other brethren present were Bros. Henry Garrod, George Everett, James Boulton, George B. Chapman, William Vincent, Charles J. R. Tijou, John Hattersley, Charles Dairy, George Graveley, George R. Langley, George Read, J. Newton, W. Kipps, S. H. Goldschmidt, W. Fisher, Dr. Hugh Mackintosh, Robert A. Gowan, Walter Martin, James Bunker, Richard Eve, E. W. Nightingale, H. W. Wylour, George Powell, Fred Mills, H. Massey, H. S. Beaman, W. S. Thwaites, J. T. Green, J. Wm. Penrose, Joseph Bate, Edwin George, Charles E. Woods, Henry A. Rapkin, Henry A. Tobias, G. Treves, J. V. Vesey Fitzgerald, Thomas E. Ladd, R. Tilling, W. V. Beasley, Edgar M. Brandon, D. H. McGowan, George Brown, W. Lutwyche, Charles Smith, John Murray, F. J. Eedle, J. Hills, Arthur J. Newton, J. D. W. Westmoreland, W. Pottinger, James Lawson, Henry Leney, T. Goodman, George Parrett, J. H. Collingridge, Edward Margrett, and L. S. Genese.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the February meeting to the amount of £660, the PRESIDENT first, however, calling attention to the fact that there were no less than 51 cases on the new list. He said he would ask the brethren who supported the cases to make their observations as short as possible, so that the brethren might not be kept longer than was absolutely necessary.

The list of new cases showed qualifications through lodges in the London district, and in Guernsey, Hyde, Bruton, Llandudno, Bedford, Cokermonth, Hong Kong, Plymouth, Middlesborough, Huddersfield, Devonport, Rangoon, Aldershot, Ross, Norwich, Bradford, Meerut, Demerara, Ormskirk, Crediton, Haverfordwest, Antigua, Jullundur, Littlehampton, Newport (I.W.), and Victoria.

In the course of the sitting nine of the cases were deferred and two dismissed. The remainder were voted a total of £1135. Three cases were recommended to Grand Lodge for £75 each, two for £60 each, and one for £50. Five were recommended to the Grand Master for £40 each, and seven for £30 each. Ten cases were relieved with £20 each, one for £15, nine for £10 each, and one for £5.

Craft Masonry.

York Lodge, No. 236.

A regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, on the 15th inst. The W.M., Bro. Farbrace Sidney Gramshaw, M.D., presided, supported by his officers and the following Bros. George Potter-Kirby, P.M.; Treas.; Purnell, P.M.; Sampson, P.M.; Hodgson, P.M.; Jones, P.M.; Draper, P.M.; Bryson, P.M.; Hemphill, Osborne, Sample, Collier, Wray, Stimpson, Furnish, Chambers, R. S. Smith, Thompson, and Hirst. The visitors included Bros. Joseph Giddy, W.M.; G. A. Buckingham, I.P.M.; W. Nutt, S.W.; J. Brown, S.D.; R. Tindall, Stwd.; M. Scott, P.M., P.P.G.W.; S. M. Scott, P.M.; and T. P. Darlow, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., all of 566; and A. Humphreys, S.D. 1611.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. O. G. Taylor, acting Sec., read the minutes, which were confirmed. Bro. Potter-Kirby, P.M., &c., Treas., then, in accordance with notice, moved "That the sum of 20 guineas from the funds of the lodge and 20 guineas from the Charity Fund of the lodge be given to the Educational Fund of the Province of North and East Yorkshire." In doing so, Bro. Potter-Kirby remarked that the fifth Festival of the Educational Fund would take place at York early in May next, and they were anxious to have a good list, and he felt that they would be unanimous in supporting the provincial fund. He urged brethren to come forward as Stewards. The W.M., Bro. Gramshaw, seconded the resolution, remarking that he should have pleasure in being a Steward. Bro. Laughton, J.W., supported the resolution, and took the opportunity to criticise the expenses of the Girls' and Boys' Schools, and his remarks were endorsed by Bro. A. Jones, P.M., Sec., who advocated the support of their local Charities and strong opposition to the action of the authorities of the Boys' School. After some remarks from Bro. Hodgson as to the need of an oversight of the funds in London, the resolution was carried unanimously.

Some other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of supper.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and in acknowledging the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. of 566 gave a very cordial invitation from their Selby Lodge to the members of No. 236. Vocal and instrumental music added to an agreeable evening.

Holmesdale Lodge, No. 874.

At the Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells, on Wednesday, the 17th inst., the installation ceremony in connection with the above lodge was witnessed by a large company of brethren, including an unusually large number of Provincial Grand Officers; the lodge room was, in fact, crowded. Bro. Wm. Roper was Installing Master, and he was most highly complimented on the admirable way in which the work was done. Bro. Louis S. Beale, S.W., was installed W.M., and he invested the following as his officers: Bros. Fred Graham, S.W.; A. H. Tester, J.W.; the Rev. A. T. Scott, Chap.; J. Burton, P.M., Treas.; H. Harris, Sec.; N. R. Stone, S.D.; J. W. Warwick, J.D.; B. Rix, P.M., D.C.; C. M. Perry, A.D.C.; E. Oliver, P.M., Org.; J. W. Slack, I.G.; B. A. Fowler and A. G. Nye, Stwds.; G. Prior, Swd. Br.; and J. Boulter, Tyler.

The usual lodge business, which included votes of money to several Masonic Charities, &c., having been concluded, the company sat down to a really magnificent banquet in the Pump Room, which had been very beautifully decorated for the occasion. The W.M., Bro. Louis Beale, occupied the chair, and amongst those present were a large number of brethren of the lodge and visitors.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, Earl of Lathom; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl Amherst; and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past." He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Alfred Spencer, and it was received with Kentish fire.

Bro. Spencer, in response, said he had been told on sitting down to the excellent banquet he had partaken of, that his Bro. Freeman, of the Sussex Province, would respond to that toast, and inasmuch as Bro. Freeman was his senior, it was quite right he should respond, but he had declared himself a free man, and had left him (the speaker) in the lurch. (Laughter.) As to the Grand Officers of England, there was nothing much that was new he could say about them. A good, kind, beneficent Providence was overlooking the affairs of Freemasonry throughout England and districts where the Grand Lodge jurisdiction reigned, which included many of our colonies, and so long as they carried on their affairs as they had done they would no doubt continue to be so guarded. The D.G.M. of England, Earl Amherst, was constant attendance at Grand Lodge, thereby proving his earnestness in Freemasonry, his zeal and industry. He was worthy in every respect of the high position he occupied, and as a humble member of Grand Lodge he (the speaker) desired to thank the brethren present for the cordial manner in which this toast had been proposed and received.

Bro. John Burton, in proposing "The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master," said the

members of the Holmesdale Lodge had very great reason to be grateful to the Prov. Grand Master. Firstly, they might call themselves in some sense godsons, for his lordship had given them his name, and he had sometimes thought that had been the reason they were so high in his favour, and why so many of them had received provincial honours. He hoped those favours would continue to be extended to them. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. the Rev. A. T. Scott proposed "The V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Smith Eastes, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past." It was, he said, a little bit perplexing to one who had not been a Mason very long to give the right definition of these initials, and it reminded him of the perplexity of a Rural Dean like himself who appealed to his Bishop stating there was the Most Reverend, the Right Rev., &c. The Bishop suggested he might call himself the Rather Reverend. (Laughter.) When he saw the word worshipful he could in this case use it without hesitation. There were, he believed, many brethren in that room who had used the expression—"With my body I thee worship," and it was just that honour, that devotion, that regard, and that affection which attached to the word "worship" when used Masonically. He had great pleasure in proposing the health of one who was in truth as well as in name a very worshipful brother. (Hear, hear.) There was a brotherhood even greater than Freemasonry—a brotherhood of humanity. A high ecclesiastical dignitary had lately swooped down upon Freemasonry in a very extraordinary way at an Anti-Masonic Conference, but he ventured to say that those great powers who seemed to regard Freemasonry as a thing incompatible with Christianity did not understand Freemasonry. (Hear, hear.) The brotherhood of Masonry helped them to realise the still greater brotherhood of humanity, and he ventured to say that Masonry, so far from preventing them realising their duties because they belonged to a vast Brotherhood, helped them to realise the grandeur of that great Brotherhood and to embrace the great idea of the brotherhood of humanity. It was the goodfellowship of so many of his own choir who had distinguished themselves in Masonry that had induced him to become a Mason, and he had never regretted the step for one moment. (Applause.) He coupled with the toast the name of a brother who was always received with that respect he deserved—Bro. Cheale. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. S. A. Cheale, in response, said he had found the business of the Grand Lodge conducted in a most exemplary manner. He knew the Prov. G.M. took great interest in Tunbridge Wells, and it was not his fault that they had not a grand Masonic function at the laying of the stone of St. John's Church. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Wadhams Elers proposed "The Health of the W.M.," to whom he wished a happy and enjoyable year. (Cheers.)

The W.M., in responding, said he was pleased to see so many brethren present from neighbouring and distant provinces.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Installing Master and Past Masters."

Bro. Roper, who was enthusiastically received, expressed the pleasure it had given him to install the W.M.

Bro. A. T. Simpson, as one of the Past Masters, also responded.

Bro. W. C. Cripps proposed "The Visitors," who were present in such numbers. The duties of hospitality had never been found lacking in the Holmesdale Lodge. That night they had brethren present not only from the two provinces of Kent and Sussex, but other provinces, and even America. They had heard from their Chaplain how certain difficulties had arisen with regard to Continental Masonry, and there were differences between the Masonry of England and the Continent. But there was no such difference separating them from their brethren in America. They were brothers in truth and brothers in deed. At times, no doubt, there had been difficulties between England and America, which it was only natural would exist between two such nations proud of their respective birthrights, of their privileges, and rightly jealous of the duties and interests committed to their charge, but he believed that, should any serious difficulty arise between nations, England would have no truer friend than her younger daughter America. (Applause.) And should any difficulties arise which would involve America, he knew she would get the assistance of England. Jealousy between nations could be removed in no better way than by mutual intercourse. The American Ambassadors had always been well received by England, and that had tended to cement the friendship existing between the two countries. They were pleased that evening to welcome a brother from America. He knew the brethren of the Holmesdale Lodge had been entertained in America, but he knew of no previous occasion when they had had the opportunity of reciprocating. Their visiting brother held a distinguished name, and they were pleased to welcome him. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Cleveland, in response, said he had tumbled into Tunbridge Wells most unexpectedly, and so was his introduction to the lodge. He had been for 50 years a Mason, and he had no hesitation in saying that in all his experience he had never seen a lodge conducted so well as that lodge had been. He had 128 lodges to visit every year, and he could say that he had never, until that evening, been examined as a Mason ought to be examined. He could assure his English brethren that there was a feeling now growing up in the States in favour of England, and should any difficulty ever arise, she could safely count on having some 80 millions of Americans at her back. (Hear, hear.) He could further say that the Bill for arbitration, passed by Lord Salisbury last session, would be passed by the Senate within one month from now. (Hear, hear.) That would be the first step towards the federation of the English speaking races throughout the world. Englishmen must not give heed to those men who were speaking against this scheme, as they were not true Americans. He had found Masons in every known quarter of the globe, and, in thanking the brethren present for their hospitality, he hoped the two countries would always be found joined hand in hand. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Hudson, responding for the Province of Sussex, referred especially to Bro. Graham, the S.W., whom he hoped to see in the chair next year. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Col. Tester also responded as a visitor. He wished the W.M. a very happy and prosperous year of office. Masons were doing a great national good. He was especially pleased at being present that night, for his son had had the honour of proving their distinguished American visitor.

The W.M. proposed, in felicitous terms, "The Officers of the Lodge."

Bros. Graham, S.W., and Tester, J.W., responded. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the company separated, a considerable sum being first contributed to the Almoner's fund.

During the evening a capital musical programme was gone through, the vocalists including Miss Edith Welling, Miss Maud Bond, Bros. E. Oliver and F. L. Williams, and Mr. H. A. Prince, Bro. Starmer accompanying throughout.

Dobie Lodge, No. 889.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 17th instant, when the outgoing W.M., Bro. Arthur Watkin, put the capstone to a splendid year's work by the way in which he installed his successor, Bro. Geo. R. Scott. The kindness of Bro. Sir Whittaker Ellis enabled the brethren to assemble for business on premises adjoining their usual place of meeting at Kingston-on-Thames, and the installation has never been performed under more favourable conditions as to accommodation. There was a good representation of the lay members, and visitors were as plentiful as usual, though several who had been invited as lodge guests were unable to accept. Bro. Watkin, who is quite a youth in the Craft, and has gained rank faster than usual owing to exceptional circumstances, which do happen now and again in the best regulated bodies, installed his successor, not only in correct style, but with an ease and eloquence that compelled the admiration of all, and closed with the addresses splendidly delivered. Bro. Scott will have the following as his staff of officers during the year, and as he is a regular attendant at "Emulation," there is promise of another year of excellent working, to assist in which all his officers are thoroughly capable: Bros. W. H. Gaze, S.W.; W. J. Wells, J.W.; J. Drewett, P.M., Treas.; W. Drewett, P.M., Sec.; G. W. Cowen, M.D., S.D.; J. C. Mortimer, J.D.; C. T. Lewis, I.G.; J. R. Abbott, Org.; W. Salt, D.C.; Thos. Welham and C. L. Johnson, S.Wds.; and John List, Tyler. Ten guineas were voted to the Worshipful Master's list for the Girls' School Festival.

Business over, the brethren adjourned to the Kingston Hotel for the banquet, of which sixty partook.

The visitors included Bros. C. T. Tyler, Prov. Gran 1 Sec.; Russell, P.G.S., Sec. of the Emulation Lodge of Instruction; E. J. Dodd, P.P.G.O. Kent; Jacob, P.M. 1851; and many others of various ranks.

Very high compliment was paid to the Installing Master and his officers for the way in which the work was done.

Kennington Lodge, No. 1381.

The last meeting of the season was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 2nd inst. Among those present were Bros. J. Barry, W.M.; Chisholm, S.W.; T. Davies, J.W.; R. La Feuillade, P.M., Treas.; J. Hearn, P.M., Sec.; Wolsey, S.D.; Sharpinton, J.D.; Pohl, I.G.; W. W. Westley, P.M., D.C.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G. Stwd., P.G. Std. Br.; J. Dennis, P.M.; J. La Feuillade, P.M.; Lundie, P.M.; Dr. Millsom, P.M.; and Colwell, I.P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. Pook, P.M. 274; Hearne, S.W. 1475; H. Smith, 72; and H. Swinon, 72.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, one candidate was received into the Order, and one passed to the Second Degree. The sum of three guineas was unanimously voted to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund. Among those who sent apologies for non-attendance were Bros. G. Everett, P.M., P. G. Treas.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; Lingley, P.M.; Foyalé, P.M.; and Hopkins, Org.

The lodge was then closed; refreshment followed.

In proposing "The Health of the Grand Officers," the W.M. expressed his regret that their old and distinguished member, Bro. G. Everett, P.G. Treas., was not present to respond to the toast. He was engaged in performing Masonic work at the Mark Masons' Hall in the position of a S.G.D. of that Degree. However, he had promised to look in on his way home.

This toast and the name of the brother mentioned were warmly received.

The I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," congratulated Bro. J. Barry on the manner in which he had, for the first time as W.M., discharged his duties in the lodge and at the banquet table. It was comparatively easy to perform Masonic work in a lodge of instruction, but a different matter in a regular lodge. He trusted that the W.M. would have something to do at every meeting of the lodge, and that he would leave it even more financially prosperous than he (the speaker) was fortunate enough to do.

The W.M., having replied, gave in rapid succession the toasts of "The Initiate," "The Visitors," and "The Past Masters."

As the latter pledge was being drunk, Bro. G. Everett arrived, and was the recipient of a very hearty greeting.

Bros. Colwell and Dr. Millsom responded on behalf of the Past Masters.

"The Treasurer and Secretary," coupled with the name of Bro. Hearn, and "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Chisholm and Davies, terminated the proceedings.

During the evening Bros. Hawkins, Lundie, Tom Davies, Clowes, and G. Everett, instrumentally and vocally, entertained the brethren.

Caterham Lodge, No. 2095.

VISIT OF THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF ONSLOW, G.C.M.G.,
PROV. GRAND MASTER.

There was a fairly large attendance of brethren of this lodge at the meeting at the Masonic Hall, Caterham, on Saturday, the 13th inst. Among those present were Bros. the Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G., Prov. G.M.; Tompkins, Prov. Grand Sec.; A. F. White, W.M.; Strode, P.M.; P. H. Hall, P.M., Sec.; J. Lyon, P.M.; J. Sanger, P.M. 905; F. A. Guimaraens, P.P.S.G.W.; Evelyn A. Head, P.M.; many other distinguished Past Masters, Grand Officers, and visitors, including Bros. Tayler, 1395; H. Lemon, Lodge Concord; P. E. Campbell, 1670; H. Brown, Newton University; J. C. Crawford, 523; and others.

At the conclusion of the usual routine business, Bro. Robt. Brown was raised to the Third Degree, Bro. Norman Leece was passed, and Mr. Finlay A. Macrae was initiated. The Worshipful Master performed the ceremony in each instance with much impressiveness.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards dined together in the banquetting hall.

The usual toasts, "The Queen and the Craft" and "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," were first given. In introducing the last mentioned toast, the W.M. said, as the brethren were well aware, the key-note of Masonry was Charity, and one could not help being impressed with the Charity shown by the Prince of Wales, who had, since the Caterham Lodge last met, inaugurated an Hospital Fund, to which, he ventured to say, every Mason would subscribe most generously.

In proposing "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said he had hoped that they would have been able to provide out of the lodge some Grand Officer to have replied to the toast, but, unfortunately, their respected Bro. Tompkins, who had not been able to attend one of their banquets for some time, was again, he was sorry to say, prevented from being present. However, they were honoured by the presence that evening of one of their most distinguished Grand Officers in Lord Onslow, and although he (the W.M.) should have to call upon him to reply to the next toast also, their Prov. Grand Master had kindly consented to reply to that one.

The Earl of Onslow, Prov. G.M., replying, said his connection with Grand Lodge was, he regretted to say, of very ancient date, and although he had still that honour, he looked upon himself very much as one of those who had "passed," but he was delighted with the brethren for drinking the toast and for the honour they had done Lord Lathom, Lord Amherst, and other officers in drinking their health. He could assure them that so far as his experience at Grand Lodge went, he could say, without fear of contradiction, that there the keenest interest was taken in the Masonic work of the province, and he felt assured that the interests of Freemasonry were in perfectly safe keeping in the hands of the Grand Officers of Grand Lodge.

At this stage of the proceedings Bro. Herbert Goodwin, P.M. Cambridge Lodge, had to leave, and the W.M., in a few terse remarks, expressed regret at that fact. He asked the brethren to pledge their brother's health.

This was done, and

The W.M., Bro. A. F. White, rose to propose the next toast. He said they had doubtless heard a speaker describe a toast as "the toast of the evening," and he thought they would all readily agree with him in conceding that the toast which he was about to propose—that of "The Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow," was the toast of the evening. It was the first time that the brethren of the Caterham Lodge had had the honour of seeing Lord Onslow at their gatherings, and he ventured to hope it would not be the last. They in Caterham felt themselves especially favoured when they considered the many calls upon his time which he had, and they took it as a great compliment indeed that on the only day for leisure he had, he should have travelled from Bristol to London, and, on to Caterham, to take part in the business of the Caterham Lodge. Although the Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master would not find the palatial building he would see in connection with some lodges, and the surroundings of the banquetting-room might compare unfavourably with some lodges he visited, yet he would assure their worshipful brother that in no lodge in the country would he find a more hearty and sincere welcome than was extended to him by the brethren of the Caterham Lodge, and further, in no other lodge in the country would he discover a more keener Masonic spirit than was prevalent in Caterham.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G., Provincial Grand Master, in response, said he must preface his remarks by offering to their W.M. and brethren an apology for not being present during the period that the lodge was at work. No doubt they would expect he would tell them it was because of the important duties he had to perform in connection with the State at the Indian Office, or because of certain other duties which he, from time to time had to transact with the London County Council. Nothing of the sort! He would tell them frankly it was because he had two little girls who had never been in the hunting field before, that the hounds met that day at his place, and because his children insisted on being present. He had much to regret at being absent during the period the lodge was at work for several reasons, but he had been chatting with his excellent friend and brother, the Prov. Grand Secretary, and speaking with great vehemence, he had told him that never at any lodge he had attended in Surrey had he seen the work so thoroughly, so earnestly, and so well done as in the Caterham Lodge. He had also told him that the Three Degrees and the initiation were performed in a way that would be creditable to any lodge of instruction in the county, and further, that it was altogether as it should be, a most impressive ceremony. He was pleased to be able to congratulate the lodge upon having such an able W.M., whose heart was in his work, and who was able to do all this. It had been his desire for a long time past, and he did not intend to depart from it, to visit every lodge in

the Province of Surrey, to see and judge for himself as to the way the work was done by these lodges, and further, so far as he was able to do it, to see that provincial honours should fall on those, not who were most keen in pressing their claims forward, but on those who were most deserving of them. Ever since he had had the honour to occupy the position he did in the province of Surrey, by the favour of the Prov. Grand Master, he had always laid down that honours should not be showered upon a certain few without consideration of the claims of, perhaps, the more deserving, but that the claims of all, without distinction, should receive equal consideration at the hands of the Grand Master. He had only to thank the W.M. and brethren for the kind welcome they had given him, and for the words uttered—which he felt to be sincere and heartfelt—in associating his name with the toast.

"The Worshipful the Deputy Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next given. Bro. White, W.M., said he regretted that the Prov. Grand Secretary was not able to stay to respond to the toast. The latter occupied a very onerous position, being responsible for the arrangements connected with the Provincial Grand Lodge. He had no less than 40 lodges in the province, and it was part of his duty to keep an eye on them all. He thought the brethren would agree with him when he said the Prov. Grand Secretary was a thorough business man, and from the words he had let drop he would like an early opportunity of coming there again. As Past Prov. Officers they had Bro. Guimaraens, Treas., and Bro. Hall, who was also their Secretary, and a Prov. Grand Officer in 1892. He coupled the latter's name with the toast.

Bro. Percy Hall made a prompt and suitable reply. He referred with regret to the absence of the Prov. Grand Secretary. Having been on the Audit Committee he (Bro. Hall) had seen and knew a great deal about the trying work the Prov. Grand Secretary had to do. He spoke of the meetings of the Prov. Grand Lodge and Guildford, of the beauty of the county, and urged brethren to go down to Guildford to the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge in July and support their W.M.

Bro. Guimaraens, in giving "The Worshipful Master," paid a well-deserved compliment to his zeal and ability. He said he always thought that their W.M. was one of the most promising initiates he had ever seen, and his expressions to that effect had been most amply fulfilled. During the whole course of his Masonic career he had never seen the Degrees more ably performed than by their W.M., Bro. White, and the brethren who had witnessed the work in the lodge that day would bear him out. He wished their W.M. long life and much happiness in connection with a certain event that, he learned, was shortly to take place.

Bro. A. F. White, W.M., in the course of a humorous reply, said that was the fourth time he had occupied that chair, and he might say that he was beginning to feel quite at home in the capacity. The brother who proposed the toast was kind enough to propose a vote of congratulation to him in connection with a coming event. But brethren, as they were aware, were taught to look up to their Past Masters for guidance and instruction in all things, and the fact that Bro. Guimaraens had already shown them the way, might have had something to do with his action in the matter referred to. He could assure them that although, he was passing out of that chair in May, and changed circumstances might mean an altered residence—(No, no)—as long as he could afford to pay his subscription and find someone good enough to "put him up" on Saturday nights, he should make a point of coming down to the lodge meetings. In conclusion, he expressed his thanks for the kind reception of the toast, and he regretted he should now have to go and share the quiet retirement of other Past Masters of the lodge.

The next toast was "The Visitors," kindly reference being made by the W.M., to the presence of Bros. Lemon, Campbell, Crawford, Brown, and Abernethy.

Bro. Abernethy responded.

The W.M. in giving "The Past Masters," paid especial tribute to the work done by Bros. Guimaraens, P. H. Hall, W. J. Stride, and—although not present that evening—Sandeman. Speaking of the latter, he said he was sure they would all be pleased to hear that since their last meeting a fresh lodge had been founded at Plymouth called the Sir Francis Drake Lodge, and Bro. Sandeman was the first W.M. He hoped the lodge would be as successful as the Caterham Lodge, of which he was also the founder.

Bro. W. J. Stride, P.M., responded in one of his characteristic happy speeches.

"The Initiate," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening.

We may add that Mr. Lovitt catered, and that the pleasures of the evening were considerably enhanced by songs by Bros. E. P. Furber, Goodwin, Crawford, and Schartau. The latter was in his happiest vein and responded to the numerous calls upon him with alacrity.

Bro. Schartau is also a capital yarn spinner. From his apparently endless repertoire he was able to give a most varied and pleasing selection of vocal gems, all bristling with humour and rendered in a manner which tickled the risibles of all the brethren present.

Cordwainer Ward Lodge, No. 2241.

The election meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday, the 17th inst. Bro. Alderman W. Vaughan Morgan presided, and was assisted by Bros. H. J. Adams, P.G.S.B., Treas.; H. Lovegrove, G.S.B., Sec.; F. W. Potter, P.M.; W. J. Buck, P.M.; J. F. Heppburn, P.M.; P. Braby, C. Braby, F. Stuart, C. Johnson, A. Love, C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury, I.P.M.; and others.

Bros. Maurice B. Adams and F. Dardin were passed. In accordance with the desire of the brethren, Bro. Alderman Morgan (G. Treasurer elect) was re-elected W.M.; Bro. H. J. Adams, P.G.S.B., was re-elected Treasurer—a post which he has held since the formation of the lodge; and Bro. Rawles, Tyler. Several members were absent through illness.

The members afterwards dined together, under the genial presidency of the W.M., who was heartily congratulated on his election as G. Treasurer without a contest.

Baring Lodge, No. 2602.

On Thursday, the 11th inst., at Tucker's Hotel, Cromer, the members of the above lodge assembled in large numbers upon the occasion of the installation of Bro. James Lovelace, P.M., P.P.G.P., in the Master's chair for the year. The lodge was opened by Bro. R. Fenner, P.S.G.W., W.M., who was supported by Bros. James Francis, I.P.M.; J. Lovelace, S.W.; H. W. Churchyard, J.W.; R. G. Sandford, S.D.; E. F. Jarvis, Sec.; James Clark, J.D.; Walter Churchyard, I.G.; Rev. H. Wimple, P.P.G.C., Chap.; H. Rust, H. S. Fowler, Thomas Rust, F. Wortt, D. Davidson, C. Strickland, W. Price, T. Puxley, J. Ellwood, Saul Salkind, and A. Shepherd. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Hamon le Strange, W.M. 52, D.P.G.M.; J. B. Pearce, 52; H. J. Green; F. Mills; E. A. Bracey; H. P. Crowe, 943; Rev. G. Sharley, 1803, P.G.C.; W. H. Smith, 93; S. Bennett, 213, acting; Org.; W. J. Butler, 213; E. Skepper, 1808; E. Spruce, 100; T. H. Fiddy, 807; James Reach, 2041; H. H. Charlton, 1114; W. H. Jones, 30 and 1808; J. H. Wightman, 93; A. Woolbright, 1808; J. W. Becking, 807; A. Bullen, 2309; and others.

The retiring Master installed his successor in the chair, Bro. James Francis acting as D.C., while the charges were delivered by Bro. Hamon le Strange. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. R. Fenner, I.P.M.; W. Churchyard, S.W.; W. G. Sandford, J.W.; Sir Kenneth Kemp, Treas.; E. F. Jarvis, Sec.; J. Clarke, S.D.; A. Shepherd, J.D.; Walter Churchyard, I.G.; H. Rust and T. Puxley, Stewards; J. Francis, D.C.; and W. Smith, Tyler.

After the close of the lodge, the brethren assembled at the Hotel Metropole, where a sumptuous banquet was prepared, over which the newly-installed Master presided.

The usual Craft toasts having been honoured, the W.M. proposed "The D.P.G.M. and Officers of P.G. Lodge."

Bros. Hamon le Strange, Spence, Fenner, Pearce, Butler, Wightman, and Sharpley responded.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was cordially drunk, on the proposition of Bro. Fenner.

The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," for whom Bros. Bullen, J. Reach, Fiddy, and Bocking responded.

Bro. le Strange proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Francis," who briefly acknowledged the toast.

For "The Officers of the Lodge" Bros. W. Churchyard, S.W.; W. G. Sandford, J.W.; and Clarke, S.D., responded.

The proceedings were rendered additionally pleasant by the musical contributions of Bros. Wimple, H. W. Churchyard, Bullen, Bocking, W. Smith, Fenner, and Burroughs.

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Masonic Notes.

It is with very sincere regret we hear that Bro. Lord Plunket, Archbishop of Dublin, is lying somewhat seriously ill at the Palace, Stephen's Green. His Grace was attacked with influenza about a month ago, but his illness has recently caused considerable anxiety to his family and friends. We trust that the Archbishop—

who is a prominent member of the Irish Craft, and has held the office of Grand Chaplain in the Grand Lodge of Ireland for upwards of a quarter of a century—may have strength to rally from his attack, and be speedily restored to health.

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We gather from the published Transactions of the Metropolitan College of the Rosicrucian Society for 1896-7 that the College has had its fair share of the general prosperity which has fallen to Freemasonry during the past year. Sundry candidates were advanced to the Degree of Zelator, and the accounts, though necessarily on a modest scale, show a balance to the good. There is one matter, which is recorded in the minutes of the Quarterly Convocation in October last, which we have read with considerable satisfaction, namely, that the Fratres unanimously resolved to take no notice whatever of the slanderous attacks made by a writer who passes under the name of "Diana Vaughan" on the Rosicrucians. This is in accordance with the opinion we have expressed in our article on the "Anti-Masonic Congress at Trent," where we advise our hyper-sensitive contemporaries on the other side of the Atlantic to concern themselves as little as possible about these slanderers of our fair fame. But more especially is this desirable in the case of "Diana Vaughan," of whose calumnies even the members of the Anti-Masonic Congress appear to have been ashamed.

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According to the *New Zealand Craftsman* for last month, M.E. Comp. George H. Powley, was installed Grand First Principal Z., at the annual convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of New Zealand, held at Auckland, on the 24th January last. Comp. Powley has had a very distinguished Masonic career. He was initiated in the Ara Lodge, No. 348, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1874, and ten years later was installed W.M., being subsequently appointed Prov. S.G. Warden. He was advanced to the Mark in 1875, exalted to the R.A. Degree in 1876, and installed King of the Ara Chapter in 1888. He was perfected Rose Croix in 1877, and ten years later was installed M.W.S., serving a second time in the same capacity last year. He cast in his lot with the New Zealand Constitution, and in 1891 was invested as S.G. Warden. In August 1892, he was installed as first M.E.Z. of the Auckland Prov. Chapter, under the New Zealand Constitution, and in 1894, was installed as Grand Third Principal, and the year following as Second G. Principal and Deputy Z.

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The Supreme Grand Chapter of New Zealand, which started five years since with five English and two Scotch Royal Arch Chapters, now has upon its roll 13 chapters and a Mark Lodge, and according to the *New Zealand Craftsman* there is every reason to anticipate that there will be a further increase during the present year. Its balance sheet for the past year is also represented as being very satisfactory for so small a body.

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A Special Great Priory of the Order of the Temple will be held at Mark Masons' Hall on Thursday, the 8th prox., at 4.45 for 5 p.m., when deputations from the Grand Priory of Ireland and the Chapter General of Scotland will be received. Faith and Fidelity Preceptory will afterwards be opened and a candidate, who has been duly elected, will be received. The Grand Master (the Earl of Euston) will afterwards hold a Priory of the Order of Malta, under the banner of the Faith and Fidelity Preceptory and confer the Degree on any Knight Templar who may have signified his desire of being admitted. The usual banquet will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, at 7.30 p.m., tickets for which, price one guinea each, must be had of the Great Vice-Chancellor, Mark Masons' Hall, not later than Monday, the 5th prox.

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A convocation of the District Grand Chapter of Bombay was held at Freemasons' Hall, Byculla, Bombay, on Tuesday, the 29th December, 1896, under the presidency of M.E. Comp. A. McKenzie, acting Grand Superintendent. There was a full attendance of members, and the Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry in India, M.E. Comp. K. R. Cama, accompanied by the officers of Prov. Grand Chapter (S.C.) were admitted and saluted. Comp. the Hon. H. J. Parsons, one of the Justices of the High Court of Judicature, Bombay, was then installed Pro Grand Superintendent of the District Grand Chapter (E.C.), and appointed and invested the officers for the ensuing year.

At the installation meeting of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 234, held at Freemasons' Hall, Calcutta, on the 15th December last, after the new W.M. had been inducted into office, and had appointed and invested his officers for the year, an address of farewell was presented to Bro. the Hon. Sir H. Thoby Prinsep, the retiring District Grand Master of Bengal, who was initiated in the lodge many years ago, and who had always manifested the greatest interest in its welfare. The presentation was made by the W.M. in a very able speech, and acknowledged with gratitude by Bro. Sir H. T. Prinsep, who briefly reviewed the principal occurrences in the District during his tenure of the office of District Grand Master. The address was quite a work of art, and was enclosed in a very handsome silver casket, bearing an embossed gold crest of the lodge, the coat-of-arms of Bro. Prinsep, and the crest of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal.

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The annual Festival communication 'of the Dist. G. Lodge of the Punjab, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on Monday, the 28th December last, Bro. Major-General Sir G. B. Wolseley, K.C.B., Dist. G. Master, presided and was well supported by his officers and the members, as many as 14 lodges in the district being represented. In the course of the proceedings the Dist. Grand Master delivered an address in which he laid great stress on the unwisdom of brethren enrolling themselves as members of more than one lodge, &c., and he emphasised his remarks by citing the case of a brother who had been a subscribing member of three Craft lodges, five Royal Arch chapters, four Mark lodges, and four Royal Ark Mariner lodges. The brother was well known and exceedingly popular, but he had been suddenly deprived of his appointment, and as a consequence his wife and children had been thrown upon the charity of the Craft. The Dist. G. Master added that he had already tendered his resignation of membership of all his lodges but one, and intended devoting the money thus saved to their local Charities.

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Bro. Sir G. B. Wolseley also impressed upon the Masters and Wardens of the lodges, the necessity of seeing that their by-laws were strictly enforced, and in particular that members were not allowed to fall into arrear with their subscriptions.

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The various Grand Bodies in the State of Mississippi—the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council (R. and S.M.), and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar—held their annual sessions in Bitoxi, during the second week of February. There appears to have been a large attendance at each meeting and the proceedings passed off very harmoniously. The newly-elected presiding officers for the ensuing year are Bro. John S. Cobb, M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge; M.E. Comp. F. P. Jenkins, G.H.P. of Grand Chapter; Comp. Frederick Speed, M.I.G.M. of the Grand Council; and Sir Knight Jas. T. Harrison, Grand Commander. Bro. J. L. Power remains Grand Secretary—or Grand Recorder, as the case may be—of all the Organisations.

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According to the *Voice of Masonry*, Bro. John Stewart, M.W.G.M. of New York, has appointed Bro. Peter Ross, LL.D., of New York City, to be the historian of Masonry in the State, in succession to Bro. Charles T. McClenachan, recently deceased. Bro. Ross, we are told, is P.M., Treasurer, and Historian of Scotia Lodge (New York Constitution), and is the author of several works of repute.

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A regular convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Freemasonry in India, under the Scottish Constitution, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Byculla, Bombay, on the 7th September, 1896, under the presidency of Comp. K. R. Cama, Grand Superintendent and, from the printed report of the Proceedings with which we have been favoured, we learn that Comp. Cama was able to congratulate Provincial Grand Chapter on the satisfactory state of the chapters on its roll. Chapter "Kindred Hope," No. 186, had been revived at Oorgaum, and, as it started afresh on its career with 17 members, there was every reason to anticipate that it would go on and prosper. The only important business at the meeting was the election of Comp. his Excellency Lord Sandhurst, of whose efforts in behalf of Freemasonry the Grand Superintendent spoke in the warmest terms as a Life—that is an Honorary—member of the Provincial Grand Chapter.

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At the recent 110th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey it was unanimously resolved to appoint a Standing Committee, whose duty it shall be to establish a Masonic Home for the care of indigent brethren, their wives and children, in the State. The Committee, when appointed, will have power to purchase property, erect suitable buildings, and take the necessary steps for raising the funds that will be required for the purpose. The proposal evoked considerable enthusiasm, and many subscriptions were at once paid over to the Grand Secretary. The scheme has our best wishes for its success.

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

I think our Grand Master might Masonically celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of our Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, by conferring Past Provincial rank on all Worshipful Masters occupying the chair of King Solomon during the year 1897. That a jewel be struck consisting of an eight-sided figure, with the portrait in the centre of Her Majesty, and on the obverse side that of our Grand Master. This to be worn by all Jubilee Master Masons. In the case of Jubilee Worshipful Masters that the jewel be attached to a Past Master's jewel. The jewel to be called the Victorian Diamond jewel.—Yours fraternally,

MASTER MASON.

Blackburn, March 23rd.

THE FORTHCOMING ELECTION OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

A case in which I am much interested is that of Albert Leslie Spurgeon, whose father, amongst other Masonic engagements, was not only W.M. of the Ixion Lodge, 2501, but also a member and Secretary of the Lennox Browne Lodge, 2318. It is somewhat unfortunate that by inadvertence I was not asked to give my name in favour of the candidature of the boy, because some of my friends consider that the omission thereof from the circulars indicates that I am not in sympathy with the case. On the contrary, I believe it to be a most deserving one, and as it is both a first and last application, any votes that your readers can afford will be thankfully received and faithfully applied.—Yours faithfully,

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Craft Masonry.

Warrant Officers Lodge, No. 2346.

The installation meeting of this young and prosperous lodge, which has attained phenomenal success during its short career, was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 19th inst. Among those present were Bro. W. A. Greene, W.M.; H. B. Dickens, S.W.; John D. Lidbury, J.W.; W. F. Cheeseman, P.M., Sec.; J. P. Newsham, S.D.; W. H. Smith, J.D.; R. H. Johnson, D.C.; G. Gale, I.G.; W. J. Boyle and W. Bailey, Stewards; M. A. McNerny, P.M., P.Z., P.D.G. Std. Br. Gibraltar; J. Hitchings, P.M.; C. A. Pugh, P.M.; L. Solomon, J. Betts, A. Crow, W. Callow, B. Betts, E. Exton, J. Laughton, F. Gumbridge, J. Duffy, Woodcock, J. Buckland, W. Morgan, J. Smith, P. W. Mitchell, W. Norman, C. Woodhatch, F. R. Bruskin, H. Iggueden, G. George, A. Childs, H. Crichton, Parton, J. Dyer, J. F. Dewdney, Shorter, J. Williams, J. J. Mumford, Slade, E. Arnolp, A. G. Bingham, S. T. Hayman, J. Beaven, L. H. Harris, A. Copsey, A. Joyce, J. Depledge, R. B. Depledge, J. R. McGill, J. Winzar, and J. W. Baldwin. Visitors: Bros. Laughton Field, 2308; H. Milward, 1797; J. A. Walter, W.M. 2203; J. Young, 902; J. Berry, S.W. 1817; T. E. Gardner, 2324; A. H. Marks, 1503; Green, 65; W. Hill, 2030; and others.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Messrs. Wm. Kennedy, John Depledge, Richard Barber Depledge, and Alfred Joyce were duly initiated in an impressive manner by Bro. M. A. McNerny, P.M., P.Z., P.D.G. Std. Br. Gibraltar. Bro. W. A. Greene then assumed the chair and installed Bro. H. B. Dickens as W.M. for the ensuing year, which he did with precision and dignity. The following are the officers: Bros. W. A. Greene, I.P.M.; J. D. Lidbury, S.W.; J. P. Newsham, J.W.; A. Malony, P.M., Treas.; W. F. Cheeseman, P.M. 398, Sec.; W. H. Smith, S.D.; G. Gale, J.D.; W. J. Boyle, I.G.; R. Jennings, P.M. 907, D.C.; W. E. Bailey and J. Betts, Stwds.; H. Wall, Org.; J. A. Dent, Asst. Org.; and A. G. Young, Tyler. The delivery of the usual addresses was given by Bro. W. A. Greene, I.P.M., in a very able and masterly manner, and he is to be heartily congratulated on the efficient way in which he carried out the installation ceremony. Bro. H. B. Dickens, W.M., on rising, said a very pleasing duty then awaited him, viz., to present to Bro. Greene, in recognition of his successful year of office, a Past Master's jewel, value £10 10s., together with a Past Master's collar, and, in pinning it on his breast, said—"May it ever remind you of your pleasant year of office as W.M. of the Warrant Officers Lodge." Bro. Greene thanked the W.M. and brethren for the beautiful jewel and collar. The little he had done had been a labour of love.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been offered by the visitors, the brethren adjourned to the Gordon Room of the Holborn Restaurant, where an elegant banquet was served, at which the W.M. very ably presided.

The menu card was well got-up, and special care had evidently been given to this detail, and we noticed some capitally-appropriate Masonic quotations at the heading of each course.

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

Bro. W. A. Greene, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said the W.M., his working, and all his excellent, genial qualities were so well known to the members of the lodge, that he need not recapitulate them. Bro. Dickens was their oldest initiate, and one who would carry out the duties of his office to their satisfaction.

The W.M. proposed "The Initiates," remarking that it was the toast of the evening, and one that was always welcome. He had every reason to believe they would make true and loyal brethren.

Bros. Kennedy, J. Depledge, R. B. Depledge, and Alfred George replied.

In proposing the toast of "The I.P.M.," the W.M. referred to the amount of work Bro. Greene had had during his year of office, and the success attending it.

Bro. W. A. Greene thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kind reception of the toast. What he had done in the past he would only be too ready to do in the future for the good of the lodge.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was replied to by Bro. McNerny, one of the founders, and in few words, said there ought to be six P.Ms. present. It was an honour to be their first W.M. He initiated nearly all the officers, and was proud to see the Warrant Officers Lodge in such a flourishing condition.

"The Visitors" was the next toast, proposed by the W.M., to which Bros. Harris, Walker, Wood, and A. H. Marks replied, Bro. Marks, P.M., observing that it afforded him great pleasure to be a visitor amongst them. It was through lodges of instruction that the good working of any lodge could be a success, and he strongly advised the younger brethren to be members of it.

"The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" having been given and responded to,

The Tyler's toast came, and thus concluded one of the most enjoyable and pleasant evenings of this young and prosperous lodge.

The Warrant Officers Lodge is noted not only for "The feast of reason and the flow of soul," but for its love of instrumental and vocal harmony. On this occasion the brethren were greatly entertained by Bros. Day, J. Ayrey, D. Cornish, H. Jinks, A. Slade, and W. F. Cheeseman, P.M., the worthy Secretary, and his two comic songs, "The noisy cats," and "My pretty Jane," were sung in such a masterly style that those who had the privilege of seeing the wonderful expression on his face will not easily forget. Lucky is the lodge who has such a talented brother.

Alleyn Lodge, No. 2647.

The first meeting of this new lodge was held on Saturday, the 20th inst., at the Half Moon Hotel, Dulwich, S.E., when there were present the following brethren, viz., Bros. C. J. Axford, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Middx., W.M.; John Read, I.P.M., and Sec.; J. Songhurst, P.M. 227, Treas.; Rev. A. E. Woodward, M.A., Chap.; G. W. Capel, S.W.; J. Joel, J.W.; W. H. Stone, S.D.; T. C. Stanley, J.D.; E. J. W. Scott, D.C.; J. F. Henley, Stwd.; and W. A. Hine, W.M. 933. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Bamford, 1580, as Org.; R. Omash, A. D. Jollye, M.R.C.S.; and F. G. Mitchell, Tyler.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the consecration meeting held on the 27th ult., were read and confirmed. Ballots were taken for Messrs. Walter Mars, Harry Harwood, F. J. Ritson, and E. J. Austin, as candidates for initiation in this lodge, which proving favourable, these four gentlemen were regularly initiated into the Order in a very able manner by the W.M., the charge being given by Bro. J. Songhurst, P.M. 227, Treas. Ballots were also taken for the following brethren as joining members of this lodge, viz., Bros. R. Omash, A. D. Jollye, M.R.C.S., and J. W. Stevens, F.S.I., A.R.I.B.A., I.P.M. 2234, which resulted in their favour. Bro. W. H. Stone being present, was invested by the W.M. as S.D., and subsequently Bro. Baron W. E. Von Reiffenstein as I.G. A draft copy of by-laws was submitted and approved. A letter from Bro. H. Lovegrove, G. Std. Br., stating his inability to be present was read. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

The W.M. presided at the supper, supported by all the above mentioned brethren, and including Bro. J. W. Stevens, when a very pleasant and agreeable evening was spent.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts being given, a very successful evening was brought to a close at an early hour.

A vote of thanks was given to Bro. Hine and Mrs. Hine for the admirable manner in which they catered for the material comforts of the brethren on this occasion.

Royal Arch.

Fidelity Chapter, No. 3.

A convocation of this ancient chapter was held on the 5th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Compt. Maj. T. C. Walls, P.Z. 185, P.D.G.D.C., M.E.Z.; W. Radcliffe, P.Z., as H.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z. 1623, P.P.G. Std. Br., J.; W. J. Collens, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., S.E.; Lieut.-Col. Wyndham-Hart, S.N.; J. Heming, P.Z., Treas.; H. Nash, P.S.; G. W. Larter, D.C.; A. B. Spawforth, Stwd.; F. McDougall, P.Z.; A. W. G. Weeks, P.Z.; C. E. Birch, P.Z.; A. H. Larcome, P.Z.; and R. H. Goddard, P.Z. 1623, Janitor. Comps. Dr. J. W. Hinton, P.Z. 84, P.P.G.O. Middx., and Nash were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. John Cooper, P.M. 3, and it being unanimous, he was duly exalted. The ballot was also taken on behalf of Comp. Thomas Kayler, P.Z., late of No. 3, as a joining member. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Sir George D. Harris, President of the Grand Chapter Committee; S. Cochrane, P.G. Treas.; F. Graves, P.Z.; C. Greenwood, P.Z.; J. B. Stevens, P.Z.; C. W. Mapleton, J.; and J. J. Birch, 1st A.S. The chapter was then closed.

An excellent banquet was subsequently partaken of at the Freemasons' Tavern, which was served under the personal superintendence of the manager, and the repast gave unqualified satisfaction.

The customary toasts received full justice.

The evening's proceedings were greatly enhanced by the musical efforts of Comps. Dr. Hinton, J. Heming, P.Z.; W. Radcliffe, P.Z.; and H. Nash; the humorous recitations of Comp. Weeks, P.Z., and the clever card tricks of Comp. Spawforth, whose manipulations are performed with the grace and skill of a professional adept.

Unity and Perseverance Chapter, No. 580.

On Tuesday evening, the 9th inst., the annual installation of Principals and investiture of officers of the above chapter took place in the chapter-rooms at the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, Ormskirk, when the following were duly installed in their respective chairs as follows: Comps. C. Buchanan Spittal, as M.E.Z.; G. Lea, H.; and T. Robinson, J. The Installing Officer was Comp. J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S.B., who performed the ceremony in a most able and impressive manner. The officers were then invested by the newly-installed M.E.Z., Comp. C. Buchanan Spittal, as follows: Comps. H. Pemberton, S.E.; J. Orritt, P.Z., S.N.; J. Eastham, P.Z., Treas.; R. C. Ivy, P.S.; G. Ashurst, A.S.; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; and W. Martindale, Janitor. Afterwards Bro. G. H. Buck, 580, was exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason.

Amongst others present were Comps. R. Walker, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Ball, P.P.A.G. D. of C.; Dr. Soldat, P.Z.; R. H. Leake, P.Z.; R. Winrow, P.Z.; and R. Taylor.

It was announced during the evening that the Grand Superintendent, Comp. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., would this year hold the Provincial Grand Chapter at Ormskirk, on the 23rd prox., and a Committee of the companions of the chapter was chosen to assist in the arrangements.

After the close of the business the companions dined together.

Farringdon Without Chapter, No. 1745.

A meeting of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 22nd ult. Among those present were Comps. Plummer, M.E.Z.; T. Simpson, P.Z., as H.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas., as J.; and Major T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C., S.E. Comp. W. Wellsman, C.C., P.Z. 1589, &c., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The name of Comp. the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., was proposed and seconded to be balloted for as a joining member at the next meeting. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. H. Herbert, H. elect; P. Murphy, J.; J. Young, P.Z.; and G. Herbert, P.Z.

The chapter was then closed; a banquet followed.

A few toasts were given.

Comp. W. Wellsman, C.C., P.Z., in responding to the toast of "The Visitor," expressed regret that there had been no exaltation that evening. He had a great liking for the Royal Arch Degree, and nothing pleased him better than to see the ceremony properly worked. No. 1745 boasted of several good companions, whose abilities as Masonic workers were widely and deservedly known. He had been pleased to visit the chapter, and had thoroughly enjoyed their profuse hospitality. In conclusion, he trusted that he might have an opportunity of visiting them again, and that at no distant date. The proceedings then terminated.

Lodges and Chapter of Instruction.

YORK LODGE, No. 236.

At a monthly meeting of the above lodge held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, on the 8th inst., Bro. F. W. Laughton in the chair, the ceremony of passing was gone through, and subsequently officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows: Bros. H. Foster, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Preceptor; J. H. Wray, Treas.; and T. C. Thompson, Sec.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 298.

The third monthly meeting was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale, when there were present Bros. Townend, W.M.; Oldham, 2120, I.P.M.; E. D. Taylor, 2156, S.W.; W. Shepherd, J.W.; W. Butterworth, 363, Chap.; W. Kenworth, S.D.; James Clegg, J.D.; F. W. Turner, I.G.; John Whitaker, P.M. 298; C. E. Collingwood, P.M. 298, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Tonge, P.M., 298; W. O. Steinthal, J. Meadowcroft, J. J. Taylor, 363; F. Simpson, and J. E. Kay, 2156.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Several brethren who had been proposed for membership of this lodge were duly balloted for and admitted. The ceremony of installation was then undertaken, Bro. Collingwood, P.M. 298, P.P.J.G.D., acting as candidate, the charge to the initiates being given by Bro. J. J. Taylor, and the addresses by Bro. Meadowcroft. The lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and closed down in due form respectively to the First Degree. Bro. Whitaker, P.M. 298, the Instructor, should have given an address on "Initiation," but owing to his suffering from a severe cold, it was deferred to next meeting. Officers were then appointed for next meeting, and the lodge was closed. It might be pointed out that none of the officers at this meeting, or brethren who took part in the ceremony have passed the chair at any lodge, and the very successful working must have been very gratifying to the Instructor and the brethren generally, and will in good time bear rich Masonic fruits. The lodge is open to any brethren in the district.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. T. A. Tidy, W.M.; H. E. Mullins, S.W.; H. Raphael, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M.; Preceptor; W. E. Willby, P.M., Sec.; J. Pringle, S.D.; C. Pinnell, J.D.; J. C. Goldstein, I.G.; W. Proctor, P.M.; Tyler; L. S. Geneze, G. A. Sturgess, R. Chalmers, A. A. Butcher, C. Holmes, M. Beedle, and F. A. Zeppenfeld.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read. Bro. Zeppenfeld a candidate for passing was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Zeppenfeld being the candidate. Bro. Sturgess, a candidate for raising was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Sturgess being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the dues were collected at the first rising. At the second, Bro. H. E. Mullins, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. After the third rising, all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

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. Smith, W.M.; C. T. Rayner, S.W.; V. J. R. Longman, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; J. W. Clarke, P.M., P.G.P. Middx., Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Her's, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; C. Isler, S.D.; F. H. Johnson, J.D.; H. J. Kembell, sen., I.G.; R. Philip Upton, P.M.; J. Birks, A. F. Hardyment, C. Bone, L. Danielsson, W. T. Roberts, and A. E. Armfelt.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Birks being the candidate, followed by that of passing, Bro. Danielsson being the candidate. Bro. Hancock rehearsed the traditional history of the Third Degree. Bro. C. T. Rayner was elected W.M. for the next unappropriated meeting. The lodge was then closed.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 19th inst. Present: Comps. W. Dawson, M.E.Z.; S. Derham, H.; C. Plant, J.; Thos. Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; Cureton, P.Z., S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Snelling, Walker, Eckersall, Loader, Hurdell, and Dunn.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Snelling personating the candidate. Comp. Plant, J., was elected M.E.Z. for Friday, the 2nd prox. The chapter was then closed.

The annual supper will take place at the Surrey Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 7th prox. The chair will be taken by Comp. W. Eckersall, M.E.Z. 1275, at 7 p.m.

Obituary.

BRO. J. H. SILLITOE, P.G. STD. BR.

Bro. James H. Sillitoe, who was one of the most prominent figures in East Lancashire Masonry, and whose death, as recorded in our "Notes" of last week, the brethren of that large and influential Province are so deeply and sincerely deploring, had been a member of our Order for upwards of 30 years, having been initiated in the Lodge of Affability, No. 317, Manchester, in 1866. Six years later he was installed its W.M., and having in the interim joined the Humphrey Chetham Lodge, No. 645, was, for the second time, placed in the chair of K.S., in 1876, his year of office as W.M. of that well-known and highly-esteemed lodge being a most exceptional one. For these and other services loyally rendered to the Province, he was thrice successively honoured with the collar of a Provincial Officer, firstly, as Prov. A.G.D. of C., then as Prov. G.D. of C., and, lastly, as Prov. J.G.W. In the year 1887, he was one of those prominent Provincial brethren who, in commemoration of her Majesty's Jubilee, had the brevet rank of a Past Grand Officer of England, the collar awarded to him being that of Past G. Std. Br. In Royal Arch Masonry, in which he more particularly distinguished himself, and in which the services he rendered the Grand Superintendent of East Lancashire were above praise, he was exalted in the chapter attached to his mother lodge, No. 317, and bearing the same name, in 1870, and occupied the chair of First Principal in the years 1874 and 1875. In 1878 he was founder and first M.E.Z. of the Chorlton Chapter, No. 1387, and was re-elected to preside over it during a second term of office, in 1879. Here he attained to even greater distinction than in Craft Masonry, at least, as regards Provincial honours, and, having filled the minor offices of Prov. G.D.C. and Prov. 1st Asst. G.S., was appointed in 1884 and 1885 Prov. G.J., and in 1886 and following years Prov. G.H., while in 1887 he received brevet rank in Supreme Grand Chapter as Past Dep. G.D.C. Since then he has rendered still more brilliant services to Royal Arch Masonry, nor of late has there been any prominent event in this branch of Masonry in East Lancashire in which Comp. Sillitoe has not taken either the most conspicuous or one of the most conspicuous parts. So high, indeed, did these services stand in the estimation of our East Lancashire companions that it is not more than about a year since that he was presented by M.E. Comp. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, G. Supt., on behalf of the Province, with a very handsome testimonial, accompanied by an address, in which the full success of his labours on behalf of R.A. Masonry were worthily recognised. Bro. Sillitoe, did not confine his whole attention to lodge and chapter. He was likewise a most zealous supporter of our Charitable Institutions, but more especially of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution, with which he was connected from its very foundation, and for which he was for very many years the Treasurer. His latest service in connection with this local Charity was in 1885, when he took a leading part in organising the memorable festival held in its behalf on the 1st July of that year. He was also an active worker on the Prov. Charity Committee, and frequently visited the Metropolis at election times, when he had the opportunity of helping the candidates from his Province. As we remarked last week, the loss of so experienced and indefatigable a brother as this is one that must of necessity be felt throughout the whole Province, nor will that loss be more deeply lamented than by the distinguished Mason, Bro. Col. Starkie, to whom in his two-fold

capacity of Prov. Grand Master and Grand Superintendent, Bro. Sillitoe had acted for many years as one of his most trusted counsellors, and in Royal Arch Masonry as his right hand man. The large numbers of brethren from all parts of the province who were present at the graveside to pay their last tribute of respect to his memory, and the many wreaths that were sent as marks of the love and esteem in which he was held, testify alike to the severity of the blow which has fallen upon East Lancashire, and the sincerity of the grief that is shown everywhere for the death of our lamented brother. For ourselves, we cannot close this brief record of his Masonic career without renewing the sympathy we expressed last week with the family and friends, both Masonic and un-Masonic, of him of whom it unhappily devolves to speak as our late Bro. James H. Sillitoe.

BRO. BENJAMIN FULLWOOD.

It is with great regret we have to announce the death of Bro. Benjamin Fullwood, who passed away peacefully at his residence, Avila House, Farquhar-road, Upper Norwood, on Monday, the 15th inst., at the age of 78. A great deal of his time was spent in furthering the objects of Freemasonry. For 40 years he had been a Freemason, and gained high honours in every lodge of which he became a member. He was a P.Z. of the St. John's Chapter, No. 323, Torquay, and in 1878 was P.M. of the same lodge. In the West Kent Chapter, No. 1297, he became M.E.Z. in the year 1885. Jubilee year he was presented with an illuminated address on the occasion of his acting as Steward at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in appreciation of his valued services, when the amount of £19,229 1s. was raised by the exertions of 384 Stewards. During his term of office in the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507, he obtained the rank of P.Z. In 1888 a gold watch was publicly presented to him in the Crystal Palace, bearing the following inscription: "Presented by the committee of management of the Crystal Palace Chapter to Excellent Companion Benjamin Fullwood as a mark of esteem and in recognition of his past services rendered as M.E.Z." For the past 17 years he was a member of the Fine Arts Club in the Palace, and he will be greatly missed by all those who knew him. In the earlier years of his life he was Town Councillor for Wolverhampton. His remains were interred in Norwood Cemetery, on Friday, the 19th inst., after 20 years residence in the Farquhar-road, Upper Norwood.

BRO. THOMAS BULL, P.M., P.Z., TREAS. 145.

We very much regret to record the death of the above brother, which occurred, after a long illness, on the 12th instant, at Great Chapel-street, Westminster. Our brother was as well known in Westminster and respected, as he was with members of the Craft, for the last 25 years; and a liberal supporter of all Charities and Institutions, Masonic and otherwise. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, the 17th instant, at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, and the interment afterwards at Norwood Cemetery. A very large number of parishioners and brethren attended, both of Prudent Brethren and The Abbey Lodge (Westminster), No. 2030, of which he was one of the founders, in 1884, and D.C. from then till his death. The W.M. of 145, Bro. Cheese, with the Secretary, Bro. David Haslett, P.M., and many others were present, in token of respect and grief, with sprigs of acacia. The Abbey Lodge (Westminster) was represented by Bros. J. H. Montague, W.M.; G. White, S.W., W.M. elect; Frank Todman, J.W.; J. Gibson, P.M., Treas.; H. E. Poole, Sec.; C. C. Piper, P.M.; J. E. Smith, I.P.M. (Vestry Clerk); R. E. H. Goffin, P.M.; W. Bonnick, P.M.; A. T. Jaffery, W. Bex, John Kent, T. Flury, C. Sweeting, W. Balchin, W. Pain, T. W. Davies, W. Weeden, W. Hill, G. Everett, J. A. Yapp, J. Hamblin, H. O. Hamborg, J. Squires, and John E. Shand. There were also present Bros. W. Cleghorn, P.M., Sec.; Swingle, G. P. W. Terry, F. A. Pratten, J. Shepherd, T. K. White, and S. Causley. There were 49 beautiful wreaths from family, friends, brethren, and others; one from the Prudent Brethren Lodge and Chapter, The Abbey Lodge (Westminster), The Abbey Lodge of Instruction, the staff of the Westminster Town Hall, the A Division of Police, Bro. and Mrs. Flury, Bro. and Mrs. Schmidt, Bro. and Mrs. Nicholls, and the Vestry of St. Margaret and St. John, Westminster, of which he had for many years been Auditor. The funeral arrangements were carried out with great solemnity and regularity by the well-known firm of funeral furnishers and old friend, Bro. Thomas Cocks (2030) and Son. Great sympathy has been shown and expressed with deceased's wife and family, and, as we knew our brother well, we desire to share in the sympathy felt with them in their bereavement.

THE MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

The 73rd annual meeting of the above Company is to be held on 2nd prox., when a gratifying report of a prosperous year's working will be submitted for adoption. This popular office, whose centre of operation is at Manchester, with branches at all the principal commercial inland towns, and whose influence, by the same means, extends to the United States, Melbourne, Cape Town, Calcutta, and Buenos Ayres, is an excellent example of discreet administration and a masterly control of a considerable financial system. The new report furnishes the following interesting particulars. The net fire premiums amounted to £731,487; the net fire profit realised £42,198; and the interest on investments, &c., yielded £21,308; making a total of £63,506; the dividends, &c., distributed for the year totalled £35,411, and there were added to the funds from the fire account £28,095, and by assets received from the Times Mutual, Sprinkler and Cambridge Fire Offices, all of which have been recently transferred to the Manchester, £30,000; thus making the total increase in funds, £58,095; which have now reached the substantial figure of £754,282. The remarkable developments in the funds of the Company in recent years deserve the widest publicity. At the 31st December, 1890, the funds in hand amounted to £307,452; in 1892 they increased to £493,600; 1894, £680,053; and in 1896 as already quoted. In the face of such results criticism would be invidious.

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Masonic and General Tidings

DOWN TO Thursday night the Mansion House Indian Famine Relief Fund amounted to £457,000.

THE BRITISH CHANNEL SQUADRON sailed on Saturday last from Gibraltar on a short cruise, and was to return to port on Thursday, the 25th inst.

THE DUKE OF YORK, attended by the Hon. Derek Keppel, honoured Bro. Earl and Countess Carrington with his presence at dinner on Saturday evening last.

WE HAVE MUCH PLEASURE in announcing that the Prince George Lodge, No. 308, Todmorden, has subscribed the sum of £8 9s. towards the Indian Famine Relief Fund.

BRO. LORD CHARLES BERESFORD returned to London from Paris towards the end of last week, and will be followed by Lady Charles Beresford before the end of the month.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR (Bro. Lord Halsbury) and Lady Halsbury have returned to town from their visit to Ireland, his lordship having completely recovered from his attack of influenza.

THE ALBANY LODGE, No. 2652, the latest addition to the Surrey roll, is to be consecrated at the Albany Club, Kingston-on-Thames, next Friday (April 2nd), by the Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow, the P.G.M. of Surrey.

THE PRESIDENT and Council of the Incorporated Law Society have decided to create a fund, to be known as "The Victoria Pension Fund," the income of which shall be devoted to providing pensions for life, or for a shorter period, for necessitous solicitors and their families.

THE FIRST-CLASS cruiser Europe, which has a total length of 462 ft. and breadth 69 ft., with a displacement of 11,000 tons, was successfully launched for her Majesty's government at Clydebank on Saturday last. Her armament, which is very powerful, will include 16 6-inch guns and 12 12-pounders.

THE YACHTS Britannia (owned by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales) and Ailsa were both entered for the Grand Prix du Monte Carlo on Saturday last, and after a splendid race over a course of 25 miles, the Ailsa passed the winning post first, the times being Ailsa 5 h. 24 m. 25 sec.; Britannia 5 h. 40 m. 13 sec.

MESSRS. STREET AND CO., Advertising Agents, of 30, Cornhill, E.C., and 54 Serle-street, W.C., announce that, in consequence of their increasing business, and for the convenience of their West-end clients, they will open on Monday, April 5th, a branch establishment at 164, Piccadilly, W.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY paid his first visit to Croydon on Monday for the purpose of preaching the sermon at the 301st anniversary of the Whitgift foundation. The Mayor was present, wearing his robes and chain of office. After partaking of luncheon at the vicarage, his Grace returned to town.

BRO. THE DUKE OF PORTLAND, Master of the Horse, has written publicly in denunciation of "an unnecessarily tight bearing rein" to horses. His Grace remarks that a bearing rein, when properly fitted, is, in many instances, a necessary and useful appliance, "but it becomes an instrument of torture and a hideous eyesore when it is too tight or badly adjusted."

BROS. A. AKERS-DOUGLAS, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart. (Chancellor of the Exchequer), the Duke of Devonshire, Lord George Hamilton, and Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., were among the Ministers present at the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Saturday last.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Press Club will take place at Freemasons' Tavern on Tuesday next, the 3rd prox., when the chair will be occupied by the President of the Club. Amongst the guests who have accepted invitations to be present are Lord Russell of Killowen, Lord Chief Justice of England; Bro. Maj.-Gen. Sir F. Grenfell, Bro. W. E. Macartney, M.P.; Mr. A. W. Pinero, and Mr. H. Beerbohm Tree.

BRO. MAJOR-GENERAL LORD METHUEN, commanding the Home District, has accepted, on behalf of the Home District Rifle Meeting Committee, a casket valued at upwards of £1000 for competition by teams of eight men from the Guards' Brigade and all Volunteer Brigades in the Home District, under conditions which will presently be arranged by the Committee. The donor is Mr. Thomas R. Dewar, of Peith.

THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY has been suffering from an attack of influenza in a mild form, which prevented him from attending the Cabinet Council which was held at the Foreign Office on Saturday last. But his lordship has greatly improved since. Bro. W. Hume Long, another Cabinet Minister, has also had an attack of the same complaint, but he, too, we are glad to say, has sufficiently recovered to allow of his leaving for the country.

THE QUEEN, accompanied by her Grand Ducal Highness Princess Louise of Battenberg and attended by the Countess of Antrim, drove over to Beaulieu on Monday afternoon and took tea with the Marchioness of Salisbury. On her return her Majesty drove slowly through the town in order that she might witness the annual festival. Viscount Cross is the Minister in attendance on her Majesty and had the honour of being included in the Royal dinner party.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL of the Metropolitan Hospital was held in the Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole, on Tuesday, the 18th inst. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor presided, and was supported by Alderman and Sheriff Ritchie, and Bro. Sheriff Rogers, and at the high table were Lieut.-Col. Montefiore, Alderman Samuel, the Baron de Bush, Mr. Leopold Rothschild, Mr. Deputy Woodrow, Bro. H. Lovegrove, G.S.B.; Bro. C. J. Thomas, C.C.; Mr. Coleman Jeffries, and many others, about 140 in all. Some excellent speeches were made, and a substantial sum raised for this deserving charity.

THE GERMAN GYMNASIUM SOCIETY had a cold collation at their quarters in St. Pancras-road, on Monday evening, in honour of the centenary of the birth of the late Emperor William I. About 800 guests were present, among them being the German Ambassador, Prince Hohenlohe, a relative of the German Chancellor, the German Consul General in London, and a number of the German residents. The meeting was a very festive one, while an appropriate selection of music by an orchestra, led by Bro. Lieut. Dan Godfrey, added greatly to the pleasure of all present.

BRO. SIR JOHN H. MAXWELL stated at the annual general meeting of the General Court of Governors of the Royal Caledonian Asylum that an anonymous donor had presented the institution with the sum of £12,000 in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and as a memorial of the late Duke of Albany, who was a great friend of the Asylum. In making the announcement, Sir J. Maxwell remarked that the Duchess of Albany was one of the most generous patronesses of the Asylum, and it was further stated that at the next election in June, all applicants for the benefits of the institution would be elected without a ballot in celebration of the Jubilee.

LAW AND CITY COURTS COMMITTEE.—On Monday, the presentation banquet of this Committee to meet the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs took place at the Albion Tavern. It is the custom of the members to present the outgoing Chairman of the Committee with a token of appreciation, and this year the honour fell to Bro. Millar Wilkinson. The Chairman, in proposing the toast of the evening, referred to the excellent services rendered by the past Chairman. He concluded by presenting him, on behalf of the Committee, with a handsome piece of plate. Bro. Millar Wilkinson, in acknowledging the gift, modestly disclaimed any special merit on his own account, and ascribed all the successes of the Committee during the past year to the efforts of the legal members.

LORD MAYOR PHILLIPS, supported by the Lady Mayoress and the Bishop of London, presided at the annual public meeting, held at the Mansion House on Saturday last, of the Hospital Saturday Fund. The report showed the total income for the past year to have been £21,604, which included workshop collection amounting to £16,337, and street collection £4,884. Of this, close on £18,110 was awarded, as against £17,650 the previous year. His lordship expressed his belief that the efforts that were being made under the auspices of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for the London Hospitals would not in any way interfere with the Hospital Saturday or any other Charity, and a resolution wishing all success to his Royal Highness's effort on behalf of the London Hospitals was unanimously passed.

THE 50th performance of "My Friend the Prince," will take place at the Garrick Theatre on boat race evening, Saturday, April 3rd.

AMONGST the latest contributors to the Lady Mayoress's Branch of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund are the Barnato, Great Northern, and Tredegar Lodges, with £10 10s., £7 11s. 6d., and £5 5s. respectively.

AT A MEETING of his party in the London County Council Bro. the Earl of Onslow announced his desire to resign his office as their leader, but at the unanimous wish of the members his lordship consented to act for another year.

THE ANNUAL general meeting of the Actors' Association will take place on the stage of the Lyceum on Friday, April 23rd. Bro. Sir Henry Irving, who has always taken an active interest in this institution, will preside on the occasion.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES has consented to act as Honorary President of the International Congress of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, which will be held at the Imperial Institute in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

BRO. THE DUKE OF FIFE has kindly consented to distribute the prizes in connection with the educational classes and athletic clubs of the Central Young Men's Christian Association at Exeter Hall, Strand, W.C., on Monday, the 29th instant, at 8 p.m.

THE BARONESS DE HIRSCH has forwarded to the Lord Mayor of London, who is president of the Jews' Hospital and Orphan Asylum at Norwood, a donation of £1000 towards the fund which is in course of being raised towards the opening of the new wing next month.

A PETITION to Parliament praying the Government to secure the Crystal Palace and Grounds as a permanent place of recreation for the people of London, is being promoted by the Camberwell Vestry, who are inviting other public bodies to unite with them in their appeal.

THE 1ST BATTALION Seaforth Highlanders embarked at Malta on board the Peninsular and Oriental Company's steamer Clyde for service in Crete. The vessel was berthed alongside the wharf at daybreak, and by 9 a.m. she was able to leave the port on her voyage to Canea.

BRO. OSCAR BARRETT's pantomime of "Aladdin" at Drury Lane will come to a close to-morrow (Saturday) evening, after an exceptionally brilliant season. For harmless fun and beautiful effects it has certainly not been surpassed, if indeed it has been equalled, by any production of its class.

IT IS SAID that at the Commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee the Royal Navy will be represented by some 3000 seamen and marines and that 150 cadets from the training ship at Dartmouth, for whom accommodation will be provided in the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, will also be present.

THE COUNTESS OF WARWICK has taken up her residence at 50, South Audley-street, having left Warwick Castle, where she had been staying since her accident in the hunting field. It is expected that Bro. the Earl of Warwick, who has been fishing in Ireland, and had some capital sport, will not come to town till the end of next month.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT arrived in Berlin on Saturday evening last, and was met at the station by the Ambassador, Sir Frank Lascelles, and the staff of the Embassy. His Royal Highness, who was attended by Bro. Lord Methuen and other officers, resided during his stay with the Empress Frederick, and was representative of the Queen at the centenary of the birth of the late Emperor William I.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES, with the Princess Victoria and the Princess Louise (Duchess of Fife), and attended by Miss Knollys and Vice-Admiral Stephenson, left Charing Cross, en route for Copenhagen, early on Tuesday morning, there being present on the platform to witness their departure the Duke of York and Bro. the Duke of Fife, as well as the Danish Minister and Madame de Bille.

THE PRINCESS MARY, DUCHESS OF TRICK, attended by Miss Tufnell and Major Sebight, visited the Kensington Town Hall on Tuesday for the purpose of opening a three days' bazaar in aid of the work of which the French Reformed Church, Bayswater, is the centre. Her Royal Highness was received on her arrival by the Countess of Harrowby and otheradies, and before her departure was accorded a vote of thanks for her kindness in attending.

BRO. TURLE LEE'S CONCERT.—The popular musical director of the Chough Musical Society (Bro. Turle Lee), gave his annual concert on Friday, in the Great Hall of the Cannon-street Hotel. The hall was full. The programme was of a more varied character than the Choughs generally have placed before them, and the little change which had been effected in that respect was much appreciated by those present. The concert was in every way a great success.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Newsvendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution will be held under the presidency of the Earl of Crewe at the Holborn Restaurant on Thursday, the 24th April. It has been decided to place all donations during 1897 to the credit of the Royal Victoria Pension Fund, by way of commemorating the 60th year of the Queen's reign. The Fund was inaugurated by the Queen 10 years ago, with a view to assisting the widows and orphans of newsvendors.

BROS. LORD HERSHELL, P.S.G.W., late Lord Chancellor of England; W. E. Tomlinson, M.P., J.G.D.; Right Hon. Leonard Courtney, M.P.; C. J. Monk, M.P., Chancellor of Gloucester and Bristol Diocese; Rt. Hon. Sir H. H. Fowler, Bro. Major Henry Wright, and Lord Justice Sir A. L. Smith were amongst the congregation to hear the new Bishop of London on Sunday at Lincoln's Inn Chapel. The prayers were intoned and Litany sung by Bro. C. J. Ball, P.M. 2076, Chaplain of the Inn.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT at the third evening party given by the Countess Stanhope at her residence in Grosvenor-place on Saturday evening last were Bro. the Earl and Countess of Arran, Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Valentia, Lord and Lady Sherborne, Bro. Lord Glenesk, Lord and Lady Harris, Bro. the Right Hon. G. J. Shaw Lefevre, the Hon. Sir W. Colville, Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., Sir Lewis Morris, Bro. Sir Mark Stewart, M.P., and Lady and Miss Stewart, Bro. General Sir Redvers Buller and Lady A. Buller, Bro. Loder, M.P., and Lady Louise Loder, and Admiral and Lady Edith Adeane.

AS TO THE open-air service on the 22nd of June at St. Paul's Cathedral, its central feature will be a specially-composed Te Deum. The composition has been entrusted to Bro. Dr. Martin, Organist of St. Paul's, who is now engaged upon it. He will have some 250 voices, taken from the choirs of St. Paul's, St. George's, Windsor, Westminster Abbey, and the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace. The choir will stand prominently on the west steps of St. Paul's, around the clergy. A special organ is to be erected in one of the recesses on one side of the West Front, and band instruments may be called into use to give volume of sound in the great open space.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY, attended by Bro. Sir Robert and Lady Collins, having first of all honoured the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress with her presence at luncheon at the Mansion House, inaugurated the new Ladies' Guild of the British and Foreign Sailor's Society. The meeting was held in the Egyptian Hall, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, a guard of honour composed of Royal Naval Reserve men, now in training on board H.M.S. President, being drawn up in the saloon. Subscriptions to the amount of £879 were announced by the Secretary, and before the proceedings terminated, her Royal Highness received purses containing at least a sovereign each from some 400 juvenile collectors, to each of whom she handed a souvenir volume. Telegrams of sympathy with the movement were received from the Duke of Cambridge and Bro. the Duke of Fife.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD that the main branch of the Civil Service will hold a promenade concert for the double purpose of celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and assisting the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London. The Council of the Imperial Institute have agreed to grant the use of their magnificent hall and adjoining rooms for the occasion, and the date fixed is Tuesday, the 27th April. The Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury, has agreed to act as President of the Organising Committee, and among the Honorary Vice-Presidents are Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor) and the Duke of Devonshire, the Duke of Norfolk, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Earl Cadogan, Earl Stanhope, Bros. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Ashbourne, and Lord Herschell, Lord James of Hereford, Bro. Lord George Hamilton, the Speaker of the House of Commons (Bro. W. C. Gully, Q.C.), Bro. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Bart., Bro. Sir M. White Ridley Bart., Sir William Harcourt, the Right Hon. J. Chamberlain, Henry Chaplin, Bro. A. Akers-Douglas, and Bro. W. Hume Long.

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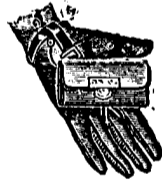
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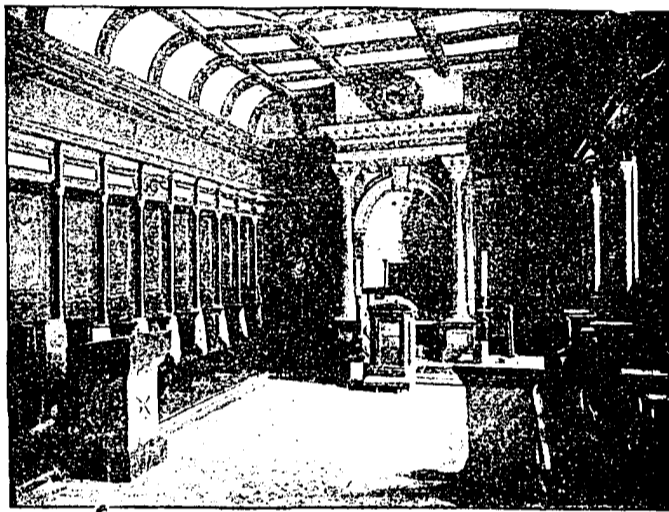
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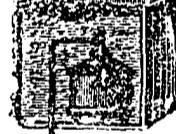
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For the week ending Saturday, April 3rd, 1897.

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 29.**CRAFT LODGES.**

79, Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich.
1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

188, Joppa, Guildhall Tavern.
1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
1675, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

155, Lullingstone, Bridge House Hotel.

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, Midway Tavern, Ball's Pond-road, N., 7.30.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.
Perseverance, Ridter's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, 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 30.

(No Meetings.)

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, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31.**CRAFT LODGES.**

898, Temperance in the East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar.
1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

435, Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1471, Islington, Great Eastern Hotel.

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.
Creston, 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, Amlerst-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, APRIL 1.**CRAFT LODGES.**

10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel.
45, Strong Man, Guildhall Tavern.
742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace.
822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel.
1216, Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1331, St. Clement Danes, Holborn Restaurant.
1672, Mornington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1707, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel.
1772, Pimlico, Victoria Mansions Restaurant.
1790, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.
2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.
2512, Fulham, Town Hall.
2580, Crouch End, Gate House, Highgate.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

2, Chapter of St. James, Freemasons' Hall.
1716, All Saints', Vestry Hall, Bow.

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.
Elliot, 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, Sterling 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.
South 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, APRIL 2.**CRAFT LODGES.**

90, St. John's, Albion Tavern.
54, Yarborough, London Tavern.
890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.
1459, Marquess of Ripon, Holborn Restaurant.
1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.
2488, Eccentric, Criterion.
2511, St. John at Hackney, Old Town Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

259, Prince of Wales, Whitehall Rooms.
2488, Eccentric, 33, Golden-square.
2511, St. John at Hackney, Old Town Hall.

MARR LODGE.

454, Tuscan, 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, Fishmonger's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 91, Church-st., Stoke Newington, 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, Chomert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8

SATURDAY, APRIL 3.**CRAFT LODGES.**

1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1949, Brixton, Anderton's Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
Duke of Connaught, The Lord Napier, West Side, London Fields, at 8.
Ebury, The Rockingham, Newington Causeway, at 8.
Eccleston, Victoria Tavern, 46 Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.
Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Perry Hill, Catford, at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Star, New Cross House, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.

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