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

The third and last of the great Charitable Festivals of the year—that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—will be held at the Hotel Cecil, on Wednesday, the 30th June. Bro. Lord HENRY CAVENDISH-BENTINCK, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, has very kindly arranged to preside as Chairman, and as the Board of Stewards, though small by comparison with those which Bro. MCLEOD, the Secretary of the Institution, has been fortunate enough, with the single exception of 1892, to organise during the years he has held office, is an efficient one, we are not without hopes that if the Returns do not approximate very closely to that of last year or the year before, they will not be quite unworthy of the year in which her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee will be celebrated. We recognise, of course, that the difficulties which the Stewards will experience in their canvass for subscriptions and donations will be very great. The two Festivals which have been already held—those of the Benevolent Institution and Girls' School—have been eminently, if not pre-eminently, successful, having together produced upwards of £35,000, and though there are many who will regard this fact as auguring well for a commensurate return in the case of this Institution, we cannot shut our eyes to the possibility that in this, as in other cases, those who come last are not likely to fare, or even do so well as those who have gone before. Moreover, we must bear in mind that every institution which depends wholly or chiefly for support on the voluntary contributions of the benevolent, and many that are not so dependent, are straining every nerve to raise an additional amount of subscriptions or for some special fund in commemoration of the QUEEN'S completion of a reign of 60 years. These funds are being raised in all directions and as the Societies or Institutions by which these special appeals are being made are for the most part worthy of support, it is on the cards that the result of this particular appeal may be less satisfactory than we desire to see it. There is still a third reason which operates unfavourably. Next year the Boys' School will celebrate the centenary of its foundation under the gracious auspices of its President, H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, K.G., M.W.G. Master, and there will be lodges and brethren innumerable who will prefer to reserve their efforts and husband their resources for that important gathering. However, we believe in being hopeful

within reason; we know that the Chairman as well as the ladies and brethren who have promised their services as Stewards will use their efforts to ensure a successful result, and if Bro. MCLEOD, in the five weeks that remain to him, can manage to augment his present Board of about 320, to one of about the same strength as those which worked so well for the two Festivals that have already been celebrated, there is at least a chance that the Boys' School may not, after all, fare the worst of our Charities in the keen competition for support which has been in progress during the whole of the present year.

As for the claims which the Boys' School has upon the generous support of our lodges and brethren, they must be patent to everybody who has even the slightest acquaintance with its history. At the present time it has on its establishment nearly 280 boys, and the sum required to maintain, educate, and clothe these children is, in round figures, £13,000. Towards defraying this annual cost, the permanent income arising from invested capital and the grants by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter may be set down at about £2000, so that the deficiency to be made good every year is £11,000. Since the new régime came into force in 1890, the appeals annually addressed to the brethren by successive Chairmen and Boards of Stewards, has been so successful that the Institution has not only been able to pay its way, but, at the same time, has increased its investments from £17,500, at which figure they stood when the Board of Management and the Secretary entered upon their duties, to over £50,000, and has also paid over the purchase money, amounting to £13,000, for the new site at Bushey, Herts, for the new School premises. Thus under the present management the financial affairs of the Institution have been administered both efficiently and economically, while, as regards the education and training which the boys receive from Bro. the Rev. H. HEBB and his staff, the success of those who are entered for the Cambridge Local and other public examinations, and the reports of the independent examiners, who have been invited to test the merits of the School, are proof sufficient of their excellence. We are aware that the scheme which was adopted last year for removing the School to another site and the purchase of the estate at Bushey have met with a certain amount of opposition, while the letters which have recently appeared in our columns from "Life Governor," show that there are still well-intentioned brethren who are somewhat prone to criticise the acts of the Board of Management before troubling themselves to master the facts. But the new site has been purchased for a not unreasonable sum and there is absolutely nothing to suggest the idea that the authorities have it in contemplation to commit themselves to an exorbitant outlay in the erection of the new buildings. We trust, therefore, that differences of opinion on a question of policy which has been adopted by a large majority of the Governors and Subscribers, will not be allowed to stand in the way of the School obtaining the support which it absolutely requires for its efficient maintenance, and that every possible prominence will be given to the success with which the financial as well as the educational arrangements have been carried out during the last seven years. We trust, too, that there will be such a result obtained on the 30th June next as will enable the Board of Management not only to defray the expenses for the current year, but also to make further investments and thereby augment the present limited income of the Institution. There are many candidates and not always many vacancies to be filled.

## THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

A momentous change has taken place this week in the *personnel* of the Grand Officers of Ireland. Our R.W. Bro. R. W. SHEKLETON, Q.C., who has for nearly 30 years discharged the duties of Deputy Grand Master in the sister jurisdiction, has found that the burden of increasing years renders it necessary for him to place his resignation in the hands of the M.W.G.M., his Grace the Duke of ABERCORN. Three years ago, when circumstances first led Bro. SHEKLETON to contemplate retirement, an enthusiastic request on the part of Grand Lodge to reconsider his determination induced him to continue at his arduous, if exalted, post. But the strain has been severe, and, in view of the heavy exactions of the QUEEN'S commemoration fêtes, the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master have no option but to accede to his reiterated request, though with unfeigned reluctance and most sincere regret at losing the skilful and kindly guidance by which the Craft has so largely profited during more than a quarter of a century. Happily, our illustrious brother is still spared to the Grand Lodge over which he so long presided, unimpaired in intellect, and unsurpassed in devotion to the Craft. Long may he continue to be at hand for counsel and advice!

A competent successor to Bro. R. W. SHEKLETON is not to be found every day, and the Grand Lodge of Ireland is singularly fortunate in the selection made by his Grace the Duke of ABERCORN. The new Deputy Grand Master has been nominated in the person of the present Grand Treasurer, R.W. Bro. JAMES CREED MEREDITH, LL.D., who will, we understand, be installed at the June Communication of Grand Lodge. No appointment could be more popular in the Irish Craft. Our Irish brethren have had long experience of Bro. Dr. MEREDITH'S zeal and ability as a Grand Officer. Lately, when commenting on Bro. CHETWODE CRAWLEY'S seventeen years of continuous service as a Grand Officer, we drew the inference that when our good brethren of the Sister Grand Lodge got hold of an efficient Grand Officer, they knew how to retain him. But R.W. Bro. MEREDITH'S record beats even this. If we mistake not, he is in the twentieth year of his consecutive service as Grand Officer, having held in succession every post to which his brethren could elect him. Prominent as Bro. MEREDITH is in the ranks of our Brotherhood, he is almost equally conspicuous outside it. When a popular member of the Irish Bar, he attracted attention by his mastery over statistics, and his power of organisation. This led to his appointment as Senior Secretary of the Royal University of Ireland, and no more capable or efficient officer could be desired. Under his auspices, the Royal University of Ireland has made an amazing development, numbering its *alumni* by thousands. Dr. J.C. MEREDITH is also Honorary Lay Secretary of the governing body of the Church of Ireland, and is, at the present moment, actively engaged in arranging of the complex synodical elections that stand as preliminaries to the enthronement of a successor in the Archbishopric of Dublin to the late revered Grand Chaplain, Lord PLUNKET, whose Masonic record we summarised last month. Dr. MEREDITH is also on the Council of the Royal Dublin Society, and is prominent in a score of ways in Ireland.

The constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland differs considerably from ours in the duties it imposes on the Deputy Grand Master. Much of the weighty responsibilities that attach with us to the posts of Grand Secretary and of Grand Registrar devolves on the Deputy Grand Master in Ireland. No matter how zealous or energetic the Grand Master may be—and no Irish brother will dispute the claims of the M.W.G.M., the Duke of ABERCORN, to both zeal and energy—he cannot be always on the spot. Nor can the minor difficulties that continually crop up in the daily course of Masonic jurisprudence, discipline, or finance be submitted to him for adjudication. All these matters are within the province of the Irish Deputy Grand Master. It is for this reason that we styled the appointment momentous, and we congratulate the Grand Lodge of Ireland on having secured the services of so eminent and experienced a brother as R.W. JAMES CREED MEREDITH, K.C.T.

## Knights Templar.

### GREAT PRIORY.

A Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta in England and Wales and the Dependencies thereof was holden at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Friday, the 14th instant, when there were present:

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, G.C.T., on the Throne; the Right Hon. the Viscount Dungarvan, G.C.T., Great Seneschal; V.E. Provincial Priors: V.E. Knights Captain N. G. Phillips, G.C.T., East Anglia; Captain C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, G.C.T., Lancashire; Major J. W. Woodall, K.C.T., N. and E. Yorks; Major George C. Davie, K.C.T., Devonshire; and Lieut.-Col. Henry Byrde, Ceylon. Great Officers: E. Knights the Rev. C. E. L. Wright, G. Prelate; R. Loveland Loveland, G.C.T., G. Chancellor; the Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough, K.C.T., 1st G. Constable; Col. A. B. Cook, G.C.T., as 2nd Constable; Ralph Clutton, K.C.T., G. Treas.; Frank Richardson, K.C.T., G. Reg.; C. F. Matier, K.C.T., G. Vice-Chancellor; Charles Belton, K.C.T., G. Marshal; the Rev. E. M. Weigall, P. Prelate, as G. Almoner; A. W. Orwin, M.D., G. Herald; R. E. Baynes, G. Std. Br. (Beauceant); Alfred Cooper, G. Std. Br. (Vex. Belli); H. Percy Harris, Grand Master's Banner Bearer; Capt. George Hearn, G.S.B.; Joseph A. Robinson and Frederick Mead, G. Aides-de-Camp; and Frederick Bevan, G. Organist. Past Great Officers: E. Knights the Rev. Wm. Lynes P.G. Prelate; Sir Francis G. M. Boileau and Richard Clowes, P.G. Constables, Ralph Gooding, K.C.T., J. E. Le Feuvre, and Frederick Lawrance, P.G. Heralds; Sir George D. Harris and Robert Berridge, P.G. Std. Brs.; R. Joyes Emmerston, P.G. Banner Bearer; Gordon Miller and Captain R. Gresley Hall, P.G. Aides-de-Camp; and A. H. Bowles and Major T. W. Richardson, P.G. Cpts. of Guards.

The brethren having formed the arch of steel, the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, attended by the National Great Officers, entered and took the throne.

The Great Priory was opened in ample form.

The GREAT REGISTRAR called the muster roll.

The minutes of the Great Priory meeting of the 10th December, 1896, and the Special Great Priory of the 8th of April, 1897, having been read by the GREAT VICE-CHANCELLOR, were declared to be correctly recorded.

On the motion of the GREAT CHANCELLOR, seconded by the GREAT REGISTRAR, the reports of the Council was taken and read as follows:

### REPORT OF COUNCIL.

Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master,

Your Council have the honour to report, in accordance with the unanimous recommendation of the Finance Committee, that the funds of Great Priory should for the future be invested only in Trustees' securities; that the Invested Funds on the General Account have been transferred to India 3 per Cent. Stock, and those on the Benevolent Account to Metropolitan 2½ per Cent. Consolidated Stock.

Your Council also report that they have transferred the current account of Great Priory to the London and Westminster Bank, Limited, Bloomsbury Branch, to which it is requested all cheques may be crossed for the future.

You were pleased to appoint the Very Eminent Knight Lieut.-Col. Henry Byrde to be Provincial Prior of Ceylon, and were also pleased to obligate and install him in this high office at a meeting of the Preceptory of St. George, No. 6, on 19th March.

You have been pleased to promote to the dignity of Knight Grand Cross the V.E. Knight R. Loveland Loveland, K.C.T., Great Chancellor, and to appoint to the dignity of Knight Commander the V.E. Knights the Earl of Yarborough, the Earl of Onslow, the Hon. A. de Tatton Egerton, M.P., and Major C. G. Davie.

It was reported to the Council that the De Lacy Preceptory, held in the Province of Lancashire, had inadvertently installed as Preceptor a knight who was not duly qualified according to Statute 76, and your Council directed the Preceptory to at once apply for a dispensation to be dated *nunc pro tunc*, which has been granted and the irregularity condoned.

Your Council regret to report that the warrant of the Star in the East Preceptory, Singapore, has been returned, and accordingly cancelled.

The third of the annual conferences of the Order of the Temple, which have done so much to consolidate the Order, and to promote the harmony, unanimity, and good feeling of the Governing Bodies of the United Kingdom, was held in London, on Wednesday, the 7th April. There were present from the Chapter General of Scotland: V.E. Sir Knights James Buchanan, Bart., K.C.T., Admiral; L. Mackersy, W.S., G.C.T., Treas. and Reg.; Major F. W. Allan, K.C.T., Beauceant; and E. Sir Knight Robert K. Inches, Steward. From the Great Priory of Ireland: V.E. Sir Knights C. A. Cameron, M.D., G.C.T., G. Chancellor; Lieut.-Col. A. V. Davoren, G.C.T., G. Constable; Col. T. A. McCammon, K.C.T., G. Treas.; J. C. Meredith, K.C.T.; and R. H. Walker, G. Vice-Chancellor; and from the Great Priory of England: M.E. Knight the Earl of Euston, G.C.T., M.E. and Supreme Grand Master; V.E. Knights Capt. N. G. Phillips, G.C.T., Prov. Prior for East Anglia; the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, Prov. Prior for Cheshire; Col. A. B. Cook, G.C.T.; Ralph Clutton, K.C.T., G. Treasurer; Frank Richardson, K.C.T., G. Registrar; and C. F. Matier, K.C.T., G. Vice-Chancellor.

The conference was presided over by the Grand Master of the Temple in England, and it was unanimously resolved to recommend to the respective governing bodies that knights companions in Scotland should hold concurrent rank with Preceptors in England and Ireland, with seniority according to the dates of their patents.

It was unanimously decided that the next annual conference should be held in Edinburgh.

A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the Earl of Euston, G.C.T., for his services in the chair.

On the following day a Special Great Priory was held, at which the V.E. and E. Knights from Scotland and Ireland were most heartily welcomed by the G.M., and the V.E. Knights the Earl of Kintore, Grand Seneschal, and Sir Charles Cameron, G.C.T., Great Chancellor, respectively returned thanks on behalf of the Order in Scotland and Ireland.

A candidate was received into the Order of the Temple on behalf of, and under the banner of, the Faith and Fidelity Preceptory, the V.E. Knights Maj. Gen. J. C. Hay, K.C.T., acting as Preceptor; Col. A. B. Cook, G.C.T., First Constable; Frank Richardson, K.C.T., Second Constable; C. F. Matier, K.C.T., Marshal, and others.

A Grand Priory of Malta was afterwards held, and 19 candidates were admitted and received the accolade of knighthood, from the hands of the Grand Master.

The visiting knights were afterwards entertained at a banquet presided over by the Earl of Euston, which was very numerous attended.

Your Council recommend that a loyal and respectful address should be presented to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the Royal Patron of the Order of the Temple and Hospital in England, to humbly congratulate her on arriving at the 60th year of her glorious and benignant reign.

Your Council would suggest that every preceptory should either present its banner to be hung in Great Priory or forward the banner to the Great Vice-Chancellor as early as possible before each meeting.

V.E. Knight Rev. C. E. L. Wright, G. Prelate, has very kindly offered to complete the official regalia of the office of Great Prelate by presenting a violet cassock, and your Council have gratefully accepted the gift.

After official audit by the Finance Committee, the Great Treasurer's accounts show, on the 28th February, 1897, the following balances to the credit of the—

General Fund	...	...	£484 16 0
Benevolent Fund	...	...	204 12 4
			£689 8 4

which are in the London and Westminster Bank, Limited, Bloomsbury Branch.

By order of the Council,

R. LOVELAND LOVELAND,  
Great Chancellor.  
C. FITZGERALD MATIER,  
Great Vice-Chancellor.

April 12th, 1897.

The GREAT CHANCELLOR then moved, and the GREAT REGISTRAR seconded, "that the report be received and entered on the minutes."

The motion having been carried,

The GRAND MASTER: I have now to move "that Great Priory do present a loyal and respectful address to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen to humbly congratulate her on arriving at the 60th anniversary of her reign." Her Majesty is the patron of our Order and we should all desire to express our gratitude that she has been spared so long a time to rule over this country and our hopes that she may be spared yet for many years to rule over us in the admirable manner she has done in the past. I will, brethren, read to you the address which has been drawn up and which I will ask you to adopt. It is as follows:

To her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, Patron of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital.

Madam,

May it please your Majesty.

We, the Grand Master and Knights of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and Hospital in England and Wales, in Great Priory assembled, beg to respectfully offer to your Majesty the assurance of our heartfelt loyalty and devotion, and our humble and sincere congratulations on the termination of the 60th year of your Majesty's glorious and benignant reign.

It is with the deepest sense of gratitude to the Almighty that we have ventured to address you, and we humbly hope that it may be His will that your Majesty may long be spared to rule over your loyal and devoted people.

Sir Knights, I do not think it is necessary for me to add any words to that address. Her Majesty is the Patron of our Order, the only Order in Masonry of any sort or kind of which she is the Patron, and I am sure you would wish to send a loyal address on this occasion. If you approve the address, which I have now read, I will ask you to receive it with acclamation and authorise me to send it forward.

The motion was carried with acclamation and amid great cheering.

The GREAT CHANCELLOR then moved, and the GREAT REGISTRAR seconded, a motion that the report be adopted.

The motion was agreed to.

E. Knight Major C. W. CARRELL: I beg to propose the re-election of Eminent Knight Ralph Clutton as our Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. He has done us such great and eminent service in the past that I have no hesitation in asking this Great Priory to re-elect him.

The SUB-MARSHAL (E. Knight Belton): I beg to second that.

The GRAND MASTER: As no other brother is proposed for this office you will allow me with much pleasure to declare our Bro. Clutton duly elected. (Great applause.)

The Grand Master then proceeded to invest the officers of Great Priory for the ensuing year as follows:

Sir Knight Viscount Dungarvan, G.C.T.	...	G. Seneschal.
" Rev. C. E. Lefroy Austin	...	G. Prelate.
" R. Loveland Loveland, G.C.T.	...	G. Chancellor.
" Lord Skelmersdale	...	G. 1st Constable.
" C. Letch Mason	...	G. 2nd Constable.
" Ralph Clutton, K.C.T.	...	G. Treasurer.
" Frank Richardson, K.C.T.	...	G. Registrar.
" C. FitzGerald Matier, K.C.T.	...	G. Vice-Chancellor.
" Charles Belton, K.C.T.	...	G. Marshal.
" Rev. C. Chetwynd Atkinson	...	G. Almoner.
" Col. George Lambert, K.C.T.	...	G. Warden of Regalia.
" Clement Godson, M.D.	...	G. Herald.
" A. H. Jefferys	...	G. 1st Standard Bearer.
" Percy Wallis	...	G. 2nd Standard Bearer.
" Walter Simpson	...	G. Banner Bearer.
" R. A. B. Preston	...	G. Sword Bearer.
" F. B. Westlake	...	G. 1st Aide-de-Camp.
" Sur.-Lieut.-Col. H. Mackinnon	...	G. 2nd Aide-de-Camp.
" J. B. Bridgman	...	G. Chamberlain.
" T. M. Barron	...	G. 1st Capt. of Guards.
" T. P. Dorman	...	G. 2nd Capt. of Guards.
" H. R. Rose	...	G. Organist.

The GREAT VICE-CHANCELLOR announced the unavoidable absence of the G. Prelate, the 2nd G. Constable, the Warden of Regalia, and the G. Chamberlain.

The Grand Master then nominated the following as members of the Council: Sir Knights Ralph Gooding, K.C.T.; Charles Belton, K.C.T.; Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook, G.C.T.; and Major-General J. C. Hay, C.B., K.C.T.

Sir Knight A. H. JEFFERIS proposed as members of the Grand Masters Council: Sir Knights Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, G.C.T.; Sir George D. Harris, K.C.T.; Gordon Miller, K.C.T.; A. Woodiwiss, P.G. Chamberlain; and J. Balfour Cockburn, P.G. Herald.

The Earl of Yarborough and Major Bailey were introduced to Great Priory, and invested with the insignia of K.C.T.

Alms amounting to £4 13s. 9d. were collected.

Great Priory was closed in form.

## GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A Quarterly Communication of the above Grand Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 6th instant. The G.M., Lord Saltoun, presided, and was supported by Bros. James Berry, P.G.M. Forfarshire; Ex-Provost Christie, P.G.M. Stirlingshire; Captain Hope, of Bridgecastle, P.G.M. Linlithgowshire; Dr. Middleton, P.G.M. Roxburgh, Peebles, and Selkirk; W. A. Dinwiddie, P.G.M. Dumfriesshire; R. F. Shaw-Stewart, Past Sub. G.M.; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; and David Reid, G. Treas.

The Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bros. the Earl of Rosslyn, S.G.W., and Major Allan, J.G.W., and the Grand Deacon was Bro. Sir James R. Gibson-Maitland.

The GRAND MASTER, before entering on the business of the meeting, said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was to unveil a bust of the Past Grand Master, the Earl of Haddington, who was one of the most popular Grand Masters that had occupied the throne of Scottish Freemasonry. (Applause.) His lordship had done everything in his power to promote Masonry, and it was with deep regret that the Craft heard of his retiring from the high office he held because of ill-health. He was sorry to say that that ill-health still continued, and he suggested that the Grand Secretary be authorised to send a sympathetic letter to Lord Haddington in his illness, and expressing the hope that he would have a speedy recovery. (Applause.) The artist who had been entrusted with the work had executed his task admirably, the likeness being in all respects admirable and worthy to be placed among the busts of former Grand Masters.

His lordship then, amid loud applause, unveiled the bust, which is a duplicate in marble, by Bro. W. Grant Stevenson, R.S.A., of the bronze bust which was presented in March last by Grand Lodge to the family of the Earl of Haddington in acknowledgment of his lordship's services as G.M. of Scotland.

It was reported that Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn had been appointed Prov. G.M. of Fife and Kinross, in room of the late Bro. J. H. Balfour-Melville; that Bro. William A. Dinwiddie had been appointed Prov. G.M. of Dumfriesshire, in room of Bro. A. Johnstone Douglas, resigned; that his Excellency Lord Sandhurst, Governor of Bombay, had been appointed G.M. of All Scottish Freemasonry in India; that Bro. Samuel Weil, Bluefields, had been appointed Prov. G.M. of Nicaragua; that Bro. Francis C. Buchanan, Clarinish, Row, had been appointed Prov. G.M. of Dumbar-tonshire; and that Bro. Major R. G. Gordon Gilmour, of Craigmillar, had been appointed Prov. G.M. of Mid-Lothian.

The following Provincial Grand Masters were re-appointed: Bros. Lord Blythswood, Renfrewshire East; the Marquis of Breadalbane, K.G., Perthshire East; William Boyd, Aberdeenshire East; Sir C. Dalrymple, of Newhailes, Bart., M.P., Argyle and the Isles; and the Earl of Haddington, Haddington and Berwickshires.

Charters were granted to the following lodges: Nigel, near Heidelberg, Transvaal; Naval and Military, Victoria, Hong-Kong; Kilwinning, Freemantle, Western Australia; Craiginnan, Dollar; Alan Wilson, Bulawayo, Matabeleland; Light of the East, Brisbane, Queensland; St. George, Queensland; and Seaforth, Fortrose.

The report of the special committee on the erection of the lodges in Mid-Lothian into a Provincial Grand Lodge bore that, at a meeting of representatives of lodges, held in January last, the whole of those present were unanimously of the opinion that the resolution of Grand Lodge to form this Provincial Grand Lodge of Mid-Lothian should be rescinded, as they all preferred remaining under the direct supervision of Grand Lodge. On the assumption of a Provincial Grand Lodge being formed, the Lodge of Kirkliston desired to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Linlithgowshire, and the Lodges of Portobello and Corstorphine desired to be incorporated with the Metropolitan District. Grand Committee directed the Special Committee to carry out forthwith the resolution of Grand Lodge to erect the lodges in Mid-Lothian into a Provincial Grand Lodge, and to recommend a brother for appointment to the office of Provincial Grand Master.

At a subsequent meeting of Grand Committee, Major Gordon Gilmour, of Craigmillar, was recommended as Provincial Grand Master of Mid-Lothian, and his appointment was confirmed by Grand Lodge.

A communication was submitted by Grand Committee from Western Australia, reporting that the recently erected lodge Bonnie Doon, Perth, No. 839, had been consecrated by the District Grand Secretary of Queensland, Bro. R. Lee Bryce, in presence of Bro. his Excellency the Governor of Western Australia, Col. Sir Gerald Smith, of the English Constitution, and a large assemblage of Craftsmen—the Installing Officer having travelled 3000 miles to perform the ceremony of consecration and installation.

In the course of Bro. Lee Bryce's visit, a conference of Scottish-holding brethren was held, at which a unanimous wish was expressed that the lodges in Western Australia should for the present be placed under the Masonic jurisdiction of Queensland. It was resolved to grant this request.

On the motion of the GRAND MASTER, it was resolved to present an address of congratulation to the Queen on the occasion of her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, and it was remitted to the Grand Master to make arrangements for the presentation of the address.

Bro. JAMES CALDWELL, Paisley, brought forward a motion for increasing the number of elective members of Grand Committee from 36 to 48, the additional members to be elected at the quarterly meeting in February next.

Bro. JAMES GUNN, Pollokshields, seconded the motion.

The previous question was moved by Bro. W. MUNRO, Denholm, Glasgow, seconded by Bro. JAMES MUIR, Uddingston, and supported by the GRAND MASTER: but the motion was carried by 146 to 78.

On the motion of Bro. W. MUNRO, Denholm, seconded by Bro. GEORGE FINDLAY, Glasgow, it was unanimously agreed that no brother should be affiliated into a lodge until he produced satisfactory evidence that he was clear of all dues with his mother lodge, or last affiliated lodge, and that he was in otherwise in good Masonic standing.

The Earl of ROSSLYN called attention to the constitution and laws of Grand Lodge, and with a view to avoiding the conflicts which had recently taken place on the subject of the suspension of lodges, moved that the names of all intrants, with dates of entry, passing, and raising be notified by daughter lodges direct to Provincial Grand Lodge, and subsequently by the Provincial Grand Lodge to Grand Lodge.

Bro. R. F. SHAW-STEWART seconded the motion.

Bro. JAMES BERRY pointed out that the proposal would be almost unworkable, because of the increased duties which would be imposed on Provincial Grand Secretaries, who would require to be well-paid officials.

Bro. JAMES MUIR, Glasgow, moved the previous question, and this, was seconded by Bro. Dr. DICKSON, Edinburgh; but the motion was carried by 104 to 85.

From a statement prepared by the Grand Secretary, showing the number of intrants recorded in the books of Grand Lodge in each year since the beginning of the century, it appears that during the 97 years there was a total of 245,750 intrants, being an average of a little over 2533 per annum. In 1800 the number of intrants was 1906, and last year it was 5343, but the largest number recorded in the period embraced by the return was 6078 in the year 1891.

### PROVINCIAL EDUCATIONAL FUND OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE

The Fifth Festival of this useful Institution was celebrated on the 10th inst. at the Royal Station Hotel, York. In the unavoidable absence of the Prov. Grand Master, the Festival was presided over by the Very Rev. the Dean of York, Past Grand Chaplain, who was supported by 90 of the leading members of the Craft in the province.

After a *recherché* banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In proposing the "Educational Fund of North and East Yorkshire," the CHAIRMAN said that they were assembled for the purpose of celebrating the Fifth Festival of the Educational Fund which had now become an institution of great usefulness. It was established in 1887 for the benefit of the children of deceased Freemasons of N. and E. Yorkshire, and is under the direction of the Charities' Association, which includes a representative elected annually by each lodge in the province. The meetings are held in May and November, at York, and are well attended, the representatives generally taking much interest in the proceedings. Since its foundation 44 children have received the benefit of the fund, and there are now 30 children upon the books, seven having been elected that day. A pleasing feature in connection with the administration of the fund is that the Committee have, by the liberality of the Craft, been able so far to admit every applicant without the necessity of issuing voting papers. Since the Elementary Education Act was passed the fund has been adapted to provide for maintenance and clothing in cases where the children are educated in Board Schools. It may be unhesitatingly stated that the Educational Fund has satisfactorily effected the object for which it was established, and therefore is worthy of all the support which the Craft can bestow. Those of the brethren who were fortunate enough to attend the first festival held in the York Lodge in May, 1889, will remember the enthusiasm and generous rivalry of the representatives of the leading lodges in the province as to which should present the largest contribution. That friendly contest was exceedingly valuable, since it materially assisted the funds, causing much amusement to their Royal guest, the late Duke of Clarence, who honoured the festival by his presence. The result of that meeting was the handsome sum of £1143. The second festival was held at Hull in 1890, realising £557, and the third, at Scarborough in 1891, brought them £537. It was then resolved to hold the future festivals triennially, in order to avoid continual appeals to the brethren. The fourth festival accordingly was held in that city in May, 1894, the result being £539. The amount of the present effort would be announced by the Prov. Grand Secretary in a few minutes, and, judging from the zeal which had been evinced by many of the brethren, he trusted it would be worthy of the province. To a genuine Freemason, surely there was no greater pleasure than assisting the weak and helpless, and the brethren might be assured that their liberal efforts on behalf of the widows and fatherless children have met with the fullest appreciation, and the prayers of the distressed would reward the generosity of their benefactors. The greatest care and discrimination had been used in the selection of suitable candidates, and strict economy exercised in the distribution of the funds. He would then propose "Prosperity and increasing usefulness to our Educational Fund," and called upon the brethren to unite with him in best wishes for its continued success.

The list of contributions was then read, the amount realised being £1000.

During the evening a charming selection of vocal music was performed by the Orphans Quartet Party, under the direction of Bro. A. Sample, P.P.G.O.

### BOARD OF MASTERS AND BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The quarterly meeting of the General Committee of Grand Lodge and the monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence were held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. James Henry Matthews, President of the Board of Benevolence, presiding. The other brethren present were Bros. D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President; C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dodd, G. S. Recknell, George B. Chapman, S. Vallentine, William Fisher, William Vincent, James Boulton, Henry Garrod, William P. Brown, Geo. R. Langley, Alex. R. Stenning, S. V. Abraham, Charles J. R. Tijou, S. H. Goldschmidt, Richard Horton Smith, Q.C., George Graveley, George C. Kent, E. C. Mulvey, Robert A. Gowan, W. Kipps, Walter Martin, E. W. Nightingale, James Bunker, Thomas Minstrell, Edward Terry, J. R. Clipperton, Thomas Rendell, J. Newton, W. J. Spratling, John Pratt, Charles Lacey, G. Kinipp, John Warde, William S. Thwaite, H. W. Wybourn, W. Lipscomb, H. L. A. Jenkinson, Fred. E. Pow, L. B. Wooldedge, H. Massey, J. Harrison, H. Vane Stow, J. Mansell, Edwin Smith, W. Parsons, A. Wrightson, S. E. Bateman, James Clark, E. M. Brandon, Richard Poore, James Rosalke, John Muckworth Wood, John Hills, William Truman, J. Barry, A. E. Cammell, H. Hooper, Alex. C. A. Higerty, George Shearman, Charles H. Bestow, Geo. White, T. R. Porter, J. R. Rutter, Harry Nicholls, W. H. Kelly, F. J. Middleditch, J. H. Milton, H. Thomson Lyon, C. J. Axford, H. J. Gregory, Charles Harrison, Lewis J. Tidman, James W. Thomas, John Mills, Harry Pearse, Alex. Riside, John Davidson, C. Dorsey, Charles T. Brown, Thomas E. Davis, E. J. A. Day, Chas. T. Wilson, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

At the Board of Masters the agenda paper for next Grand Lodge on June 2nd was read to the brethren, after which the Board of Benevolence was opened, and recommendations to the Grand Master at the last meeting to the amount of £200 were confirmed. The new list contained the names of 29 petitioners qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Jullundur, Margate, Clare, Poole, Rugeley, Dert y, Ulverstone, Colchester, Fowey, Liverpool, Bermuda, Sunbury, Exeter, Grahamstown, Hull, Chichester, Newport (Salop), and Hong Kong. Two of these petitions were withdrawn, three were deferred, and one was dismissed. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £655. Two cases were recommended to Grand Lodge for £60 each, and two for £50 each. Two were recommended to the Grand Master for £40 each, seven for £30 each, and one for £25; and immediate grants were made in four instances of £20 each, three of £10 each, and two of £5 each.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The preliminary meeting of the Board of Stewards for the coming Festival was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 14th inst., and was attended by a large number of brethren, Bro. Stanley J. Attenborough, Patron and Honorary Solicitor, being in the chair.

The SECRETARY announced that as a result of his appeal, the Board of Stewards was 100 short of the number at the corresponding period of 1896, but hoped this would be remedied before the date of the Festival as it was important a successful Festival should be secured this year.

The Board of Stewards then appointed the following officers: Honorary Presidents—Bros. Sir Osley Wakeman, Bart., Prov. G.M. Shropshire, Vice-President; Robert Grey, P.G.W., Vice-Patron; Rev. Dr. Childe, G. Chap., Vice-President; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., Trustee and Patron; Edward Terry, P.G. Treas., Patron; Charles E. Keyser, P.G.D., Treas. and Patron. President—Col. F. W. Sewell, P.G. Deacon, D.P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmoreland, Acting Vice-Presidents—Stanley J. Attenborough, Patron and Hon. Solicitor, and Geo. Dalrymple, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec. Cumberland and Westmorland. Hon. Treasurer—John Glass, Vice-Pres., P.P.G. Supt. of Works Essex. Hon. Secretary—J. Morrison McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. and Vice-Patron.

It was unanimously resolved to hold the Festival on 30th June, at 6 for 6.30 p.m., at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, W.C., the ladies to dine with the brethren in the grand hall. A concert to be provided, and general arrangements as in previous years were left to a Festival Committee comprising Bros. J. W. Burgess, T. J. Bolton, T. A. Argles, W. B. Fendick, R. J. Nelson, O. Phillips, J. Speller, J. Stephens, H. Thomson Lyon, E. L. Valeriani, T. Blanco White, and J. W. Westmoreland, with the addition of the honorary officers.

### LADIES' NIGHT OF THE JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

On Monday, the 3rd instant, the above lodge held a reception, banquet, and dance at Freemasons' Tavern. The ever popular Secretary, Bro. Lewis Lazarus, P.M., had prepared a tastefully-designed invitation card, and truly we hastened to a revival of the Joppa dances, which for the past few years have been conspicuous by their absence, remembering the happy evenings we used to spend with the lodge.

The reception over, the company were marshalled by the Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Gardner, P.M., and having each been given a printed dinner plan (an idea we commend to all lodges), they easily found their seats for selves and party, and were not kept long waiting till they were enabled to commence one of Spiers and Pond's *recherché* banquets, provided in their well-known excellent manner.

After a close and assiduous attention to our creature comforts we were ready to listen to the witty eloquence, the feast of reason, and the flow of soul of the various speakers, who were truly witty because they were brief.

Naturally in this record year, which, by the way, this dance was to celebrate, in addition to 100 guineas just given to the Masonic Charities in honour of her Majesty's long reign, we toasted with loyal feelings "Our Queen," whose health was proposed in graceful terms by the W.M., Bro. DAVY.

Next came the toast of "The W.M.," proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. Roco, who evidently judged the company to be so well acquainted with the W.M.'s high qualifications as not to trouble them with a lengthy recital of the same, and in very few words proposed his health.

Bro. DAVY, on rising to respond, was greeted with a perfect storm of applause, and for some moments could not proceed, when at length he was able to say how much he appreciated the great honour of being their W.M., and the additional pleasure they had given him by marking his year of office so signally by a ladies' night, ball, and magnificent contribution to the Charities, and he should ever look back with pride to the time he occupied his proud position, and hoped to reciprocate their good wishes, and expressed the hope that they would enjoy themselves that night.

Then came the toast of the evening—"The Ladies"—could it be otherwise than so in this jubilee year; nay, we may call it truly the ladies' year! The W.M. called upon the father of the lodge, Bro. Dodson, P.M., S.W., to propose the toast.

This genial brother spoke very nicely about the ladies and left the impression that in the lady killing arts, he was truly a past master.

Bro. GARDNER, P.M., responded in a witty, well-composed speech, which in conventional language fairly brought the house down.

Once again the W.M. rose for the last time to submit the toast of "The Officers, Past and Present, of the Joppa Lodge," the peculiarity of this one, the enthusiasm of that one, the happy-go-lucky style of the other one, all in turn got a genial word.

To Bro. LEWIS LAZARUS, P.M., Sec., was given the honour of responding, on behalf of the officers, and no more popular choice could have been made. To the hardworking Secretary, to whom the whole success of the details of the evening, and the comforts of the guests were due, it must have been specially gratifying and showed the appreciation of his efforts by the ovation he received. The Secretary, while thanking the W.M. for his kindly remarks on behalf of the officers, went on to make a powerful appeal on behalf of our Charities, and tersely and lucidly explained their scope and worth, and summed up an eloquent speech with the dictum—if you have never given before give now, commence at once, if you have given before, give again, and again, and if you are shy of seeing your name in print put in your wife's, or your child's name, and we have every reason to believe that the Charities will benefit materially. In fact, the difficulty was, all were so eager to help in the good work that the Secretary could not write the amounts quick enough, and in the press of donors if any should have been unable to get near enough to enter their names on Bro. Lazarus's list, there is still time and room on the top of the list.

During dinner and in the intervals between speeches the magnificent band of the 1st Life Guards, under the direction of Mr. Joel Englefield, discoursed a fine selection of music.

The W.M. dismissed the company to the reception-room for a while till the time for dancing, which came quickly enough, Bros. Isaac Cohen and Reinemann acting as the M.C.s, when a programme of 14 dances was successfully carried out to the strains of the beautiful music. Special mention must be made of a solo played by Musician Fenwick of the "Post Horn Galop," which was a great treat.

We congratulate the Joppa Lodge on so great a success.

The following is a list of those present: Bro. Davy and Mrs. Davy; Bro. L. Lazarus and Mrs. and Misses Lazarus; Bro. Siegenberg; Bro. Gardner; Miss Ramsey; Bro. Van Vollen and Miss Van Vollen; Bro. J. Hands and Mrs. Hands; Bro. H. Emanuel; Bro. E. Emanuel; Bro. L. Joseph and Mrs. Joseph; Bro. Levay; Bro. I. Cohen and Miss Rogaly; Bro. H. Lazarus; Bro. Bull; Bro. Dodson; Bro. Witnond; Bro. Nanson; Bro. E. Lazarus and Mrs. Lazarus and Miss Lyons; Bro. T. H. Bull and Mrs. Bull; Bro. Roco and Mrs. Roco; Bros. Brewer, Armstrong, Savill, Kosminski, Rosenthal, Onken, and others.



## Craft Masonry.

### Egyptian Lodge, No. 27.

The installation meeting of this very old and successful lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there were present Bros. H. J. Macfarlane, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, I.P.M.; C. J. Pallot, S.W., W.M. elect; C. R. Kemp, J.W.; C. J. Cuthbertson, P.M., Treas.; Mat. H. Hale, P.M., Sec.; F. Linfoot, S.D.; W. D. Stevens, J.D.; D. H. Jacobs, P.M.; F. Harrison, P.M.; J. W. Dixon, P.M.; A. F. Webster, P.M.; S. R. Lambie, P.M.; F. Brendel, P.M.; R. Douglas-Smith, P.M.; C. B. Todd, P.M.; Albert E. Todd, P.M.; J. Ham, F. Bennett, S. W. Cropper, L. Dredge, J. Wells, J. E. Waters, W. A. Pattison, Young Bolton, H. C. Todd, L. F. Lamkin, G. E. Chapman, J. C. Barnes, W. Notting, Arthur Farrants, W. Johnson, A. Porter, T. L. Ullmann, J. Ullmann, S. Ullmann, R. Emery, A. Lyons, T. Hughes, J. Bangs, A. Janssen, J. Hollyman, and H. P. Robinson. Visitors: Bros. A. Stirling; H. Jenkins, P.M. 860; E. Beaven, P.M. 2345; A. Harvey, P.M. 1963; R. D. Cummings, W.M. 2168; Walter Wesch, S.W. 1629; F. Marx, P.M. 957; J. Kear Colwell, 2398; D. L. Cropper, 1421; W. E. Jeanes, 548; W. Barry, J.W. 1507; H. Hill, P.M. 1305; E. R. Painter, 766; C. G. Butler, 414 and 2043; J. Sargent, 2331; W. J. Perrin; J. E. Rugg, 1928; C. R. Killeck, P.P.G.S.B. Herts; J. J. Hall, P.M. 1278; W. J. Derby, 174; J. Iggleden, 174; F. Budd, 2472; Lionel Budd, 2472; W. A. Needes, 53; H. J. Parkhurst, 157; R. C. Lees, H. W. Newman, 1507; J. Hands, P.M. 1158; J. Thorn, 2331; E. E. Jenkins, 1446; D. Saines, 2540; C. H. Dancocks, P.M. 1671; F. L. Wood, 2492; T. Carr, 733; W. G. Fidge, 2243; and R. T. West, 1744.

In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. D. Niven, who it was stated was very ill, Bro. H. J. Macfarlane, I.P.M., occupied the chair. Before commencing the business, Bro. Macfarlane referred in feeling terms to the serious illness of the W.M., and it was unanimously agreed to send him a telegram, which was as follows: "The brethren regret the cause of your absence, and send their sympathies and best wishes for your speedy recovery."

The minutes of the last lodge and emergency meetings having been read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. C. J. Pallot, was presented by Bro. J. W. Dixon, P.M., and installed into the chair by Bro. H. J. Macfarlane, I.P.M. It has been our pleasure several times to witness the brilliant working of Bro. Macfarlane, but on this occasion he excelled himself. The newly-installed W.M., in an effective and impressive manner, appointed and invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. C. R. Kemp, S.W.; F. Linfoot, J.W.; C. J. Cuthbertson, P.M., Treas.; Mat. H. Hale, P.M., Sec.; J. E. Waters, S.D.; Young Bolton, J.D.; S. W. Cropper, I.G.; J. W. Dixon, P.M., D.C.; D. Jacobs, P.M., G. E. Chapman, and Wells, Stewards; H. J. Macfarlane, P.M., Org.; and R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Macfarlane gave the usual addresses in an excellent manner, and he was heartily congratulated by the brethren. The Auditors' report was next given, showing the substantial sum of £155 in hand and nearly £800 standing to the credit of the Benevolent Fund of the lodge. The Secretary, Bro. Hale, P.M., read a letter from the Grand Secretary as to the mass meeting of Masons to be held at the Albert Hall, and it was unanimously resolved to purchase five tickets for the W.M., S.W., J.W., Treasurer, and Secretary. It was decided to have a summer outing to entertain the ladies, and a Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. Letters regretting their inability to attend were read from Bros. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., and F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G.

After other business was transacted the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a splendid banquet, which was admirably served under the superintendence of the manager, Bro. W. A. Wallace.

At the close of the repast, the Worshipful Master gave "The Queen and the Craft," referring in eloquent terms to her Majesty's long and glorious reign and the preparations that were being made for celebrating her Diamond Jubilee.

"The M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," were ably given by the W.M. and duly honoured.

Bro. H. J. Macfarlane, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. C. J. Pallot." He said the toast was one that would be received with great enthusiasm—as it deserved to be. The Worshipful Master's work that night was done in an excellent manner which augured well for the future and at the end of his year of office he thought they would all be able to say that he had been a great success. Bro. Pallot was second to none in the working of the ritual; he was Preceptor of more than one lodge of instruction and he felt that he would be perfect in the chair and would well maintain the great reputation of the Egyptian Lodge for excellent working.

Bro. C. J. Pallot, W.M., on rising to respond was received with acclamation. He thanked Bro. Macfarlane for his very kind words and the members for the great honour they had paid him in electing him to his high office. It was only three years since he was initiated, when it was his good fortune to be proposed by two such good members, which was perhaps the reason why they had received him that night with so much enthusiasm. He was going up as Steward for the Boys at the Centenary Festival next year, and he hoped the lodge would give him great support, so as to make his list one very large in amount. He was glad they had decided to have a summer outing during his term of office, and he trusted it would be a success.

In presenting the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. H. J. Macfarlane," the W.M. stated that Bro. Macfarlane at a few hours' notice consented, in the unavoidable absence of the outgoing W.M., Bro. Niven, to perform the installation ceremony, and he had done it splendidly, for which he tendered him their hearty thanks.

Bro. Macfarlane, P.M., who was enthusiastically received, responded. He said that accepting the pleasant task of installing the W.M. was no more than any Past Master of the lodge would have gladly done. They had over 30 Past Masters, and they were all able to do the work, but he was honoured in having been asked to act; yet he regretted the cause of his having to do so, and he felt that no one regretted more than Bro. Niven that his serious illness did not permit him to journey from his home in Scotland to instal his successor, as he was competent in every way to have done so. The little he (Bro. Macfarlane) had done that evening was a labour of love, and he was always delighted to be of any service to the lodge.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Visitors," whom he cordially welcomed. They were always well received in the Egyptian Lodge, and he hoped to see them again during his year of office. They were honoured that evening with the presence of a large number, and he hoped they had enjoyed themselves in a way that would always prove a happy recollection to them. He made special reference to Bros. Walter Wesch, W. Jenkins, P.M.; A. Harvey, P.M.; and Hill, P.M.; and as to the last-named, he remarked that if it were not for Bro. Hill he would not have been able to have gone into the chair, as he owed to him all his Masonic training.

In response, Bro. W. Wesch, S.W. 1929, stated that he owed to Bro. Macfarlane the pleasure of being present at that most enjoyable installation meeting. Bro. Macfarlane and he were initiated on the same evening, in the Jubilee year, 1887, and it gave him much gratification to find him, whom he first met as a "poor candidate," so highly esteemed, and a Past and Installing Master in that very old and excellent lodge. He had already spoken to them through the medium of the organ in the lodge, and that was a medium that he was more familiar with than local speech, and he concluded with thanking them for the very kind reception of the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. Jenkins, P.M., said it afforded him very much pleasure to see Bro. Pallot, who was a very old and dear friend of his, installed, and he was proud to greet him in that high position. He hoped all lodges could have as good a Master, and if they would give him plenty of work he felt they would agree with him that they would have no one more capable.

Bro. Harvey, P.M., observed that that was not his first visit to the lodge, and it was a great pleasure to see such an enthusiastic worker of the ritual installed W.M.

Bro. H. Hill, P.M., also acknowledged the toast, remarking that the W.M. had been pleased to say that he would not have been in the chair had it not been for him (Bro. Hill), but that was hardly so. He certainly had the pleasure of giving him a little instruction, but he then appeared to be able to do everything asked of him. He appreciated having been invited that evening, and would only be too pleased to attend on any occasion if given the opportunity.

In submitting the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. stated that their great services to the lodge were fully appreciated in every way, and he associated with the toast the names of Bro. D. H. Jacobs, P.M.—the "Father" of the lodge—J. W. Dixon, P.M., and R. Douglas-Smith, P.M.

Bro. D. H. Jacobs, P.M., who was well received, responded. He thanked them sincerely for the way they had received the toast, which showed he thought that the Past Masters were always welcome. He was sorry he had been obliged to leave the lodge early that evening, as he had to go to another meeting, and it was the first time in 38 years that he had missed seeing the W.M. installed. The Past Masters were ever ready to do everything for the lodge, and they were all agreed that the W.M. would carry out his duties to their entire satisfaction, and that he would have a very happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. J. W. Dixon, P.M., said that nothing had given him greater pleasure during his Masonic life than to be a Past Master of the Egyptian Lodge. He hoped the W.M. would have plenty of work, as he would do honour to himself and the lodge.

Bro. R. Douglas-Smith, P.M., stated that he did not know why he had been called upon to respond, as he had not done anything in particular, excepting that he had been a general utility man for some years past. It was only three years ago since the W.M. was initiated, and that evening they saw him installed. How very few could say that in three years they were installed. It was a record for the W.M., and the members were proud of that fact. Bro. Macfarlane had done his work right well as Installing Master, and all credit was due to him. They all regretted the enforced absence of Bro. Niven, but Bro. Macfarlane had been an excellent substitute.

The next toast was "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. stating that they were both excellent officers, and it would be impossible to find better, and he joined with the toast the name of the energetic and genial Secretary, Bro. M. H. Hale, P.M.

Bro. M. H. Hale, P.M., Sec., on rising to respond had a very hearty reception. He said the Treasurer had gone to catch a train and he wished him to express his regret that he had to go. When the W.M. joined the lodge he (Bro. Hale) told him that he would be W.M. in five years, and he was not far wrong, as Bro. Pallot had been installed three years after his initiation. He had just received a letter from Bro. Libbis, P.M., who had not missed before an installation meeting for 35 years. The hour was then late and he would content himself by thanking them for the way he was always received.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Officers," setting out at length the great things they could do, thanks to the Preceptor of the lodge of instruction connected with the lodge, and when their time came to take higher office they would keep up the great traditions of the lodge and he joined with the toast the names of Bros. C. R. Kemp, S.W., and F. Linfoot, J.W.

Bro. C. R. Kemp, S.W., in response, said his greatest ambition was to occupy the chair of the Egyptian, his Mother Lodge.

Bro. F. Linfoot, J.W., also replied. He stated that he was only initiated in the lodge two years ago and he was elated to be appointed to his important office in such a short time and he certainly hoped to go still forward.

The harmony of the evening was contributed to by Bros. Bolton, J. W. Dixon, P.M.; Albert Todd, P.M.; G. E. Chapman, D. L. Cupper, who gave a very clever sleight-of-hand performance, Bros. H. J. Macfarlane, P.M.; R. Douglas-Smith, P.M.; and J. Kear Colwell, the last-named deserving special mention.

Bro. Walter Wesch acted as Organist in the lodge with his well-known ability.

### Strong Man Lodge, No. 45.

The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at Guildhall Tavern, when Bro. William George Mills, W.M., presided, and there were also present the following brethren: Bros. J. C.uer, S.W.; Tom Taylor, J.W.; G. G. Symons, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Briggs and Thos. J. Burgess, Secs.; T. Ockleford, S.D.; E. J. Stafford, J.D.; A. Marnoch Whitby, P.M., D.C.; J. Jenkinson and C. J. Pond-Jones, Stwds.; D. A. Langdon, I.P.M.; W. H. Liddall, P.M.; E. H. Dove, P.M.; L. S. Fountaine, P.M.; J. J. Berry, G. F. Ward, T. H. Inchbold, John Briggs, Edwin Thornicroft, A. G. Peckham, Frederick Bristow, John H. Selmes, W. Sammes, James Woolford, Philip Sharpe, P.M. 869 (hon. member); E. J. Vidler, J. W. Redding, Arthur Hall, Bromley Hall, Wm. L. Bassitt, Arthur Whitby, J. H. Grove, A. Langridge, A. Smith, G. Smith, A. Preager, E. Schmitter, and A. L. Guitard. Visitors: Bros. W. Amies King, Org. 53; W. Jordan, 1708; Robert Punt, 45; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; Chas. J. R. Tijou, P.A.G.P. Eng.; A. H. Osman, P.M. 1178; Lionel Cooke, J.W. 2103; J. Abbott, J.D. 1685; E. C.uer, 2501; G. E. Gratton, Org. 2504; James J. Cozier, 1306; R. S. Ratcliffe, 1306; H. Hollingshurst, 1524; W. T. Spencer, 2291; F. G. Bird, I.G. 1343; and Thomas Steer, J.D. 1287.

Bro. J. Woolford was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. in excellent style, after which Bro. Symonds, P.M., Treas., installed Bro. John C.uer as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Mills was invested as I.P.M. The officers for the year were Bros. T. C. Taylor, S.W.; William Briggs, M.A., LL.B., J.W.; G. G. Symons, P.M., Treas., and D.C.; Thomas J. Burgess, Sec.; T. Ockleford, S.D.; Edward J. Stafford, J.D.; John Jenkinson, I.G.; W. R. G. Emerson, C. J. Pond-Jones, E. J. Vidler, and T. H. Inchbold, Stwds.; T. L. Dennett, Org.; and E. Mallett, P.M., Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. W. C. Mills, I.P.M. After the completion of the installation ceremony, a cordial vote of thanks, which was proposed by the W.M., was passed to Bro. Sharpe, P.M., the Preceptor of the lodge of instruction, at the Eagle, Snaresbrook, through whose instrumentality, it was said, as well as owing to his constant attendance and tuition, the ceremonial work of the Strong Man Lodge was so ably performed. Brethren were solicited to join that lodge of instruction, and to follow the example of those large numbers who regularly frequented it. Bro. Sharpe made an excellent reply in acknowledgement of the vote, and stated that it was always a pleasure to him to take the part of Preceptor, and when he saw the work done so well in the Strong Man Lodge it was an ample reward for any exertions he had made.

Following the closing of the lodge, which immediately afterwards took place, an admirably served banquet, supervised by Bro. Marcham, of the Guildhall Tavern, was provided for the further delectation of the brethren.

The usual toasts followed, and some capital music by Bros. W. T. Spencer, J. J. Berry, Miss Kate Frewer, Bro. Tom Taylor, Mr. W. B. Steele, Bro. W. G. Fay, and Bro. Tom Burgess, with Bro. W. Emerson at the piano.

Bro. C. J. R. Tijou, P.A.G.P., responded to the toast which included "The Grand Officers," and congratulated the brethren on the choice of new Grand Officers the Prince of Wales had made the week before. They were all men who had worked hard in Freemasonry, and he was glad the officers had been so fairly spread among the workers in the Craft. (The collars went sometimes to men who had not done much. He was glad to witness the reception some of the new Grand Officers met with when they went up for their collars as it showed they thoroughly deserved the honour. He hoped and believed that Grand Lodge honours were and would be distributed all round England with every possible discrimination. The action of the Grand Master and his advisers was truly Masonic.)

Bro. W. G. Mills, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." Bro. C.uer was a very popular brother who by the careful and able discharge of the duties of his respective offices and in other ways had endeared himself to the brethren as a Mason. He had made himself a personal friend of every member of the lodge. In those circumstances the future could not be considered a speculation, for they had a right to look forward to a brilliant year under Bro. C.uer's Mastership.

Bro. C.uer, W.M., in acknowledging the compliment, said when he joined Freemasonry at first he had no idea he should attain to the position of W.M., which was a very proud one, and he was proud of it. He hoped during his year of office to keep up the reputation the lodge had had since 1733, when it was consecrated. He trusted that the brethren would give him work, and if they did they would see what he could do, and when he left the chair he hoped he would leave the office of W.M. unsullied.

Bro. Symons, Treasurer and D.C., replied to the toast of "The Installing Master." It was always his best endeavour to do anything he could for the benefit of the Strong Man Lodge. He thought he had placed in the chair 15 very distinguished brethren, and he felt proud of officiating in that capacity. He was sure Bro. C.uer would prove himself worthy of the choice of the brethren. He was proud to have the offices of Treasurer and D.C. As Treasurer, he should take care of the money, and in acting as D.C. he hoped to keep all lodge ceremonies in order.

Bro. C.uer, W.M., proposed "The I.P.M." The brethren had heard Bro. Mills' health proposed seven times in succession by Bro. Langdon, P.M., who had said many good things of him, which had left him (Bro. C.uer) very little to say. One thing Bro. Langdon had not said, which he (Bro. C.uer) had the honour and privilege of saying; he had to pin on Bro. Mills' breast a Past Master's jewel. The obtaining of that jewel was a great honour; it was not a jewel a brother could bring like Charity jewels or installation jewels; the Past Master's jewel was the greatest honour, and it was given to Bro. Mills as a mark of the respect of the brethren, and of their esteem of the way he

had carried out his duties. Bro. Mills was not a married man, and therefore there was no wife to admire the jewel; but he had a mother who would admire it, and would look upon it with pride.

Bro. Mills, I.P.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the honour conferred on him. When he was elected he thought that the greatest honour and anything he could do would not repay them for the compliment bestowed. He thanked every brother of the lodge for the loyalty of their support, but he felt he could not adequately thank them for their kindness during the past year. He felt they had had a tolerably successful year; they had accepted seven worthy men of whom the lodge would always be extremely proud. Then there had been Stewardships which had realised £170 for charity—not a mean amount. He had striven in this course not to make the lodge worse for his successor than he found it. Having given satisfaction he felt more than repaid for anything he had done. The lodge would be represented at the Boys' School by Bro. Symons, the oldest P.M., for whom he asked the brethren's support, but who had already a good list. The brethren should remember the liberal offer Bro. Symons had made to qualify himself as a Governor of the Institution that he was placing on his list one guinea for every four guineas of the members, and a ballot would take place for every five guineas that appeared on his list. (Cheers.)

Bros. King, Punt, Osman, Cooke, and Gratton, responded for "The Visitors."

Bros. Dove, Langdon, Fountain, and Whitby, replied to the toast of "The Past Masters," and the toast of "The Officers," having been acknowledged by Bro. Tom Taylor and others.

Bro. Mallett, P.M., gave the Tyler's toast, and the brethren separated.

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

The annual meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, on the 7th inst., when there were a large number consisting of P. and P.G. Officers, and brethren. The W.M. elect is very popular and well-known among the brethren of the Craft and also in the town of Doncaster, and had accommodation been sufficient the number present would have been at least doubled. Among those in attendance were Bros. R. Bridge, W.M.; J. H. Pawson, P.P.G.R., I.P.M.; F. H. Buckland, S.W.; G. Smith, J.W.; F. Rand, P.P.G.D., Treas.; F. Duff, Sec.; H. C. White, S.D.; T. W. Turner, J.D.; C. Goldthorpe, P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; C. H. Woodhouse, Org.; H. Foster, I.G.; S. B. Castle and H. W. Burnett, Stwds.; J. Mason and C. Richardson, Tylers; G. Brooke, P.M., P.P.G.W.; A. W. Fretwell, P.M.; R. Bentley, P.M.; C. M. Hartley, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. Fitzgerald, P.M.; F. J. Forth, P.M.; J. W. Hainsworth, A. Bridge, T. Bletcher, C. Goodair, C. Reasbeck, C. Venus, J. F. Hanson, J. Hastie, J. W. Chapman, W. W. Peacock, C. Porrett, W. C. Wright, Sam Smith, J. W. Taylor, T. Sanderson, and C. Frood. Visitors: Bros. J. Constable, P.P.G.S.B., Theo. Barber, W.M., H. A. Fenton, S.W., G. Eland, J.W., and J. H. Bletcher, P.M., all of 2259; W. Langbridge, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Lin., and J. Reed, P.P.G.S.B. Lin., of 2078; T. Boothman, 1018; W. D. Helps, 1042; J. Taviman and J. Smith, of 1802; T. Suckley, 458; and E. Simpson, 2259 and 1215.

The lodge having been opened, the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past, entered and were saluted. The W.M. called on Bro. Pawson to undertake the duties of Installing Master, and having taken the chair, Bro. F. H. Buckland (the W.M. elect), was presented by Bro. Bridge and undertook the obligations as to the duties of the Master's chair. The solo "Be thou faithful" was sung in an impressive manner by Bro. F. Webb, the accompaniment being played by Bro. C. Suckley, Mus. Bac., the distinguished bandmaster of West Yorkshire Yeomanry. We may here mention that the Masonic band of this lodge consists of musicians of the highest order, and the music produced consequently is not only classical but simply charming. It is very few lodges indeed that have the high advantages of such a band; the principal performers being Bros. H. C. White (piano), F. Duff (Org.), C. Reasbeck (violin), C. Venus (flute), and C. Suckley. The collars were collected and Bro. Buckland was honoured with a "purple robe" of P.P.G. Officer, Bros. G. Brooke, S.W.; C. Goldthorpe, J.W.; F. Rand, S.D.; J. Reed, J.D.; J. Constable, I.G.; and J. H. Pawson, I.M. The Installing Master did his work correctly and effectively, and after he had inducted the W.M. elect into the chair of K.S. the brethren were re-admitted and saluted the chair in the Three Degrees. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. Bridge, I.P.M.; G. Smith, S.W.; T. W. Turner, J.W.; F. Rand, Treas.; J. W. Hainsworth, Sec.; A. W. Fretwell, Chap.; W. W. Peacock, S.D.; H. Forster, J.D.; F. Rand, D.C.; H. C. White, Org.; C. Richardson, Almoner; the Rev. H. Stocks, I.G.; H. W. Burnett, Sam. Smith, and C. Reasbeck, Stwds.; and J. Mason and C. Richardson, Tylers. Hearty congratulations were given all round, at the close of which the W.M. called on Bro. Goldthorpe, who, in very feeling terms, presented to the lodge a magnificent portrait in oil-painting of the veteran, Bro. Geo. Brook, P.P.G.W., who was initiated in 1843. That good old Mason was conducted to the dais, the painting was unveiled, and he made a very appropriate and touching reply affecting all present. The W.M. next announced that it was his intention to place a brass memorial tablet in the parish church in memory of the late Joseph Hirst, who had been Tyler of that lodge for upwards of 40 years. Both those admirable and suitable donations were thankfully acknowledged by the lodge and recorded on the minutes. Bro. Goldthorpe was unanimously elected Charity Steward.

Apologies were read from Bros. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, P.G.M.; Malcolm, D.P.G.M.; Matthewman, P.A.G.S.; Judge Masterman, and many other distinguished brethren.

The lodge having been closed, a splendid banquet followed in the lodge ante-room, which was literally filled with brethren of Doncaster and visitors from all the district, and, what with the evening dress, the happy faces, and the decorations and delicacies of the table, presented a most unusual and pretty effect.

The *menu* was an excellent one, and, above all, the waiting was all that could be desired, and Bro. C. Richardson, the Steward, is to be highly congratulated on the excellent and commendable way which all passed off under his management and care.

After the banquet was ended the toast list was gone through.

The W.M., in appropriate terms, proposed "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen."

Bro. Webb sang the National Anthem.

The next toast, "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Grand Lodge," was given by the W.M.

"God bless the Prince of Wales" was sung by Bro. F. Duff, followed by a spirited performance by the band, "The Washington Post," and a song, "By the fountain," by Bro. Frood.

The W.M. next gave "The R.W.P.G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was responded to by Bro. C. M. Hartley, who alluded to the great work West Yorkshire was doing and the increasing usefulness and numerical strength of Provincial Grand Lodge in West Yorkshire. This was followed by "Worthy Freemason's All," and a song by Bro. Pawson, "The Holy City."

Bro. Bridge next rose to give the toast of the evening, "The W.M. of 242, St. George's," Doncaster, and spoke of the popularity of, and the high esteem in which the W.M. is held, both as a citizen and as a Mason, feeling sure the lodge must prosper under such a ruler and a guide.

"Prosper the art" and the song, "The belfry tower," by Bro. Hainsworth, preceded the reply by Bro. F. H. Buckland, who promised to do his very best to maintain the dignity and prosperity of 242.

Bro. Langbridge gave "The Installing Master," and as an old Mason who had seen lodge workings in all parts of the world, highly complimented Bro. Pawson on the correct and truly Masonic manner in which he had gone through the ceremony.

The band next enlivened the proceedings with "Cavillera Rusticana," and Bro. Peacock gave "The village blacksmith," when Bro. Firth proposed "The Masonic Charities," followed by Bro. Duff singing "Ora Pro Nois," with band accompaniment, and a violin solo by Bro. Reasbeck, when Bro. G. Smith rose and proposed "The Past Masters of St. George's Lodge," speaking of the splendid array of Past Masters attached to No. 242.

Bro. Webb very tastefully sang "Happy dreamland," and Bro. Alderman Bentley responded on behalf of the Past Masters. He was the oldest Mason present and although he had not attended lodge for many years past, he hoped to be able to come amongst them in the future; he gave excellent advice on the carefulness in admitting new members.

Bro. A. Bridge then sang "To-morrow will be Friday."

The W.M. gave "The Visitors."

Bro. Forth sang "The future Mrs. 'Awkins."

Bro. Constable responded as a visitor of upwards of 50 lodges and 10,000 miles in Masonry.

Bro. Bletcher, although a Past Master, said that was the first lodge he had had the privilege of visiting.

Bro. C. Smith spoke of the pleasure it gave him and all the array of visitors at being present at such a splendid installation.

Bro. White next proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary."

Bro. Hainsworth sang "Drinking."

Bro. Rand responded to the toast, and said that the best way the brethren could show their appreciation of his services was by paying up their subscriptions.

Bro. Venus then played a delightful piccolo solo.

Bro. Woodhouse proposed "The Officers of the Lodge."

Bro. Wood sang "Jack's ashore."

Bro. G. Smith responded for himself as S.W.

Bros. Turner and Peacock also responded.

Bro. Turner next gave a good reading.

The band, who found a very able adjunct in Bro. Suckley, gave a splendid selection of English airs, which was loudly encored.

The Tyler's toast brought one of the best, happiest, and most successful banquets and installations to a close.

We must not forget to mention that Bro. Rand's duties as D. of C. aided very materially to the geniality of the evening. All did, and must, congratulate the W.M. Every brother was presented with a souvenir of the evening (the gift of the W.M.) in the shape of an album containing the photos of the W.M. and officers of the lodge—a very handsome and interesting memento.

### Samson Lodge, No. 1668.

There was a good attendance of members and visitors at the installation meeting of this lodge held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, W., on the 11th instant. For some years past this lodge has been doing excellent Masonic work, and has enjoyed a considerable share of prosperity, the past year, under the Mastership of Bro. Nersessian, having proved one of the most pleasant and enjoyable. Bro. Geo. Levin, the W.M. elect, was installed into the chair on the present occasion with every augury for a successful year, his known ability as a Mason and his well-deserved popularity rendering him especially adapted for the position. The brethren present included Bros. N. Nersessian, W.M.; G. Levin, S.W.; J. D. Hood, J.W.; E. Hahn, Treas.; B. D. Barnett, P.M., Sec.; T. M. Lambie, S.D.; S. J. Heilbron, J.D.; T. D. Corthine, I.G.; Jas. Bayne, Org.; A. Clark, I.P.M.; J. M. Nash, P.M.; A. F. Casperd, P.M.; B. Feild, P.M.; M. J. Heilbron, Chap.; B. Marcus, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. S. J. Rocos, I.P.M. 180; A. Lawley, P.P.A.G. Sec. Cheshire; T. Rozalke, W.M. 205; H. Jones, S.D. 2187; A. Marks, 1563; S. Fonseca, 1563; H. Gadje, 1563; Jacques D. Myers, W.M. 2020; W. C. Bradley, 1348; N. S. Genese, W.M. 2268; H. Chetham, W.M. 1017; H. Leapman, 2615; A. Bustard, 96; W. W. Lee, P.M. 2381; and others.

At the opening of the lodge, there was a heavy programme of work to be transacted. Owing to the unfortunate indisposition of the W.M., lodge was opened by Bro. Clark, P.M. Bro. Casperd, P.M., then assumed the chair, raising Bros. Nersessian and Abraham and passing Bro. Kapp in excellent style. The installation ceremony was undertaken by the energetic Secretary, Bro. Barnett, P.M., who installed Bro. George Levin, the W.M. elect, into the chair in a manner thoroughly deserving of the praise subsequently bestowed by the visitors. The W.M., in an able manner invested the following officers: Bros. J. D. Hood, S.W.; T. M. Lambie, J.W.; M. J. Heilbron, Chap.; E. Hahn, Treas.; B. D. Barnett, P.M., Sec.; S. J. Heilbron, S.D.; T. D. Corthine, J.D.; J. Bayne, Org.; J. Cohu, I.G.; I. Heilbron, D.C.; S. Gottlieb, Stw.; and Reinhardt, Tyler. Charity was dispensed with a liberal hand in the case of a distressed brother and a widow. The five tickets allotted to the lodge for the jubilee meeting were distributed among the W.M., I.P.M., and Wardens, the remaining ticket being ballotted for and won by Bro. I. Heilbron. At the suggestion of the Secretary a Benevolent Association was started in connection with the lodge, and all other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

After an excellent banquet, the customary toasts were given, the W.M. prefacing his hearty proposition of "The Queen and the Craft," with a request that brevity should be the order of the evening.

Bro. N. Nersessian, I.P.M., expressed his pleasure at the privilege afforded him of proposing "The Health of the W.M." They all knew what an enthusiastic Mason Bro. Levin, their W.M., was, and had had an example of his working in seeing how nicely he invested his officers. The members hoped he would have a very successful year and would heartily drink the toast.

Bro. Geo. Levin, W.M., in reply, said he must first tell them that he was no orator. After dinner speeches were out of his line but he would do his best, in a few words, to thank the I.P.M. for his kind proposition of the toast and also thank the brethren for their hearty reception. He hoped to have as successful a year as the I.P.M. The past year had been a success financially, whilst the ladies' night, which had been unknown in the lodge before was a great success. He hoped the brethren would give him the privilege of presiding at a similar gathering and would cordially support him. With regard to the lodge work he only hoped to be able to do it to the entire satisfaction of the members and with honour to himself. He was proud to be their W.M. during the jubilee year and hoped to receive the cordial support of the members.

The W.M. next proposed "The I.P.M.," and said he need not allude further to the success of the past year, nor to the very liberal manner in which Bro. Nersessian had treated them. He had the pleasure of presenting to the I.P.M. a Past Master's jewel as a small token of appreciation for services rendered to the lodge. They hoped the I.P.M. would always consider and think of the jewel in the same light in which it was given. It was given with all the hearts of the members, who trusted he would be spared for many years to wear it.

Bro. N. Nersessian, I.P.M., said he really did not know if he deserved such a handsome jewel, as he had in reality done little for the lodge. He hoped to enjoy better health, and attend the lodge for many years, and also hoped it would prosper as it had done during the past year.

For "The Visitors," Bro. S. J. Roco, I.P.M. 180, tendered his sincere thanks, and said that was his first visit, and would leave a lasting impression upon him. The working of Bro. Casperd, I.P.M., in the Second and Third Degrees and of Bro. Barnett, P.M., Sec., in the installation ceremony was eloquently rendered, and nothing finer had been witnessed.

Bros. Rozalke, W.M. 205; Genese, W.M. 2268; Chetham, W.M. 1017; Myers, W.M. 2020; and Lawley, P.P.A.G. Sec. Cheshire, also replied.

In replying for "The Past Masters," Bro. Barnett, P.M., Sec., referred to the Samson Benevolent Fund founded by the I.P.M. to assist brethren desirous of serving as Stewards for the Masonic Institutions.

"The Officers" was heartily honoured, and was replied to by Bros. Hood, S.W., and Lambie, J.W.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bro. J. Bayne, Organist, ably presided at the pianoforte and was assisted in the musical arrangements by Miss Edythe Kemp, Miss Gertrude Jackson, Bro. R. Evans, and Mr. Wilson James.

### Eldon Lodge, No. 1755.

#### INTERESTING PRESENTATIONS.

The last ordinary meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms of the Royal Hotel, Portishead, on Saturday afternoon, the 8th inst., when the Worshipful Master, Bro. Alfred Jefferies, presided, and was supported on this occasion by the following: Bros. C. P. Billing, P.M.; W. K. Thomas, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works; A. J. Tonkin, P.M., D.C. *pro tem.*; W. T. Shapland, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Rice, P.M., P.P.G. Deacon; James R. Thebridge, P.M., P.P.G. Deacon; Thomas Turner, S.W.; H. H. Hall, J.W.; J. H. Stafford, S.D.; Edward Tedder, J.D.; James Lowther, I.G.; W. Roberts and C. J. Tonkin, Stewards; Frank Simpkins, Tyler; A. E. Craddy, T. W. Hunt, F. E. Ellis, Thomas Cox, W. L. Pizzey, F. J. Warren, E. Davey, P.M., Org.; Wm. R. Maby, and Enoch Porter.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Ellis and Pizzey were candidates for the Second Degree, which was impressively conferred by the W.M. The W.M. next announced that a pleasing duty devolved upon him, namely, to recognise on behalf of the lodge the untiring services of one of its Past Masters. Bro. Davey had not only ably filled the chair of K.S., but had for a long period of years

materially assisted to render the musical portions of their ceremonies attractive and imposing. The brethren fully recognised and appreciated his valuable and valued help, which went far to make the success of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren. He hoped Bro. Davey might long be spared to continue his useful offices and to wear the handsome Past Master's jewel which he then had the pleasure of pinning on his breast and desiring his acceptance of. The jewel was suitably inscribed as follows: "Eldon Lodge, No. 1755, Presented to W. Bro. E. Davey, P.M., by the Eldon Lodge as a mark of affection and esteem, May, 1897."

Bro. E. Davey, who was much taken by surprise at the unexpected gift, feelingly and suitably returned his sincere thanks and assured the brethren that what he had done had been done with much pleasure and with much love for the Craft. He wished to convey his warmest thanks to the brethren for the handsome present and to the W.M. for his generous and kind expressions in conveying the same.

The Worshipful Master said he had another happy task. It had been within the province of one of our esteemed Past Masters to render material aid and assistance to the widow of a brother of No. 1225, who had recently passed away. Those invaluable services would never pass from the mind or memory of that widow, and would live long in the recollection of the brethren. The widow desired to mark her sensitive appreciation of the circumstances in some way and desired that Bro. C. P. Billing, P.M., should be the owner and wearer of her late husband's Past Master's jewel, which the W.M. had now much pleasure in handing him on her behalf. It had an appropriate additional inscription as follows: "Presented by the widow of the above to W. Bro. C. P. Billing, Eldon 1775, April 10th, 1897."

The recipient, Bro. Billing, made a few remarks fitting to the occasion.

It was a matter of regret that the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Somerset, Bro. R. C. Else (Mayor of Bridgwater), who has been staying at Clifton, was unfortunately unable to be present through indisposition.

### Ubique Lodge, No. 1789.

The installation meeting of this large and influential lodge was held on the 10th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, and was honoured by the presence and assistance of several distinguished members of the Grand Lodge of England, of Provincial Grand Officers (home and foreign), and of Masters of many representative military and other lodges, among whom were Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; C. Hammerton, P.G.S.B.; G. H. Hopkinson, P.D.G.D.C.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; Gen. F. T. Lloyd, C.B., &c.; Col. A. E. Turner, C.B., P.M., &c.; Lieut.-Col. J. T. Ritchie, P.D.G.S.B.; Major A. C. T. Boileau, P.D.G.M. Nova Scotia; Capt. R. J. Wishart, P.S.G.W. Malta; Major F. E. Cooper, P.J.G.W. Cheshire; Capt. W. A. Weston, P.G.D.C. Kent; Capt. Cecil Reynolds, P.G.S.B. Hong Kong; Capt. G. Spinks, P.S.G.W. Kent, &c.; and considerable interest attached to the presence from South Africa of the celebrated W.M. of the Southern Cross Lodge (Bro. Dr. W. C. Scholtz, M.D.), who had rendered such eminent and humanitarian services to the English prisoners and wounded of Dr. Jamieson's expedition.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Wm. Shackleton, R.A., and letters of regret were read from Bros. Frank Richardson, G.D.C.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Field-Marshal Lord Wolseley, P.S.G.W., and Lord Roberts; and Col. H. M. Hoizer (Holland). The W.M. having requested Bro. Lieut.-Col. Ritchie, R.A., P.D.G.S.B. to officiate as Installing Officer, the W.M. elect, Bro. Capt. H. L. A. Jenkinson, R.H.A., P.S.W., was presented by Bro. Capt. W. A. Weston, P.S.G.D. Kent, and the sublime ceremony of installation was carried out with the care and ability for which Bro. Col. Ritchie is noted. The new W.M. invested the following as his officers: Bros. Major R. H. Murdoch, R.A., S.W.; Quartermaster-Serg. W. H. R. Prawer, R.A., J.W.; Rev. W. G. Howard, M.A., C.F., Chap.; Lieut.-Col. Ritchie, R.A., P.D.G.S.B., Treas.; Lieut. J. Learmont, R.H.A., Sec.; Major F. E. Cooper, R.A., P.J.G.W. Cheshire, S.D.; Capt. A. B. Chamberlin, R.A., J.D.; Major J. W. Marsden Newton, R.A., I.G.; Capt. H. Lloyd Powell, R.A., D.C.; H. Thomson Lyon, A.D.C.; Major B. Lewis-Barned, Kent Artillery, Org.; Capt. S. H. Hooper and Warrant Officers T. C. Lawson and G. Roberts, R.A., Stewards; Lieut. H. Coningham, W. Robson, and Capt. J. E. Wharton Headlam, R.A., Auditors (elected); and C. Warren, late R.A., Tyler (re-appointed).

Presentations of jewels to the I.P.M., Bro. Shackleton, and Bro. E. Morris, past Treasurer, resolutions for consolidating the various Charities of the lodge, and the adoption of a child for admission to the Masonic School, concluded the labours of the day, and the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served in the Victoria Hall of the Criterion to about 70 brethren, with all the hospitality and *bonhomie* for which the Ubique Lodge of the Royal Artillery is proverbial, and a strong contingent of the Artillery Band from Woolwich (all Freemasons) executed a choice programme under the conductorship of Bro. Sergt.-Maj. Robertson, R.A.

The Royal toasts having been duly proposed and honoured, followed by those of the "Grand and Provincial Grand Officers," the W.M. rose, and called for the senior Grand Officer present.

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, who was warmly greeted both when alluded to by the W.M., and on rising to respond, thanked the Ubique brethren most heartily for their generous reception. Nothing could give him and the Grand Officers near him more sincere pleasure than to witness the efficient working and practical application of the principles of Masonry in this distinguished lodge. The ceremonies of the Order performed in a proper manner leave a lasting impression on the minds of all present, and nothing could exceed the impressive way in which the Installing Officer had carried out his important duties. It was true, as the W.M. had remarked, that he (Bro. Beach) had now been 50 years a Mason; and from the time when, as an undergraduate at Oxford, he first joined the Order, he had always found its principles calculated to soften the asperities of life and to bind its members together in a closer and firmer bond of fraternal union and goodwill. One of the greatest gratifications to a W.M. is in watching the progress of his initiates to high offices; and it is the duty and honour of a Grand Officer to visit lodges to encourage the officers to discharge their functions in the true principles of Masonry. He congratulated the W.M. on arriving at the chair of so excellent a lodge, particularly as Bro. Capt. Jenkinson hailed from the province over which he (Bro. Beach) had the honour to preside—a province in which he looked forward to Bro. Jenkinson doing good service hereafter—and meanwhile he wished him conspicuous success as W.M. of the Ubique Lodge.

The W.M. in response to an enthusiastic reception of the toast of his health, proposed by the Installing Officer, hoped the brethren would really not expect from him one half of all the good things predicted by Bro. Col. Ritchie; but he would sincerely promise to endeavour to emulate the excellent example set by his eminent predecessors in the chair. The efficiency and success of the lodge during the year must largely depend on its officers and the support of its members, but he was sure there are very many others in the Royal Artillery who only want to know of the thoroughly good time to be had in the lodge of the regiment, and his own aim would be to continue to increase the prosperity of the lodge and to enhance its prestige.

In proposing the toast of "The Installing Officer," the W.M. said that Bro. Col. Ritchie ought to be required to respond some half-dozen times, on account of his varied functions in relation to the lodge, but in personally thanking the Installing Officer for the great services rendered that day, he (the W.M.) would only echo the unanimous expressions of all who had the good fortune to be present.

Bro. Col. J. T. Ritchie, P.D.G.S.B. Eng., when the "gunners' fire" had subsided, acknowledged that the duties of Installing Officer are not light, nor ended in the "capture of the works by ritual," but to be successful must leave a lasting impression, not only on the incoming W.M. The position of a W.M. is one of gravity, dignity, and responsibility, and his primary duty is to impress on the officers and brethren a reverence for the genuine principles and tenets of the Craft. As each year revolved he felt increased pride and satisfaction at the solid growth and prosperity of the Ubique Lodge, not only in numbers, but in its Charities; not in monetary Charity only, but in that larger and more endearing Charity, which, diffusing itself within the lodge, extends to those without and wherever distress is known or relief wanted. The "Ubique" regiment was foremost in war, foremost in literature and the arts; might it likewise "preserve its dressing" in the ranks of Charity!

Bro. W. Shackleton, the outgoing popular and able W.M., in responding as I.P.M., wholly attributed his successful year to the hearty goodwill and unswerving co-operation of his officers, sustained by the very generous support of all the brethren, and gave assurances of continued attendance and assistance at every meeting in future. He begged to remind the brethren of his standing this year as Steward for the Royal

Masonic Institution for Boys, and relied on them for sending up their Ubique Steward with a generous list.

Bro. J. Morrison McLeod, P.G.S.B. Eng., Sec. R.M.I.B., after delivering a very graphic account of what had been achieved and what is contemplated for the boys, stated that the Queen is the oldest and largest subscriber, and expressed his confidence that this would be a record year of the Ubique Lodge in respect to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Responses for "The Past Masters of, and Belonging to, the Lodge," were made by Bros. Col. A. E. Turner, C.B., P.M.; Major Boileau, P.D.G.M. (N.S.); and Edwin Morris, P.M., P.J.G.W. Kent.

Bro. Col. Turner, in his happiest vein twitted the lodge on the elasticity of its members, whether subscribing or honorary, with a very apt illustration of the capacity of an Irish car to carry four or eight English tourists according to whether they should sit "adjacent" or "familiar;" and paid a high compliment to the high administration of the lodge which had brought about such solid and progressive results under his own observation.

Bro. Major Boileau, in dwelling on the auspices of her Majesty's record reign, brought to light the instance of a veteran brother who had allowed 40 years to elapse between his Second and Third Degrees.

Bro. Morris bade the brethren an affectionate good-bye.

The toast of "The Officers" having been responded to by the S.W., J.W., and S.D., and that of "All Poor and Distressed Masons" duly honoured, one of the most successful gatherings of the brethren of the Ubique Lodge was brought to a close, with special appreciation of the charming music of the Royal Artillery Band.

At the close of the meeting it was announced that the lodge Steward for the Boys would take up about £50, and that this year the lodge would also complete its contribution of 100 guineas to the Institution.

### Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.

The above lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 7th instant. Present: Bros. C. Kupferschmidt, A.G. Sec. G.C., W.M.; E. Macbean, I.P.M.; C. Purdon Clarke, S.W.; Sydney T. Klein, J.W.; G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D. of C., Sec.; E. Conder, jun., J.D.; G. Greiner, Stwd.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., D.C.; Colonel S. C. Pratt, P.M.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, P.M.; the Rev. J. W. Horsley, and E. C. Castle, Q.C.; also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. Sir Francis G. M. Boileau, Bart., S.G.D.; J. Newton, P.G.P.; Colonel J. Mead, W. Henderson, W. T. Newitt, Dr. T. Charters White, R. A. Gowan, F. A. Powell, F. W. Wright, the Rev. Dr. Lemon, J. W. Barnes, W. C. Barnes, W. J. Songhurst, Theod. Matzinger, J. Peek Richards, W. A. Dingle, H. Gervis, T. Cohn, J. W. Lambton, J. P. Watson, E. J. Wilks, Dr. F. J. Allan, C. H. Barnes, J. Thompson, F. J. Reisman, H. W. Noakes, the Rev. A. E. Suffrin, W. S. Nicholls, J. Wakelin, F. W. Mitchell, C. B. Barnes, W. R. D. Atkin, J. Solomons, G. W. Capel, E. A. T. Breed, E. Stanley Shelton, the Rev. J. A. Lawrence, T. G. L. Miller, Dr. P. S. Abraham, C. Lewis, and W. H. Toye. Visitors: Bros. W. W. Mangles, 811; Gordon P. G. H. 2416; John Savage, 348 (I.C.); F. F. Strutt, 1679; F. E. Hamel, 2408; and W. F. Stuttaford, P.M. 334.

Bro. George Lawrence Shackles, 57, P.M. 1511, W.M. 2494, was, on ballot, admitted a joining member of the lodge.

Four lodges and 73 brethren were admitted to the membership of the Correspondence Circle, as follows: Mylne Lodge, No. 769 (S.C.), Charters Towers, Queensland; Lebanon Lodge, No. 43, Virden, Manitoba; Lodge Hopeful, Corinda, Queensland; and Lodge Perseverance, No. 345, Blackburn: Bros. S. Kirkpatrick, 1927, Nelson, New Zealand; in Queensland, A. W. Orr, 286 (I.C.), and J. R. Joseph, 807 (S.C.), Brisbane; D. Johnston, 730 (S.C.), Roma; W. H. Ewing, 808 (S.C.), Boonah; W. Marsh and C. P. Kirchner, 1554, Mackay; J. J. Gaveston, P.M., and T. Bradshaw, W.M. 1596, Townsville; S. Nash, W.M. 1249, Gympie; W. Walsh, 341 (I.C.), Humpy Bong; A. B. Kemp, 455 (S.C.), Toowoomba; J. S. Archibell, 2611, Charters Towers; and G. Potts, P.M. 932, Rockhampton; in Africa, W. Dodd, W.M. 2481, Johannesburg; W. H. Tiffany, Guede Hoop Lodge, Cape Town; I. F. Furguson, P.M. 731, Durban; and M. Goldenberg, W.M. 51, Cairo; in the U.S.A., Col. A. S. Bacon, 656, Brooklyn, N.Y.; P. Ross, P.M. 634; and J. G. W. Millar, P.M. 271, New York; T. J. Curran, P.M. 1, Santa Fé, New Mexico; L. P. Daboussaye, 1, New Orleans; H. F. Auten, P.M. 50, Trenton, and H. E. Dats, 37, Flemington, New Jersey; H. S. Althouse, 62, Reading, G. A. Grider, 52, P. Byrd, P.M. 368, J. G. Kelley, 368, T. S. Waltman, 368, Philadelphia, and M. E. Finney, 21, Harrisburg; Dr. R. S. Thornton, Deloraine, Manitoba, Canada; W. A. Oram, P.M. 1192, Singapore; H. M. Lutter, W.M. 2575, Mandalay, Burma; A. J. W. Cerf, 357, Dublin; W. M. Kelley, P.M. 499, Newton Stuart, N.B.; J. Margerison, P.M. 345, Blackburn; C. W. Aller, 2005, Ilford; Hon. H. L. Stanton Lee-Dillon, Enstone, Oxon.; H. Graff, P.M. 938, Moseley; J. E. Cawthorne, 1221, Leeds; G. Leigh, P.M. 2134, Hull; C. Stephenson, W.M. 2135, Blackhill, Durham; G. J. Glaister, 242, Gateshead; O. S. Scott, 1230, Barnard Castle; Rev. P. Royston, Peterborough; C. McA. Butler, 195, Boscombe, Hants; J. P. Watson, 2587, Castle Carrick; W. B. Wildman, 1108, Sherbourne; W. H. Houghton, 1054, Burnley; A. H. Bradley, 223, Manchester; G. E. Bridge, Bournemouth; and W. J. R. Wilson, 2264, Dr. W. G. Walford, P.M. 1584, E. H. Crick, W.M. 2192, G. Pidduck, W.M. 2499, A. J. Hardwick, P.M. 2499, Rev. A. E. Suffrin, 2016, C. V. Slater, 1507, V. E. Simundt, 538, J. G. Hawthorn, 871, W. E. Jeanes, 548, R. Baelz, W.M. 238, F. A. Glaeser, P.M. 238, A. Cohn, I. Solomons, 1349, C. H. Denny, W.M. 1671, A. Leighton, 263, G. P. G. Hills, 2416, J. D. Tetley, 1584, J. H. Milton, W.M. 2511, T. Briggs, and Dr. McCaw, all of London.

The Secretary announced that among the new Grand Officers appointed at the recent Grand Festival were the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. Sir Francis G. M. Boileau, Bart., S.G.D.; Richard Wilson, J.G.D.; and W. H. Cowper, G. Std. Br. The congratulations of the lodge were tendered to these brethren, and Bro. Sir Francis Boileau, being present, replied on their behalf. The Secretary called attention to the following interesting exhibits: By the W.M., a handsome jewel of the Noble Order of Bucks, set in paste brilliants; by Bro. J. Newton, an old Royal Arch jewel and an engraved and hand-painted Royal Arch apron, published by Newman, on which the three Sojourners were represented wearing college caps; by Bro. C. Lewis, an engraved and coloured apron on satin, formerly worn by Prince Muat, at one time G.M. of the G.O. of France; by Bro. Chetwode Crawley, the first English Euclid; and by Bro. S. T. Klein, the first printed Greek Euclid, in illustration of the paper of the evening.

Bro. Sydney T. Klein, F.L.S., F.R.A.S., J.W., then read a paper on "The Great Symbol." The paper, which was unusually lengthy, was nevertheless listened to with great attention on account of its absorbing interest. The first part described the earliest known attempts at mathematics, and gave an account of old Egyptian, Greek, and Arabian mathematicians and geometers, tracing the gradual growth of the science and the supreme importance accorded to it in ancient civilisations; the square and its properties were next treated chronologically, and after that the theorem of Pythagoras, or 47th problem of Euclid. The symbolical meanings attached to both these figures in past times were investigated, and the lecturer then showed how this might be used to open the locked secrets of our own mysteries. A curious portion of the paper was devoted to showing that the German philosopher, Simon Grynæus, might possibly be the original of our own Naymus Grecus.

The paper, unfortunately, took so long in delivery, that no time remained for the slightest attempt at discussion, although, no doubt, written comments will appear in the printed Transactions of the lodge; but we fear that many of the most interesting remarks of the lecturer must inevitably be left out in the printed report, so that those brethren who were present, and thus had the advantage of hearing the verbal explanations of Bro. Klein, will congratulate themselves on their good fortune.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded our learned brother, and the members adjourned, as usual, to the Holborn Restaurant to dinner.

THE EAST TERRACE at Windsor Castle was opened to the public by special command of her Majesty on Saturday afternoon last, for the first time since the death of the late Prince Henry of Battenberg. The bands of the Royal Horse Guards played upon the lawn opposite the Queen's apartments so that her Majesty was able to view the assembly and hear the music. Prince Arthur and the Princesses Margaret and Victoria, who have been staying with their parents, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and the Princess Ena and Princes Leopold and Maurice of Battenberg, and several members of the Royal household were among the company.



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**Masonic Notes.**

It will be seen from the report we publish elsewhere of the first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on the 30th June next, that it has been arranged that the banquet shall be held at the Hotel Cecil, at 6 for 6.30 p.m., and that the ladies will dine with the brethren in the grand hall. There will also be a concert provided and the arrangements generally, which have been entrusted to a Committee, will be about the same as in past years.

Two other fixtures in connection with the Boy's Institution have been settled. The annual athletic meeting will take place at the Institution, Wood Green, on Saturday, the 29th inst., at 3 p.m., and tickets to admit visitors can be had on application to the Secretary, Bro. J. M. McLeod, at the offices, 6, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. The Stewards' visit to the School has been arranged for Tuesday, the 29th June—the day preceding the Festival—when Lady Henry Cavendish Bentinck has very kindly consented to distribute the prizes awarded during the past year. It will, doubtless, add considerably to the pleasure with which the latter announcement is received, if we state that her ladyship is not only the wife of the present Prov. G.M. of Cumberland and Westmorland, the Festival Chair-

man for the present year, but also the daughter of his predecessor in office—the late Bro. the Earl of Bective, who, in his time, was one of the most zealous and popular of Masons.

It is with very great pleasure we announce that the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland at its meeting on Friday, the 14th inst., voted a sum of 500 guineas towards the list of R.W. Bro. Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P., Prov. G.M. as Chairman at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and on the same day the Provincial Grand Chapter voted 50 guineas. Considering that the Province musters only 21 lodges we can only describe the grant of Provincial Grand Lodge as, to use the word applied by Lord Llangattock to the result of the recent Girls' School Festival, "magnificent."

The city of Truro will be the scene of a very interesting Masonic function on Tuesday next, the 25th inst., Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G. Master of Cornwall, having authorised the holding of an Especial Provincial Grand Lodge on that day for the purpose of laying the foundation-stone of the Cornwall Central Technical Schools. His lordship is at the present time in Germany, and is, therefore, unable, to his great regret, to preside on the occasion; but he has granted a dispensation to Bro. J. Passmore Edwards to lay the stone with the customary Masonic ceremonial. We cordially reiterate the hope expressed by Lord Mount Edgcumbe, in the official announcement of the meeting, that all our Cornish brethren "who can conveniently do so will attend, and thus mark their appreciation of the many acts of beneficence shown by Bro. John Passmore Edwards, the munificent founder of the institution to this his native county."

The Prov. Grand Lodge will meet at the Central Hall, Truro, at 2.15 p.m. precisely, and will go in procession to the site of the proposed Schools, and the ceremony proper to the occasion will be carried out in accordance with ancient custom, Bro. Edwards being the central figure at the important and unusual gathering.

The recent annual meeting at Sheffield of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire was in every way a great success. According to the report we published last week of the proceedings, the meeting was the largest ever held in West Yorkshire. Every lodge in the Province was represented, and the Britannia, No. 53, under whose auspices the gathering was held, did its utmost to give a cordial welcome to the Prov. Grand Master—Bro. C. Letch-Mason—and his Prov. Grand Officers, as well as to those who came from other Masonic centres in West Yorkshire. Moreover, that most indefatigable of Masonic rulers—Bro. the Earl of Euston, Pro G. Master—accompanied by sundry of his Grand Officers, was present, and he must have been intensely gratified by the hearty welcome he received. In short, everything went admirably, and the occasion will long be remembered as one of the most enthusiastic, as well as one of the most numerous ever held in the Province.

It was, naturally enough, in the order of things that the Provincial Grand Master should refer, with a peculiar sense of pleasure, to the Festival in July last in behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund. He had the honour of being the Chairman at that festive gathering, and not only did West Yorkshire exert itself with unprecedented success to support his advocacy and advance the interests of the Fund, but the Stewards generally must have put an extra amount of zeal into their labours, with the result that the amount of donations and subscriptions then realised was the highest ever yet obtained at a Mark Benevolent Festival. Considering that West Yorkshire is very far from being, numerically, the strongest of our Provinces, the greatest credit is due to it for its services in this instance, and Bro. Mason must be sensible of the loyalty shown to himself by the lodges and brethren under his charge.

As for the Pro Grand Master, it was but natural that he should be called upon for an address, however brief, and Lord Euston, after warmly congratulating Bro. Mason and his Province on their past services, expressed it as his opinion that similar services would always be forthcoming at the proper time, and gave the lodges and brethren some excellent advice—none the less excellent, be it remarked, because there was nothing novel about it—as to the acceptance of candidates. His lordship warned them against the indiscriminate

advancement of those who may apply to have the Degree conferred upon them. All applicants for the Mark must, as Lord Euston pointed out, be Craft Masons in the first instance. Discrimination may not always have been shown in the acceptance of candidates for initiation, or when they have been accepted and initiated, the promise of excellence based upon their antecedents may not be realised. In any case, caution must be exercised, at least, as much for the Mark as for the Craft Degrees.

There is, as we have said, nothing new about this advice, but Lord Euston did well to bring it to the notice and impress it upon the minds of his hearers. There may be no great reason for the exercise of this caution in West Yorkshire—the happy condition of the Province forbids the idea—but coming from so influential a quarter, the advice will carry with it all the greater weight, and may prove of service in the case of Provinces and lodges where the same feeling of harmony does not exist, or exists to a less extent.

Among the many Masonic functions which are being organised in connection with the approaching commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, we are pleased to be in a position to announce that a service will be held in St. John's Church, Buckhurst Hill, on Sunday, the 20th June—the 60th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the Throne—when, by the invitation of the Rector, the Hon. and Rev. Canon Pelham, an oration will be delivered by Bro. the Rev. T. Lloyd (Rector of Theydon Garnon), Past Prov. G. Chaplain Essex. The Prov. G. Master of Essex, Bro. the Earl of Warwick, who has granted the necessary dispensation for the brethren to appear in Craft or Royal Arch clothing, has consented to be the President of the Committee; Bro. Col. Lockwood, M.P., P.G.D., P.P.G.W. Essex, Vice-President; and Bro. C. C. Black, Past G. Steward England, Treasurer. The musical arrangements will be in charge of Bro. Walter Barwell, Organist of the lodge, and the offertory will be divided between two most deserving institutions—the Buckhurst Hill Village Hospital and the Medical Provident Home. Brethren are invited to become Stewards, the fee for which is 5s. Full particulars of Bro. C. G. Cutchey, Hon. Secretary, High-road, Buckhurst Hill.

It is with very sincere regret that we find ourselves under the necessity of announcing the death of Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke, Past Prov. Grand Master of Hertfordshire. His lordship had been in failing health, but had rallied, and it was not till early in the present week that his condition again caused anxiety to his family and friends. He died on Tuesday evening, and is succeeded by his son, Viscount Royston, now sixth Earl of Hardwicke, who was born in 1867, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales being one of the sponsors at his baptism. The deceased, who served during the Indian Mutiny, was a thorough sportsman, and had held the office of Master of the Buckhounds. He was, too, one of the most genial of men and extremely popular in the Province of Cambridgeshire, over which he presided for a period of 19 years, from 1872 to 1891.

It is also with sincere regret we record the death of the Dowager Duchess of Atholl, one of the dearest friends of her Majesty the Queen, and a former Mistress of the Robes and Lady of the Bedchamber. The deceased was widow of George, sixth Duke, and mother of John, the seventh and present Duke. The former, who died in 1864, was Grand Master of Scotland, when Lord Glenlyon, from 1843 to 1845, and henceforward, on his accession to the Dukedom, till his death. The present Duke was initiated in the Lodge of Dunkeld, on the morning of the 30th November, 1858, and the same evening was introduced by his father to Grand Lodge, his Grace subsequently serving for some years as Prov. Grand Master of Perthshire West.

It may interest our readers to know that the sixth Duke of Atholl, the husband of the lady just deceased, was singularly jealous for the honour of the Craft and that on two occasions, as recounted in Bro. Murray Lyon's well known "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1," this jealousy brought him into collision with Royalty. The first was in 1851, when Prince Albert was invited to lay the foundation-stone of the Fine Arts Gallery in Edinburgh, and the Duke "declined under protest to countenance the proceedings." The second was in 1861, when hearing it was the Prince Consort's intention to lay the corner-stones of the new Post Office and Industrial Museum at Edinburgh, his Grace again protested in the strongest terms, but courteously against what he was pleased to designate his Royal Highness's "infringement of the ancient privilege of the Masonic Bodies to lay the foundation-stones of public buildings in Scotland."

## Craft Masonry.

### Frederick West Lodge, No. 2222.

The presence of the P.G.M. of Surrey, Bro. the Earl of Onslow; the Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Frederick West; and the P.G. Sec., Bro. Charles T. Tyler, at the installation of Bro. James Purkess as W.M. of the above lodge, which took place at the Masonic Temple, Castle Hotel, East Molesey, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., raised the event almost to the proportions of a festival, so anxious were the members of this young, but very sturdy lodge, to show their appreciation of the kindness of his lordship in visiting them.

The lodge was opened by Bro. J. T. Mayo, W.M., with a full attendance of members and a large number of visitors, among whom were Bros. Bail, P.P.G. Reg. Berks; Hart, P.P.S.G.D.; Jessett, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Langley, P.P.G.D. Middx.; Lynes, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; Martin, Asst. G. Purst. England; Moorman, P.P.G.P.; Pennington, P.G.P.; Toms, P.P.G.S.B.; Dunsford, P.M. 394; Hayward, W.M. 2096; Pow, W.M. 1901; Ashdown, P.M. 394; Styles, P.M. 889; Parsons, P.M. 1564; Piper, P.M. 1597; Sumners, P.M. 1638; Brooks, S.W. 2540; Crookford, S.W. 1815; Sherwood, J.W. 2473; Wheatley, J.W. 1512; Mortimer, J.D. 889; Morley, 2275; Smith, 1638; Stupman, 2396; Saines, D.C. 2540; Hope, 889; Salmon, 1815; Pointer, I.G. 1901; Wheaton, 2381; Flint, 2612; Lane, 2146; Tagg, 1512; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The election of a new Treasurer was then proceeded with (Bro. J. Ellinger having resigned), when Bro. J. H. Mayo, P.M., was unanimously chosen. The arrival of the Dep. Prov. G. Master was then announced, and after being received in due form, he took his seat amid the applause of the brethren. The statement of the accounts for the past year was submitted and adopted. The W.M. elect was then presented by Bro. Lockett, P.M., to the W.M., who ably performed the ceremony of installation. The P.G.M. then entered the lodge and was accorded the heartiest possible reception which his lordship very graciously acknowledged. The following brethren were appointed and invested: Bros. J. T. Mayo, I.P.M.; J. G. Worthy, S.W.; Dr. Knox, J.W.; J. H. Mayo, Treas.; J. Ellinger, late Treas., Sec.; F. W. Salmon, S.D.; A. Stanley, J.D.; C. Row, I.G.; J. Pritchard, D.C.; W. H. Meyrick, Org.; and E. Denyer and R. H. Pye, Stwds. The investiture was performed in an excellent manner, and was highly appreciated by the lodge, the appointment of Bro. Ellinger as Secretary meeting with great satisfaction.

After "Hearty good wishes," the business of the lodge, which included a proposition for initiation, was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, served by Bro. Jno. Mayo, which, owing to the lateness of the evening, had to be somewhat hurried through.

In giving "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said in the minds of Masons that toast could fitly be reduced to a few words. The Craft they all loved; the Queen—God bless her; but in that year of universal thanksgiving and rejoicing they should more freely express their feelings of loyalty to the Queen, and, in felicitous terms, he referred to the love her Majesty had always evinced for her people, who had given their hearts to her in return. (Applause.)

The toast was received with musical honours.

In giving the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the W.M. said their Prince was the most perfect exponent of the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart—Charity. That year the London hospitals were getting his powerful support—(cheers)—and next year some other philanthropic movement for the good of the people would doubtless enlist his great sympathy. Omission must not be made of their Princess, who at that moment was bestowing her thoughtfulness on the poorest of the poor—the poor outcasts of London. The brethren would say from their hearts God bless and preserve the noble lives of their Prince and Princess.

"God bless the Prince of Wales" was very heartily sung.

The W.M. next proposed "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom; the Deputy G.M., Earl Amherst; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said he always contemplated that toast from two points of view. Firstly, there was the wisdom displayed by the G.M. in the selection he makes; secondly, what appeared to him (the W.M.) as a most striking and vivid circumstance was that there could be any society in that wide world which could attract the services of such eminent men.

Bro. J. C. Mortimer sang "So fare thee well."

In proposing the toast of "The P.G.M.," the W.M. said in the presence of his lordship he must exercise becoming restraint, but still he would say that, as Masons, they watched with pride his distinguished career in the State, and the whole province felt that with his lordship at their head Masonry was guided by the ripest practical experience. (Applause.) Addressing the P.G.M., the W.M. said he begged to offer him the most sincere thanks of the lodge and of all present for the pleasure and delight he had given them by honouring them with his presence, that being his first visit to the Frederick West Lodge. Personally he (the W.M.) thanked him with even stronger feelings, as he was aware it was not without some inconvenience that his lordship had left London that evening to be with them.

The P.G.M., who received quite an ovation, in replying, said that the exigencies of the London and South Western Railway, with which, he believed, the W.M. was not wholly unacquainted, obliged him to leave at once, he could therefore only stay to say briefly that he thanked all the brethren for the very kind manner in which they had received him.

His lordship, after warmly congratulating the W.M., left for town.

In submitting the toast of "The Deputy P.G.M. and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said he was extremely sorry that Bro. Frederick West had been obliged to leave them before that toast could be reached. Bro. West and the lodge stood in about the same relationship to each other as father and child. He had given his name to it, and they were proud to bear it, and naturally, of course, a visit from him gave them infinite pleasure. He hoped they would see Bro. West again very soon. As regards the members of P.G. Lodge, they were men of the highest merit and ability, and he was sure that they all greatly valued their services to the Craft.

Song—"As once in May," by Miss Agnes Matthews.

Bros. Styles, Lane, Hart, J. H. Mayo, and J. T. Mayo appropriately responded.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed in feeling terms by Bro. J. T. Mayo, I.P.M.

Bro. J. C. Mortimer sang in grand style "My friend."

The W.M. thanked the brethren very warmly for all that had been so kindly said of him. As to his abilities, he thought they must be taken on trust, he had to follow Masters of experience and competency, and he could not say more now than that he hoped to give satisfaction during his year of office. One thing he could sincerely promise, and that was, he would bring to his work the heartiest good will. (Loud cheers.)

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The I.P.M.," presented him, in the name of the lodge, with the jewel voted to him, and, in fastening it on his breast, assured him that it represented the very high esteem in which he was held by the members.

Miss Agnes Matthews sang "The promise of life."

The I.P.M. suitably replied.

The toast of "The Visitors" always meets with a flattering reception in the lodge, and the full measure of welcome which the W.M. accorded to the visitors showed continuity of rule in this respect.

Bro. Parsons, P.M., in response, said he tendered his sincere thanks to the W.M. for his kindness in coupling his name with that toast, and assured him it gave him the greatest pleasure to see him installed that evening, and to witness the admirable manner in which he had commenced his work, although the W.M. has a somewhat difficult task to emulate those Masters who have preceded him. Bro. Parsons knew that at the close of the W.M.'s year of office he would be found to have fulfilled his duties with a dignity and precision fully justifying the high expectations of the brethren. In lodges of instruction he had performed his work in such a way as to win the esteem and approbation of the whole of the members, and he was confident that they would be proud to have his name on their roll as a P.M. of the lodge.

Bro. Dunsford also offered his hearty congratulations to the W.M. on his accession to the chair of K.S.; he did so with peculiar pleasure, for he believed the lodge was really indebted to the Southampton Masons for having created in the W.M. a Masonic appetite. He assured them the visits of the W.M. to his lodge were highly appreciated, in fact there was not a more welcome visitor, and he ventured to prognosticate a brilliant career for the W.M. Bro. Dunsford congratulated the lodge on their working, especially mentioning the way in which the I.P.M. installed his successor.

Bro. J. C. Mortimer and other brethren also responded.

The toast of "The Past Masters" elicited cordial replies from Bros. J. H. Mayo, F. Lockett, and J. Ellinger, the latter also thanked the brethren for the very liberal response to his call upon them for his assistance to his list for the Girls' Institution, and expressed his desire to take up £100, which amount he had nearly reached.

The toast of "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast closed a noteworthy evening.

## Royal Arch.

### Jerusalem Chapter, No. 185.

The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 20th ult. Among those present were Comps. Eisenmann, M.E.Z.; Blankley, H., M.E.Z. elect; Hills, J., H. elect; Witthaus, S.N., J. elect; G. Davis, S.E.; Hambley, P.S.; Johnston, 1st A.S.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Maj. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C.; Cleghorn, P.Z.; Hardy, P.Z.; and Dr. Frye, P.Z.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. H. M. Kinozinski and L. Franklin, of 185, and it being unanimous, they were duly and impressively exalted. The installation of the Three Principals, viz.: Comps. Blankley, Hills, and Witthaus were efficiently carried out by Comps. Dr. Frye, P.Z.; Cleghorn, P.Z.; and Davis, P.Z. The following were then invested: Comps. G. Davis, P.Z., S.E.; Hambley, S.N.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Johnston, P.S.; and T. C. Edmunds, P.Z., Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to Comp. Eisenmann, P.Z. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Comps. N. Moss, J.P., P.Z., and J. Staley, P.Z., sent apologies for non-attendance. The chapter was then closed.

An excellent banquet followed. The M.E.Z. presided most admirably, the speeches being marked with originality, point, and humour.

In proposing "The Health of the Scribe E. and Treasurer," he spoke in high terms of commendation of the exertions of Comps. Davis and Harfeld to render the old Jerusalem Chapter thoroughly successful. Every lodge and every chapter must necessarily fluctuate. No. 185 had had very prosperous days, and it had had its time of anxiety. However, with such good companions at the helm, the members need not be afraid of being stranded on the rocks of financial or other troubles. In conclusion, he trusted that for many years to come Comps. Davis and Harfeld would hold the respective positions of Scribe and Treasurer, which they so worthily filled.

This pledge was most warmly received, and the recipients duly acknowledged the compliment.

During the evening "The Elite Concert Party" under the direction of Bro. Oswald Sharpley, gave a highly successful programme of music. The efforts of Mesdames Phyllis Hope and Florence Glover being particularly good. Mr. Neville Harris was the tenor and warbled sweetly. The humorous portion of the entertainment was borne by Mr. Bert Hope, and Miss Amy Vernon officiated at the piano.

The proceedings were highly successful, and the first Principal is to be congratulated on the success that attended his debut.

### Panmure Chapter, No. 720.

A meeting of this chapter was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Horns Hotel, Kennington, when there were present Comps. John Read, P.Z. and Past G. Org., as M.E.Z.; E. L. Horne, P.Z. 7, as H.; W. J. Songhurst, J.; F. A. Powell, P.Z. 457, 1446, P.P.G.R. Monmouth, S.E.; J. W. Stevens, S.N.; A. E. Mullins, 1st A.S.; A. E. Remington, 2nd A.S.; Newland, Stwd.; W. Kirkland, P.Z.; R. V. Side, P.Z.; Tofts, and Ferguson. Visitors: Comps. P. Laird, P.Z. 13; Chas. Hunt, P.Z. 257; E. L. Horne, P.Z. 7; J. C. Manning, P.Z. 1928; T. C. Stanley, 1326; W. L. Barrett, 2000; and W. Sexton.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. This being the annual meeting for the installation of Principals, a Board of Installed First Principals was formed, and Comp. W. J. Songhurst was, by authority of a dispensation from the G.Z., installed as M.E.Z. A Board of Installed Third Principals was formed, and Comp. J. W. Stevens was installed into the chair of J., both ceremonies being performed by Comp. John Read, P.Z. 449, Past G. Org., and first founder and P.Z. of this chapter. The Board of Installed Principals being closed, the M.E.Z. invested the following officers: Comps. F. A. Powell, P.Z. 457, 1446, P.P.G.R. Monmouth, as S.E.; A. E. Mullins, as S.N.; A. E. Remington, P.S.; Newland, A.S.; and John Read, P.Z., D.C. A letter was received from Comp. W. Lake, Asst. G.S.E., regretting his inability to be present at the meeting, also communications from Comps. Jacob, M.E.Z. 7; R. C. Leversedge, P.Z.; and E. J. Axford, P.Z., to a similar effect.

The chapter being closed, the companions adjourned to banquet under the presidency of Comp. W. J. Songhurst, M.E.Z.

In opening the proceedings at the banquet with the toast of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," the M.E.Z. remarked that, after 60 years of the most beneficent reign known in the history of the world, her Majesty's many and excellent virtues must be known to every Freemason throughout her dominions, and they would stand as among the brightest of memories in the history of the Empire and of the world. His only wish, and the wish of them all, would be that her Majesty might go through the arduous task imposed by the approaching commemoration festivities and demonstration without detriment to her health, which it was their sincere hope would remain unimpaired for many years to come.

The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Grand Z., the Prince of Wales," and observed that they all knew what his Royal Highness had already done and was still doing for Masonry. He had proved beyond question that he could not only inculcate the moralities of the Craft, but could act up to them; could not only teach Masonic virtues to others but could practice them in his own life and conduct. This he contended was the truest form of Freemasonry, and in the Prince of Wales they had his highest and best representation and expression. What he had done for the Masonic Charities was known throughout the Craft as one of the great features of the Masonic world, and both in the initiation and development of means to the desired end his Royal Highness stood pre-eminent, proving himself a true representative of Freemasonry in its best and most praiseworthy form.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was next proposed, coupled with the name of Comp. John Read, Grand Organist, who, as the M.E.Z. remarked, was father of the Panmure Chapter, and deserved well of Masonry as one of its most earnest and conscientious workers.

Comp. Read briefly responded.

Comp. Kirkland, in proposing the toast of "The M.E.Z.," observed that they were all aware it was only two years since their newly-installed M.E.Z. joined the chapter, and during the time he had been among them he had won the approbation of everyone. They soon found out his excellent qualities. They discovered that he was not only a good worker and had the chapter thoroughly at heart, but was prepared to put his principles to the test and to act up to them. His handsome gift of collars and jewels for the officers was an earnest of this, and gave practical proof of the excellence of his intentions. It might be taken for granted that the coming year would be to the chapter a year of good and earnest work, resulting in prosperity to itself and happiness to the members.

The M.E.Z., in responding, said it was always a very great satisfaction for anyone to know that the work he had done was appreciated by those with whom he came in contact. To himself it was in the highest degree satisfactory to feel that such efforts as he had been enabled to make had met with their approval, for it not only justified the past, but was an incentive to future effort. Fortified by their approbation, he should go on and endeavour to do his duty on the same lines. He need scarcely say that, though a very young member among them, he had the chapter earnestly at heart, and anything he could do to further its interests would at all times be done as a duty that it would afford him the greatest pleasure to fulfil.

The toast of "The H. and J." was coupled with the name of Comp. Stevens, who responded.

The M.E.Z. proposed "The Installing Z." He said they all knew Comp. Read, and were well acquainted with the marked excellence of his work, but he really thought that in the performance of the installation ceremony that day Comp. Read had excelled himself.

Comp. Read responded, and said it was one of the greatest pleasures of his life to be amongst them, and would so remain to the end.

The toast of "The Visitors" was coupled with the names of Comps. Hunt, P.Z., and Manning, P.Z., both of whom responded.

This was followed by the toasts of "The P.Z.s" and "The Officers of the Chapter."

Comp. Kirkland and others responded for the officers, which brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. Read, and formed a special feature for which the Panmure Chapter is famous. The artistes were Miss Edith Sexton, Miss Maude Horne, solo violin, with Mrs. Read at the grand piano; Comp. W. Sexton, of the Meister Glee Singers and Westminster Abbey; Bros. H. and G. Stubbs, St. Paul's Cathedral; solo flautist, Comp. W. L. Barrett, Prof. C.M.; and Comp. John Read, P.Z., P.G.O.

### Temperance Chapter, No. 739.

At the convocation of this flourishing chapter, held at the Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, a goodly number of members were in attendance. The following were present: Comps. J. C. Stackhouse, M.E.Z.; W. F. Tolladay, II.; A. W. Wilkinson, J.; F. G. Swinden, P.Z.; A. Price, Treas.; H. A. Clulee, J. 1016; J. Boston, P.Z. 1031, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. Mallard, P.Z., P.P.G. Org.; M. Berlyn, P.Z. 74; A. W. Adams, H. J. Collins, G. M. Wrighton, R. A. E. Payne, A. J. Leeson, C. J. Fowler, J. Candelent, G. P. Locker, J. C. Pool, C. Rainsford, W. T. Brooks, W. E. Thomason, E. J. Trevitt, and others.

The minutes were read and confirmed, when Comp. J. F. Tipper, P.G.H. Staffordshire, was announced and received. Comp. J. C. Stackhouse then installed Comp. W. F. Tolladay, P.Z. 1016, P.P.G.S.E., as M.E.Z.; Comp. F. G. Swinden, P.Z., P.G.S.E., installed Comp. A. W. Wilkinson, as H.; and Comp. J. Taylor was installed as J. by Comp. A. W. Wilkinson. The installations were performed with perfection and completeness of detail. The following were afterwards invested by the M.E.Z., with appropriate remarks: Comps. H. J. Collins, S.E.; A. W. Adams, S.N.; A. Price, Treas.; J. H. Blakeney, P.S.; C. M. Wrighton, 1st A.S.; A. J. Leeson, 2nd A.S.; W. J. Dingley, D.C.; R. A. E. Payne, P.G.O., Org.; C. T. Fowler and G. T. Locker, Stewards; and A. Dally, Janitor. The M.E.Z., Comp. W. F. Tolladay, then presented to Comp. J. C. Stackhouse, P.Z., a Past Principal's jewel, observing that the companions of the chapter were very pleased to take the opportunity of showing their appreciation of the great ability and care displayed by Comp. Stackhouse during his year of office. Comp. Stackhouse expressed his great pleasure in receiving the very handsome jewel, so kindly presented to him by the M.E.Z. in the name of the companions of the chapter. It would certainly remind him of a very happy year of office and of the kindly feelings of the companions towards him, and he thanked them most sincerely.

After closing the convocation the companions adjourned and partook of an excellent banquet.

The post-prandial proceedings were of the usual character.

During the evening a concert provided by the M.E.Z. was given, the following ladies and companions rendering a very pleasant and much appreciated programme: Misses Mary Tenzer, Blanche Tolladay, and Clara Harrison; Comps. J. Taylor, A. Price, G. T. Locker, and J. Candelent. Comp. R. A. E. Payne, P.G. Org., presided at the piano, and Comp. J. Campbell Tool gave a sleight-of-hand entertainment.

The special Royal Arch *menu* was greatly admired, also the Knight Templar and other banners on standards surrounding the banquet table.

An apology for absence was read from Comp. the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, G. Supt., expressing good wishes to the M.E.Z. and companions of the chapter, of which he is the oldest P.Z. Letters of regret were also announced from Comps. J. T. Collins, P.G.H.; W. M. Boddington, P.G.J.; the Marquess of Hertford, G. Beech, P.Z.; and several others.

### Era Chapter, No. 1423.

A meeting of this chapter was held on the 8th inst. at the Albany Hotel, Twicken-ham, when there were present, among others, Comps. F. Robinson, M.E.Z.; R. Poore, P.Z., as H.; G. Dauntton, J.; Major T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., S.E.; J. Masters, S.N.; E. H. Thiellay, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; A. Collins, P.S.; Holt and Foulger, Asst. Sojourners; H. Higgins, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; C. H. Kohler, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Fisher, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; John Mason, P.Z., P.P.G.O.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Barrett and Wilson were duly balloted for and impressively exalted as Royal Arch Masons, the addresses of the Principals being well delivered. The following elections then took place: Comps. Wells, M.E.Z.; Dauntton, H.; B. Grant, J.; Major Walls, Scribe E.; J. Masters, Scribe N.; E. H. Thiellay, P.Z., Treasurer; A. Collins, Principal Sojourner; Holt and Foulger, Asst. Sojourners; and J. Gilbert, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted by acclamation to the M.E.Z. An interesting feature in connection with the meeting was the presentation of Past Principal's jewels to Comps. H. Higgins, C. H. Kohler, W. Fisher, and R. Poore. Comp. W. H. Lee, P.Z., P.P.G.S.E. Middx., in consequence of indisposition was prevented from attending to receive his, but the I.P.Z. was deputed to hand it to him at his residence. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. W. H. Matthews, P.Z.; C. Stevens, P.Z., P.P.G.O.; A. Wells, H.; and others. The Third Principal was elected to represent the chapter at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The conclave was then closed. Refreshment followed labour.

Comp. John Mason made an interesting speech on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers." In the course of his remarks he touched upon the great strides Freemasonry in general had made since the Era Chapter was established nearly 21 years ago. He had not been with them for some time, but he congratulated all concerned upon the prosperous condition of No. 1423, and he particularly desired to express his humble commendation to the First Principal on the manner he and his officers had discharged their respective duties. He hoped in the future to be more with them, although, as a founder, he had never ceased to take an interest in the affairs of the chapter. He believed that he and their excellent Treasurer (Comp. Thiellay) were the only two founders left.

Other toasts and replies followed in due course, and the M.E.Z. is to be congratulated upon the great success that attended the whole proceedings, both in and out of the chapter.

### Aldersgate Chapter, No. 1657.

A meeting was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., when there were present Comps. George Rawlinson, M.E.Z.; James Shotton, H.; A. B. Hudson, P.Z., as J.; W. S. Whitaker, P.Z. 1471, 1572, 2147, S.E.; Charles Garton, P.S.; G. Couchman, Janitor; H. N. Bennett, R. Smyth, and T. Briggs. Visitors: Comps. F. Hughes, J. 192; William Baker, 2nd A.S. 192; and John G. Robeson, 192.

The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. There being no other business the following companions were elected for the ensuing year—Comps. J. Shotton, M.E.Z.; A. B. Hudson, H.; Charles Garton, J.; John Larkin, S.E.; George Hand, S.N.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; H. N. Bennett, P.S.; R. Smyth, 1st A.S.; T. Briggs, 2nd A.S.; and G. Couchman, Janitor.

The companions then adjourned to the banquet-room, where the M.E.Z., Comp. George Rawlinson, very ably presided.

### Farringdon Without Chapter, No. 1745.

A highly successful meeting of this civic chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 26th ult., when there were present, among others, Comps. Plummer, M.E.Z.; J. Young, P.Z., as H.; T. Simpson, P.Z., as J.; Major T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., S.E.; Weinell, S.N.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; J. D. Webb, P.S.; and G. Herbert, P.Z. Among the visitors were Comps. J. W. Thomas, P.Z.; R. Poore, P.Z. 1423; N. Prower, M.A., P.Z., late 1745; and the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., St. David's Chapter.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Comps. H. B. Marshall, M.A., J.P., C.C., late Royal Hanover Chapter, and the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., St. David's Chapter, and it proved to be unanimous. The election of Principals and officers then took place as follows: Comps.

H. Herbert, M.E.Z.; Murphy, H.; Weinell, J.; Major Walls, P.Z., S.E.; J. D. Webb, S.N.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., Treas.; Newell, P.S.; H. B. Marshall, 1st A.S.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, 2nd A.S.; and E. Mallett, P.Z. 1623, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel having already been presented to the M.E.Z. in 1896, a gold bar was voted to him to mark his second year's occupancy of the First Principal's chair. Comps. H. Herbert, Dr. E. M. Lott, P.Z., P.G.O. Eng., Murphy, and Newell sent apologies for non-attendance.

The chapter was then closed. A banquet followed.

After the preliminary toasts had been duly honoured,

The M.E.Z. gave "The Visitors." He said that it had afforded him great pleasure to welcome that night an old friend of his—Comp. R. Poore—the son of one now no more, whose name was widely and deservedly known in London and elsewhere. He could say that the son was walking in the footsteps of the sire, and was a good worker both in Craft and Arch. He also welcomed that night Comps. Thomas and Prower. He had not the pleasure of knowing the former companion, but he had passed many pleasant hours in the company of the latter, and he was glad to see him looking so well after his six months' sojourn abroad.

This pledge having been received and drunk with acclamation, was responded to by Comps. R. Poore, J. W. Thomas, and Nelson Prower, the latter's reply being couched in feeling terms, not unmixed with regret that circumstances had arisen to compel him to sever his active connection with Freemasonry.

In the intervals of the toasts the M.E.Z., Comps. J. Young, P.Z.; G. Herbert, P.Z.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., and others agreeably entertained the companions with song and recital.

### Broxbourne Chapter, No. 2353.

A meeting of the above chapter was held on Saturday, the 8th instant, at the Hadley Hotel, New Barnet, Herts, when there were present Comps. E. C. Mulvey, M.E.Z.; S. Lichtenfeld, H.; H. Gardiner, J.; W. Curry, Treas.; E. J. Gittins, S.E.; J. W. Hunt, P.S.; T. J. Phillips, 1st A.S.; I. Heilbrun, 2nd A.S.; G. Angold, D.C.; T. Kelly, Stwd.; H. Evenden, Janitor; E. Styles, P.Z.; J. Wall, A. Long, C. E. Greening, and E. Lewis. Visitors: Comps. R. H. Nicholls, 177; and R. H. Harnell, 2021.

The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, the installation of Principals for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, which was as follows: Comps. S. Lichtenfeld, M.E.Z.; H. Gardiner, H.; and E. J. Gittins, J. The newly-installed M.E.Z. then invested his officers, viz.: Comps. E. C. Mulvey, A.G.D.C., as S.E.; W. Curry, Treas.; J. W. Hunt, S.N.; T. J. Phillips, P.S.; I. Heilbrun, 1st A.S.; G. Angold, 2nd A.S.; G. Paxton, D.C.; A. Long, A.D.C.; C. E. Greening and T. Kelly, Stwds.; and H. Evenden, Janitor. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and other business transacted, chapter was closed.

The companions adjourned to the banquet table and had a very enjoyable evening, enlivened by some capital singing by Comps. Mulvey, Stiles, Gardiner, and Hunt.

## Our Portrait Gallery.

BRO. R. H. K. DYETT,

Dist. G.I. of W. (West India Islands), I.P.M. 460 (Mark).

Bro. R. H. K. Dyett—a report of whose lodge installation meeting will be found in another column—is a native of Montserrat, West Indies, and comes of a branch of an old English family which has been located in the West Indies for nearly 200 years. He was initiated in St. John's Lodge, No. 492, at Antigua, in 1892, advanced in the Avondale Mark Lodge, No. 460, in 1893, exalted to the



Royal Arch in Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 492, in 1893, and perfected in the Antigua Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 84, in 1894. He was also elevated to the Degree of Royal Ark Mariners in the Antigua Lodge, No. 460, in 1895, of which lodge he was a founder and first J.W. He was Secretary of the Avondale Lodge, No. 460, in 1893-5; Secretary of St. John's Lodge, No. 492, in 1895; P.S. of Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 492, in 1894-7; and is now S.W. of St. John's Lodge, No. 492, and H.P. and Treasurer of the Antigua Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 84.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the old students of King's College, London, will be held at the Holborn Restaurant on Monday, the 28th June. The Right Hon Lord Kelvin will occupy the chair, and H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, K.G., has expressed his intention of being present.

BRO. LORD AND LADY BURTON have returned to Chesterfield House, Mayfair, from Homburg. His lordship has placed this residence at the disposition of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Lord Chamberlain for the accommodation during Jubilee week of a portion of the Princely guests who will be in London for the festivities.



## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

### Invicta Chapter, No. 10.

The last meeting of the season was held on Friday, the 16th ultimo, at 33, Golden-square. Bro. H. C. Heard presided, and Bros. J. J. Tickle, C.C., and Octavius Marsland were perfected, the ceremony being impressively rendered by the veteran Ill. Bro. W. M. Bywater, 32°, assisted by the officers.

Among those present we noticed Ill. Bros. McGowan, 31° (visitor); H. Lovegrove, 31°; J. J. Pakes; George Powell, 30°; Manning; Wellton; J. Read, 30°; P. Laird, J. Songhurst, C. B. Barnes, G. W. Capel (visitor), and many others.

## Lodges and Chapter of Instruction.

### LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. M. Beedle, W.M.; H. Raphael, S.W.; H. Mullins, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; G. Hill, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Willby, P.M., and T. W. Smale, P.M., Secs.; J. Goldstein, S.D.; E. Hornwood, J.D.; H. Cross, I.G.; W. Proctor, Tyler; Plucknett, Pinnell, Parker, Bowden, Sturgess, Leather, Zeppenfeld, Carnaby, Isaacs, and Butcher.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Parker being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Isaacs being the candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time when the dues were collected. At the second rising of the W.M., Bro. H. Raphael, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was then closed.

### ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present: Bros. C. C. Renaud, W.M.; W. F. Roberts, S.W.; L. Danielsson, J.W.; J. W. Clarke, P.M., P.G.P. Middx., Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herks, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; A. F. Hardymont, S.D.; A. L. Langton, J.D.; C. Nicole, I.G.; C. Smith, S. Cload, W. J. North, F. H. Johnson, W. Rapley, R. F. Upton, P.M. and H. R. Bower.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Johnston being the candidate. The Ancient Charge was given. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Johnson, and part of the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Rapley being the candidate. Bro. Roberts was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed the officers in rotation. 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 7th inst. Present: Comps. W. Dawson, M.E.Z.; W. R. Smith, H.; Hy. Cornford, J.; T. Grumman, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; Hy. Hardman, S.N.; Blum, P.S.; Longhurst, Rankin, Remington, Eckersall, Derham, Lundie, Reed, and Barr.

The chapter was regularly opened, and the companions admitted. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Derham personating the candidate. Comp. Smith, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Comp. Geo. Rankin, 1329, was elected a member. The chapter was placed at the disposal of the M.E.Z. 2182, on Friday, the 21st inst., at p.m. The chapter was then closed.

## The Craft Abroad.

### MARK MASONRY.

#### Avondale Lodge, No. 460

The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Friday evening, the 9th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Nevis-street, St. John's, Antigua, West Indies. Those present were Bros. R. H. K. Dyett, Dist. G.I. of W., W.M.; Hon. A. W. H. à Court, I.P.M., Dist. G.S. W., as S.W.; Charles Griffin, J.W.; T. S. G. Pigott, M.O.; M. R. Higgins, S.O.; C. W. Watkins, J.O.; Rev. Charles H. Branch, B.A., Dist. G. Chap., W.M. elect, Chap.; J. T. Thilon, Treas.; G. E. Pierz, M.D., R. of M.; P. J. O'L. Bradbury, Sec.; Thomas H. Foster, S.D.; W. H. Evans, J.D.; G. T. Gallwey, Org.; C. U. Melanson, I.G.; J. F. D. West, acting Tyler; and many other members and visitors.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The usual preliminaries having been concluded a ballot was taken for Bro. James H. D. Wall, 492, which proved favourable, and he being in attendance was duly advanced to the honorary Degree of a Mark Master Mason by the W.M., Bro. the Hon. A. W. H. à Court then presented the W.M. elect, Bro. the Rev. C. H. Branch, B.A., Dist. G. Chap., to receive the benefit of installation, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was duly installed by the W.M., Bro. R. H. K. Dyett, and saluted according to ancient custom. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. M. A. Higgins, S.W.; R. Bell, J.W.; T. S. G. Pigott, M.O.; C. W. Watkins, S.O.; P. J. O'L. Bradbury, J.O.; L. Read, Chap.; J. H. Thilon, re-elected Treas.; H. B. Moore, R. of M.; J. H. D. Wall, Sec.; G. E. Pierz, M.D., S.D.; Thos. H. Foster, J.D.; C. U. Melanson, D.C.; G. T. Gallwey, Org.; J. E. Dyett, I.G.; and H. C. Nibbs, re-elected Tyler. The usual charges were delivered by the Installing Master, and attentively listened to by the brethren. The Audit Committee's report was read and adopted, by which it appeared that the lodge was in a prosperous condition, being free of debt, and having a snug balance in the Treasurer's hands. A vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring Master, Bro. Dyett, for his zealous and untiring services to the Order.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated, having passed an entertaining and instructive evening.

A portrait of the Installing Master, Bro. R. H. K. Dyett, will be found in another column.

## Obituary.

### M.W. BRO. SIR W. J. CLARKE, BART.

A newspaper cable, last Saturday, announcing the awfully sudden death that day, in the streets of Melbourne, of M.W. Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., Pro and Past Grand Master of Victoria, must have come as a shock to many who knew him in England, as it did to the writer of this notice, who for several years had had the honour of his close friendship, Masonically, as well as in other walks of life. Although it was no secret that the health of our eminent brother had recently assumed a precarious and anxious character, no one could have anticipated the tragical close to his long and useful life, during which he was one of the foremost figures of Australian society. William John Clarke was the eldest son of the Hon. William John Turner Clarke, a member of the Upper House of the Victorian Legislature, descendant of an old Somersetshire family, who emigrated to Tasmania, then known as Van Dieman's Land, in 1840. Embarking in

pastoral pursuits, he eventually acquired considerable landed property, and in the early "forties" turned his attention to the continent of Australia, taking up large tracts of country in the colony now known as Victoria. At his death, the subject of this notice, a native of Somersetshire, succeeded to the vast estates in Victoria. Much of the land in the neighbourhoods of Melbourne and Ballarat being cut up into farms, and it will suffice to say that the happiest relations always existed between Sir William Clarke and his numerous and prosperous tenantry. He succeeded his father as a member of the Legislative Council of the Colony for the County of Bourke, and time after time was returned unopposed as the representative of one of the finest districts of Victoria. With his vast wealth and naturally generous disposition, it is but reasonable to suppose that our late distinguished brother encouraged and liberally supported every measure and project that might tend to the development of the pastoral, the agricultural, and the commercial interests of Victoria. Science, art, and literature owned him as one of their most liberal patrons, as instance his foundation of Trinity College, connected with the Melbourne University, and a scholarship in the Royal Academy of Music for native Victorians. During the first great Indian famine he subscribed £10,000 to the relief fund, also a like sum to the building fund of the Anglican Cathedral of St. Paul's in Melbourne. Nor must we omit the establishment and maintenance at his own expense, of a battery of horse artillery, a detachment of which distinguished itself at the Royal Military Tournament three years ago. In 1882, her Majesty the Queen conferred on Sir William Clarke, the dignity of a baronetcy, and, up to his death, he was the first Victorian ever so honoured. He was further an LL.D. of Cambridge University. By the way, the motto on his coat of arms significantly runs: "*Signum quærens in vellere*" ("Seeking the sign in the wool"). But it is with his Masonic career that we are mostly concerned. Initiated in an Irish lodge in Tasmania, when quite a young man, the future Grand Master took no active part in Masonry for many years. In the latter part of 1881, however, a vacancy having occurred in the Provincial Grand Mastership of Victoria under the Irish Constitution, Sir William Clarke was selected and his name submitted to the late Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, and being approved, he was duly installed. From this incident was evolved one of the brightest ornaments in British Freemasonry, as may readily be imagined from the well-known kind-heartedness and energy of the brother so honoured. Commencing as ruler over some dozen lodges, the following year there occurred vacancies in the heads of the English and Scottish Constitutions, and the happy idea of inviting the chief of the Irish Masons to accept both those offices was conceived, subject to the approval, of course, of the M.W. Grand Masters of England, Scotland, and Ireland. This mutual arrangement was readily conceded, and in March, 1884, was witnessed the most imposing Masonic ceremony ever known up to that time, namely, when Sir William Clarke was installed District Grand Master of the English and Scottish Constitutions, in the city of Melbourne. Our late brother thus found himself at the head of about 120 lodges, under three Constitutions, a unique combination, that we believe stands by itself in the history of Freemasonry. The year following Sir William laid the corner stone of the Freemasons' Hall and Club, in Melbourne, a property of which he was at the time of his death a three-fourths proprietor. Meanwhile Masonry in Victoria under such happy auspices progressed by leaps and bounds. Passing over the second attempt to found a Sovereign Grand Lodge of Victoria, which succeeded, and which Sir William Clarke declined to countenance, owing, as he expressed it, to his disinclination to "cut the painter" that bound Masonry under his sway to the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, and to his disbelief in the now pretty well exploded theory that three lodges can form a Grand Lodge, where no supreme body is supposed to exist—it was in 1888 that serious steps were taken to consolidate Masonry under one Constitution. The visit of the late Earl of Carnarvon to Australia had a conciliating effect in both New South Wales and Victoria, where discord then prevailed, consequent on the foundation of unrecognised Grand Lodges in both those colonies. South Australia had already assumed independent government, and had been recognised, the movement in that colony having been practically unanimous—indeed, there is only one lodge existing at the present time outside the Grand Lodge, and that an Irish one. Then succeeded New South Wales, another instance of practical unanimity, only one lodge of three originally now standing out; and in 1889 Sir William Clarke became the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, composed of 94 English, 18 Irish, 13 Scotch, and 18 Victorian, or a total of 141 lodges, two English lodges holding aloof, one of which subsequently joined, whilst the last, the Combermere, No. 752, in Melbourne, is now presided over by Lord Brassey, Governor of the Colony and Grand Master of Victoria, while Sir William Clarke was a subscribing member of it till the day of his death. Since Sir William Clarke's induction as Grand Master of Victoria—which magnificent function, by the bye, was performed by Lord Carrington, assisted by Chief Justice Way, respectively first Grand Masters of New South Wales and South Australia—Masonry has still further advanced, and there are now over 160 lodges in the jurisdiction. Last year, to wide-spread regret, our departed brother decided upon relinquishing his important office, prior to doing which, however, he nominated as his successor Lord Brassey, and, as a proof that his sympathies were still with the Craft, he accepted the position of Pro Grand Master, as provided by the Victorian Constitutions, whenever the Governor of the Colony is Grand Master. Lord Brassey was to be installed last month for the second time, with Sir William Clarke as Pro Grand Master, which office, in consequence of his death, is now vacant. The late Sir William Clarke was head of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Victoria. He was also a member of the Mark Degree and a Knight Templar. In the permanent monuments of Masonic Charity in Australia and England, he ever took the warmest and most substantial interest, and during his periodical visits to the old country, he qualified as Patron of the Boys' School and Vice-Patron of the Girls' School, while Lady Clarke, too, is a Patroness of the former School. Our late brother was 66 years of age at the time of his lamented death. He had been twice married, and from this end of the British Dominions we are sure sincerest and most respectful sympathies will be conveyed to Lady Clarke, to the new baronet, Bro. Sir Rupert Havelock Clarke (born in 1865), and his relatives in their terrible affliction.

### BRO. STEPHEN HENRY GREENSTREET, P.M. 125.

Bro. Stephen Henry Greenstreet, P.M., of Prince Edward Lodge, No. 125, Hythe, passed away after a short illness, on the 10th inst. Bro. Henry Greenstreet was an accomplished musician, and held the office of Organist of his lodge, at Hythe, and also of Radnor Lodge, No. 2587, Folkestone. He had occupied the position of master of the National Schools of the village of Cheriton for over a generation, and in his calling he was very successful, as testified by the Government Diocesan Inspectors' reports from time to time. For many years he had acted as churchwarden and organist of the Cheriton Parish Church. He was also Secretary of the lodge of Oddfellows of his village, and also the Chairman of the Parish Council. His musical talent often provided good entertainment in his village in order to relieve it of some of its natural monotony. He was a director of the Hythe Building Society. Masonically, he was a frequent visitor to the various lodges in the locality. His funeral was attended by hundreds of old friends of various spheres of life, and many more testified to their esteem, as proved by the host of floral tributes that were laid on his grave.

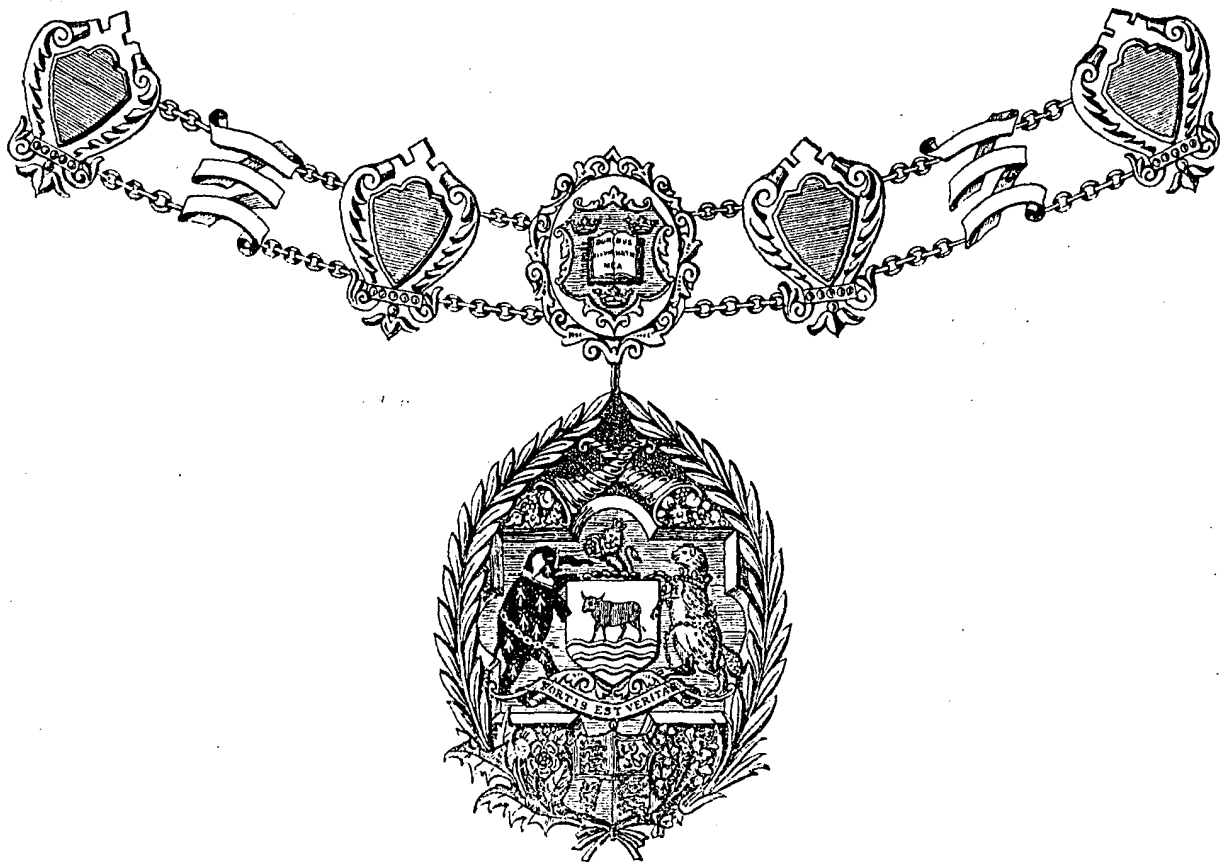
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## **SHERIFF'S CHAIN,**

Presented to the Corporation at the last Meeting of the Council by

### **BRO. SHERIFF DRUCE.**

The centre of the badge is formed by an ornamental sunken panel containing the arms and supporters of the City of Oxford in full heraldic colours. This is surmounted by two cornucopia in saltire, suggestive of prosperity. Underneath appear the arms of England in enamelled colours, flanked on either



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## Masonic and General Tidings.

ON THURSDAY evening the Indian Famine Fund at the Mansion House amounted to £527,000.

BRO. SHERIFF ROGERS opened on Wednesday, the bazaar at the Myddelton and Wellington Halls, Upper-street, Islington, in aid of the funds of the Islington Wesleyan Circuit.

BRO. LORD HERSCHELL, the Chancellor of the University of London, distributed on Wednesday, at Burlington House, the prizes and diplomas gained by the graduates and undergraduates during the past academical year.

ART MIRACLES is the title given by the Aquarium Management to the latest and greatest development in colour photography, an exhibition of which is to be given at the Royal Aquarium at 2 p.m. on Wednesday next, the 26th inst.

ACCORDING to advices from Weymouth, Bro. Lord Stalbridge has resigned the commodoreship of the Royal Dorset Yacht Club, but hopes are entertained that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will consent to occupy the position during the present season.

THE GUILDHALL CRICKET CLUB.—At a meeting of the members of the Guildhall Cricket Club at the Guildhall a few days ago, Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, the Town Clerk, was re-elected the President, and Bro. Colonel T. Davies Sewell the Treasurer.

THERE WILL BE a race at the Royal Aquarium by ladies on cycles for £200. The race will be a 12 days' race, and the nationalities will run in separate sections, each section competing for 3½ hours daily, commencing at 2 p.m., on Monday next, the 24th instant.

BRO. THE EARL OF JERSEY has consented to preside at the annual meeting of the National Refuges and Training Ships Arethusa and Chichester, which will be held at Exeter Hall on Tuesday, the 25th inst. A choir of about 500 young people, including the sailor boys, will take part in the proceedings.

BRO. HENRY CLARKE, C.C., and Mrs. Clarke have issued invitations to the brethren of Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, of which Bro. Clarke is Treasurer, to a garden party at his residence, Cannon Hall, Hampstead, on Saturday, the 12th prox., "to meet the Lord Mayor and the Chairman of the London County Council."

PRINCE CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, attended by his Equerry-in-Waiting, dined with Lord Belper and the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, at their mess in St. James's Palace, on Monday evening, the other guests being Prince Blucher of Wahlstatt, the Earl of Albemarle, Bro. Lord Llangattock, and Bro. Sir Francis Boileau, Bart.

THE COMMITTEE in charge of the fund for a memorial to be raised to the late Bro. Sir Augustus Harris have forwarded to the Charing Cross Hospital a cheque for £1000 for the endowment in perpetuity of a bed in memory of our late respected brother. The bed is to be reserved for the accommodation of patients connected with the dramatic, musical, and music-hall professions.

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES the Prince and Princess of Wales visited the Queen at Windsor Castle, on Monday afternoon, and stayed with her Majesty to dinner, Lieut.-Col. A. Davidson being in attendance from the railway station to the Castle. The Duke of York visited his mother-in-law, the Duchess of Teck, who is progressing favourably, but will not be able to leave her room for a fortnight.

THE ANNUAL Provincial Grand Lodge of Berkshire will be held, at the invitation of the Downshire Lodge, No. 2437, in Reading, on Tuesday, 6th July. This will be the first time in the history of Freemasonry in Berkshire that the annual Provincial Grand Lodge has been held in this town, and the local members of the Craft are making special arrangements to give the visitors a hearty reception on their inaugural visit. The W.M. of the Downshire Lodge is Bro. H. G. Powell.

THE COMFORT and manifest convenience of hotel life are rapidly tempting larger and larger numbers each year to take up their abode permanently in such admirable establishments as the Barkston Gardens Hotel, in the Earl's Court-road. Just reopened by Bro. John R. Roberts, P.M. 2641, 2535, P.Z. 1196, who built Barkston Gardens, one of the prettiest squares in what is perhaps the most salubrious district in the West End of London; this hotel is replete with every luxury and embellished throughout with good taste and skill.

THERE WERE assembled at the Crystal Palace on Saturday last, under the auspices of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, some 23,000 children and their friends, the object of the meeting being to present the prizes awarded for essays on kindness to animals. For this competition no less than 139,326 essays were sent in, being an increase of nearly 20,000 on the number in 1896, the number of schools that were entered being 1446, of which 876 are under the School Board, 382 Denominational, and 188 of a superior character. Upwards of 2880 prizes were distributed, the Duchess of Portland giving away with her own hands as many as 1531. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to her Grace for her kindness in undertaking what was, in fact, a very arduous duty.

BY COMMAND of the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales held a Levée at St. James's Palace, on behalf of her Majesty, on Monday. His Royal Highness, attended by Bros. Lord Suffield and Sir Francis Knollys and Capt. Holford, arrived at the Palace from Marlborough House, escorted by a detachment of the 1st Life Guards. There were also present their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of Connaught and Strathearn, York, and Cambridge, Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, and Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar. The Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms was on duty, under the command of their Captain, Lord Belper, and the Yeomen of the Guard under their Captain, the Earl of Waldegrave, while among the officers of State and of the Household in attendance were the Earl of Pembroke (Lord Steward), Bro. the Earl of Lathom (Lord Chamberlain), Bro. the Duke of Portland (Master of the Horse), Viscount Curzon, M.P. (Treasurer of the Household), and Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P. (Comptroller of the Household).

MISS JANIE CROMPTON, a pianist from Manchester, gave a recital in the smaller Queen's Hall on Thursday afternoon, in the presence of a fairly numerous audience. The artist in question is equipped with a powerful technique, but her touch is hard, and she seems to have little command of expression. She offered a neat and vigorous performance of a movement by Scarlatti, following on with Schumann's "Novellette" in F major, rendered with more power than charm, while Stephen Heller's Caprice on the Fairies' Dance from Mendelssohn's music to "A Midsummer Night's Dream" demanded a lighter finger to ensure proper appreciation. Miss Crompton was joined by Ferdinand Weist-Hill in the performance of Mozart's Sonata in A major, and two movements from Rubinstein's work of the same description in A minor, the young violinist also contributing solos. Vocal relief was supplied by Madame Belle Cole, Miss Alicia Jephson, and Mr. Cyril Dwight-Edwardes, the last-named artist, who owns a fine baritone voice, winning much applause for his artistic rendering of Massenet's "Promesse de mon Avenir" and other pieces. Miss Edith Merrylees was the accompanist.

THE ARRANGEMENTS for the Jubilee commemoration festivities have been completed by the Court authorities. On Sunday, the 20th June (Ascension Day) there will be a commemoration service in St. Paul's Cathedral. On Monday the Queen will arrive at Buckingham Palace from Windsor Castle, and will receive the Royal representatives and suites of the Sovereigns sending delegates to the celebration, and entertain many of them at a State banquet in the evening. On Tuesday the Queen proceeds in State to St. Paul's Cathedral, and, after receiving the Colonial Envoys, will give another State banquet. There will also be a general illumination. On Wednesday, after receiving addresses from the Houses of Lords and Commons in the morning, and receiving and entertaining at luncheon the Mayors of the different cities and towns, her Majesty will return to Windsor. On Thursday the Queen and Court will witness a grand torchlight procession of the Eton boys at Windsor Castle, and there will be a reception by the Prime Minister and a State ball at Buckingham Palace. On Friday there may be a dinner party, while Saturday is appointed for the Naval Review at Spithead, and on Monday, the 28th June (Coronation Day) there will be a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

THE FOLLOWING lodges have contributed to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund—Regent's Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 2202, £2 4s.; Lodge of Industry, No. 186, £5; Zetland Lodge of Instruction, No. 511, £2 3s.; and Windermere Lodge, No. 2217, £1 4s.

THE TEMPLE YACHT CLUB will, by permission of the Queen, be known in future as the "Royal Temple Yacht Club."

THE ANNUAL DINNER of her Majesty's Royal Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard will take place at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., on Monday next.

PRINCESS LOUISE (Marchioness of Lorne) has promised to open in July the Convalescent Home at Cranbrook given by Bro. Passmore Edwards to the Metropolitan Hospital.

LORD KELVIN has announced his intention of treating on the subject of "The Age of the Earth as an Abode fitted for Life" at the annual meeting of the members of the Victoria Institute.

THE QUEEN will reach Balmoral to-morrow (Saturday), having broken her journey at Sheffield to-day (Friday) for the purpose of opening the New Town Hall and visiting Norfolk Park.

THE LADY MAYORESS gave a ball at the Mansion House, on Wednesday, in honour of her youngest daughter who had been presented at Court the day previous. There was a large gathering of guests.

THE DUKE OF YORK and the Princess Victoria of Wales, attended by the Hon. Derek Keppel, visited the Yachting and Fisheries Exhibition on Thursday and inspected the yachting and north galleries.

THE COUNTESS OF WARWICK presided on Wednesday at a successful garden meeting on the terrace of Warwick Castle, on behalf of the newly-formed Ladies Guild of the British and Foreign Sailor's "Society."

THE DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT has consented to be present at the concert organised by Lady Alington in aid of a Convalescent Home for Horeton, which will take place at Alington House on Thursday, the 27th inst.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES has signified her intention of visiting the Royal Horticultural Society's Great Show, in the Temple Gardens, on Wednesday, if she can possibly do so, after her Majesty's Birthday Parade.

ON THURSDAY the Queen received at Windsor Castle the Marquis of Salisbury, prior to the departure of the Court on this (Friday) morning for the North. His lordship dined with her Majesty and remained at the Palace.

THE KING AND QUEEN OF WURTEMBERG arrived at Claremont, Esher, on Wednesday on a visit to the Duchess of Albany. They were received at the railway station by her Royal Highness, and will remain in England for about a fortnight.

THE DUKE OF YORK, attended by the Hon. Derek Keppel, left Windsor Castle for Chobham, on Wednesday, for the purpose of visiting the Gordon Boys' Home. After luncheon with the Commandant, Col. Walker, his Royal Highness returned to London.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, attended by Capt. Holford, returned to Marlborough House on Thursday afternoon from Newmarket, where he had been staying since Tuesday, and in the evening was present at the performance of "Saucy Sally" at the Comedy Theatre.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE has consented to take the chair at a meeting of the quarterly court of governors of the Middlesex Hospital, to be held on the 27th inst., at noon, at which a congratulatory address to the Patron, her Majesty the Queen, on the celebration of the 60th anniversary of her reign, will be submitted.

A MASONIC SERVICE, as previously announced in our columns, will be held in the Collegiate Church of St. Saviour's, Southwark, on Thursday next, the 27th instant (Ascension Day), at which Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M., and other dignitaries of the Order, will be present, and the sermon preached by Bro. the Very Rev. S. R. Hole, D.D., Dean of Rochester, G. Chap.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, accompanied by her daughter, the Princess Victoria, distributed the badges and certificates awarded to the first ladies enrolled in the new Army Nursing Reserve. The ceremony took place in the lecture theatre of the Royal United Service Institute, and was witnessed by a numerous gathering of interested spectators, amongst whom were Bro. Lord Methuen and Bro. Lord and Lady Loch.

THE FRIENDS and supporters of the Jews Hospital and Orphan Asylum dined together at the Mansion House on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress, and numerous others being present on the occasion. In the course of the evening, the Lord Mayor, in acknowledging the toast of his health, announced that the subscriptions towards the funds of the Institution amounted to £11,700.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY, attended by Bro. Sir Robert Collins and Miss Heron-Maxwell, opened a bazaar at the Assembly Rooms, Kingston-on-Thames, in aid of the Kingston School Accommodation Fund, for which a sum of £2000 is required in order to meet the demands for school places. Her Royal Highness having declared the bazaar open, graciously received 60 purses of money from as many children representing the years of the Queen's reign.

THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON has addressed a letter to the daily press announcing that he has received a cheque for £25,000 towards the Princess of Wales's Fund for providing a dinner during Jubilee week for the outcast poor of London. This with the amount previously received will suffice for the purposes for which the Fund was being organised and the Lord Mayor has accordingly declared it to be closed. The donor of this munificent gift has elected to have his name kept secret.

BRO. GENERAL LORD WOLSELEY was the guest of Major General Thyme, at York, during Thursday and Friday last. On Thursday afternoon he visited York Minster, and was conducted over the most interesting portions by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, the Chapter Clerk. On Saturday he held a review of the troops on Knavesmire, including the Yorkshire Hussars Yeomanry Regiment (the Yorkshire Red Caps), under the command of Bro. Lieut.-Col. the Right Hon. Lord Bolton, D.P.G.M. of North and East-Yorkshire.

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, representing her Majesty the Queen, will perform the ceremony of opening the Blackwall Tunnel to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon at 3.30 p.m. Their Royal Highnesses will be accompanied by the Princess Victoria of Wales and the Duke of York, and attended by the Great Officers of the Household, &c. The procession will consist of five carriages under an escort of the 1st Life Guards, and will proceed by way of Pall Mall, Northumberland-avenue, the Victoria Embankment, Queen Victoria-street, Leadenhall-street, Aldgate, White-chapel, Commercial-road East, and East India Dock-road. It will be met at the northern approach of the tunnel by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the London County Council, and the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and members of the Bridges Committee. The tunnel having been declared open, the Royal Family, &c., will re-enter their carriages and return *via* Greenwich, Deptford, Old and New Kent-road, &c.

BY COMMAND of the Queen, H.R.H. the Princess of Wales held a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday afternoon, at which, by the Queen's pleasure, presentations to her Royal Highness are considered equivalent to presentations to her Majesty. Her Royal Highness arrived at the Palace from Marlborough House accompanied by the Duke of York and attended by Lord Colville of Culross, Lady Emily Kingscote, Miss Knollys, and Bros. Lord Suffield and Sir Francis Knollys. The Duchess of Albany and Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein were also present. The Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms were on duty under the command of Captain Lord Belper, and the Yeomen of the Guard under Captain the Earl of Waldegrave. There were in attendance on her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Buccleugh (Mistress of the Robes), Viscountess Downe (Lady-in-Waiting), the Hon. Mrs. Ferguson of Pitfour (Woman of the Bedchamber-in-Waiting), the Hon. Ethel Cadogan and the Hon. Bertha Lambart (Maids of Honour-in-Waiting), the Earl of Pembroke (Lord Steward), Bro. the Earl of Lathom (Lord Chamberlain), Bro. the Duke of Portland (Master of the Horse), Viscount Curzon, M.P.; Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P.; the Earl of Coventry (Master of the Buckhounds), the Earl of Clarendon (Lord-in-Waiting), and many others. The Diplomatic and General Circles were very numerous and attended and there was a large number of presentations which had previously been submitted for her Majesty's approval.



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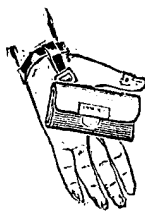
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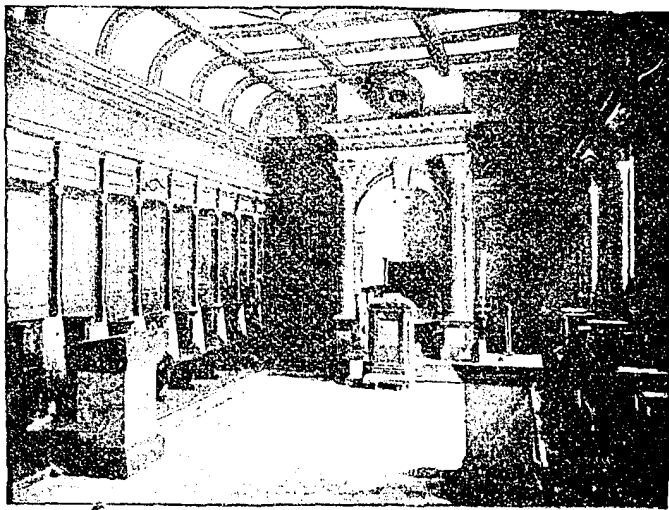
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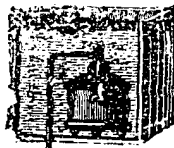
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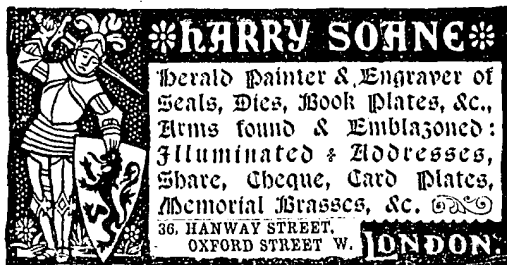
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The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

**MONDAY, MAY 24.****CRAFT LODGES.**

4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.  
183, Unity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
706, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich.  
902, Burgoyne, Anderson's Hotel.  
905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.  
1032, Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1828, Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel.  
2397, Columbia, Criterion.  
2563, Justitia, Freemasons' Hall.

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**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, Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.  
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.  
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.  
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.  
St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8 Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.  
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.  
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.  
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.  
Woodrow, Star and Garter Hotel, Pall Mall, W., at 3.  
Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.  
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.  
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.  
North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

**TUESDAY, MAY 25.****CRAFT LODGES.**

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

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

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

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**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, Curator-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, 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, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway, S.E., at 7.30.  
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-road, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.  
Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.  
Yarborough, Mitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30.  
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 26.****CRAFT LODGES.**

2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.  
212, Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant.  
753, Prince Frederick William, Frascati Restaurant.  
754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel.  
898, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar.  
1360, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon.  
1719, Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall.  
2332, Borough of Greenwich, Masonic Rooms.  
2410, Itrani, Freemasons' Hall.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

1269, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.  
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.  
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.  
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.  
Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Crusaders, The St. John's Gate Tavern, St. John-square, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.  
Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.  
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.

Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.  
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.  
Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.  
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.  
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.  
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.  
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
Lewisham, Black Bull, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.  
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.  
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.  
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.  
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.  
Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8.  
New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, N., at 8.  
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.  
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.  
Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, 17, 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.  
Clapton Chapter, Amhurst Club, Rectory-road, N., 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, MAY 27.**

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

**CRAFT LODGES.**

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

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

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

**MARK LODGE.**

211, Earl of Carnarvon, Anderson's Hotel.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 328, 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.  
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.  
Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.  
Tranquillity, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W., at 8.  
Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.  
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.  
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.  
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.

**FRIDAY, MAY 28.**

Council Boys' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.  
1591, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

255, Iris, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.  
1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' 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, 9, 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, Montpellier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.  
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.  
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.  
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.  
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.  
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 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

**SATURDAY, MAY 29.**

(No Meetings).

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell News-road, at 7.30.  
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammermith, 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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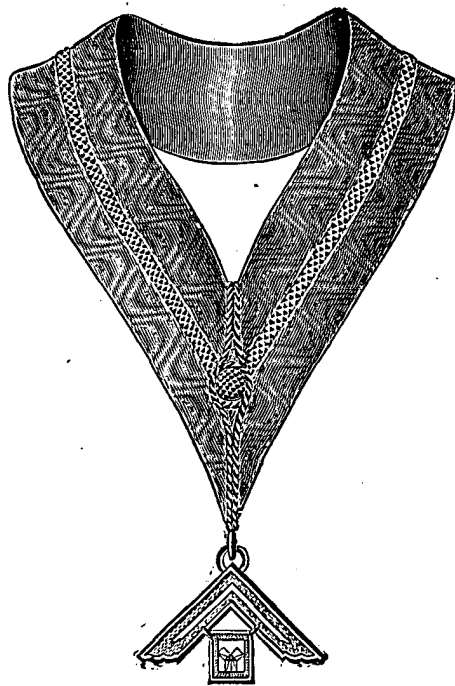
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