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## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

There is a very full programme of business to be transacted at the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the 2nd prox., the most important item in the Agenda being the Report of the Special Committee which was appointed at the March Communication "to consider certain additions to, and alterations in, the Book of Constitutions, proposed by the Grand Registrar." It is to be regretted that all the members of the Committee were not present at the meeting on the 27th April last, when the proposals were considered, but Bro. RICHARD EVE, Past Grand Treasurer, who takes a great interest in these matters, was unable to attend, and so likewise was Bro. Major-General GADSDEN, who was, unfortunately, prevented by illness. Otherwise the additions to, and alterations in, the Book of Constitutions, which in March came forward, on Notice of Motion by the Grand Registrar, are now submitted on the unanimous recommendation of the Committee, and for this reason we trust will be as unanimously adopted. They are, as they were in March last, most reasonable in themselves, and we feel sure they will have the effect of minimising, if they do not entirely prevent, those dissensions which in many cases appear to have followed upon a proposal for the establishment of an independent local Grand Lodge in one of the Colonies or Dependencies of the British Crown where there are lodges, either organised into a District Grand Lodge or not, holding under the Grand Lodge of England.

The present proposals are published in another page, but we may state at once that they are substantially the same as those which the Grand Registrar proposed in March last, and which were then referred to this Special Committee. It will, doubtless, suffice, too, if we state that the Articles in the Book of Constitutions affected are Nos. 218 and 219, the former of which will be greatly enlarged and the latter amended, if the Report is adopted. Article No. 218 at present provides that "the Grand Master shall not be applied to on any business concerning Masons or Masonry except through the Grand Secretary." If these proposals are adopted there will be added 218A and 218B, the former of which provides that a District Grand Master

may, if he shall think proper, grant a dispensation by which it will be lawful for a lodge, or two or more lodges united, to hold a special meeting or meetings to discuss and resolve on the question of the formation of a proposed Sovereign Grand Lodge for or including the District, and in the event of the District Grand Master or Masters refusing to grant such a dispensation an appeal will be made to the Grand Master. Power is reserved to the District Grand Master to make such dispensation "subject to any conditions" which he "may deem proper." This, as we have said, is a most reasonable law and will enable the members of a lodge to decide as a lodge and regularly, instead of as individuals and irregularly, the question whether they will or will not join a movement for the promotion of a local Grand Lodge. The proposed Article 218B is designed to meet the case in which a Grand Lodge, with the assent of the Grand Master, recognises a newly-formed Grand Lodge and the Grand Master signifies his intention of issuing no further warrants for new lodges in that jurisdiction. The new rules are (1) that within six months after such recognition the Master of every lodge within that jurisdiction, or failing him, the District Grand Master or the acting Deputy, shall convene a special meeting of such lodge on a 21 day's notice in order that (2) the brethren or those present at such meeting "whose names appear as subscribing members on the last Return filed with the Grand Secretary," shall decide the question whether "they desire that the lodge shall continue under the Grand Lodge of England or not," and in the event of their determining to join the new Grand Lodge, then they shall decide "in whom the property and effects of the lodge shall be vested and the warrant shall be forthwith returned to the Grand Secretary to be delivered up to the Grand Master." A two-thirds majority will suffice to decide the question. (3.) No other question shall be considered at such special meeting, and (4) a copy of the minutes of proceedings shall subsequently be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, with a list of the members present and showing how they voted, signed by the W. Master and countersigned by the Secretary; while (5) no further special meeting shall be convened to consider the question "without the special leave of the Grand Master."

The other Article affected is No. 219, which in its present form enacts that in the event of a majority of the members retiring from any lodge, "the power of assembling remains with the rest," provided that they do not fall short of *three*, in which case the warrant becomes, *ipso facto*, extinct. The proposed new Article 219, provides that if the members of a lodge shall be fewer than *five*, then "the Lodge shall cease to meet and the Warrant shall be delivered up to the Grand Master, who may nevertheless, if he thinks proper, grant a dispensation to enable the members to meet subject to such conditions as he may deem expedient, until he finally decides whether or not the lodge shall be continued."

Among the other items on the Agenda there is only one to which we need direct attention, and that is the Notice of Motion by Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., who proposes that Grand Lodge, with a view to commemorating the completion of 60 years of the QUEEN'S reign, shall vote grants of £2000 each to the Prince of WALES'S Hospital Fund for London, and the three Royal Masonic Institutions respectively, the total of the grants amounting to £8000. We can say no more with reference to this motion than that we both hope and believe it will be carried, as such a motion deserves to be, unanimously.

**THE RECENT ELECTIONS OF THE ROYAL  
MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**

It is fortunate for the candidates at the elections which were held at the annual general meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Friday, the 21st instant, that the vacancies on the two Funds turned out to be substantially more numerous than as originally announced. In February, the numbers declared by the Committee of Management were on the Male Fund 13, and on the Widows' Fund 18, the three deferred annuities being in each case included. On the day of election they were augmented to 23 and 21 respectively, and as two widow candidates had died in the interval and one been withdrawn, the number of unsuccessful is reduced to 70, of whom 32 are men and 28 widows.

For

**THE MALE FUND,**

as we have said, there were 23 vacancies to be filled, namely, 20 immediate and three deferred, and for these there were 65 candidates, of whom 27 had taken part in one or more previous elections, while to the remaining 38 the anxieties and excitement of a ballot were a new experience. London furnished 26 and the Provinces and Abroad 39, and when the result came to be announced it was found that the Provinces with their superior organisation for voting purposes had had rather the better in the contest. However, London had the satisfaction of placing one of its candidates at the head of the poll with 4807 votes and also secured the following places, namely, No. 3, which was won by a brother who brought forward 3345 votes from last year and augmented his total to 4597; No. 4, a new case who polled right away 4463 votes; No. 9, who obtained 4328 votes; No. 10, with 4325 votes; No. 11, with 4307 votes; No. 17 with 3914 votes, of which 2936 were brought forward; and Nos. 22 and 23, of whom the former, starting with 2094 to his credit, made up his total of 2094 from last year to 3804, and the latter, with 2476 in hand, finished up with 3660 votes. Of the 14 Provincial candidates, one of five brethren from Devonshire was placed second on the result sheet, with 4695 votes, of which only 21 were brought forward, and the brother from Berkshire stood fifth, with 4407 votes. Kent, which had also five candidates, took the sixth vacancy with 4369 votes, of which 410 were already to his credit. Suffolk, which furnished two candidates, carried one of them at No. 7, with 4305 votes, 3308 being brought forward and 1057 polled on this occasion. The Bristol brother stood eighth with 4354 votes, and the Shropshire candidate 12th with 4212, of which all but five were polled at this election. Dorsetshire furnished No. 13, whose votes amounted to 4204, and Hertfordshire, No. 14, who polled right away 4200. The brother from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight took the 15th place with 4170 votes, and North and East Yorkshire, which sent up two candidates, the 16th with 4145 votes. The four brethren from West Yorkshire succeeded in winning the four places that followed, with 3911, 3888, 3880, and 3867 votes respectively. As regards the unsuccessful candidates, one of the two brethren from Norfolk, with 3653 votes, a Kentish brother, whose poll amounted to 3412, and a London brother, with 3250, obtained the three highest places, and there were eight other applicants who polled upwards of 1000, while there were as many as 15 who were unable to command 100 votes. Only one out of the first 13 candidates, that is, of those who have been before the Governors and Subscribers for some years, was successful, while 14 out of the 32 new applicants won vacancies. However, it is some consolation to the poor brethren who have failed to know that on this occasion they will receive each £5 in commemoration of the QUEEN'S Diamond Jubilee.

There were originally 52 candidates for

**THE WIDOWS' FUND,**

but of these two died and one was withdrawn, the number that went to the poll being, therefore, only 49, of whom 10 hailed from London, and the rest from the Provinces and Abroad, there being, however, two of the latter in which the lodges in the Metropolis were to some extent interested. The number of vacancies to be filled, including the three deferred, was 21, and of these London was able to secure six, one of its candidates heading

the poll with a total of 5523 votes; and the remaining five being placed at No. 7, with 4749 votes; No. 11, with 4282 votes; No. 14, with 4157 votes, of which 130 were brought forward from the election in May, 1896; No. 15, with 4020 votes; and No. 19, with 2481 votes. The candidate who had claims on London and Suffolk took the 6th place, with 4788 votes. Of the Widows, from the Provinces and Abroad, who are relieved of all further care about ballots, the lady who stood second on the poll, and was one of two from Kent, scored 5391 votes, one of the two East Lancashire widows being next, with 5137 votes, of which all but 32 were polled on this occasion; No. 4, hailing from Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire, obtained 4913 votes; No. 5, from Bengal, 4855 votes; No. 8, one of three Sussex widows, 4644 votes, of which 940 already stood to her credit; and No. 9, also from Sussex, 4402 votes. No. 10 came from Leicestershire and Rutland and received 4319 votes; No. 12 was one of four from Warwickshire, who started with 315 votes and finished with 4269; No. 13, one of two hailing from Middlesex, polled right away 4208 votes; No. 16, one of two West Lancashire widows, 3719 votes; No. 17, from Somersetshire and Dorsetshire 3520 votes, and No. 18, from Somersetshire alone 2821 votes. The Oxfordshire widow who brought forward 439 votes was placed 20th with 2132, and one of five from Devonshire brought up the rear with 1768 votes, of which she had 519 to her credit from the 1896 election. The three highest unsuccessful candidates polled respectively 1698 (Kent and London), 1674 (London), and 1211 (Warwickshire), votes; there being only one other, from London, who obtained over 1000, though there were as many as 10 who obtained less than 100.

For the Male Fund there were 24,778 votes brought forward and 109,464 issued for this election, making a total of 134,242; the number that passed the Scrutineers was 105,960, leaving 3524 that were unused or spoiled. For the Widows' Fund 4765 votes were brought forward, and 120,656 issued for the election, making the total available, 125,421. The Scrutineers passed 91,682, and there were 28,974 unused or spoiled.

**UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.**

The following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday next, 2nd June:

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd March for confirmation.
2. The minutes of the Grand Festival of the 28th April for confirmation.
3. Appointment and investiture of President of the Board of General Purposes.
4. Election of members of the Board of General Purposes.
5. Election of Grand Lodge Auditor.
6. Election of members for the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.
7. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants:

The widow of a brother of the Stuart Lodge, No. 540, Bedford ...	£50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Victoria in Burma Lodge, No. 832, Rangoon ...	75	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 338, Ross ...	60	0	0
A brother of the Perseverance Lodge, No. 213, Norwich ...	75	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Union Lodge, No. 247, Demerara ...	60	0	0
A brother of the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, London ...	75	0	0
A brother of the Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, London ...	60	0	0
A brother of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, London ...	60	0	0
A brother of the University of London Lodge, No. 2033, London ...	60	0	0
A brother of the St. Augustine's Lodge, No. 1941, Rugeley ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, London ...	60	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, Hull ...	50	0	0

**8. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.**

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board beg to report that it received a complaint from the Warrant Officers' Lodge, No. 2346, against its late Treasurer, Bro. George Cook, P.M., for having misappropriated the funds of the lodge to the extent of £170. The charge being admitted by Bro. Cook, who failed to attend the Board in obedience to a summons, the Board suspended him from all Masonic rights and privileges.

The Board also submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts presented to the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 12th day of February instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Law Courts Branch) of £8803 2s. 10d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100.

(Signed) RICHARD LOVELAND LOVELAND, President.  
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
18th May, 1897.

This being the last meeting of the present Board, it was resolved unanimously:

"That the members of the Board of General Purposes desire to place on record their high appreciation of the skill, ability, and courtesy displayed by the President, Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, in presiding over their deliberations during the past year.

"J. J. THOMAS, Vice-President.

"18th May, 1897."

9. Report of Special Committee appointed by Grand Lodge to consider certain additions to, and alterations in, the Book of Constitutions, proposed by the Grand Registrar.

At the Quarterly Communication on the 3rd March last, a resolution was passed by Grand Lodge that certain additions to, and alterations in, the Book of Constitutions which the Grand Registrar had proposed for adoption should be referred to a Special Committee, to be composed of R.W. Bro. Lieut.-General J. Wimburn Laurie, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for South Wales (W.D.), and Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia; R.W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.W., Past President of the Board of General Purposes; V.W. Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer; V.W. Bro. Judge Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar; and the Members of the Colonial Committee of the Board of General Purposes, consisting of V.W. Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, President of the Board of General Purposes; W. Bro. J. J. Thomas, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes; W. Bro. Sir Geo. D. Harris, P.G.D., Past President of the Colonial Board, and Past G. Warden Bahamas; V.W. Bro. J. H. Matthews, President of the Board of Benevolence, and Past District Grand Deacon of Bengal; W. Bro. Major-General Gadsden, P.G. Swd. Br., and Past District Grand Warden of Madras; W. Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., P.D.G. Warden Victoria, and Representative of the Grand Lodge of Victoria at the Grand Lodge of England; and W. Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.G. Warden of the Grand Lodge of Victoria; and that such Special Committee should report thereon to the next Grand Lodge.

Your Committee beg to report that they met on the 27th April last, when all the members were present, with the exception of Bro. Richard Eve, and Bro. Major-General Gadsden, the latter of whom was prevented by illness from attending.

Your Committee very fully considered and discussed the proposed alterations and additions, which it was unanimously resolved should be amended to read as follows, and it was further resolved that the Grand Registrar be asked to take the necessary steps with the view of submitting the same for adoption by Grand Lodge at the next Quarterly Communication.

To follow Rule 218, Book of Constitutions.

218A. In a Colony or Foreign part in which a District Grand Lodge exists, if the District Grand Master shall think proper to grant a dispensation for that purpose, it shall be lawful for any lodge to hold a special meeting, or meetings, to discuss and resolve on the question of the formation of a Sovereign Grand Lodge for or including the District or part thereof, or any neighbouring District or part thereof, or any lodges not in a District. Such dispensation may be granted subject to any conditions that the District Grand Master may deem proper, and also to provisions enabling two or more lodges to unite in the special meeting; and if the District Grand Master or Masters should refuse to grant a dispensation an appeal may be made to the Grand Master.

218B. Whenever Grand Lodge shall, with the assent of the Grand Master, recognise a Grand Lodge as a regular and independent Sovereign Body, having jurisdiction in any Colony or Foreign part where a District Grand Lodge or Lodges not in a District exist, and the Grand Master shall signify it is not his intention to grant for the future any warrant for a new lodge in that jurisdiction the following rules shall apply:

1. Within six months after recognition the Master of every lodge in such jurisdiction shall convene a special meeting of the lodge on not less than 21 days' notice to every member; failing the Master, the District Grand Master or the acting Deputy shall convene such meeting and preside thereat.
2. The brethren present at such meeting whose names appear as subscribing members on the last return filed with the Grand Secretary, shall decide whether they desire that the lodge shall continue under the Grand Lodge of England or not. If the decision be to join the new Grand Lodge, the brethren shall at the same meeting decide in whom the property and effects of the lodge shall be vested, and the warrant shall be forthwith returned to the Grand Secretary to be delivered up to the Grand Master. A majority of two-thirds of the members present shall be required to carry such resolution.
3. No questions shall be discussed or put at such meeting other than those above prescribed.
4. Immediately after such meeting, a full copy of the minutes and a list from the signature book of all members attending, together with the numbers voting for or against, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, verified under the hand of the presiding Master, and countersigned by the Secretary of the lodge.
5. No second meeting shall be called to discuss the above questions without the special leave of the Grand Master.

Article 219, Book of Constitutions to be repealed, and to enact, in lieu thereof, the following:

Whenever the number of subscribing members of any lodge, as shewn on the last return to Grand Lodge, shall be fewer than five, the lodge shall cease to meet and the warrant shall be delivered up to the Grand Master, who may, nevertheless, if he thinks proper, grant a dispensation to enable the members to meet, subject to such conditions as he may deem expedient, until he finally decides whether or not the lodge shall be continued.

F. A. PHILBRICK,  
Chairman.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION—

1. By His Honour Judge PHILBRICK, Q.C., Grand Registrar; To move the foregoing resolutions.
2. By W. Bro. JOHN ALBERT FARNFIELD, P.A.G.D.C.  
That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," to supply the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season.
3. By W. Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W.  
That in commemoration of the auspicious event of the Diamond Jubilee, on completion of 60 years of Her Most Gracious Majesty's glorious reign the following donations be given from the Fund for General Purposes:

To the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund ... £2000 0 0  
To the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls... 2000 0 0  
To the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys... 2000 0 0  
To the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution ... 2000 0 0

11. The annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated 21st May, 1897, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

APPEALS.

By W. Bro. W. CANE, P.M. 1287—

Against a decision of the Board of General Purposes, that except in cases specially provided for, Rule 181, Book of Constitutions applies to all questions to be decided by a lodge, and that a majority of members present at a lodge must concur in supporting a motion in order to carry it, and that a member entitled to vote, can only remain neutral by absenting himself from the lodge room during the division.

By Bro. N. N. CHUCKERBUTTY, of Lodge 392, Calcutta—

Against a sentence of suspension passed on him by the R.W. District Grand Master of Bengal.

List of brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes:

NAME.	NOMINATED BY.
Bro. John Leach Barrett, P.M. 1201 ...	Bro. John Joseph Thomas, V.P.
" Arthur Blenkarn, P.M. ...	" G. P. Langley, P.M. 2381.
" Alexander Stuart Brown, P.G. Stwd. ...	" H. Lovegrove, G.S.B.
" J. Whittaker Burgess, P.M. 1325 ...	" Robert Wylie, P.G.D.
" William Cleghorn, P.M. 1237 ...	" Chas. Kempton, P.M. 1287.
" John Russell Clipperton, W.M. 66 ...	" Geo. Read, P.G. Std. Br.
" George Graveley, P.M. 898 ...	" B. Stewart, P.M. 1278.
" J. Brindley James, P.M. 1441 ...	" Jacob Pickett, P.M. 966.
" Capt. C. J. Knightley, P.M. 1744 ...	" W. M. Stiles, G. Treas.
" W. Farquharson Lamonby, P.M. 962 ...	" George Dalrymple, P.G. Sec. Cumb. and West.
" R. P. J. Laundy, P.M. 1681 ...	" Geo. Read, P.G.S.B.
" Harold Thomson Lyon, W.M. 2563 ...	" J. S. Tamburini, P.M. 1719.
" Wm. James Mason, P.M. 1328 ...	" Geo. Read, P.G.S.B.
" Ernest M. Money, P.M. 23 ...	" Sam. H. Parkhouse, P.M. 511.
" C. J. Wilkinson Pimbury, P.M. 2241 ...	" H. Lovegrove, G.S.B.
" Fredk. Atkinson Powell, P.M. 456 ...	" H. Lovegrove, G.S.B.
" Charles Pulman, P.M. 1712 ...	" H. Lovegrove, G.S.B.
" John Robertson Reep, P.M. 1260 ...	" H. Lovegrove, G.S.B.
" Eliab Rogers, P.M. 60 ...	" S. H. Parkhouse, P.M. 511.
" A. G. Sandberg, M.D., P.M. 3 ...	" R. C. Sudlow, P.G.S.B.
" James Speller, P.M. 1627 ...	" James Stephens, D.G.D.C.
" Edwin Styles, P.M. 704 ...	" E. C. Mulvey, G.P.
" John Joseph Thomas, P.M. 753 ...	" George Everett, P.G. Treas.
" Japheth Tickle, P.M. 1196 ...	" J. S. Mountford, J.P.
" Robert Phillip Upton, P.M. 1328 ...	" S. W. Lambert, P.M. 1556.
" Frank A. White, P.M. 907 ...	" T. Hastings Miller, P.G.S.B.
" Arthur Williams, P.M. 834 ...	" S. Cochrane, P.G.T.
" James Willing, jun., P.M. 1987 ...	" W. A. Scurrah, P.G.S.B.

List of brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons: Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.M. 733, Lieut.-Col. A. Durrant, P.M. 569, A. H. Hickman, P.M. 228, W. H. Hubbert, P.M. 1625, W. J. Stratton, W.M. 2150, J. J. Pakes, P.M. 871, and Constantine Doresa, W.M. 749, nominated by Bro. J. A. Farnfield; John Kemp Coleman, P.M. 1716, Leonard Potts, P.M. 907 and 1716, and W. D. Child, P.M. 1437, nominated by Bro. F. A. White, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G. Reg. Essex.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:

- 2656, The Adams Peak, Hatton, Ceylon.
- 2657, The Liscard, Liscard.
- 2658, The Loyal Westralian, Freemantle, W.A.
- 2659, The Northcote, Exeter.
- 2660, The Crane, Cranbrook.
- 2661, The Mendelssohn, London.
- 2662, The Ealing, London.
- 2663, The Commemoration, London.
- 2664, The Hygeia, London.
- 2665, The Past and Present, London.
- 2666, The Victoria Commemoration, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- 2667, The Buckingham and Chandos, Birkenhead.

MARK GRAND LODGE.

The following is the business to be transacted on Tuesday next, the 1st prox.

1. Read, and if approved, confirm minutes of Quarterly Communication of 2nd March, 1897.
2. Report of the General Board.
3. A motion will be made that the report be taken as read.
4. A motion will be made that the report be received and entered on the minutes.
5. Recommendation arising out of the report: That the following be an addition to Article 136, Book of Constitutions: "Every brother who has been advanced to the Mark Degree in a Regular Lodge, not under the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, shall, previously to his becoming a member of any lodge, declare in open lodge, his adhesion to the Book of Constitution, and promise due obedience to the Grand Master, and the Rules and Regulations of Grand Lodge, and the fact shall be recorded on the lodge minutes."
6. A Motion will be proposed that the Report be adopted.
7. Installation of the M.W.G.M.
8. Appointment and Investiture of Grand Officers.
9. Nomination by the M.W.G.M. of six members to serve on the General Board.
10. Election, by Grand Lodge, of five members to serve on the General Board. (Five only are nominated).  
List of brethren nominated for the General Board: Bros. R. Clowes, P.G.O.; A. Stewart-Brown, P.G.D.; F. West, D.P.G.M. Surrey; T. P. Dorman, P.G.I.G.; and A. P. Church, P.G. Stwd.—nominated by Bros. Gordon Miller, P.G. Treas.; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D.; and F. Bevan, P.G. Org.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons was held on the 21st inst. at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Patron and Treasurer of the Institution, presided, and he was supported by Bros. J. Sampson Peirce, James Boulton, Major Woodall, W. G. Kentish, C. E. Keyser, Henry Lovegrove, A. C. Spaul, and others. The meeting was very numerously attended.

The minutes of the annual meeting of May 15th, 1896, were read by Bro. JAMES TERRY, Secretary, and confirmed, and the report, which had been printed and circulated, was received and adopted. The minutes of the special meeting were also received and adopted, as was the report of the Audit Committee.

Bro. TERRY then read the following report of the Committee of Management:

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

The Anniversary Festival on behalf of the Institution was held by direction of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M., Grand Patron and President, on Wednesday, the 24th February last. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., M.W.P.G.M., R.W. Prov. G.M. of Sussex, and R.W. District G.M. of Bombay, presided as Chairman, and the Board of Stewards which supported his Royal Highness comprised 434 ladies and brethren. The total amount of the donations and subscriptions obtained by the members of this Board was announced as £18,197 19s. 3d., which has since been augmented by the receipt of outstanding lists, and additions to lists, to the still more substantial sum of £19,083 14s. 3d. With the exception of the amount raised at the Jubilee Anniversary in 1892, this is the third highest total ever obtained at an ordinary Festival in support of this Institution, and the Committee gladly avails itself of this opportunity of publicly recording its thanks to his Royal Highness, the Chairman, for his kindness and courtesy in presiding; to the ladies and brethren who formed the Board of Stewards, and by whose efforts, both individually and collectively, this great success was achieved, and to the lodges, chapters, and brethren who so liberally responded to the appeals made to them for the means with which to carry on the beneficent work of the Institution during the present year. But more especially are the thanks of the Committee due to the 198 ladies and brethren representing the lodges and chapters in the London District, who amongst them contributed £10,404 19s. 6d. towards the general total, and to the brethren, from his Royal Highness, the Chairman's province of Sussex, who manifested their loyalty to their Provincial Grand Master, and their goodwill towards the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution by raising in the aggregate £1263 2s. 6d.

At the election in May, 1896, there were on the two Funds of the Institution 442 annuitants, of whom 200 were on the Male Fund, and 242 on the Widows' Fund, while the number of applicants for admission was 113, of whom 60 were men, and 53 widows. To-day the number is 117, namely, 65 men and 52 widows, there being thus a slight increase in number on this occasion, as compared with last year.

The Committee, however, while it is deeply sensible of the generous support accorded to the Institution at the recent Anniversary Festival, does not consider itself justified in recommending the creation of any additional annuities on either Fund, and thereby increasing the permanent annual expenditure. Moreover, at its meeting in April, a resolution was passed to present each of the unsuccessful candidates at to-day's election with a gift of £5 in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and the sum it is thus proposed to distribute will not fall very far short of £400. Hence if the Governors and Subscribers see fit to adopt the views of the Committee, the numbers to be elected at this meeting will be 13 men and 18 widows including in each case the three deferred annuities as declared in February, together with 10 men and three widows to fill the vacancies which have occurred since February, and which it is the opinion of the Committee should be filled up. If this recommendation is adopted, there will be elected to-day 23 men and 21 widows, including as already pointed out the three deferred annuities on each fund, and the strength of the fixed establishment will remain precisely as it was after the election in May of last year when there were 200 on the Male Fund, receiving each of them £40 per annum, and 242 on the Widow's Fund each receiving £32 per annum, the total sum distributable among these 442 annuitants being £15,744. To this must be added the further sum of £560, payable under Law 9 of the Male Fund, among the widows of 28 recently deceased male annuitants, so that the amount required for disbursement in annuities during the ensuing year will be £16,204.

The Committee reports that at a special general meeting of Governors and Subscribers held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday the 10th February, it was resolved to amend the rules defining the "Qualifications, &c., for the Widow's Fund," by reducing the period during which an applicant's last husband must have been a subscribing member to a lodge from 15 to 10 years and the rule, as thus amended, was sanctioned and approved by United Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication, on Wednesday, the 3rd March last.

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

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

The Committee is further desirous of recording its appreciation of the thoroughness with which the Secretary and his staff enter into the spirit of their duties, and is particularly wishful to offer its congratulations to the former on the continued energy he is able to manifest after nearly 33 years of successful labour in the service of the Institution.

The Committee is pleased to be in a position to state that the premises at Croydon are in a thorough state of repair, and that during the ensuing year only such care and attention will be needed and only the outlay of such a sum will be required as will suffice to maintain them in their present condition.

The Audited Statement of Account for the year ended the 31st December, 1896, is appended. It has, as in past years, been compiled with the greatest care by the Finance Committee, and has been subjected to the most searching examination before being passed and approved by the Auditors. The Committee

is therefore justified in expressing the hope that when the several items of receipt and expenditure have been scrutinised and compared with the corresponding items in previous accounts, the Governors and Subscribers will be enabled to arrive at the conclusion that the Committee has administered the funds entrusted to its care with a proper regard for economy and efficiency.

In conclusion, the Committee expresses its unabated confidence in the generosity of the Craft, both at home and abroad, and its firm belief that so long as it continues to observe its present policy by shaping it to the varying requirements of the moment in the discharge of its functions, the means that are required to maintain the Institution at its present high standard of efficiency will be invariably forthcoming.

Subjoined is the Statement, already mentioned, of the Receipts and Expenditure by the Institution during the 12 months ending the 31st December, 1896, together with full particulars of its permanent income.

J. NEWTON.

On the motion of Bro. W. G. KENTISH, seconded by Bro. J. S. PEIRCE, this report was ordered to be received, adopted, and entered on the minutes.

On the motion of Bro. W. G. KENTISH, seconded by Bro. Dr. STRONG, Bros. Dixon, Gowan, and Moore were elected on the Committee of Management.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, P.G.D., said the next matter was the very important one of electing a Treasurer of the Institution, and he had great pleasure in proposing that their excellent Bro. John Albert Farnfield be re-elected to that office. (Cheers.) Many of the brethren wondered why Bro. Farnfield had been a bachelor so many years; but the truth was he was so wedded to the Benevolent Institution, that he thought it would be immoral to ally himself to any other object. (Laughter.) Having got him so closely allied to the Institution, the brethren should keep him there as long as they could. (Hear, hear.) He begged to move that Bro. Farnfield be re-elected Treasurer of the Institution. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. W. G. KENTISH, in seconding the motion, said he strongly believed Bro. Keyser must be a bachelor himself. He did not altogether agree with Bro. Keyser in his remarks with regard to Bro. Farnfield, but he seconded the motion with pleasure.

The motion was carried.

Bro. FARNFIELD: Brethren, I thank you.

On the motion of Bro. Major WOODALL, P.G. Treas., seconded by Bro. J. S. PEIRCE P.G.D., Bros. Kempton, Attenborough, and Cleghorn were elected Auditors of the Institution, after which scrutineers of votes for the election were appointed, and the election of candidates for the annuities was proceeded with.

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Bro. Farnfield, the Chairman of the day, and the acknowledgments of the same, terminated the business of the day.

The successful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 19th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M., at the Baths Assembly Rooms, Bolton. There was a very large attendance of members of the Order, the roll being signed by between 600 and 700 brethren.

Bro. Colonel Starkie was supported by Bros. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, D.P.G.M.; Edward Ashworth, J. Chadwick, and R. Newhouse, Past G. Officers England; Dr. D. J. Leech, P.S.G.W.; C. D. Cheetham, P.J. G.W.; S. F. Butcher, P.G. Reg.; J. Newton, P.G. Sec.; and upwards of 70 Present and Past Prov. G. Officers.

The roll was called, and it appeared that of the 111 lodges in the province only one was not represented, and in that case an apology for absence from the Master had been received. The number of subscribing brethren was returned at 4488.

Bro. S. H. SHORROCK, P.G. Treas., presented the accounts for the past year. They showed a balance from the previous year of £298, and that the total receipts, inclusive of that amount, were £1071. After the necessary expenditure had been met there remained a balance in the bank of £509.

Bros. G. B. Goodfellow, W. Craven, and J. H. Lord, the Auditors, presented their report.

On the motion of Bro. J. HEELIS, P.P.S.G.W., seconded by Bro. J. J. MEAKIN, P.P.J.G.W., the accounts and Auditors' report were adopted, Bro. Col. STARKIE expressing his gratification at the prosperous condition of the province.

The Prov. G. Treasurer and Auditors were cordially thanked for their services.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY read the report of the Charity Committee.

In moving its adoption, Bro. C. D. CHEETHAM, pointed to the necessity of all Charity votes possessed by lodges and individual members of the Order in the province being forwarded to the Charity Committee, so that the voting strength of East Lancashire might be utilised to the fullest extent in the election of local candidates to the Masonic Charities.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER endorsed the observations of Bro. Cheetham, and said it was of the highest importance that votes should not be lost owing to inadvertence or carelessness.

The report was adopted.

Bro. CHEETHAM then moved that a grant of £50 be made to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

Bro. J. ANDREW, P.P.G.D., seconded the motion, and urged that the amount should be increased to £100.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said the meeting was doubtless in full sympathy with Bro. Andrew, but it was necessary that the great London Masonic Benevolent Institutions should not be forgotten.

The motion, as moved, was supported by Bro. J. T. HOOPER, P.P.G. Treas., and adopted.

Bros. A. Clegg, H. Hayes, J. Walker, T. Allitt, and Christopher Wren were elected members of the General Committee of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational Benevolent Institution.

For the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer there were nominated Bros. J. Hardcastle, and Nathan Heywood. Upon a show of hands, Bro. Hardcastle was declared elected.

The Prov. Grand Master invested the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge for the ensuing year as follows :

Bro. Vice Chancellor S. Hall, Q.C., 62	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Captain J. Barlow, 1012	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. G. A. Latham, 2529	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" W. D. D. Firth, 633	...	...	
" John Hardcastle, 37	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" G. L. Vaughan, 1030	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. Lycett, 62...	...	...	Prov. D.G. Reg.
" J. Newton, 37	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. H. Brown, 221	...	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" Thomas Uttley, 2464	...	...	
" Thomas Mellor, 2560	...	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" Harry Perry, 2447	...	...	
" Joseph Snape, 1055	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Charles Swinn, 2387	...	...	
" Samuel Moore, 992	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Joseph Selby, 1083	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" W. Clark, 1012	...	...	Prov. G.D.Cs.
" W. Gray, 999	...	...	
" D. Lord, 286	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. T. Mitton, 1868	...	...	
" T. T. Hardicker, 2449	...	...	Prov. D.G.S.B.
" T. Hamer, 146	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" W. J. Melling, 2185	...	...	
" F. Coupe, 1147	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. H. Maxfield, 204	...	...	
" W. Craven, 1633	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" W. Greenwood, 348	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. M. Jones, 1322	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" T. Murphy, 37	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" E. Hope, 146	...	...	
" H. Critchley, 221	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. J. Bentley, 221	...	...	
" R. Jones, 348	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" A. Unsworth, 1723	...	...	
" E. H. Flower, 999	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. C. D. CHEETHAM gave notice that at the November meeting he would move that the sum of 100 guineas be given from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Provincial Grand Lodge was afterwards closed.  
In the evening there was a banquet at the Bolton Town Hall.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

In the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, on Monday, the 10th inst., on the invitation of the Zetland Chapter, No. 236, the Provincial Grand Chapter of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire was held. Comp. Lord Bolton, 236, Prov. G.H., presided, supported by Comps. J. Sykes Rymer, Prov. G.H., and Cowper, Prov. G.J. Amongst those present were :

Comps. R. Watson, P.Z. 543, P.P.G.R.; A. Farmer, P.Z. 602 W. J. Watson, P.Z. 602, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Folley, 294, P.P.G.P.S.; W. Ross, 294; J. Rennard, 734, P.A.G.S.; R. Beevers, 57, P.P.G.P.S.; T. M. Goldie, P.Z. 650, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Wildbore, P.Z. 57, P.G.P.S.; R. M. Bean, Old Globe; S. Ridge, P.P.A. G.D.C., S.E. 660; G. Potter-Kirby, 236, P.P.G.R.; W. A. Hutchens, M.E.Z. 543; J. Maskall, P.Z. 57, P.P.G.D.C.; W. B. Redfearn, P.Z. 1511, P.A.G. Sec.; J. R. Lane, S.E. 294, P.G.S.B.; J. H. Harrowing, W.M. 312; F. W. Laughton, 236; J. G. Wallis, P.Z. 1511; M. Bryson, 236; W. H. Dillon, M.E.Z. 1099; J. Henderton, M.E.Z. 57, P.P.G.S.N.; W. Tesseymann, 57, P.P.G.H.; L. P. Brekke, 250, P.P.G.P.S.; A. Buckle, 236, P.P.G.P.S.; J. Winterschladen, 602, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Glen, P.P. Asst. G.S.; J. Blenkin, P.Z. 1611, P.P.G.J.; G. J. Robinson, 236, P.G.S.N.; and F. G. Hodgson, 236, P.P.G.D.C.

A touching reference was made by Comp. Lord BOLTON to the loss the province had sustained in the death of Comp. Jos. Todd, P.Z., Treas.

Comp. G. Potter-Kirby was unanimously appointed Treasurer of the Prov. Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

Comps. T. Whytehead and G. J. Hodgson were appointed Auditors.

The Marquis of ZETLAND, Grand Supt. of the Province, through the President, appointed for the ensuing year :

Comp. Lord Bolton	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Rev. C. E. L. Wright	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" M. C. Peck	...	...	Prov. G. Scribe E.
" R. Redfern	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Scribe E.
" J. Mackerill	...	...	Prov. G. Scribe N.
" W. Martenson	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. T. Towler	...	...	Prov. G. Prim. Soj.
" W. Storey	...	...	Prov. 1st Asst. G. Soj.
" A. Jones	...	...	Prov. 2nd Asst. G. Soj.
" J. Graham	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Fidler...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Hamper	...	...	
" G. Shepherd	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. G. Wallis	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" R. W. Williams	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. Travis	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Bro. A. Sample, P.P.G.O. North and East Yorks, ably acted as musical director and accompanist.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS CHARLES OF DENMARK, who will attend the approaching Jubilee ceremonies, arrived at Marlborough House, from Copenhagen, on Saturday last, on a visit to T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales. On Sunday afternoon the King of the Belgians arrived in London and took up his residence at the Grosvenor Hotel, where, in the course of the evening, his Majesty was visited by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

There was a large attendance of companions at the annual convocation of the above Provincial Grand Chapter, held under the auspices of Regularity Chapter, No. 404, in Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, on Saturday, the 15th inst. The Grand Superintendent, Comp. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., presided.

The ordinary chapter was opened by the officers of the Regularity Chapter, and the Provincial Grand Officers were received in due form.

On the roll of the chapters in the province being called, it was found that there were seven unrepresented.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, in an address to the companions, expressed regret that the members of Royal Arch Masonry in West Yorkshire were not proportionate to the members of the Craft. There were in the province about 80 Craft lodges, whereas there were only 42 chapters. He had recently had applications for new chapters—one from the Colne Valley, No. 1645, and the other from Wentworth, No. 1239, Sheffield. The applications would probably be granted. There had been an increase of members during the past year, which was gratifying, there having been a decrease the previous year. He would refuse to sanction applications for new chapters unless he had good grounds for believing that they were bona fide, and had sufficient backing to justify him in recommending them to the Grand Chapter. It was better that a chapter should be cancelled than that it should be carried on in a listless manner. He hoped to see a large increase in the number of members to that Degree, which was held to be the completion of the Craft Degree. Alluding to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, he pointed out that a meeting had been called for the 14th June, at the Albert Hall, London, as a demonstration of loyalty of the whole of the Masons of the country, and it would be presided over by the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master. For that meeting there were only five tickets at the disposal of each lodge, and the number could not be increased. That meeting would relieve individual lodges of taking active measures for tendering their loyal congratulations to the Queen, but he suggested that each lodge should record on its minutes an expression of loyalty. On behalf of West Yorkshire, he had accepted the invitation of the Empire Lodge to attend a banquet at the Hotel Cecil, on the evening of the Albert Hall meeting, to meet the Colonial Premiers who were members of the Craft, and also an invitation of the Bishop of Rochester to attend a Masonic service at St. Saviour's, Southwark, at which the Prince of Wales would be present.

Comp. W. SMITH, P.G. Treas., presented the accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £280 13s. 6d.

Comp. J. Gibbs was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, on the proposition of Comp. W. SMITH, seconded by Comp. J. ROBERTSHAW.

The Grand Superintendent proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows :

Comp. Henry Smith, 154	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" H. S. Childe	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" H. G. E. Green, 1019	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" W. Laycock, 1001	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. Gibbs, 904	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. C. Bell, 1283	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. H. Tanner, 337	...	...	Prov. D.G. Reg.
" T. Norfolk, 600	...	...	Prov. G.P. Soj.
" J. T. Simpson, 61	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" W. W. Clayton, 304	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" T. Read, 302	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" H. King, 307	...	...	Prov. D.G.S.B.
" J. Robertshaw, 139	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" G. Blackburn, 264	...	...	Prov. A.G. Std. Brs.
" J. H. Roper, 265	...	...	
" W. D. Quarby, 208	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" R. Ruff, 2491	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.Cs.
" G. Stones, 1462	...	...	
" C. Middleton, 2069	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. S. Milligan, 448	...	...	
" C. England, 910	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" A. Macredie, 296	...	...	Prov. G. Sojs.
" A. Armitage, 521	...	...	
" G. Earle, 306	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
" J. Tillotson, 387	...	...	
" T. Chester, 904	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

At the conclusion of the proceedings tea was provided.

LADIES' NIGHT OF THE LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 298.

On Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., at Rochdale, Bro. Whitaker, P.M., entertained the brethren and a few friends of the lodge, with their ladies, to a banquet and concert. The banquet, which was partaken of in the dining-room of the lodge, was admirably served, and the table decorations were splendid. No fewer than 60 brethren and ladies responded to the invitation of Bro. Whitaker. After the banquet there was a capital concert, interspersed with toasts. The artistes were a quartette party of the now famous Melian Opera Choir, under the directorship of Bro. Parker, R.A.M.; the talented daughter of the Chairman, Miss Ada Whitaker, F.R.C.O., being the accompanist.

The toasts were in excellent hands, and the brethren well acquitted themselves in responding most heartily, especially so in the case of "The Ladies."

Dancing was indulged in from about 11 to 2 p.m. Bro. Tonge, P.M., acted as D.C.

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At the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, May 21st, 1897, W. Bro. J. A. Farnfield, Patron, P.A.G.D.C., in the chair, after the General Business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election of 23 Male Annuityants from an approved list of 65 Candidates, and 21 Female Annuityants from an approved list of 52 Candidates, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:

No. on Poll.	MALES.	Votes.
1	Bro. H. E. Frances	4807
2	" J. Delve	4695
3	" T. D. Maidwell	4597
4	" J. Very	4453
5	" W. Hedges	4407
6	" J. White	4369
7	" W. W. Walesby	4365
8	" S. Edwards	4354
9	" J. C. Flattely	4328
10	" E. Walker	4325
11	" W. M. Esmond	4307
12	" E. J. Webb	4212
13	" R. Simmonds	4204
14	" J. D. Medcalf	4200
15	" E. W. Coombs	4170
16	" M. Kemp	4145
17	" J. Eastbrook	3914
18	" W. Whitehead	3911
19	" J. C. Oddy	3888
20	" T. Barber	3880
21	" A. H. Denton (deferred)	3867
22	" A. Pilgrim (deferred)	3804
23	" A. W. Fenner (deferred)	3660

No. on Poll.	WIDOWS.	Votes.
1	Mrs. Cutler	5523
2	" Darling	5391
3	" Scholfield	5137
4	" Poynter	4913
5	" Perring	4855
6	" Sanderson	4788
7	" Stevens	4749
8	" Hood	4644
9	" Darley	4402
10	" Lewin	4319
11	" Powell	4282
12	" Batfield	4269
13	" Dixon	4203
14	" Tarling	4157
15	" Martin	4020
16	" Allison	3719
17	" Lundie	3520
18	" Cross	2821
19	" Dearsley (deferred)	2481
20	" Curch (deferred)	2132
21	" Rowe (deferred)	1768

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

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

The three lowest on the poll (both male and female) will be placed on the List of Annuityants as vacancies occur. The Committee voted the sum of £5 to every Unsuccessful Candidate as a gift to commemorate her Most Gracious Majesty's 60th year of her reign.

By order,  
JAMES TERRY,  
May 20th, 1897. Vice-Patron and Secretary.

The next ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held on February 23rd, 1898, under distinguished presidency. The services of brethren and of ladies to act as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION**

Mrs. STEVENS, widow of Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., &c., and the brethren of the Great City Lodge, tender their most sincere thanks to the brethren and subscribers whose active work and liberal support placed her seventh on the list of successful candidates for election on the 21st inst.

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**

Bro. JAMES VERY returns his sincere thanks to the brethren who so kindly assisted him to secure his election.

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**

Bro. J. C. FLATTELY, P.M., P.Z., begs to tender his heartfelt thanks to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the many ladies and brethren for their votes and interests in supporting him in his application for the pension, and thereby placing him No. 9 on a list of 23 Successful Applicants. He especially thanks the brethren of his mother lodge, and also the Eccleston Lodge, of which he was a founder and P.M.

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SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1897.

**Masonic Notes.**

The Masonic Service at the Collegiate Church of St. Saviour's, Southwark, on Ascension Day (Thursday, the 27th instant), which was held to commemorate her Majesty's reign of 60 years, was very numerously attended, there being a large gathering of the dignitaries of the Order, headed by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., M.W. Pro Grand Master, and the reader will have no difficulty in picturing to himself that a scene which is so rarely witnessed in London drew together an exceptionally large concourse of spectators. Thanks to the admirable arrangements which had been made by the Freemasons' Hall staff and the Committee of Stewards, under the experienced direction of Bro. Fenn, P.G.W., the proceedings passed off in the most admirable order. The sermon by the Very Rev. Bro. S. R. Hole, D.D., Dean of Rochester, Grand Chaplain, was most impressive, and the offertory which will be handed over to the Church Restoration Fund amounted to £2340.

The number of new lodges for which his Royal Highness, the M.W. Grand Master, has been pleased to grant warrants since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in March is 12, of which five are located in London, five in the Provinces—two in Cheshire and one each in Devonshire, Kent, and

Northumberland—and two Abroad—one in Ceylon and one in Western Australia. The highest number now on the Grand Lodge Register is 2667.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for England and Wales will be held at Mark Masons' Hall on Tuesday, the 1st prox., at 5 for 6 p.m. The most attractive business will be the appointment and investiture of the Grand Officers for the ensuing 12 months. There will also be an election of five members on the General Board but, as only five have been nominated, the proceedings will be merely formal. When Grand Lodge is closed the Grand Festival will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the M.W. Pro Grand Master; tickets, price 21s. each, to be had of the Grand Stewards.

From the Report of the General Board, which will be submitted for the consideration of G. Lodge, we learn that a warrant for the formation of the Oxford and Cambridge Lodge, No. 504, in the Province of Middlesex, has been granted and that 567 Mark certificates were issued during the quarter ended 31st March last. There has also been granted a warrant for the Constitution of the Gordon Royal Ark Mariners Lodge to be attached to the Gordon Lodge, No. 364, while 89 Royal Ark Mariners' certificates were issued during the quarter ended 31st March. The Board also recommend that in the case of a brother who has been advanced to the Mark Degree in a regular lodge not under the constitution of England and Wales, &c., he shall, previous to his election as a member of a lodge under such Constitution, declare in open lodge his adherence to the Book of Constitutions and promise due obedience to the Grand Master and the rules and regulations of Grand Lodge; and that the fact of such declaration having been made shall be recorded in the lodge minutes.

We have been requested to state that Thursday the 3rd June, is the latest day by which petitions for the October Election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls must reach the offices, 5, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. We must point out, however, that it is very desirable that all such petitions should be received as early as possible.

We remind our readers that the annual Athletic Sports of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will take place at the Institution, Wood Green, tomorrow (Saturday), at 3 p.m. The Boys' Band of the Strand Union Schools will play from 2.30 p.m., and tea will be served in the Hall between the hours of 4 and 6 p.m. Tickets to be had on application to the Secretary, 6, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. Frequent train service from King's Cross to Wood Green (Great Northern), and from Liverpool-street to Green Lanes (Great Eastern) through the afternoon and evening.

A new lodge, which will be known as the Royal George, No. 2643, was consecrated on Wednesday, the 21st April, at Krugersdorp, in the Transvaal, but the founders appear to have met with considerable difficulties in making the necessary arrangements. Even the still earlier stage of settling the name to be conferred upon the lodge and who were to be designated as the principal officers appears to have been attended with sundry vexatious delays. However, the charter arrived in due course, and Bro. Da Silva, the District Grand Secretary, finally settled that the lodge should be constituted on the day above mentioned. Unfortunately, at the last moment, Bro. Da Silva was prevented by the dangerous illness of his wife from fulfilling his engagement to attend and consecrate the lodge. A substitute was found in the person of Bro. Boyes, who acted as District Grand Master, with a full complement of officers.

The lodge was, therefore, consecrated in accordance with the rites and ceremonies proper to the occasion, and Bro. Wallis was installed as W.M. But the appointment and investiture of officers had to be deferred till a later meeting, and the Consecrating Officers having to leave promptly to return to Johannesburg, to the great disappointment of the Royal George Lodge and its friends, nothing remained but for those who were able to stay to celebrate the event in the usual manner among Masons with a banquet, toasts, and harmony, the evening passing off most enjoyably.

But notwithstanding these little *contretemps* which we have noted and which must already be forgotten, there seems to be every prospect of the new lodge being a great success. We hope next week to publish an account of the proceedings, but in the meantime we

have much pleasure in announcing that when the W.M. had been installed and officers *pro tem.* appointed, upwards of 30 brethren were proposed as joining members and some half-a-dozen gentlemen as candidates for initiation. Thus ere long the Royal George, which started with only 10 founders—there might have been more but for a misunderstanding—in the latter half of last month, will be firmly established with a membership of about 50. This is a most promising commencement, and it looks very much as if the wish uttered by one of the speakers during the after-dinner proceedings that the new lodge may shortly become one of the strongest in the Transvaal already stands a very fair chance of being realised. The District, too, which was only formed in 1895 and had 15 lodges on the roll when Grand Lodge Calendar for the present year was issued, is growing rapidly in strength, this and another—No. 2640—having been consecrated since.

We have received a copy of the proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal, which was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Calcutta, on Monday, the 22nd March, when there appears to have been a full attendance of District Grand Officers, Present and Past, representatives of lodges, and visitors, and everything passed off most satisfactorily under the presidency of Bro. Brig.-Gen. A. G. Yeatman-Biggs, C.B., who a short while since was installed as District G. Master in succession to Bro. the Right Hon. Sir H. Thoby Prinsep, resigned. In the address which he delivered the District Grand Master found himself in a position to congratulate the brethren on the prosperous condition of the District and the promptitude with which the lodges had sent in their returns, there being only four out of a total of 41 which had not done so by the 28th February, and both returns and dues have since been received from the whole of the four.

The lodges too, seem to be attentive to their duties, the Dist. Grand Officers who are mentioned as having visited sundry of them having in nearly every case been able to report favourably. A comparative statement for the last year shows that, whereas, at the end of 1892, there were 915 subscribing members, there were at the end of last year 1213, the number of lodges having in the same period increased from 32 to 41. The funds, too, seem to be in good order, and at this meeting Dist. G. Lodge voted 1000 rupees to the Indian Famine Fund, and 2000 rupees to the funds of the Bengal Masonic Association. We heartily congratulate our Bengal brethren on the fortunate circumstances in which they are placed.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will be held at Harrow, on Saturday, the 17th July, under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Secretary of State for India, Prov. G. Master. Any brethren who may not receive information as to the time, business, banquet, &c., are requested to apply to the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. H. H. Room, 19, John-street, Adelphi, W.C.

Bro. H. H. Thiele, W.M. of Lodge Rewa of Viti, No. 2238, located at Nausori in the Fiji Islands, has favoured us with a communication, in which he propounds what is certainly a nice question. As he very justly remarks, Masonry "is a progressive science, which above all seeks to promote truth and knowledge, and incorrect statements must therefore be entirely against its principles," nor, as with equal justice he states further on in his letter, "is it satisfactory to have an unexplainable anomaly in the working of your lodge."

The knotty point as to which he is desirous of obtaining information is the following: Should the J.W. occupy the position assigned to him in the lodge in the case of a lodge which meets in the Southern hemisphere? This officer "is assigned a certain place for a certain reason" and "if the latter no longer applies to the place, a place to which it does apply must evidently be preferable." He concludes by saying: "Had Masonry originated in the S. hemisphere, no doubt this officer would at once have had his position in the N." It follows necessarily that the point which is N. in lodges located in the Northern hemisphere will be S. in those meeting in the S. hemisphere. The point is one on which we shall be pleased to receive the opinions of any of our readers who may care to interest themselves in a question of this kind.

## Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

### A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am the W.M. elect of my mother lodge, and I am anxious to do everything according to Masonic line and rule. I shall therefore esteem it a favour if you or any of your readers will kindly inform me through the medium of your columns—and thereby possibly enlighten others besides myself—who is the proper person to undertake my installation. Is it the duty or privilege of the outgoing W.M. to instal his successor, if he can, or if he cannot, then is it the duty or privilege of the I.P.M., and failing him, then of the oldest Past Master of the lodge, or failing him, then the next oldest Past Master of the lodge, and so on? Or am I at liberty to ask any P.M., being a member of the lodge, but a P.M. of some other lodge only, or say an outside P.M., who is a personal friend, to the exclusion of all or any of the P.Ms. of my own lodge who may be able and willing or anxious to perform the ceremony?—Yours fraternally,

Freemasons' Hall, Halifax.

PERPLEXED.

### MASONIC SERVICE AT ST. SAVIOUR'S, SOUTHWARK.

To celebrate the Record Reign of the Queen a large number of brethren assembled in the Collegiate Church of St. Saviour's, Southwark, on Thursday. By dispensation, granted by the M.W.G. Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the brethren appeared in Masonic clothing. The congregation numbered nearly 2000 brethren, prominent amongst them being Bros. the Earl of Lathom (Pro G.M.), Lord Harlech, Lord Llangattock, the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Sir Osley Wakeman, Justice Bruce, and Lord Connemara.

Bros. Archdeacon SINCLAIR and Canon THOMPSON intoned the service.

Bro. the Rev. C. V. CHILDE, Grand Chaplain, read the first lesson, and Bro. Archdeacon STEVENS, Past Grand Chaplain, the second.

The sermon was preached by the Dean of Rochester (Bro. S. R. HOLE) from the text, "Sirs, ye are brethren."

The musical portion of the service was magnificently rendered, under the direction of Dr. A. Madeley Richardson, Dr. George F. Smith, of the Guildhall School of Music; being the organist.

The offertory, which was taken in aid of the debt of £7000 on the restoration fund, amounted to £2340, including the sum of £1000 from Lord Llangattock, £600 from Mr. Alfred Bevan, and £400 from the Committee.

### FESTIVAL OF THE GRAND MASTERS' MARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The 13th Annual Festival of the Grand Masters' Lodge of Instruction in the Mark Degree was held on the 20th inst., at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Previously to the supper the ceremony of advancement was worked, the proceedings being witnessed by Viscount Dungarvan, Dep. G.M.M.; Bros. Loveland, C. F. Matier, and others.

Bros. William Vincent, P.A.G.D.C., Preceptor, presided, and the following brethren assisted—Bros. George Thomas, P.M., S.W.; W. Featherstonhaugh, P.M., Prov. J.G.D. Surrey; Greenham, M.O.; H. Sadler, P.M., S.O.; J. S. Tamburini, P.M., P.G. Stwd., J.O.; Rev. V. P. Wyatt, P.M., Grand Chap., Chap.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec., Treas.; W. Briggs, M.O. 406, Reg. of Marks; John Smith, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Sec.; P. Clifford Probyn, S.D.; Percy F. Matier, J.W. 406, J.D.; H. Thomson Lyon, P.M., G. Stwd., D. of C.; H. R. Rose, P.G. Org., Organist.; E. M. Money, P.M., P.G. Stwd., I.G.; and E. J. Mills, P.M., P.A.G.I.G., Tyler. Bro. Royle was a candidate.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Secretary, Bro. John Smith, gave the lecture on the tracing board in masterly style, and

Bro. Lord DUNGARVAN afterwards moved a vote of thanks to the working officers, paying a high compliment to them for the efficiency in which they had performed their duties. Such a lodge of instruction, he said, could not but add greatly to the success of the Mark Degree.

Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, President of the General Board, seconded the motion, which was then unanimously carried, and

Bro. W. VINCENT, in acknowledging the recognition, said he was pleased that the working had gone so well and produced such satisfaction. Some alterations had to be made in the arrangement of the officers, at the last moment, and he had been afraid that as the lodge of instruction was now out of session, and there had been no practice for the last two months and more, the officers might not be so fluent as was requisite to the proper and effective production of the Degree. He was glad, however, to find there was no hitch at all, and he assured the brethren of his constant desire to produce good workers and his unflinching interest in the success of Mark Masonry.

The lodge was then closed and adjourned until October, and the brethren retired to Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent supper awaited them. Viscount Dungarvan presided. The usual toasts followed.

Viscount DUNGARVAN in giving "The Queen and Mark Masonry," said in a few days the Queen, who had already reigned longer than any other monarch, would ride through the city, and Masons, although they would not be in the majority in numbers of those who saw her would not be in the minority in the enthusiasm with which they received her.

Viscount DUNGARVAN in giving "The M.W.G.M.M.M.," said the last toast was the one which in this year was of the greatest significance for English Masons, but still they did not forget the loyalty and devotion they owed to their Grand Master. They wished him health, and also wished him well through the arduous duties he had to perform this year.

Bro. the Rev. FRASER-FRIZELL, Prov. S.G.W. Cornwall, proposed "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G. Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and in doing so said it was nearly 1900 years ago since the wise men started from the East. He grieved to say they had not yet arrived in Cornwall, because the Cornish barbarians had to travel from the far west to the far east when they wanted to receive instruction and information. It was an unfeigned pleasure to him to come up and see the way the work was done in the Grand Masters' Lodge of Instruction, and he should go back not a sadder but certainly a wiser man than when he came up. It was a pleasure to mingle with brethren in all parts of the world, in India, in China, and Japan, he would say that if they wanted to see lodge work well done they must come to the very centre, to the Mark Masons' Lodge in London if they wanted information and instruction. It was well that they should open their ears and their eyes; certainly the work in this lodge made them open their eyes in many ways, and also their mouths, by the good things set before them. He was pleased to propose this toast. His lordship had spoken about the Grand Master,

In no part of the realm was the Grand Master held in greater reverence than in his own Duchy of Cornwall. They gladly welcomed him when he went among them; they gladly welcomed his toast when it was proposed, but they also welcomed in the great west when it was proposed the toast now before the brethren, that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He had some knowledge of a good many officers in the Craft and in the Mark, and he knew how much brethren were indebted to the Grand Lodge and its indefatigable officers. The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, had long been associated with them, and they knew how great a debt of gratitude they owed to him; but he had to couple with that toast the name of a worthy brother to whom they owed a very, very great deal in Mark Masonry—Bro. Loveland Loveland, President of the General Board. He was afraid in West Barbary they hardly recognised how much those brethren did for them; but the more they knew of their work, the more they should appreciate it, and the more grateful they should be to them.

Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, in reply to the toast, said it was a great grief to the Pro Grand Master that he was not able to be present that evening. The brethren all knew that he attended lodges as often as he could, that he took great interest in all Degrees of Masonry, and that whatever he took in hand he did thoroughly and well; he was greatly beloved for his attention to all Masonic duties, and for his courtesy and kindness. With regard to the other Grand Officers, they did what they could, and when lodges required assistance they gave it in every form and shape, and in any part of the land. He (Bro. Loveland) personally had since he had been appointed to office endeavoured to do all he could for the Mark Degree, and to bring to bear the experience he had in the Craft as President of the Board. It was a responsible position, because at the Board they had a great many matters brought before them which required close attention and consideration before they adopted any measures. Not only in the case of ritual, but in other matters, lodges sometimes erred, not wilfully, but they got into trouble through negligence or through not studying the Book of Constitutions. The Board in its deliberations tried to temper justice with mercy, and to do the best they could for the Order.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, P.G.W., G. Sec., proposed "The Chairman," and in asking the brethren to drink it he begged to couple with it Lord Dungarvan's position as Deputy Grand Master and Prov. Grand Master of Kent. He had many positions in Masonry; he was Prov. Grand Master of the Craft for Somerset; in the Order of the Temple he was Great Seneschal; and in every one of these Degrees in which he took so great and overwhelming an interest he was *facile princeps*, his heart and soul were in the prosperity of the various Orders.

Viscount DUNGARVAN, in acknowledging the toast, said that in coming to the Grand Masters' Lodge of Instruction that evening and presiding at the dinner of the 13th anniversary of the festival he could call the lodge his twin brother, as it was 13 years since he became a Mason. Like his twin brother he was advanced in Masonry, but in carrying out duties his twin brother had the advantage of him. Perhaps the brethren would allow him to turn his attention to the Grand Masters' Lodge of Instruction of which he would propose the toast. He had witnessed an excellent carrying out of the ceremonies; every officer did his duty so admirably that it would be difficult to select any one to respond, but there were three who stood out pre-eminent—Bro. Vincent, Bro. Smith, the Secretary, and Bro. Matier, the Treasurer. Bro. Vincent as W.M. was excellent; Bro. Smith's lecture on the tracing board was a masterpiece of skill; and to Bro. Matier they owed the existence of the lodge. They had heard from the brother from Cornwall what he thought of the work and it was to be hoped he would come again to witness it. He (Lord Dungarvan) was personally indebted to Bro. Vincent for assistance on many occasions. He was glad to see Bro. Matier's son at the lodge and to find him a good worker like his father. It was to Mark Masonry in England he (Lord Dungarvan) owed his advancement in Masonry, and he should never forget it. He was now nearly at the top.

Bro. WILLIAM VINCENT, who replied to the toast, said he had to thank Lord Dungarvan very warmly for what he had said. Lord Dungarvan got his first step in Masonry in Mark Masonry, and he (Bro. Vincent) was in the same position, for the Prince of Wales when he became Grand Master, gave him his first Grand Office, and now he was one of the Grand Officers in the Craft. His first step was in the Mark Degree. He did not know whether he should be considered guilty of high treason, but he could not help saying he thought he loved Mark Masonry more than any other Degree, at any rate he had given a great deal of time to it. With regard to the lodge of instruction itself those brethren who had not seen the work before, had that night witnessed the sample of work they tried to give at it. Any one who was in London at the time of the session of the lodge between October next and March next should come to it: the work was always done in the same style, and they tried to suit the wishes of any brother who wanted to learn; whatever his rank might be if a brother came and asked to take the position of Overseer or Deacon, or Warden, as it might be in his own lodge, that particular officer for the evening would give way and allow him to have that post. If a Master was in the chair of his lodge and was desirous to do that which every Master ought to do, instal his successor, the officers of the lodge offered him the facilities of practice after the lodge work was over, and the Executive Committee would stay behind so as to constitute a Board of Installed Masters so that he might have the precept and the practice of installing his successor. The same thing was done in the Ark Mariners' Degree, if a brother wished to learn the work of Commander Noah they gave him facilities for learning it. The brethren always had the heartiest welcome. The lodge laid the flattering congratulation to itself, that during the 13 or 14 years since it was established by Bro. Matier, it had done some good in London; at any rate, the working of the London lodges was becoming more what they desired it should be; the work was becoming more uniform; there was no book working. If a book was seen open in a lodge in London it would be put down at once as a bad working lodge. In the Grand Masters' Lodge of Instruction, if a brother was seen with a book he was ordered to shut it up. Thus much for the Grand Masters' Lodge of Instruction. The Executive Committee, presided over by Bro. Matier and other officers of Grand Lodge, who occasionally honoured them with their presence, desired to extend the working of that lodge of instruction, and if brethren could not come themselves who were distinguished in the provinces, they might have influence then to recommend others to join and come to the Grand Masters' Lodge. The lodge met at six p.m., not five minutes past. If a Master was elected to the chair, and was not at the lodge at two minutes to six he lost his position. The lodge was over by seven, or five minutes past, always, excepting the extra work to which he had alluded. A brother could come straight from his office or club at six o'clock, and get home at reasonable time.

Bro. TAMBURINI proposed "The Visitors," to whom the lodge tried to show good work, and to give a hearty welcome.

Bro. Major WOODALL replied. He had been frequently among the brethren of the lodge, and he hoped to be still oftener among them now. Referring to what Bro. Fraser-Frizell had said, he thought the annals would show that the wise men went to the West 1900 years ago. It was a pity they did not keep them there when they got them. (Laughter.) He had seen a good deal of Cornishmen; they were very wise chaps; they were the best sailors in England, and it took a wise man to be a sailor. He wished to express his feelings of thanks to Bro. Vincent for the manner in which the ceremonies had been done by him; it was a revelation to those who came from distant regions that the work should be performed with the dignity which had marked the proceedings that evening.

At the call of Bro. E. J. MILLS the Tyler's toast was honoured, and the brethren separated.



ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE LA TOLERANCE  
LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 538.

On Wednesday evening, the 19th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., was held the annual festival of this popular and prosperous lodge of instruction. Last year the innovation was tried of admitting "non-Masons," and yet a further step was taken on the present occasion, viz., that of inviting ladies. The experiment was amply justified by its success. A company of ladies and gentlemen to the number of between 125 and 130 sat down to a *recherche* dinner, supplied and served in the good style for which the Frascati is famous. Speech making was conspicuous for its brevity, whilst music occupied every available moment between the dinner and the close of the meeting, about 11.30.

The toasts comprised that of "The Queen, the Royal Family, and the Craft," "Success to the Lodge of Instruction," "The President," "The Ladies," and "The Visitors."

Bro. W. E. Willby, P.M. 538, Sec., presided, supported by Bros. J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; G. T. Augspurg, W.M. of the mother lodge, Vice-President; T. W. Smale, P.M., P.Z. 538; G. Hill, Bro. T. W. SMALE, Treas.; G. A. Sturgess, J.D. 538; H. E. Mullins, 211; and G. Leather, 1287.

Due honour having been done to the toast of "Her Majesty,"

The PRESIDENT, in proposing that of "The Lodge of Instruction," explained, for the edification of the ladies, what a lodge of instruction was, pointing out that it was not merely an amusement or pastime for Freemasons, but was a school wherein was taught the practical and theoretical details of Freemasonry, which consisted of Biblical history, the liberal arts and sciences, and moral disquisitions, which tended to make men that were not good better, and good ones still more perfect. He regretted, for his own part, that ladies could not participate in the mysteries of the Craft, believing, as he did, that there was scarcely any society or function in life that woman would not improve and adorn.

The toast was responded to very briefly by Bro. J. PAUL, the greatly esteemed Preceptor, whose modesty is as great as his Masonic knowledge is vast; Bro. G. HILL, the honoured Treasurer; and Bro. T. W. SMALE, the joint Secretary, who is ever indefatigable in rendering the labours of his comrade—Bro. Willby—light.

"The Health of the President" was proposed by Bro. G. T. AUGSPURG, who compared Bro. Willby's care for, and interest in, the lodge for years past, to that of a tender mother who had nursed her infant through sickness, and had brought it through trouble to strength, vitality, and prosperity.

The PRESIDENT replied to these all too generous eulogies by declaring that the success of La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, of which that grand meeting was the climax, was due equally to the co-operation of willing comrades as to himself.

The toast of "The Ladies" was proposed in felicitous terms, the PRESIDENT contending that their presence that evening tended to embellish the gathering, just as the lovely flowers adorned the tables at which the company were sitting, and quoted the lines of a well-known poet, who said that there was

"Nothing on this blessed earth,  
Be it wedding, death, or birth,  
Nothing of any worth  
Without a woman in it."

This was replied to by Bro. HOWARD E. MULLINS, Chairman of the Committee, in equally happy terms, and the ladies were evidently satisfied with their representative.

The toast of "The Visitors" gave the PRESIDENT an opportunity of inviting all those who were not Masons to join the Craft, and afterwards La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, where they would receive the same hearty welcome as had been extended to them that evening.

Mr. BROWN replied in a very happy and appreciative vein.

Interspersed between the toasts were musical items, consisting of a mandoline duet by Misses May Palmer, and Maudie Wilby; songs by Miss Florence Grove, rendered with artistic charm; two vocal contributions by Mrs. Neck, which were much appreciated; a song by Miss Wilby, daughter of the President, which elicited great applause, and was responded to by a mandoline song—"Swanee River." This young artiste, later, gave a violin solo and a short recitation. Other items were contributed by Mr. Uden, Bro. Neck, Muc. Bac.; Messrs. Howard Tomlinson, Hylton, Foreshow, and Fred. Wilson, and Master Ricardo, and Bro. Berry. "Auld Lang Syne," followed by God Save the Queen, concluded a most delightful evening, and the meeting broke up under the happiest auspices and good augury for the future.

Besides those already mentioned, there were present Bro. G. and Mrs. Ridout; Bro. W. B. Fendick, P.P.G.D.; Mr. A. S. Willby, Miss Bates, Mr. McMullen, Mr. Vincent Grose, Mr. Graham, Bro. O. Lamare, W.M., Mdme. and Mdle. Lamare; Bro. Leon and Mrs. Lefebvre; Mr. Blier, Bro. Carré, Mrs. Augspurg, Mr. and Mrs. Scullin; Bros. May-Clear, Thos. Clear, T. A. Tidy, Maj. C. B. Wilkinson, Hy. Lewis, E. R. Barrett, C. and E. Barrett, Bro. and Mrs. Cumming; Bro. and Mrs. S. C. Cross; J. Lewin; Bro. E. L. Berry, P.G. Stwd. Berks; Master Ricardo, Mr. Collings, Bro. T., Mrs., and the Misses Smale; Bro. J. Bennett and friends; Bro. Loftus and friends; Bro. Plucknett and friends; Bro. G. and Mrs. Hill; Bro. Harry and Mrs. Cross; Bro. C. and Miss Florence Grove; Bro. and Mrs. Isaacs; Bro. G. A. and Mrs. Sturgess; Mr. and Mrs. Wells; Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood; Mr. and Mrs. Cooper; Bro. J. Skinner, P.M.; Bro. T. Lile Bowden and six friends; Bro. F. A. Zeppenfeld and friend; Bro. M. Eedle and friend; Bro. J. L. Goldstein and friend; Bros. H. Raphael, L. S. Genese, L. Günzel, L. G. Hammond, and J. Morle; Bro. R. T., Mrs., and Miss Palmer; Mr. Robin Palmer and Miss Von Joel; Bro. A. A. Butcher and friend; Bro. T. Pringle; Bro. J. R. Davis and friends; Bro. W. C. Podger, and many others, whose names were not obtained.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL DINNER OF "THE OLD  
MASONIANS."

The annual dinner of this association, which is composed of ex-pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 7th inst., under the presidency of Bro. W. H. Bailey, P.G. Treas. The company present included Bros. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; W. Martin, Asst. G. Purst.; R. S. Chandler, C. O'Doherty, R. H. Williams, and Messrs. Tettenborn, Lane, Dolby, West, Pegg, Allison, G. Cross Willett, Barber, Riley, Glass, Parker, and many others.

After dinner, the usual loyal toasts were heartily honoured.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed "The Old Masonians," and said that those present knew more of the objects of the association than he did, as he was more of a looker on from outside. He had had many opportunities of knowing more,

but, to his great regret, he had not previously had the pleasure of coming amongst them. It was a pleasure he should look forward to with sincerity in the future. He trusted this association would never cease to bring together those who were anxious to preserve those ties of regard and esteem which were formed years ago and be constantly reminded of those days spent in the Institution they all loved. There could be nothing nicer than to cement those ties which sprang up in youth, and he thought they had a very good Association before them in the subject of the toast. He only hoped that those who had the opportunity would take a greater interest in the work which, to his mind, was one of the highest class and one of the most deserving. This Association formed a column of mutual defence and support, and preserved those ties of affection and esteem which were engendered in a greater degree in their youth than in advanced age. He wished the Association every possible success, and sincerely hoped that greater interest would be taken in that body by the brethren in the Craft generally. He promised them honestly he would do more in the future than he had done in the past to bring the claims of the Old Masonians into more prominent notice before those who would be pleased to be attached to such a cause.

Bro. R. S. CHANDLER, Hon. Treas., warmly thanked the Chairman for his sympathy and kindly proposition of the toast; for there was nothing that more encouraged and stimulated them than the expression of goodwill from members of the Craft. It had been his pleasing task for many years to report the continued progress of the Association, and he was glad it had been maintained during the past year. They might not be going forward with such rapidity as they could wish, but they were making headway, and were now one of the best "old boys" clubs. The financial aspect was improving. The football club had done well, and the cricket club had a good ground at Honor Oak. They had not forgotten the real objects of the Association, and he was glad there had been no calls on their little Benevolent Fund. They had, however, helped each other over many difficulties in business life.

Mr. G. CROSS WILLETT, Hon. Sec., read letters of regret from Lord Leigh, Bros. F. Binckes, J. D. Langton, J. Willing, jun., J. Stephens, G. Everett, J. J. Thomas, and many others. He said there had been 46 new members during the past year, which he hoped would be increased to 50 before the book was closed. Last year that Association subscribed nearly £21 to the Scholarship Fund of the Boys' School, and they hoped to raise a good sum for the Centenary Festival next year. The Benevolent Fund was worthy of the support of every ex-pupil, but their members were scattered all over the world.

"The Past and Vice-Presidents" was proposed by Bro. R. H. WILLIAMS, and, in response,

Bro. J. TERRY, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., expressed the hope that the Association would flourish. If they united together, as only old boys knew how, they would accomplish all they desired. He came up from the country purposely to support his friend, the Chairman, and should have been unmindful of all Bro. Bailey had done for Freemasonry if he had not made, not a sacrifice, but, let him say, a pleasurable excursion.

"Prosperity to our Old School" was given in an excellent speech by Bro. CHANDLER, who expressed a hope that a place would be found in the new School at Bushey for the names of prize winners, which now adorned the walls at Wood Green, and which were so highly prized by all old boys. He also pointed out that the winner of the batting average prize in the cricket club was Mr. Robert McLeod, a son of the esteemed Secretary of the Institution.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., in an eloquent response, undertook to convey Bro. Chandler's suggestion to the proper quarter, and promised his support. He was glad to hear the Old Masonians were to be represented at the Centenary Festival, and did not despair of their Association one day being strong enough to subscribe a large sum. The idea had been mooted of a lodge being formed amongst the members, and he thought no time could be more fitting than the present. He hoped they were sufficiently strong to get the lodge and support it in the coming year, for it would be another means of cementing those ties mentioned by the President. It should not be an extravagant matter, but worked on economical lines, and under the management of those who had brought the success of the Association, should prosper.

"The Officers" was given and responded to, after which Bro. W. H. BAILEY, P.G. Treas., acknowledged "The Chairman."

"The Visitors" having been heartily given, the proceedings, which were of an enjoyable nature, were brought to a close with the National Anthem.

A successful programme of music was carried out by Bro. O'Doherty and Messrs. H. Jinks, Riley, and Williams.

MASONIC CONCERT.

That Masons love their wives and belongings generally, and do not selfishly enjoy themselves alone, as has been hinted at by the uninitiated or popular world, who are not Masons, was admirably demonstrated on Wednesday, the 12th inst., when the brethren of the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, gave a grand concert at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, especially for the delectation of their wives, sweethearts, and lady friends generally, for, as a certain ancient ditty says—

"What mortal can more the ladies adore  
Than a Free and an Accepted Mason."

The concert hall of the building was prettily decorated for the occasion; the platform was a bank of lovely flowers and shrubs, and when the company were assembled, the decorations, added to the handsome dresses of the ladies, plus their wonderfully flowered and feathered head gear, made up a *coup d'œil* at once charming and exhilarating.

The artistes were Miss Gomersall, Miss Cissie Read, Mr. Laurance Friar, Mr. G. Stubbs, Miss Ray Ponzer (reciter), Bro. C. Parsons, R.A. (cuphonium), Bro. Sam Wright, and Bro. B. J. Hancock, F.R.C.O. (musical director).

After the first part of the programme had been accomplished, the company adjourned to the lower hall, where light refreshments in the shape of dainty sandwiches, cakes, confectionery, &c., supplemented by some delicious claret cup, were handed round, and thoroughly enjoyed. There was (but this is a secret) something a little stronger than claret for those of the brethren who desired it, but there was plenty, handsomely served, for all.

The second part of the programme was, as the first, admirably rendered, and was much applauded by all present.

It was, from first to last, a most pleasant and memorable occasion, and an example to the neighbouring lodges that they need not hesitate to follow, for there is no adducible reason why the "brethren of the mystic tie" should not make up to their dear ones, at least once a year, for the many nights spent during that time in their necessary Masonic labours. "So mote it be!"

The Concert Committee consisted of Bros. W. H. Russell, W.M.; G. B. Davies, P.M.; T. Hutton, P.M., Sec.; H. S. Syer, P.M., Treas.; A. Cleale, P.M.; W. J. Barnes, P.M.; A. McQueen, S.W.; W. H. Turton, J.W.; H. Jacobs, S.D.; J. Quick, J.D.; and W. J. Crowdy and J. W. Hodge, Stewards. Among the other brethren present we noticed Bros. W. A. Anson, I.P.M.; E. Mills, P.M.; J. P. Moore, P.M.; J. G. Milbourne, P.M.; H. Grice, P.M.; J. F. Bell, P.M.; C. Chasteaneuf, P.M.; T. Hastings, P.M. 829, P.P.G.P. Kent; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.), P.M., Sec. 1472, P.M., Sec. 2184; and others, to the number, including the ladies, of some 250. "Well done, Union Waterloo!"

## Craft Masonry.

### Isle of Axholme Lodge, No. 1482.

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Crowle, on the 18th inst. Present: Bros. J. Hemingbrough, W.M.; J. Constable, acting I.P.M.; W. S. Scholey, S.W.; J. Franks, J.W.; T. Stanforth, Treas.; G. S. Tyack, S.D.; J. H. Lee, J.D.; W. Barratt, acting J.D.; A. W. Cundall, I.G.; J. Waite, P.M.; C. Fox, G. H. Cranidge, and W. H. Renton. Bro. J. Rodgers, 2302, was a visitor. Bro. Dr. Renton was duly passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., Bro. Constable giving the charge.

The W.M. of the lodge invited the brethren to partake of light supper with him in the Club Room.

### John Carpenter Lodge, No. 1997.

This lodge held its installation meeting on Friday, the 14th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern. The lodge was consecrated in 1883, and was established in connection with the City of London School for brethren who had been educated in that establishment whose founder's name was applied to the lodge. The first W.M. was Bro. Sir Henry Knight, who has since had 13 successors, the 14th being installed on the 14th instant. The attendance testified to the popularity of the lodge, there being no fewer than 77 brethren present.

Bro. Joseph Barthram Taylor, W.M., presided, the other members of the Order who witnessed the ceremonies being Bros. Sir Henry E. Knight, P.M.; A. W. Stead, E. J. Honeychurch, F. Taylor, C.C., C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury, A. Norris, Mount-Brown, C. Lamb, Lewis Ferguson, J. P. W. Goodwin, G. Inskipp, J. Pinder, P.M. 15, 1662, 2076, 2318, 2374, 2511, P.P.G. Treas. Essex, Sec.; W. Phillips, P.M. 174; G. Waterall, P.M. 22; E. H. Buck, P.M. 2153; F. Cronk, P.M. 1414; H. McHarris, T. A. Bennett, T. S. Blotfeld, J. G. Head, R. H. Head, J. Drake, W. P. Johnson, H. Durham, J. G. Shearman, jun., D. King, A. R. Upjohn, H. E. Cooper, B. Dyer, W. H. King, A. Keith, A. Inskipp, C. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D., Treas.; M. Garbutt, J. P. Schrader, and S. W. Kent. Visitors: Bros. James Stephens, D.G.D.C.; A. W. Orwin, M.D., A.G.D.C.; C. Stephens, P.M. 1793; J. Brockett Sorrell, P.M. 1260; W. T. Hellyar, I.P.M. 2099; J. C. Hayes, P.M. 619; G. R. Steel, P.M. 1, P.G. Std.; E. C. Crouch, P.M. 59, 857; R. H. Peet, P.M. 857; Newton Dunn, 1, W.M. 2499; C. Horton Bestow, W.M. 2374; C. J. Pitcher, I.P.M. 1216; E. Trower, W.M. 822; P. B. Trower, P.M. 822; L. Herf, P.M. 180; J. A. Shelton, W.M. 558; J. C. Phyllyss, W.M. elect 2562; G. H. Pack, P.M. 175, P.P.G.D. Hants and Isle of Wight; J. Pollard, P.M. 2000; R. Peachey, S.W. 1922; A. England, J.W. 1216; R. A. Marshall, J.W. 2621; W. T. Pine, 342; C. Maltby, 2562; A. T. Walmisley, 2241; S. R. Dyer, 1415; C. Ovenden, 2266; H. Allen, 185; J. E. Syndall, 1185; A. W. Jones, 1216; A. H. Geygs, 1216; W. Robin, 890; S. Saxby, 1207; T. F. Grimes, J.D. 132, J.W. 1962; C. S. Hentris, 1216; H. Harden, 1216; J. C. D. Kemp, 1228; Martin Hale, 890; W. S. Allen, 784; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928.

Bro. Taylor first raised to the Third Degree Bro. W. P. Johnson, and afterwards, on presentation by Bro. C. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D., Treasurer of the lodge, installed Bro. F. P. Baxter, P.M. 1216, S.W., as Master of the lodge for the year ensuing. Bro. J. Barthram Taylor was invested as I.P.M., and received a Past Master's jewel during the evening, while the other brethren taking office were Bros. W. Keith, S.W.; Alf. Inskipp, J.W.; C. W. C. Hutton, P.M., P.G.D., Treasurer; James Pinder, P.M., P.P.G. Treas. Essex, Sec.; M. Garbutt, S.D.; J. P. Schrader, J.D.; W. Phillips, P.M., I.G.; C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury, P.M., D.C.; Mount Brown, P.M., and T. A. Bennett, Stewards; S. W. Kent, Org.; and R. W. Goddard, P.M., Tyler. The subject of the special meeting at the Royal Albert Hall was afterwards introduced and discussed, and arrangements for attendance thereat were committed to certain brethren, after which the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to a choice banquet.

The Masonic toasts were honoured in due course.

Bros. W. Hiles-Smith, Edward Branscombe, Charles Stevens, and Wingrove Ives entertained the brethren with some capital singing.

Bro. Baxter, W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said that as it was the completion of 60 years of the Queen's reign, he considered himself most fortunate in having been chosen Master of the John Carpenter Lodge for that year; and in proposing "The M.W.G.M.," observed that the Prince of Wales had shown a truly Masonic spirit in following up one of the grand principles on which the Masonic Order was founded—Charity, by instituting that great Fund, the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund.

Bro. James Stephens, Dep. G.D.C., in responding to the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," referred to the Worshipful Master's allusion to the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund. That Masons were a charitable body was beyond question. They could boast of three Institutions which no other order could boast of, and those Institutions demanded £50,000 a year for their maintenance. It was a noble thing that the Grand Master should recognise the hospitals. Bro. Stephens then referred to the honour conferred on him by his appointment as D.G.D.C., and said it was due to his kind friends electing him by so large a majority on the Board of General Purposes, he being at the top of the poll and 100 above the next brother on the list of successful candidates.

Bro. Joseph Barthram Taylor, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." This was not the first time Bro. Baxter had occupied the chair of W.M. of a lodge, and he was, therefore, fully acquainted with the duties of the office. The brethren expected of him great things and they would not be disappointed.

Bro. Baxter, W.M., in replying, said the splendid reception the brethren had given him took his breath away. Ever since he had entered Masonry he had aspired to the chair. He did so in his mother lodge, and he had to thank the brethren of the John Carpenter Lodge for electing him as its Master, as the lodge was connected with his Alma Mater. The brethren would be doing him a service by bringing in as many candidates as they could, that he might show them what the lodge could do during his year. He would conclude by quoting some words on the toast list—"Be satisfied. I'll do my best."

Bro. Baxter, W.M., next gave "The I.P.M.," whose services they all appreciated. He had much pleasure in presenting Bro. Taylor with the Past Master's jewel, and he hoped he would be many years among the brethren to wear it. The other Past Masters were included with that toast, and he was much pleased to see present the first Master of the lodge—Sir Henry Knight. They all knew what the Past Masters had done to further the interests of the lodge.

Bro. J. B. Taylor, I.P.M., replying, said he thanked the brethren very much for the Past Master's jewel, and also for the great kindness they had always shown him while he occupied the chair. Now that he was a Past Master he hoped the same kindness would be exhibited to him.

Bro. Sir Henry Knight, P.M., also responded, and said he had to express the great pleasure it gave him to find himself again among the brethren of the John Carpenter Lodge. There were but few in the lodge now who could go back to the time when he occupied the chair and helped to found the lodge. It was very successful, and it was a great pleasure to him, after a long absence, to see the lodge so well filled with good and faithful brethren. It repaid him for any trouble he might have been put to in the early days of the lodge. He and the other P.Ms. were very grateful. The great strength of the lodge was an earnest of its future advancement. The work he had seen was well done, and reflected great credit on the lodge.

Bro. Dr. Orwin, A.G.D.C., replying for "The Visitors," complimented the lodge on its hospitality and the splendid reception it had given its friends. Personally, he had to thank the W.M., who was a very old friend of his for visiting him.

Bro. Steel also responded. He and the W.M. were both members of the Macdonald Lodge and of the First Surrey Rifles. He could remember the time when they were both non-commissioned officers. He was proud to see Bro. Baxter in the position he held that evening. The brethren had a good man in the chair, one who could do his work, and who would do it.

Bros. Newton, Dunn, and Shelton likewise acknowledged the toast.

Bro. Pinder responded for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and The Senior Warden and Junior Warden; and the D.C. for "The Officers;" after which Bro. Goddard gave the Tyler's toast, and the brethren separated.

### Tilbury Lodge, No. 2016.

The 53rd meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Royal Hotel, Purfleet, Bro. F. Clark, W.M., presiding. The Treasurer gave a very satisfactory account of the funds both in the general account and the benevolent fund. £10 10s. was voted from the lodge funds to head Bro. Brend's list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for which Charity he is going up as Steward. The sum of £2 2s. was voted to the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund. Bro. Clark having vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Bruton, P.P.D.G.D.C., who, on having Bro. Brend presented to him installed him in the chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom in a very impressive manner. The officers for the year are Bros. Brend, W.M.; Clark, I.P.M.; Constable, S.W.; Handford, J.W.; Dudgeon, Treas.; Bruton, Sec.; Brickwell, S.D.; Ryon, J.D.; Martin, I.G.; Walker, D.C.; and Crump, Stwd. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Ralling and Lucking, both P.G. Officers.

An excellent banquet followed, at which the usual loyal toasts were given.

### Kingswood Lodge, No. 2278.

The first meeting of the season was held on Saturday, the 8th instant. The members present were Bros. E. Blinkhorn, P.M., W.M.; J. Gravatt, S.W.; A. Ingram, J.W.; R. W. Nicole, I.P.M.; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. F. Bell, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; C. C. Renaud, S.D.; E. N. Beningfield, J.D.; H. R. Bower, I.G.; F. Page, W.M. 1613, and C. Nicole, Stewards; J. Brittan, Org. *pro tem.*; T. Williams, Tyler; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D.; A. C. Little, J. E. Little, A. Donald King, H. F. Facks, A. Palmer-Palmer, F. H. Johnson, and D. Taylor. The visitors present were Bros. D. C. Attwater, T. E. Newman, E. H. Bury, and G. Yexley, of 1471; J. Brittain, P.M. 1385, P.P.G.W.; E. Bradley, 1209; Clifford Dixon, Stanley Gibson, and H. Stevenson, P.M., of 1613.

The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. C. Dixon, who had attained the previous Degrees in the Cripplegate Lodge, 1613, was raised to the Degree of M.M. The next business was the election of W.M., which honour was unanimously bestowed upon Bro. J. Gravatt, S.W. Bro. Petch, P.M., was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer; Bro. T. Williams, Tyler; and Bro. C. M. Coxon, P.M., as the representative of the lodge on the Charity and Finance Committee of the province. An Audit Committee was appointed, and a Past Master's jewel, of the usual design and value, was voted to the W.M. As he is representing the lodge as Steward at the Festival of the Girls' Institution, the sum of five guineas was voted to his list, which amount was liberally supplemented by the subscriptions of the brethren in the course of the evening. A feeling reference was made to the recent lamented death of Bro. Rawson Kelley, P.P.G.W., the first W.M. of the lodge, and a letter, expressive of the sympathy and regret of the brethren, was ordered to be written to Mrs. Kelley. The lodge was then closed.

After a ramble through the picturesque grounds adjoining, the brethren re-assembled to partake of a very enjoyable repast, following which the customary toasts were proposed, varied by an exceptionally good programme of music, arranged by Bro. R. W. Nicole.

"Here's a health to her Majesty" was sung in splendid style by Bro. D. C. Attwater, also "A Bedouin love song" by the same brother; "The old village blacksmith's shop," Bro. F. H. Johnson; "Jess Macfarlane," Bro. Donald King; "The press gang," Bro. J. Brittan; "The Bandolero," Bro. A. C. Little; "I am waiting," Bro. R. W. Nicole; "Gone away," Bro. H. R. Bower; "There isn't many wives like mine," Bro. C. Nicole; and an amusing parody on "Sunshine above," by Bro. E. N. Beningfield. The songs were accompanied in a most able manner by Bro. J. Brittan.

A very pleasant evening was spent, and the time to depart for the railway station came all too soon.

The W.M. may congratulate himself on the closing meeting of his year of office proving one of the most successful ones.

### Columbia Lodge, No. 2397.

A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 24th inst., with Bro. F. C. Van Duzer in the chair. There were also present Bros. Col. F. W. Frigout who was elected W.M. for the ensuing year; H. S. Wellcome, P.M.; R. Clay Sudlow, P.G.S.B., D.C.; Jessurun, P.M.; J. B. Cumming, P.M., and Treas.; W. J. Spratling, Sec.; R. Newton Crane, Arthur W. Chapman, and many others.

The first business was the election of Bros. Col. J. L. Taylor, P.D.D.G.M., P.G. Scribe, Fla.; V. B. D. Cooper, and Harry Phillips, as members of the Lodge Committee for the ensuing year. The brethren then voted the customary Past Master's jewel to Bro. Van Duzer with a fervent hope that he would live long and wear it often among the members of his lodge. The customary grant of 10 guineas having been made to the W.M.'s list as Steward; for the Girls' School, Bro. Jessurun carried a resolution doubling it for the Jubilee year and the W.M. announced that this would bring his contribution, in the name of the lodge, to more than the hundred guineas which he had put down—so great was his faith in the goodwill of the brethren. Mr. Morrison, a candidate for initiation, having been duly elected, the ceremony was proceeded with, Bro. Sudlow occupying the chair for the purpose, on account of the ill-health of the W.M. Needless to say, the ceremony was beautifully rendered.

In the course of the evening, mention was made of the large influx of American Masons expected to join in the festivities of her Majesty's Jubilee, and the Secretary was desired to ask the Editor of the *Freemason* to announce that American Masons with credentials from that side would be welcomed at the next meeting of the lodge on June 25th, when the new W.M., Bro. Col. F. W. Frigout, Vice-Consul, U.S.A., would be installed. The Secretary was also authorised to communicate with such brethren of official standing in the United States as he deemed best, in order to acquaint those visiting England with the hearty welcome they might expect to find at the Hotel Cecil, where the lodge has now taken up its permanent residence, both on that date—June 25th—and on future occasions. The lodge meets on the fourth Monday of the months of February, April, May, June, and November, and brethren desiring to attend should address the Secretary, 74, Wickham-road, Brockley, S.E., some days previous, when arrangements will be made as far as possible for their reception.

It cannot be too often repeated that the Columbia is one of the English lodges founded by Americans and English in London with the express purpose of helping to knit more firmly the Masonic ties between the Old Country and the New.

### Ordnance Lodge, No. 2399.

The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, when Bro. H. Croudy, S.W., and W.M. elect, was installed for the ensuing 12 months.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. F. Hully, who passed Bro. Furlong, and raised Bro. Smee. Bro. R. Goodland, of a Scotch lodge, was admitted a member. Bro. Croudy was then presented by the W.M. as a candidate for the Master's chair, and the W.M. duly installed him. He was saluted, and appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bro. Conductor F. Hully, I.P.M.; G. Dyer, S.W.; J. Wheatley, J.W.; Rev. H. H. Walker, Chap.; Conductor R. Johnson, Treas.; Conductor W. G. Stackwood, Sec.; R. Rawlinson, S.D.; W. Steer, J.D.; E. Reynolds, I.G.; C. Wills, D.C.; E. Woods, Conductor W. Alwood, Staff-Sergt. A. Carter, and R. Price, Stwds.; and H. F. Furlong, Org. The ceremony was then concluded by Bro. Hully giving the addresses admirably. He was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, and a vote of thanks for his service that day as Installing Officer, for both of which he returned thanks. Bro. Lieut. James V. Lee, A.S.C., who, the day following, had to start on special service to South Africa, was cordially wished Godspeed on his journey, and promised a hearty "welcome home" when he returned, for which kindly sentiment he feelingly thanked the brethren, and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet was laid and partaken of in the Concert-room of the building, and was admirably served by Bro. G. Cashfield, P.M. 615, the worthy host of the Earl of Chatham, Woolwich, whose excellent catering was universally commended, and among the brethren present were Bros. Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., P.M. 1536; and P.P.G.S.W. Kent; Capt. W. Weston, P.M. (Hon.), P.M. 1536 (Hon.), P.M. 1789, and P.P.G.S.D. Kent; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.), P.M. and Sec. 1475, and 2184; F. J. Taylor, J. Hitches, W. Kenny, G. Penstone, and H. Gomez of the lodge; G. Ingle, P.M. 1546; W. Sayle-Edwards, P.M. 1536; A. H. Russell, W.M., A. McQueen, S.W., and W. J. Croudy, of 13; G. H. Porter, W.M., and H. Parnment, of 700; D. K. Somers, W.M. 913; W. Turvey, W.M., and James Palmer, S.W., of 1472; R. Fowler, W.M. and F. Reed, S.W. of 1536; Maj. A. H. Murdoch, R.A., S.W., and R. Prewer, J.W. of 1789; and others.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured, the I.P.M. proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," and in so doing, said he was sure they all knew Bro. Croudy as well as he, the speaker, did, and that everything he took in hand he did well. His progress in Masonry had been rapid, but well-deserved. He had been most assiduous in his attendance and in his work in the Craft during his progress to his present proud position, and he, Bro. Hully, felt assured that in Bro. Croudy they would find a Master who would sustain the reputation of the lodge, not only for its working, but for its hospitality, and he asked them to do honour to the toast.

The W.M., in response, said he hardly knew how to thank them or to respond to the toast, but he could safely say that if they found him plenty of work he would do it to the best of his ability. He could not but acknowledge that his task was a difficult one, following such excellent Masons as those whose names were enrolled upon the records of the lodge as its Masters, but he trusted, especially as he had such an excellent set of officers to assist him, that at the end of his year of office their verdict would be that if he had not achieved the high standard set him, he had, at least, by his efforts, deserved to have done.

Bro. Hully, in responding to the toast of "The Installing Officer," said it gave him a very great amount of pleasure to install his successor, not only on account of his personal esteem for Bro. Croudy, but because he felt that it was the duty of every retiring Mason to install his successor, therefore no thanks were due to him for simply doing his duty. Yet if it had afforded them as much pleasure as it had him it was gratifying to him, and all the thanks he required or deserved, and he heartily thanked them for their generous reception of the toast.

Bro. Spinks, in replying for "The Past Masters of, and Belonging to, the Lodge," said there were very few Past Masters left with them, and none who had gone through the chair present. He had occupied the position of I.P.M. ever since the consecration of the lodge. It seemed to him that the Past Masters came and went, for in almost every case no sooner had a Master passed through the chair than he had either to go abroad or to some home station far away, so that it was impossible for him to attend the lodge and discharge the duties of I.P.M. He had, however, fully expected to have seen Bro. Col. Vansittart present, but, unfortunately, he was too unwell to venture out. Bro. Bilton was in China, and they would not see the light of his countenance for some time to come, and now Bro. Lee, the I.P.M., although present at the lodge, had to leave on account of his almost immediate departure to the Cape. He, however, could assure them that so long as he was able, and they required his services, he should always endeavour to be with them, and render them any assistance in his power. He thanked them.

Bro. Weston spoke highly of the admirable manner in which Bro. Hully had discharged his duty as Installing Officer that day. Fifty years ago it was never thought of that a retiring W.M. should install his successor; that ceremony was in the hands of one or two old Past Masters, who went from lodge to lodge for the purposes of installing the W.Ms., and so it went on until Bro. G. Davis, P.M. 13, advised Worshipful Masters to install their successors, and set the example by doing so himself, and great credit was due to him for so doing. He was sorry to lose Bro. Lee from among them, but they were sending a missionary of Masonry to South Africa, who would be able to show the brethren there how the work was done in the Ordnan:e Lodge.

Bro. Jolly and Ingle also responded. Bro. Russell, in responding for "The Visitors," said it had been a great pleasure to him and his Wardens to be present and witness the splendid working of Bro. Hully, their Installing Officer, with which every Mason present must have been impressed. As there were several other brethren to respond, he should content himself by thanking them most heartily for their hospitality.

Bro. Pamment regretted the absence of Bro. Porter, and gave a cordial invite to the Nelson Lodge to all present.

Bro. Turvey briefly responded on behalf of the Henley Lodge, and also gave an invitation to all present to visit that lodge at its next meeting in September, and Bro. Fowler followed in the same kindly and complimentary strain.

Bro. Murdoch said as it was impossible for the W.M. of the Ubique Lodge to be present, he had, therefore, the honour of representing that lodge. He trusted that the good feeling that existed between the Ordnan:e and Ubique Lodges would long continue. They, of the Ubique, never felt complete without some of the Ordnan:e brethren were present at their meetings.

Bro. Davies would like to say something with respect to the remarks made by Bro. Capt. Weston, about the duty of a Master to instal his successor, a remark he quite agreed with, and supported by every means in his power. Some 25 years ago, two old Past Masters, now gone to their rest, Bros. Graden and Henderson, were the only two who installed Masters in that district. He (Bro. Davies) thought he would like to do the ceremony, and learnt it. Great was the horror of those two brethren when he announced that he was about to perform the ceremony himself, but he did it, and since that time he had endeavoured to show W. Masters that it was their duty to instal their successors, and was proud to say that at the present time, nine out of ten of the Masters in the district had installed those who followed them to the chair. He had endeavoured to do his best for Masonry, and thanked them for their kind invitations that day.

Bro. Edwards also responded in a lengthy and learned speech, which was much applauded.

Several other toasts followed, and the proceedings were enlivened by some good singing and reciting by Bros. Fowler, McQueen, Rawlinson, Dyer, Spinks, W. J. Croudy, Edwards, Jolly, and others.

**St. Martin's Lodge, No. 2455.**

On Monday, the 17th inst., at an emergency meeting of the above lodge the W.M., Bro. H. T. Brickwell, assisted by the following officers; Bros. W. B. Fendick, P.M., I.P.M.; James Willing, jun., P.M.; E. W. Browning, S.W.; Thomas Mason, J.W.; W. Farthing, P.M., Treas.; G. W. Murnane, P.M., Sec.; Charles William Cole, S.D.; J. Z. Greenfield, jun., J.D.; William Challice, I.G.; James Connah, Org.; J. R. Godson and Charles Maynard Walker, Stwds.; initiated into the secrets of Freemasonry Messrs. Charles St. John Denton, David Fowler, Frederick George Latham, George Moore, and Alfred Sutherland.

The members of the lodge turned up in full force, and among the visitors present who afterwards attended the banquet at the Grand Hotel, were Bros. J. D. Beveridge, P.M.; W. Sergeant Lee, P.M.; Harry Nichols, W.M. 2193; E. S. Berry, W.M. 2473; E. J. Lonnen, Lugi Labalache, John Crook, Walter Lonnen, Herbert Budd, Fred. W. Crellin, Arthur Collins, H. G. Hibbert, and others.

The musical arrangements were capitally carried out under the superintendence of Bros. S. Hemsley and James Connah.

**Royal Arch.**

**Fidelity Chapter, No. 3.**

The last meeting for the season of this old and distinguished chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 7th instant. Among those present were Comps. Major T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C., M.E.Z.; C. Mapleton, H.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., J.; W. J. Collens, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., S.E.; J. Heming, P.Z., Treas.; Nash, P.S.; G. Larter, D.C.; Weeks, P.Z.; Redcliffe, P.Z.; Stevens, P.Z.; S. Cochrane, P.Z., P.G. Treas. England; and Goddard, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. G. S. Graham, P.Z. 1503, P.P.G.O.; and the Rev. J. Lloyd, 2005.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the sum of five guineas was voted to the R.M.I. for Girls. The resignation of Comp. Charles Greenwood, P.Z., P.P.G.S.E. Surrey, &c., was received with regret. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. F. Graves, P.Z.; F. McDougall, P.Z.; H. Birch, P.Z.; Larcomb, P.Z.; Lieut.-Col. W. Hart, S.N.; and others. The name of a candidate for exaltation at the next meeting having been handed in, the chapter was closed.

A banquet followed. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary loyal and Arch toasts were received with more than usual warmth.

Comp. S. Cochrane, P.G. Treas., responded at some length on behalf of "The Grand Officers." In the course of his speech he called attention to the forthcoming 81st meeting at the Albert Hall on the 14th June, which he trusted would be worthy of the Order and the unprecedented occasion that called it into being.

Comps. Mapleton and Lardner, in response to the toast of "The Second and Third Principals," respectively expressed the great gratification it afforded them to be in such high positions in so old a chapter. They also stated that apart from other reasons No. 3 was always a most agreeable meeting, as music was well to the fore, thanks to the kindness and consideration of the respective First Principals.

Comps. Lloyd and Graham responded to "The Health of the Visitors." Comps. Weeks and W. J. Collins responded for "The Past Principals."

During the evening Comp. G. S. Graham greatly entertained the companions by his musical abilities, his remarkable powers as a whistler being highly appreciated. Comps. Nash, Weeks, Cochrane, and Radcliffe also lent their aid to render the evening a thoroughly enjoyable one.

**All Saints' Chapter, No. 422.**

The quarterly meeting of this chapter was held on Monday, the 17th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Gainsborough. Present: Comps. J. F. Sowby, M.E.Z.; J. Constable, H.; C. R. Farmer, acting J.; C. F. Liversidge, P.S.; E. Barnes, acting S.N.; J. Caldicott, S.E.; E. Simpson, B. T. Adlard, R. G. Pearson, P.P.G.S.B.; and W. Scott, Janitor. Comp. J. L. Rayner was a visitor.

The chapter having been opened, Bros. Rev. J. Blew and W. Oldham were exalted to the Supreme Degree of R.A. by Comp. J. Constable, P.P.G.S.N., Comp. Liversidge acting as P.S., and Comp. Rayner giving the mystical lecture. The chapter was then closed. The historical and symbolical lectures are to be given at the next convocation.

The companions afterwards partook of light supper at the White Hart Hotel (Comp. Oldham).

**Lodges and Chapter of Instruction.**

**KENNINGTON LODGE, No. 1381.**

A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 21st inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, when there were present Bros. Woodcock, W.M.; Lewarne, S.W.; Greer, J.W.; O'Dea, P.M., Preceptor; Kent, S.D.; I. Levy, J.D.; G. E. Cannon, I.G.; Jameson, Org.; Lingley, P.M.; Whiting, P.M.; G. A. Smith, Cambden, Ellstob, Jones, and Chisholm.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Cambden having answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Cambden acting as candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The lodge was called off and on. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. G. A. Smith acting as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, when Bro. B. Cohen proposed, and Bro. J. A. Cannon seconded, "That Bro. F. Lloyd, 1658, become a member of this lodge of instruction," which was carried unanimously. Bro. Lloyd having returned thanks, the W.M. rose for the second time. Bro. O'Dea, Preceptor, proposed, and Bro. Greer, J.W., seconded, "That Bro. Lewarne, S.W., be W.M. for the first Friday in June," which was carried unanimously. Bro. Lewarne returned thanks and appointed his officers. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

A Masonic Charitable Association is held in connection with this lodge of instruction, and Bro. Pottinger, W.M., Secretary and Treasurer, will be glad to receive any brethren's name wishing to join.

**ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.**

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 25th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present: Bros. W. F. Roberts, W.M.; L. Danielsson, S.W.; A. F. Hardyment, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; J. W. Clarke, P.M., P.G.P. Middx., Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Heris, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; F. H. Johnson, S.D.; S. Cload, J.D.; A. L. Langton, I.G.; J. R. White, J. H. Thurman, C. T. Rayner, and J. T. Hoare.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Thurman being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hoare, who rehearsed the investiture of officers. Bro. Hancock was elected W.M. for the opening meeting of the next session. The customary vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Roberts for the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair for the first time. The lodge was then closed and adjourned until the first Tuesday in September.

**STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.**

The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 21st inst. Present: Comps. H. T. Telling, M.E.Z.; S. J. Derham, H.; H. Hardman, J.; T. Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; T. R. Cass, S.N.; Reed, P.S.; Snelling, Hewett, Lewis, Dawson, and Elgar.

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. Hewett personating the candidate. Comp. W. R. Barr was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The chapter had been placed at the disposal of Comp. Telling, M.E.Z. 2182, for this meeting, and he thanked the companions for the great assistance it had been to himself and his officers. The chapter was then closed.

The chapter will adjourn for the session of three months—June, July, and August—after the convocation of to-day (Friday).

**Obituary.**

**BRO. MAURICE ROSENBERG, P.M. 1425.**

Bro. Maurice Rosenberg was initiated in, and only three years ago became Past Master of, No. 1425. His sad and sudden death, which is mourned by the widow, two sons, and two daughters, occurred on Staines railway station, on the 22nd instant. After having enjoyed a day's fishing with a party of friends, on arriving at the station on the homeward journey he was, apparently in the best of health and spirits, talking to his friend, Mr. Bailey, when he suddenly gasped and fell dead into the arms of his friend. The funeral took place at Willesden Cemetery on the 25th inst. the chief mourners being his two sons, Mr. Marks, and other relatives. Several Masonic friends also attended, the Hyde Park Lodge being represented by Bros. James Stephens, D.G.D.C.; W. Chapple, P.M., Sec.; C. Coleman, P.M.; J. H. Beadson, and W. E. Collison, I.G. The Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction was represented by Bros. H. E. Dehane, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; A. Taylor, H. J. Phillips, W. George, L. Leichtwitsch, and A. Coleman. Several sympathising friends sent beautiful wreaths, among them being one from the Hyde Park Lodge. It is a curious fact that during the last seven weeks no less than three of the Past Masters of No. 1425 have joined those above—Bros. Craig, Hunt, and Rosenberg.

H.R.R. THE PRINCE OF WALES and Prince Charles of Denmark visited the Yachting and Fisheries Exhibition at the Imperial Institute on Tuesday, while in the evening G.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of York, Princess Victoria of Wales, Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark, and the Duke and Duchess of Connaught witnessed the performance of "Romeo et Juliette," at the Royal Italian Opera House, Covent Garden.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

ON THURSDAY evening the Indian Famine Fund amounted to nearly £531,000.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR J. C. DIMSDALE has been elected Treasurer of the Earlswood Asylum.

HIS HOLINESS THE POPE has appointed Monsignor Sombicetti to be his representative at the Diamond Jubilee Commemoration of her Majesty the Queen.

A MOVEMENT is on foot to bring together all the actual Masters of London Lodges, numbering 459, at a banquet to be given after the Commemoration Festival at the Albert Hall.

BRO. SIR J. B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., presided at the festival dinner of the Solicitors' Benevolent Society, at the Hotel Cecil. The subscriptions amounted to £5855.

WE LEARN from the *African Critic* that Bro. W. Gradwell has been installed W.M. of the Zambesia Lodge (Dutch Constitution), and that among those present at the ceremony was the Bishop of Mashonaland.

PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG will leave England to-day (Friday) for Kissengen to take the waters, and it is hoped that her Royal Highness will be well enough to return in time to take part in the Jubilee festivities.

THE FIRST MEETS of the two great driving clubs, the Four-in-Hand and the Coach will take place to-morrow (Saturday) at 1 p.m. at the Powder Magazine, Hyde Park, whence the former will drive to luncheon at Hurlingham and the latter to Ranelagh.

THE PRINCESS LOUISE, accompanied by her husband, the Marquis of Lorne, and attended by Lady Churchill and Lieut.-Col. Arthur Collins, distributed on Saturday last at St. James's Hall, the prizes won by the girls of the Home at Kingston which bears her name.

THE ANNUAL banquet of the Horners' Company was held at the King's Hall of the Holborn Restaurant, on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of Bro. Lieut.-Col. George Lambert, F.S.A., who was supported by the Wardens, the Clerk, and a numerous company.

IT IS THE intention of T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales to visit as many as possible of the centres where the poor will partake of the bounty provided out of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales's Fund for the outcast poor of London during Jubilee week, and there is little doubt the visit will meet with the most enthusiastic reception.

THE FOLLOWING lodges have contributed to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund—Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044, £32 13s.; King Harold Lodge, No. 1327, £2 2s.; Kintore Mark Lodge, No. 333, £2 2s.; Cranbourne Lodge, No. 1580, £2 2s.; Unanimity Lodge, No. 102, £1 1s.; and Cinderella given by the Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, £12 7s.

BRO. DR. RALPH GOODING, J.P., presided as Master at the annual dinner of the Court and Livery of the Poulterers' Company, which was held at the Hotel Cecil, on Friday, the 21st inst. The Lord Mayor was unable, owing to pressure of business, to be present, and Alderman and Sheriff Ritchie owing to indisposition, but the Lady Mayoress and a number of ladies were among the guests, and so was Bro. Sheriff Rogers.

THE CEREMONY of laying the foundation-stone of the new Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital in the City-road will be performed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to-day (Friday). His Royal Highness will be accompanied by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, who has very graciously consented to accept purses in aid of the building fund. The guard of honour on the occasion will be provided by the Honourable Artillery Company.

THE DUCHESS OF PORTLAND opened the Art Exhibition at the People's Palace on Monday afternoon. Several of our best artists of the day, among them being the late Lord Leighton and Sir John Millais are represented, and the display is likely to prove a great attraction. On the motion of Bro. Sir Walter Besant a hearty vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to the Duchess for her kindness in attending and performing the ceremony.

THE SECOND lot of medals belonging to the late Bro. H. Montague was sold by auction by Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson, and Hodge on Tuesday. The prices ranged from £1 1s. to £30, but in three cases the sums of £240 for the "Naval Reward" or "Blake" medal of 1653, struck by Thomas Simon in pure gold; £70 for the medal struck by the same artist to commemorate Oliver Cromwell's elevation to the Protestants, and £51 for another were realised.

BRO. T. HASTINGS MILLER, lately Chairman of the Coal and Corn and Finance Committee of the London Corporation was entertained at Saddler's Hall on Monday, the 17th inst., and presented with a silver and glass epergne as a mark of the esteem in which he was held, and in recognition of his services. Bro. A. Brockman, the present Chairman of the Committee, presided, and among the principal guests were the Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriff Ritchie, and Bro. Sheriff Rogers.

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES visited the East End of London on Saturday last when the Prince, as the representative of her Majesty, opened the Blackwall Tunnel. Crowds assembled all along the route followed by the Royal procession, and their Royal Highnesses were most enthusiastically cheered. The procession was a semi-state one and escorted by a detachment of Life Guards. The Duke of York and Princess Victoria of Wales rode in the same carriage with the Prince and Princess.

THE SIXTH annual dinner of the members of the Japan Society was held on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of the Japanese Minister to this country, among the visitors being Bro. Admiral Field, M.P., Sir E. S. Hill, M.P., Sir Edwin Arnold, Mrs. Douglas, and Bro. Sir E. J. Reed. The toasts that were honoured included those of "The Queen," "The Emperor and Empress of Japan," "The Japan Society," and "The Visitors." In the course of the evening an excellent programme of music, in which were included several Japanese pieces, was very ably carried out.

AT THE funeral of the Dowager Duchess of Atholl, which took place in the family mausoleum, Dunkeld, on Saturday last, her Majesty was represented by Bro. the Earl of Kintore and the Hon. Francis Drummond, the former of whom placed a beautiful wreath on the coffin on behalf of her Majesty with the inscription "A mark of loving affection, regard, and true friendship from her old friend Victoria R. and I." Princess Henry of Battenberg, and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, sent wreaths. The funeral was attended by most of the nobility and gentry residing in the neighbourhood of Blair Atholl, and nearly the whole of the tenantry. The coffin was borne from the church to the vault by relays of stalwart Atholl Highlanders, preceded by a dozen pipers playing dirges.

PRINCESS LOUISE (Marchioness of Lorne), who was accompanied by the Marquis of Lorne, visited Drapers' Hall on Tuesday morning for the purpose of opening the Competitive and Loan Exhibition of Fans, which has been organised by the Fanmakers' Company. Her Royal Highness was received by the Master, Wardens, and Clerk of the Drapers' Company, by whom she was conducted to the drawing-room, where the Lord Mayor, the Master, and Wardens of the Fanmakers' Company, Bro. H. H. Crawford (Chairman of the Exhibition Committee), and many others had assembled. Then there was a procession to the Court Room, where an address of welcome was presented by Bro. Crawford to her Royal Highness, the honour conferred upon the exhibition by the Queen in lending four fans of great historical value being specially referred to.

MR. H. T. BRICKWELL has arranged with Bro. W. S. Penley to produce Messrs. David Christie Murray and John L. Shine's play, "An Irish Gentleman," at the Globe Theatre on Thursday, the 3rd prox. The following is a full description of the characters and cast of same: Gerald Dorsay, Mr. John L. Shine; Dorsay Dillon, Mr. H. Reeves Smith; Mr. Macquarrie, Mr. J. B. Gordon; Tim Kelly, Mr. Richard Purdon; Lord Avon, Mr. Thomas Kingston; Jim Dorcey, Mr. R. J. Beauchamp; Daley Doyle, Mr. J. L. Mackay; Bill Horsley, Mr. Howard Russell; Ellaleen Dunrayne, Miss Eva Moore; Mrs. Dunrayne, Mrs. George Canninge; Constance, Miss Lillian Menely; and Katty, Miss Kate Kearney. The above is not a musical play, but there are one or two songs in same which have been composed by Mr. John Crook, who has also done the incidental music.

THE FUNERAL of Bro. William George Lemon, Treas. 2033, J.P., LL.B., who passed away on the morning of Wednesday last, will take place on Saturday, the 29th inst. A service will be held at the Blackheath Congregational Church, at 2.30 p.m., and the interment at Lewisham Cemetery at 3.30.

AT BODMIN Mr. Courtney, M.P., opened a free library which Bro. Passmore Edwards has presented to the town. Mr. Courtney made an interesting speech contrasting the present day facilities for acquiring knowledge with the meagre facilities in his boyhood. Bro. Passmore Edwards also addressed the large assembly.

HIS MAJESTY the King of the Belgians arrived at Balmoral on a visit to the Queen for a few days. A detachment of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders was drawn up in the station square at Baller when the train arrived and presented arms as his Majesty drove off in one of the Royal carriages drawn by four greys and preceded by outriders.

THE REMAINS of the late Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke were interred in St. Marylebone Cemetery, East Finchley, on Saturday last, a wreath, sent by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, being placed on the coffin by Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, in behalf of his Royal Highness, while a second bore the signatures of the Earl of Coventry, Master of the Buckhounds, and of Bro. the Earl of Cork and Orrery, Bro. Lord Suffield, Lord Colville of Culross, and Lord Ribblesdale, his lordship's predecessor and successor in the office of Master.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES will visit Canterbury to-morrow (Saturday) for the purpose of opening the restored Chapter House of the Cathedral. His Royal Highness on his arrival will make a tour of the main streets of the city and will proceed to the Deanery, from whence the Royal party will walk to the Chapter House, being met at the end of the Norman Cloister by the Cathedral choir, augmented for the occasion by members from Rochester Cathedral, who will sing a processional hymn until the door of the Chapter House is opened. When the Prince has declared the Chapter House open, there will be a presentation of purses towards the restoration fund, after which the Archbishop of Canterbury will pronounce the Benediction. Among those who have accepted invitations to be present are Bro. the Duke of Fife, Viscount Wolseley, Earl Amherst, and Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P.

WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.—The Great Northern Railway Company announce that on the night of Friday, June 4th, a cheap excursion will leave London (Woolwich Arsenal), Woolwich Dockyard, Victoria (L.C. and D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, King's Cross, &c., for Northallerton, Darlington, Richmond, Durham, Newcastle, Berwick, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Helensburgh, Stirling, Perth, Dundee, Oban, Fort William, Montrose, Aberdeen, Keith, Buckie, Fraserburgh, Ballater, Inverness, and other stations in Scotland, returning on Tuesday, 8th, or Saturday, 12th June. Tickets at a single fare for the double journey will also be issued by above excursion to places named, available for return by one fixed train on any day within 16 days, including days of issue and return. On Saturday, June 5th, cheap excursions will also be run for three, six, and eight days from London (Woolwich, Victoria, Moorgate, King's Cross, &c.) to York, Bradford, Keighley, Halifax, Leeds, Wakefield, Doncaster, Liverpool, Southport, Manchester, Sheffield, Leicester, Derby, Nottingham, Hull, Grimsby, Lincoln, Ollerton, Edwinstowe, Chesterfield, Gainsboro', Lynn, Yarmouth, Norwich, Spalding, Wisbech, Cambridge, St. Ives, Ramsey, &c. On Saturday, June 5th, and each succeeding Saturday during June, July, August, and September, cheap excursions for three, eight, 10, or 17 days, will be run from Moorgate, King's Cross (G.N.), &c., to Bridlington, Filey, Scarborough, Robin Hood's Bay, Whitby, Saltburn, Redcar, Seaton Carew, Tynemouth, Whitley, Cullercoats, Liverpool, Southport, and Douglas. In connection with the above excursions to the provinces and Scotland, tickets will be issued at Holloway, Finsbury Park, the High Barnet and Edgware branch stations, Muswell Hill, Harringway, Hornsey, Wood Green, the Enfield branch stations, New Southgate, Oakleigh Park, and New Barnet at the King's Cross fares, and passengers booking at these stations may, without extra payment, travel by ordinary train to either Finsbury Park or King's Cross, as may be necessary in order to join the excursion trains. On Saturday, 5th June, cheap excursions for three, five, or eight days, to London (King's Cross), will be run from Keighley, Halifax, Bradford, Leeds, York, Wakefield, Doncaster, Retford, Newark, Manchester, Wigan, Rochdale, Barnsley, Sheffield, Worksop, Grimsby, Gainsboro', Derby, Nottingham, Grantham, Peterboro', &c. On Whit-Monday, June 7th, cheap day excursions will be run from Victoria (L.C. and D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, King's Cross, Finsbury Park, &c., to St. Albans, Hertford, Wheathampstead, Harpenden, Luton, Dunstable, Hitchin, Royston, and Cambridge. A cheap day excursion will also be run from Moorgate, King's Cross, Finsbury Park, &c., to Biggleswade, Sandy, St. Neots, Huntingdon, Peterboro', Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea, and Mablethorpe. Cheap one or two days' excursions to London will be run from Keighley, Halifax, Bradford, Shipley, Leeds, Morley, Castleford, Batley, Dewsbury, Brighouse, Horbury, Wakefield, York, Doncaster, Retford, Newark, Manchester, Barnsley, Sheffield, Worksop, &c., and a cheap day excursion will be run to London from Derby, Nottingham, Lincoln, Stamford, Peterboro', Huntingdon, St. Neots, Sandy, Biggleswade, Cambridge, Hitchin, Luton, Dunstable, Hertford, St. Albans, &c. To prevent inconvenience from crowding at the Company's principal terminal station, King's Cross, tickets, dated in advance, will be issued at King's Cross (G. N. R.), Victoria (L. C. and D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, and Suburban stations, and at the Company's offices.

MIDLAND RAILWAY.—Whitsuntide Holiday Arrangements.—Cheap excursion trains will be run from London to Dublin, Cork, Killarney, &c., for 16 days, *via* Liverpool and *via* Morecambe; also to Belfast, Londonderry, and Portrush for Giant's Causeway, *via* Barrow, *via* Stranraer and Larne, and *via* Liverpool, on Friday, June 4th; and to Londonderry, *via* Liverpool or *via* Morecambe, on Saturday, June 5th, to return within 16 days, as per bill of sailing; to Leicester, Nottingham, Newark, Lincoln, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Liverpool, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, Blackburn, Bolton, Oldham, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Scarborough, Newcastle, the Furness District, Carlisle &c., on Saturday, June 5th, returning the following Monday, Thursday, or Saturday, and to Douglas (Isle of Man) for 10 days; to Carlisle, Castle Douglas, Dumfries, Helensburgh, Edinburgh, Greenock, Glasgow, Stirling, Perth, Dundee, Aberdeen, Inverness, Ballater, &c., on Friday night, June 4th, returning the following Tuesday or Saturday, by which third class return tickets at a single ordinary fare for the double journey will also be issued, available for returning on any day within 16 days. On Whit-Monday, June 7th, to St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Bedford, Kettering, Leicester, and Birmingham, for one day; and to Manchester, for the races, on Thursday (midnight), June 10th, returning Saturday, June 12th. Tickets for these trains for starting from St. Pancras Station can be obtained on the two previous days to the running of the trains at the Company's City and West-end Booking Offices. Cheap daily and week-end excursions to Southend-on-Sea as announced in time tables and bills. New Weekly Summer Excursions from London.—The season excursions from London (St. Pancras) to Matlock, Buxton, Liverpool, Southport, Blackpool, Lytham, St. Anne's-on-Sea, the Isle of Man, Morecambe, Lancaster, the English Lake District, &c., will commence on Saturday, June 5th. The tickets are available for passengers to return in either 3, 8, 10, 15, or 17 days. Cheap week-end tickets are now issued every Friday and Saturday from London (St. Pancras) and other principal Midland stations to the chief holiday and pleasure resorts in the "Peak" district of Derbyshire, Yorkshire, the North East Coast, and other parts. The tickets are available for return on the following Sunday (where train service permits), Monday, or Tuesday. Cheap Excursions to London.—Cheap excursion trains for five or eight days will also be run to London from Carlisle, Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Blackburn, Burnley, Bolton, Bury, Rochdale, Oldham, Lincoln, Newark, Burt-on, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, &c., on Saturday, June 5th; and for three or six days on Monday, June 7th; from Liverpool, Southport, Warrington, Manchester, Stockport, Bradford, Leeds, Barnsley, Sheffield, &c., on Saturday, June 5th, for three, five, or eight days; also from Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, for three, four, five, or eight days. Passengers will be booked by these trains at cheap fares to Brighton, Hastings, St. Leonards, Eastbourne, &c.; and to Paris and other places on the Continent, having the privilege of returning by any ordinary train within 15 days. On Whit-Monday, June 7th, an excursion train to London for one or two days will be run from Bradford, Leeds, Barnsley, Sheffield, &c., and for one, two, three, or six days from Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Walsall, &c.; and day trips from Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Wellingboro', &c. Ordinary Train Service.—On Whit-Monday, June 7th, certain booked trains will be discontinued, of which due notice will be given by special bills at the stations. Early Issue of Tickets.—To prevent inconvenience and crowding, the booking offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate-street Stations will be open for the issue of tickets all day on Friday and Saturday, June 4th and 5th, and tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway will also be issued beforehand at any of their offices.