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FREEMASONRY IN ESSEX.

Essex, as our readers know full well, is essentially a strong Province, not so much on account of the number of lodges on its roll as in consequence of the zeal and energy and ability with which these lodges fulfil their duties, and the regular and generous amount of support which is always forthcoming from their members on behalf of our Institutions. This year, for instance, this Province, with its 38 lodges, has subscribed upwards of £800 to the three Institutions, and there can be no question as to this being a very considerable total, especially when it must be remembered that Essex is mainly an agricultural county, and has not for a long time past been in clover. Yet, to its infinite credit, we must go back to the year 1889 to find a smaller annual total, and then with a roll of some 28 lodges, it distributed close on £650 among our Charities, while in the interval that has since elapsed, there are two years—those of 1892, when the Benevolent Institution celebrated its Jubilee, and 1893, when the P.G.M. presided at the Boys' School Festival—in which the amount subscribed was considerably in excess of £2000. But this is only one part of the picture. There are the lodges which have contributed all this support, and we may be sure they are not only well organised but likewise that they carry out ably as well as faithfully their appointed duties. Bodies that are not well looked after are not, as a rule, given to setting a bright example to other similar bodies to follow. But there are sections of English Freemasonry that might take a leaf out of the book of Essex and derive no little advantage to themselves through so doing. The fact is that Essex has been fortunate in possessing for many years an able and popular ruler in the Earl of WARWICK, a similarly able and popular Deputy P.G. Master in Bro. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Registrar, and an experienced Executive officer in the person of Bro. THOMAS J. RALLING, P.A.G.D.C., as Prov. G. Secretary. Under the guidance of these brethren, and ably supported as they have been by Bros. LENNOX BROWNE, JAMES TERRY, WILLIAM SHURMUR, W. J. CRUMP, and others, the Province has gone on prospering so that in the 15 years Lord WARWICK has been Grand Master of the Province, the number of lodges on the roll has nearly doubled, while the 900 subscribing members or thereabouts have swelled to a body of over 2000, giving the healthy average of more than 50 per lodge. Many of these evidences of prosperity were referred to at the

recent annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge at Colchester, while the strength of the kindly and generous feelings of the brethren was further exemplified by the handsome subscription which was raised at the gathering itself from the funds of Prov. and private lodges, as well as from the Prov. G. Master and other brethren towards alleviating the distress caused in the county by the recent disastrous hailstorm. A sum of £230, raised within an hour, at a meeting of about 250 persons, speaks volumes in favour of the kindness of our Essex brethren and proves clearly enough, though such proof is hardly needed, that they by no means restrict their benevolence to objects which are purely Masonic. There was, however, just one incident in the course of the proceedings which must have had the effect of materially diminishing the sense of pleasure which those present must have experienced at the success of the recent meeting. We allude to the announcement which it unfortunately devolved on the Prov. G. Master to make, to the effect that he had received a letter from Bro. PHILBRICK, in which that respected brother expressed the opinion that in consequence of the claims upon his time by reason of his appointment to a judicial office in the West of England, it would be necessary for him to resign his position of Dep. Prov. G.M., as the brethren had a right, not only to the interest which he should never fail to take in their proceedings, but also to his bodily presence in their midst. It is doubtless in every way desirable that a Dep. P.G.M. should be able to move freely among the lodges, but let us hope that a way may be found by which the severance of a connection which has been so advantageous to the Province of Essex and so honourable to Bro. PHILBRICK himself may be avoided. But should the necessity arise there is this consolation, or rather these two consolations, which will somewhat reconcile us to the change, namely (1), that Lord WARWICK considers he will be able to nominate a brother for the post who will be acceptable to the whole Province; and (2) that after all, perhaps Bro. PHILBRICK, by retaining his office of Grand Superintendent, will not wholly terminate his long-established connection with a Province for which he has laboured so successfully and which respects him so highly.

GRAND LODGE DECISIONS.*

We have said that the idea which our Rev. Bro. J. T. LAWRENCE has carried out in this pamphlet is an excellent one and that the manner in which he has done his work of editing, arranging, and annotating is for the most part satisfactory. It is impossible, indeed, for any brother to study this book without acquiring a considerable amount of knowledge of the law and practice of Masonry under our Grand Lodge. But while we fully recognise the merits of Bro. LAWRENCE'S compilation as a whole; while from a long experience in similar fields of labour we are in a position to realise far better than the great majority of our readers how arduous must have been the task he set himself when he resolved on accumulating and issuing in the form of a handy guide or manual the decisions of our Grand Lodge on the more momentous questions which arise from time to time in our lodges; and while we are able to accept his views in the great majority of the cases in which he has considered it necessary or expedient to express an opinion, there are some instances

* "Grand Lodge Decisions." Extracted from the authorised reports of the Grand Lodge of England during the past twenty-four years. Edited, arranged, and annotated by Wor. Bro. the Rev. J. T. Lawrence, M.A., P.M. 273, M.E.Z. 1198, P.M. 160, M.M.M., D.J.G.W. Madras (Craft and Mark), D.G.A.S. (Royal Arch), and Dedicated by the District Grand Master of Madras, Right Wor. Bro. Col. G. M. J. Moore, R.A., C.I.S. Madras: Addison and Co., 1897.

in which we differ with him, not only in opinion, but also in the statements of fact on which he has based such opinion. Thus under the head of "Authorised Ritual" it is remarked incidentally at p. 7 that "it is Masonic custom to wait for the confirmation of the minutes previous to taking action of any description, but it is worthy of note that the Constitutions only require the minutes to be confirmed on the election of a Worshipful Master: *Vide* Article 130 of the Book of Constitutions." It is quite true that a brother is not "deemed to be elected" Master of a lodge unless so much of the minutes of the preceding meeting as relates to his election has been confirmed, but Bro. LAWRENCE appears to lose sight of the fact that stress is laid on the necessity for the election of a Master at one lodge meeting being confirmed at the next meeting, not because the election of a brother to serve as Master is the only proceeding of a private lodge which requires confirmation, but because the election is not valid, and the arrangements as provided in the lodge By-laws for the installation of the new Master cannot be carried out until that much of the minutes is so confirmed. If our brother will turn to Article 172, he will find it therein laid down—as regards private lodges—that "the minutes can only be confirmed at a subsequent regular meeting of the Lodge." As regards Grand Lodge, he will find that Article 62 provides for the confirmation of minutes while Article 74 lays it down specifically that "no resolution for a grant of money (except sums of £50 or under, recommended by the Board of Benevolence), or for a new law or regulation, or for the alteration or repeal of an old one, shall become valid unless confirmed at the next ensuing quarterly communication." Moreover, if Bro. LAWRENCE will kindly refer to OLIVER'S "Masonic Jurisprudence"—edition 1859—he will find at p. 203 that the author of that useful work lays it down that "no resolution of a lodge or any other business how unanimously soever it may have been agreed to in the first instance becomes binding, and no action can be taken upon it till it has been confirmed by open voting at a subsequent regular meeting, with at least five Master Masons and members of the lodge present." Later in the same paragraph in which this passage occurs, Dr. OLIVER remarks, "So stands the law—and a very judicious law it is, for it prevents all factious intriguing, which could scarcely fail to be occasionally successful if a resolution or law established by a majority of votes at one lodge were irreversible at another." Bro. LAWRENCE is not the only brother who labours under the impression that the only lodge minutes of proceedings that require confirmation are those that relate to the election of Master, and that as regards all other minutes all that is necessary is that they be confirmed—or otherwise—as correct records of what took place in lodge.

With reference to the "Prerogatives of the M.W.G.M." as considered at pp. 7-11, it is too large a question to discuss in a review. We shall, therefore, content ourselves with pointing out that when some years ago it was suggested, rather than proposed, that the then existing Table of Precedence of Grand Officers should be disturbed, to the detriment of the Grand Chaplains, who were to be degraded below the rank of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and other officers, we do not think it was so much a question of landmarks as between the Volume of the Sacred Law and the Key and Cross pens as of the relative powers and prerogatives of the Grand Lodge and Grand Master. When it was claimed by those who suggested the alterations in the Table of Precedence of Grand Officers that they were made by virtue of the Grand Master's prerogative, it was contended by others—and we think it was rightly so contended—that the Table of Precedence was settled by the authority of the Grand Lodge. To go no further back than the 1873 Edition of the Book of Constitutions, such a Table will be found at pp. 16-18 of that Edition. It was felt that the proposal was an attempt on the part of sundry to usurp the powers of Grand Lodge, and when the full extent of the ill feeling to which the proposed alteration in the Table had given rise was realised, the scheme was heard of no more, the Grand Master, with that tact which characterises him, and to which Bro. LAWRENCE so gracefully refers, extricating himself and his officers from the difficulty in which the latter would have placed him by leaving the Table unaltered, and the grave question of

Grand Lodge powers *v.* Grand Master's prerogatives untouched. It must also be taken into account, as at all events offering some justification for the proposed changes in the order of precedence as regards the offices of Chaplain, Treasurer, and Secretary, that the office of Secretary was created first, that of Treasurer next, and that of Chaplain last. Thus, if the dates of creation were followed, the three offices of Chaplain, Treasurer, and Secretary would rank in the inverse order of precedence to what they do now, yet there is no doubt as to the V. of the S.L. taking precedence of the minute and cash books. Bro. LAWRENCE might have supplemented the information contained under this head by mentioning that an attempt was again made in 1892 to disturb the then existing order of precedence when it was proposed to increase the number of Grand Officers by six, one of the offices to be so created being that of Grand Chancellor, with precedence next after the Grand Wardens. The proposal was found to be exceedingly distasteful, and instead of the Grand Chancellor taking precedence of the Grand Chaplains, the amended scheme provided for a Dep. G. Registrar ranking next after G. Registrar.

In the paragraph at p. 11 headed "Recognition of New South Wales," we are told that the refusal of our Grand Lodge to recognise a "body styling itself the Grand Lodge" of ——— "does not imply any censure of the body making the application." We are not of Bro. LAWRENCE'S opinion in this matter. When this refusal took place as stated and for a long time afterwards, the members of the so-called New South Wales Constitution were an irregular body. They had formed themselves into lodges without due authority, and when the late Earl of CARNARVON arrived at Sydney, he was not in a position to receive that welcome from the N.S. Wales brethren, which he gladly received from the English, Scotch, and Irish brethren in New South Wales as recognised in lodges under their respective Grand Lodges. So deplorable was the condition of Freemasonry in the Colony at the time—the English, Irish, and Scotch brethren refusing to have anything to do with the so-called N.S. Wales Masons—that he made an attempt to bring them together and we rejoice to say he succeeded in his attempt. But had there been no censure, either direct or implied, in our refusal to recognise these irregularly constituted Masonic bodies, there would have been no war to the knife, so to speak, between the regular and irregular organisations.

As regards the office of "Grand Treasurer," Bro. LAWRENCE has made no allowance for the change of circumstances which had come over the office of Grand Treasurer, who had ceased to be a responsible officer as provided in the 1873 Book of Constitutions. Hence the contention, that as he no longer had any duties to perform, there was no longer a valid reason for continuing the same brother in office year after year. We do not think it wise to apply the term "Radicals" to those who advocated the change. There are many brethren who regard the term as one of reproach.

Under the head of "Revision of the Constitutions," we beg to point out that the statement that "Bro. WILLIAMS brought out successive editions in 1815, 1819, 1827, and 1841," is not correct, at all events as regards the year 1841, for the best of all reasons that Bro. WILLIAMS died in 1839.

Other points there are to which we shall call attention hereafter. For the present we seem to have dealt with most of the important points in the first head or chapter.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society, Redhill, on the 22nd inst., when there was a very large attendance of brethren. The P.G.M., the Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G., presided, and was supported by—

Bros. J. D. Langton, P.D.G.D.C., as Deputy P.G.M. (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. F. West, Deputy P.G.M.); Dr. H. Strong, P.G.D., as Prov. S.G.W.; A. H. Bowles, P.G.D., as Prov. J.G.W.; J. T. Firbank, M.P., G.D.; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D.; W. Pile, Prov. G. Treas.; C. T. Tyler, Prov. G. Sec.; J. R. Cleave, P.P.G.D.; J. H. Hawkins, Prov. G.D.C.; J. H. Mayo, P.P.G.P.; E. L. Berry, Prov. G.S. of W. Bucks; W. Dennis, W.M.; W. Lane, P.P.G.S.B.; G. B. Smallpeice, P.M.; T. Clark, P.P.G.S.B.; W. A. Lathom, Prov. A.G. Sec.; and many other P.G. Officers and members of the province.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, after which the roll of lodges was called.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts and the Audit Committee's report were next received and adopted, showing balances in hand of £459 and £171 on the General and Charity accounts respectively.

The following recommendations were also adopted: 10 guineas each to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (Male and Female Fund), Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society, and a special donation of £52 10s. for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys' Centenary Festival.

The Charity Committee's Report showed that two girls had been elected to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and one brother to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

On the proposition of Bro. W. PILE, Prov. G. Treas., Bro. G. B. Smallpeice was unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The following Provincial Grand Officers were appointed and invested:

Bro. Geo. Armstrong, 1616 ...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" A. F. White, 2095 ...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Dr. J. H. Robson, 1395 ...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. J. A. A. Tait, 2101 ...	...
" G. B. Smallpeice, 370 ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. S. Hatchett Jones, 1861 ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" C. T. Tyler, 1395 ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" D. Urquhart, 1826 ...	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" W. J. Baker, 1892 ...	...
" W. King, 452 ...	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" C. H. Wood, 1149 ...	...
" F. Rawlings, 1872 ...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. H. Hawkins, 410 ...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. Gibbs, 2101 ...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" J. W. H. Littleboy, 2317 ...	...	Prov. A.G.D.Cs.
" Dr. R. Stow Armstrong, 410 ...	...
" F. Harper, 2521 ...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" C. A. Itter, 2246 ...	...
" A. W. Crewdson, 2128... ..	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" A. Wood, 1362 ...	...
" J. Harper Kearton, 1920 ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. A. Latham, 410 ...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" J. H. Sumner, 1638 ...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. Williams, 2146 ...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" W. D. Hayward, 2096 ...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" H. Trower, 1362 ...	...
" Lockett, 2222 ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" S. Rowe, 1714 ...	...
" W. C. Robinson, 1395 ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" F. Hallows, 1982 ...	...
" R. F. Potter... ..	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Audit Committee was appointed, and Bro. J. D. Langton, P.G.D.C., was nominated by the Prov. G.M. as Secretary of the Charity Committee.

Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and a group of the brethren was photographed outside the front of the building.

A banquet was held at the Market Hall, at which the Prov. G. Master presided, and proposed the usual toasts.

"The Queen and the Craft" was first heartily honoured, after which the PROV. GRAND MASTER gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M.," and said his Royal Highness had won the admiration and esteem of all Masons. They were all deeply grateful to their M.W.G.M. for the manner in which he had at all times placed his services at the disposal of his future subjects and for the manner in which he had maintained the dignity of the Craft. Never in his career could his Royal Highness have been better pleased than upon the occasion of the congratulatory meeting at the Albert Hall, when all eyes were on his royal mother and not upon himself. In the coming year his Royal Highness would preside at a great Masonic festival—the centenary of the Boys' School—and as many Prov. G. Lodges throughout England had already determined to make handsome contributions towards the fund, might he (the Prov. G.M.) venture to hope that Surrey would not be behind. He did not wish that a formal proposition should be made in lodge, but he was sure from the expressions of approval with which his remarks had been met that it would not be lost sight of by the members of the province.

In submitting "The Grand Officers," the PROV. G.M. alluded to the presence of Bro. V. P. Freeman who was not only a P.G.D. but also the Prov. G. Sec. of their excellent friends and neighbours in Sussex. Like the poor, Bro. J. D. Langton, P.D.G.D.C., was always with them, but in Surrey he took especial care of the poor on their behalf. There were also present Bros. Tompkins, Bowles, and Firbank, M.P.

Bro. V. P. FREEMAN, P.G.D., said he felt it a great privilege to return thanks. There was little to be said of Lords Lathom and Amherst, for those who knew them would fully appreciate their services. The Grand Officers endeavoured to do their duty upon every possible occasion, and were pleased to visit amongst the brethren. Personally he regretted that he had been invited so often to Surrey and had not been able to attend owing to many Masonic engagements, but he felt great pleasure to come amongst them as the Provincial Grand Secretary of a neighbouring province.

Bro. J. D. LANGTON, P.D.G.D.C., said that in consequence of the much regretted absence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the honour and pleasure of proposing the next toast had fallen upon himself. It was a toast that would be received with enthusiasm whatever was said in proposing it, being "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master." Since his installation as Prov. Grand Master the Earl of Onslow had taken the deepest interest in their welfare as a province, and notwithstanding his many duties, he found time to come amongst them on every occasion, and they were at all times delighted to see him.

The PROV. G. MASTER, in reply, said:—I thank you most cordially for the very hearty manner in which you have been pleased to receive the toast of my health. I wish, in the very few words that I shall address to you, to congratulate you in the first place, and express my thanks to the brethren for the very satisfactory meeting we have had to-day. I think that has been due to the fact that we have held our lodge in an exceedingly pleasant and advantageous spot. We are fortunate in the fact that we have among our brethren Bro. Field, who is very closely connected with the St. Anne's Society, and it is to his efforts that are mainly due the pleasant surroundings and the great success of this meeting of Provincial G. Lodge. In the second place, I should like to express my satisfaction at the very

great attendance of Masons from all parts of the province. It has been my desire, ever since I have been Prov. G.M., that the meetings of Provincial G. Lodge should be held to suit the convenience of all the Masons in the province. I am aware, of course, that when we meet at Redhill it is not convenient for Masons situated at Chertsey or Farnham; but many meetings have been held in the west and south parts, and I am sure that Redhill is a very convenient centre. Our desire is to hold the Provincial Grand Lodge quite independently of any individual lodge, in order that all may gain the benefit. I greatly regret that my Deputy and colleague is not present with us. I need hardly tell you the cause is unavoidable, but never in the course of his now somewhat long career as Deputy, has he known the province in so flourishing a condition or more improved, and the Charities so well supported as at the present time. May I say in passing, on that subject, I believe that result is largely due to the confidence which we feel in the administration of our Charitable funds and the way in which we have been successful in getting every one of our candidates elected, and more particularly the great labour and devotion which Bro. Langton gives to the work. I am sure that if the principal object of every Mason is, as it should be, to promote the flow of subscriptions for Charity, Bro. Langton will feel his efforts had been more than a conspicuous success. There has been, I regret to say, an absence of representatives from one or two lodges in the province, but I hope that at the Provincial Grand Lodge, every lodge will be represented. I am very glad to think that although at the moment when the roll was called the name of our youngest lodge—the Albany—was not represented, that was not because the members were not anxious to be present, but only on account of the missing of a train, for the W.M. is present and with us now. I wish to express to him my satisfaction in having had the honour of consecrating a new lodge in Kingston which I think bids fair to occupy not an unimportant position. I congratulate you on the flourishing position of Freemasonry in the province, and may it long continue. I thank you most heartily and sincerely for the cordial welcome always given me, and never more than to-night.

Bro. G. ARMSTRONG, Prov. S.G.W., replied for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

In submitting "The Visitors," the PROV. GRAND MASTER said they had special reasons to be grateful that evening, as they had two representative visitors, not that they were illustrious Masons as holding high office, but they were men who at the present moment filled the eyes of the country, to whom they were all grateful, and from whom they expected great things in the future—he meant those who had occupied a prominent position in the recent celebrations in connection with the Jubilee. They had present that evening one who had earned great honour and respect from his country and one who represented worthily the greater Britain beyond the seas—Bro. Herbert, who took part in the great and glorious Charge of Balaclava, and Bro. Timothy, of the New South Wales Lancers.

Bros. HERBERT and TIMOTHY briefly responded.

The Prov. G. Master then left.

The chair was taken by Bro. LANGTON, P.D.G.D. of C., who proposed "The Health of Bro. Field, of the Royal Albert Edward Lodge," and thanked him for his exertions, which had contributed so materially to a successful gathering.

"The Healths of Bro. Langton, P.D.G.D.C., and of Bro. Hawkins, Prov. G.D.C.," were duly honoured before the Prov. G. Tyler's toast closed the meeting.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORFOLK.

By command of the Prov. G. Master, Lord Suffield, a Prov. Grand Lodge of Norfolk was held on the 22nd inst., at the Town Hall, Great Yarmouth. It is four years since a similar meeting took place in the favourite seaside town, and the gathering on the present occasion was, perhaps, even larger than that held in 1893. The handsome large room was nicely fitted up, and on the walls were hung the banners of the various lodges, viz., Union, 52, Faithful, 85, Social, 93, Friendship, 100, Unanimity, 102, Philanthropic, 107, Perseverance, 213, United Friends, 313, Cabbell, 807, Sincerity, 943, Soudes, 996, Joppa, 1114, Doric, 1193, Walpole, 1500, Montgomerie, 1741, Suffield, 1808, Earl of Leicester, 2237, and Baring, 2602.

At two o'clock the brethren began to assemble under their respective banners, and at 2.30 the procession of past and present officers filed into the room.

Unfortunately Lord Suffield could not be present, owing to a family bereavement. However, his place was ably filled by Bro. Hamon le Strange, D.P.G.M.

With two or three exceptions the following officers were present to perform their respective duties:

Bros. R. Fenner, P.M. 102, W.M. 2602, P.S.G.W.; Sir K. H. Kemp, P.M. 52, P.J.G.W.; Rev. G. Sharley, P.M. 1809, and Rev. F. Phillips, 100, P.G. Chaps.; W. F. Stratford, P.M. 807, P.G. Treas.; C. J. Campling, P.M. 1500, P.G. Reg.; G. W. G. Barnard, P.M. 943, P.G. Sec.; H. E. Loynes, P.M. 2237, P.S.G.D.; J. B. Coleby, P.M. 93, P.J.G.D.; H. P. Crowe, P.M. 943, P.G. Supt. of Works; C. Payne, P.M. 1193, P.G.D.C.; F. E. Smith, P.M. 1114, P.A.G.D.C.; W. P. Smart, P.M. 85, P.G.S.B.; J. Tench, P.M. 213, and W. H. Sellex, P.M. 807, P.G. Std. Brs.; E. A. Bracey, 943, P.G. Org.; W. Oliver, 943, P.A.G.S.; J. C. Howard, P.M. 996, P.G.P.; W. A. Smith, P.M. 1741, P.A.G.P.; C. E. Todd, 807, P. C. Sadd, 943, W. Bayfield, 996, T. Baylis, 1114, G. Hare, 1193, and E. Holmes, 1500, P.G. Stwds.; and E. Hollidge, P.G. Tyler.

The following P.P.G. Officers signed the attendance book:

Bros. Arthur N. Mann, 1500, P.G. Std. Br.; H. Harvey George, 100, P.J.G.W.; C. H. Rust, 213, P.G.S.B.; E. Skipper, 1808, P.G.P.; R. T. Ruddock, 313, P.J.G.W.; W. F. Stockings, 943, P.G.S. of W.; G. A. Fuller, 943, P.G. Std. Br.; John Flatman, 741, P.A.G.P.; J. W. Smith, 1114, P.G. Std. Br.; John Moore, 93, P.S.G.D.; H. G. Barwell, 52, P.S.G.D.; W. H. Tench, 996, P.G. Std. Br.; E. J. Bonfellow, 100, P.A.G.D.C.; J. D. Bunn, 313, P.A.G.D.C.; A. S. Wilde, 1500, P.G. Org.; F. Mills, 943, P.G.S.B.; G. S. Woodwork, 107, P.J.G.D.; J. S. B. Glasier, 107, P.J.G.W.; E. T. B. Wightman, 93, P.S.G.W.; W. W. Lake, 93, P.G.S. of W.; T. J. Mackley, 1500, P.A.G.D.C.; Ambrose Goreham, 1114; N. W. Wilkin, 107, P.G. Reg.; W. J. King, 107, P.J.G.D.; R. Martins, 100, P.G. Reg.; J. C. Howard, 996, P.A.G.P.; J. B. Pearce, 52, P.G.S. of W.; W. P. Eversley, 52, P.J.G.W.; J. E. H. Watson, 213, P.A.G.D.C.; and R. Frances, 1193, P.G.P.

There were also present:

Bros. Harry Rix, 1452; Horace G. Bunn, 313; F. W. Spalding, 213; Arthur J. Newby, 100; J. J. Marshall and E. L. Semmence, 1193; H. Chamberlin, W.M., C. E. Bond, and R. G. M. Bracey, 313; C. L. Page, 93; J. H. Rose, 102; W. E. Cobbald, 943; A. H. Bateman and F. G. Ashley, 100; C. Edgar Todd and H. Austin, 807; H. E. Mackley and H. Warne, 1500; A. N. Tyrrell, 100; H. W. Churchyard and E. T. Jarvois, 2602; A. Youngman, 313; G. Bedford Cross, 943; A. Bobby, A. Cooper, and R. Staff, 1741; F. G. Wyatt, 52; G. Maynard, 1193; C. W. Smith and C. Peak, 107; A. W. Castle, 100; J. Lovelace, 2602; H. J. Burnaby, 996; R. Edge, 2237; H. Bambridge, 100; A. Shepherd and T. Huxley, 2602; F. Vincent, 996; F. J. Burrage, 1741; J. Francis, 1808; W. Smith, 102; A. G. Smith, 996; W. Day, 1193; T. W. Warren, 100; F. W. Garwood, 213; A. H. King, 100; E. Reeve, 52; F. W. Lewis, 100; H. Hare, 466; E. Smith, 1114; A. H. Sandle, 1962; S. W. Ellis, 100; R. Harrison and E. Waterson, 1114; H. O. Maynard, 2337; C. Hall, 100; R. H. Teasdel, 313; A. G. Russell, 107; B. B. Morgan, 313; W. Welsford, F. W. Markham, and E. Turner, 1500; W. T. Dawson, 93; R. W. Bryant, 107; W. H. Jones, 1808; W. Buckenham, 213; F. W. Jennings, 1741; G. Harper, 85; W. M. Kemp, 943; G. H. Lovewell Blake, 313; and A. Eaton, 100.

On the roll of the lodges being called, each lodge proved to be represented, and the minutes of the previous meeting were then duly confirmed.

The PROV. GRAND REGISTRAR read his return of the lodges for the past year, from which it appeared that there had been 55 initiations in the province during the year, and that the subscribing members now reach the total of 801.

The PROV. GRAND TREASURER presented the balance-sheet, which was adopted, and the various recommendations of the Board of General Purposes were agreed to.

The Charities Committee presented a report, which enumerated the local cases dealt with, and further referred to the large sums that had been subscribed to the three great Masonic Institutions, viz., £18,197 19s. 3d. for Aged Masons, £16,026 6s. 6d. for the Girls' School, and £15,931 6s. 6d. for the Boys' School. With regret it was announced that after many years' valuable work as Prov. G. Sec. Bro. H. G. Barwell felt compelled to resign his position. The kind offer of Bro. Captain Mills to fill the vacancy was hailed with great satisfaction.

The D.P.G.M., on behalf of Lord Suffield, then invested the following as the officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. E. Reeve, P.M. 52	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" G. H. L. Blake, P.M. 313	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. L. G. Pollard, Chap. 313	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. A. J. Groom, Chap. 107	...	...
" B. B. Morgan, P.M. 213	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. B. Cross, P.M. 943	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. W. G. Barnard, P.M. 943	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Francis, P.M. 1808	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" C. L. Page, P.M. 93	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" C. Hall, P.M. 100	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" G. C. Maynard, P.M. 1193	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Welsford, P.M. 1500	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" E. Smith, P.M. 1114	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" E. Austin, P.M. 807	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" F. Vincent, P.M. 996	...	...
" A. A. Bobby, P.M. 1741	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Oliver, 943	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" T. Peake, P.M. 107	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" A. H. Beesley, P.M. 2237	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" C. J. Muriel, 52	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. T. Dawson, 93	...	...
" F. W. Jennings, 1741	...	...
" W. H. Jones, 1808	...	...
" W. H. Simms Reeve, 2237	...	...
" E. F. Jarvis, 2602	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" Ephraim Hollidge	...	...

Bro. B. B. Morgan, who was the only brother nominated, was elected Prov. G. Treasurer. The following were appointed to serve on the Board of General Purposes: From the Norwich Lodge, Bros. Sir Charles Rackham Gilman, P.M. 52 P.P.G.W., John Brooks Bridgman, P.M. 93, 943, P.P.G.W., and Thomas John Mackley, P.M. 1500, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; from other lodges in the province: Bros. Richard Martins, P.M. 100, 313, P.P.G., Registrar, George Smith Woodwork, P.M. 107, P.P.G.W., Harry James Sparks, P.M. 996, P.P.G.W., P.D.D.G.M. Bengal, and A. N. Mann and G. Fuller were re-appointed Auditors.

Each of the lodges meeting elsewhere than at Norwich was presented with a framed photograph of the bust of Lord Suffield which was unveiled by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in October last.

Before asking the W.Ms. of the 12 country lodges to accept these gifts, which had been subscribed for by the members of the city lodges, Bro. HAMON LE STRANGE explained the circumstances which brought about this graceful act.

After the transaction of some general business, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

At the commencement of the proceedings, a vote of condolence was passed to Lord Suffield on the bereavement which caused his involuntary absence.

At 4.30 members assembled at the Priory Hall, where they formed in procession and went from thence to the parish church, where Divine service was held. The special Psalms used were 122 and 133, and the lesson was read by Bro. the Rev. L. G. POLLARD, Prov. G. Chap. The choir sang Garrett's grand and most appropriate anthem—"The Lord is loving unto every man," and the hymns used were—"Fight the good fight," and "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," the latter being sung during the offertory. The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. CHARLES JOHN MARTYN, M.A., Past G. Chap., Dep. Prov. G.M. of Suffolk.

The Rev. brother took for his text Proverbs xi., 24—"There is that scattereth and yet increaseth."

A collection was made at the close on behalf of the Organ Fund of St. Nicholas Church.

In the evening a banquet, served in Bro. J. W. Nightingale's best style, was held in the Minor Hall of the Royal Aquarium.

Bro. Hamon Le Strange presided, and was supported by most of the brethren who had attended the earlier functions of the day.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., was present, and made a strong appeal on behalf of the Institution he represents. The School will celebrate its centenary next year, and a great Festival, over which the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, has signified his intention to

preside, is to be held. It is hoped by this means, and by increased subscriptions from the provinces, to largely extend the splendid work carried on by the Institution.

Before the company separated the Yarmouth brethren were cordially thanked by the D.P.G.M. for the excellent arrangements they had made for the comfort of those attending Prov. G. Lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

The meeting of Prov. Grand Chapter was held at the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society, Redhill, on the 22nd inst., immediately preceding the Prov. G. Lodge. Comp. the Earl of Onslow, G. Supt., was supported by Comps. J. D. Langton, as Prov. G.H.; A. H. Bowles, as Prov. G.J.; G. B. Smallpeice, Prov. G. Treas.; Dr. H. Strong, C. T. Tyler, Prov. G.S.E.; and a large attendance of Prov. G. Officers and companions.

The Prov. G. Chapter was opened, the minutes read and signed, and the roll of chapters called.

The report of the Audit Committee was adopted, including a recommendation of 10 guineas each to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

On motion duly made a sum of 10 guineas was also voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Comp. W. Pile, P.Z., was unanimously elected Prov. G. Treas., and the following Prov. G. Officers were appointed and invested:

Comp. D'Arcy Power, 410	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" C. T. Tyler, 1395	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Rev. E. R. Parr, 370	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" W. Pile, 1437	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. R. Masse, 463	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. G. Field, 1362	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" W. G. Poole, 1347	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" G. S. Horsnail, 2096	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" J. Webb, 2120	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" M. W. Dodge	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" W. Parker, 1851	...	...
" G. Russell Beardmore, 1929	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. R. Hatton, 2246	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" T. H. R. Beck, 889	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" C. F. Passmore, 2317	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" W. A. Latham, 1556	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
" R. F. Potter	...	...

Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed.

CONSECRATION OF THE ABBEY CHAPTER, No. 2030.

The consecration of the above chapter took place at the Town Hall, Westminster, on the 19th instant, in the presence of a numerous gathering of Royal Arch Masons. The chapter is supported by a strong and influential lodge, which has been doing good Masonic work in the Metropolis for some years past, and with a numerous body of founders and nearly a score of candidates proposed for exaltation, has every prospect of success. Comps. W. Bonwick, J. R. Cleave, and E. Newland were the Principals designate, whilst Comp. E. J. Turnbull—who has rendered good service in the formation of the chapter—occupies the onerous position of S.E.

The consecration ceremony was carried out by Comps. E. Letchworth, G.S.E.; J. D. Langton, P.G.S.B., as H. (in the unavoidable absence of Comp. T. Fenn, G.S.N.); Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, G. Supt. Bucks, as J.; F. Richardson, G.D.C., as D.C.; and James Stephens, P.G. Std. Br., as S.N.

The founders consisted of the following: Comps. W. Bonwick, J. R. Cleave, E. Newland, E. J. Turnbull, W. T. Potts, J. Gibson, W. R. Dunn, J. H. Montague, G. White, H. E. Herman, F. Todman, T. J. Mountain, J. Bartlett, H. E. Poole, S. F. Atkins, R. P. Webster, J. Squires, F. A. Sherras, G. B. Spicer, W. Weeden, A. Baxter, F. J. Smith, G. R. W. Wheeler, G. W. Townsend, F. Stallard, and T. Flury.

Visitors: Comps. A. F. Jeffery, 452; C. Arnold, 820; W. O. Welsford, H. 1321; R. W. Wilson, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; J. Freer; J. Kift, 171; H. W. Schartau; T. J. Cocks, 145; W. Balchin, 145; F. Bevan, W. H. Toyé, 554; T. H. Hobbs, M.E.Z. 177; A. Prettijohn, 134; E. W. Hobbs, 177; E. A. Fratten, 177; R. E. H. Goffin, 1572; F. A. Powell, P.Z.; W. F. Bates, P.Z.; J. J. Cantle, P.Z.; F. Purkiss, 771; H. Sadler, G. Janitor; D. Haslett, 145; F. Dunn, 2272; J. A. Harrison; E. Storr, P.Z.; E. L. Berry, J.; W. W. Lee, P.Z.; and others.

After the opening of the chapter, the CONSECRATING PRINCIPAL, addressing the companions on the nature of the meeting, said it was about 13 years ago that a lodge was started in that building by his predecessor which had since borne the name of the Abbey Lodge. It had enjoyed a career of great prosperity having been constituted under, he believed, singularly auspicious circumstances. A large number of members had joined it and he believed it was now one of the most important and largest lodges in the Metropolis. In the natural order of things it should desire to have a R.A. chapter attached. The petition for the chapter he need hardly say had been readily granted, and they had met that day for the purpose of constituting that chapter and starting it into existence. He felt sure he was expressing the feelings of all present when he said they hoped it might have before it a career of the greatest possible prosperity.

The founders signified their approval of the officers named to preside over them, and an interesting oration having been delivered by Comp. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, G. Supt. Bucks., the new chapter was solemnly dedicated and constituted.

The following companions were installed into their respective chairs by Comp. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, viz., Comps. W. Bonwick, M.E.Z.; J. R. Cleave, H.; E. Newland, J.

The officers were elected and invested, viz., Comps. E. J. Turnbull, S.E.; W. T. Potts, S.N.; J. Gibson, Treas.; W. R. Dunn, P.S.; J. H. Montague, 1st A.S.; G. White, 2nd A.S.; H. E. Herman, D.C.; E. Todman and T. J. Mountain, Stwds.; J. Bartlett, Orgt.; and T. Williams, Janitor.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Consecrating Officers, and they were unanimously elected honorary members.

The G. SCRIBE E. returned thanks. He regretted the absence of Comp. T. Fenn, G.S.N., who had looked forward with great pleasure to be present, but the doctor had advised perfect rest owing to an accident which might have been of a serious nature.

A long list of candidates for exaltation was read by the Scribe E., and the chapter was closed.

Before the close of the banquet which followed, the M.E.Z., acting under his doctor's orders, was obliged to leave, and his place was occupied by Comp. J. R. Cleave, H., who proposed the usual toasts.

"The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, 1st Grand Principal," were first heartily honoured.

"The Grand Officers," and "The Consecrating Officers" were next given as one toast by Comp. CLEAVE, H., who expressed his regret that the G.S.E. had been compelled to go away. Comp. Brownrigg was, however, still with them, also Comps. J. Stephens and J. D. Langton, who had stepped into the breach made by the absence of Comp. Fenn. The companions present could not possibly help being impressed with the very admirable rendering of the consecration ceremony.

Comp. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, G. Supt. Bucks, on behalf of himself and colleagues, returned sincere thanks, and said it had given him very great pleasure to be present to consecrate this chapter. He was proud as a Westminster citizen, who had spent 11 years of his life there, to have been associated with the consecration of the Abbey Chapter. They all welcomed that chapter, and could only regret that the first M.E.Z. had been compelled to leave, and wished him a speedy convalescence. Not long ago he had the pleasure of assisting Comp. Cleave, H., into the chair of a lodge, and knew that whatever he did he would do well. Comp. Cleave, was a Westminster man, and would, in the temporary absence of the M.E.Z. and afterwards, be one of whom the chapter would be proud. He gave them the toast of "The Three Principals," coupling the toast with the name of the 2nd Principal.

Comp. J. R. CLEAVE, H., said he had already informed them that he was in a somewhat unfortunate position owing to the enforced absence of their newly-installed M.E.Z. They were something like the play of Hamlet with the principal character left out. He could have wished he had had more experience in R.A. Masonry, so as to be able to do justice to the exalted duties he had been called upon to perform. It was true he had been a R.A. Mason for 13 years, but only recently had he taken it up in a steady manner. However, as Comp. Brownrigg had said, he would endeavour to do the best he could under the circumstances in which he was placed. Having placed him in the position of H. in the chapter it would be his greatest ambition to do the best he could for it. They had a very large number of exaltees for their next meeting—17—which was very promising and as soon as they got into working order they would be a very prosperous chapter. He thanked them for the very kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received.

Comp. E. NEWLAND, J., said he was pleased indeed to be in his present position in this new chapter, and had been exceedingly impressed by the manner in which he was installed by Comp. Brownrigg. Doubtless most of those present would, as years went by, go through the same ordeal and he hoped they would be equally as fortunate in the way in which they would be installed. This chapter was really the outcome of one of the best lodges of instruction in the Metropolis—the Abbey, where under the guidance of their present Treasurer, Comp. Gibson, he had gained nearly all his Masonic knowledge. It was pleasing to find the chapter had been started in the way it had and apparently had the greatest success before it. There were few chapters consecrated where, in addition to a large number of founders, as many as 17 candidates were proposed for exaltation.

In giving "The Visitors," Comp. CLEAVE coupled with it the names of Comps. Goffin, Wilson, Powell, Berry, and Welsford.

Comp. R. E. H. GOFFIN, P.Z., in his response, said it was nearly a quarter of a century ago that the father of Comp. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg consecrated a lodge of which he (Comp. Goffin) immediately afterwards became the first initiate. He was initiated by a mutual friend, but during the last five or six years he had been left as the father of the lodge which reminded them how humanity passes away. No greater wish could proceed from his heart than that the Abbey Chapter should prosper, root, and branch, and that it would go on as had been said before, until time should be no more. Comps. WILSON, POWELL, T. HOBBS, W. O. WELSFORD, and E. L. BERRY also responded.

"The Officers" was next given by Comp. CLEAVE, H., who said he need not tell them the immense amount of work which Comp. Turnbull, S.E., had done in connection with the formation of this chapter. Any of those who had endeavoured to undertake a similar work would thoroughly appreciate Comp. Turnbull's labours at the successful issue to which he had brought the chapter. Comp. Potts, S.N., was well known in Masonry as an excellent officer, and Comp. Gibson, P.Z., Treas., was a very old Royal Arch Mason, whose services they were fortunate in securing. Comp. Dunn, P.S., was an excellent worker, and Comps. Montague and White were Past Masters of the Abbey Lodge, who would without doubt perform their duties in a satisfactory manner.

Comp. E. J. TURNBULL, S.E., in reply, said it was somewhat difficult to reply for the officers, because up to the present they had had no opportunity of doing anything. The list of officers was one of which any chapter might well be proud, for it contained the names of the majority of those who were good and true Masons in Westminster. With reference to the kindly remarks of the acting M.E.Z. as to his services, he could not say he had done nothing, because he had found there was a great deal to do in forming a chapter of vast dimensions. With 26 founders and 17 exaltees they could form a respectable and, he hoped, an influential chapter. He must express his heartfelt thanks for the manner in which he had been received by the executive members of the Abbey Lodge in his arduous duties.

Comp. J. GIBSON, P.Z., Treasurer, replied, and mentioned the fact that the father of Bro. the Rev. Brownrigg—Gen. Brownrigg—was captain of his own company in the Grenadier Guards.

The Janitor's toast concluded a very successful gathering, which was well worthy of the inaugural proceedings of what promises to be a very flourishing addition to Royal Arch Masonry.

Comp. J. Bartlett, Orgt., was assisted in the musical arrangements by Comps. H. Schartau, J. Kift, and F. Bevan.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next, the 4th prox.:

The minutes of the last quarterly convocation to be read for confirmation.

To announce the appointment of companions to Past Grand Rank in commemoration of the completion of the 60th year of the reign of her Majesty the Queen.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 21st April, to the 20th July, 1897, both inclusive which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£435 14 8	By Disbursements during the	
" " Unappropriated		Quarter	£390 6 1
" " Account	195 17 8	" Balance	485 2 11
" " Subsequent Receipts..	438 7 8	" " Unappropriated	
		Account	194 11 0
	£1070 0 0		£1070 0 0

which balances are in the Bank of England Law Courts Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:

1st. From Comps. Robert Clay Sudlow, Past Dep. G.D.C., as Z., Henry S. Wellcome as H., Frederick C. Van Duzer as J., and 10 others for a chapter to be attached to the Columbia Lodge, No. 2397, London, to be called the Columbia Chapter, and to meet at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, London.

2nd. From Comps. Henry Thomas Edward Holmes as Z., John Parkin Hewitt as H., Thomas Edmund Barker as J., and 15 others for a chapter to be attached to the Wentworth Lodge, No. 1239, Sheffield, to be called the Milton Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

3rd. From Comps. Lieut.-Col. Charles James Hamilton as Z., the Rev. John Edward Player as H., John Cræry as J., and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Radnor Lodge, No. 2587, Folkestone, to be called the Radnor Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Folkestone.

The foregoing petitions being regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be granted.

The Committee have also received memorials, with extracts of minutes, for permission to remove, from the following chapters:

"The Highgate Chapter, No. 1366, from the Gate House Tavern, Highgate, to Beale's Restaurant, Holloway-road, Holloway, London."

"The Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73, London, from the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, to the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, London."

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the above requests, recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

(Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
21st July, 1897.

THE CENTENARY OF THE LION LODGE, No. 312.

VISIT OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE TO WHITBY.

Never in the history of Freemasonry in Whitby has the Craft come to the front so prominently as it has done during the past week. By a pleasing and happy coincidence, the commemoration of the Lion Lodge, No. 312, has been conjoined with the visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the North and East Ridings to this ancient town, in which Masonry has had a local habitation and a name for considerably more than a hundred years. An event so memorable naturally evoked a great manifestation of enthusiasm among the adherents of the Craft in Whitby; and by the members of other lodges, not only in the province, but throughout Yorkshire, the preparations and proceedings have been watched with a degree of interest that has not often been surpassed. It is an interesting reflection that there are venerable members of the Lion Lodge still surviving who were contemporaries of some of the original founders of the Lion Lodge, and thus the continuity of Freemasonry in Whitby has been maintained in a manner that we cannot help regarding as highly gratifying.

When the members of the Lion Lodge decided to hold a centenary celebration, they also resolved to give additional importance and significance to an event so auspicious by inviting the Provincial Grand Lodge of the North and East Ridings to hold its annual convocation in Whitby this year, and so heighten the effect of the demonstration. The invitation, heartily given, was cordially accepted, and arrangements were at once set on foot by the Lion Lodge for having a worthy commemoration of the event, and also for giving a true Masonic welcome to the Provincial Grand Lodge. Thanks to the kindness of Sir George Elliot, Bart., and the fraternal co-operation of Bro. H. Walker, J.P., the West Cliff Saloon was generously placed at the disposal of the promoters of the undertaking and everything done to make it a fitting place of assembly for such an illustrious occasion.

As a permanent memento of the event, Bro. the Rev. E. Fox-Thomas, P.M., undertook the compilation of local Freemasonry, and he has accomplished the arduous task in a manner which reflects great credit upon himself, whilst it gives the highest satisfaction to the brethren generally.

The last occasion on which the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Whitby was in 1884. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G. Master, on this occasion graciously acceded to the request of the lodge, and granted a centenary warrant, and permission was also obtained to wear Masonic clothing and Craft jewels in honour of the commemoration.

The commencement of the centenary observance may be said to have been on the 18th inst., when the brethren, in accordance with the invitation officially issued, assembled at the lodge, and, having assumed the Masonic regalia, were formed in procession, and then proceeded by way of John-street to the West Cliff Congregational Church.

Forty-six brethren were present, including the W.M., Bro. J. H. Harrowing, C.C., and a goodly number of Past Masters, officers, &c. The assemblage was also graced by the presence of three visiting brethren, namely, Bros. F. Horsley, P.P.G.D. West Yorks; Woodhead, 304; and Thompson, 561. The procession was headed by the Tyler, Bro. H. Wald, who bore the sword of the lodge.

A large number of spectators were assembled outside the church, and watched the proceedings with much interest. The weather was delightfully fine. On their entrance into the church, the brethren were conducted to the seats which

had been allotted to them by the courteous office bearers. The other parts of the floor were well filled, and there was a considerable number in the galleries, the congregation being in every way worthy of the occasion, and most attentive and deeply interested.

The pulpit and choir stalls had been chastely decorated by Mrs. Fox-Thomas and Miss Smith with white and blue flowers and evergreens, which considerably improved the general effect. There was a special form of service printed for the occasion, which was gone through in an effective manner, and the choir, which was a very full one, was reinforced by the attendance of several members from other choirs in the town.

The service commenced with a short passage exhorting that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, &c., which was followed by prayer and the chanting of the Lord's Prayer, after which the congregation heartily joined in singing the hymn "Eastward, ever eastward." The first lesson was taken from I. Kings, chap. viii., v. 22 to v. 54, this being immediately succeeded by the Te Deum Laudamus. The Jubilate Deo was subsequently sung, as were also Psalms cxii. and cxxxiii., and responses by the congregation to appropriate passages of Scripture, the second lesson preceding the Psalms being taken from I. Corinthians, chap. xiii.

Immediately previous to the singing of the Masonic hymn "Unto Thee, Great God, belong," composed about 1738, and the music for which had been admirably composed by Mr. E. W. S. Watson, the Organist of the Congregational Church, Bro. the Rev. E. FOX-THOMAS, who was in the pulpit wearing his Past Provincial Grand Chaplain's collar, and also the lodge Chaplain's collar, said—

Freemasons, as a general rule, instead of parading the symbolic paraphernalia, and ostentatiously displaying any of the benefits appertaining to their Order, seek within the quiet precincts of their lodge the retired contemplation therein inculcated and enjoyed. But an event so noteworthy and interesting as the centenary of our local lodge of Freemasons could not well be permitted to pass without some more or less public recognition of the Divine goodness. And this morning we voice the spirit of thankfulness in united prayer and praise to the Great Architect of the Universe for the innumerable blessings received at His hands. Brethren are worshipping with us to-day, the lineal descendants and bearing the same name as some of those who one hundred years ago were prominent Freemasons in this ancient town. Brethren of the Lion Lodge, on behalf of this congregation, I congratulate you on the auspicious event in your history. Our prayer for you is—"Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces." In all earthly rejoicings there is ever some window in the palace black amid all the blaze; some note of sadness in the most jubilant praise. During the last few years the Angel of Death has been a constant visitor to our Fraternity, taking from our midst, often as suddenly as unexpectedly, one brother after another with whom we have had happy fellowship. On the eve of our celebrations another esteemed Past Master has been summoned from the lodge on earth to the Grand Lodge above. Our sympathies embrace the widow and the children in their affliction. The Lord bless them and keep them. The Lord lift up His countenance upon them, and give them peace. The Lord teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom, so that when the circle of our earthly duties is completed, this may be our experience—"On earth the broken arc, in heaven a perfect round."

After the above-mentioned Masonic hymn had been heartily sung, Bro. the Rev. E. FOX-THOMAS proceeded to deliver his sermon, taking for his text Psalm LI., verse 18—"Build thou the walls of Jerusalem."

At the conclusion of the sermon, a collection was taken, partly for the Royal Masonic Charitable Institutions, and partly for the funds of the Congregational Church, Mr. Henry Hallgate, in the meantime, giving a pleasing performance on the violin in "Largo in G" (Handel), and a Masonic anthem. The Masonic hymn—"Almighty Sire, our heavenly King," was sung on the occasion of opening the new lodge, Whitby, on June 24th, 1813, was then sung, and the pronouncing of the Benediction concluded the service.

The congregation then rose, whilst the Freemasons left the church, to the strains of the closing march, from Masonic service music.

We should not omit to mention that the string and instrumentation throughout were highly satisfactory; and that Mr. E. W. S. Watson presided at the organ with the utmost efficiency.

After the brethren had left the church, they returned to the lodge, where they divested themselves of their Masonic clothing, and signed their names in the lodge book as a permanent record of the memorable event.

The weather on the 15th inst. was beautifully fine and greatly favoured the auspicious event. The influx of brethren was very large from all parts of the extensive province, and even of a thoroughly representative character. It indicated the interest taken not only in the annual convocation, but also in that memorable and historic Masonic occurrence—the centenary of the venerable Lion Lodge. The spacious and elegant West Cliff Saloon, so admirably adapted for such an assemblage, was most chastely and tastefully adorned for the occasion, the decorators being Bros. J. N. Lawson, J. T. Stewart, T. Kirby, C. Rippon, F. Corner, A. Jameson, T. Taylor, R. Smalles, and Messrs. A. Thoratton, J. Brand, J. Harrison, and T. Lea, and Lady Elliot.

Previous to the commencement of the proceedings a liberal supply of refreshments, provided by the Lion Lodge, was partaken of by the visiting brethren.

At two o'clock the procession was formed, and passed into the grand hall, which was soon crowded by the large gathering of brethren. The Most Hon. the Marquess of Zetland, Prov. G. Master, N. and E. Yorks, presided, and was supported by the Right Hon. Lord Bolton, P.G.W. Eng., Dep. Prov. G.M. N. and E. Yorks; Bro. M. C. Peck, P.G. Sec.; and others.

The officers for the Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year were appointed as follows:

Bro. J. S. Moss, P.M. 312	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. Richardson, 561	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. W. T. Robson, 543	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. J. Baker, 123	...	...	Prov. A.G. Chap.
" S. Reed, P.M. 312	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" M. C. Peck, 250	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. H. Buchanan, 1416	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" L. B. Brekke, 250...	...	...	} Prov. S.G.Ds.
" J. Winterschladen, 1848	...	...
" D. Morley, 294	...	...	} Prov. J.G.Ds.
" J. H. Shonksmith, 1611	...	...
" J. M. Bottomley, 1848	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. G. Wallis, 2494	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Holland, 2391	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" J. G. Loam, 630	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" H. Heggleshaw, 566	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Major Wilson, 734	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. T. Belt, 2134	...	...	Prov. A.G. Std. Br.
" H. Hallgate, 312	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. B. Redfearn, 1511, P.P.G.W.	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" W. Highmoor, 1040	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" F. S. Pexton, 1760	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.

After the Prov. G. Lodge had been opened, Bro. Peck presented the report of the Board of Benevolence, also the accounts for the past year, which were unanimously adopted.

Bro. T. B. WHYTEHEAD, P.G.S.B. England, P.P.G.W., moved—"That in future the official duties of the Provincial Grand Treasurer be undertaken by the Provincial Grand Secretary, and that an annual honorarium of £10 be voted to the Provincial Grand Secretary, from the funds of this Provincial Grand Lodge, in recognition of the additional work entailed by the change of arrangements."

This was seconded, supported, and carried unanimously.

The MOST WORSHIPFUL PRESIDENT then said that he could not refrain from placing on record their high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the late Bro. Clark, P.G. Treasurer.

This proposition was agreed to unanimously.

For the position thus vacated, three propositions were duly made and seconded, namely: Bros. T. Thompson, Humber Lodge, Hull; G. Kirby, P.M., York; and S. Reed, Lion Lodge, No. 312. The claims of Bro. Reed as a Mason of long and high standing—he having been initiated in the Lion Lodge in 1844—were strenuously advocated, and his services, both in lodge and chapter, warmly eulogised.

Bros. THOMPSON and KIRBY having intimated that they withdrew from the contest, Bro. Reed was unanimously elected, amid loud applause.

The several lodges in the province then communicated.

The P.G.M. then presented to Bro. J. H. Harrowing, W.M. of the Lion Lodge, a Centenary Jubilee Jewel, and likewise a Centenary Warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, the latter being elegantly framed.

Bro. the Rev. E. FOX-THOMAS, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., and Chaplain to the Lion Lodge, then gave an interesting epitome of the history of the Lion Lodge, and of Masonic doings in Whitby in the early years of the last century. In concluding a very able address, Bro. Fox-Thomas said this was the seventh visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge to Whitby, and it would be fifty years before the Grand Lodge could observe such a celebration in this province again. He then presented his history of Freemasonry in Whitby to the noble Marquess, thanking him for his patronage of the work, and remarking that the connection of the Zetland family in Yorkshire Freemasonry had continued for nearly a century, and they hoped it would go on for generations to come. (Loud applause.)

The Marquess of ZETLAND, in reply, said he must on his own behalf, and also on theirs, express great interest in the very able address which had just been given by Bro. Fox-Thomas, and he thanked him for the very interesting work he had written on the history of Freemasonry in Whitby. It was a work which he (Lord Zetland) should read with great interest and preserve with great pleasure and he would suggest that his address should be printed and circulated throughout the province, as it would be read with pleasure by all connected with Freemasonry. The noble Marquess then veiwed at some length the chief events of the year in connection with Freemasonry, and said the Masonic Charities had benefited to the amount of about £8000 on the celebrations held by the Craft in connection with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. In conclusion, he would thank the brethren of the Lion Lodge for the excellent arrangements which they had made for the comfort and convenience of members of the Provincial Grand Lodge on that occasion. Their efforts had been a great success, and that had been a most agreeable gathering, and such an assemblage showed that the brethren appreciated their visit to Whitby. (Applause.) They all joined in congratulating the Lion Lodge on its centenary, and wished it many years of prosperity and success.

Bro. Fox-Thomas also presented a copy of his history to the Right Hon. Lord Bolton, D.P.G.M.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards dined together at the Crown Hotel, under the Marquess of Zetland's presidency.

A large number sat down to the sumptuous spread, and an appropriate toast list was gone through.

A grand ball in the Saloon concluded the day's memorable function, at which there was a large assemblage.

Bro. J. H. Harrowing, W.M., officiated as Master of Ceremonies, and the Stewards were Bros. J. B. Atkinson, H. S. Horne, J. N. Lawson, and T. W. Mead.

The music was supplied by the Saloon Orchestral Band, by kind permission of Bro. H. Walker, J.P.

SUMMER OUTING OF THE LODGE OF INDUSTRY, No. 186.

This function took place on Tuesday, the 13th inst. Among those present were Bro. A. J. Newton, W.M., Mrs. Newton and the Misses Newton; Stuart, S.D., and Miss Stuart; Bros. Gladding and Argent; Bro. Inkpen and Miss Inkpen; Bro. T. M. Wood, P.M., and Mrs. Wood; Bros. Westley, P.M.; Stubbs, Templeman, Yolland, and Menhinick; Bro. Sparke and Mrs. Sparke; Bro. G. Smith, S.W., and Mrs. Smith; Bro. R. Martin, P.P.S.G.W. Essex; Bro. Chapman and Mrs. Chapman; Mr. and Mrs. Hale; Rev. W. G. Boys Johnston, Bro. W. S. Page, jun., I.G., and Miss Page; and Bro. W. S. Page, P.M., Sec., and Mrs. Page.

Saloon carriages were provided by the Great Eastern Railway and the party left Liverpool-street at 10.20 and proceeded to Harwich, where lunch was served at the Great Eastern Hotel. Intimation was then given that the steamer was waiting and a most enjoyable trip was made up the river Orwell to Ipswich. Sufficient time was here allowed for the company to drive around the most interesting parts of the town. The return journey was then made to Harwich and the same was pleasantly diversified with strawberries and ices and other light refreshments. On arrival at Harwich a most *recherché* dinner had been provided for the guests, and the same was done full justice to by all present.

The toasts were few and brief, but none the less hearty.

"The Health of the Queen," proposed by the W.M., was received with great enthusiasm, his reference to the Jubilee nature of this outing being particularly happy.

Bro. WOOD, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in his usual able manner and the W.M.'s response was most favourably received.

The toast of "The Ladies," was left in the hands of Bro. W. S. PAGE, Sec., and responded to by Bro. SPARKE in a manner which left no ground for complaint on the part of the ladies present.

A special took the saloons to Manningtree in time to catch the fast train up which arrived at Liverpool-street at about 9.40.

Too much praise cannot be given to the management of the Great Eastern Hotel for the very admirable arrangements that were made for the comfort of the ladies, visitors, and brethren present; from the time of departure at 10.20 in the morning until the arrival at Liverpool-street in the evening not one moment seemed to be lost, every part of the day's programme fitting in in the most perfect way while nothing could have given greater satisfaction than the manner in which all the creature comforts were looked after.

The weather was most propitious, and the party on separating declared that they doubted if it were possible to spend a more enjoyable day.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. FRANKLIN THOMAS.

On Thursday, the 15th inst., there was a large gathering of the brethren of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 345, which meets at the Grosvenor Hotel, Blackburn, when a presentation was made to Bro. Franklin Thomas, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. East Lancashire, on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of his birthday. Bro. George Whewell, W.M., was in the chair.

After the lodge had been opened, and a portion of the lodge business transacted, the W.M. called upon Bro. BRIERLEY, P.M., to make the presentation. In doing so, he remarked that it was not an occasion on which he proposed to make anything like a set oration. It was not, to him, a question so much of speech as a question of the heart. It was kind of the brethren to have selected him to discharge so pleasing a task, and he felt the honour they had conferred upon him very much. Probably they delegated it to him, because he was, perhaps, one of the oldest members of the lodge. He (the speaker) had been a member of that lodge for many years, and had watched during the whole of those years the career of Bro. Thomas, and he could heartily testify to what the latter gentleman had done. In one respect the task he had was a difficult one, and yet again it was not a difficult, but a very easy thing to do, for the least they said about a beautiful thing when they had seen it the better; its worthiness was expressed in itself. In the present instance, the words he should use would come from the bottom of his heart, for the brother whom they were honouring that day was one who had attained worthily many Masonic distinctions. He (the speaker) could trace Bro. Thomas's career from his first coming amongst them. He had added dignity to their ritual and service. There was hardly a lodge in the provinces but was glad to have the presence of their valued brother, and his services were often in request to aid the respective lodges. Wherever he went he gave a tone and raised the dignity of the ritual in the lodges. He had never turned his back on what he conceived to be his duty, and he was always at the point of duty when he was required to be there. His services would never be forgotten by them in that lodge, which stood, he need not tell them, in the very forefront of the lodges in the province. As a citizen Bro. Thomas was held in high esteem by his fellow-tradesmen, and as a magistrate his decisions had been tempered by the Masonic virtue of mercy. He was a fine specimen of the Englishman, and they could not but admire him as they considered his clear thought, and the wonderful activity of mind and body which he showed on his 80th birthday. In conclusion, the speaker expressed the hope that they who followed after Bro. Thomas might imitate his abilities, and might he (Bro. Thomas) be spared to them for many years to come.

The loving-cup was then filled, and handed round the lodge by Bro. G. H. Holt, P.M., A.D.C., P.P.S.G.D., and "The Health of Bro. Thomas" was heartily drunk by every member of the lodge—the members standing.

The presentation was then made in formal terms by Bro. BRIERLEY, who read the inscription on the cup, as follows: "Presented to Bro. Franklin Thomas, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. East Lancashire, by the Masonic Lodge of Perseverance, No. 345, Blackburn, on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of his birthday, in recognition of his distinguished and valued services to the Craft during an unbroken record of 56 years, and as a mark of esteem and respect from the brethren of the lodge with which he has been closely identified for 36 years. Blackburn, 10th July, 1897."

Bro. THOMAS first thanked Bro. Brierley for the kind terms of his speech. It was not in the power of words of his (the speaker) to acknowledge in any measure the flattering mark of esteem which had been paid him. The handsome gift that they had given him he was convinced was in value very much beyond anything he could have deserved at their hands. He never could have conceived, even in a dream, of so magnificent a testimonial of their brotherly kindness, and it would well try the nerves of a younger man than himself to stand in the position he found himself in that night. It pleased him to see the brethren were so gratified in being able to show their Masonic interest and kindly feeling. Their gift was of intrinsic value, but that did not constitute its value to him. If it had been of beaten gold, and set with jewels, that would not have constituted its worth in his eyes; he valued it as a testimony of their kindness to him—a kindness shown during the whole of the years he had been a member of their lodge. He remembered the first meeting of the lodge which he attended as though it were only yesterday. He had mentioned very kindly any little he had done to promote the good of Freemasonry, but he had only tried to be what was known in connection with theatrical companies as the general utility man. (Laughter and cheers.) That was the role he had tried to fill during the whole of the years he had been amongst them. He noticed that there were three dates on the circular calling that meeting; one alluded to the 80th anniversary of his birthday; but having attained to such a long term of years, he felt his thanks were due, in the first place, to the Great Architect of the Universe that He had granted him through all that long life such an amount of mental and physical power as he had always enjoyed and still enjoyed to-day. He felt his great indebtedness to the Almighty for so signal a mark of favour. Strange it seemed that a harp of one thousand strings should keep in tune so long. Bro. Thomas entered upon a retrospect of his life as a Freemason, stating that he had joined the Order when he was 24 years of age. When he was a young Freemason he found the brethren cared more about the jollities connected with the Craft than about its verities, but he noticed, as years went on, a great improvement in that respect. There was a greater regard paid now to the high principles and duties of the Craft. Their own lodge, he was pleased to think, occupied a high place in East Lancashire, and he need not tell them that East Lancashire occupied a foremost place in Freemasonry in the whole country. When he became a Freemason there were not over one thousand lodges, and it was at that time thought that the Order was progressing too fast, and that the number of charters should not be extended. It was like Mrs. Partington trying to mop up the waves of the Atlantic, for now there were over two thousand lodges, and they existed everywhere where the English race had settled throughout the world. Bro. Thomas concluded by thanking them from the bottom of his heart, and he assured them he should value the cup they had presented to him as a precious heirloom.

The W.M. having read a letter from the P.G.M., Bro. Starkie, regretting his inability to be present, and having paid a high compliment to Bro. Thomas, the proceedings concluded.

The cup is a very beautiful specimen of the silversmith's art, of beaten silver, exquisitely chased, and was manufactured in Edinburgh in 1724. It bears on the reverse the monogram of Bro. Thomas, and the various provincial offices (with dates) held by him in different parts of the country.

Another pleasing ceremony took place when Bro. R. W. Cottrell, J.D., presented a lithographed stone, in oak case, bearing a suitable design for lodge circulars, to the lodge.

The W.M. said he had great pleasure in accepting Bro. Cottrell's handsome gift.

Bro. THOMAS proposed a hearty vote of thanks for the gift, and it was seconded by Bro. RIGBY, P.M.

Bro. COTTRELL replied.

FREEMASONRY AND THE DIAMOND JUBILEE IN THE WEST INDIES.

We are indebted to Bro. R. J. Clinckett, Past D.S.G.W., for the following report of the Masonic celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee at Barbados. We are also indebted to another Past Master for a *resumé* of the speeches at the banquet that followed the church service, from which we select and publish a portion of the remarks of Bro. Clinckett in proposing the toast of the District Grand Lodge of Barbados, the toast we are advised was received with acclamation and was responded to by Bro. Rev. Clark Solomon, Past D.G. Chap.

Pursuant to general notification the Freemasons of Barbados under the jurisdiction of Bro. John Locke, their District Grand Master, assembled at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., to the number of 102, at the Masonic Hall, in Spry-street, Bridgetown, at a special communication of the District Grand Lodge, when after the usual formalities, the District Grand Lodge was adjourned and the brethren formed up in procession and left the hall to attend divine service at the cathedral.

All the District Grand Lodge Officers, the Masters, Wardens, and Junior Officers, as well as the Royal Arch Masons, wore their full regalia and jewels and carried their banners and emblems. The procession presented a picturesque and imposing appearance as it left the Masonic Hall and proceeded up Constitution to the south gate of the cathedral.

The effect of the procession was greatly heightened by the banners carried by the different lodges.

At the Cathedral they were met by the robed choristers drawn up on either side of the porch. The procession marched through, and took up their position on either side of the central aisle and through their ranks the clergy, the officers of the District Grand Lodge, and the choristers passed and took their positions in the chancel.

As soon as the brethren had occupied the seats reserved for them in the central aisle, Bro. the Rev. G. B. HALL announced that Bro. his Excellency the Acting Governor had just received a telegram from the Queen to her people of Barbados.

Bro. LE HUNTE then read the following telegram from her Majesty and his reply thereto:

ROYAL MESSAGE FROM THE QUEEN.

From Victoria R. and I.

To Governor—Barbados.

11.7 a.m.—From my heart I thank my beloved people; may God bless them. Buckingham Palace, London, June 22nd.

[REPLY]

From Governor—Barbados,

To Her Majesty Queen Victoria, London.

9 a.m.—Barbados expresses deepest gratitude for your Majesty's most gracious message, and unites with the empire in loyalty, devotion, and thanksgiving.

LE HUNTE.

The National Anthem was then sung by the brethren and the choir, assisted by the organ, the Masonic version, with the addition of the Jubilee verse, being used.

The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. G. B. TAYLOR, LL.D., Dep. G. Chap., from 2nd chap. 1st Epistle of St. Peter 17th verse, "Honour the King and love the Brotherhood."

During the service the Cathedral was crowded to its utmost capacity, over 2000 persons being present.

The Masonic portion of the offertory was collected by some of the brethren, who then waited at the cross aisles, and, receiving the collections from the church officers, carried it to the altar and placed it in the alms dish.

At the conclusion of the service the brethren re-formed the procession in reversed order—the District Grand Master being at their head—and returned to the Masonic Hall, when the District Grand Lodge was formally closed.

At the termination of the ceremony a large number of the brethren repaired to the banquetting room on the second floor, which had been handsomely decorated for the occasion.

The lodge banners were placed in suitable positions, and a wealth of flowers, flags and tropical plants, added to the splendid effects of the scene.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed, and enthusiastically responded to. The National Anthem was sung, and then the Masonic celebration of the Diamond Jubilee in Barbados came to a close.

In connection with this celebration, it gives us pleasure to record the fact the expressed wish of the Queen—that Charitable objects should be the prominent feature of the celebrations—was closely adhered to by the brethren. Seventy pounds have been distributed, in sums ranging from five to 20 shillings, to individuals, whilst larger sums have been given to the Goodridge Home, the Daily Meal Societies, and the Wesleyan and Moravian Poor Relief Societies, &c.

Bro. R. J. CLINCKETT, Past D.G.W., rose, and after bowing to the D.G.M., said: Brethren, in response to the call of the D.G.M., the pleasing duty now devolves on me of proposing the toast of "The District Grand Lodge of Barbados." I take it that it is due to my being the W.M. of the Albion Lodge that the gratifying compliment of being selected to do so is mainly due. That the establishment of the District Grand Lodge of Barbados marked an era in the history and working of the Craft in this Island cannot be questioned; those of us who had the pleasure of being present at its inaugural meeting held just seven years ago in the Council Chamber of the Public Buildings, under the genial presidency of Bro. Sir Walter Sindall, then Governor of this Island, will remember that many predictions were made and high hopes and aspirations were expressed as to its future. I therefore propose briefly to state its duties and its functions, run over its actions during its seven years' work and we can then see whether those predictions have been verified and whether the high hopes and aspirations have been realised. He then showed how the presence in the lodges of District Grand Officers kept down irregularities, fostered a healthy spirit of emulation, and preserved the ancient landmarks; that the occasional visits of the District Grand Master and his officers lent dignity and grace to their installation meetings, and pointed out that it was due to the District Grand Lodge that they had that day been enabled not only to appear as Masons in public clothed with their regalia, but also, as loyal subjects of one of her Majesty's oldest Colonies, and members of an empire of which they now heard so much, under one Sovereign whose Diamond Jubilee they had that day met to celebrate, under one flag, and that flag the Union Jack of England—the flag that's braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze. He remarked that after that tangential, or rather erratic, flight of his, he must come down to the more solid foundation of the subject matter of his toast, which was to express the hope that the District Grand Lodge of Barbados should enjoy a long, prosperous, and useful career, and when, in the fulness of years, the District Grand Master felt it incumbent on him to lay down the gavel, and seek an honourable retirement from his onerous duties, may the Craft in that supreme crisis of their career find a worthy successor to him and his equally illustrious predecessor, Bro. Col. John Elliott. He then called on the brethren to be upstanding and assist him in tendering the toast to the District Grand Master, which he did amid the acclamations of the brethren.

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Masonic Notes.

The regular quarterly convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 4th prox., when among other business there will be announced the appointment of companions to Past Grand Rank in commemoration of the completion of the 60th year of her Majesty's reign, thus following out strictly the precedent set in 1887, when brevet rank as Past Grand Officers was conferred in Grand Chapter as well as in Grand Lodge. The report of the Committee of General Purposes contains nothing of moment, the petitions for new chapters

being three in number, one for a chapter in London; a second for one at Sheffield in the Province of West Yorkshire; and the third for one at Folkestone in the Province of Kent.

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Reports of Masonic celebrations of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee continue to reach us, and we suppose some weeks will elapse before we hear the last of these commemorative meetings. A report of one of these held in Barbados will be found in another column, while a correspondent writing from Georgetown, Demerara, British Guiana, very kindly informs us that on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee the brethren attended Divine service in the Cathedral, marching to church in procession wearing their Masonic clothing, and returning thence to the quarters of the Union Lodge, No. 247 (E.C.).

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We learn also from the *Canadian Craftsman* that the members of the three English lodges in Montreal—the St. Paul's, No. 374; the St. George's, No. 440; and the St. Lawrence, No. 640—celebrated the same auspicious event by a grand banquet, at which Bro. A. W. Hooper, District Grand Secretary, presided, while the number of brethren present was 125. In the course of the after-dinner proceedings, the toast of "The Queen" was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm, while an address of congratulation to her Majesty, beautifully illuminated, was read, and afterwards exhibited to those present. The meeting seems to have been a complete success, and, as the address was reproduced in half-tone on the back of the *menu*, those who attended the gathering will retain, and, no doubt, will prize very highly this handsome souvenir of the Diamond Jubilee celebration. We may remind our readers that these three lodges have steadfastly declined to cast in their lot with the local Grand Lodge firstly of Canada and latterly of Quebec.

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We publish elsewhere a full report of the installation of Bro. R. Dunn Thomas, whom H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., has been pleased to appoint District Grand Master of Canterbury, New Zealand, in succession to the late lamented Bro. Peter Cunningham. The ceremony was performed by Bro. John Bevan, District Grand Master of Westland, South Island, so that there is again a full complement of five District Grand Masters in the Colony. The first official act of the new D.G.M. was to appoint Bro. W. Hickley Gundry, heretofore District G. Secretary, as Deputy D.G.M., while the new District G. Secretary is Bro. Professor W. Michell Clarke, M.A. The number of lodges on the District roll is eight.

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The *Australasian Keystone* for June contains a full biography of the late Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, together with an elaborate account of the obsequies of this distinguished Mason. The funeral took place on the 18th May, and, according to our contemporary, it was "the largest and most representative ever witnessed in Victoria. All sorts and conditions of men, including his Excellency the Governor and most of the prominent citizens, turned out to honour his memory. The whole of the route from the St. Paul's Cathedral to the cemetery was thronged with people," every available doorstep and window, and in many instances the roofs of houses, being occupied by those anxious to obtain a glimpse of the mournful procession. A special meeting of the Grand Lodge was summoned for the purpose of paying due respect to our deceased brother, the presiding officer being Bro. George Baker, the Deputy Grand Master.

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We learn, from the same source, that a meeting was held in the Town Hall, Melbourne, on the 26th May. The chair was occupied by the Mayor of Melbourne, and among those present was His Excellency Lord Brassey, the Governor of the Colony. A series of resolutions was passed, and it was agreed to erect a statue in Melbourne to the memory of Bro. Sir W. Clarke. The funds for the purpose will be raised by public subscription, and the Grand Lodge of Victoria has voted a sum of 100 guineas in aid of the proposal.

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At the annual meeting at Whitby on the 15th inst., of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire, sympathetic reference was made to the death of Bro. Joseph Todd, P.G. Std. Br. of England, who had held the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer for many years, and on the proposition of Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.G.S.B., it was agreed that in future the

duties of Prov. G. Treasurer should be discharged by the Prov. Grand Secretary. By this arrangement it will be in the power of the brethren to confer the office of Treasurer annually on some brother of distinction instead of restricting the honour to one man by annually re-electing him. There are other Provinces which have adopted the same course, and we see no reason why the practice should not be adopted in the case of all those Provinces in which the duties of the Treasurer are merely honorary.

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We cordially echo the wish expressed by Bro. Woodall, Past Grand Treasurer England, that now that the transfer of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys from Wood Green to Bushey, Herts, has been decided upon, "the feeling which has been raised in the Province" of North and East Yorkshire against the proposal will be "appeased," and that our distinguished brother, who has announced his intention of undertaking a Stewardship for the Centenary Festival of that Institution in 1898, will receive a full and generous measure of support from the brethren of the Province.

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Perhaps, it may be an additional inducement to our North and East Yorkshire brethren to fall in with the wishes so naturally expressed by Bro. Woodall, when they note that at the fifth annual Festival held at York, under the presidency of Bro. the Dean of York, on the 10th of May, in behalf of the Provincial Educational Fund, the total of the donations and subscriptions exceeded £1050. This, with the amounts previously raised for this local Charity, must relieve the executive officers of all anxiety on the score of the needful funds for the efficient maintenance of the Charity. Consequently there will be more spare cash available for the requirements of the Central Institutions. Moreover, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G. Master and President, has very graciously consented to preside at the forthcoming centenary, and we feel sure our N. and E. Yorkshire brethren will not be behind the members of other influential Provinces in supporting his Royal Highness as Chairman of so momentous a gathering. We desire to see the Festival a great success and what is more important still is that the whole of the English Craft will take an active part in bringing about that success.

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From advices that have reached us from South Africa it appears that the Craft in that part of the British Empire is in a prosperous condition. There has, too, been a good deal of activity among the lodges, Bro. G. Nettleship having been installed W.M. of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1735, Cape Town, by Bro. John B. Wheelwright, Deputy Dist. G.M., while Bro. Batchelor was presented with a handsome jewel in recognition of his services as Secretary. Bro. Richards has also been installed W.M. of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 1409, Kimberley, and Bro. J. B. Kemsley, W.M. of the Goodwill Lodge, No. 711, Port Elizabeth. We learn further that the appointment of Bro. George Russell, Dep. Dist. G. Master of Natal, as a Past Asst. G.D.C. has given the brethren in that district the greatest satisfaction, Bro. Russell being exceedingly popular among the lodges and Masons generally of all the different Constitutions that flourish in South Africa.

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The annual meeting of the Prov. G. Chapter of Wiltshire was appointed to be held at Trowbridge on Wednesday, the 28th inst., and we trust we shall be able to publish particulars of the gathering in our next issue. In the meantime, however, let us express our satisfaction with the statement of account for the past year, which has been forwarded to us, and from which it is evident that the financial condition of the Prov. Grand Chapter is in every way satisfactory.

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We acknowledge with thanks the proceedings of the half-yearly meeting of the District Grand Mark Lodge of Bengal, which was held under the auspices of the Keystone Lodge, No. 495, at Freemasons' Hall, Barrackpore, on Wednesday, the 3rd March. The chair was occupied by Bro. A. Paxton, Deputy Dist. G.M., as Dist. Grand Master. We learn from the address delivered by the Acting Dist. Grand Master that Bro. Sir J. Edge did not propose to offer himself for re-election, and that it was agreed to recommend Bro. Brigadier-General A. G. Yeatman Biggs, C.B., who is already head of Craft and Royal Arch Masonry, to be the head likewise of the Mark Degree, and no doubt it will be our privilege at an early date to record his installation.

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.

SUNDRY NOTES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I shall be glad if you will allow me to make a slight correction in your otherwise excellent report of the consecration of the Hygeia Lodge.

I am made to say "being connected with the profession to which the W.M. belongs," whereas I said "being frequently brought into contact with the profession to which the W.M. belongs." I have no official connection with drains and sewers, only with buildings.

In your excellent leader you very properly use the phrase Roman Catholic. I am always careful to use the word Roman (or Italian Mission, as the late Archbishop once said), as the Catholic Church is that founded prior to his time and strengthened by Augustine, and after centuries of Papal control, was freed at the Reformation.

Your readers must be glad to have Bro. Hughan's clear explanation of the Royal Arch Regulations, as the appointments of officers in Prov. Grand Chapter have usually no connection with those in the Prov. Grand Lodge, all except the Treasurer, who is elected.—Yours, &c.,

HENRY LOVEGROVE.

Herne Hill, S.E.

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THE ILLINOIS VETERANS.

In the handsome "Royal Diamond Jubilee Number" of the *Freemason*, with its many attractive features and fine illustrations, is an article by me on *Masonic Veteran Associations*, in which I promised a complete list of the British honorary members of the celebrated Illinois Association. The revised list has just come to hand from my friend, General J. C. Smith, of Chicago, the esteemed President. There are 104 honorary members from all parts of the world, including exactly 30 from Great Britain and Ireland. I append the roll for the latter, and am pleased to state that the General's health is improving; he evidently needs another visit to the *old country* to complete the cure.

W. J. HUGHAN.

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A NOBLE MEDAL.

My friend, Bro. George Kenning, had a grand medal struck in 1887 in commemoration of her Majesty's Jubilee, which was by far the best thing of the kind issued. For the *Diamond Jubilee*, the same firm (George Kenning and Son) has had another noble medal struck, which is equal in all respects to its predecessor, and doubtless will soon be at a heavy premium as its artistic companion. The medal is in bronze, size 48, in sixteenths of an inch (i.e., three inches in diameter), and is really a magnificent medallic souvenir, worthy in every sense of the Craft and the great and unique event thus commemorated. *Obverse*—Her Majesty seated on a throne, having a sceptre in the right hand and an orb in the left, the lion being on one side, at the back, and the unicorn at the other, over all being an irradiated five-pointed star. At the right of her Majesty is H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, wearing the clothing as Grand Master, and on the left is H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as a Prov. Grand Master. At the foot of the throne are the letters V.I.R., &c., and the legend around the medal, on a ribbon, reads "TO COMMEMORATE THE 60TH YEAR OF H.M. THE QUEEN'S HAPPY & PROSPEROUS REIGN—1897," an ear of wheat tied to a sprig of acacia completing the circle. The *reverse* is very fine, having the arms of the Grand Lodge of England, beautifully cut and sharp as possible, in the centre, with the well-known motto—"AUDI VIDE TACE"—at foot, and KENNING in smaller size letters below. The legend encircling the whole being "H.M. THE QUEEN, CHIEF PATRONESS R.M.I.G., G. PATRON, R.M.I.B., V. PATRON, R.M.B.I." A more appropriate and beautiful medal I have not seen, and I consider it to be the best private souvenir of the commemoration extant. Replicas are to be had at present for two guineas each, in suitable cases.

W. J. HUGHAN.

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W. J. H.

MASONIC JUBILEE FESTIVAL AT SHREWSBURY.

An unusual, if not unique, gathering took place at Shrewsbury last week, when our Shropshire brethren held a special festival in commemoration of the Queen's 60 years' reign. The proceedings commenced with the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, which was held in the Music Hall, after which all the brethren assembled in a tent specially erected in the Quarry, from which, attired in full Masonic regalia, they marched to St. Chad's Church for Divine worship. A considerable crowd assembled to watch the procession, which elicited considerable interest, and the congregation was a large one. A special form of service was gone through, which included the singing of the Bishop of Wakefield's Jubilee hymn, "O, King of Kings," "The Hallelujah Chorus," and the National Anthem, and the entire service was characterised by great heartiness.

The first lesson was read by the Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. LEWIS WILLIAMS, the second by P.G.C., Bro. the Rev. J. B. MEREDITH.

The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. H. R. COOPER SMITH, D.D. Past Grand Chaplain, who took as his text the words "Ye are brethren." In the course of an appropriate discourse the preacher alluded to the position of Freemasonry from a religious point of view, and maintained that it was in no sense inconsistent with the principles of Christianity, and no unbeliever could be admitted within its pale. Masons were loyal to the Crown and Queen, and her Majesty was their patron. At such a time as the present Masons desired to emphasise the relations in which they stood to the Queen and to each other, and whatever might have been the action of those in other countries or in other times, the loyalty of the English Masons was undoubted, and the services that day was an expression of their feeling of love towards the Queen, and of gratitude to Almighty God for the happy and prosperous years during which Victoria's reign has lasted.

At the conclusion of the sermon a collection was made on behalf of the "Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Fund of the Shropshire Masonic Charitable Association."

After the service the brethren returned to the Quarry, to divest themselves of their aprons, &c., and subsequently sat down to lunch in the Music Hall.

There were in all about 150 members of the Craft in attendance at the festival, among those present being Bros. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., P.G.M.; R. G. Venables, D.P.G.M.; H. R. Giles, P.S.G.W.; A. Graham, P.J.G.W.; Rev. J. L. Williams, P.G.C.; J. H. Cooksey, P.G. Treas.; W. Calwell, P.G. Reg.; W. H. Spaul, P.G. Sec.; W. Baxter, P.G.D.C.; H. F. Newman, P.A.G.D.C.; I. Ashmall, P.G.S.B.; A. Minshall, P.G.P.; W. J. Massey, P.A.G.P.; E. D. C. Peele, M. Maltby, and W. Bromfield, P.G. Stewards; H. Goodall, P.G. Tyler; P.P.G. Officers—Louis Woolstein, S. Bennion, H. Shepard, A. R. T. Hexham, R. Millington, J. Millington, E. M. Wakeman, T. Machin, W. Adams, V. C. L. Crump, W. J. Ogg, A. S. Trevor, J. H. Parsons-Smith, 1621; T. Bromwich, R. Williams, H. G. N. Elliott, J. Bodenham, G. J. Muirhead, R. King, J. Pinders, W. A. Lewis, A. Lacey, J. B. Piercy, W. Humphreys, T. J. Salwey, J. D. Southam, W. E. Harding, J. Blockley, J. H. Morris, B. Jones, A. S. Townsend, and Col. Warren; G. Officers—Rev. H. R. Cooper-Smith, P.G.C.; Rev. C. V. Childe, G.C.; T. Ringer, D.G.S.B.; C. Kent, A.G.D.C.; W. H. Spaul, P.A.G.D.C.; and G. Williams Freeman, P.P.G.W.; Visitors—E. Maddison, Rev. R. W. Williams, W. Patchett, J. B. Meredith, C. Ormiston (Eastern Archipelago), J. W. Bromley, G. C. Kent, and R. A. Craig, 262; and the Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens, with many Master Masons, of St. Alkmund Lodge, No. 2311; Brownlow Lodge, No. 2131; Audley Lodge, No. 1896; Castle Lodge, No. 1621; Clive Lodge, No. 1575; Fitzalan Lodge, No. 1432; St. Oswald Lodge, No. 1124; St. Milburga Lodge, No. 1120; Lodge of the Marches, No. 611; St. John's Lodge, No. 601; Salopian Lodge of Charity, No. 117; and Salopian Lodge, No. 262.

Bro. W. Baxter, P.G.D.C., was responsible for the management of the procession, while Mr. Pee catered for the luncheon.

The Craft Abroad.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. RICHARD DUNN THOMAS AS DISTRICT G. MASTER OF NEW ZEALAND.

A most impressive and beautiful ceremony was performed on Wednesday April 21st, in the Art Gallery, city of Christchurch, on the occasion of the installation of the above distinguished brother. The Art Gallery was converted into a handsome and ideal lodge room, the magnificent paintings adding greatly to the charm of the surroundings.

About 300 brethren assembled for the purpose. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Charles Louissou, Dist. Grand Master (S.C.), and his officers; John Bevan, Dist. Grand Master of Westland (Installing Master); Millson, representing the Grand Lodge of Tasmania; and others.

Congratulatory messages were received from all the District and Provincial Grand Lodges of the Colony, and from many private lodges of the various Constitutions.

Bro. John Bevan having been received with the usual Masonic honours, assumed the chair, and after the accustomed formalities of receiving the patent of office under the hand and seal of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, and the reception of the District Grand Master designate, in a most impressive and eloquent manner, amidst most solemn and beautiful renderings of anthems and other musical selections, obligated and installed Bro. Thomas into his chair of office, subsequently investing him with the insignia appertaining thereto.

The Dist. Grand Chaplain, Bro. B. J. WESTBROOKE, offered up a most impressive prayer, specially prepared for the occasion.

The INSTALLING MASTER then, in most elegant language, addressed the Right Worshipful brother on the duties of his exalted station, the importance of preserving the ancient landmarks of the Order, and the necessity of guarding the lofty and vital principles of Freemasonry against the evil influences that from time to time arise to endanger its sacred purpose.

Bro. Thomas was then proclaimed Right Worshipful District Grand Master in the east, west, and south, by Bro. W. R. MITCHELL, P.D.G. Sec., with the usual honours.

The Dist. Grand Master then invested Bro. William Hickley Gundry as his Deputy, delivering to him at the same time his patent of office. He also announced and ratified the following appointments, viz.:

Bro. J. Bishop Rutland ...	...	D.S.G.W.
" Treathan Burns ...	...	D.J.G.W.
" Rev. J. A. Luxford ...	...	D.G. Chaps.
" Rev. B. J. Westbrooke ...	...
" J. G. Lawrence Scott, B.A. ...	...	D.G. Treas.
" Thos. Forrest ...	...	D.G. Reg.
" Marcus Sandstein ...	...	Pres. B. Gen. Pur.
" Professor William Mitchell Clarke, M.A. ...	...	D.G. Sec.
" Thomas George Strange ...	...	D. Asst. G. Sec.
" G. A. Paton ...	...	D.S.G.D.
" James Chalmers ...	...	D.G. Supt. of Wks.
" George Swann ...	...	D.G.D.Cs.
" Professor F. W. C. Haslam, M.A. ...	...
" C. Were Baker ...	...	D.G.S.Bs.
" T. Mynett Jones ...	...
" H. M. Henrikben ...	...	D.G. Org.
" E. U. Just ...	...
" O. N. Inwood ...	...	D.G. Pursts.
" D. G. Lowry ...	...
" Dr. C. G. Levenge ...	...	D.G. Stwds.
" Professor E. J. Matthew, M.A. ...	...
" T. E. Kilworth ...	...
" K. G. Turner ...	...
" A. G. Merton ...	...
" Joseph Hatfield ...	...

The DIST. GRAND MASTER then in most complimentary terms proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. John Bevan. He referred in feeling terms to the late Bro. Cunningham, whom Bro. Bevan had also installed into office, under brilliant and auspicious circumstances, only a few years previously. He, personally, felt deeply impressed, as he had no doubt the brethren were, with the beauty and solemnity of the evening's proceedings, and felt greatly indebted to Bro. Bevan for having come such a long distance to perform the ceremony. He fully intended, with the assistance of his worthy Deputy, to visit every lodge in his jurisdiction, and would strive, with the co-operation of his District Grand Lodge Officers, to maintain that strong bond of unity and affection amongst the brethren that had hitherto existed, and which encouraged him in promoting the best interests of Freemasonry throughout the important district of Canterbury. He rejoiced to think that he was supported in his efforts by brethren of high standing and ability, and felt sure his best hopes for the future would be amply realised.

Bro. BEVAN, who on rising to respond was greeted with applause, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to meet his Canterbury brethren once more. Although he, in common with the general sentiment, deplored the loss of those who were so dear to their hearts; the beautiful teachings of the Order bade them look hopefully forward to a brighter future, and though we wept with those who wept, still we must rejoice with those who rejoiced, and as this was a day of rejoicing, it was his pride to feel that the call of duty had brought him amongst them once again. He exhorted the brethren to build up their Masonic lives on the great principles of loyalty, truth, and virtue, and alluded to recent remarks made by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, when he said—"It was the duty of our race to keep alive the torch of Imperial patriotism." Those words had special Masonic significance at the present time, and were perfectly understood by loyal brethren. It was equally our duty as Masons to keep the sacred fire of Masonic patriotism burning. He urged the brethren to adopt Freemasonry in sincerity. Its genial teachings would bring many happy surroundings. It would illuminate many of the dark recesses of our frail nature. It would pilot the faithful Mason over many treacherous rocks and shoals, and would prepare him for a better future through his trust in T.G.A.O.T.U.

District Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, the brethren adjourning to supper in an adjacent room, where the proceedings were of a most enjoyable character.

Masonic toasts, interspersed with excellent speeches, and high-class music and singing being a conspicuous feature of the large gathering, which altogether formed another red-letter day in the annals of English Freemasonry in the District of Canterbury.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

A meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Monday last, at the Lower Masonic Hall, Aylesbury. Present: Bros. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.M.; T. Taylor, D.P.G.M.; J. J. Thomas, P.G.S. Eng.; J. Williams, P.G. Treas.; J. Wilmer, P.G. Sec.; J. Folmer; A. McDowall, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; H. Thody, P.S.G.W.; Rev. F. R. Harnett, P.G.C.; W. Symington, P.J.G.D.; A. Turner; R. H. Major; G. Le Gros; J. J. Simcox, P.G. O. g.; and many others.

The P.G. Lodge having been opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The report and balance-sheet of the Audit Committee were next read by the Prov. G. Treas., Bro. J. WILLIAMS.

This, on the motion of Bro. SIMCOX, was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Bro. Wilmer moved that this Prov. G. Lodge recommend the name of Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg to the Grand Master for a further appointment of three years.

This was seconded by Bro. WILLIAMS and unanimously agreed to.

The PROV. G. MASTER suitably returned thanks.

On the proposition of Bro. TAYLOR, D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. KING, it was unanimously resolved that Bro. J. Williams be Prov. G. Treasurer for the year.

The following Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested:

Bro. King, P.M. 292 ...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" A. Turner, P.M. 376 ...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Sampson, S.W. 163 ...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" Wagstaffe, W.M. 97 ...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" Major, M.M. 376 ...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. V. Wyatt, M.O. 163 ...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" H. Barrett, Treas. 376... ..	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Williams, P.M. 97 ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Wilmer, P.M. 163 ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.

Bro. H. Hipperley, J.W. 163 ...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. Symington, P.M. 292 ...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Batting, S.W. 480 ...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" L. Cooper, P.M. 163 ...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. H. Frye, 97 ...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" J. J. Simcox, J.W. 480... ..	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Le Gros, S.W. 376 ...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" J. N. Hodgkinson, Tyler 480 ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Prov. Grand Mark Lodge being duly closed, the brethren afterwards dined together.

Craft Masonry.

Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13.

The above lodge, the great grandmother of every lodge in the Woolwich and Plumstead district, held its annual festival and installation meeting on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, which meeting was attended by a large majority of its members and the brethren of its neighbouring lodges.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Alfred H. Russell, and after candidates had been initiated, passed, and raised, it was announced that Bro. William Russell, A.G.D.C. Eng., P.S.G.W. and P.G. Treas. Kent, was in attendance. A deputation of the P.G. Officers and P.Ms. present waited upon him and conducted him to his seat at the right of the W.M., where he was saluted with the honours of "fire," and on return heartily greeted the brethren. Bro. William H. Turton, J.W. and W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and in due form, Bro. Turton was installed and saluted. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. H. Russell, I.P.M.; A. McQueen, S.W.; H. Jacobs, J.W.; H. S. Syer, P.M., Treas.; F. G. Dickson, Sec.; G. B. Davis, P.M., D.C.; J. Quick, S.D.; J. Horn, J.D.; G. Dennison, I.G.; B. J. Hiscock, F.R.C.O., Org.; T. H. Griffiths, M.B., Asst. Org.; W. J. Crowdey, A.D.C.; and T. J. Wren, J. W. Hodge, J. W. Bailey, and T. A. Fergusson, Stwds. Bro. Russell then concluded a brilliant ceremony by giving the addresses most eloquently. He was afterwards accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and was presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, the one for his services that day as Installing Officer, and the other for valuable services rendered the lodge during his year of office, for which he returned thanks, and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served at the Holborn Restaurant, and among other brethren present were Bros. W. Applebee, G. W. Reed, T. Hutton, T. Hastings, P.M., P.P.G.P. Kent, A. Cleal, J. G. Milbourne, H. Grice, W. J. Barnes, L. Chasteaneuf, W. A. Anson, J. Matthey, C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec. 1672 and 2184 (hon.), all Past Masters of, or belonging to; R. Saunders, J. H. Woodley, G. Gable, T. Enever, G. Gordon, G. Chambers, R. Greenaway, A. Butteriss, C. Bates, J. Beasley, J. Littlewood, J. Dunn, R. Price, C. Hosgood, J. Jack, H. Staples, L. Wagg, J. Bailey, R. Hislop, J. Wright, H. Down, R. Stead, W. Dobbins, W. Birch, C. Coates, C. Pocknell, J. Lee, J. Ireland, J. Jones, R. Roberts, J. Jenkins, D. Butler, J. Berry, G. Harris, G. Warnock, C. Bunn, J. Morran, J. Taylor, W. James, E. Eastcott, C. Robinson, F. Dalby, W. Lush, W. Thomas, A. Tress, W. Jones, W. Sharp, H. Eason, C. Blight, H. Woodcock, T. Chambers, J. Smith, T. Griffith, C. Crouch, W. Hill, E. Chasteaneuf, F. Bussey, J. Warden, A. Peaker, W. France, J. Heard, W. Parrington, L. Hancock, F. Thomas, J. Welch, G. Bishop, W. Abbey, A. Stamford, W. Clothier, B. Hudson, E. Jager, T. Sinford, J. Templeman, R. Hoare, T. Cheshire, T. Wits, H. Fry, J. Wright, A. Bean, J. Hodder, H. Grant, T. Carver, W. Skinner, H. Weathers, C. Goodrich, J. Attborough, R. Tucker, and G. Wagg, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. G. H. Porter, W.M., H. Pamment, S.W. and W.M. elect, A. Stewart, C. Frost, E. Chinery, and A. Abbey, all of 700; J. O. Cook, W.M., J. J. Murphy, S.W., and E. M. Taylor, all of 913; R. Stevens, J.D. 19; W. Turvey, W.M., T. Lait, J.W., and A. Wren, all of 1472; R. Fowler, W.M., and F. Reed, S.W., both of 1536; W. G. Fletcher, 829; H. Crowdey, W.M., G. Dyer, S.W., J. Wheatley, J.W., and T. Taylor, all of 2399; D. Belinfante, P.M. 435; L. Knoblanche, 320 (S.C.); and many others.

In proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. alluded, in well-spoken terms, to her Majesty's long and glorious reign, and of her patronage of the Craft.

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order," followed; and the W.M. observing their G.M. took a deep interest in Masonry, and the feeling with which he was regarded was evidenced by his magnificent reception by the brethren, from far and near, at the recent meeting at the Albert Hall. The result of that meeting was some £7000 for the Charities of the Order; if it was that only and not supplemented, as it had been for many years past, by other evidences, it showed the great interest his Royal Highness took in the Craft, and he asked them to drink the toast right loyally."

The next toast was that of "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The W.M. in putting it, said they had had the honour that day of a visit from a most distinguished Grand Officer in the person of Bro. W. Russell, whose name and Masonic service in the Province of Kent, was a household word. That visit they accepted as a great honour to the lodge, but unfortunately, Bro. Russell could not attend their banquet, so that, of course, he could not respond, or he, the W.M., would have been delighted to have coupled his name with the toast, which was drunk in bumpers.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "the W.M." He said he must be as brief in his remarks as he possibly could. They had that day installed as their ruler a brother who would be a credit to the lodge. They all knew how admirably he had discharged the duties of the junior offices he had filled. Bro. Turton had been punctual and perfect in his time and in his working, and under him the lodge would go on and prosper; it had in the past, and in Bro. Turton's hands the prestige of it would, if such a thing were possible, be even more brilliant than ever. He asked them to charge their glasses and drink the toast in a bumper.

The Worshipful Master, who was received with several rounds of applause as he rose to speak, said he was very conscious of the heavy responsibility that had been placed upon his shoulders, but he could assure them the burden had not been sought in a light or perfunctory manner. He felt when he accepted it that without their support he should be unable to bear it, but with that nothing should be wanting on his part to bear it with honour and reputation for the lodge. Their I.P.M. had told them that he (Bro. Turton) was well acquainted with the ritual of the Craft and that he had been punctual in his attendance. He had himself to thank for the latter, but for his knowledge of the former he had to thank the esteemed Preceptor of their lodge of instruction, Bro. Geo. Davies, P.M., from whom he had learned all that he knew of that ritual. Without wearying them he would conclude by thanking them for placing him in his present proud position and for their hearty reception of the toast.

In responding to a hearty reception of his health as "Installing Officer," Bro. Russell said that if he had carried out the work of installing his successor to their satisfaction that alone was his reward. He thanked them all for the many kindnesses he had received from them during his year of office, and trusted their mutual esteem and brotherly love would long continue.

Bro. Appleby, in responding to a hearty reception of the toast of "The Past Masters of and belonging to the Lodge," said that he had the balance-sheet of the lodge in his hand, and was surprised to see how much money had been given to the Charities. The balance was, however, less than last year's, but, from enquiries he had made, he found they had been entertaining the ladies, and that, in his opinion, accounted for the difference, for in his working he had always found that directly the ladies were introduced down went the funds. He would gently hint that such affairs should be financed by private subscriptions, and not by the funds of the lodge. He begged of them to see that their balance did not diminish, except in the cause of the Charities. As to the Past Masters, they were the whole soul of the lodge; they had been and were a credit to it, and would be as long as they were able to assist its progress, either by advice, hard work, or by any means in their power. That was his sentiment, and he felt sure the same feeling actuated every Past Master of the lodge.

Bro. Syer thought they might upon that occasion have left him out, and asked some other brother who did not attend the meetings of the lodge, but always did its banquets,

to respond. He could tell Bro. Appleby that they had given more money to the Charities last year than had been given by the lodge since its existence. They had that year given to a good brother a good sum, and if he could have had his way that sum should have been doubled. He could assure Bro. Appleby that they did not intend to let their balance diminish. During the past 12 months they had given 60 guineas to the Charities, and as time went on they meant to try and double that sum. As to the entertainment given to the ladies at their hall at Plumstead, all he could say was that he was present, and was both proud and glad to see the ladies enjoy themselves, as he trusted, and, indeed, believed, they did. As their Treasurer, they might depend upon it he should always do his duty by endeavouring to curtail expenses in such a manner as would meet with the approval of the brethren.

Bro. T. Syer, who was heartily applauded during his speech, resumed his seat amid cheers.

Bros. Cleal, Hutton, and Jolly, also responded.

At this juncture Bro. Tijou, P.G.P. Eng., who had been assisting at a consecration in the building, entered the hall at the invitation of one or two of his old friends and was heartily received, and his health was drunk.

In the course of an eloquent speech, Bro. Tijou said he had had the honour to have assisted at the consecration of a new lodge that night, and in passing that hall he was invited by some old friends of his to enter, knowing the interest he (Bro. Tijou) took in Freemasonry. The heartiness of their reception was exceedingly gratifying to him as a member of Grand Lodge, and he was proud of the collar he had the honour to wear. Their grand old lodge was well known for its Charity and also as one of the most successful in the London district, among which it was also one of the oldest. They at Grand Lodge knew the strength and Charity of Woolwich Masons, and also of the many claims upon their funds in the good cause. Should he ever have a chance, or receive an invitation, he should be delighted to visit them at their hall at Plumstead, and he thanked them cordially for their hearty reception.

"The Initiates," "The Visitors," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were supplemented by some excellent singing by Miss Elsa Hope, Miss Flora Edwards, Bro. J. Ireland, Mr. J. Dickenson, and Mr. C. Norman. Bro. Hancock presided at the piano.

Dee Lodge, No. 1576.

The members of the above lodge assembled at the Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., for the purpose of assisting at the annual installation ceremony. The W.M. elect, Bro. R. C. Davies, was officially installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. F. V. Fearn, and the following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. F. V. Fearn, I.P.M.; C. Corderly, S.W.; G. P. Poole, J.W.; W. Jones, P.M., Treas.; J. Clarke, P.M., Sec.; W. Taylor, S.D.; S. Lee, J.D.; Captain Shaw, P.M., D.C.; T. Davenport, I.G.; C. H. Davies, W. H. Williams, J. Thomas, and W. Fleming, Stwds.; W. Howick, Org.; and J. Craft, Hon. Tyler. The visitors included Bro. R. Newhouse, P.A.G.S.B., P.G. Sec., and many provincial officers.

The banquet was then held, and a capital musical programme performed by the Chester Cathedral quartette party.

Nelson Lodge, No. 700.

The installation meeting of the above powerful and prosperous lodge, one of the strongest lodges in the strongest of the whole of the Metropolitan district, to wit, Woolwich and Plumstead, took place on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, and was attended by a goodly muster of the members of the lodge and representatives from the other lodges of the district, from London and from the provinces, near and far.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. G. H. Porter, and the minutes having been read, Bro. H. Pamment, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to him to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and in due form the candidate was installed and saluted. He invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. H. Porter, I.P.M.; T. S. Smith, S.W.; W. Long, J.W.; J. H. Roberts, P.M., Treas.; W. Lawson, P.M., Sec.; J. Warren, P.M., Consulting Sec.; H. Tufnell, P.M., D.C.; W. Chambers, S.D.; W. J. Harris, J.D.; E. Carter, I.G.; W. J. Bidgood, Org.; W. Webber, P.M., F. S. Folkes, C. F. Perry, H. J. Roberts, and W. Reynolds, Stwds.

The ceremony having been concluded by a good rendering of the addresses, Bro. Porter was awarded a hearty vote of thanks for his services as Installing Officer, and he was presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel for services rendered the lodge during his year of office and to mark the esteem of the brethren. Charity was disbursed to an applicant, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then proceeded by special train to London, and banqueted at the Holborn Restaurant, the banquet being an excellent one.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. E. B. Hobson, T. Butt, A. Swotting, S. E. Southgate, J. McCollough, G. F. Taylor, J. Sanderson, C. Jolly, and G. B. Davies (Hon.), all Past Masters of, or belonging to, the lodge; W. Galpin, F. Beardesley, R. Middlehurst, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Herts; F. Wright, E. G. Valon, C. Mettsop, E. B. Moore, H. Sanford, G. Tapp, J. Lloyd, W. Brock, P. Stevenson, J. Plume, E. Chinnery, T. Manning, W. Reynolds, T. Blackler, J. Martin, W. Reed, W. Goodman, J. Dowsett, T. Collins, J. Lamony, O. Degan, E. Enery, C. Frost, W. Cooper, H. Back, A. G. Abbey, T. Punter, C. Benstead, C. Sutton, T. Gage, J. Hodgkin, W. Redhead, G. Laurance, W. Pitt, G. H. Palmer, A. Wordsworth, H. Jones, G. Hodgson, W. Sanders, W. West, C. Lyons, G. R. Park, E. Robertson, A. J. Walkin, J. Swanson, E. Clapshaw, G. S. Brown, E. Chinery, and J. Blown, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. A. W. Russell, I.P.M., A. McQueen, S.W., H. Jacobs, J.W., T. Hall, G. Attenborough, G. Gable, D. Saunders, W. G. Abbey, and J. Dixon, of 13; J. O. Cook, W.M., J. J. Murphy, S.W., E. M. Taylor, J.W., D. C. Capon, W. Lomax, and H. Vicars, of 913; W. Turvey, W.M., J. Palmer, S.W., T. Lait, J.W., and A. T. Ives, P.M., of 1472; H. Crowder, W.M., G. Dyer, S.W., and J. Wheatley, J.W., of 2399; R. Fowler, W.M. 1536; W. Metcalf, P.M. 2372; G. Metcalf, W.M. 1327; C. Chandler, J.D. 1259; A. Coudry, P.M. 30; W. Legg, 898; W. Brixton, P.M. 1343; J. Newsham, J.W. 2346; W. Mosey, 1716; E. Dipple, 615; J. Carpenter, W.M. 1716; J. Farrier, P.M. 329; T. Lawson, 1789; J. Spencer, S.W. 1437; T. Knight, W.M. 1223; G. Stevens, J.D. 19; G. Grant, 1765; E. Thomson, 2507; J. Harding, 768; and others.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been duly honoured,

The I.P.M. proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said they had that day placed a man and a Mason into the chair of their lodge who would be an honour to it, not only on account of his perfect knowledge of the work, but from that *bonhomie* that made his manner of ruling genial, brotherly, and pleasant. They had seen a specimen that afternoon of his careful appreciation of the duties of his position, by the manner in which he had invested his officers, showing as it did his, Bro. Pamment's, intention of not only doing the heavy work of the lodge well, but attending to details, so that even the least might be, by its perfectness, as great an abiding in its effects as the highest and most important ceremonies, and they might augur from that a pleasant and perfect year of office for their W.M., and of success and increased *cedat* for the lodge, and he asked them to drink their esteemed W. Master's health in bumpers filled to the brim. The toast which was received with much cheering, was drunk enthusiastically.

Bro. Pamment, in rising to reply, was received with an ovation. He said he thanked them very much for the kind and cordial reception of the toast, and Bro. Porter for the evident geniality and kindness with which he had proposed it. That day would be a red-letter day in his life that he should always remember with pride and pleasure. It was now nine years ago that he first got a collar as a subordinate officer in that lodge, and he could faithfully say that from that time he had looked forward steadily to the goal in front of him. It looked at the time to be a long way off, he doubted if ever he should reach it, but year by year the road lessened, not much the first few, but in the latter ones it shone fair before him and now that day as he stood in that magnificent hall and as the Master of their magnificent lodge, he felt that his labour in the past had been crowned with success and the goal of his Masonic ambition was reached. He had been told that there was plenty of work before him and he was glad of it. Whether in regular lodge or in an emergency one he should endeavour to be present and do his duty. If anyone doubted him he would say to them as Nathaniel said to Philip, "Come and see." He then resumed his seat amid cheers.

Bro. Cook, in responding for "The Visitors," congratulated the lodge upon having as its head one whom he had known and respected as a man and Mason for many years. As the Master of their neighbouring lodge, the Pattison, it gave him unbounded satisfaction to be present and he wished that Bro. Pamment might have a pleasant and prosperous year of office.

Several other of the visitors responded, and the toast of "The Installing Officer" gave Bro. Porter an opportunity of thanking the Past Masters, officers, and brethren for their kindness to him during his year of office.

The other toasts were "The Initiates," "The Past Masters of and belonging to the Lodge," "The Officers," and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were rendered more than ordinarily enjoyable by some fine singing by Miss Nellie Roberts and Messrs. Hay and Cockburn. Bro. H. Roberts presided at the piano.

Liverpool Lodge, No. 1547.

The installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 14th instant. A goodly number of members and visitors were present, including Bros. E. B. Godden, W.M.; C. H. Eaton, I.P.M.; R. Warriner, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Jonathan Parry, P.M.; J. W. Hughes, P.M.; R. E. W. Stephenson, P.M.; C. J. Caddick, P.M.; Hy. Isaac, P.M.; A. Soldat, P.M.; W. H. Hignett, P.M.; J. Duncan, P.M.; G. Barrett, S.W.; G. Haynes, J.W.; F. Williams, Sec.; G. Watson, S.D.; W. E. Parry, J.D.; H. B. Wright, Organist; D. B. Heath and R. Jones, Stewards; W. H. Ball, Tyler; J. Marsh Lyons, A. M. Morris, W. C. Melville, A. Brown, S. Eaton, W. Clapham, J. D. Walsh, E. Wardle, T. Buxton, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G.S.; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Scott, P.G. Stwd.; J. R. Bottomley, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Brooke, P.P.G.W.; G. Holme, jun., P.S.G.D.; M. Alexander, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Charlton, 2132; J. D. Plowman, 1325; H. Johnson, 1289; A. Byford, 2495; J. Vaughan, 1505; A. G. Goodwin, 1609; A. Gordon, 673; R. Owen, P.M. 2114; A. H. James, 1094; J. B. Merry, 695; W. B. Lindsay, 2316; H. E. Hollis, 2042; H. J. Nicholls, P.M. 2042; E. Edwards, 1609; T. Sparling, 2114; W. H. Perkins, 1570; J. Solomon, 594; G. Green, 2042; and G. B. Platt, 2042.

The installation of Bro. Barrett was performed by Bro. Godden in an able manner, at the conclusion of which the newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows, the charges being delivered by Bro. J. Duncan in a most impressive manner: Bros. G. Haynes, S.W.; F. Williams, J.W.; A. Soldat, Treas.; G. Watson, Sec.; W. E. Parry, S.D.; J. W. Hughes, D.C.; H. B. Wright, Org.; D. B. Heath and R. Jones, Stwds.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler.

At the close of the business the brethren adjourned to the banquet which had been provided, and during the evening a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Godden, the retiring W.M.

The musical arrangements were carried out under the direction of the Organist, Bro. Wright, and the following contributed to the programme: Bros. Nicholls, Platt, Edwards, Green, Hollis, and Merry.

Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656.

This lodge met on the 14th instant at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court. Among those present were Bros. R. W. Rice, W.M.; R. W. Simpson, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; W. Flack, S.D.; H. C. Crozier, G. Std. Br. Egypt, J.D.; D. Ross, I.G.; F. Figg, Org.; Jehu, D.C.; H. Sapsworth, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and J. Nicholson, Stewards; W. T. Peat, P.P.G.O., I.P.M.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; R. Drummond, P.M., P.P.G.P.; E. Dare, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T. Grant, P.M.; and H. J. Bond, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. E. S. Lardner, P.G.S.; S. Cox, M.P., P.G.S.; R. W. Forge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; E. W. Warner, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Thomson, W.M.; J. McKinn, P.M. 1030; F. Collinson, P.M. 1194; J. Chapman, P.M. 1257; S. Abel, P.M. 2032; and E. J. Packington, P.M. 2444.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. G. S. Hertslet, H. H. Webb, and R. T. Hughes, and it being unanimous, they were duly initiated by the W.M. Bro. R. W. Simpson, S.W., W.M. elect, having been presented, was duly installed as W.M. by the I.P.M. in a most effective and impressive manner. Among the officers appointed and invested were Bros. W. R. Flack, S.W.; H. C. Crozier, J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., Sec.; D. A. Ross, S.D.; A. S. Jehu, J.D.; J. H. Gaunt, I.G.; F. Figg, Org.; J. Nicholson, D.C.; H. Sapsworth and J. T. Crocker, Stwds.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer, and he was presented with a Past Master's jewel. The subject of a summer outing was discussed and adjourned *sine die*. The Permanent Committee's report and the report of the Audit Committee were adopted.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. H. H. Room, P.G. Std. Br., Prov. G. Sec.; F. L. Chandler, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Spooner, P.M.; and others.

The lodge was then closed. A banquet followed.

The customary toasts received full justice.

Bros. E. S. Lardner, P.G.S.; H. G. Lardner, P.G.S.; and R. W. Forge, P.P.G.D.C., responded on behalf of "The Visitors."

Bro. T. W. Ockenden, in acknowledging the toast of "The Past Masters," made an eloquent speech, in which he cleverly introduced the great Masonic event in connection with her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee and the gratifying financial results which had enabled Grand Lodge to dispense large sums to the Hospital Fund and the three Masonic Institutions.

The W.M. furnished an excellent musical programme, in which Bros. Figg, S. Masters, T. Powley, and Mr. Bryant distinguished themselves.

The whole proceedings, both in and out of lodge, were admirably conducted, and reflected credit on the executive.

Viator Lodge, No. 2308.

There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors at the installation meeting held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when Bro. Saunders was succeeded in the chair by Bro. R. Manly—a popular and energetic member of the lodge. The members present included Bros. W. Saunders, W.M.; W. Chapple, I.P.M.; R. Manly, S.W.; E. W. Hobbs, J.W.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M., Treas.; T. Morris, Sec.; H. H. Pinkney, S.D.; R. B. A. Lodge, J.D.; C. Crowther, I.G.; Harry N. Price, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; T. H. Hobbs, P.M., P.A.G. Sec. Bucks; A. Banks, P.M.; J. Stephens, P.M., D.G.D.C.; W. C. Pearce, and many others. Visitors: Bros. R. Clowes, P.G.S.B.; W. S. Andrews, S.W. 177, W.M. 2421; T. Cull, 1298; W. E. Collinson, I.G. 1425; G. S. Knecker, 508; Evan Phillips, P.M. 2400; C. H. Priestley, I.P.M. 36; T. W. Morris, W.M. 177; F. A. Sherras, 2030; P. Faragni, 2395; F. E. Woods, S.D. 1707; C. A. Gethan, 145; C. H. Cartwright, 382; G. Nutt, P.M. 720; O. A. Jennings, 441; E. Ebug, 441; W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D. Midx.; and others.

At the opening of the lodge there was a heavy agenda of business for transaction. The minutes were confirmed, and one brother was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Robert Manly was presented for installation as W.M., and was duly installed by Bro. W. Saunders, I.P.M. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Edward W. Hobbs, S.W.; Henry H. Pinkney, J.W.; William J. Ferguson, P.M. 177, Treas.; Thomas Morris, Sec.; Robert B. A. Lodge, S.D.; Charles Crowther, J.D.; A. C. Stephens, P.M. 1425, I.G.; H. A. H. Lay, D.C.; F. Ede and W. C. Pearce, Stwds.; J. E. Glover, A.D.C.; Laughton Field, Org.; and R. Whiting, P.M. Tyler.

The newly-installed W.M. then impressively initiated five candidates into Freemasonry, and afterwards presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. W. Saunders, I.P.M., in appreciation of eminent services, which was suitably acknowledged. Several other items of business were transacted, and the lodge was closed.

After an excellent banquet, served under the personal supervision of Bro. Clemow, the usual toasts were briefly honoured, brevity being essential owing to the lateness of the hour and the capital musical programme provided.

The W.M. first gave "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," which were both heartily honoured.

Bro. Jas. Stephens, Dep. G.D.C., replying for "The Grand Officers," expressed his pleasure at the privilege of responding for the distinguished brethren included in the toast, for their heart and soul was in Masonry and they did the best they could to promote its best interests.

Bro. W. Saunders, I.P.M., in proposing "The Worshipful Master," said every member knew what a worker Bro. Manly was. As the harmony of the music was preferable to a long speech from himself, he would ask them at once to drink the W.M.'s good health.

Bro. R. Manley, W.M., asked them to accept his most cordial thanks for the toast, and for the enthusiastic reception given it. He was an initiate of the lodge seven and a half years ago, and sat where the initiates were placed on the present occasion, and he ventured to think the same feelings were experienced by all. Having a great appreciation of the objects and principles of Freemasonry, he determined to become a useful member as far as lay in his power, and in his endeavour to advance it, he had been impelled towards the chair until, by their suffrages, he had been elected and installed as W.M. He was very proud of that position, being the second Master of the lodge who was initiated in it. His pride and pleasure were enhanced by the fact that owing to the care and attention paid the lodge by its founders, the Viator Lodge had gained a very great reputation in the Craft. It would always be his endeavour to continue the services he had tried to render to Freemasonry, and it would always be his object to gain the friendship, esteem, and respect of all the members and brethren with whom he came in contact.

"The Initiates" having been honoured and duly responded to, the W.M. proposed "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," and said that Bro. Saunders' year had been marked by brilliant working, which had been of great benefit to the lodge.

Bro. W. Saunders, I.P.M., thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks. It had always been his ambition to do what he could for the lodge, and had never missed one meeting since his initiation, although frequently coming from a long distance.

Bro. W. S. Andrews, S.W. 177, replied for "The Visitors," and said he had never attended any lodge where the working was better done.

Bro. Collison, I.G. 1425, also replied.

Bro. W. J. Ferguson, P.M., Treasurer, replied for "The Treasurer and Secretary."

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. The musical items were contributed by Madame Isabel George, Miss Florence Venning, Bros. J. Stephens, and C. H. Nickerson. Miss Phillips Keely presided at the pianoforte.

Royal Arch.

Pattison Chapter, No. 913.

The installation meeting of the above chapter took place on Thursday, the 15th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, when Comps. G. R. Nichols, was installed as M.E.Z.; Sidney Horton, as H.; and Isiah Turton, as J. The Installing Officer was Comp. A. Penfold, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st A.S., who did his work admirably, the following officers were invested: Comps. H. J. Butter, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., Scribe E.; J. O. Cook, Scribe N.; A. Penfold, P.Z.; P.P.G. 1st A.S., Treas.; Dr. E. Bryceson, P.S.; G. Letton, P.Z., 1st A.S.; E. M. Taylor, 2nd A.S.; H. Mason, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., Stwd.; R. J. Cook, P.Z., P.P.G.R., D.C.; and C. Warren, Janitor. The I.P.Z., Comp. G. F. Taylor, was presented with a handsome P.Z.'s jewel, and Comp. Penfold was tendered a hearty vote of thanks for his services as Installing Officer, and then the chapter was closed.

The banquet was partaken of at the Royal Mortar Hotel, Beresford-square, Woolwich, and was in every respect worthy of the occasion, being of the best, and splendidly served.

Among other companions present were Comps. C. Coupland, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; E. B. Hobson, P.Z., P.P.G. Org.; W. C. Taylor, P.Z., P.G.S.B.; C. Jolly, P.Z. (Hon.) P.Z. 172, P.Z. and Scribe E. 2184, P.G.S.B. Essex; J. H. Roberts, P.Z.; J. Mes-sant, E. Carter, R. C. Constance, G. Frost, J. Brooks, D. C. Capon, G. Hall, L. Chasteau, B. Hammond, A. Moore, R. Saunders, W. H. Turton, J. Stretton, W. H. Leurs, J. T. Allingham, P.Z. 954; A. Bird, P.Z., M.E.Z. 1622; H. Nash, M.E.Z. 77; W. W. Keeble, H. 13; W. C. Hale, 1789; and H. King.

The usual loyal and Grand Chapter toasts were duly honoured.

In responding for "The P.G. Officers, Present and Past," Comp. Taylor said that, while he thanked them most cordially for their hearty reception of the toast and for coupling his name with it, yet he should much have preferred that the names of Comps. Coupland and Butter had been coupled with it, for if it had been it would have been responded to in a manner worthy of it. For himself, he felt the responsibility of responding for the P.G. Officers, but would try to do justice to it. His year of office expired that night, for as the P.G. Chapter met the very next day for its annual festival, his office would devolve upon some other fortunate companion, and he (Comp. Campbell) would number among the past. There, however, was one thing he was pleased to say, and he felt they would rejoice with him to know that, although he, as a companion of the Pattison Chapter, faded into the shadow of retirement, one of their companions, no less than their esteemed Comp. C. Clapham, would be the next day invested with Provincial honours in their P.G. Chapter. He felt sure that they would all be pleased to know that he had advised Comp. Clapham that at 1.15 that night the members of the Pattison Chapter would drink his jolly good health and success to him, and now, as it was upon the very verge of that time, he felt sure they would all unite with him in drinking the toast in bumpers.

The companions did so in a most enthusiastic manner, showing that, although absent, Comp. Clapham, who is deeply esteemed by all who know him, was not forgotten.

Comp. Nichols, in responding to the toast of his health, assured the companions that if they would only assist him to get good candidates, he should be ready to do the work, and he hoped to their satisfaction. It was now some 18 years' ago that he was exalted in that chapter, and during the whole of that time he had watched the splendid work of the Principals who had preceded him with an immense amount of admiration, not unmixed with trepidation, the latter feeling predominating when he thought that perhaps some day he should achieve the proud position he now occupied, and having to do the work they were doing, and he must also confess to symptoms of that feeling now, having to follow in the footsteps of such illustrious predecessors. He looked for their cordial support during his year of office, and hoped to have a good one before he became numbered with the "old fossils," as the Past Masters of a 1122 and P.Z. of a chapter were usually denominated. He heartily thanked them for placing him in such a proud position, and for their generous reception of the toast of his health.

The other toasts of "Comps. H. and J.," "Installing Officers," "Past Principals," and "Visitors," were honoured, and some excellent singing and instrumental music by Miss M. Perrott, Miss Maud Robertson, Bros. S. Marston, London, and Sidney Horton, was much enjoyed.

Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.

Concord Conclave, No. 8.

This old and distinguished conclave met at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, Jersey, on Monday, the 12th instant, when there were present, amongst others, Sir Knights J. H. Goldsmith, M.P.S.; L. P. Hespirdoux, Sen. P.M.P.S., acting I.P.M.P.S.; E. Oldridge, V.E.; Peter Bois, P.M.P.S.; J. O. Le Sueur, P.M.P.S., acting Prelate; J. W. Hamling, S.G.; Arthur Walker, 1st Aide-de-Camp; J. T. Baal, J.G.; W. Gosling, 2nd Aide-de-Camp; Thomas Le Scelleur, P.M.P.S., acting Recorder; W. T. Pugsley, P.M.P.S., Treas.; Dr. M. Le Cronier, Recorder, acting Pref.; Captain J. C. Barrette, Herald; J. H. Elliott, P.M.P.S., Warden; A. W. Godfray, acting Std. Br.; J. C. Gross, Major F. J. Godfray, C. F. Le Feuvre, F. Rogers, W. H. Hambly, Sentinel, and several visitors.

The conclave having been duly opened, the minutes of the last assembly were read, confirmed, and signed. A ballot was taken for Bros. Frederick Vincent, P.M. 1003; Thos. Cummings, P.M. 958; Saml. Picut, W.M. 491; Henry Wm. Hinds, S.W. 1003; Charles G. Vatcher, J.W. 877; Ernest Dyer, 1003; Harold G. Parlett, 2015; F. H. Taylor, 1003; William Curtis, 1023; George Damareau, 530; G. Bassett, D. P. Vincent, H. P. Hill, W. Sharp, 244, and A. Craizard, 1023, all were accepted unanimously, and eight, who were in attendance, were regularly installed as knights of the Order in a very impressive manner, the beauties of the ritual being fully shown by the admirable working of the M.P.S. and the officers assisting.

The historical oration was delivered by the Prelate, Sir Knight Capt. J. C. Barrette, in excellent style, and seldom have we witnessed the ceremonies gone through in the manner they were on that occasion. Every officer, from the M.P.S. to the Sentinel strove to excel one another as exponents of the ritual. Sir Knight W. Gosling was appointed and invested as Standard Bearer. Other business being transacted, the conclave was closed.

The sir knights adjourned to the refectory and partook of a banquet, which was admirably served by Sir Knight Hambly, and which was most satisfactory in every respect, reflecting great credit on the host.

After the banquet the first toast that of "The Queen and Christian Masonry," with able comments on her Majesty's sexagenary, having been most enthusiastically honoured, those of the "Imperial and Grand Council and the Grand Senate," "The M.P.S.," "The P.M.P. Sovereigns," "Newly-installed Knights," and "The Treasurer," "Recorder," and "Officers," followed, which were all heartily received and enthusiastically responded to.

Excellent speeches were not wanting, and a very sociable evening was spent, which the stern Sentinel's toast brought all too soon to a close.

This successful assembly and the heavy work in the conclave must truly be recorded as a red-letter day in the annals of the Concord Conclave, No. 8.

The musical Sir Knights did do their duty to the best of their ability during the evening and much enhanced by their talents the *post-prandial* proceedings.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

At the annual election communication of the above Grand Lodge which was held on the 9th ult., and presided over by Bro. T. E. Spencer, Deputy Grand Master, the following Grand Lodge officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Bro. Sir J. P. Abbott	...	...	G.M.
" W. C. Marshall	...	...	S.G.W.
" J. Trivett	...	...	J.G.W.
" Right Rev. the Bishop of Bathurst	...	...	G. Chaps.
" J. S. Shearston	...	...	G. Treas.
" A. J. Scott	...	...	Pres. B. Gen. Pur.
" A. Rose	...	...	Prs. B. B.n.
" W. H. Soul	...	...	G. Reg.
" F. R. Brentnall	...	...	G.S.Ds.
" W. J. Millner	...	...	G.S.Ds.
" F. J. Harvey	...	...	G.J.Ds.
" Simpson	...	...	G. Architect.
" Moon	...	...	G. Bard.
" H. D. Walshe	...	...	G.I. of W.
" Ore	...	...	G.D.C.
" D. Dobie	...	...	D.G.D.C.
" A. W. Somerville	...	...	G.S.B.
" F. A. Banks	...	...	G. Std. Br.
" Major A. G. H. Morris	...	...	G. Purst.
" E. C. V. Broughton	...	...	D.G.P.
" Maher	...	...	G. Org.
" F. Ayres	...	...	G.D. of M.
" W. Johnstone	...	...	G. Tyler.
" F. Boulton	...	...	G. Auditors.
" T. L. Rowbotham	...	...
" A. McNeilly	...	...
" E. Carter	...	...
" S. Armitage	...	...
" A. N. Gedhe	...	...
" N. Gedhe	...	...
" Morgan	...	...
" Mackenzie	...	...
" Salier	...	...

THE BRITISH HOMES INVESTMENT CORPORATION, LIMITED.

The first annual report and general meeting of the shareholders of the above company was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday, the 14th instant. Mr. T. Neville Stack, F.S.S., the Chairman of the company, presided. It is gratifying to note the exceedingly successful year's operations and business-like and vigorous administration, and that the formula of the office is in high public estimation is proved by the following statement of the progress made during the year's working, and shows economy with efficient management. The report shows that the complete new business during the financial period ended September 31st last had reached the magnificent total of £750,000 sterling. This is a grand record, and still improves. Since 1st January last 1801 new certificates have been issued, securing the sum of £524,964, and producing new annual income at the rate of £13,052, whilst the average amount per certificate has risen from £265 to £291. The share capital stood at the end of last year—subscribed, £16,916; paid up, £8487 3s.; leaving uncalled, £8428 17s. The position this year still further improves, the capital subscribed now being £24,750; paid up, £15,157 1s. 9d.; uncalled, £9592 18s. 3d., leaving a substantial balance in reserve. The co-operative, or profit-sharing, feature of the Corporation is also, in a measure, deservedly appreciated. The preference shareholders have received 5 per cent. on their holdings, the ordinary shareholders receive 5 per cent. on their shares, and an addition equivalent to 12 per cent. will be placed as a bonus to the credit of participating certificate holders' accounts. This is a proof of the profitable character of the business, and the value of a certificate investment. This is in accordance with the terms of the prospectus, which states that the certificate holders shall receive 80 per cent. of the divisible profits earned by the Corporation. Mr. M. Gregory, the managing director, is to be congratulated on such splendid results. We are of opinion that the house property certificates of the Corporation would be of great value and help to some of our lodges combining. We might become owners of our own temples, wherein some six lodges might meet and thus save the heavy expense we are put to sometimes, such as having to pay from two to three guineas for the use of one room in a town hall and another two guineas for dining accommodation. Now, say we meet eight times during the year, and during that time have three banquets, that means an outlay of £23 2s. at two guineas, but more, of course, if at three; if, therefore, one lodge is put to that expense, six must be put to £138 12s. for hire of rooms only, and to do away with that expense we think that if the Master and two principal officers were made trustees during their term of office and the lodge empowered them to hold house property certificates of such value that the six lodges at the expiration of five years might get the desired building and feel more comfortable in the knowledge that they had done that which would benefit the brethren that followed them. We would call attention to the address of the new offices of the Corporation, which are at 25, Great Winchester-street, Old Broad-street, E.C. They are admirably adapted to the rapidly growing business.

ARRANGEMENTS ARE in progress for a brigade of three battalions of foot guards to take part in the manoeuvres which will be carried out under the direction of Major-General Sir William Butler, K.C.B., in the neighbourhood of Arundel next month. The other troops will be drawn from the South-Eastern district, of which Dover is the centre.

Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. THE EARL AND COUNTESS PERCY have left town for Albury Park, near Guildford.

BRO. THE DUKE OF ABERCORN has left Hampden House, Green-street, in order to join the Duchess and family at Baron's Court, County Tyrone.

LINCOLN'S INN GARDENS are now open, by permission of the Benchers, every evening from 6.30 p.m. till dusk, for the benefit of the poor children living in the neighbourhood.

THE ESTABLISHMENT of Colonial troops at Chelsea Barracks has ceased to exist, the Colonial non-commissioned officers and men that still remain in England being attached to the 3rd Grenadier Guards.

PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG will to-morrow (Saturday) lay the foundation-stone of a new block at the Ventnor Consumption Hospital, which is about to be erected as a memorial to the late Prince Henry of Battenberg.

AMONG THE numerous functions which have been arranged to take place during the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to Ireland is the presentation, in the Phoenix Park, Dublin, of new colours to the 2nd Royal Fusiliers and the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. The ceremony is fixed for Tuesday, the 24th August.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE attended the Royal Naval School, Eltham, on Monday, on the occasion of the distribution of prizes and gave the boys some excellent advice as to their conduct in the future. His Royal Highness was received by the Earl and Countess of Clanwilliam, Admiral Boys, Bro. Sir Lambton Loraine, and others.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES returned to town on Monday, from Waddesdon Manor, where he had been on a visit since Saturday last to Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild. Among the guests invited to meet his Royal Highness, were the Grand Duke Michael of Russia, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Warwick, Mr. H. Chaplin, and Bro. Christopher Sykes.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, Princess Louise (Duchess of Fife), Bro. the Duke of Fife, and the Grand Duke Michael of Russia, visited T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales, at Marlborough House, on Monday, and stayed to luncheon. In the afternoon, H.R.H. the Prince presided at a meeting of the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1895.

THE QUEEN, accompanied by the Princess Henry of Battenberg and other members of the Royal Family, left Osborne on Saturday last for Newport, where she was received by the Mayor and Aldermen of the borough, conducted to a dais, and presented with addresses of congratulation on the completion of the 60th year of her reign. The route was lined with troops, and the reception accorded her Majesty was of the most enthusiastic description.

THE COUNTESS PERCY gave her second garden party in the grounds of Syon House, Isleworth, on Saturday afternoon last. The Duke and Duchess of Teck and their son, Prince Alexander, arrived about 5 p.m. and were received in the Marble Hall by Bro. the Earl and Countess Percy. Among the other guests were the Turkish Ambassador and Madame Anthropolou, the United States Ambassador and Mrs. and Miss Hay, the Earl and Countess of Selborne, the Earl and Countess of Clanwilliam, the Archbishop of York, Lord Chelysmore, and Bro. Lord Amherst of Hackney.

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES left Marlborough House on Tuesday, for Goodwood House, where they will spend the week as the guests of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon. The Duke and Duchess of York and Prince Christian arrived on Monday, and the Duke of Cambridge, Prince and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar, the Earl and Countess of Cadogan, Bro. the Earl of Durham, the Earl of Crewe, Bro. Lord and Lady Algernon Gordon-Lennox, were also among the guests.

BANK HOLIDAY SAILINGS.—The New Palace Steamers, Limited, announce that, in order to meet the wishes of the public, they will run a special steamer on Friday, the 30th inst., from Old Swan Pier, at 9.20 a.m., for Southend, Margate, and Ramsgate, calling at Greenwich, Woolwich, and Tilbury. On Saturday, 31st July, Sunday, 1st August, and on Monday (Bank Holiday) the La Marguerite, Royal Sovereign, Kohinoor, and La Belgique will run excursions at the usual times for Southend, Margate, Ramsgate, Boulogne, and Ostend.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER FOR DEVON is to assemble at the Freemasons' Hall, Tiverton, on Monday, the 9th prox., at 3.15 p.m., by order of Bro. Walter Goddard Rogers, P.A.G. Sojourner of England, the acting Grand Superintendent. There are 28 Royal Arch chapters in the county, the one at Tiverton being No. 1125, formed in 1872. The officers will be appointed for the ensuing term and other formal business transacted. Arrangements have been made with the railway companies for companions to travel at reduced fares on production of their Masonic clothing.

VISCOUNT CRANLEY, eldest son of Bro. the Earl and Countess of Onslow, will come of age on Monday, the 23rd prox., and great preparations are being made to celebrate the event. Bro. Lord Onslow, as High Steward of the Borough of Guildford, will entertain at dinner the Mayor and Corporation, with the leading men engaged in local government in the neighbourhood and in the county. The tenantry on the estates in Surrey, Essex, and Norfolk will also be entertained, and the Countess will give a garden party and a ball.

THE PRINCESS MARY, Duchess of Teck, laid the foundation-stone on Wednesday of a new hospital, which is about to be erected at Isleworth by the Richmond Corporation and Heston Isleworth District Council. A silver trowel and illuminated address were presented to her Royal Highness, to whom it was explained that accommodation would be provided for 46 patients, and that provision had been made for the enlargement of the hospital, if necessary, in the future. The Duchess expressed the pleasure it had given her to be present and perform the ceremony, and was heartily cheered on leaving.

THE KING OF SIAM will arrive at Spithead to-day (Friday), and will be received by the Duke of York on behalf of her Majesty and the nation. One of the Queen's Equerries has been appointed to attend upon the King, and on his arrival in London his Majesty will be received by the Duke of Cambridge and Bro. the Duke of Portland, Master of the Horse, and will, with his suite, be conveyed in Royal carriages to Buckingham Palace, where he will reside till Friday, the 6th prox., when he visits Taplow Court as the guest of Bro. W. H. Grenfell. On Wednesday, the 4th prox., the King will visit the Queen at Osborne, and not improbably will be accompanied by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales from Portsmouth.

THE PRESENT RUN of "My Friend the Prince" will terminate after Friday evening, August 6th, in order to give the members of the company a much-needed rest prior to the provincial tour, after which the play will be resumed at the Garrick. In the interim Mr. Brickwell has arranged with Mr. George Edwardes for a fortnight's run of the celebrated Gaiety musical success "In Town" with a colossal company prior to their departure for America. After the run of "In Town" Offenbach's comic opera "La Perichole" will be staged with Miss Florence St. John in the title role, supported by a powerful company, including Messrs. John Le Hay and Fred Kaye.

THE MEMBERS of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, had a delightful river trip on Saturday last. The party boarded the steam launch Emperor, at Taplow, and proceeded to Marlow, where in the garden attached to the Compleat Angler tea was served. Later in the day the company dined at the Ray Mead Hotel, Boulter's Lock. Bro. Henry Neville, the W.M. of the lodge, presided, and amongst those present were Bros. James Fernandez, Lionel Brough, Henry Dundas, Harry Nicholls, Walter Everard, Nye Chart, W. Slaughter, F. Walford, J. D. Beveridge, Geoffrey Thorn, and W. Lestocq. After dinner Bro. Henry Neville proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Geoffrey Thorn ably responded for "The Visitors and Ladies." Bro. Harry Nicholls humorously acknowledged the toast of "The Secretary of the Lodge," recalling the time when he went to the Olympic to see the famous Bob Brierley. In after years it came about that he played Meltzer Moss to Mr. Neville's Brierley, at the Crystal Palace. The toast of "The Worshipful Master," was proposed in eloquent terms by Bro. Fernandez, and responded to in an excellent speech by Bro. Henry Neville.

THE OFFERTORY taken at the Masonic church parade at Glossop, on Sunday last, in aid of Wood's Hospital realised about £17.

THE DUCHESS OF BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS and Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton have left town for Tatton Park, near Knutsford.

BRO. JOHN AIRD, M.P., has consented to lay the foundation-stone of the Metropolitan Theatre of Varieties, Edgware-road, on Tuesday, the 17th August.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR (Bro. Lord Halsbury) intends spending the long vacation in Scotland, and has rented the Lunga Shooting in Argyllshire from Capt. MacDougall,

AT A Common Hall of the Weavers' Company, Mr. J. B. Ingle, of No. 20, Threadneedle-street, was re-elected the Upper Bailiff (Master) for the ensuing year.

BRO. LORD HALSBURY distributed the prizes to the successful pupils at Whitgift Grammar School, on Wednesday, and was afterwards entertained at luncheon in the library.

THE EMPRESS EUGENIE has returned to England from her yachting trip, and after spending two days in London, arrived at her residence, Farnborough-hill, last evening. Her Imperial Majesty was looking remarkably well.

THE DUCHESS OF FIFE, the Princess Victoria of Wales, Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark, Prince and Princess Adolphus of Teck, and Prince Francis of Teck witnessed the performance of "Lohengrin" at the Royal Italian Opera on Wednesday.

MILITARY MANŒUVRES will take place in the country lying between Dublin and the Curragh Camp during the second week in August, and Bro. Lord Roberts, under whose direction they will be held, has issued the necessary orders for the guidance of the principal officers.

AN OFFICIAL intimation has been received by the Mayor of Portsmouth that the Duke and Duchess of Connaught will pay a visit to that town on Saturday, August 7th, to lay the foundation-stone of a new hospital, which is to be erected in commemoration of the Record Reign.

SEVERAL MEETINGS convened by Bro. Lord Kinnaid, Lord Radstock, and others were held in different parts of the country, on Wednesday, for the purpose of calling attention to the distress now prevailing in India in consequence of the earthquake, the famine, and the disturbances at Poona and Calcutta.

PRINCE CHARLES OF DENMARK left London on Thursday evening by the boat train from Victoria, on his way to Copenhagen. Before leaving Marlborough House his Royal Highness took leave of Princess Charles and Princess Victoria, who joined the Prince and Princess of Wales at Drayton to-day (Friday), and proceeded with them to Portsmouth.

AS A MEMORIAL of the 60th year of the reign of the Queen, it is proposed to build an English church in Lucerne, and an appeal for funds with this object in view is now being made. The cost of the site and the church will be £7000, and contributions may be addressed to the Rev. Canon Hurst, Secretary of the Colonial and Continental Church Society, 9, Serjeants' Inn, Fleet-street, E.C.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES attended a meeting of a Standing Committee (Natural History) of the Trustees and afterwards a general meeting of the Trustees of the British Museum on Saturday morning last. In the evening H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark visited the Royal Italian Opera and witnessed a performance of "Faust."

ON THURSDAY the London County Council completed the purchase of Fortune-green, West Hampstead, which is to be used as a recreation ground, for £8000. The Green comprises about three acres, to be maintained as an open space by the Hampstead Vestry, which has agreed to contribute £3000 towards the expense, a similar sum having been given by the London County Council, and the remainder raised by subscription.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL of the Asiatic Provinces of Russia has sent Bro. Woolrych Perowne an invitation to arrange for a visit to Central Asia of a party of Englishmen in November next. The Minister of War has granted the use of the military railway from the Caspian to Samarkand free of the restrictions usually imposed on foreigners, and several gala functions have been arranged for the entertainment of the visitors at cities and towns *en route*.

BROS. THE RIGHT HON. A. AKERS-DOUGLAS, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Halsbury (Lord-Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord-Chancellor of Ireland), Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart. (Chancellor of the Exchequer), the Duke of Devonshire, Lord George Hamilton, the Right Hon. W. H. Long, and Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., were among the ministers that attended the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Tuesday.

THE MAHARAJAH DHIRAJ Sir Pertab Singh, G.C.S.I., Regent of Jodhpore (A.D.C. to the Prince of Wales), before leaving England became a "Life Member" of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association. Thakur Hari Singh and Kunwar Dho Kal Singh also sent a donation of £5 each. The proceeds of the garden fete at Chelsea Hospital, in aid of the Homes for Nurses of the Association, amounted to £1062.

THE QUEEN, accompanied by the Princess Henry of Battenberg, and attended by Bro. Col. the Hon. Sir H. Byng, and Sir Arthur Bigge visited Cowes on Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of receiving an address of congratulation from the District Council on the completion of the 60th year of her reign. The town was *en fete* during the day, and in the evening was beautifully illuminated. Her Majesty's reception was most enthusiastic, and after receiving the address, the Queen verbally expressed to the Chairman of the council the pleasure she had derived from her visit.

BRIGHTON COLLEGE celebrated its Jubilee on Tuesday, when Bro. Gerald Loder, M.P., distributed the prizes to the successful pupils. In the course of a Latin speech by one of the boys it was mentioned that among former pupils of the College were Sir H. Pendergast, V.C., Sir Herbert Stewart, Lieut.-Col. Hovenden, Capt. Gill, R.E., Capt. Peyton, Lieut. Selous, of the Warren Hostings, Sir Edward Poynter, President of the Royal Academy, and Professor Holland.

THE QUEEN has, through the Lord Mayor, presented the silver Diamond Jubilee Commemoration Medal to the City Swordbearer, Macebearer, and Marshal, in celebration of the Jubilee proceedings in the City, and has forwarded a silver clasp to Bro. W. J. Soulsby, C.B., the Lord Mayor's Secretary, to be worn with the Jubilee Medal which her Majesty had already been pleased to present him. A silver medal has likewise been given to the Lord Mayor's eldest son.

ACCORDING TO THE Registrar General's returns the death rate in London, under the influence of variable winds, a higher temperature, and electric disturbances, has been steadily increasing until last week it reached 20 per 1000, which, however, is only slightly in excess of the average rate of the 33 great towns which are included in these weekly returns. For greater London the rate was 17.7 per 1000; for Croydon just over 10; and for Brighton 14.2, being a slight increase over the previous week.

A CORRESPONDENT who has been staying in Somersetshire witnessed a rural tragedy while exploring a comb between Minehead and Porlock. A hawk had swooped down on a pigeon, had ruthlessly killed it, and was feasting on the remains when the traveller disturbed it and drove it off. On one leg of the victim he found a band of either ivory or bone, on which was inscribed "L 61, 1895." Should the owner be wondering at the prolonged absence of the bird he will now know that its non-appearance is due to a cause beyond its own control.—*Daily Telegraph*.

SPEECH DAY at Christ's Hospital took place on Wednesday, when the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor distributed the prizes. It was announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales would lay the foundation-stone of the new school at Horsham on the 23rd October, and that in a couple of years the boys would remove to the new premises. Speeches in English, Latin, Greek, French, and German were delivered by the senior Grecians, the English oration containing, as a matter of course, many eloquent references to the Queen and her glorious reign. On the same day "Apposition" at St. Paul's School was held at Hammersmith, and in the course of his speech the High Master announced that, in compliance with the Queen's wishes, an additional week's holiday would be allowed. This and the statement that a swimming-bath would be erected caused great satisfaction among the boys.

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, August 7th, 1897.

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 2.

Bank Holiday.
(No Meetings).

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Cripple-gate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
Dalhousie, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Mildmay Tavern, Ball's Pond-road, N., 7.30.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.
Perseverance, Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance)
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8
Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30
Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.
Woodrow, Star and Garter Hotel, Pall Mall, W., at 3.
Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 99, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3.

CRAFT LODGE.

171, Amity, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4.

GRAND CHAPTER, at 6.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
Creaton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, The St. John's Gate Tavern, St. John-square, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.
Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.
Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Lewisham, Black Bull, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 204, Boro' High-street, at 8
New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, 17, London Wall, at 7.
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioners, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-rod 1 Nunhead, at 7.30
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.
Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham, at 8.
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Clapton Chapter, Amhurst Club, Rectory-road, N., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 8.
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5.

CRAFT LODGES.

742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace.
1790, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.
2580, Crouch End, Gate House, Highgate.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6.

CRAFT LODGES.

1489, Marquess of Ripon, Holborn Restaurant.
2511, St. John at Hackney, Old Town Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, The Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N., 8.
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbrooke-grove, Notting-hill, 8
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmonger's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 01, Church-st., Stoke Newington, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8
Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7.

(No Meetings.)

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

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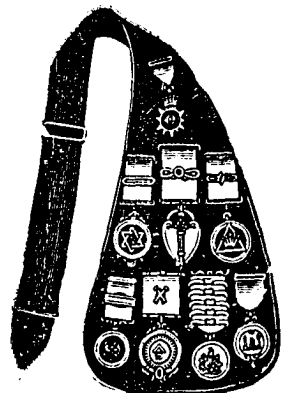
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