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## APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The time has come when, in accordance with the custom we have adopted for many years past, we consider it our duty to place before our readers the claims of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to the support of the Craft, and thereby bring them, so to speak, more immediately in touch with the Anniversary Festival, which will be held in its behalf on Tuesday, the 22nd February, 1898—the day on which it is ordinarily held being Ash Wednesday. We have previously announced that the chair on this occasion will be taken by Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of JERSEY, G.C.M.G., who, at the same time, is Past Grand Master of New South Wales, and our hope and trust is that the Craft will second the efforts of his lordship in behalf of this Institution to such an extent, that there will be no apprehension on the part of the Committee of Management as to the year's income being sufficient to meet the requirements of the year's expenditure. It must be borne in mind that the responsibilities which rest upon the Benevolent Institution are very serious, and that every year there has to be found a sum of about £19,000 to defray the annuities and the costs of management, as well as of maintaining the Asylum at Croydon. Thus, as regards the Male Fund, there are 200 annuitants, for which it provides pensions at the rate of £40 a year. On the Widows' Fund there are 242 annuitants, each of whom is in receipt of £32 a year from the funds of the Institution, and in addition there are—or rather there were at the date of the last Annual General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers in May of this year—28 widows, to each of whom is paid for a term of five years the half of her late husband's annuity. Thus the Male Fund disburses in annuities £8000, the Widows' Fund £7764, and there is an additional £560 distributed in half-annuities; the total sum required for the year's outlay on annuities alone being £16,304, while the costs of management and the maintenance of the Asylum at Croydon absorb not far short of a further sum of £3000, the total expenditure in round figures being fully £19,000. On the other hand, the Permanent Income does not range much, if at all, higher than £5250—say £5300—made up of annual grants by Grand Lodge of £1600 and by Grand Chapter of £150, the balance being the dividends received in respect of invested capital. This leaves an annual deficiency of some £14,000, which must be raised year after year by means of voluntary

subscriptions in order that the Institution may be able to meet the liabilities it has undertaken. This, it will be admitted, is a very formidable sum to be called upon to raise, not for a single year only, but regularly year by year for all time, or at all events for as long as the Freemasons of this country are financially in a position to furnish it out of their own pockets and those of their friends; and there is virtually only one source to look to for obtaining it, namely, the Festival which is held annually in support of the Charity. True, there is a moderate list of lodges and brethren that subscribe annually, but the number is never great as compared with the amount that is required, and were it not for the successful Festivals which have been held for some years past, the Committee of Management would be under the necessity either of selling out a part of the modest capital they have been at such pains to accumulate, or of reducing the number of Old People who are in receipt of annuities. Neither of these alternatives is a pleasant one to contemplate, and we shall not seriously grieve if the duty of facing one or the other is postponed till the Greek Calends.

We have said the chief source on which the Institution is compelled to rely in order to make good its annual deficiency of some £14,000 is the Anniversary Festival. If this is successful, well and good; but if the Returns fall short—that is to say, to any serious extent—of what is required, the alternatives we have spoken of present themselves. But, in order to ensure success, the services of a strong and efficient Board of Stewards must be forthcoming, and we regret to say that at the present time the number of those whom Bro. TERRY has thus far had the good fortune to enlist is quite 50 short of what it was at the corresponding date of last year for the 1897 Festival. London is weakly represented, and so are the Provinces, and, to judge from the information that reaches us, we fear that even those who have promised their help will not be able to accomplish very great things. For a part of this shortcoming we have been all along prepared. The Boys' School will celebrate the centenary of its foundation next year, and it is only to be expected that, as in 1888, when the Girls' School celebrated the same auspicious Anniversary and in 1892, when this Institution held its Jubilee—these two Institutions will not meet with the same measure of support as they do ordinarily. The Boys' School Centenary, which will be held some time during the early summer under the presidency of his Royal Highness the Prince of WALES, M.W. Grand Master, will in the nature of things prove the great attraction of the year 1898, and hence, as we have said, this Institution and the Girls' School may be expected to show smaller Returns than usual. What, however, we are desirous of impressing upon our readers is that while we fully recognise the claims of the Boys' School Centenary as paramount for the year 1898, the Old People's Institution will require some £16,300 for annuities alone, and a further sum of close on £3000 for the expenses of management and maintenance. Moreover, there are already close upon 100 candidates for admission to the benefits of the Institution, and before the year is ended there will be more. Thus, whatever else may betide this Charity next year, this £19,000 must be forthcoming, and as the fixed income does not greatly exceed £5000, an effort must be made—and we anxiously trust it may be a successful effort—to raise as nearly as possible, the deficiency of £14,000, in order that the Institution may be able to pay its way during the coming year. In order to accomplish this, the services of many additional

Stewards are urgently needed, and we strongly appeal to those lodges and chapters which have not yet commissioned brethren and companions to represent them at the Benevolent Festival on the 22nd February next, to lose no time in doing so. We may trust to the energy of Bro. TERRY and his small, but efficient staff to do what is possible towards insuring a good result. But we trust that energy will not be restricted to them. We know they will appeal whenever they have the chance most earnestly for the support that is needed. What we are desirous of seeing is that the appeals are not made in vain, and that the responses are as favourable as the appeals are urgent.

### THE AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS.

Certain criticisms have recently appeared in our contemporary *The Accountant* as to the manner in which the accounts of our Grand and private lodges are audited. There is nothing to complain of in the tone of the articles containing these criticisms, the sole object being apparently to secure a business-like management of the monetary affairs of our lodges and an efficient annual audit of their accounts. The criticisms are conceived in a perfectly friendly spirit, and with an earnest desire to benefit the bodies they relate to. The writer, too, appears to have known where to lay his hands upon the information on which to base his remarks, and has taken that information from our Book of Constitutions, and in the case of private lodges from their by-laws, which, we imagine, he must have had the opportunity of inspecting. The result is that the articles which have appeared in our contemporary are not only conceived, as we have said, and written in a friendly spirit, but they will also be found to contain correct information on a matter to which very few brethren give a thought at any time, or, at all events, only very occasionally.

As regards Grand Lodge and the arrangements it has made for the control and audit of its own accounts, which are dealt with in the second of the two articles that have appeared, our contemporary has no serious fault to find. It considers the provisions made in our laws for collecting the revenue of Grand Lodge and making payment of the moneys it has voted are of such a character that "there is no danger of any irregularities creeping in." They constitute "what is at all events a workable—if not an altogether business-like—system," and as the Book of Constitutions provides for the annual audit of the accounts by a "professional auditor," we may assume that *The Accountant* is on the whole satisfied with our arrangements, there being only one point which appears to it inexplicable, and that is "why it should be considered part of the *Secretary's* duty to handle money;" this it regards as "a question which will probably remain unanswered till the end of time." Perhaps it will satisfy our exigent critic if we state that the reason will perhaps be found in the fact that the Grand Secretary is the one permanent executive officer of Grand Lodge, Article 21 Book of Constitutions providing that he "shall be appointed by the Grand Master, as a vacancy occurs, and shall continue without re-appointment during the pleasure of the Grand Lodge," while the Grand Treasurer is elected annually and under the system which has been in vogue for several years past, a different brother is so chosen every year, there being no longer any monetary responsibility attaching to the office. In fact, the Grand Secretary is virtually Secretary and Treasurer of Grand Lodge.

As regards the audit of private lodge accounts this is provided for, as *The Accountant* points out, in Article 177 of our Book of Constitutions which lays down "all money received or paid for or on account of a Lodge, shall be from time to time regularly entered in proper books, which shall be the property of the Lodge. The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited at least once in every year, by a Committee appointed by the Lodge." Here again, however, as our contemporary remarks, the lodge by-laws generally provide that the Secretary shall receive all the moneys, while the Treasurer makes the payments when they have been sanctioned by the Master. This system, too, it considers not only unbusiness-like, but also as not affording the necessary security for the lodge funds, while as, generally, there is no provision for the moneys of a lodge being deposited at a bank, there is always to a certain extent

the risk that in the event of the Treasurer dying, or being at any time involved in monetary difficulties, such moneys may not be recoverable, or recoverable only in part, and possibly after some trouble and delay. Our contemporary holds that some better system of control and audit should be enforced on private lodges, and that if none other can be hit upon, the system which is adopted in the case of Grand Lodge should be applicable to private lodges. We raise no objection to the statements of our contemporary, which are, in the main, correct, or to its further statement that the accounts are audited annually, in accordance with the law, by a Committee, which, in the majority of cases, consists of the principal officers and three other members of the lodge, the Treasurer and Secretary being also included in the said Committee in some lodges, but generally, we think, for the purpose of offering any explanations that may be called for. But, while we raise no objection, on general grounds, to these criticisms, we take leave to point out that our lodges are essentially private bodies, and that the moneys they collect from amongst themselves and the moneys expended are their own. If the dues which they are required to pay to Grand Lodge, and in the case of country lodges, to Prov. Grand Lodge as well, are not forthcoming, there are certain penalties imposed, and if a lodge continues to be in arrear in this respect for any length of time, it runs the risk of being suspended or erased. But, as regards the other receipts and disbursements, so long as the general laws of Grand Lodge are obeyed, it does not appear to us to be the business of anyone outside to inquire how lodges receive, regulate, and control their moneys, or what kind of audit they consider their annual statements of account should undergo. Moreover, in the majority of lodges, the income and expenditure are on so small a scale, that a simple statement of accounts, with proper vouchers for the several payments, is all that is required. The fact which our contemporary recognises, that the instances are rare in which lodges find themselves in difficulties through the misconduct of their responsible officers is evidence enough that the system now generally adopted, whether it be business-like, or the reverse, works well. Would a more business-like, a more stringent system of controlling private lodge expenditure, and auditing the accounts, produce more satisfactory results?

### UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, presided; Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Herts, acted as Deputy Grand Master; and Bro. W. A. F. Powell, Prov. Grand Master of Bristol, as Past Grand Master. Bros. the Earl of Portarlington, S.G.W., and Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., occupied the Wardens' chairs. About 1000 brethren were present, and among them were—

Bros. Henry Smith, P.G.D., P.D.P.G.M. West Yorks; Dr. Balfour Cockburn, Dr. Lawrence, Dr. Egan (South Africa), Archdeacon Stevens, R. Horton Smith, Q.C., J. J. Thomas, C. A. Cotterburne, Henry Garrod, D. D. Mercer, W. Russell, Edward Letchworth, G. Secretary; William Lake, Assistant G. Secretary; J. E. Le Feuvre, R. Loveland Loveland, Q.C.; John Strachan, Q.C.; A. C. Spaul, J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G.; Admiral Hastings Markham, A. F. Godson, Alderman Vaughan Morgan, G. Treas.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; W. Kentish; Sir Joseph Dimsdale, P.G. Treas.; the Rev. Richard Clowes; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; G. J. R. Tijou, Dr. Clement Godson, Frederick West, T. J. Ralling, Albert Lucking, John Newton, and the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg. Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.W., acted as G.D.C., and he was assisted by Bro. James Stephens, Dep. G.D.C.

Grand Lodge having been opened in form, the GRAND SECRETARY read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of September 1st, which were put and confirmed.

The election of 12 Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence was then proceeded with. At the close of the evening the Scrutineers, who were obligated by the Acting Grand Master to give a faithful return, handed the following result to the Acting Grand Master in the Grand Master's private room:

Bros. James Bunker, P.M. 1158; George Graveley, P.M. 808; John Ellinger, P.M. 2222; Charles Henry Stone, P.M. 507; William Wills, P.M. 1901; William Fisher, P.M. 834; William Kippes, P.M. 1275; William H. Caton, P.M. 1365; George B. Chapman, P.M.; Edward Nightingale, P.M. 87; Simon H. Goldschmidt, P.M. 1329; Charles Pulman, P.M. 720.

Bro. BEACH: I rise to submit a resolution on the part of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, the purpose of which I am sure you will readily divine. It is to express our earnest sympathy with the Pro Grand Master in the sad loss he has sustained and the calamity that has befallen him. It is not only his high position that commends him to our notice but it is his kindness of nature, geniality of disposition, and his devotion to the Craft which have endeared him to every Freemason—(hear, hear)—and I am quite sure we Freemasons here assembled claim our part to share his sorrow as we would join in his feelings in anything that has befallen him.

While I know that words are powerless to alleviate distress, it is something in the hour of affliction to feel that the voice of friends and the sympathy of friends are extended towards us and among the numerous friends whose sympathy has been extended to him I feel there could be none more earnest than those of the Freemasons of England over whom under the Grand Master, he has ruled for a long series of years. Brethren, we extend to him that earnest sympathy, and we hope that time may alleviate that distress which has so unfortunately occurred on this occasion. Brethren, I can only express my earnest hope that the sympathy of his Masonic brethren which has been so largely extended towards him may show him that the happy manner in which he has ruled over the Craft is not forgotten by them, and that he may meet with the earnest sympathy on the part of his Masonic brethren which his past conduct so well merits. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, I know how many of us have been associated with him in past years, how many of us would desire to express our sympathy, and that in all parts of the Kingdom, I am sure, one hearty sympathy of will will go up which will be happily expressed by the Grand Lodge this evening if you, the representatives of the Freemasons of England, give due assent to the resolution which I shall have the honour to propose to you: "That this Grand Lodge desires to express its heartfelt condolence and earnest sympathy with the Pro Grand Master in the calamity which has overtaken him in the distressing bereavement he has sustained by the lamentable death of the Countess of Lathom and to earnestly pray that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to sustain him in the time of sorrow."

Bro. T. F. HALSEY, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts: M.W.G.M. in the Chair, —It falls to my duty, occupying the position I do this evening (acting Deputy Grand Master), to rise and second the motion which you, sir, have in such eloquent terms proposed; and, brethren, I feel that in the face of a great calamity such as this, the natural silence one feels is so powerful that words are taken away. I feel especially on this occasion that it is difficult to add to the eloquence in which you, sir, the acting Grand Master, have proposed this motion. I may say this—that there may be some additional fitness in the fact that it has fallen to my lot to second the resolution on this occasion, because I happen to preside over that province which is the birthplace of that gracious lady whose loss we all so deeply deplore, and I am sure I am expressing the feelings of the brethren of the province, as well as the whole of the brethren who are now in the Craft, in most sincerely seconding the resolution which you have proposed. Brethren,—I feel that on this occasion it is difficult to find words to express the sympathy with which we greet our M.W. Pro G.M. You, sir, have already alluded to his kindness, his geniality, and his courtesy and friendliness which have endeared him to us, and I venture to say to every member of the Craft. I feel I can say no more—that any additional words might detract from the deep and heartfelt feelings we all have when we carry this vote of condolence to our M.W. Pro G.M.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, Past G. Chap.: M.W.G.M. in the chair, —May I, as perhaps one of the oldest of the Masonic friends of the Pro G.M.—for he was initiated a few weeks after myself—be allowed to support the motion so gracefully and eloquently made and seconded. I am sure the heart of every Mason in England will go out to Lord Lathom in the terrible affliction which has befallen him by those who had the privilege—and I use the word privilege advisedly—of knowing the Countess of Lathom, any expression of sympathy we could give to Lord Lathom cannot be overrated. It is impossible to conceive that any person occupying the position Lady Lathom did so many years could have more endeared herself to everyone, rich and poor, than she did, and to-morrow, when we have all of us to meet as a great assembly in St. Paul's Cathedral, I think I may, as the eldest Past Grand Chaplain, trust that everyone who is there offering prayers to the Great Architect of the Universe, will add also a prayer on behalf of our distinguished brother, the Earl of Lathom, to grant him resignation and comfort in the hour of his affliction.

Bro. BEACH: Brethren,—I ask you to assent to this resolution in the usual way.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Bro. Surg.-Lieut.-Col. HENRY W. KIALMARK, P.M. 16 8 2033 2410, P.Z., G. Std. Br. Royal Arch, then rose and said: M.W.G.M. in the chair,—I rise for the purpose of giving notice that at the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge I shall have the honour to propose that his Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales be re-elected M.W.G.M. of Freemasons of England for the ensuing 12 months. This is not the time to do more than to give formal notice of my intention, I hope the brethren will support this resolution though I can hardly think it requires any words of mine to commend it to their notice. I therefore nominate the Prince of Wales in the terms I have already mentioned. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. WM. WOODWARD, P.M. 1920, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Surrey: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, Grand Officers and brethren, it affords me very much pleasure indeed to nominate for the position of Grand Treasurer, my esteemed friend and brother, Lieut.-Col. Clifford Probyn. It will be in the recollection of the Grand Lodge that on the last occasion of this election Bro. Probyn withdrew in order that there might be no opposition to the distinguished brother who now occupies the post and I think that course commends itself to the brethren in general. As on that occasion I set forth the various Masonic qualifications which I thought entitled Bro. Probyn to that office, I am quite sure that this evening it will not be desired by the brethren that I should occupy their time any further by going through those various qualifications again. It is enough for me to say that our Bro. Clifford Probyn belongs to many lodges, is a founder of many of them both in the Craft and Arch and that he is a patron of the Boys' School, Girls' School, and Benevolent Institution, and that he is also a Lieutenant-Colonel in the volunteers. (Laughter.) M.W. Grand Master in the chair and brethren, I therefore conclude by nominating this distinguished brother for the high office of Grand Treasurer for which he will have the support of the brethren on this occasion.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales having re-appointed Bro. James Henry Matthews as President of the Board of Benevolence, Bro. Matthews was re-invested as such by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, acting G.M.

Bros. Mercer and Cottebrune were elected Vice-Presidents.

The report of the Board of Benevolence for the months of September, October, and November was then read by the GRAND SECRETARY, and, on the motion of Bro. MATTHEWS, President, seconded by Bro. D. D. MERCER, Senior Vice-President, the grants recommended to Grand Lodge—as published in the *Freemason* last week—were unanimously confirmed.

Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary, at this point retired from Grand Lodge.

The report of the Board of General Purposes—as already published—was, on the motion of Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, Q.C., President, seconded by Bro. W. J. MASON, Vice-President, taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, in bringing forward the recommendation of the Board that the Grand Secretary's salary be raised to £1250 and by annual increments to £1500, said it would be in the minds of all the brethren that when the late Grand Secretary was taken from them by death the salary awarded to that office was £1000 per annum; and after the lamentable event of the death of Col. Shadwell Clerke it was found very difficult to discover a brother who had all the necessary qualifications for the office. At the meeting of the Board of General Purposes on November 16th, 1892, the following resolution was passed: "That the Board, taking into consideration the peculiar nature and the qualifications for the office of the Grand Secretary, the important duties he is called upon to perform, and that there is no pension on retirement, recommend that the salary of the Grand Secretary shall commence at £1000, rising by £50, £75, or £100 per annum, to the maximum of £1500." Exception was taken to that at the time, but, after discussion, it was thought that until they knew who would be appointed, the Board would not pledge itself to recommend that amount; therefore, the resolution which was submitted to Grand Lodge was that the appointment should be at £1000 per annum. Having regard to this resolution, it was put to Bro. Letchworth, the present Grand Secretary, whether he would take the position. At that time Bro. Letchworth was a solicitor in very large practice, holding many appointments of value, and he was, therefore, called upon to relinquish everything at a moment's notice. However, he agreed to accept the combined offices of Grand Secretary of the Craft and Grand Scribe E. of the Royal Arch. He had now held those offices for six years, and the Board ventured to think that the time had now arrived when they might fairly ask Grand Lodge to reconsider his position. (Hear, hear.) Regarding the increase of work he would say the number of letters now sent from the Grand Secretary's office had increased since he had been there by no less than 60 per cent., and the postage had risen from £190 to £270 for the last year. Since his appointment warrants had been granted for 228 new lodges and charters for 104 Royal Arch chapters, of which many have been consecrated by him. The Grand Secretary was now in charge of 3111 lodges and chapters distributed over London and 117 distinct provinces or districts in England and Wales and in the Colonies. In addition to all the official work the G. Secretary was unceasingly called upon to advise brethren in all parts of the world on every conceivable subject of Masonic law and practice, or ritual, or history, or pecuniary relief, and was moreover correspondent from time to time with other Grand Lodges recognised by this Grand Lodge. Before sitting down he would like to read a few extracts from a letter of the Grand Registrar who was absent on what he considered touching on the qualification of the Grand Secretary. He said "the Grand Secretary has to maintain the Order in its position far superior than any ordinary Secretary. He must be a gentleman and one whom we could depute to the Grand Master—a *persona grata* in high quarters. He must be in touch with all great people." He ventured to think that in the Grand Secretary they had a brother who had all those qualifications. That being so, he did not hesitate to lay before them the recommendation for their approval.

Bro. W. J. MASON, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, seconded the motion.

Bro. BEACH said the recommendation was that the salary of the Grand Secretary be raised to £1250 and by annual increases of £50 a year to the maximum sum of £1500.

Bro. R. EVE, P.G. Treas., said he might be considered to be in an invidious position, but he was going to lay before Grand Lodge a few facts and to ask the brethren not to decide the question that night. Notice of the question only came to the brethren on Sunday last, and many brethren in the country were not aware of the proposition. It might be a proper thing to lay before them, and it might be a proper thing for them to act upon at some future meeting of the Grand Lodge, but he felt that it should not be simply placed before them on only four days' notice. If the salary was to be increased at all let it be done unanimously by the brethren, but there were those who felt that £1000 per annum was ample salary for the Grand Secretary. (Hear, hear and "no, no.") There were provinces that had a different way of thinking from those who brought the matter forward, and they should postpone the matter and consider it at the next Grand Lodge. If it was necessary that the Grand Secretary's salary should be increased the Board had no occasion to fear that it would not be increased, but the amount proposed was an exorbitant increase, and ought not to pass unchallenged. He had no feeling adverse to the Grand Secretary, but his opinion was that £1000 was a splendid salary, and he would give his reason for that view.

Bro. HORTON SMITH, Q.C., rose to order. Bro. EVE said he had not had notice; but he was a member of the Board, and must have known what was taking place.

Bro. EVE said that might be so, but that did not prevent him from doing what he considered to be his duty to the Craft. Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke had £1000 per annum when he died, and how he had served Grand Lodge faithfully and well the brethren knew. Bro. Shadwell Clerke started with £500 a year, which was increased from time to time. Who could say that there could be any better Grand Secretary than Bro. Shadwell Clerke? He was a splendid officer; he could not only perform the duties of his office, but he had a judicial mind, which he worked and brought to bear for the general good of the Craft. If Bro. Clerke was only worth £1000 a year, why should the brother who succeeded him be started with £1000 when he was unacquainted with the duties? If Bro. Letchworth, after holding the office some time, was worth £1000 a year, he was not against an increase; but he was against an increase from £1000 till it got up to £1500 in five years. He would have been content with an increase to £1250, and then left the Grand Secretary to apply to Grand Lodge at the end of five years to have an increase. They were increasing the salaries beyond the proportion in which they were raised before. ("No, no.") In 1873 a proposition was made, that there should be an increase, not in the Grand Secretary's salary, but in the salaries of the various clerks. He then suggested that the question should be canvassed among the brethren. He was doing something of the same kind now. If they desired to enlarge the Grand Secretary's salary they could do it. They had a good Grand Secretary; he was a very good Grand Secretary. (Loud Cheers.) In 1873, the annual income of

Grand Lodge was close on £18,000, and they were then spending £1377. Now the income was £26,000, and the money paid to clerks only amounted to £2365. Two of these clerks were actually paid more than the Grand Secretary used to be paid. In 1857, when he (Bro. Eve) became a Mason, Bro. Gray Clarke had only £300 a year. In 1863, Bro. John Harvey had £500, and it was raised to £800. Now, if the income of Grand Lodge in 1873 was under £18,000, and the clerks and Secretary combined came to £1300, were they right in saying to-day that they would raise the Grand Secretary's salary to £1250, with increases up to £1500 a year. (Cries of "Yes, yes," and "Vote, vote.") In 1873, they had 1380 lodges, now they had 2667. He said they were spending too much of the money of Grand Lodge, and they should have their attention drawn to the facts. If they were going to vote the money, let the matter be adjourned for three or six months—till next spring. He did not wish to stand in the way at all, but he wished the brethren in the country to know. He moved that the matter be put before the provincial brethren that they might have an opportunity of further considering the question.

Bro. S. R. BASKETT seconded the motion of Bro. Eve.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON in rising to support the original proposition, said he would not take up the brethren's time so long as Bro. Eve, whom he was always sorry to differ from. He begged to say that the Board meeting which recommended the increase of Bro. Letchworth's salary was a very large and representative one, and Grand Lodge meeting to-day was also large and representative—larger, he thought, than he had ever seen before. He ventured to say he never had seen a more intelligent Grand Lodge. (Loud laughter.) He begged to say he only mentioned what he thought. The brethren should remember that the position of the Craft was different from what it was 40 or 50 years ago. When Bro. John Harvey and Bro. Shadwell Clarke became Grand Secretaries the work was very much less than it was now. He thoroughly endorsed what had been said of Bro. Shadwell Clarke, who was a most enthusiastic Mason. With the progress of Freemasonry his salary was raised to £1000 a year. It was now proposed to raise this sum in Bro. Letchworth's case, when Freemasonry and the work entailed had progressed still more. He hoped Grand Lodge would settle the question to-night.

Bro. Eve's amendment was lost, and the original resolution of the President of the Board of General Purposes was carried practically with unanimity.

Bro. W. F. LAMONBY moved, in accordance with his notice—

Canvassing for any elective office, personally, by letter, by circular, or otherwise, is prohibited. Any candidate who shall, on appeal, be proved to the satisfaction of the Board of General Purposes, after due enquiry, to have canvassed for votes, or to have tacitly known of, or sanctioned, canvassing by brethren or other agents on his behalf, shall be held incapable of entering upon the duties of the office to which he may have been elected, and such election shall, in consequence, be void and of no effect. The vacancy so caused shall be filled up in the manner provided by the Book of Constitutions.

He said, after apologising for his absence through illness from the September meeting, when he was to have brought forward the motion, that in the interval he had to express his deepest and warmest thanks to the President of the Board of General Purposes, inasmuch as that brother had made some very valuable improvements and alterations in the notice. When he brought forward a former resolution on the same subject, Grand Lodge unanimously condemned the systematic canvassing and touting in Grand Lodge at elections. All Past Masters would remember they took the obligation to strictly respect and adhere to every edict of Grand Lodge. He was sorry to say they forgot that, and carelessly, or, perhaps, wilfully, ignored the pledge given when they were installed in the chair of K.S. Such being the case, the time evidently had arrived when Grand Lodge should adopt a drastic method of dealing with the situation of touting by placing on its statute book a provision making canvassing and touting a penal offence. Year by year they had writing, circularising, and ticket touting, both in the election of Grand Treasurer and in the election of members of the Board of General Purposes. He did not mean letter writing by one brother, asking him to vote for a brother, but sending circulars out to brethren, and that he considered a scandal, and it was with confidence he submitted his proposal to Grand Lodge.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. SIMPSON, P.G. Chaplain, seconded the motion, believing that a provision to the effect of it should be incorporated in the laws as a durable record.

Bro. Dr. EGAN (South Africa) differed; it would affect and strike at every private lodge in its election of Master, and Treasurer, and Committers. If they endeavoured to legislate for Masonic morality they would find it very difficult.

Bro. THOMSON LYON thought the resolution incomplete. The Board of General Purposes was made by it the Court of Appeal, when it ought to be Grand Lodge. Members of the Board might be the subject of appeal.

Bro. JAMES STEPHENS, Dep. G.D.C., moved "the previous question."

Bro. W. RUSSELL, Prov. G. Treas., did not see why a letter written by one brother to another asking for a vote should not be permitted. He suggested the omission of the words, "by letter, by circular, or otherwise," and substituting the words "in Grand Lodge in person by the candidate or his friends."

After some further discussion in which Bros. BASKETT, LE FEUVRE, and HORTON SMITH, Q.C., took part, Bro. Lamonby's motion was lost.

Bro. R. HORTON SMITH, Q.C., Deputy G. Registrar, brought up an appeal by Bro. Horley of the United Lodge, No. 1341, Hong Kong, against a decision of the District Board of General Purposes in reference to the description in the lodge summons of certain candidates for initiation. He said the appeal raised a very short point whether the letters "R.N." in the case of naval candidates for initiation sufficiently in a Hong Kong lodge summons represented the place of abode as required by Rules 184 and 185 of the Book of Constitutions. In the present case there was a first-class petty officer, another was a steward, another an engine room artificer, all of whom were described as "R.N." It was set up by the appellant that that did not denote their address. The W.M. decided that it was sufficient, and 51 voted with him and two against, one of the last was the appellant, who went before the District Board of General Purposes with his appeal. The Board of General Purposes dismissed the appeal, holding that "R.N." sufficiently denoted the address to a Hong Kong lodge. From this Bro. Horley appealed to Grand Lodge. On the facts—and this was a question of fact—the appeal must be dismissed. In Hong Kong there was a long thoroughfare on the side of the water, with barracks and naval yard on the other side.

Ships were close to the Navy Yard, and it was perfectly easy to have communication with the ship. Consequently there was no difficulty in finding a "R.N." officer. It might be better perhaps to put in the name of the candidate's ship. The bottom of this case was that some of the brethren of this lodge had been working to get a lodge consecrated under the Scotch Constitution, and the appellant was one of these brethren. The matter was a question the brethren of the English Lodge and the brethren who belonged to it who wanted a Scottish lodge.

Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND, Q.C., seconded the dismissal of the appeal on the same grounds as Bro. R. Horton Smith, Q.C.

Bro. IVOR MURRAY, P.M., said that as a former Master of the Hong Kong Lodge in question, many years ago, he might inform Grand Lodge that when he was Master, a great many naval men were among his initiates. It was the custom then to do what had been suggested by the Grand Registrar, that the name of the ship should be put as well as the "R.N.," and that was always done in his time, and consequently there was never any difficulty about the address.

The appeal was dismissed, and Grand Lodge was closed in form.

## MARK GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening at Mark Masons' Hall. The Earl of Euston, M.W. Pro Grand Master, presided.

Bros. Viscount Dungarvan, R.W. Dep. G.M.; Sir Reginald Hanson, as S.G.W.; Thomas Fenn, as J.G.W.; Charles Belton, as G.M.O.; Church, as S.G.O.; Stevenson, as J.G.O.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec.; Frank Richardson, G. Registrar; R. Loveland Loveland, Q.C., President General Board; John Strachan, Q.C.; Admiral Hastings Markham; Major Clifford Probyn, P.G.T.; Dr. Cockburn, Dr. Lawrence, Major Woodall, Richard Eve, Dr. Clement Godson, J. S. Eastes, W. M. Stiles, J. J. Thomas, George Graveley, Wm. Vincent, W. E. Brymer, M.P.; H. R. Graham, M.P.; Dr. Egan (South Africa); and Lord Addington, S.G.W., were also present.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened and the minutes of the September meeting read and confirmed,

The Earl of EUSTON rose, and said: Brethren,—Before we go on to any business I wish to move that this Grand Lodge do pass a vote of deep sympathy with our Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, Lord Lathom, in this his hour of affliction. I do not think more words are necessary from me because every Mason in England loves, honours, and respects Lord Lathom and feels with him in this his hour of affliction, and may the Great Overseer of the Universe give him strength to bear his affliction and support him in his great trouble!

Viscount DUNGARVAN, M.W. Pro G.M.: I rise to second the motion. I am perfectly certain that we all have a great feeling of affection for Lord Lathom, and I trust I am speaking the feelings of all when I say that I hope that vote which will be conveyed to Lord Lathom by the Grand Secretary will do something to soothe his lordship in the great shock he has sustained.

The Earl of EUSTON read the motion as follows: "That this Grand Lodge do record on its minutes its deep sense of the sad and irreparable loss sustained by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Past Grand Master, and also its most sincere and heartfelt sympathy and condolence with him in his hour of affliction."

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Earl of EUSTON: Then I will ask the Grand Secretary to forward this vote to Lord Lathom.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, G. Sec., informed the Pro Grand Master that at the Grand Lodge in June the M.W.G.M. was pleased to appoint Lord Addington as S.G.W. Lord Addington, however, was not present at that Grand Lodge to be invested, but he was now present.

Lord Addington was then invested, and afterwards conducted by Bro. Dr. Balfour Cockburn, who was acting as G.D.C. for Bro. Major C. W. Carrell, to his chair of S.G.W., Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson vacating that seat and going to the dais.

On the motion of Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, Q.C., President of the General Board, seconded by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, G. Reg., the report of the General Board was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND moved the adoption of the recommendation of the Board that the rate of interest payable on the loans of £1763 19s. 6d. from the Annuity Fund and £400 from the Benevolent Fund respectively to the General Fund be reduced from four per cent. to two-and-a-half per cent. He said four per cent. was the interest some time ago when the loans were effected; it had now gone down, and the Board thought that two-and-a-half was the proper interest to pay. He was happy to say that annually the amount of money borrowed was being reduced, and the Board hoped in a short time to pay it off altogether.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, G. Reg., in seconding the motion, said that was not a matter of Grand Lodge borrowing the money for someone outside, but it was a case of one fund of Grand Lodge borrowing from another fund, both funds belonging to the Grand Lodge. Therefore they ought to look on it in an equitable spirit and see what one fund ought to pay the other. He had had considerable experience now in investing money for Trustees, and he found that 2½ per cent. was all they could get. Other people had had the same experience as himself.

The motion was carried, and on the motion of Bro. LOVELAND-LOVELAND, Q.C., seconded by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, G. Reg., the report of the General Board was adopted.

Bro. THOMSON LYON, Grand Steward, rose to nominate the Prince of Wales for election as M.W.G. Master. He said, M.W. Pro Grand Master, it is a matter of the greatest satisfaction to myself that the task of nominating the Grand Master for election to the chair is placed in my hands. That his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales should be once more re-elected Grand Master of this Order is not to be wondered at; and I am sure that I am only echoing the sentiments of every one in the Mark Degree when I say that his Royal Highness is an indefatigable worker in Freemasonry. He has performed immense services to this Degree, and I therefore nominate him for election as Grand Master of this Order for the ensuing year. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

Bro. H. R. GRAHAM, M.P., W.M. 494, nominated Bro. William Mason Stiles for election as Grand Treasurer. Addressing the M.W. Pro Grand



Master, he said: I beg to nominate Brother William Mason Stiles as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, and I have very great pleasure in doing it on two grounds, not only on the ground of private friendship, but because I recognise the great and permanent interest Bro. Stiles has taken in Freemasonry for a very long time. I feel that his name is well known not only to many brethren present, but to those who may not be here. Of his Masonic history I would, with your leave, mention a sketch. Bro. William Mason Stiles was advanced in the Old Kent Time Immemorial Mark Lodge, and he is now a Past Master of that lodge; he was founder and first Senior Warden of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge, and he is now Past Master of that lodge and its Treasurer. He was a founder and is Treasurer of the St. Pancras Mark Lodge, and Treasurer of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex. He has served two Stewardships to the Mark Benevolent Fund. He was also elevated in the Prince of Wales Ark Mariners' Lodge, and is now Past Commander Noah; he was perfected in the Shadwell Clarke Rose Croix Chapter, and has served as Most Wise Sovereign of that chapter. He is a member of the Grand Master's Council, No. 1, of Royal and Select Masters, and is Past Grand Treasurer of the Craft and Royal Arch. Such a very large series of offices has been held, I think, by but few Masons, and it shows that he is a man worthy of the post I have the great pleasure of nominating him to. (Cheers.)

There was no other nomination.

Bro. HUGHES HALLETT: M.W. Pro Grand Master.—As Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Kent, I am deputed to have the honour and pleasure of presenting to Grand Lodge a portrait of the noble and worthy brother whose kind and genial face and manner are known to everyone within this hall. Of course, I allude to Brother Earl Amherst, who is not only known within these walls, but I can assure you, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, he is known by every Mark Mason in the County of Kent. His genial and kind way leads him to be beloved by us all. Not only is he loved and respected in the Mark Degree, but also in the Craft and the Royal Arch Chapter, and as our Provincial Grand Master in the Craft and Grand Superintendent of the Chapter he has filled those offices so worthily that our much esteemed Bro. Hayman Cummings conceived the idea that we should present his portrait to Grand Lodge where his lordship ruled over Grand Lodge for three successive years. I could only wish that Bro. Hayman Cummings had been present himself to make this presentation for it would have been done much better than I can do it. However, with these few remarks on behalf of the brethren I see around me of the Province of Kent and all other Mark Masons unable to be present to-day, I present the portrait of our much esteemed Lord Amherst. I may say the hope arises that he may be spared many years to be among us to receive those kind greetings for the services he is able and willing to give us on all occasions. May his life be spared many years and may he be among us many years in Grand Lodge and see that portrait, and may it be a token of one who has "marked well!" With those few words I present Grand Lodge with that portrait. (Cheers.)

The Earl of EUSTON: Brethren of the Province of Kent. I take it that this Grand Lodge will allow me, on their behalf, to thank you for that handsome gift you have presented of Lord Amherst. As you say he is one we all look up to as one of the hard workers in Mark Masonry when we first started. I only wish we saw him oftener among us, at the present time. At the same time I thank you and move "That this Grand Lodge do give its hearty vote of thanks to the brethren of the Province of Kent for the present they have made," and I say we have much pleasure in accepting such a handsome present. (Applause.)

Bro. Viscount DUNGERVAN, D.G.M.: I have much pleasure in seconding it, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master.

The motion was carried.

Bro. HUGHES HALLETT: Brethren,—I thank you.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The half-yearly meeting of the above Prov. Grand Lodge was held on a recent date in the Gentlemen's Concert Hall, Manchester. Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M., presided, and among a large number of prominent members of the Order present were Bros. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M.; Vice-Chancellor Hall, Q.C., P.S. G.W.; Capt. J. Barlow, P.J.G.W.; J. Newton, P.G. Sec.; W. Goldthorpe, P.P.G. Reg.; and the following Present and Past Grand Officers of England, viz.: Bros. Edmund Ashworth, P.G.D.; J. Clayton, P.G.D.; J. Chadwick, P.G.S.B.; R. Newhouse, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec. Cheshire; and J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.

Upon the roll of lodges being called two were found to be unrepresented, and will be fined for non-attendance in the absence of a satisfactory explanation.

Before commencing the business of the meeting,

The PROV. GRAND MASTER referred to the bereavement which had befallen the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master of England, and Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, in the death of the Countess of Lathom. He said a lamentable accident had smitten deeply one who was held in the highest regard by the Masonic Fraternity—to whom he had greatly endeared himself—and, indeed, by all, from the highest to the lowest. Providence, overruling all things, and circumstances over which no man had control, had caused a great affliction to fall upon their distinguished brother. Both the Earl and the late Countess had long associated themselves with the life of the County Palatine of Lancaster, and held a high place in the regard of all with whom they had come in contact. He was sure all present felt the deepest sympathy with the noble earl in his sorrow, and would, with one accord, assent to the proposal he now made, viz., that a letter expressing their sympathy be prepared by the Provincial Grand Secretary, signed by himself, and sent to the Earl of Lathom in the name of the Prov. Grand Lodge of East Lancashire.

The D.P.G.M. seconded the motion, which was passed.

The minutes of the annual meeting held at Bolton on the 19th May last were read and confirmed.

The Prov. G.M. invested the following brethren, upon whom Past Prov. Grand rank had been conferred in honour of her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee: Bros. J. T. Newbold, 1012, and H. Heys, 1634, P.P.J.G.Ws.; N. Heywood, 44, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Brookes, 1179, R. Rushton, 1145, and J. A. Hanson, 2341, P.P.S.G.Ds.; T. Howe, 816, and T. H. Smethurst, 277, P.P.J.G.Ds.; J. W. White, 815, P.P.G.S. of W.; E. Proggatt, 152, R. Hudson, 226, and T. A. Lever, 2482, P.P.G.D.Cs.; T. Tyers, 581, P.P.G. Std. Br.; and J. Gregson, 1504, P.P.A.G.P.

Bros. Goodfellow, J. Whittaker, and W. Clarke were elected Auditors.

The report of the Charity Committee stated that one girl and two boys (children of deceased members of lodges in the province) had been elected to the London Masonic Schools.

The report was adopted.

Bro. C. D. CHEETHAM, P.P.G.W., moved that the sum of 100 guineas be granted from the Provincial Grand Lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows. He pointed out that the Province of East Lancashire had at the present time upon the funds of the Institution 20 aged men and women, receiving £720 a year. That was a large amount, but it was no more than the province was entitled to, because they held a larger number of votes in connection with the Institution than any other province in England.

Bro. J. T. NEWBOLD, P.P.G.W., seconded the motion, which was carried.

Bro. CHEETHAM gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that a sum of 200 guineas be given from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which was about to celebrate its centenary, under the presidency of the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England. He made an earnest appeal to the members present to augment that sum to the largest possible extent, and to maintain the position which East Lancashire had always held in connection with the Masonic Charities.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed his hearty concurrence with the proposal.

Bro. McLEOD, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., addressed the meeting upon the work which they were doing in the education and maintenance of sons of deceased members of the Order, and urged that they were deserving of all the support that could be extended to them.

Bro. Capt. Barlow, P.J.G.W., having invited the Prov. Grand Master to hold the next Prov. Grand Lodge meeting at Bury, the business of the meeting was concluded.

### CONSECRATION OF THE MILTON CHAPTER, No. 1239, AT SHEFFIELD.

Wednesday, the 24th ult., was a red-letter day in the annals of Royal Arch Masonry in Sheffield, by reason of the meeting of Prov. Grand Chapter, at the Freemasons' Hall, and the subsequent consecration of a new Royal Arch chapter, to be known as the Milton Chapter, No. 1239. The consecration of a chapter is a very rare occurrence locally, and prior to the consecration of the White Rose of York Chapter, some 18 months ago, the ceremony had not been witnessed in Sheffield for more than a century. It was hoped that the Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire, Comp. the Right Honourable William Lawies Jackson, M.P., would perform the ceremony, but pressing business engagements prevented his attendance, and he deputed the task of consecration to a zealous and popular companion, Comp. Ensor Drury, P.Z. 139, 290, P. Prov. G.H., Past G. Soj. of England. There was a record attendance of companions, comprising representatives of the majority of the chapters of the province, when Prov. Grand Chapter entered. Comp. Drury acted as Grand Superintendent, being supported by—Comps. Henry Smith, P.G. Soj., Prov. G.H.; T. R. Vangs, Prov. G.J.; H. G. E. Green, Prov. G. Scribe E.; W. Laycock, Prov. G. Scribe N.; E. Billington, P.P.G.D. of C., as P. Soj.; W. W. Clayton, Prov. Asst. G. Soj.; W. D. Quarmby, Prov. G.D. of C.; J. H. Gratton, P.P.G. Treas.; J. C. Bell, J. T. Simpson, J. Constable, E. Lord, James Jenkin, W. Skinner, H. J. Garnett, R. Arnison, J. Shaw, Z. 2491, and J. Gibbs.

Prov. Grand Chapter having been opened in due form, the ACTING GRAND SUPERINTENDENT briefly addressed the companions. He recalled the fact that Prov. Grand Chapter last assembled in Sheffield, in May, 1892, and after alluding to the changes which had occurred in the interval, he touched upon the various matters interesting to Royal Arch Masons.

A sum of 50 guineas was voted to the R.M.I. for Boys, for the further endowment of the G. Superintendent's chair.

The ACTING GRAND SUPERINTENDENT referred in feeling terms to the loss sustained on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., from a carriage accident, by Comp. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G. First Principal, by the tragic death of Lady Lathom.

A vote of condolence was passed in silence.

Prior to the termination of the business of Provincial Grand Chapter, an invitation for the next half-yearly meeting was extended by the Chapter of Sincerity, No. 1019.

The ceremony of the consecration of Milton Chapter was then commenced.

The founders present were Comps. H. T. E. Holmes, P.Z. 139, P.P.G. Treas., M.E.Z. designate; J. P. Hewitt, P.Z. 139, P.P.G.S., H. designate; T. E. Barker, 139, P.P.G.S., J. designate; J. Robertshaw, P.Z. 139, Prov. G. Std. Br.; V. G. S. Dearden, P.Z. 139 and 904, P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. S. H. Wilson, M.E.Z. 139; Charles Stokes, H. 139; C. Barber, H. Nixon, T. Rowbotham, W. Ferneough, C. A. Mays, A. J. Forsdike, E. G. Whiteley, R. E. Ariel Wright, H. Cawood, E. Rowbotham, and J. Barton.

The CONSECRATING PRINCIPAL briefly addressed the companions on the nature of the ceremony, and the petition to Grand Chapter and the charter issued in response were read.

After the singing of the Psalm, "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity," the invocation was given. Portions of the Volume of the Sacred Law were read, and the several manual acts of consecration were followed by the solemn dedication and constitution of the chapter, the Consecrating Principal performing his work in a manner which elicited the admiration of all the companions present.

Comps. Holmes, Hewitt, and Barker having been duly installed in the chairs of M.E.Z., H., and J. respectively, the officers were elected and invested by the M.E.Z. as follows: Comps. J. Robertshaw, Treas.; H. Nixon, S.E.; C. Barker, S.N.; T. Rowbotham, P.S.; A. J. Forsdike, 1st A.S.; E. Rowbotham, 2nd A.S.; C. A. Mays, D.C.; W. Ferne-hough, Stwd.; and C. Birch, Janitor.

The M.E.Z. read a letter from Lord Milton, the patron of the chapter, in which his lordship expressed his sincere wishes for its prosperous career.

Provincial Grand Chapter shortly afterwards withdrew, and the chapter was closed.

The majority of the companions subsequently partook of a repast served by the Steward, and the evening was devoted to harmony. The usual Masonic toasts were given.

"Success to the Milton Chapter" was proposed by the M.E.Z. of Loyalty Chapter, 296, and enthusiastically drunk.

"The Health of the Consecrating Principal, Comp. Ensor Drury," was received with the utmost cordiality, high appreciation being expressed of the able and cultured manner in which he had accomplished his arduous task.

## Craft Masonry.

### Borough of Greenwich Lodge, No. 2332.

The immense strides made by the above lodge, both in its numbers and charity, since its consecration some five years ago is one of the most remarkable evidences of the progress of Masonry in London, and its members may well be proud of its position and popularity among the lodges of the metropolis. There was a splendid attendance of brethren and visitors at its installation on Wednesday, the 24th ult., and the handsome Assembly Rooms at the King William the Fourth, East Greenwich (Bro. George Burney's famous hostelry), was crowded with Masons from far and near, anxious to witness the ceremony and welcome the new Master and congratulate him on his achievement.

The lodge was opened by Bro. E. W. Higgs, W.M., who, after initiating three candidates—Messrs. Sydney Henderson, J. Smalley, and G. Sutton—proceeded to the installation. Bro. A. Eades, S.W., W.M. elect, was then presented to the Installing Officer, and in due course was placed in the chair of K.S. and duly saluted. He invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. W. Higgs, I.P.M.; W. J. Froome, S.W.; R. D. Simpson, J.W.; A. H. Oakley, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Huntley, Sec.; E. J. Ralph, S.D.; E. J. Cook, J.D.; E. P. Carter, P.M., D.C.; E. S. Cockton, Org.; F. J. Simpson, I.G.; D. McCall, J. W. Rozier, C. Waller, and A. Lewis, Stwds.; and E. Spinks, Tyler. The Installing Officer then gave the addresses, and so finished a hard day's work admirably. He was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his services that day as Installing Officer, and subsequently, at the festive board, was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel and collar to mark the appreciation of his services as W.M. during his year of office. The lodge was then closed.

The banquet was served in a spacious room adjoining the lodge, and was all that the most fastidious might desire.

Among the brethren present were Bros. H. Roberts, P.M.; J. G. Thomas, P.M.; W. H. Burney, P.M.; J. H. Harper, P.M.; G. Burney, sen., P.M.; G. Burney, jun., F. Binney, A. Metcalf, T. Shields, R. Blagrove, T. Rogers, J. Nixon, A. Lewis, J. S. Howlen, W. Powling, B. G. Stringer, T. M. Connor, H. Silvester, T. Law, E. A. Higgs, A. Baigent, F. A. Borland, W. B. Vines, G. Stevens, F. Marrable, B. Fortt, G. White, E. Mills, H. M. Austin, H. F. Defrates, H. S. Inwood, T. G. Alexander, C. Greenaway, T. Kock, G. Scott, F. J. Burton, J. B. Smith, N. R. Kerry, F. J. Knight, J. H. Fester, W. Sibborn, A. Elen, G. B. Goodall, C. Bourne, A. Knight, H. M. Cox, E. Dennison, W. J. Grimes, H. Kennard, W. Armstrong, W. Carpenter, D. McCall, and J. Pace, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were the following: Bros. Walter Martin, A.G. Purst, Eng.; E. C. Talbot, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; C. Jolly, P.P.G.D.C. Essex; C. A. Wilson, W.M. 79; C. D. Mears, P.M. 1076 and 299; J. Dickson, P.M. 147; J. Saunders, P.M. 1507; J. Holmes, P.M. 89; C. G. Marcus, P.M. 1593; R. W. Huntley, P.M. 1489; S. Brice, P.M. 1050; G. W. Sly, P.M. 79; C. Smith, W.M. 30; F. W. Barker, P.M. 1539; M. Carpenter, S.W. 169; C. Smut, J.D. 1636; G. B. Catt, I.G. 1559; G. E. May, J.D. 2272; W. Viner, J.D. 1076; W. T. Taylor, I.G. 2579; A. C. Huddart, I.G. 15; T. Wall, 1155; A. J. Campbell, 87; V. Smith, 1382; C. Badcock, 781; G. W. Duck, 1687; A. J. Parker, W. Welton, 871; T. Marrable, 77; F. Wright, 700; H. Flegg, 147; H. G. Hayter, 79; E. C. Beale, 1507; and J. M. Macintosh, 2660.

"The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order," having been honoured, that of "Earl Lathom, Earl Amherst, and the rest of the Grand Officers," followed, and in proposing it, the W.M. referred in a feeling manner to the loss sustained by the Pro Grand Master by the unfortunate death of his beloved and lamented wife.

Bro. Martin, in responding, said he rose with much gratitude, yet with a great tinge of sorrow, to thank them for coupling his name with so important a toast, and that sorrow must be shared with and felt by every Mason not only in the United Kingdom, but wherever brethren were scattered over the face of the earth and water who have heard or would hear of the great and terrible loss sustained the day before, by their esteemed and respected Pro Grand Master, Earl Lathom. Those who knew his lordship knew him to be one of the most genial, courteous, kind-hearted gentlemen in the world, while, as a Mason, he had been the right hand, and of the greatest help to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in the discharge of his high and important duties as Pro G. M. in the Prince's absence from Grand Lodge; and yet, in the midst of all this, the hand of death had been stretched out, and the wife of his manhood, and the mother of his children, had been taken from him without a moment's notice. It was sad to lose a wife, or loved relative, even after days of sickness, when one could see the life slowly ebbing away, but how much more to be taken in a moment, in the midst of health and happiness, driving home from the hunting-field. He trusted that T.G.A.O.T.U. would support their Pro Grand Master, and comfort him under his heavy affliction. He (Bro. Martin) had had the honour of being invested by their Pro G.M. with the collar of a Grand Officer, and should never forget the kind and gracious manner with which his lordship received him, and now he uttered that which he felt was not only the prayer of his heart, but of every Mason in England. May the Almighty succour and soothe him in this his great hour of trial!

The distinguished brother's speech was most impressive, and was listened to with evident sympathy by all present.

Bro. Higgs then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said they lived in hopes of seeing the excellent working, of which the W.M. was capable, done as time went on, and that at the expiration of his office it would be found worthy of the lodge.

The W.M., in response, said that he also wished, as the I.P.M. had said, that at the end of his term of office he might be able to win their approbation. He should use his best endeavours to do so, and also to promote the harmony and prestige of the lodge, so as, if possible, to leave it to his successor more prosperous than even it was at that moment.

Bro. Higgs, in response to an enthusiastic toasting as "Installing Officer," said it afforded him a very great amount of pleasure to respond to their hearty reception of the toast. He had had a very good year of office, and in retiring from the chair had, he believed, left it in as good a position as he found it. He hoped to live for many years to come to be with them, and assist the W.M. or any of the brethren by every means in his power. As for their handsome jewel which the W.M. had just pinned upon his breast, he prized it second to none of his possessions, and should wear it, he hoped, worthily, and then when the time came when he must give it up, he would hand it down to his son, who was present, as an heirloom.

In responding for "The Charities of the Order," Bro. Oakley, P.M. and Treas., regretted the absence of Bro. Terry, who he trusted would have been present to have said. However, as Bro. Terry was not present, he would, to the best of his abilities, try to show them how their own lodge stood with regard to the Charities. Their

Permanent Benevolent Association was founded less than four years ago, and in that time they had gathered in £435, and had paid to the Institution for Aged Freemasons £141 15s.; to the Boys' £136 10s.; and to the Girls' £120 15s.; thus creating 16 Life Governors and 44 Life Subscribers, and had £36 15s. in deferred ballots. They had 59 members holding 108 shares, which did not include the 24 shares completed. Sixpence per week for four years made a Life Subscriber, and one shilling per week for the same time a Life Governor. Benevolence and Charity—the chief Masonic virtues—should need no commendation. Help the aged and fatherless, and join their Association. He recited a dream having reference to the above subject, and after a skillful rendering of the same, was cheered for his efforts.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Visitors," "The Initiates," "The Officers," and Tyler's toast.

Some excellent singing by Bros. G. Burney, P.M., Sec.; G. Sly, P.M.; W. Powley, J. Hewett, E. W. Carpenter, J. S. Fowler, and A. Mathams enlivened the proceedings, which were in every way most enjoyable.

### St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259.

This lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Thorne, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., when there were present Bros. H. G. Fenton, W.M.; T. Barber, I.P.M.; G. Eland, S.W.; E. Hirst, J.W.; B. Maskill, Treas.; J. Constable, Sec.; T. J. Smith, J.D.; W. P. Robotham, Org.; J. Dugdale, I.S.B.; R. Brew, I.G.; T. Tomlinson, Stwd.; F. Pine, Tyler; A. L. Peace, P.M.; J. H. Bletcher, P.M.; S. H. C. Ashlin, P.M.; E. Shillito, and J. Acaster.

A ballot was taken for Mr. E. Donkin, which was declared unanimous.

This being the W.M.'s first night a supper was provided by mine host Bro. Maskill, which all enjoyed, a few complimentary toasts and songs following.

### Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge, No. 2432.

The installation meeting of this successful lodge—the members of which are almost exclusively connected in their business pursuits with the fragrant weed—was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn, on the 25th ultimo. The members present included Bros. W. Klingenstein, P.M. 73 and 1540, W.M.; D. Phillips, P.M., I.P.M.; W. H. Lowry, P.M., S.W.; W. F. Bates, P.M., J.W.; Geo. Ransford, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; W. H. Bullock, P.M., Sec.; C. H. Ransford, S.D.; T. Rayner, J.D.; G. Emblin, P.M., D.C.; H. Mavor, I.G.; A. Pringle, P.M.; S. Klingenstein, P.M. 73; W. Pearson, A. Simpson, M. B. Lane, R. Custance, P.M. 975; and others. Visitors: Bros. C. W. Bailey, 1839; F. E. Thomson, W. Curry, Treas. 2331; J. E. Clark, 2601; M. Beedle, 1287; D. Hill, I.P.M., Sec. 185; F. W. Harris, 177; A. Osborn, 25; W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D.; and others.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and a satisfactory audit report adopted. Bro. W. H. Lowry, P.M., was next presented as W.M. elect and impressively installed into the chair by Bro. Klingenstein, who was invested as I.P.M. The following officers were appointed: Bros. W. F. Bates, P.M., S.W.; C. H. Ransford (the first initiate of the lodge, J.W.); G. Ransford, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; W. H. Bullock, P.M., Sec.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., Chap.; T. Rayner, S.D.; R. Ambler, J.D.; A. S. Benjamin, I.G.; G. Emblin, P.M., D.C.; M. B. Lane, Org.; and O. C. Moore, A. Zicalotti, A. F. Jones, and H. Cozens, Stwds. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Klingenstein, I.P.M., in recognition of his distinguished services as W.M., and was appropriately acknowledged. It was arranged to hold the customary ladies' banquet, and a small Committee was elected to make the necessary arrangements. A vote of condolence was passed to the I.P.M., expressing sympathy with him in the loss he had sustained by the sudden death of his brother. Several propositions for initiation were received, and the lodge was closed.

After banquet, the usual toasts were briefly given and heartily received.

In proposing "The Grand Officers" the W.M. made appropriate and feeling reference to the tragic death of the Countess of Lathom, expressing the sympathy of all present with the Pro Grand Master in the irreparable loss he had sustained.

Bro. Phillips, P.M., submitted "The Health of the W. Master," which he said only required to be mentioned to be received with enthusiasm. Their W.M. had passed through the chair at another lodge, and if he but followed in the footsteps of their I.P.M., he would gain their unanimous approval.

Bro. W. H. Lowry, P.M., W.M., thanked Bro. Phillips for the very kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for so cordially receiving it. He assured them that he had the interest of the lodge at heart, and anything he could do to promote its welfare would be cheerfully done to the best of his ability.

The W.M. next gave "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," and expressed his regret that the recipient of his remarks was unable to stay to banquet owing to the death of his brother. Bro. Klingenstein, I.P.M., had proved himself a thorough Master of the installation ceremony and Masonic ritual generally. He had known the I.P.M. for 30 years and was confident that no better Mason existed.

Bro. Phillips, acting I.P.M., responded on behalf of the I.P.M., and thanked the brethren for their kindness.

In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. cordially welcomed them in the name of the lodge.

The visiting brethren suitably responded.

"The Past Masters" was next submitted, the W.M. remarking that they were all good working members, capable of taking any position in the lodge.

Bros. Pringle, P.M., and Emblin, P.M., D.C., replied.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" afforded the W.M. an opportunity of eulogising the valuable services of Bros. Ransford, P.M., Treasurer, and Bullock, P.M., Secretary.

Bro. G. Ransford, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Treasurer, said he was pleased to tell them there was a clean balance-sheet, every member having fully paid up, which was almost unprecedented. As long as he retained their confidence he would dispense their funds to the best of his ability, and he only hoped that a year hence the report would be as favourable.

Bro. Bullock, P.M., Secretary, also acknowledged the toast, after which the W.M. proposed "The Masonic Charities," and coupled with it the name of the S.W., who will represent the lodge at the Centenary Festival of the Boys' School.

Bro. W. F. Bates, P.M., S.W., said that to respond to this important toast was one of the greatest pleasures he had experienced. It was well known to all that their three glorious Institutions could not exist unless they contributed to their maintenance, and knowing as they did the excellent manner in which they were worked to secure such good results, it was naturally a good encouragement to do all they could for their advancement. He made up his mind some months ago to go up as Steward for the Boys' School and was pleased to hear the announcement that he would represent this lodge. He would do his best to secure a good list and one worthy of their lodge, and appealed to the brethren to assist him in doing so.

"The Officers" concluded a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

Bro. Walter Perrins directed the musical arrangements, and was assisted by Miss Violet Carter, Miss Theresa Kellaway, and Bros. Harry Bluff, and J. Brittan (pianist).

### Holloway Lodge, No. 2601.

This successful lodge held its regular meeting at Deale's Restaurant, Holloway-road, N., on Wednesday, the 17th ult., and there was a large attendance of brethren and visitors, and as ladies were invited to the banquet and concert the meeting was rendered specially attractive. Bro. Fred Varley, the W.M., opened the lodge, and passed Bro. Kirby to the Second Degree, and initiated Bro. G. H. Crisp, in a very able and impressive manner, into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. After a satisfactory sum had been voted for the forthcoming Festival of aged Freemasons, to be placed on the list of the W.M., as the Steward representing the lodge, the business was concluded, and the brethren adjourned to the reception room where the W.M. and Mrs. Fred Varley received the ladies and visitors, Mrs. Varley being presented with a beautiful bouquet of choice flowers.

The brethren and guests after the reception, entered the grand hall, and about 100 sat down to an excellent banquet which was served in an admirable manner.

After grace, the W.M. proposed the usual Masonic toasts, which were ably responded to by Bros. James Terry, I.P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; Vincent Lerner, Treas.; and H. J. Macfarlane, P.M., Sec.

The toast of "The Initiate" was suitably replied to by Bro. Crisp, and that of "The Visitors" by Bros. J. B. Sorrell, P.M. 1260; H. Huntly, W.M. 1499; and Hrauda, W.M. elect 1283.

A delightful programme of music was given during the evening under the direction of Bro. Arthur Briscoe, P.M., the organist of the lodge, and the artistes were Miss Mary Hutton, Miss Mary Lund, Miss A. Dearden, Messrs. Ascoli, Fred Rome, Walter Banks, and Holden Walker.

Carriages were ordered at 11.30, but it was nearly 12 before a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

The officers present were Bros. Fred Varley, W.M.; R. Pain Walkden, J.W.; V. Larner, Treas.; H. J. Macfarlane, Sec.; W. Kettle, S.D.; E. N. Butler, J.D.; G. T. Harrup, I.G.; Gordon Larner, D.C.; and H. J. Grimwade, H. B. Wedlake and W. P. King, Stwds.

The number of brethren and visitors and ladies present is too numerous to mention.

### New Brighton Lodge, No. 2619.

At the last regular meeting of the above lodge, the W.M., Bro. Col. C. S. Dean, P.P.S.G.W., and officers invited the W.M. and members of the Croxteth Lodge, No. 786, West Lancashire, to visit them, and the following availed themselves of the opportunity, viz.: Bros. A. Fisher, W.M.; J. A. Cornett, S.W.; R. P. Cornett, J.W.; W. Irvine, I.P.M.; E. G. Stopford Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.D.; H. F. Burrows, P.M., P.S.G.D.; E. Sherwood, P.M., P.P.G.D.; S. B. Cottrell, Sec.; F. E. P. Edwards, Org.; E. T. Tucker, W. H. Hesketh, R. W. Lee, J. A. Gray, and J. F. Swift, Org.

In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Colonel C. S. Dean, the chair was occupied by Bro. J. C. Robinson, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancs, I.P.M., who was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. W. O. Callow, P.M., W.M. 2657; P. Davies, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; J. Roby, S.W.; S. Jude, P.M., P.G. Std., J.W.; J. M. Stewart Edwards, P.M., Treas.; T. Price, Sec.; W. A. Short, I.G.; R. Mountfield, Org.; W. Quilliam, Stwd.; W. J. Doran, Tyler; F. A. Ravenscroft, E. Russell Taylor, Seymour W. Taylor, the Rev. C. Hylton Stewart, P.G. Chap.; T. M. Stanbury, P.G.S.B.; C. T. Ramsey, W. H. Moss, J. F. Carr, E. Holt, and H. B. Kent.

Lodge having been opened, the ballot was taken for Mr. Alfred Lionel Briscoe, M.A., Barrister-at-law, and was declared to be unanimous in his favour; he being present was regularly initiated. Bro. Charles T. Ramsey, being in attendance, was duly passed.

After the usual lodge business had been transacted, the new banner, which had been presented to the lodge by the energetic Secretary, Bro. Thomas Price, was unveiled. It is a beautiful piece of work, bearing the arms of the lodge—a lighthouse, with the tide rolling in, surmounting the motto (*Lux Effulgens*), and was much admired by all present.

In thanking the donor, Bro. J. Roby, S.W., expressed the feelings of the members to him in an effective speech.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, during which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed.

The toast of the evening was "The Visitors," and, in replying, the visitors expressed themselves as highly pleased with their visit, and suggested that the new departure of inviting a lodge *en bloc* should be made an annual event.

An excellent musical programme was performed under the able direction of Bro. R. Mountfield, Org.

## Mark Masonry.

### Percy Lodge, No. 114.

The installation meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Angel Hotel, Guildford, on Thursday, the 11th ult. Present: Bros. T. Aitken, P.P.G.D.C., W.M.; A. H. Salter, Prov. G. Stwd., S.W.; W. M. elect; T. Dowse, M.O.; T. White, and others. Visitors: Bros. C. F. Passmore, P.M., Prov. G. Org.; C. T. Tyler, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Shaw, P.M. 8, Master elect 2317; and Dr. Wellington Lake, Registrar 1395.

Lodge having been opened, Bro. C. F. Passmore very ably installed the Master elect, Bro. A. H. Salter. The addresses having been very impressively delivered by Bro. C. T. Tyler, P.P.G.W., the officers were invested and the names of two joining members were handed in. Bro. T. Aitken announced his intention to act as Steward for the R.M.I. for Boys at the Centenary Festival.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren dined together under the presidency of the W.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

### Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 238.

A meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 16th ult., when there were present Bros. the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., W.M.; T. B. Dodson, S.W.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M., as J.W.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; A. Tisley, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; A. N. Clemow, P.M.; and H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.S.G.D.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. Hawkins and Bolton, of 860, and it being unanimous, they were duly advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. by the Secretary. Bro. R. Burleton, J.W., sent an apology for non-attendance.

The lodge was then closed. Refreshment followed labour.

The W.M., as usual, presided most happily, his speeches being models of diction. Bro. H. J. Lardner responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers." In concluding his remarks, he congratulated the newly-advanced brethren on joining a lodge bearing so illustrious a name, and one in which so much good fellowship and harmony prevailed. He had been a very frequent visitor to No. 238, and always cherished a pleasing and lively recollection of the working of the lodge, and the thoroughly enjoyable proceedings of the hospitable board.

"The Advancers" followed.

In response to this toast, Bros. Hawkins and Bolton expressed the pleasure it had afforded them to be present that evening. They respectively passed an opinion that the Degree was a most interesting one, and regretted that they had not joined it earlier in their Masonic career.

Bro. Alfred Tisley responded in quaint terms on behalf of "The Past Masters."

The W.M. gave "The Officers." In the course of his remarks, he said that he personally was sorry that circumstances had prevented Bro. Dodson, S.W., from attending the installation meeting. However, at their next meeting the election of Master would again take place, and he felt confident that the brethren would unanimously elect their respected Senior Warden to occupy the highest position the lodge could bestow. He had shown his interest in the lodge that evening by introducing two old friends into the Degree, and had performed his part of the ceremony well. Bro. Dodson was by no means a young Mason, and his name was highly respected in the Dalhousie Lodge and Chapter as a good worker. In conclusion, he trusted that in good time Bro. Dodson would shine equally as well in the Mark Degree. Bro. Burleton, J.W., was another highly-respected member of the Dalhousie, and had evinced a warm interest in that happy little lodge.

The toast having been warmly received, Bro. Dodson replied in a humorous speech.

During the evening the W.M. and Bros. Dodson, Lardner, and Tisley entertained the brethren. Bro. F. W. Driver, among other poems, delivered his excellent lines on the Mark Degree.

BRO. THE LORD MAYOR will probably hold the Wardmote to fill the aldermanic vacancy in Queenhithe Ward on Thursday, the 9th inst. Several names are mentioned as candidates to be declared after the funeral of the late esteemed alderman, Bro. Sir George Tyler. Among them are Bro. Sheriff Dewar and Mr. Deputy Pim n.

ALDERMAN SIR GEORGE FAUDEL-PHILLIPS, as Treasurer of the Mansion House Relief Fund, has made a final remittance of £2553 to the Central Committee of the Indian Famine Fund of Calcutta. The Fund, which is now closed, has been in existence nearly 11 months, during which time £543,366 has been forwarded to India.

## Royal Arch.

### Fidelity Chapter, No. 3.

The election meeting of this ancient chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Among those present were Comps. Major T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G. D.C., M.E.Z.; Mapleton, H.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., J.; W. E. Collens, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., S.E.; Lieut.-Col. W. Hart, S.N.; Nash, P.S.; F. Graves, P.Z.; F. McDougall, P.Z.; H. Ratcliffe, P.Z.; and Larcombe, P.Z. Visitors: Comps. Dr. J. W. Hinton, P.Z. 84, P.P.G.O.; C. R. Ellis, P.Z. 1981; and W. H. Swannell, 17.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot having been duly taken, Bro. Campbell, 256, was exalted to the R.A. Degree. The following elections then took place: Comps. Mapleton, M.E.Z.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., H.; Lieut.-Col. Hart, J.; W. E. Collens, P.Z., S.E.; Nash, S.N.; J. Heming, P.Z., Treas.; Birch, P.S.; Pratt, 1st A.S.; and Giddard, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to the M.E.Z. Comp. Mapleton, First Principal elect, was elected to represent the chapter at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and a notice of motion given to vote a sum to head his list. It having been reported that Comp. J. Heming, P.Z., Treas., had met with a severe accident, a vote of sympathy was passed, and the S.E. directed to forward the same. The resignation of Comp. Larter was received with regret. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. J. Heming, P.Z.; Weeks, P.Z.; Stevens, P.Z.; Birch, P.Z.; S. Cochrane, P.G. Treas.; and others.

The chapter was then closed.

A banquet followed, and, upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts were duly honoured.

The proceedings were greatly enlivened by the instrumental and vocal harmony of Comps. Dr. Hinton, Nash, Ellis, and Radcliffe.

### Zetland Chapter, No. 603.

A regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Tofts, Cleckheaton, on Friday, the 10th ult. In the absence of Comp. S. H. Stocks, M.E.Z., P.P. G.D.C., Comp. W. Allatt, Prov. G.D.C., a founder of the chapter, presided. Among those present were Comps. Wm. Sharp, H.; John T. Last, J.; S. Mortimer, S.N.; Jas. Clough, P.S.; Alfred Woodhead and Dr. J. L. Parke, Asst. Sojs.; C. F. Forshaw, J. R. Peat, Dr. S. Lodge, jun., and R. J. Bateman. Comps. Dr. S. Jacobs, P.Z., P.Z. 803, P.P.G.O., and Joseph Wilson, P.Z. 302, P.P.G. Std. Br., were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Harry Lea, 154, was elected a candidate for exaltation at a future meeting. The first and second lectures were respectively given by Comps. Allatt and Last. Apologies were received for the unavoidable absence of a number of the members, after which the chapter was closed and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

### St. Dunstan's Chapter, No. 1589.

The installation meeting of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 11th ult. Among those present were Comps. R. Evans, M.E.Z.; H. W. Clemow, P.S., M.E.Z. elect, H.; W. Farrington, J., H. elect; J. W. Gaze, C.C., P.Z., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C., S.E.; J. R. Phillips, S.N., J. elect; F. Farrington, P.Z.; W. E. Farrington, P.Z.; H. H. Nuding, P.Z.; and H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br. (hon. member). Comp. Longhurst was a visitor.

The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Silverwood for exaltation, and for Comps. Longhurst and Dr. Millsom as joining members, the first-named was unable to attend. Comp. H. J. Lardner, P.Z., installed the three Principals in a faultless manner. The following investitures took place: Comps. Major Walls, S.E.; Longhurst, S.N.; J. W. Gaze, P.Z., Treas.; and J. Gilbert, Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Principal, and a Past Principal's jewel was presented to Comp. R. Evans.

Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. W. T. Farthing, P.Z.; T. A. Woodbridge, C.C., P.Z.; and others. The chapter was then closed.

The companions partook of an excellent banquet. The First Principal presided in an admirable manner, his speeches being pertinent and brief.

The toast of "The Installing Principal" was received with acclamation. The M.E.Z. congratulated the chapter upon its good fortune in having as an honorary member one upon whom the mantle of their late friend and Companion Lieut.-Col. H. Ratcliffe has fallen, the work that night being most excellently done.

Comp. Lardner returned thanks in modest terms.

Comp. R. Evans responded on behalf of "The Past Principals."

Comp. Longhurst responded for "The Officers."

The proceedings were somewhat marred by the sudden illness of the Third Principal, who had to be conveyed home.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

### Mount Calvary Chapter, No. 3.

The installation meeting of this old chapter was held on the 12th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, when there were present, among others, Bros. L. Steele, 30, M.W.S.; Dr. V. Jagielski, 1st Gen., M.W.S. elect; J. Speller, 2nd Gen.; H. J. Lardner, 30, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; A. Humphreys, G.M.; Major Baldwin, T. E. Biddlecombe, H. J. Adams, H. Hills, J.P., 30; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.W.S.; G. Gravelley, 30, P.M.W.S.; F. F. Bonney, and F. Egbert Roberts, Asst. Org.

The minutes of the previous chapter having been read and confirmed, Ill. Bro. L. Steele installed Ex. Bro. Dr. Victor Jagielski, as M.P.S. Among the officers appointed and invested were Bros. J. Speller, Prelate; A. Humphreys, 1st G.; T. E. Biddlecombe, 2nd G.; H. J. Lardner, P.M.P.S., Treas.; Major Walls, P.M.P.S., Recorder and G.M.; H. J. Adams, R.; Dr. Hinton, D.C.; H. Hills, J.P., Herald; C. Slater, C. of Gds.; D. Lott, Org.; and E. Roberts, Asst. Org. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Sovereign. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family of the late Ill. Bro. W. Paas, P.M.W.S., recently deceased, who had been connected with the chapter for upwards of 34 years, and whose services as Treasurer were of an invaluable character. A similar vote was passed to Ex. Bro. G. Pigache, P.M.W.S., whose loss of his daughter at the early age of 19 years had plunged him and his family into the greatest grief. Apologies were received from Bros. Dr. Coffin, 30; Lieut.-Col. Stchwasser, 30; Dr. E. M. Lott, 31; Capt. G. Carpenter, G. Grimwood, J.P.; Dr. J. W. Hinton, W. Fisher, Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., and others. It was unanimously resolved that "The July meeting be discontinued and that the month of June be substituted for it."

The chapter was then closed.

The banquet was held at the Café Royal.

The usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

An agreeable feature of the proceedings was a programme of music carefully arranged by Bro. Egbert Roberts, with the able assistance of Miss Amy Fletcher, soprano, and Miss Armgaat-Allen, violinist. The first-named sang Bro. Prof. Driver's "Our Queen," with great effect, the words of this excellent effusion appeared in our issue of July 3rd last. The brethren heartily joined in the stirring chorus, the words of which every loyal subject must endorse—

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## Masonic Notes.

The proceedings in Grand Lodge on Wednesday evening attracted a numerous gathering of the brethren, but the Paper of Agenda was not a heavy one, and the several items set down for consideration were disposed of without serious controversy. There was, however, one matter which had necessarily not been provided for in the programme, and which elicited the deepest feelings of sympathy with the distinguished brother it directly concerned. We allude, of course, to the recent sad death of the Countess of Lathom, who on several occasions had manifested the greatest interest in Masonry. A vote of condolence with Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., M.W. Pro G.M.—than whom there is no more deservedly popular brother in the whole Craft of England—in his great affliction was moved by the Acting Grand Master, in behalf of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, and there is no need to tell our readers that the motion was carried amid every possible manifestation of sorrow on the part of the brethren present. We trust this vote may have the effect of alleviating, to some extent, the very great grief with which our distinguished brother has been prostrated since the occurrence of the fatal accident to his wife.

This, as we have said, was outside the programme of Agenda, but the business set down was disposed of promptly. Bro. Lt.-Col. Clifford Probyn was the only brother nominated to fill the office of Grand Treasurer during the year 1898-9. He is therefore to all intents and purposes at this present time Grand Treasurer elect, and we offer him accordingly our felicitations on the further progress he has made in the Craft. Bro. W.F. Lamony's motion for a new article to be inserted in the Book of Constitutions against canvassing for any

elective office and imposing certain penalties on any who might be found guilty of that offence, was rejected, not because Grand Lodge does not desire that this offence should be put down, but because the scheme as proposed in Bro. Lamony's motion did not appear to be workable. We regret this because there is no doubt whatever that this practice of touting for support for these elective offices has been very largely adopted by some who would never have attained to their present prominent position in Masonry had it not been for the very large number of votes which they were successful in obtaining by their touting. Perhaps a more workable scheme may yet be discovered, which will allow of elective offices being filled up without recourse being had to this objectionable practice.

As for the proposal recommended by the Board of General purposes, namely, that the Grand Secretary's stipend, which now stands at £1000 per annum, should be augmented forthwith to £1250 and then by annual increments of £50 to £1500, Grand Lodge, as we anticipated it would do, has adopted the proposal. It recognises that during the six years that have elapsed since the Grand Secretary was appointed to office, the duties and responsibilities attaching to the post have been materially increased, and it is desirous that the stipend should be commensurate with those duties and responsibilities, especially when they are so ably and conscientiously discharged as they have been by the present G. Secretary during his tenure of the position.

The Quarterly Communication of Mark Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 30th ult. Two or three incidents occurred which were not included in the Agenda, and hence the proceedings were of a less formal character than we had reason to anticipate. The Report of the General Board was accepted, and Bro. W. M. Stiles, who is Past G. Treasurer in Craft and Royal Arch Masonry, was nominated as Grand Treasurer of the Mark during the ensuing year. As Bro. Stiles was the only nominee for the office, he is virtually G. Treasurer elect, and we tender him our congratulations accordingly. We also note with pleasure that the gallery of portraits of Past Grand Masters received a valuable addition in the "counterfeit presentment" of Bro. Earl Amherst, who, when Viscount Holmesdale, filled the office of Grand Master during the period from 1863-1866. The portrait was presented by Bro. Hughes Hallett on behalf of the Province of Kent, with which Lord Amherst has been so closely associated in Masonry for so many years, and to which the thanks of Grand Lodge were most cordially voted.

As regards the foregoing matters, which are more fully described in our report of the proceedings, the business passed off most agreeably. But it was in the natural order of things that a vote of sympathy should be proposed with Bro. the Earl of Lathom in the terrible bereavement he has recently experienced. His lordship, when Lord Skelmersdale, presided over the fortunes of the Mark Degree from 1879-1882, and, in addition, has been Prov. Grand Master of Lancashire since March, 1876, and in the loss he has sustained by the death of the Countess of Lathom, it is, as we have said, but natural that those should express their condolence with his lordship and his lordship's family to whom he has rendered such signal services, and by whom he is so sincerely beloved and respected.

We intend reserving for our Christmas number the full account of the grand Masonic gathering at Divine Service in St. Paul's Cathedral, on the afternoon of the 2nd instant, in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the Cathedral having been opened for public worship, and out of respect for the tradition that the architect, Sir Christopher Wren, was a Mason and Master of the Lodge of Antiquity, and that most of the workmen under him were Masons. We may state, however, briefly that, in spite of the arrangements made by the Committee in charge, everything within the Cathedral passed off admirably. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., was represented in the absence of the Pro and Deputy G. Masters by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

We publish readily the letter which appears in another column from Bro. Geo. Richards, Dist. Grand Master for the Transvaal, on our article of last week, entitled "A Fair Subject for Inquiry." We take leave, however, to point out that the Dist. G. Officer, Central

South Africa, to whom certain brethren applied for advice as to how they should proceed in order to obtain a warrant for a Royal Arch chapter is not one and the same with Bro. R. M. Roberts, Dist. Grand Master, to whom the Principals and P.Zs. of the two English Royal Arch chapters at Kimberley addressed their letter of remonstrance against the conduct of the Dist. Grand Officer in question. Thus the material part of Bro. Richards's criticism falls to the ground.

We are pleased to be in a position to supplement our "Note" of last week as to Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., Patron and Treasurer, having kindly consented to preside at the 110th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, with the further announcement that the date fixed for its celebration is Wednesday, the 18th May next.

In our report last week of the installation meeting, on the 10th ultimo, of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, we stated that Bro. Ernest Clarke was invested as S.W.; and Bro. Baron de Bush, as J.W. The latter was appointed S.W., and Bro. Ernest Clarke, M.D., the J.W. It was the S.W. (Bro. Baron de Bush) who replied for "The Officers." We also omitted to state that Bro. Maj. Henry Wright, P.M., was re-appointed the D.C., Bro. Sir John Monckton, who nominated him in the lodge, and installed him as W.M. many years ago, complimenting Bro. Wright in lodge for his manner of directing the ceremonies.

It is with very great pleasure we announce that Bro. J. W. Woodall, Past G. Treasurer, has very kindly undertaken to deliver a lecture before the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Wood Green, on Tuesday, the 7th instant, at 7.30 p.m. The proceedings will take place in the Assembly Hall, and the lecture, which will be illustrated by dissolving views, will be entitled "A Trip to Canada." We have no doubt the boys will appreciate the kindness which has prompted Bro. Woodall to describe to them one of the most important of our Colonial possessions, nor will the friends of the Institution be less ready than the boys themselves in their acknowledgments of the service he is thus rendering.

We learn with regret that in the report of the White Rose of York Lodge, No. 2491, which appeared in our issue of the 13th ult., the name of Bro. W. S. Hepper should have been associated, by mistake, in place of Bro. J. V. Thomas, P.M., with the toast of "The Sister Lodges and Visiting Brethren."

A new Masonic Hall is now about to be built at Williamsport, Pa., and on 20th October last Bro. Wm. J. Kelly, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, with the assistance of his Grand Officers, laid the foundation-stone in the presence of a numerous gathering of spectators; who watched with keen interest the unusual proceedings. An oration, suitable to the occasion, was delivered, and when the ceremony was over there was a banquet.

The Grand Lodge of Missouri, which held its annual communication in St. Louis during the latter half of October, appears to be in very flourishing circumstances, notwithstanding that during the year then closed its membership was slightly reduced. The statistical returns then presented show that there were at that date 561 lodges on the roll of Grand Lodge with an aggregate membership of 30,616, or less by 173 than at the close of the preceding year. The receipts during the year amounted to 30,616 dollars, the general fund to 69,472 dollars, and the disbursements to 28,623. Of the several Boards of Relief the St. Louis heads the list with a fund of 846 dollars, and disbursements amounting to 634 dollars, the St. Joseph's Board having 671 dollars and disbursing 101 dollars, while the Kansas City Board had funds amounting to 2375 dollars and disbursed 796 dollars. The new Grand Master for the present year is Bro. F. J. Tygard, while Bro. the Rev. John D. Vincil retains the post of G. Secretary, which for some time past he has held with honour to himself and to the great advantage of the Craft in Missouri. One of his most arduous duties and at the same time one which he discharges with conspicuous ability is that of compiling the Report on Correspondence which is appended to the published proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its annual communication and at any other meeting which may be held during the year, it being one of the many labours devolving upon Bro. Vincil which show him at his best.

## 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.

"AUDI ALTERAM PARTEM."  
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother

After perusing your leader headed "A Fair Subject for Inquiry," in your issue of the 27th instant, I can readily comprehend the feeling of amazement you experienced when first reading the account of certain circumstances said to have transpired in the Central Division of South Africa; but I do think the feeling of indignation might have been restrained until you were able to ascertain from the District Grand Master at Kimberley if the facts, as submitted to you, were correct and fairly stated.

I fully acknowledge and appreciate the salutary advantages of Masonic criticism, but I would submit that it is hardly fair criticism, even while you claim to "pass no judgment," to assume, before the other side is heard, that "it will be very difficult for the English Grand Lodge Officer to offer a satisfactory explanation of his conduct."

For a period of over 20 years I have known Bro. R. M. Roberts, as P.M. of an English lodge, P.Z. of an English chapter, and P.D.G. Officer of the former D.G. Lodge of Griqualand West, being zealous in Masonic work and careful of the prestige of the Craft, of which he has so long been a member, and I am most unwilling to believe that he will be unable to give a satisfactory reason for any action he may have taken in his District.

I am naturally jealous for the reputation of my brethren in South Africa, and I believe also in the charity that "thinketh no evil" until the evil is clearly proved, and I trust you will accept this letter in the same fraternal spirit in which it is written and share in my hope and belief that no acts of the officer in question will ever have to be described in the words which conclude your leader.—Yours fraternally,

GEO. RICHARDS,  
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West Brighton,  
29th November.

HOME OF ST. BARNABAS.  
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have had several inquiries about the proposed provision of poor and disabled Masonic Clergy in connection with the Home of St. Barnabas. Kindly let me answer them. There is no intention of starting a new Masonic Institution, but in connection with what will certainly be the great beneficent institution of the Church, as it is the only one of the kind in England, two small houses, will be built, and set apart for Clergymen who are Masons. I may also say that, through a printer's error, it was stated in the appeal made to the Craft, that the inmates must have been Chaplains of their lodges. This is a mistake. All Clergy who are brethren are eligible.

Surely, at this Christmas season of rejoicing, many of the brethren will be found to help this good work. I have been sadly disappointed with the result of my appeal to the Craft, not £40 received as yet; and positively we have saved from the workhouse, and are now supporting permanently two brothers of excellent character, who are both poor and sick, one dying of an incurable disease. While large sums are subscribed for purposes outside Freemasonry, it seems to me strange that an appeal from a brother of 42 years' standing, who has always been an active, and, I think I may say, a useful Mason, should not be responded to in a more liberal way. The Craft may be sure that if there was not a great need for their help I would not ask for it.—Yours fraternally,

W. HENRY COOPER, P.M.,  
P.D.G. Chap. Canterbury, N.Z., P.P.G. Chap. Sussex.

Home of St. Barnabas,  
East Grinstead,  
1st December.

## Craft Masonry.

### Rosé of Denmark Lodge, No. 975.

The installation meeting of this well-known lodge took place at the Horns, Kennington Park, on the 19th ult., when there were present Bros. Wm. M. Boud, W.M.; Wm. J. Juby, S.W.; W.M. elect; W. Bishop, J.W.; J. B. Brown, Treas.; T. Toten Willcox, P.M., Sec.; J. Miller, S.D.; W. Gulliford, J.D.; H. C. Parker, I.G.; W. Funge, P.M.; G. Bugler, E. Clarke, P.M.; W. R. Williams, P.M.; C. M. Campbell, P.M.; E. Ayling, P.M.; Geo. White, P.M.; G. H. Parker, H. P. Nelson, E. Tribe, F. Harper, J. Hill, S. Judd, J. Davis, H. H. Friend, Mark Marsh, H. J. Godfrey, G. J. Ayling, Jno. Gilbert, P.M., Tyler; and others. Amongst the numerous visitors were Bros. Chas. J. Digby, P.M. 933 and 2032; J. O'Hara, 1656; Thos. Grant, P.M. 1656 and 2318; E. A. Sturgess, 538; R. Hicks, 704; Jarvis Maples, P.M. 144; H. E. Baldwin, P.M. 1632 and 1949, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; W. Tucker, P.M. 799; J. Featherstone, P.M. 1956; E. Conquest, S.W. 89; S. E. Marsh, Sec. 1254; J. Barnard, 1178; T. G. Hodges, I.P.M. 1623; S. Bately, 169; F. H. Barker, 1539; J. Murray, W.M. 169; T. Mills, Thos. E. Comins, 720; J. Tickle, P.M. 1190; W. J. Lancaster, Linnett, W.M. 1623; and R. T. West, 1744.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the Worshipful Master Bro. Boud, raised Bro. E. Tribe to the Third Degree, Bro. Boud's working of the ritual being excellent. The Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Wm. J. Juby, was then presented and installed into the chair by Bro. Wm. Boud in a most able and praiseworthy manner. The new W.M. invested his officers, giving a kind and appropriate word to each officer. The following brethren are the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. Bishop, S.W.; J. Miller, J.W.; W. P.M., Treas.; T. Toten Willcox, P.M., Sec.; W. Gulliford, S.D.; H. C. Parker, J.D.; J. A. Terry, I.G.; W. Evans and E. Ayling, P.M., D.Cs. T. B. Barnicot, F. C. Harper, G. J. Ayling, and C. M. Campbell, P.M., Stwds.; Mark Marsh, Org.; and J. Gilbert, P.M., Tyler (his 30th year of office in the lodge.) The delivery of the customary addresses was ably given by the outgoing Master, Bro. Boud, and he deserves the highest praise for the efficient way he carried out the whole of the installation ceremony. The W.M., Bro. Juby, then initiated Messrs. Arthur Alderton and Arthur Dullely in a manner that should leave a lasting impression upon the initiates, so well was it done. The W.M. presented, on behalf of the lodge, a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Wm. M. Boud, which, he stated, he did with extreme pleasure, as it could not be bestowed on one more worthy to wear it. He had well filled the chair, and had taken a great interest in the lodge, which had prospered under his efforts, and the members very much appreciated his efficient services, both as Master and Installing Master. In brief, but eloquent terms, Bro. Boud acknowledged the jewel. It bore the following inscription: "Presented by the members of the Rosé of Denmark Lodge, No. 975, to Bro. W. M. Boud, P.M., as a sincere mark of esteem for the admirable and conscientious manner in which he performed the duties of W.M. during his year of office, 1896-7." (Other business followed, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.)

The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in eloquent and original terms, which were duly honoured.

Bro. W. M. Boud, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master, Bro. Juby." He

said the toast was one that was received in every lodge with acclamation, and no words of his were necessary to commend it, except to add that he could recommend the W.M. in many capacities. They were all pleased with his excellent working that night, and they looked forward in the near future of seeing him perform the other two Degrees, because he was well able to do everything appertaining to the ritual.

The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm, and

Bro. Juby, W.M., on rising to respond, had a hearty reception. He said that he fully appreciated their kindness to him and for the way the toast had been received and proposed in such glowing terms by the I.P.M., Bro. Boud, and he hoped to get as near as possible to what had been said of him. When he accepted the high office of Master he did not forget what he had undertaken, and that when one took office in Masonry they should make a little sacrifice. He had given as much time as he could to the Craft, but he was amply repaid by the position he had then the great honour to hold. His predecessor was one of the very best, and if he could follow well in his footsteps he would be gratified. He had had kind promises of support from all the Past Masters, for which he was very thankful, and if he might ask the lay members for their assistance it would complete his happiness. He regretted the absence of Bro. Noble, P.M., and Bro. Bugler through illness, as they had introduced him into Freemasonry, but he hoped they would soon be restored to health. He hoped during his year of office to have a ladies' night and a summer outing, which he hoped would be as great a success as the last.

The W.M. gave "The Installing Master, Bro. Boud." He said that everyone who had known him and had followed his Masonic career was satisfied that he was a great example as a Mason and an ideal W.M. Bro. Boud had filled every office in the lodge most efficiently, and his great services were much appreciated by the members, and would never be forgotten.

Bro. Boud, I.P.M., who was well received, stated that as Master of the Rosé of Denmark Lodge he had done his very best, and might he congratulate himself and the members on his past year of office? He made special reference to the ladies' night in February last and the summer outing, which were both great successes—at least, so the ladies said—and he hoped that such entertainments might be continued in the future. He honoured the jewel which had been presented to him that evening, and should always treasure it. He had received every kindness from them all, and he thanked his officers during the time he occupied the chair for their great assistance.

"The Initiates" was next given by the W.M., who remarked that it was one of the most important toasts of the evening. They must admit that new blood was always necessary. He had the honour of having two initiates at his installation, and he thought they would be sterling Masons and prove an acquisition to the lodge. The initiates had seen only a little that evening; but they had more to learn, and later on they would appreciate the great things in Freemasonry. They were both very old friends of his, and they were also known to many of the members.

Bro. A. Alderton responded. He said it was an honour to have been proposed by the W.M., who appeared to be much respected in the lodge, and he was honoured to be an initiate in the Diamond Jubilee year of her Majesty. There were many there of greater eloquence, but he was of tender heart and felt quite unequal to express in words the joy he felt in being amongst them as a Mason. The ceremony of his initiation was solemn, but beautiful, and he could hardly realise yet what he had gone through. He appreciated the great obligation he had undertaken, and he hoped to do everything that was expected of an initiate. He was glad to have been initiated with his friend, but now Bro. Dullely, and he trusted to do honour to the W.M., and that he would never regret proposing him as a member of the lodge.

Bro. Arthur Dullely also acknowledged the toast. He stated that following the other initiate he hardly knew what he could say, but after what he had gone through he was thankful that he was still alive. (Great laughter.) The W.M. had been kind enough to propose his health, but what he had undergone at the banqueting table would, he thought, impair it. He was, however, gratified to have been elected a member of such a grand Order.

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors" the W.M. observed that they were always welcome, and 26 had honoured them with their presence, and he hoped they had enjoyed the working in the lodge and what had followed. Many of them were experienced and distinguished Masons, and he hoped to see them again. The hour being then late would not permit him to call upon them all to respond, but he joined the names of Bros. Linnett, W.M. 1623; J. Murray, W.M. 169; H. E. Baldwin, P.M.; C. J. Digby, P.M.; W. J. Lancaster, and R. T. West, with the toast.

Bro. Linnett said that he was pleased to have the opportunity of responding. He had been there several times, but that was the first occasion he had attended as W.M. of his lodge. The working was excellent and the visitors had been well received and entertained, and they hoped it would not be the last time they would be asked to come. The W.M. was well able to carry out the duties of his office, and when the time came for him to vacate the chair he thought it would be the unanimous opinion of all that he was a perfect Master.

Bro. J. Murray, W.M. 169, stated that he and the W.M. had attended lodges of instruction together and he felt certain that when his term of office expired the lodge would be in the same happy and prosperous state as it then was.

Bro. H. E. Baldwin, P.M., said that it was his first visit to the lodge, but he had thoroughly enjoyed himself. He was Preceptor of the Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, where he had seen the working of the W.M., who was perfect in the ritual, and his working that evening was the best he had seen in his 20 years' experience as a member of the Craft. The I.P.M. had also done his work well, and he was glad to bear testimony that they were an up-to-date lodge.

Bro. C. J. Digby, P.M., stated that he did not know why he had been called upon to respond to the toast, because there were many there far more eminent and better able to do so. He was pleased to be there, but he had been reminded that evening that it was 13 years ago since he last visited the lodge, which was on the occasion of the installation of his friend, Bro. W. R. Williams, P.M. He was especially gratified to have witnessed the installation of Bro. Juby, and he felt sure the members had not only done an honour to Bro. Juby, but to themselves, in electing him as W.M., and he would adapt himself to any duty he might be called upon to perform, and he wished him a very happy and prosperous year of office. The two initiates he had known for many years, and he was very glad to meet them as Masons, and he thought they would be shining lights in the Craft.

Bro. W. J. Lancaster said that coupling his name with the toast reflected on the judgment of the W.M., because he was only one of the rank and file. However, if there were not good privates, they could not have good officers, as in Masonry, officers came from privates. He concluded an excellent speech in a humorous strain, which elicited much laughter.

Bro. R. T. West also acknowledged the toast.

In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. stated that he looked upon them as the very backbone of the lodge, and they were all good workers. He mentioned each by name, setting out at length their qualifications and what they had done for the lodge, and he associated with the toast the names of Bros. C. M. Campbell, P.M., and G. White, P.M.

In response Bro. C. M. Campbell, P.M., stated that the Past Masters would only be too happy to assist the W.M. and those who would follow him.

Bro. Geo. White also responded, remarking that although the Past Masters were ever willing to do anything to promote the interests of the lodge, they had never had a W.M. who required any assistance from the body of which he was one. The officers invested that day were all good, and he hoped that he and the other Past Masters would be spared to see them installed into the chair of the Rosé of Denmark Lodge.

Bro. W. R. Williams, P.M., said that if time permitted he could dwell at length on the many virtues of the W.M., but he would content himself by observing that he had no doubt that the working during the next 12 months would be, as it always was in the lodge, excellent.

The other toasts were "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," and the W.M. having tendered his best thanks, on behalf of the lodge, to the musical brethren for their splendid entertainment, the Tyler's toast ended a most enjoyable and memorable evening, for which the W.M. is to be congratulated.

One of the features of the evening was the excellent musical entertainment of the Celia Quartette, a very talented body, under the direction of Bro. W. Hiles Smith, which gave great satisfaction. Bro. H. H. Heap, R.A.M., was an able accompanist.

We regret to announce the sudden death of Bro. Juby, W.M., whose installation is recorded above, on the 30th ult., at the age of 52. Bro. Juby was initiated in the Rosé of Denmark Lodge, and served all the offices of importance. He was well-known and highly esteemed in Putney, being a member of the Vestry and Burial Board, and Master of St. Mary's Parochial Schools. The funeral takes place to-day (Friday) in the Putney Lower Common Cemetery.

**Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503.**

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 10th ult. Among those present were Bros. V. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., as W.M. in the absence of Bro. A. Macchi; A. B. Brown, S.W.; J. W. Hinton, Mus. Doc., M.A., P.P.G. Org.; J.W.; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.G. Chap. Middx. Chap.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; H. Bright, S.D.; A. Tompsett, J.D.; E. W. Davis, P.M.; H. H. Room, P.G. Sec. Middx., P.G. Std. Br. (Hon. Member).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. F. F. Bonney, J.W. 957, as a joining member. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. It was proposed by the Chaplain, and seconded by the Treasurer, "That this lodge while acceding to Bro. Past Master Taylor's request to be placed on the non-dining or country list, much regrets the loss of Bro. Taylor's full co-operation and desires to tender him its thanks for the many services he has so ably rendered it in various capacities throughout the long period of upwards of 20 years of his active membership; and that this resolution be entered on the minutes and a copy of it be sent to Bro. Taylor." The resolution was unanimously carried. Bro. W. Fisher then ably installed Bro. A. B. Brown, S.W., Master elect. as W.M., who appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. Dr. Hinton, S.W.; H. Bright, J.W.; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., Chap.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., Sec.; E. Tompsett, S.D.; F. F. Bonney, J.D.; and G. Harrison, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Master. The W.M. was elected as an additional Steward to represent the lodge at the Centenary Festival of the R.M.I. for Boys in 1898.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M.; W. Taylor, P.M.; A. Macchi, P.M.; A. Toulmin, jun., P.M.; and others. The lodge was then closed.

A banquet followed. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts received full justice.

Bro. H. H. Room made an eloquent speech in responding to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of the Joining Member" was given in happy terms by the Worshipful Master.

Bro. Bonney, in reply, made an interesting statement that his grandfather had been the legal adviser and shared the captivity of the famous Sir Francis Burdett, who was imprisoned in the Tower. He was particularly grateful to his proposer and second and to the brethren of No. 1503 in receiving him as a member, and he should look forward to the time when by their suffrages he might hold the position of W.M. in a lodge bearing so distinguished a name.

Bro. W. Fisher responded on behalf of "The Past Masters," and thanked the brethren for the vote of thanks they had passed to him that day as Installing Officer. He was sorry that Bro. Macchi, I.P.M., had not been present.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," eulogised the services of Bro. Briggs, whose care of their funds and general zeal had been so beneficial to the lodge.

Bro. Briggs, P.M., replied.

The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Dr. Hinton and Bright, terminated the proceedings.

**Windermere Lodge, No. 2217.**

The brethren of this lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John at the Masonic Hall, Old-road, Windermere, on Thursday, the 11th ultimo, when Bro. Joseph G. Simpkin, P.P.G. Std. Br. Leicestershire and Rutland, was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. Winder, the retiring W.M., who was ably assisted by Bro. Tolson, P.S.G.D. Bro. Simpkin invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Cowperthwaite, S.W.; J. C. Harrison, J.W.; J. Theobald, Treas.; L. G. Thompson, Sec.; T. Crosthwaite, S.D.; T. M. Holmes, J.D.; H. W. Baron, D.C.; T. H. Mawson, Org.; J. Tyson, I.G.; E. Whittaker and G. Middleton, Stewards; and J. N. Gibson, Tyler.

The lodge was honoured with the presence of Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, J.P., Deputy P.G.M.; and the Board of Installed Masters included, beside those already mentioned, Bros. Hunter, Horrax, Bradley, Brickells, and Buckley. Among the visitors were Bros. Buzzard, Musgrove, Rigg, and De Rome.

The banquet was subsequently served in splendid style by Bro. Raine at the Windermere Assembly Rooms, after which the customary toasts were given, several with musical honours.

**Scots Lodge, No. 2319.**

The Scots Lodge celebrated St. Andrew's Night at the ordinary November meeting of the lodge at the Holborn Restaurant, on the 25th ult. Bro. Dr. D. M. Forbes, W.M., presided, and among other brethren present were Bros. James Thomson, I.P.M.; D. Robertson Duncan, S.W.; E. Johnston Gordon, P.M., P.Z., J.W.; D. Angus Ross, Sec.; D. F. Gellion, P.M., Trustee; Wm. Craig, S.D.; Ashley O. P. Gordon, J.D.; T. Sandilands, I.G.; J. D. Balfour, A.D.C.; J. Whitehead, I.P.M.; P. Black, T. Charteris, John Macgregor, John Plenderleith, P. S. Mallory, A. Davidson Arnott, Org.; besides Sergt. Peter Maclean, Piper; and John Latta, Tyler.

The lodge having been opened, Mr. William Bain was initiated, and afterwards arrangements were made for the ladies' banquet, concert, and ball during the ensuing winter.

An excellent banquet, as usual, followed the working of the lodge, and the customary toasts were proposed and honoured, some very good singing interspersing the various speeches.

Bro. Dr. D. M. Forbes, W.M., in proposing "The M.W. the Pro G.M.," said he was sorry, as all the brethren were, to know that the Earl of Lathom had sustained in the last few days a most severe bereavement in the sudden death, through an accident, of the Countess of Lathom. His lordship had the sympathy of every Freemason, because they knew there was no better Mason than he. The late Countess was a Freemason in heart, and took a great interest in the Masonic Charities. Both she and her husband supported those Charities immensely, and were well known to all those who were interested in the success of those Institutions. All Freemasons sympathised with Lord Lathom and family in their sad affliction, and hoped that the G.A.O.T.U. would bring them consolation and comfort in their hour of trial.

Bro. James Thomson, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M., Bro. Dr. Forbes," said the brethren had all been delighted with the style in which the W.M. had performed his first initiation ceremony in the Scots Lodge that evening. They had further great pleasure at the delightful meeting they were having in the new domicile of the lodge at the Holborn Restaurant, and they had to thank Dr. Forbes for his persistency in pressing the removal from the Scottish Corporation Hall.

Bro. Dr. Forbes, W.M., responding, said this was the second meeting the lodge had had at the Holborn Restaurant. They could ask the visitors if they had enjoyed themselves at the St. Andrew's banquet, as they stated most flatteringly that they had at the installation meeting. He, himself conceived it a great improvement. He could assure the brethren that whatever he put his hand to he carried out. He was one of those Scotchmen who, when they took up a subject, stuck to it like grim death.

Bro. Dr. Forbes, W.M., next proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. James Thomson," a most energetic P.M., no one more energetic from the moment he was a founder. Bro. Thomson would always have the keenest interest in the Scots Lodge, and in its taking up its proper position. Bro. Edmeston, at the last banquet, said it was not to the credit of Scotchmen that they were not all members of the Scots Lodge. Well, he thought the lodge ought to be more numerous than it was, although the brethren ought to be thankful for the success it had had. It was owing to the P.Ms. and other brethren that that success had been achieved. To no one was it more due than to the worthy I.P.M.

Bro. James Thomson, I.P.M., in reply, observed that that was the first time the toast had been proposed when his name was not connected with that of some other brother. He took it as a great and deep mark of the brethren's respect; but he did not know why he should feel he had to call up all his powers. He supposed it was because the brethren had had such a good dinner. There was nothing to be said as I.P.M. of that lodge for the way it had gone on in the past; they were all delighted to see its success, and if he could be of any use in infusing life into it he would do it.

Bro. Dr. Forbes, W.M., proposed "The Initiate," and said he was glad to see Bro. Bain was a native of his own county—Caithness—and that he was his (Dr Forbes's)

first initiate in that lodge. There were good men from the north always, the best men, as well as good fellowship in the north. They had shown that to the world. The Gordon Highlanders had shown what they were worth. He felt that Lord Wolseley, who was trying to come down south to Liverpool and London to get them to join the Army, should go to Glenelg in the Highland glens. He hoped Bro. Bain would attend the lodge of instruction.

Bro. W. Bain, in response, said from his knowledge of several Masons who were men of probity and with whom he longed to have a closer intimacy, he became a Mason. Now that he had joined them his opinions of them had increased. He hoped he would progress until he reached the Master's chair.

Bros. D. F. Gellion, and Joseph Whitehead, P.M., replied to the toast of "The Past Masters."

Bros. Corble Smith, Kimpton, and Mackenzie acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors."

The toast of "The Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Officers of the Lodge" was responded to by Bros. D. A. Ross, Sec.; D. R. Duncan, S.D.; E. Johnston Gordon, J.W.; and A. Davidson Arnott, Org.

Bro. Latta gave the Tyler's toast.

The proceedings terminated with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the dancing of a Scotch reel by Bros. Gellion, P.M., and W. Craig, S.D.

**Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.**

The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square, Bradford, on Thursday, the 4th ult. Bro. John Morton, J.P., W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. S. A. Bailey, I.P.M.; J. W. Bland, S.W.; J. A. Drake, J.W.; F. Betteridge, B.A., Chap.; C. H. Ellis, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Last, P.M., P.P.G.R., Sec.; A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; T. P. Sykes, S.D.; W. Dicksey, J.D.; J. S. Hedley, I.G.; A. Swaine, Org.; J. S. Cooper, Tyler; John Niven, P.M.; Sam. Robinson, P.M.; and others. Bros. Joseph Wilson, P.M. 1034, P.P. G.S.B., and Harry Lea, 1541, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous lodge were read and confirmed, several resolutions affecting the well-being of the lodge were passed, and after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

After refreshment the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly acknowledged, and the rest of the evening was devoted to arrangements for the members annual ball.

**Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323.**

The installation meeting was held at The Hall, Bushey, on Saturday, the 6th ult., when Bro. James Beresford Ryley, M.D., P.P.G.D. Middx., was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The outgoing Master, Bro. A. R. Bilby, acted as Installing Master, and Bro. C. E. Birch as D.C. The Prov. G.M., Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., being announced, was received with proper honours. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. A. R. Bilby, I.P.M.; Charles Wells, M.D., S.W.; C. B. Lumley, J.W.; C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., Treas.; A. Whitford Anderson, Sec.; E. C. Fisk, S.D.; G. D. Coleman, J.D.; C. E. Birch, P.P.G.W., D.C.; C. Winterbon, Org.; V. O. C. Dawson, I.G.; C. D. Fastnedge and B. Campbell Gowan, M.D., Stwds.; and S. Ellis, Tyler.

Among the visitors present were Bros. R. Loveland Loveland, P.B. of G.P.; S. Martin, P.M. 404, P.P.G.D.; A. W. Lockhart, 2690; S. L. Henson, P.M. 1728; E. Price, 1853; J. S. Robertson, 1448; H. M. Dove, W.M. 1984; Dr. O. C. Cockrem, W.M. 404, P.P.G.C.; E. P. Debenham, P.M. 1479, P.P.G. Reg.; J. W. Whateley, W.M. 1423; H. Saumion, P.M. 1423; and J. Vernon, 1246.

Bro. Col. H. M. Lowry was balloted for and duly admitted as a joining member, and Mr. F. Norton was admitted as a candidate for initiation, after which the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards dined together at The Hall, when the usual toasts were honoured, and the evening made pleasant with music.

**Albert Victor Lodge, No. 2328.**

The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, when Bro. J. Melrose, J.P., was installed in the chair. There was a full attendance of members of the lodge, including the outgoing W.M., Bro. C. Turner, and his officers.

Lodge having been opened, the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.G.S.B., who was assisted by Bro. the Dean of York, P.G.C., and Bros. H. L. Swift, F. Shann, J. P. Carr, and the Rev. C. E. Wright, Past Masters. The officers for the year were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. Captain Thos. H. Lindberg, S.W.; W. D. Rudgard, J.W.; the Rev. E. Bulmer, M.A., P.P.G.C., Chap.; H. L. Swift, P.M., Prov. J.G.W., Treas.; C. E. Wood, Sec.; A. G. Stevenson, S.D.; H. J. Rudgard, J.D.; J. T. Hingston, M.R.C.S., I.G.; J. E. Jones, P.M., D.C.; C. G. Padel, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; R. F. Dunnell, Steward; and J. R. Parker, Tyler. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.G.S.B., was elected Charity Representative.

The annual dinner took place at the Station Hotel.

Owing to the sudden indisposition of Mrs. Melrose, the W.M. was not able to be present, and the chair was taken by Bro. Whytehead, who was supported by the brethren of the lodge as well as visitors, amongst whom were Bros. S. Gramshaw, W.M., A. Buckle, P.M., A. Procter, G. Potter Kirby, P.M., and W. Laughton, J.W., all of 236; W. H. Cowper, G. Std. Br.; G. H. Stott, W.M., G. Woolford, S.W., and J. H. Hill, J.W., all of 1991; G. Bolton, P.M. 154; H. Hawkinson, 731; E. M. Taylor, 200; W. Callum, S.W. 2677; P. Pearson and W. H. Dawson, of 1611; R. Smailes, P.M. 1311; C. K. Hitchcock, and others.

Music was supplied by the Minster Quartette.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, including "The Memory of Prince Albert Victor, the Founder of the Lodge."

**Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.****Premier Conclave.**

The installation meeting of this distinguished conclave was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 1st instant, when there were present, among others: Sir Knights G. Graveley, M.P.S.; W. A. Scurrah, V.E., M.P.S. elect; L. Steele, S.G., V.E. elect; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., J.G.; H. J. Lardner, P.G.C., P.M.P.S., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.G.G., P.M.P.S., Recorder; B. Hamilton, and E. P. Moore.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. R. Barnes and H. Humphries were duly installed members of the Order by the M.P.S. Sir Knight H. J. Lardner then enthroned Sir Knight W. A. Scurrah as M.P.S., and installed Sir Knight L. Steele as V.E., both ceremonies being impressively performed. Among the officers appointed to office were Sir Knights the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, T. Phillips, H. Cooper, E. P. Moore, B. Hamilton, R. Barnes, and H. Humphries. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A Past Sovereign's jewel was presented to Sir Knight George Graveley. Sir Knight H. J. Lardner, P.M.P.S., was elected to represent the conclave as Steward at the Centenary Festival of the R.M.I. for Boys.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights E. H. Thiellay, P.M. W.S.; Geo. Powell, P.M.W.S.; H. H. Shirley, P.M.W.S.; J. Parrot, P.M.W.S.; J. J. Pakes, P.M.W.S.; and others. The conclave was then closed.

The members afterwards partook of an excellent banquet. The M.P.S. presided in an able manner.

Sir Knight H. J. Lardner responded on behalf of "The Grand Council."

Sir Knight the Rev. R. C. Fillingham responded for "The Grand Senate."

Sir Knight G. Graveley proposed the toast of "The M.P.S." in appropriate terms, and the recipient of the honour responded.

The toast of "The Past Sovereigns" was acknowledged by Sir Knight George Graveley, and "The Officers" by Sir Knights H. J. Lardner and the Rev. R. C. Fillingham.

The proceedings, which were throughout most agreeable, then terminated.



## THE FREEMASONS AT ST. PAUL'S.

Grand Lodge and some 900 lodges were represented at St. Paul's Cathedral on Thursday, when there was celebrated the 200th anniversary of the opening for Divine worship of the new building which was erected on the site of the Cathedral destroyed by fire in 1666. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, attended in the place of the M.W. Grand Master, and he was supported by about 260 Past and Present Grand Officers, among whom were Bros. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Herts; Viscount Valentia, Lord George Hamilton, M.P.; W. A. F. Powell, Sir F. B. Alston, who was S.G.W. in 1850; the Earl of Portarlington, S.G.W.; Sir J. B. Monckton, Sir H. A. Isaacs, Sir J. Gorst, M.P., R. Grey, T. Fenn, Sir W. Wilkin, Sir R. Hanson, M.P., Lord Charles Beresford, Lord Claud Hamilton, Ernest Flowers, M.P.; H. C. Richards, M.P.; Dr. Egam, and Wilhelm Kuhe, P.G. Org. Altogether, more than 6000 brethren were present, and the sacred edifice was crowded. Sir George Martin was in charge of the musical arrangements, and the Grand Organist of the year, Bro. G. F. Smith, Guildhall School of Music, played the Voluntaries; Archdeacon Sinclair, P.G. Chap., intoned the service, and Dean Gregory read the lessons. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of London from the text "The House that is to be builded for the Lord must be exceeding magnificent, of the fame and the glory throughout all countries." I. Chron., xxii., 5. The offertory which amounted to £809 is to be devoted to decorating the interior of the Cathedral, the decoration being part of Sir Christopher Wren's design, although he could not obtain the money necessary for completing his work, which, however, cost £1,500,000.

## Royal Ark Mariners.

## Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 238.

A meeting was held on the 16th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there were in attendance Bros. the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., W.C.N.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.W.C.N., as J.; A. Tisley, P.W.C.N., S.; and Major T. C. Walls, P.G.C., P.W.C.N., Scribe.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. F. F. Bonney, J., and F. Graves, I.P.W.C.N., sent apologies for non-attendance, after which the lodge was closed.

The members dined with the brethren of No. 238 Mark Lodge, under the presidency of Bro. the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, whose health was warmly drunk in the dual capacity of W.M. and W.C.N.

This is the first time in the history of No. 238 that one brother has held both these positions in the same year.

## Lodges and Chapter of Instruction.

## LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. H. Raphael, W.M.; J. Goldstein, S.W.; C. Lumley, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; T. W. Smale, P.M., Sec.; W. Bowden, S.D.; S. Isaacs, J.D.; A. Butcher, I.G.; W. Proctor, Tyler; L. Genese, P.M.; M. Beedle, H. Pinnell, H. Mullins, and G. Sturgess.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, and the questions of the 4th Section were answered by Bro. Beedle. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Pinnell being the candidate. Bro. L. Genese gave the installation addresses. Bro. J. Goldstein was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

## RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 19th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. W. Hillier, P.M., W.M.; J. Knight, S.W.; W. J. Coplestone, P.M., J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; W. Hinds, W.M., 185, Treas.; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; W. Hide, P.M., S.D.; James Banks, J.D.; J. Worth, I.G.; J. H. King, Stwd.; W. W. Williams, P.M.; R. W. Galer, P.M.; A. J. White, Robert Reid, J. H. Beardon, W. G. Palmer, L. J. Powell, H. Bone, F. J. Ingram, W. Lowe, O. Ardley, J. Snooks, and W. T. Ridgway. Visitors: Bros. F. J. Greenwood and H. M. Kruszinsker.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bros. Hide, A. Williams, Hinds, Powell, Coplestone, W. W. Williams, and Robert Reid, all of whom acquitted themselves in an admirable manner. The lodge was then closed.

A meeting was also held on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. W. Hillier, P.M., W.M.; J. Knight, S.W.; W. J. Coplestone, P.M., J.W.; A. Williams, I.P.M.; W. Hinds, W.M., 185, Treas.; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; W. Hide, P.M., S.D.; James Banks, J.D.; J. Worth, I.G.; F. J. Ingram, Stwd.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; W. W. Williams, Joseph Cox, P.M.; R. N. Larter, P.M.; G. White, H. Stokes, W. G. Palmer, J. J. Lewen, W. P. Williams, J. Secker, H. M. Kruszinski, Robert Reid, H. Bone, and F. J. Greenwood.

The lodge was opened in the usual manner in the Three Degrees, and resumed in the Second Degree. The sections of the Second Lecture were worked by the brethren as follows: 1st Section, Bro. J. Banks; 2nd, Bro. J. Knight; 3rd, Bro. W. J. Coplestone; 4th, Bro. R. Reid; and 5th, Bro. F. Craggs. The lodge was then resumed in the Third Degree and the Sections of the Third Lecture were worked by Bros. A. Williams, W. Hide, and W. W. Williams, all being worked in a remarkably correct manner. The usual votes of thanks were passed, and the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

## WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 892.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 17th ult., under the presidency of Bro. John C. Tilt, P.M., Sec., as W.M., assisted by Bros. Wm. Annis, S.W.; Alex. Clarkson, J.W.; A. V. H. Pouncefort, P.M., Preceptor; J. Scarlett, S.D.; McClelland, I.G.; Collins, B. Grant, and Percy Day.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Day, acting as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge being duly constituted in the Third Degree, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the W.M. with the assistance of the brethren. Bro. W. Annis being duly elected to preside as W.M. at the next meeting, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

## ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 23rd ultimo, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. C. T. Rayner, W.M.; E. J. Harrison, S.W.; C. Smith, J.W.; J. W. Clarke, P.M., P.P.G.P. Middx; Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; A. F. Hardymont, S.D.; H. R. Bower, J.D.; J. Birks, I.G.; R. P. Upton, P.M.; E. W. Braine, P.M.; G. Gregory, P.M.; J. Bailey, J. C. Denmead, S. Cload, W. Aldridge, A. Oldrey, E. Yexley, C. Bone, and T. A. Spencer.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Cload being the candidate. The Ancient Charge was given. The investiture of officers was rehearsed. The lodge was opened and closed in the Second and Third Degrees. Bro. Denmead was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Harrison was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

## HUGH OWEN LODGE, No. 2593.

The usual weekly meeting was held at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, on Friday, the 12th ult. Present: Bros. R. H. Nicholls, Treas., W.M.; J. B. Schrader, S.W.; H. Tull, J.W.; H. G. Holland, P.M., Preceptor; F. E. Soper, Sec.; H. Ramsbottom, S.D.; W. G. Read, J.D.; Olsen, I.G.; Neville, P.M.; S. M. Jones, Ridgway, Joseph Lamb, Robt. Brown, H. C. Wotton, J. Barnett, T. M. Mayhew, and Wynnman.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Neville, P.M., acting as the candidate. Bro. J. Barnett, acting as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was examined and entrusted. The lodge being duly constituted, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. J. B. Schrader was elected to preside at the next meeting. Bro. H. G. Holland, P.M., Preceptor, announced that a ball was to be held on behalf of the Hugh Owen Lodge, No. 2593, at the King's Hall, Holborn Restaurant, on Tuesday, January 18th, 1898. Tickets and particulars to be obtained of Bro. F. E. Soper, The Lindens, Macdonald-road, New Southgate. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

## COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 2603.

The above new lodge of instruction was opened on the 22nd ult., at the Star and Garter, Arbour-square, Commercial-road, E., under the presidency of Bro. Hubbard, the present W.M. of the Commemoration Lodge, assisted by Bro. de Casseres as Preceptor. There was a very good attendance, 32 brethren being present, among whom we noticed Bros. Bebrouth, Arter, Holmes, F. G. Webster, J. W. Gibbs, and E. A. Gibbs.

Bro. C. Holland, the host, had done everything in his power to make the room comfortable, and it will be a great pity if the East-end brethren should not support this new lodge, as it deserves to be.

We have been asked to state that the meetings will be held on Monday evenings, at 8 o'clock precisely.

## STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 20th ult. Present: Comps. Wm. Wills, M.E.Z.; S. J. Derham, H.; Wm. Dawson, J.; Thos. Grumant, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; T. R. Cass, S.N.; G. H. Lewis, P.S.; Loader, West, Hardman, Frampton, Cureton, Beecroft, and Sobel.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. J. Loader personating the candidate. Comp. Wm. Wills, M.E.Z. 1901, was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, the chapter being placed at his disposal. The chapter was then closed.

## THE LATE COUNTESS OF LATHOM.

The mortal remains of the Countess of Lathom, whose death occurred, with such appalling suddenness, on the 24th ultimo, were interred in their last resting place in the chapel situate in the park which surrounds Lathom House, on Saturday last, and, though the weather was most depressing—being, in this respect, in keeping with the sad ceremony which took place—and a desire had been expressed that the funeral should be as quiet and unpretentious as possible, there was a large gathering of spectators from the country round and from Liverpool to witness what was possible of the last tribute of respect that was paid to the deceased lady, who was known for her kindness by all of them and loved by all. The funeral itself was of the simplest character. The coffin containing the remains was borne into the chapel upon the shoulders of retainers of the family, to whom it had been one of her greatest pleasures to impart a knowledge of the contents of the Sacred Law, while among those who watched the proceedings with the deepest sorrow were the inmates of the almshouses adjoining the chapel, in which those who have spent their best days in the service of the family are spending their declining years.

The service itself was most impressive, among the mourners present being the Lady Maud Wilbraham, Lady Florence Cecil, Lady Bertha Wilbraham, Bro. Lord and Lady Skelmersdale, Bro. the Hon. Reginald Wilbraham, the Hon. Rose Wilbraham, the Hon. Mrs. Bateman and Mr. Bateman, the Earl of Clarendon—brother of the deceased lady—Bro. the Earl and Countess of Derby, the Hon. Francis and Mrs. Villiers, and Baroness Amptill. Her Majesty was represented by Lord Churchill, and among others present were Bro. the Earl of Crawford, Bro. Lord and Lady Loch, the Earls of Verulam and Hardwicke, Bro. Lord Stanley, M.P., Sir Richard Bulkeley, and Sir A. Forwood, M.P.

Innumerable wreaths and other floral tributes were sent, the most prominent being a cross—"in loving and affectionate remembrance"—from the Queen, and wreaths or other emblems from T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, the German Emperor, the staff of the Lord Chamberlain's office, Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan, Bro. Lord Glenes, the Earl and Countess of Ashburton, and the Deputy Master and members of the Sancta Maria Lodge, No. 2682, which was consecrated by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G. Master, as recently as Monday, the 15th ult., and of which his son, Bro. the Hon. Reginald Bootle Wilbraham, is the first S.W.

## Obituary.

## BRO. WILLIAM TUNNICLIFF, P.M.

On Tuesday, the 23rd ult., there passed to his rest one of the most prominent Freemasons of North Staffordshire, viz., Bro. William Tunnicliff, P.M. 418, P.P. J.G.W. Staffordshire, J.P., Captain and Hon. Major 1st V.B. N.S. Regiment. By a strong personality and upright career, Bro. Tunnicliff had placed himself in one of the most honoured positions in the minds of all who knew him. Large-hearted, brave, honest, honourable, and generous, he was beloved far and wide, and the high esteem in which his townsmen held him was shown by their attendance at his funeral in unprecedented numbers. He had been an enthusiastic Volunteer



ever since the enrolment of his regiment in 1859, and his military service, like all his other work, was painstaking and thorough. As a member of our Craft, his zeal knew no bounds; his purse, his thoughts, and his services were always ready for anything Masonic. He was the heart and soul of his mother lodge—Menturia, No. 418—in addition to being a member of the Etruscan and St. Michael's Lodges, of the Staffordshire Knot Royal Arch Chapter, and Gough Mark Lodge, and his loss is deeply mourned by all the members thereof. The brethren of Menturia especially, with whom for 21 years he has been in the closest contact, lament his decease with unfeigned regret. A younger brother of that lodge writes of him as follows:

"The hearty greeting in that well known voice which he was wont to give to us younger brethren in lodge was a testimony of the reality of his Masonic principles, while in private life his geniality and jolly heartedness were traits only too seldom found. A cheering light has been extinguished by his death, and Hanley, his lodge, and a host of friends are the poorer."

Whilst his twin brother in Masonry and close friend of 40 years standing inscribed on his memorial card the affectionate record that he was

"A just and upright man."

#### BRO. ALDERMAN SIR GEORGE TYLER, BART.

It is with sincere regret we announce the death, on Friday, the 26th ultimo, of Bro. Alderman Sir George Tyler, Bart., at the comparatively early age of 62 years. The deceased was elected a member of the Court of Common Council for the Ward of Queenhithe, and 10 years later was chosen to represent it on the Court of Aldermen. In 1891 he served the office of Sheriff, and in 1893 was elected Lord Mayor, receiving the honour of a baronetcy on the occasion of the Tower Bridge being opened by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on behalf of her Majesty the Queen. He also waited on the Queen at Windsor

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Castle and presented, on behalf of the Corporation, an address of congratulation on the birth of a young Prince in direct succession to the Throne—Prince Edward, son of the Duke and Duchess of York. Since vacating the chair of Chief Magistrate of the City, Sir George Tyler had been in failing health, and would have resigned his gown but for the desire of his colleagues. A few months since he recovered so far as to be able to attend the Court of Common Council and discharge his duties as magistrate. But the recovery was only temporary; his illness returned and took a turn for the worse, his death occurring peacefully on the aforementioned date. Sir George was a Past Master of the Stationers' and the Court of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Companies, but had taken no very prominent part in Masonry. His funeral took place at Norwood Cemetery on Wednesday, his only son, Mr. Frederick Charles Tyler, who succeeds to the baronetcy, being the chief mourner. Bro. the Lord Mayor was represented by the whole of his official household, and among those present were Alderman Sir Stuart Knill Bro. Alderman Sir J. Voce Moore, Bro. Alderman Treloar, Mr. Alderman Truscott, Mr. John Knill, Mr. Walter H. Harris, C.M.G., Master of the Liners' Company; Mr. W. R. Stephens, Master of the Stationers' Company; Bro. Under-Sheriff Halse, Mr. W. H. Collingridge, and a deputation from Queenhithe Ward, consisting of Mr. J. N. Pimm, Colonel Venables, Mr. W. R. Pryke, Mr. G. T. Skilbeck, and Mr. Frederick Hill, the Ward Clerk. The burial service was read by the Rev. R. B. Ransford, Vicar of St. Paul's, Upper Norwood, who was chaplain to the deceased Alderman during his Mayoralty.

#### BRO. E. BETTY.

At the funeral of Bro. E. Betty, of the Exeter Inn, Dawlish, on Thursday, the 25th ult., blinds were drawn along the route, and members of the Salem (Craft) Lodge, No. 1443, and of Teignmouth and Dawlish Lodges of Buffaloes attended. The chief mourners were the widow and Mrs. Maddock (aunt of the deceased), R. Betty, T. C. Betty, J. Q. and J. Betty (brothers), Stanley and John (nephews), Mrs. Sex (sister of the widow), T. Kellow (brother of the widow), Mr. George Quick (uncle of deceased), deceased's daughter, Mrs. Mitchell; Mr. Maddock, Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, Mr. C. Hammerton, Mr. A. W. Cload, and Mr. Johns.

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The Lecturers are Sir Arthur Arnold, the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, the Head Master of Wellington College, the Head Master of Cheltenham College, Sir Lambert Playfair, Rev. Canon Moore (LL.D.), Dean Forrest, Canon Tristram, Professor Sayce, Professor Ramsay, and the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford (Chaplain of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem).

Full particulars with a plan of the steamer from the SECRETARY, 5 ENDSLEIGH GARDENS, LONDON, N.W.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

LORD AND LADY ALINGTON are entertaining a large party this week at Crichel, near Wimborne, for covert shooting.

UPWARDS of £800 were taken at the bazaar held last week, under the presidency of Princess Christian, in aid of the Windsor Albert Institute Fund.

THE MARQUIS AND MARCHIONESS OF DUFFERIN AND AVA and Lady Hermione Blackwood arrived at Inverary Castle on Saturday afternoon, on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Argyll.

THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF ILCHESTER are entertaining a shooting party at Melbury. Among the guests are the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry and Lady Helen Stewart.

BRO. EARL AND COUNTESS COWPER, accompanied by Major and Mrs. Lawrence Drummond, have left England for Naples, where they will join the Orient liner Oroya, en route for Ismailia, to spend the rest of the winter in Egypt.

FOUR FRESH CASES of typhoid were notified at Maidstone on Saturday last. The total notifications now are 187. The local relief fund amounts to rather more than £21,600, while nearly £1500 has been subscribed towards the special fund for widows and orphans.

BRO. LORD EGERTON OF TATTON has generously given the site for a new church to be erected at Chorlton-Cum-Hardy, as a chapel of ease to the old church, which is undergoing extensive repairs. His lordship has, moreover, contributed £1000 towards the building fund of the new edifice.

BRO. FREDERICK CROCKFORD has met with an alarming accident whilst driving with his daughter from his house at Springfield. The horse was startled by two steam-rollers, and the occupants of the trap were thrown into the road. Bro. Crockford himself was very seriously injured, but happily no bones were broken.

A CABINET COUNCIL was held on Saturday last at the Foreign Office, among the Ministers present being Bros. the Right Hon. A. Akers Douglas, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), the Duke of Devonshire, Lord George Hamilton, the Right Hon. W. H. Long, and Sir M. White Ridley.

IT IS likely that on an early day a special service will be held in the Church of St. Giles's, Cripplegate, in thanksgiving for the preservation of life and limb during the recent fire, and for the security and safety of the ancient church itself in circumstances of imminent peril and danger. Bro. the Lord Mayor and Corporation will probably attend in State.

AMONG THE QUEEN'S visitors at Windsor Castle on Saturday last were H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and his Highness the Thakore of Morvi, K.C.I.E. To the latter her Majesty granted an audience, and invested him with the insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Indian Empire. The Duke of Connaught and Princess Henry of Battenberg were present. The Thakore of Morvi afterwards lunched with the Queen and Royal Family.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1288.—The ceremony of passing and the 2nd Section of the Lecture will be rehearsed, with full choir and organ accompaniment, on Saturday, the 11th inst., at 8 p.m. punctually, at the Old Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bro. H. Hill, P.M. 1305, Preceptor; Bro. W. Syckelmore, P.M. 1288, Treasurer; Bro. W. Pocklington, P.M. 1288, Musical Director; and Bro. C. W. Austen, W.M. 160, Secretary. Brethren are cordially invited.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, attended by Major-General Sir A. Ellis and Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, arrived at Sandringham House on Saturday last, where H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and Princess Victoria were staying. The Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark were at Appleton House. The Royal party, attended by Miss Knollys, General Sir Dighton Probyn, Major-General Sir A. Ellis, and Bro. Francis Knollys were present at Divine service at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, in the Park, on Sunday morning last.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES'S Hospital Fund for London has received from Bro. W. J. Soulsby, on behalf of Lady Faudel-Phillips, Lady Mayoress for the past year, the sum of £362 19s. 8d., being the balance of the amount collected by her ladyship on behalf of the fund during her residence at the Mansion House. The total amount of the Lady Mayoress's Branch of the fund is £5362 19s. 8d., in addition to the four further annual instalments of £1000 each promised by the Corporation of the City of London during the term of office of Sir George Faudel-Phillips.

ABOUT 11 o'clock on Sunday night last a fire broke out at Wellington Barracks. When the soldiers turned out volumes of smoke were pouring from the front part of the building facing Bird Cage Walk. A large force of firemen gathered on the scene in view of the serious outbreak which occurred on November 9th, 1890. The fire was found to be burning in the "E" block, in the Pioneers' portion of the barracks, where a great quantity of straw had got alight. The soldiers attacked the flames with such effect that when the engines commenced to dash up to the scene the mischief was virtually subdued, and by midnight the fire was completely extinguished.

PERSONAL ESTATE of the gross value of £35,471 7s. 4d., has been left by her Royal Highness Princess Mary Adelaide Wilhelmina Elizabeth, Duchess of Teck, who was born in Hanover on November 27th, 1833, and who died at White Lodge, in Richmond Park, on October 27th last. As the Duchess of Teck died intestate, letters of administration of her estate and effects have been obtained by her husband, his Highness Prince Francis Paul Charles Louis Alexander, Duke of Teck, G.C.B., and his co-surety in the sum of £70,043 is his son, Prince Adolphus of Teck. By the will of the Duchess of Cambridge, who died on April 6th, 1889, and whose personal estate was valued at £159,340 14s. 7d., the testatrix, in order to make further provision for the children of her daughter, the Duchess of Teck, bequeathed in trust for them all the accumulation of her income in England and abroad since 1867. To the Duchess of Teck her mother bequeathed her wines and linen and her horses and carriages, and to the Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz and the Duchess of Teck, in equal shares, her furs, Indian shawls, jewels, and furniture. The residuary estate was left as two-fifths for the Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, as to two-fifths to the Duchess of Teck for her life, and subject to her life interest for her children, and as to one-fifth for the Duke of Cambridge, but subject to the payment of the income to his sisters or the survivor.

DULWICH NEW LIBRARY.—Bro. the Lord Chancellor, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., opened the new public library in Lordship-lane, which has been presented to the parish of Camberwell, by Bro. Passmore Edwards. Lord Halsbury was received by Mr. W. C. Preston, chairman of the Camberwell Vestry, who presided, among those present being Bro. and Mrs. Passmore Edwards, Bro. Sir J. Blundell Maple, M.P., Mr. G. C. Whiteley, Mr. Matthew Wallace, J.P., chairman of the Governors of the Dulwich Estate, the donors of the site. Lord Halsbury said he must congratulate them on possessing another of those institutions which formed one of the most favourable features of this era of civilisation. The works of the greatest minds were thus gathered together and he could recommend the catalogue as well arranged and easy of consultation even by an unlearned person, and in certain directions they were all unlearned persons. The reading of fiction might give a taste for more solid books though some fiction was, perhaps, pretty solid. Those who had libraries of their own could hardly appreciate what it meant to have a library like this, to which everyone could go and find a quiet place for reading. To leave the narrow groove of one's daily occupation, to plunge into the treasures of the past, gave life and elasticity to the worker. All were in need of knowledge, of education, using that word in its original sense as meaning the drawing out of the faculties. After referring to the generosity of Bro. Passmore Edwards, Lord Halsbury formally declared the library opened. (Cheers). A beautiful basket of flowers was then presented to Mrs. Passmore Edwards by the little daughter of Mr. W. Scott-Scott, chairman of the Libraries and Museums Committee, and a bound copy of the catalogue to Bro. Lord Halsbury. Votes of thanks were then moved to Bro. Lord Halsbury, to Bro. Passmore Edwards, and to the Estates Governors of Dulwich College, and carried with enthusiasm. There are already over 10,000 volumes on the shelves. The total cost of erection was £5800 of which £800 has been paid by the Vestry.

AT THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on Wednesday, Bro. Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale, Past G. Treas., rose and informed the Grand Master in the chair, that he had to hand to the Grand Secretary a cheque for £242 10s. for Guy's Hospital. The amount had been raised by guinea subscriptions from various lodges in answer to circulars which had been addressed to them and in which scheme Bro. C. E. Keyser took a prominent part. Grand Lodge had given 500 guineas and Grand Chapter 100 guineas to Guy's Hospital Fund, and the applications made to the different lodges were for the purpose of raising £1000 to endow a Mason's bed in Guy's Hospital, thereby showing still further interest that Masons took in acts of charity. There were promises of more responses to the appeal and he hoped that before many months were over to hand to the Grand Secretary an additional sum. He had to thank Bro. Keyser for the very energetic manner he had worked in the matter, and the brethren for the kind and generous response that had been made to his appeal.

BRO. LORD AND LADY SALTOUN have arrived in town from Philorth, Fraserburgh.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE visited the Queen on Monday at Windsor Castle, and was included in the Royal dinner party.

BRO. THE HON. SIR STAFFORD AND LADY NORTHCOTE have left London to spend a few weeks in Rome before Parliament reassembles.

THE COUNTESS OF AIRLIE and Lady Griselda Ogilvy have arrived in town, and are staying with the Hon. Maude Stanley, at 32, Smith-square.

PRINCESS LOUISE (Marchioness of Lorne), who has been in Scotland, reached London on Thursday evening, and proceeded to Kensington Palace.

BRO. SIR FRANK LOCKWOOD, Q.C., M.P., who has been confined to his house through indisposition for some time past, is now much better, and is able to take carriage exercise.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at 4 p.m.

THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER has lent Grosvenor House for a reading of Dickens's "Christmas Carol," by Bro. Sir Squire Bancroft, on the 13th inst., in aid of the United Kingdom Beneficent Association.

TUESDAY NIGHT'S "Gazette" contains the official announcement that the Queen has granted the succession of the peerage now held by Bro. Lord Burton to his only child, the Hon. Mrs. Baillie, of Dochfour, and to her heirs male.

THE QUEEN, accompanied by Princess Henry of Battenberg, drove from Windsor Castle to Bagshot Park on Monday and lunched with their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, returning to Windsor at five o'clock.

Notwithstanding the great success of "La Perichole," it will positively have to be withdrawn to-morrow (Saturday evening), in order to allow for the production of the pantomime "Cinderella," produced by Mr. Oscar Barrett on the morning of Boxing Day, the 27th inst.

THE MARQUIS AND MARCHIONESS OF SALISBURY are visiting Compton Place, Eastbourne, which has been placed at their disposal by Bro. the Duke of Devonshire. Her ladyship travelled from Hatfield on Wednesday, leaving Victoria Station (Brighton line) at 3.30 p.m., and Lord Salisbury went down later.

THE HON. LADY WHITE RIDLEY opened a bazaar in the Corn Exchange, Watford, in aid of the Congregational Church Manse Building Fund. Her ladyship remarked, in the course of a short speech, that they were carrying on the good work commenced 1300 years ago by King Ethelbert, who gave up his own palace to St. Augustine.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY drove from Claremont to Hampton Court Palace on Monday and inspected the exhibition of clothing contributed by members of the Surrey Needlework Guild, and intended for distribution amongst the poorer parishes on the Surrey side of London. Special interest was manifested in the display of some 4000 articles, which were either made or collected by the late Duchess of Teck, who was a warm supporter of the movement.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, attended by Sir Arthur Ellis, went to Wolferton Station on Monday and met a distinguished company of guests, including the Duc and Duchesse d'Orléans (with Mlle. de Mirabel and the Duc de Lorge in attendance), Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Count Mensdorff, Lord and Lady Wolverton, Lord and Lady De Grey, and Mrs. Hartman. His Royal Highness drove back to Sandringham House with the distinguished party.

METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL SUNDAY FUND.—A strong opposition is being organised by the Anti-Vivisection Society to any part of the funds collected on Hospital Sunday being given to hospitals having Medical Schools or Laboratories where vivisection is carried on attached to them. All clergymen who have collected and presented offertories for the Fund have the right to attend with two laymen of their congregation at the meeting at the Mansion House when the fund is distributed. It is expected a number of those so privileged will attend this year and make a strong protest.

MR. GATES, Q.C., and the Benchers of the Inner Temple, entertained some 300 members of the Inn at a smoking concert in their hall on Monday. Among those present were Mr. Justice Barnes, Mr. Cohen, Q.C.; Sir A. Marten, Q.C.; Bro. Judge Lumley-Smith, Q.C.; Bro. Loveland-Loveland, Q.C.; Mr. Inderwick, Q.C.; Bro. Bayliss, Q.C.; Bro. Bucknill, Q.C., M.P.; Mr. Wheeler, Q.C.; Mr. Dodd, Q.C.; Mr. Bosanquet, Q.C.; Mr. Rentoul, Q.C., M.P.; and Mr. W. Graham. The musical arrangements, which were highly appreciated, were under the direction of Mr. A. H. D. Prendergast, and the programme included several selections by the Bar Musical Society.

CHURCH HOUSE SMOKING ROOM.—One of the results of the late gathering of Bishops at the Lambeth Conference, has been the fitting up of a comfortable smoking room at the Church House. Up to the time of the Conference, although there were many growls both loud and deep, from the poor parsons who loved the soothing influences of pipe or cigar, still the authorities were deaf to the appeals for a smoking room. Then came the advent of American and Colonial Bishops to the Conference, so it was found necessary to provide them some place to smoke in, to prevent the scandal of Bishops in aprons and gaiters walking up and down the precincts of Westminster behind clays and briar-roots. The room is comfortably fitted with writing materials, lounging chairs, and the usual accessories of the smoking room.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S LYING IN HOSPITAL, MARYLEBONE ROAD, N.W.—Christmas Appeal.—This hospital, which was founded in 1752, and is the largest of its kind in Great Britain, received 1151 patients into the Wards last year and in addition attended 1122 patients at their own homes. The expenditure for the year amounted to £4300, while the income reached £3600 only, thus leaving a deficit of £700. To meet the great pressure on the accommodation of the hospital an extension is being carried out and a new Nurses' Home will shortly be commenced. For these works upwards of £2,000 will be needed. The Committee of Management earnestly appeal for contributions to both the Building Fund and the general Maintenance Fund, which may be sent to the bankers, Messrs. Cocks, Biddulph, and Co., 43, Charing Cross, S.W., or to the Secretary (Mr. Arthur Watts) at the hospital. Gifts of clothing for mothers and infants would also be much appreciated.

THE DUCHESS OF BEAUFORT on Monday cut the first turf of the new Bristol and South Wales Direct Railway at Chipping Sodbury, in presence of a large gathering of the public. A special train left Paddington in the morning, conveying Lord Evelyn (Chairman of the Great Western Railway), Bro. the Hon. Evelyn Hubbard (Deputy Chairman), Sir Nigel Kingscote, Bro. the Earl of Cork, Mr. Robinson, Mr. J. T. Allen (Superintendent of the Line), and numerous other officials. A large marquee had been erected in a meadow, and within it the opening ceremony was performed. A distinguished company, including those through whose lands the railway will run, was subsequently entertained at luncheon. Lord Evelyn presided, and among those present were Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice, Sir Gerald and Lady Codrington, the Duchess of Beaufort, the Marchioness of Worcester, Lady Susan and Lady Clodagh Beresford, Sir Weetman Pearson, M.P. (the contractor), and Lady Pearson. The new line is one of the most important of recent years. Its length will be 33½ miles from Wootton Bassett, below Swindon, to Patchway, a few miles from the Severn Tunnel. It will entail a saving in distance between Newport and London *via* Bristol of 11, and *via* Gloucester of 26 miles. The work is expected to cost one million and a quarter sterling, and will be concluded in about three years.

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Microbes vary in character. One form produces one disease, another variety causes quite a different ailment. One attacks one part of the body, another goes to a different part, thus producing different symptoms. But as the blood circulates they go along in the blood all over the body. There is no organic structure known to us which is not subject to attack by some form of microbe; in other words, everything is subject to fermentation and death. To cure disease, to prevent decay, to stop fermentation, is to do one and the same thing. The microbes which cause it must be destroyed. The only known remedy that can be administered sufficiently freely to old or young to kill microbes, without injuring even the most sensitive patient, is WM. RADAM'S MICROBE KILLER. It is a powerful antiseptic, and will, if drunk freely, destroy the microbes of all disease. It accomplishes what has not hitherto been successfully attempted in the treatment of disease. It simultaneously eradicates the cause of disease and permeates the system with a health producing principle. It is assimilated by the brain, the kidneys, the lungs, the heart, the liver, by fibre and tissue, and by all parts of the human frame, as a health producing and nourishing element. It should never be asked whether a remedy will cure any one particular disease. All diseases, no matter by what name known, is caused by microbes; when the microbes

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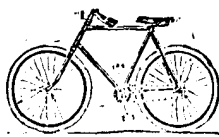
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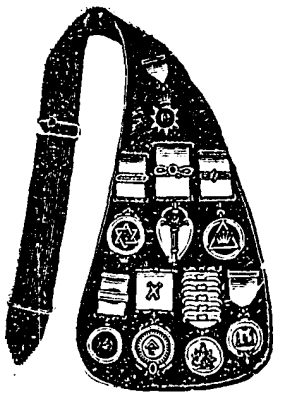
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## MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, December 11th, 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, DECEMBER 6.

#### CRRAFT LODGES.

- 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.  
60, Unity, Inns of Court Hotel.  
72, Royal Jubilee, Anderson's Hotel.  
83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tavern.  
144, St. Luke's, Anderson's Hotel.  
188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern.  
250, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.  
1310, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.  
1025, Tregear, London Tavern.  
1009, Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1731, Cholmeley, Cafe Royal.  
1853, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall.  
2020, St. Botolph's, Albion Tavern.  
2098, Harlesden, National Schools.  
2242, Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club House, Hackney.

#### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.  
1050, Victoria, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.  
1891, St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant.  
2535, Fellowship, Frascati Restaurant.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.  
Commemoration, Star and Garter, Arbour-square, Commercial-road, E., at 8.  
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.  
Dalhousie, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.  
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.  
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.  
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Marquess of Ripon, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, E.C., at 6.45.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.  
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.  
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.  
Perseverance, Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.  
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 8.  
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.  
South Norwood, Goat House Bridge Hotel, Penge-rd., at 8.  
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.  
Tyssen Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-rd., Rectory-rd., N., 7.30.  
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, Stone's, 24, Panton-street, Haymarket, S.W., at 3.  
Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.  
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.  
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.  
North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7.

#### CRRAFT LODGES.

- 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.  
18, Old Dunder, Cannon-street Hotel.  
92, Moira, Albion Tavern.  
101, Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
160, Union, Criterion.  
172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.  
217, Stability, Anderson's Hotel.  
705, St. James', Bridge House Hotel.  
1150, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-square.  
1257, Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall.  
1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel.  
1201, Golden Rule, Cafe Royal.  
1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern.  
1307, Anerley, Clarence Hall.  
1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.  
1603, Kingsland, Cock Tavern.  
1803, Cornhill, Cafe Monica.  
1801, St. Ambrose, St. James's Hall.  
2128, United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel.  
2150, Tivoli, Frascati Restaurant.  
2109, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.  
2308, Holborn, Holborn Restaurant.  
2409, Hortus, Freemasons' Hall.

#### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 160, Temperance, White Swan Hotel, Deptford.

#### 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, Corsitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.  
Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (See & Pike's), 121, Borough High-street, at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 8.  
Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.  
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.  
Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.  
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe.  
Faith, The Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.  
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 G-and Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.  
Mount Edgumbe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway, S.E., at 7.30.  
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.  
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.  
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.  
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30.  
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.  
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.  
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.  
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.  
Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.  
Yarborough, Mitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30.  
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Eastcheap Restaurant, Eastcheap, at 6.30.  
Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.

#### CRRAFT LODGES.

- 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.  
11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.  
13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.  
15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.  
130, Good Report, Albion Tavern.  
147, Justice, White Swan Hotel, Deptford.  
548, Wellington, Cannon-street Hotel.  
1228, Beacontree, Guildhall Tavern.  
1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.  
1538, St. Martins-le-Grand, Holborn Restaurant.  
1580, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel.  
1700, St. Leonard, Great Eastern Hotel.  
1815, Penge, Thicket Hotel.  
1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel.  
2410, Esculapius, Cafe Royal.  
2381, Empress, Queen's Gate Hall, Kensington.  
2500, Engineer, Criterion.  
2020, Cavendish, Bailey's Hotel, South Kensington.

#### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 205, Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Belgrave, The Woolpack, Moorgate-street, at 7.  
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.  
Cretton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Crusaders, The St. John's Gate Tavern, St. John-square, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.  
Derby Alcroft, 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, Castle Hotel, 81, Holloway-road, N., at 8.  
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.  
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.  
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.  
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
Lewisham, Black Bull, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.  
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.  
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.  
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.  
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.  
Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8.  
New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, 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-roz 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, at 7.30.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9.

#### CRRAFT LODGES.

- 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-street Hotel.  
238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.  
203, Bank of England, Albion Tavern.  
534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.  
860, Dalhousie, Anderson's Hotel.  
1076, Capper, Guildhall Tavern.  
1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1708, Plucknett, Woodside Hall, N. Finchley.  
1701, Cretton, Freemasons' Hall.  
1804, Coborn, Bow Vestry Hall.  
1820, Sir Thomas White, Cafe Royal.  
1987, Strand, Criterion.  
2047, Beckenham, Public Hall.

#### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern.  
72, Royal Jubilee, Anderson's Hotel.  
907, Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane.  
907, Emblematic, Criterion.  
1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern.  
1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall.  
1901, Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Peckham.

#### MARK LODGES.

- 7, Carnarvon, Cafe Royal.  
80, Samson and Lion, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue.

#### 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.  
Caxton, Carr's, 265, Strand W.C., at 7.  
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, Feltbam.  
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, The Eastcheap, Eastcheap, E.C., at 5.30.  
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.  
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.  
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.  
Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.  
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.45.  
Royal Savoy, Prince of Wales, Hampstead-road, at 7.30.  
St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.  
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8.  
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.  
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.  
Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.  
Tranquillity, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W., at 8.  
Tregear, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.  
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.  
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10.

#### CRRAFT LODGES.

- 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.  
177, Domestic, Anderson's Hotel.  
780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.  
1201, Electric, Freemasons' Hall.

- 1550, New Cross, Portland Hotel, Greenwich.  
1997, John Carpenter, Albion Tavern.  
2390, Ordnance, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.  
2552, Stoke Newington, Assembly Rooms.  
2593, Hugh Owen, Frascati Restaurant.

#### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 569, Fitzroy, Headquarters, Hon. Artillery Co., City-road.

#### MARK LODGE.

- 8, Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Albion, Mullen's Hotel, Ironmonger lane, E.C., at 7.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N.  
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.  
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill.  
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.  
Hugh Owen, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford street, at 8.  
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.  
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.  
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 91, Church-st., Stoke Newington, at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
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, and 4th Friday, at 7.  
Dagmar Chapter, "See & 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, DECEMBER 11.

#### CRRAFT LODGES.

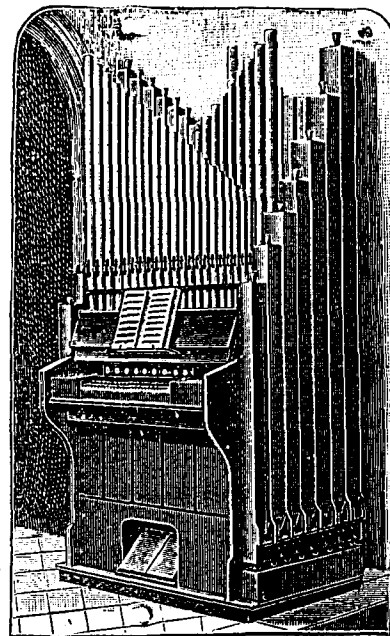
- 108, London, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.  
176, Caveau, Albion Tavern.  
1420, Great City, Cannon-street Hotel.  
1012, West Middlesex, Municipal Buildings, Faling.  
1071, Mizpah, Albion Tavern.  
1928, Gallery, Anderson's Hotel.  
2369, Cornish, Mark Masons' Hall.  
2344, Mitcham, Vestry Hall.  
2513, Sir Walter St. John, Surrey Masonic Hall.

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