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## APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

We are glad to know that the appeal we addressed to our readers some four weeks since in behalf of the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has not been wholly unsuccessful, and that since then the number of brethren who have volunteered their services as Stewards for the occasion has been appreciably, if not very largely, augmented. Unfortunately, the Board, as compared with that which did such splendid service for last year's Festival, is woefully deficient in strength, and we imagine that Bro. TERRY, the respected Secretary of the Institution, will consider himself exceptionally fortunate if, between now and the day appointed for the celebration, he succeeds in raising his array of Stewards to much more than one-half the number of those who did duty in February last. This falling off is to be accounted for to a certain extent. In the first place, the Boys' School Centenary is very naturally and very properly attracting to itself the lion's share of the support which will be forthcoming in aid of our Institutions generally during the present year. Then his Royal Highness the Duke of CONNAUGHT was most cordially backed up by his Province of Sussex, which has a muster roll of 32 lodges, while Bro. the Earl of JERSEY's Province of Oxfordshire numbers only 12 lodges, and we are in no wise detracting from the acknowledged loyalty and devotion of Oxfordshire both to its distinguished chief and the Institutions of which our English Craft is so justly proud when we point out that it would be unreasonable to expect as high a total of Returns from so small a province as was forthcoming last year from one which is nearly three times as strong. Moreover, the experience of 1888, when the Girls' School celebrated its Centenary, and of 1892, when this Institution celebrated its Jubilee has prepared us for the paucity of Stewards for the Old People's Anniversary with which we are confronted. The Boys' School is acting wisely in its endeavours to make the most of its opportunity this year, as the other Institutions with equal wisdom made the best of theirs in 1888 and 1892 respectively. The point we are desirous of impressing upon our readers is that though one of our three Institutions may celebrate its 100th or 50th anniversary in this or that year, the necessities of the other two remain, substantially, the same. Whatever may be the extent of the good fortune that awaits our Institution for Boys in June next—and we are naturally anxious that it shall prove as great as its most ardent supporters can desire—we must bear in mind that there still remain the 270 children in the Girls'

School to be maintained, clothed, and educated, and still the 470 annuitants on the establishment of the Benevolent Institution who will look to receive their annuities as usual. Confining our attention for the present to the latter Charity, we point out, as we have pointed out in all previous articles on the subject, that there are 200 brethren who, at £40 per annum each, will absorb £8000; 242 annuitants on the Widows' Fund, who, at £32 per annum each, will require £7744; and a fluctuating number of, but let us say, 25 widows, who, at £20 per annum each, will need £500; the total required for disbursement in annuities being £16,242. To this must be added the expenses of management and maintaining the Asylum at Croydon, or about £3000 in all. Thus the amount required to cover the year's expenditure is rather more than £19,000, while the permanent income to meet the outlay, inclusive of the £1750 granted by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, does not greatly exceed £5000. There is, therefore, a deficiency of about £14,000, or it may be somewhat less, which must be forthcoming to enable the Institution to meet its obligations without trenching upon its invested capital, and, of necessity, it is to the annual Festival that the Committee of Management look to obtain this large supply. But this is hardly possible if, as we have good grounds for anticipating, the Board of Stewards is only about half the strength of last year's Board, which numbered 432 ladies and brethren, and had the satisfaction of raising £19,000 and upwards.

All this—or something very similar to this—we have said times out of number in previous articles; but we have no option in treating of the claims of our Institutions but to go on repeating ourselves. Our duty is to keep on pegging away. It is not permitted to us, any more than it is to the Secretaries of our Charities, to relax in our appeals for the ways and means necessary to maintain them in a state of efficiency. We, therefore, again address ourselves to our readers in the earnest hope that, in the course of the three weeks that still remain to us between now and the 22nd February, such an addition may be made to the number of ladies and brethren which Bro. TERRY has succeeded in enrolling as Stewards as will relieve the Committee of Management of all anxiety on the subject of the ways and means required for the current year's expenditure.

## EAST LANCASHIRE EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

At the annual general meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution, which will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, this (Friday) afternoon, the Finance and Audit Committee will have the pleasure of submitting a report for the past year which is in every way satisfactory. The receipts in the shape of Donations and Subscriptions from Provincial and Private Lodges, Chapters, Preceptories, and individual brethren show an excess of between £70 and £80 over those of last year. There has been more by upwards of £50 expended in carrying out the objects for which the Institution was established; and the balance in hand on 31st December last exceeds that at close of the previous account by considerably more than £900. These are the leading facts recorded in the Committee's report, which concludes with a sympathetic allusion to the loss sustained by the Institution through the death of our lamented Bro. JAMES HILL SILLITOR, Chairman of the General Committee, “who had been actively associated with the Institution since its commence-

ment, and ever manifested the liveliest interest in everything pertaining to its welfare."

The principal items of receipt, apart from the Balance brought forward from previous account of £441 11s. 5d., are Donations and Subscriptions amounting to £1430 10s. 1d., and Income from Investments, £581 3s. 2d., the total from all sources reaching the respectable sum of £2480 7s. 2d. The Expenditure was £1106 18s. 4d., of which £488 6s. 9d., including the minor disbursements by the Almoners' Committee, was expended in Relief; £264 13s. 6d. for the Education of 33 children; £195 for Annuities to nine brethren and widows; and £150 10s. 3d. for Establishment Charges, the principal items being £91 13s. 6d. for Secretary's Salary, and £44 6s. for Printing annual reports and carriage of same. The Summary of Investments shows a total of the nominal value of £17,537 3s. 2d., the cost price of which is given as £18,755 14s. 3d.; and as the Committee announce in their report that arrangements have been made for a further investment of £1250—out of the balance remaining in hand of upwards of £1373—the Institution will be able to point with satisfaction to an invested capital of the value of some £20,000. This is highly creditable to the Province of East Lancashire, but more especially to the Prov. G. Master, Bro. Col. LE GENDRE N. STARKIE, who is President of the Institution, the Committee, and Bro. JAMES NEWTON, Prov. G. Secretary and Secretary, by whom the funds of this important Provincial Charity have been so carefully, so beneficially, and, from a monetary point of view, so successfully administered. The weak point about East Lancashire is that with its formidable array of 111 lodges and some 40 chapters it does not extend a larger amount of support, and more systematically, to our central Masonic Institutions. We admire it for its staunch observance of the old proverb that "Charity begins at home," and we know its contributions to our Boys' and Girls' School and Benevolent are every now and then on a large scale, a scale such as only so strong a Province could hope to attain; but the Subscribers' Lists and other returns, which are published annually, disclose the fact that the Province derives a very large amount of assistance annually from the aforesaid Schools and Benevolent Institution, the number of those who are in receipt of the benefits they confer being considerable. However, in 1879, when Bro. Colonel STARKIE presided as Chairman at the Old People's Festival; in 1888 at the Girls' School Centenary; and in 1892 at the Benevolent Jubilee, East Lancashire acquitted itself most honourably, and as the Boys' School Centenary will be celebrated in June next, it will this year have a splendid opportunity of showing that it appreciates the very substantial benefits it derives from that Institution in particular and our Central Institutions generally. Still, as regards its own Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution, which alone immediately concerns us just now, its success in maintaining it at a high standard of efficiency is beyond all praise, and we trust the Charity may have before it a long career of usefulness and prosperity.

### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next, the 2nd prox.

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

#### THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 19th October, 1897, to the 18th January, 1898, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£477 2 5	By Disbursements during the Quarter	£360 6 11
" " Unappropriated Account	188 0 0	" Balance	635 16 7
" Subsequent Receipts..	545 17 1	" " Unappropriated Account	214 16 0
	<u>£1210 19 6</u>		<u>£1210 19 6</u>

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

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received memorials with extracts of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters:

The Fidelity Chapter, No. 269, from the Old Bull Hotel, to the Headquarters of the 1st Volunteer Battalion, East Lancashire Regiment, Canterbury-street, Blackburn.

The Britannic Chapter, No. 33, from Freemasons' Hall, to the Holborn Restaurant, London.

The Lily of Richmond Chapter, No. 820, from the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, to the Holborn Restaurant, London.

The Moriah Chapter, No. 34, from the Freemasons' Hall, to the Café Royal, Regent-street, London.

The Committee having satisfied themselves of the reasonableness of the requests, recommend that the removal of the chapters be sanctioned.

A memorial, with particulars, has also been received from the companions of the Chapter of Prosperity, No. 290, Huddersfield, praying for a charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel. The memorial being in form, and the chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee recommend that inasmuch as the following chapters had ceased to work for many years, and the charters have been lost, they be erased from the roll of chapters.

The Star of Gwalior Chapter, No. 1066, Ihansi, Bengal.

St. Paul's Chapter, No. 1210, Dinapore, Bengal.

The Committee also recommend that—

Concord Chapter, No. 608, Fort Beaufort, South Africa, Eastern Division, having ceased to work and returned its charter, it be erased from the roll.

(Signed)

GEORGE DAVID HARRIS, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

Jan. 19th, 1898.

### A GREAT MEETING OF EXPERTS.

As announced in our last issue a great meeting of experts was held in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday last, to hear from Bro. Sydney T. Klein, W.M. of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, an epitome of his paper on "The Great Symbol," at the close of which he gave a demonstration to prove that he had at last succeeded in unearthing the Genuine Ss of a M.M. The meeting was called at the invitation of the Board of General Purposes and was strictly confined to Installed Masters, was a very fully one and comprised many distinguished and expert brethren who had come from long distances to be present at this demonstration. In addition to the members of the Board of General Purposes, the following is a list of the brethren who had accepted invitation to attend:

Bros. General Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., P.M. 2076, P.G.D., P. Dist. Grand Master Eastern Archipelago; Vice-Admiral Markham, Stwd. 2076, District Grand Master Malta; George Richards, District Grand Master Transvaal; Dr. C. J. Egan, M.D., District Grand Master South Africa; T. B. Whytehead, J.W. 2076, P.G.S.B.; Sir Francis Boileau, Bart., S.G.D.; W. H. Rylands, F.S.A., M.R.A.S., P.M. 2076, P.A.G.D.C.; Rob. Freke Gould, P.M. 2076, P.G.D.; Sir Walter Besant, F.S.A., P.M. 1159, Treas. 2076; Col. Sissan Cooper Pratt, R.A., P.M. 2076; W. Matthew Bywater, P.M. 2076, P.G.S.B.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, P.M. 2076, P.P.G.D.C. Somerset; Edward Jones Castle, Q.C., R.E., P.M. 143, Stwd. 2076; F. H. Goldney, 2076, P.G.D.; Gustav A. C. Kupferschmidt, I.P.M. 2076, Asst. G. Sec. German Correspondence; C. Purdon Clarke, C.I.E., F.S.A., P.M., S.W. 2076; Henry Lovegrove, F.S.A., A.R.I.B.A., G.S.B.; J. S. Cumberland, P. Dep. G.S.B.; G. L. Shackles, 2076, P.P. G.D. York; H. T. Lyon, M.R.A.S., W.M. 2563; Baron Le Strange, 2076, P.G.D.; Charles E. Keyser, F.S.A., P.G.D.; James Stephens, Dep. G.D.C.; Fred. R. Farrow, P.M. 1196, F.R.I.B.A.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D.; J. J. Thomas, P.G. Std. Br.; Dr. Belgrave Ninnis, Dep. Inspect.-Gen. R.N., 2076, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Hamsher, W.M. 1139; Dr. Stanislaus Makovski, P.P.J.G.W. Surrey; Thos. Horne, P.M. 1356; G. Greiner, P.M. 92, 2076; G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C., Sec. 2076; F. W. Wright, W.M. 2046; C. A. Heilmann, P. Dist. G. Treas., and S.W. Japan; J. Rimsden Riley, 2076, P.P.G.D.C. York; W. T. Buck, P.M. 1702; Robert Manuel, P.M. 1196; Henry Sadler, Grand Tyler; C. S. Dear, I.P.M. 1139; F. Dangerfield, P.M. 1260; J. H. Guyton, P.P.G.D.C. Norfolk; Walter Potter, P.M. 1260; R. A. Berthon Preston, M.A., P.M. 1118; A. Conyers Haycraft, W.M. 2424; Dr. Chetwode-Crawley, 2076, P.G.D.; Geo. Elkington, F.R.I.B.A., P.M. 2416; G. Nelson Watts, P.M.; W. J. Songhurst, P.M. 227; G. Risdon Carsburg, W.M. 19; Chas. B. Barnes, M.S.A., F.R.C.S., P.M. 19; Fredk. J. Cox, P.M. 150; Robert C. Wills, P.M.; W. Pratt, P.M.; J. Flower Jackson, P.A.G.D.C.; and S. G. Kirschoffer, P. Dep. G.D. of C.

Among the above there are 19 brethren who are members of the Inner Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, six of whom were the original founders of that archaeological movement.

At the request of the Grand Secretary,

Bro. RICHARD HORTON SMITH, Q.C., Deputy G. Reg., took the chair, and, before calling on the lecturer, he explained that the subject of the demonstration they were to see that night had been before the Board of General Purposes for some time; that Bro. Klein had suggested that the subject was of such interest and importance, that he would like to have it considered by an emergency meeting of Grand Lodge. Before taking further steps in this matter, the Board felt that those members of the Board of General Purposes who had not already witnessed the demonstration should have the opportunity of seeing and judging for themselves. The Board had, therefore, placed their Board-room at the disposal of Bro. Klein to give his lecture, and had authorised him to invite such expert and distinguished brethren as he might think advisable to be present.

Bro. KLEIN, after thanking the Chairman on behalf of the Board for the courtesy they had shown him, expressed his great gratitude at having such a representative audience, and especially thanked those experts, some of whom had come several hundreds of miles to be present. The lecturer then gave a short epitome of his paper on "The Great Symbol," and finished by demonstrating, both by reference to copies of old prints and diagrams, which were supplied by him to all present, and also by a most curious method of employing the working tools of a Master Mason, that the key by which it was possible to unravel the mystery and meaning of certain strange traditions, was still to be found embedded in the ritual, and that by conscientious work every Master Mason could prepare himself for some day becoming possessed of this knowledge when he had fitted himself for occupying the chair of K.S. Bro. Klein concluded by reminding the meeting that the question before them was not whether the ritual should be altered nor whether the matter should be placed before an emergency meeting of Grand Lodge—that rested, he presumed, entirely in the hands of the Board of General Purposes—but having such an influential meeting of Installed Masters there-to-night, which might well be considered as representing a Committee of Grand Lodge, he hoped that a decided expression would be given by them as to whether or no the subject which he had laid before them was of great interest and importance to the Craft.

At the suggestion of the Chairman, a cordial vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to Bro. Klein for his most curious and interesting demonstration, and after a short discussion, the following resolution was proposed by ROBERT FREKE GOULD, P.G.D., and seconded by Bro. CHARLES E.

KEYSER, F.S.A., P.G.D., and carried unanimously, "That the brethren present having witnessed Bro. Klein's demonstration, acknowledge the great interest and importance of the subject are of opinion that it is one that will amply justify further enquiry and they therefore recommend it to the favourable consideration of the Board of General Purposes."

The meeting, which had lasted nearly two hours, was brought to a close by a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. R. Horton Smith, Q.C., Deputy Grand Registrar, for presiding.

### RECEPTION AND DANCE OF THE WHITE ROSE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2491.

The annual ball given by the Worshipful Master and brethren of this popular and spirited lodge took place in the Masonic Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield, on Tuesday, the 18th instant, and, as usual, from commencement to finish, was a brilliant success. In all matters Masonic the White Rose of York Lodge has, from its formation, displayed a deep and healthy interest. Its successive Worshipful Masters have vied with each other in their endeavours to do all that was possible to maintain the very prominent position which from the beginning the lodge acquired, and the consequence has been that for work, energy, Charity, and hospitality it stands second to none in Sheffield. The popularity of the lodge is clearly indicated by the eager acceptance which its numerous visitors display, and its annual installation festival has come to be looked upon as a Masonic red-letter day throughout the neighbourhood. Besides caring for the thorough training of the brethren and the hospitable reputation of its gatherings, the White Rose of York Lodge has, from the first, paid special attention to the pleasure and enjoyment of the ladies with whom its members are associated. A picnic in the summer and a dance in the winter are institutions recognised and looked forward to year by year, and carried out as they are with scrupulous attention to the comfort of the guests it is not to be wondered that the popularity of these functions annually increases.

The lodge room in Surrey-street presented a most pleasing aspect on the evening in question, and with its lounges, rugs, floral, and other decorations formed a *salon de reception* to which its noble proportions added increased magnificence. Here Bro. C. A. Hahn, the W.M., graciously assisted by his charming wife, hospitably greeted his guests. It was a brilliant gathering, distinguished alike by dainty toilettes and pretty faces.

The company numbered upwards of 90, amongst whom were Bro. C. A. Hahn, W.M., Mrs. Miss, Mr. Alfred, and Mr. Arthur Hahn; Bro. William Gunstone, I.P.M.; Bro. John Hunt, P.M., P.P.G.D., Mrs. Miss, and Mr. J. E. Hunt; Bro. T. H. Vernon, P.M., P.P.G.D., Mrs. Miss, and Mrs. Vernon; Bro. C. F. Brindley, P.M., and Mrs. Brindley; Bro. William Gadsby, P.M., P.P.G.O. Derbyshire, and Mrs. Gadsby; Bro. H. G. E. Green, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; Bro. H. J. Garnett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Bro. Joseph Matthewman, P.M., P.P. Asst. G. Sec.; Bro. E. Dickenson, P.M., and Mrs. Dickenson; Bro. G. W. Hawkesley, P.M., Mrs. Miss, and Mr. F. Hawkesley; Bro. Dr. John Stokes, P.M. 139, S.W. 2491; Bro. T. W. Hanforth, P.P.G.O., J.W., and Mrs. Hanforth; Bro. M. T. Miner, Asst. Sec.; Bro. A. B. Gunstone, S.D., and Miss Hoyland; Bro. H. M. Elliott, J.D., and Mrs. Elliott; Bro. J. K. Lister, I.G., and Mrs. Lister; Bro. W. H. Peasegood, Org., and Miss Henniker; Bro. A. S. Jarvis and Mrs. Jarvis; Bro. Joseph Craven, Treas., and Mrs. Craven; Bro. George Wish and Mrs. Wish; Bro. Ernest Moore and Miss Moore; Mr. T. E. Vernon and Mrs. Vernon; and a large number of non-Masonic friends accompanied by their wives, sisters, or *fiancées*, as the case might be.

A characteristic feature of the assembly was the large proportion of young people and when the scene changed from *salon* to ball room it was very clear that youth and pleasure met "to chase the glowing hours with flying feet."

Dancing was kept up with great spirit to the music of an excellent quadrille band, and the latest comic operas contributed to the measures to which the mazy figures were trodden.

Supper was served in the adjoining large room and there was ample accommodation for all.

The *menu* was all that could be desired, and Yorkshire Masonic hospitality was fully justified. The comfort of the guests was largely enhanced by the rapid and most courteous attentions of the neatest of neat waitresses. It was evident that the W.M. had given most careful consideration to every detail. At the head of the centre table sat Bro. Hahn, having Mrs. Hahn on his right and his I.P.M. on his left. Around were his own immediate friends and the Past Masters of the lodge with their wives, whilst the three other tables were occupied by the rest of the brethren and visitors.

Of course, even at a ball-supper, being Masonic, there must be some speeches, and a small formula was gone through.

"The Queen" was proposed in eloquent terms by the W.M.

The toast was received in the accustomed hearty manner.

"The Health of the W.M., Bro. C. A. Hahn, his Wife and Family," was given by the I.P.M., Bro. GUNSTONE, who said how greatly he valued the privilege. In Bro. Hahn he declared they had a W.M. endowed with ability of a high order, energy remarkable, and enthusiasm which could not fail beneficially to influence the officers and brethren of his lodge; he was convinced that Bro. Hahn had won the esteem and affection of all and they were proud to serve under a Worshipful Master so genial and so efficient. As, however, they were met that night for pleasanter occupation than speech-making, he would call upon them to show their appreciation of their host and hostess and their respect for the members of his family by drinking the toast which he had so much pleasure in proposing.

Bro. HAHN, on rising to reply, had a most enthusiastic reception. He said that though his remarks would be brief yet he most thoroughly thanked all present, both in his wife's name and his own for the kindness with which they had greeted him. It was a graceful compliment and to him it would always be a memorable day. They had had happy and successful re-unions of this kind in the past, and, judging by the progress of events thus far, he ventured to hope that their present meeting would be very far from a failure. He had done his best and it was a matter of intense gratification to Mrs. Hahn and himself to think that their efforts had met with success. For that success they were not, however, indebted to himself alone, for the Committee, and amongst that body notably Bro. W. Gadsby and Bro. M. T. Miner had done the lion's share of the work. He trusted they would increase the satisfaction of himself and his family by thoroughly enjoying what still remained of what he hoped all would pronounce at the close as a delightful evening's entertainment.

Only one other toast followed "The Ladies." This was left to Bro. Dr. JOHN STOKES, who in his pleasant and humorous way did it full justice.

On behalf of the fair, Bro. Ernest Moore was called upon to reply. Being an artist he had doubtless made the features of the ladies a special study and would, the W.M. thought, on that account be able justly to reflect their sentiments.

Bro. MOORE suitably responded; after which the programme of dances was resumed. This all too soon, came to an end and the party broke up with universal expressions of satisfaction.

Bro. Hahn was heartily congratulated upon the excellence of his arrangements for the comfort, entertainment, and enjoyment which all had experienced at the fifth annual ball of the White Rose of York Lodge.

### LADIES' BANQUET AND DANCE AT THE ECCLESTON LODGE, No. 1624.

The members of the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, have for some years past set one night apart during the winter season for the entertainment of ladies, and each of these occasions has proved a success. This year has been no exception to the rule, and the function held at the Criterion Restaurant, on the 19th instant, will be remembered as one of complete enjoyment and unqualified success, upon which the popular W.M., Bro. William Smith, and his officers, are to be heartily congratulated.

There was, however, a lengthy agenda of work to be transacted in the lodge room before the festivities commenced, and lodge was, therefore, opened at an early hour. The minutes were confirmed, and Bro. Hayward was passed to the Second Degree, after which Messrs. E. J. Tompkins and F. D. Rumming were impressively initiated into Freemasonry. The W.M. performed the ceremonies in a very able manner, and was well-supported by his officers. Other business was transacted, and the lodge was closed.

The guests were received and welcomed on their arrival by Bro. Wm. Smith and Mrs. Smith, who gracefully assisted the W.M. in the duties of the evening and to whose kindly thoughtfulness much of the subsequent enjoyment was attributable.

The banquet was served in the Victoria Hall, where covers were laid for about 160, and a *recherche* repast was served in excellent style.

After grace, a few toasts were given, the speeches being interspersed with musical selections by Bro. Tom E. Davis and Miss Cole.

"The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Grand Officers," were duly honoured, after which "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the acting I.P.M., who said this was one of the principal toasts, not only of the evening, but also in connection with the history of the lodge. There were 17 brethren living who had preceded Bro. Smith in the chair of that lodge and they were anxiously watching how the present W.M. performed his duty. Up to the present they were thoroughly pleased with the way in which the W.M. had done his work, and they hoped to see him spared to take his place in the long list of Past Masters. They were all extremely sorry at the sudden bereavement which had befallen the W.M.—who had lost a near relative—and had this not occurred their numbers would have been somewhat increased. Although the W.M.'s friends could not attend, he had felt it his duty to the lodge to be present, and had endeavoured to set aside his own personal feelings to enhance the enjoyment of those around the table. They sympathised with the W.M., thanked him for what he had done, and would all heartily drink his health.

Bro. Wm. SMITH, W.M., thanked them for the reception given the toast and for the kindly sympathy shown him. With reference to the remarks of the I.P.M. as to his bereavement, he could only say he had felt it a duty he owed to the lodge not to let anything disturb the enjoyment of that evening. He thanked them for their kindness in drinking his health, and hoped they would all enjoy themselves. The Eccleston Lodge was known as one of the best in London and especially in entertaining the ladies once a year, and he was very pleased to see so many ladies present that evening to honour the banquet. He should, however, like to have seen a few more of the brethren present whom he had met for many years in the lodge. Under the circumstances they would excuse him from making a long speech and he would only say he hoped every visitor and lady would thoroughly enjoy themselves. A few moments later they would enter the ball room and he wished them all a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

Bros. E. J. TOMPKINS and F. D. RUMMING responded for "The Initiates," after which the W.M. proposed "The Ladies and Visitors."

Bro. E. NICE, Stwd., replying for "The Ladies," said he was completely taken by surprise and was in a somewhat paradoxical position. To reply to this toast was at the same time an honour and a disgrace. He felt it an honour to have his name at any time connected with the ladies, but he did feel it a disgrace that he should have lived sufficiently long in this world to have lost a goodly portion of nature's advancement and yet be asked to respond as a single man. At one time it was doubtful whether they would have a ladies' banquet this year, but a man would have a great deal of courage to come forward as Master and say there would be no ladies' gathering. He was pleased the present W.M. had had such a gathering, as the presence of the ladies greatly enhanced their enjoyment, and as the Great Architect in completing the Creation put the final touch by the creation of woman, they should also put that final touch on their enjoyment in those meetings by the introduction of the ladies.

Bro. W. H. BUTLER, 1687, on behalf of "The Visitors," returned thanks, and Bros. SIMEONS and JONES also expressed their thanks.

"The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers" was honoured and duly responded to.

An adjournment was then made to the ball room, where Bro. Middleditch's excellent band discoursed sweet music, and dancing was indulged in until a late hour. Mr. G. Lingworth proved an efficient M.C., and the following Stewards were courteous in their attentions: Bros. Hellyar, Kruse, King, Morris, Nice, Raven, and Thompson.

The large number of brethren and visitors present included Bro. W. Smith and Mrs. Smith; Bro. W. H. Butler, D.C. 1687, and Mrs. Butler; Mrs. and Miss Austin; Miss Mayes, Mrs. Sheard; Bro. T. E. Davis; Miss Cole; Bros. G. Lane, S.W.; W. Lane, J.W.; T. Coulthard, P.M., Treas.; R. Bottle, P.M., Sec.; E. Badderly, S.D.; W. Hellyar, J.D.; J. Whalen, I.G.; E. Nice, Stwd.; W. E. Moorman, P.M.; A. Bignold, P.M.; F. Arnold, P.M.; W. B. Pugh, P.M.; R. J. Steel, I.P.M. 2012; J. Lawson, P.M. 1607; C. Woodrow, P.M. 1768; C. H. Cartwright, 382; H. C. Parsons, 2106; D. Redearn, S.W. 753; J. W. Simeons, J.W. 193; T. W. Williams, 1310; J. G. Manton, 2552; M. E. Swan, 753; E. W. Mayer, 753; W. Jones, S.D. 2561; and many others.

### Chapter of Instruction.

#### STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 21st instant. Present: Comps. Wm. Eckersall, M.E.Z.; W. R. Barr, II.; H. Hardman, J.; T. Grumant, P.Z., Preceptor, Treas.; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; H. Cornford, S.N.; Latham, P.S.; West, Cass, Frampton, Beecroft, Rankin, Blum, Cureton, Loader, Plant, Addington, Derham, and Dawson.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Beecroft personating the candidate. Comp. W. R. Barr was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Comp. Wm. Dawson was heartily congratulated upon his recovery from illness, to which he gratefully replied for the companion's kind expressions of sympathy. Comps. Hardman and W. R. Barr rehearsed the installations of J. and H., respectively. The chapter was placed at the disposal of the M.E.Z. of the Selwyn Chapter, No. 1901—Comp. Wm. Wills—on the first Friday in February, and the M.E.Z. of Sterndale Bannet Chapter, No. 2182, on the second Friday in February. The chapter was closed.

## Craft Masonry.

### Domestic Lodge, No. 177.

This ancient lodge held its installation meeting at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 14th inst., when it was conclusively proved that it still maintains its vigorous and flourishing condition. An interesting feature of the proceedings was the re-appearance, after 13 weeks' illness, of Bro. G. Everett, P.G. Treas., who came from a sick room for the purpose of installing Bro. Ferguson, P.M., as W.M. Bro. Everett had previously installed Bro. Ferguson in the chair of this lodge 26 years ago, and the warm and sympathetic welcome he received on this occasion must have compensated him in some measure for his enforced absence in the past and for the fatigue which the performance of the ceremony must naturally have occasioned. Amongst the members present were Bros. T. N. Morris, W.M.; J. Stephens, Dep. G.D.C., J.W.; Geo. Everett, P.M., P.G. Treas.; T. Morris, Sec.; J. Anley, jun., S.D.; W. Hanes, J.D.; H. Linwood, Org.; J. S. Smith, I.G.; T. H. Hobbs, P.M., P.P.G.D. Bucks; W. J. Ferguson, P.M.; Harry N. Price, P.M., P.G.S.B.; A. Piper, P.M.; R. Pierpoint, P.M.; W. M. Foxcroft, P.M.; A. Simner, P.M.; and many others. There was also a large attendance of visitors.

There was a long agenda of work for transaction at the opening of the lodge, and, after the confirmation of the minutes and the receipt of the audit report, several candidates were raised to the Third Degree, and others passed to the rank of Fellow Craft. Bro. George Everett, P.M., then assumed the chair, and it was a treat to be present to witness this veteran brother installing his old friend and colleague, Bro. W. J. Ferguson, P.M., after an interval of 26 years. The officers invested were Bros. T. N. Morris, I.P.M.; W. Hanes, S.W.; J. Anley, jun., J.W.; George Everett, P.M., Treas.; T. Morris, Sec.; T. S. Smith, S.D.; P. S. Wallis, J.D.; F. G. Newell, I.G.; R. B. Hopkins, Org.; P. V. Newell, D.C.; J. M. Butler, A.D.C.; H. N. Price, P.G.S.B., and J. Blade, Stwds.; and T. C. Edmonds, P.M., Tyler. The usual addresses were delivered by Bros. Hobbs, P.M., and Stephens, D.G.D.C. The W.M. then initiated Messrs. H. Atterbury and W. H. Miles, and his rendering of the ritual was good evidence that his hand had not lost its cunning. Bro. George Everett, P.M., Treas., then moved that 25 guineas should be voted to the Boys' School—it being the turn of that Institution this year—the amount to be placed on the W.M.'s list. Bro. Everett has performed the pleasant duty as Treasurer for the past 20 years. Two guineas were also voted to the Terris Lifeboat Fund, the late Bro. Terris having been initiated in this lodge many years ago. Bro. T. N. Morris, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel, in token of the able and agreeable manner in which he had discharged the duties of Master, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to banquet, where Bro. Everett's appearance was the signal for another cordial greeting, although he was, unfortunately, unable to remain long.

Bro. J. Stephens, D.G.D.C., replied for "The Grand Officers," which had been proposed in elegant terms by the W.M.

Bro. T. N. Morris, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master." He re-echoed the sentiments of the members in saying they were proud of their W.M., who had again succeeded to the chair after 26 years and was still hale and hearty and capable of doing his work. There were not many lodges that could show such a patriarchal Master, whilst it was such a curious fact that he (the W.M.) was the youngest Master they had had for many years.

Bro. W. J. Ferguson, P.M., W.M., in response, said it was a curious comparison of feelings one experienced between taking the chair now and then. Twenty-six years ago he came into the chair and imagined that he was at least three feet higher and 12 feet wider than previously. He tried to exert himself to the best of his ability and it required all his powers. The lodge in those days was not so amenable to discipline as now. Things had altered since then and he now presided over a lodge of which he was exceedingly proud—an old lodge, and a better conducted, and a more efficient lodge was not to be found amongst the 2500 on the register. The Past Masters still came up smiling, although termed "fossils," and during the ensuing year he would endeavour to prove they were not "fossils," for as he was one of the oldest, if he failed all the rest would be condemned as bad. He was proud of the position he occupied because it was the result of a consultation amongst the Past Masters at which he was not present, and the result was duly endorsed by the lodge. They had committed the lodge to his care and he should endeavour to carry out the duties to the best of his ability and hoped at the end of the year to hear them say that "for an old fossil, he was not so bad after all."

"The Initiates" was next honoured and appropriately acknowledged by Bros. Atterbury and Miles.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, replied to the toast of "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. Humphreys, P.P.G.W. Essex, and Bro. Davis replied for "The Visitors," after which "The Treasurer and Secretary" was also honoured.

"The Past Masters" and "The Officers" received due recognition before the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bros. Herbert Linwood and R. H. Hopkins were ably supported in the musical arrangements by Miss Emily Foxcroft and Bros. J. W. Sidney, F. Archer, and T. Smith.

### Hampstead Lodge, No. 2408.

The above lodge was engaged on the 18th instant, at the Vestry Hall, Haverstock Hill, in initiating into Freemasonry Mr. Richard Reece Hardwicke and in installing in the chair of King Solomon Bro. G. Titus Barham, P.M. 256. Both ceremonies were admirably performed by the retiring Master, Bro. F. H. Gervis, and it is not too much to say that the beautiful addresses accompanying the ceremony of installation were never given with greater impressiveness than on this occasion by Bro. Gervis.

The lodge was honoured by the presence of three distinguished members of the Grand Lodge of England, viz., Bros. R. C. Sudlow, Rowland Plumbe, and J. Stephens. Bro. Titus Barham appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. C. Edwards, S.W.; C. N. Cobbett, J.W.; T. H. Russell, Chap.; George Low, Treas.; Wm. Woodward, Sec.; Donald McMillan, S.D.; John Slater, J.D.; Frank S. N. Isitt, Org.; Charles S. Preston, I.G.; F. E. Hamel and T. C. Hughes, Stwds.; and R. H. Geddard, Tyler.

At the banquet which followed Bro. Fred. H. Gervis was presented with a Past Master's jewel as a token of the esteem and affection of the lodge, and a capital programme of music, in which Bro. W. H. Breton took part, was performed under the direction of the Organist of the lodge, Bro. Frank S. N. Isitt.

The usual toasts to the initiate and to the officers of the lodge terminated a very pleasant evening.

### Lodge of Israel, No. 205.

This lodge held its installation meeting for the year, 1898, at its new quarters, the Holborn Restaurant, when there were present among other brethren, the following: Bros. Isaac Rosalki, W.M.; George Lichtenfeld, S.W.; J. Marcus, J.W.; Humphrey J. Phillips, P.M., Sec.; Joseph Trenner, S.D.; Lichtenfeld, J.D.; John A. Gartley, P.M., Chap.; W. Wright, Org.; Melville M. Friedlander, Stwd.; Philip Greenspan, I.G.; R. Marcus, P.M.; S. M. Harris, P.M.; J. Levy, P.M.; Henry W. Harris, P.M.; J. P. Cohen, P.M.; Wolf Littaur, P.M.; Morris Goodrich, Stwd.; John Berlyn, I.P.M.; Amos Shaw, S. Manne, I. Richmond, L. J. Barnett, Albert Isaacs, B. Aaronwitch, Samuel Myer, M. Ruben, M. Rudolf E. Schumann, M. Friedlander, M. Dromondsleigh, S. B. Latheim, B. Greenberg, David Gould, M. Flemberg, Hyman Levy, L. Abrahams, A. Abbe, S. R. Praeger, T. Samson, S. Lazarus, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Heymann H. J. Ahern, I.P.M. 2253; B. Da Costa, P.M. 1349; L. A. Da Costa, P.M. 1349; W. Hinds, W.M. 185; M. Da Costa, S.W. 1349; John Knight, P.M. 95; D. Sheperd, 1339; E. J. Acworth, P.M. and Sec. 2265; W. G. Dickinson, 2515; A. Englander, 2051; S. Emden, 1349; H. A. Genese, P.M. 2265; E. Lewis, W.M. 1608; Thomas W. Peart, J.W. 11; J. S. Goldstein, J.W. 2265; H. Raphael, 2265; S. G. Thorne, 1425; B. L. Israel, John H. Finch, J.D. 173; G. Martin, P.M. 829; A. Brodski, J.D. 1539; Alex. Levay, 188; M. Garnett, 1071; S. H. Beach, 1503; J. A. Pashold, 511; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; J. Kingers, 813; Isaac Myers, L. M. Myers, Henry Morrison, P.M. 2353; Peter Hart, 1653; William Wood, I.G. 2503; and H. Chetham, W.M. 1017.

Bro. Isaac Rosalki, W.M., installed in admirable style Bro. George Lichtenfeld as Master of the lodge for the ensuing 12 months. Bro. Rosalki was invested as I.P.M., and the following brethren received the other lodge collars: Bros. Joseph Marcus, S.W.; Joseph Trenner, J.W.; John A. Gartley, P.M., Chap.; Simeon M. Harris, P.M., Treas.; Humphrey James Phillips, P.M., Sec.; Hermann Lichtenfeld, P.M. 2353, S.D.; Philipp Greenspan, I.D.; Henry M. Harris, P.M., D.C.; W. Wright, P.P.G.O. Middlesex, Org.; I. Richmond, I.G.; A. M. Goodrich, M. Friedlander, and D. Greenberg, Stwds.; and R. J. Morley, Tyler. Bro. I. Rosalki, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel voted to him by the lodge, and after the presentation had been made, Bro. Lichtenfeld, W.M., said he had very great pleasure in being the channel for presenting a gift to Bro. Rosalki from an exceptional source, Mrs. Phillips, the wife of the highly respected and honoured Secretary of the lodge. In recognition of great services rendered to the lodge by the I.P.M. during his year of office, Mrs. Phillips begged his acceptance of a Past Master's collar, appended to it being a silver Past Master's jewel. He was quite sure that Bro. Rosalki would duly value it. Bro. Rosalki, in acknowledging the gift, said he should very highly prize it. It was exceedingly pleasant to have such a gift, and it was the more pleasurable that it came from a lady, the wife of an old friend, who, ever since he had been in the lodge had himself rendered to it most valuable services.

After some formal business had been transacted the lodge was closed, and the events of the day were celebrated by festivities, part of which was an excellent banquet.

The toasts followed, and the capital music with which the brethren were entertained under the direction of Bro. W. Wright, the Organist of the lodge, was performed by Miss Phyllis Hope, Miss Florence Glover, Bro. Richard Evans, Bro. Oswald Sharpley, Bro. the Rev. S. Manné, and Mr. Bert Hope. Miss Handel Rosalki, daughter of the I.P.M., gave some good recitations, and Mr. Laurie Phillips, son of Bro. Humphrey Phillips, Secretary of the lodge, executed pianoforte solos in thoroughly artistic style.

Bro. C. J. R. Tijou, P.A.G.P., responded to the toast which includes "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and in the course of his remarks said the universality of sympathy on the part of Masons was acknowledged. Being universal, it was not confined to a particular body or creed, and their sympathy had been extended to the Earl of Lathom in his bereavement. Taking the Grand Officers as a whole, they did their duty to the Craft. At one time he (Bro. Tijou) was the only Grand Lodge Officer in the East of London. In that position he joined the Israel Lodge of Instruction. There were Christians as well as Jews in that lodge, but they had one faith in common, they believed in T.G.A.O.T.U. That was accentuated that night; both creeds met and worked for a common object that might redound to the benefit of the community at large. He was only too pleased to join anything which might tend to the benefit of the body of Masonry at large in an increased sympathy with those in poverty and distress.

Bro. George Lichtenfeld, W.M., replying to the toast of "The Worshipful Master," which was proposed by Bro. I. Rosalki, said he had taken that night the position of W.M. of the Israel Lodge. It was expected that the brother who took that position should discharge his duties to the entire satisfaction of the P.Ms. and brethren. Never mind the past; he was looking boldly into the future, and he should try his very best to do his duty. With I.P.M. on one side, and the Secretary on the other, he could not go wrong. In the lodge he should have the benefit of the assistance of the I.P.M., who had given the brethren a Masonic treat that night in the way he had delivered the ritual. He hoped that both in the lodge by his working, and at the banquet table by presiding, he should give satisfaction to the brethren.

Bro. Lichtenfeld, W.M., next proposed "The Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund." He felt perfectly inadequate to give the toast, more especially so, as the Treasurer for more than 25 years had lately died (Bro. A. M. Cohen, P.M.). The late Treasurer had been able to draw on the brethren's purses; but he (Bro. Lichtenfeld) hoped they would not be indisposed to give their guineas as freely as before to that most deserving fund.

Bro. Henry M. Harris, P.M., D.C., Treasurer of the Fund, responded. He said he was elected on the Committee of the Fund 30 years ago, and 15 years he had been its Vice-President. He was now Treasurer. As long as the brethren re-elected him, and he had the power to do justice to the office, he should do so. The Fund was eminently deserving of the support of every member of the lodge, and he hoped they would strongly support it. It had relieved a great number of cases; in several cases the money handed over had been returned when the person relieved had got into better circumstances. There was the greatest secrecy about the gifts, and no member of the lodge who had been relieved need be ashamed to take his place in the lodge. The amount in the Fund was now £950 invested in Consols, and he appealed to the brethren to make it up to £1000. He hoped the difference would be raised that night.

The W.M. then announced very numerous donations to the Fund.

The other toasts were afterwards honoured, and the brethren separated.

### Tyne Lodge, No. 991.

The 34th annual meeting was held on Thursday, the 13th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Wallsend, when there was a very large meeting, including several Past Masters and officers of neighbouring lodges, as well as many of the Prov. Grand Officers. It was the largest meeting ever held in the new Masonic Hall, the foundation-stone of which was laid on April 1st, 1891, by the Prov. G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. Sir M. W. Ridley, Bart., M.P. (the present Home Secretary), and the venture has proved a very profitable one, the Tyne Masonic Hall Company (Limited) declaring a dividend for the last year of 7½ per cent., besides having a reserve fund of £48. The following were the officers appointed: Bros. Osterfield J. T. R. Jackson, W.M.; W. Cawthorn, I.P.M.; G. H. Cameron, S.W.; J. Reid, J.W.; Young Terry, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Chap.; G. A. Allan, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; Geo. Turnbull, P.M., P.P.G.O., Sec.; Dixon Cowie, Asst. Sec.; A. C. Messer, S.D.; D. Buchanan, J.D.; Wm. Ball, P.M., D.C.; Wm. Lyall, Org.; M. W. Graham, I.G.; Wm. Hindmarch, Jos. Atkinson, and J. F. Davidson, Stwds.; and Wm. Meggatt, Tyler. The installing Master, Bro. Geo. A. Allan, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. (who himself was made W.M. in 1866, and has attended every annual meeting since except last year), performed his duties in an exceptionally able manner, and was highly complimented by Bro. Seymour Bell, Prov. S. G.W., and other Prov. Grand Officers. The retiring W.M., Bro. Wm. Cawthorn, I.P.M., was presented, in the name of the officers and brethren, by Bro. D. Craig with a gold Past Master's jewel.

The following visitors were present, most of whom attended the annual banquet, held in Bro. J. Dunwoodie's Station Hotel, Wallsend, after the lodge was closed: Bros. Seymour Bell, P.M. 1626, P.S.G.W.; A. T. Aitchison, P.M. 24, P.P.G.R.; Thos. Pickering, P.M. 24; J. B. Clarke, W.M. 24; R. Brand, P.M.; E. J. Gibbons, P.M. 541, P.P.G.O.; Rev. O. Brady Jones, P.M. 2197; A. Dodds, P.M. 48, P.P. G.D. Durham; A. Simpson, W.M. 48; W. C. Holzafal, S.W. 48; E. J. Giles, 775, St. John's, Newfoundland; Robt. Liddle, W.M. 481, P.P.G.O.; Leo Nixon, P.M. 481; C. Smith, P.M. 481; Alex. Kinghorn, S.W. 481; Robt. Plumpton, J.W. 481; E. Graham, S.W. 481; C. Schroder, Stwd. 481; Jos. Banks, W.M. 406; T. White, J.W. 406; L. Guthrie, S.W. 406; H. Bartlett, J.W. 406; C. J. Ashdowne, W.M. 1427; Robt. Humphrey, W.M. 2557; E. W. Watson, S.W. 2557; Guthrie, I.G. 2557; W. Cowie, W.M. 1643; Linwood, 48; E. Craven, 406; Jno. Tickle, 406; J. Cronq, 481; Jos. Gillespie, 481; Geo. Hall, 1342; J. Wadland, 1342; A. Wiggins, 541; and S. Newton, 1342.

The usual Masonic toasts, songs, &c., were rendered in a pleasing manner, the chief harmony being supplied by a specially trained choir of local brethren; and every one went home highly gratified with the whole proceedings from first to last.

### Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287.

There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors at the installation meeting of this lodge held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on the 20th inst. The record for the past year had been similar to many of its immediate predecessors—eminently satisfactory in every respect. The reputation for good working had been well maintained under the Mastership of Bro. Arthur C. Doughty, whose pleasing and unique task it was to instal his own brother to succeed him—Bro. Thos. G. Doughty—who is also well known as an expert student of the ritual, while the Treasurer and father of the lodge, Bro. S. Webb, P.M., had once more to report a substantial balance in hand.

The members present included Bros. A. C. Doughty, W.M.; S. Webb, P.M., Treas.; H. T. Reid, P.M., Stwd.; W. Cleghorn, P.M., Sec.; T. Owen, P.M.; C. Kempton, P.M., D.C.; R. Cane, P.M.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Edgar, P.M.; J. Paul, P.M.; G. Ridout, P.M.; C. Davis, P.M.; T. G. Doughty,



S.W.; E. B. Homewood, J.W.; T. Steer, J.D.; B. Russell, I.G.; Rev. J. H. Rose, P.M., Chap.; A. Kenningham, Org.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; W. H. Ball, P.M. 87; J. Joel, J.W. 2637; S.W. Fitch, 2345; G. J. Allen, P.M. 1329; F. W. Hancock, P.M. 548; J. Webb, S.W. 92; S. F. Cornish, W.M. 1216; W. J. Rowe, P.M. 2021; E. C. Lane, I.G. 1375; W. Pound, P.M. 19; L. Gunnsdell, W.M. 2021; E. J. Rosenberger, I.P.M. 2021; J. A. Stone, 1208; J. Leex, P.M. 1426; Carl Fleck, P.M. 172; C. Bonham, P.M. 1382; A. Chinnery, 1366; F. Jackson, P.M. 2191; C. Wilks, P.M. 73; G. A. Fletcher, P.M. 180; L. Lake, I.G. 87; T. H. Tiddy, P.M. 807; F. Perkins, S.D. 2658; G. F. Edwards, 766; C. Hill, 503; C. Wheeler, 113; C. Holmes, 133; W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D.; and others.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and Mr. P. H. Prior duly initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Kempton, P.M., D.C., then presented Bro. T. G. Doughty as W.M. elect, and he was installed into the chair by his brother, Bro. A. C. Doughty. The ceremony was carefully and correctly rendered by the Installing Master, the usual addresses being given in a very impressive manner. The following officers were invested: Bros. E. B. Homewood, S.W.; G. Edwards, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Rose, M.A., P.M., Chap.; S. Webb, P.M., Treas.; W. Cleghorn, P.M., Sec.; T. Steer, S.D.; B. Russell, J.D.; C. Kempton, P.M., D.C.; A. Kenningham, Org.; F. Bascombe, I.G.; H. T. Reed, P.M., and J. Leather, Stewards; and J. Rawles, Tyler. Various items of business—including the adoption of a very satisfactory Auditors' report—were transacted, and the lodge was closed.

The subsequent banquet was held at Freemasons' Tavern, and the usual toasts followed.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the W.M. drew attention to the presence of Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and said he should include with that toast that of "The Masonic Charities." His brother, the I.P.M., intended serving as Steward for the Boys' School that year at the Centenary Festival, and he hoped the lodge would send the I.P.M. up with a list second to none.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., returned thanks for the Grand Officers, alluding in sympathetic terms to the Pro Grand Master, he hoped the Grand Officers all deserved their appointments, and he also expressed the hope that the day was not far distant when some brother from that lodge might be able to respond for the toast, for he knew there was more than one P.M. who would adorn the dais of Grand Lodge. The W.M. had kindly included the toast of the Masonic Charities. The W.M. had briefly alluded to the Benevolent Institution, who paid £16,000 away in annuities, and to the Girls' School, which stood so high for the conduct of its affairs, and he (Bro. McLeod) hoped the Boys' School was doing its work in as efficient a manner. He thought he might claim that they were, judging by the continuous support given the Institution during the last few years, which had enabled them to carry out that work to the best of their ability, and encouraged them to extend their sphere of operations and give increased benefits to a greater number of boys. It was generally admitted the Institution was making an excellent more and had a good site. The approved plans had met with the unanimous approval of the Board of Management, and would shortly be on view to subscribers. The Girls' School Centenary—some 10 years ago—announced a splendid sum, which was surpassed afterwards by the Jubilee of the Benevolent Institution. The Boys' School wanted to "go one better," for in Freemasonry they always tried to do so, and no one would begrudge them the success if they should do so. He asked them to support the I.P.M. with a record list, and give the Institution the largest amount collected in the history of the lodge.

The I.P.M. then proposed "The Worshipful Master," and said he felt he was speaking with a considerable amount of diffidence, for he could not speak of his own brother as he would of a stranger. He could, however, assure them that in the W.M. they had one who would be a credit to the Great Northern Lodge. They were both initiated on the same evening, and it was only force of circumstances that had placed him in his present position as I.P.M., and his brother in the chair. He knew the W.M.'s worth and the lodge had seen his years of work in the positions he had filled from the first rung of the ladder to his present coveted position as W.M. Whenever a Master was installed in that lodge they hoisted the flag of welcome, and he was most gratified to find the members had not forgotten to hoist that well-known flag on the present occasion. He hoped the members would accord the W.M. every support to which he was entitled and give him plenty of work during the coming year.

Bro. T. G. Doughty, W.M., expressed his sincere thanks to the I.P.M. and brethren. He might, or might not, deserve the excellent remarks of the I.P.M., and he left that to the brethren to consider at the end of his 12 months of office. He would try all he could to make his year a success and as regards work, it would not be his fault if it was not properly done. During the last year they had had the Three Degrees every lodge night, and if he had the same he should be satisfied for he would be prepared to do it. He thanked them again for the kind way in which his health had been proposed and received.

"The Initiate" was next given, Bro. Prior appropriately replying in a few well-chosen words.

The Worshipful Master submitted "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," and referred to the excellent rendering of the installation that night by Bro. A. C. Doughty. The past year had been a good one and the I.P.M. had worked splendidly. As they were aware, every Master in that lodge who did his work in a proper manner was voted a jewel. That jewel he had great pleasure in presenting to the I.P.M., his brother, hoping he would be spared for many years to wear it and regard it as evidence that the members thought highly of him.

Bro. A. C. Doughty, I.P.M., in response, said he accepted the position of W.M. with some doubt, because he had in remembrance the great reputation his predecessors bore. The knowledge that he had performed his duties to their satisfaction was his reward. He thanked them most sincerely for the magnificent jewel, and whilst listening to the last song—"Good-bye"—he might say "good-bye" to the Master's chair, although not to the lodge. He hoped to look upon the jewel in years to come, and remember the many happy times spent in the lodge. As they had been informed, he was going up as Steward for the Boys' School, and he hoped they would support him. He was pleased to announce that he had now 60 guineas on his list; but he hoped to take up a record list for the lodge. He thanked them one and all for the kindness he had always received from them since he had been a member of the lodge.

Bro. the Rev. J. H. Rose, P.M., replied for "The Chaplain."

Bros. Bonham, Gunnsdell, Cornish, and Pound answered for "The Visitors."

Bro. S. Webb, P.M., Treas., responding for "The Past Masters, Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers," said that those responsible for the working of their lodge did their best for its welfare at all times. There was no friction of any kind, for they were all working on mutual ground.

Bro. W. Cleghorn, P.M., Sec., expressed his gratification at seeing one of his own initiates instal another, it being 10 years since he initiated the Bros. Doughty.

Bro. A. Kenningham, Org., had provided a capital musical programme in which Miss Gertrude Snow, Miss Blanche Murray, and Bros. T. H. Turner, H. T. Reed, and Vernon Taylor, rendered valuable assistance.

### National Artillery Lodge, No. 2578.

The installation meeting of this young lodge was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, when there were present Bros. Major Vane Stow, W.M.; Earl of Stradbroke, S.W.; Capt. Edward W. Postans, Treas.; Lieut. J. George W. James, Sec.; Capt. H. Turner Emery, late, R.A., S.D.; Col. Harry C. Wilson, J.D.; Maj. W. Riccardson, P.M., D.C.; Maj. H. B. Lewis Baines, Kent Artillery Militia, Org.; Capt. A. W. Fenton Langham, Stwd.; Lieut.-Col. J. T. Ritchie, P.M.; Col. Charles Jervaise-Boxall, C.B.; Maj. T. D. Wishart, Gen. Hale Wortham, and Col. W. B. Murley. Visitors: Bros. Sir W. T. Marriott, O.C., P.G.D.; D. Prov. G.M. Sussex; J. Monon Le Strange, P.G.D.; Thomas J. Rainey, P.A.G.D.C.; Col. Thomas F. Turnbull, 25; Herman Klein, P.M. 2108; Major R. H. Murdoch, S.W. 1789; G. H. Gaze, P.M. 40; John Inman, 40; R. B. Colvin, 2501; S. A. Kapadier, 1169; W. H. Harrison, 5th Dragoon Guards, 570; Maj. H. A. Ede Pinna, P.M. 1973; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; Alf. E. Turner, Asst. Adjt.-Gen. R.A., P.M. 1789; Col. Thomas Tully, P.M. 1710; G. H. Hopkinson, 14, P.D.G.D.C.; G. W. Yee, 10; and C. Townley, S.D. 2199.

After the preliminary business and the adoption of the Audit Committee's report, Bro. Major Vane Stow vacated the W.M.'s chair in favour of Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. T. Ritchie, R.A., P.M., to whom was presented, by Bro. Col. Boxall, Bro. the Earl of Stradbroke, S.W., for installation as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of

placing Bro. Lord Stradbroke in the chair having been duly performed, Bro. Maj. Vane Stow received the collar of I.P.M. The following brethren were the new officers for the year: Bros. Maj. W. Nicholls, P.M., S.W.; Capt. Turner-Emery, J.W.; the Rev. Canon R. T. Whittington, M.A., Chap.; Capt. Postans, P.M., Treas.; Lieut. J. G. W. James, P.M., Sec.; Lieut.-Col. Wilson, S.D.; Col. C. Jervaise-Boxall, C.B., P.M., P.G. Stwd., J.D.; Maj. Richardson, P.M., D.C.; Capt. Langman, I.G.; Maj. H. B. Lewis-Barned, Org.; Maj. J. H. Wrenn, Stwd.; and Charles Warren, P.M., Tyler. The lodge was then, after the delivery of the addresses and the proposition of several brethren for joining, closed.

The brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, after which the usual toasts were honoured.

These were interspersed with singing by Bros. Herman Klein, Montague Barwell, H. G. Pelissier, and Maj. H. B. Lewis Barned, Organist of the lodge.

Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, O.C., P.G.D., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Col. J. T. Ritchie, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and said he could not help very strongly feeling that it was a happy augury for the National Artillery Lodge that Lord Stradbroke had been placed in the chair. From his lordship's position in the National Artillery Association, and socially, they might hope that his year would be one of great success, and that they would have the number of members of the lodge very largely augmented by getting within its borders many members of the auxiliary forces in the country. From the initiation of the lodge, and the idea of it, he thought it ought to be—and he hoped it would be—one of the strongest lodges in the kingdom; it had every right to be. The number of volunteer and militia gunners was as the sands of the sea, and he certainly thought that all those who were lovers of Masonry, and of the principles of Masonry, ought to join this lodge, for it possessed in itself the elements of a thoroughly representative lodge. He could not conceive why more members of outlying corps throughout the kingdom did not come forward to join it. Perhaps, the lodge was entering upon happier days in that respect; at any rate, he thought the lodge might congratulate itself on now having as its Master Lord Stradbroke, who not only had an interest in the Volunteer and Militia Artillery at heart, but the interest and good of Freemasonry at heart. With such interest he (Col. Ritchie) predicted a very successful year of office for Lord Stradbroke; he had surrounded himself with a number of good Masonic officers, and he ought to have a very successful year, not only in the working of the lodge and its duties Masonically, but in the accession of members to the lodge.

Bro. the Earl of Stradbroke, W.M., in reply, said although he felt himself unworthy to occupy such an important position as Master of the lodge, he assured the brethren he accepted it with very great pleasure, and he hoped that what Col. Ritchie had said with regard to the future position of the lodge would be fulfilled. He was sure he might rely on those who kindly consented to take office in the lodge to support him in every way and further the interests of the lodge. He was very much indebted to Col. Ritchie for what he had said and for coming there that evening to instal him; he should always remember it. From what Col. Ritchie had pointed out he hoped they would have a good future before the lodge. They must try to get as many as possible of the Volunteer Artillery as were anxious to join Masonry to choose the National Artillery Lodge. Its meetings were not very frequent, and he hoped they would have a large lodge. They had had a very pleasant meeting that evening, and when they looked back in life they liked to remember pleasant meetings with their friends. Sir W. Marriott had pointed out that these dinners were the unimportant interests of Masonry but still they were important as forwarding the interests of the Craft.

Bro. the Earl of Stradbroke, W.M., proposed "The Installing Master, Colonel Ritchie, R.A., P.M., P.G.S.B." He appreciated very much Col. Ritchie's kindness in coming to instal him. Col. Ritchie was a busy man, and had many duties to perform, and it was with very great self-sacrifice that he found time to come that night. They all admired the way he carried out the installation; very few of them could perform it so ably, and he felt much gratified that he was honoured by being installed as he was in such a first-rate manner. Col. Ritchie had himself an interest in the lodge from its foundation; he was one of the founders, and he had given it his support ever since. All the brethren of the lodge were much indebted to Col. Ritchie for the interest he had taken in the lodge throughout; he hoped he would continue to take the same interest and attend the lodge meetings, although it might be irksome to him to do so. Whenever he did come they would give him a hearty welcome.

Bro. Col. Ritchie, in reply, said that what was to be valued in all these expressions was the depth of Masonic feeling which prompted the sentiment. Masons were great believers in sentiment; it underlay to a very great extent their profession as Masons, and the sentiment was so deep that it produced those practical results which were certainly the admiration of the world. Their loyalty to each other, their friendship for each other, were among the most received axioms of the world, because they were facts which could not be controverted, and it was that sentiment which so bound and welded that great and universal body together; no matter where they went they always found friends and brethren, and when they needed it, they found loyal help. When he said loyal help, he meant a great deal, because there was help which was perfunctory; but when they got help which had Mason's loyalty with it they knew they had help which was thorough; that was the trait underlying all their Masonic ritual; the lesson it taught was the thoroughness of their profession; if they were not thorough, what would they be? If they were thorough as men, they were much more thorough as Masons.

Bro. the Earl of Stradbroke, W.M., next proposed "The Visitors." They were brethren of distinction; they came from various parts of the Empire, and there were also present many friends of the National Artillery Association. Among them were Col. Murdoch, R.A., Capt. Harrison, who served her Majesty first in the cavalry, then in the line, and now in the Volunteer Artillery force; Col. Townley, who had distinguished himself in another branch further afield; Col. Turnbull, who represented one of our most important possessions, Canada. They had a lively recollection of the Canadian Team who distinguished themselves at Shoeburyness by carrying away the Queen's prize. We were anxious to retrieve our character on going over there. They would be glad to meet the Canadians again at Shoeburyness. He would ask the visitors to further the interests of the lodge and if they found in the Artillery force members who wanted to become Masons, or Masons who would be willing to become joining members, that they would recommend the Volunteer Artillery Lodge.

Bro. Col. Turner responded. He said he felt most highly honoured by being mentioned and by being very kindly received. He assured the W.M. and brethren he took it as a special compliment to his adopted country (Canada). He hoped to see the I.P.M. and many of the members of the National Artillery Lodge visit Canada where the brethren would give them a good loyal welcome as Masons. Col. Ritchie had mentioned the real principles of Masonry; visitors so far from home appreciated those remarks. In Canada the brethren would give the English brethren a good reception and if they could win the blue riband back no one would sympathise with them more than the Canadian Artillery, for he assured the brethren that the W.M.'s name was a household word in the Canadian Artillery force. They would be glad to accord the Earl of Stradbroke a right royal good Masonic welcome in Canada.

Bro. Col. Townley also replied.

Bro. the Earl of Stradbroke, W.M., then gave "The I.P.M., the Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officers of the Lodge," and presented Major Vane Stow with a Past Master's jewel.

Bro. Major H. Vane Stow, I.P.M., acknowledged the toast. He said although his response would be short it would be none the less heartfelt. He thanked the W.M. heartily for the way he had spoken of him and his work in the lodge and in the National Artillery Association. He thanked the brethren for having voted the Past Master's jewel as a mark of their appreciation of what he had done; he wished he had done more, and he hoped this year they would help the W.M. with initiates who they felt should come in. The lodge ought to be a very strong lodge, and if it had a lot of initiates it would have plenty of work. It was a very pleasant thing to find that they were gradually going on; they had had no sudden jumping up and then a falling off. He thought with some of the visitors connected with other artillery corps they would probably help them by bringing in fresh blood. By this means they would get plenty of members entirely restricted to the Volunteer Artillery force for whom the lodge was particularly intended. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

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**Masonic Notes.**

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Under any circumstances, we should have published the letter which appeared in our Correspondence columns last week from Bro. H. W. Peters, District G. Secretary Central South Africa, containing his explanation of the circumstances on which our article of the 27th November last, entitled "A Fair Subject for Inquiry," was based. The main point of that article was that a District Grand Lodge Officer Central South Africa, under the *English Constitution*, on being applied to by members of an English lodge for advice as to the steps they would have to take in order to obtain a warrant for a Royal Arch chapter, had recommended them to the Grand Chapter of *Scotland*, and that, in consequence, the *Principals and P.Zs.* of the English Royal Arch chapters at Kimberley had addressed a letter of remonstrance to the District G. Master—Bro. R. M. Roberts—against such conduct. We closed our remarks as follows: "We pass no judgment upon the circumstances, because, though authenticated, as we have said, our information is still necessarily *ex parte*, and a satisfactory explanation may be forthcoming; but if none such is furnished, we have no hesitation in describing the act of the officer in question as a grave scandal." Thus the letter of Bro. Peters—"the officer in question"—was the reply we had invited him to offer.

As regards the explanation contained in his letter, Bro. Peters states in the first place, "I most emphatically deny ever having received a letter from members of an English lodge in reference to obtaining a warrant for a Royal Arch chapter, consequently I could not have recommended them to apply to the Grand Chapter of Scotland." He then proceeds to give his version of the facts, to the effect that "in September, 1895, and some time before the formation of the District Grand Lodge"—according to our Grand Lodge Calendar Bro. Roberts's patent of appointment as District Grand Master bears date the 22nd October of that year—"a letter was addressed to the Royal Arch chapter at Kimberley, asking for information how to obtain the Royal Arch Degrees." To this letter Bro. Peters replied in his Royal Arch capacity of Scribe E. of the chapter, and "the brethren in due course received their Degrees." Subsequently, other brethren applied to the Scottish Royal Arch chapter and received their Degrees. Thus of the applicants some are now English Craft and Royal Arch Masons, while others are English Craft and Scotch Royal Arch Masons.

This being the case, there would appear, as Bro. Peters suggests, to have been little, if any, reason for the Principals and P.Zs. of the Kimberley Royal Arch Chapters to address a remonstrance to the Dist. G. Master. One of two things seems tolerably clear—Bro. Peters's memory must have been playing him false as to dates, or, more likely still, the information on which the remonstrance was sent must have been incomplete or inaccurate, or it may be a little mixed as to persons, dates, and places. At all events, "the District Grand Officer in question" denies ever having recommended an English lodge to apply for a Scotch Royal Arch Warrant. Nothing could well be more explicit than this, and we trust that now this explanation has been given, the slight amount of friction to which these circumstances have given rise will cease and determine.

At intervals for some weeks past there have appeared in our Correspondence columns letters from different brethren on the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the particular matter referred to being the poor old brethren and widows, whose names have figured in the lists of candidates for the last eight, 10, or 12 years and upwards, and who are still soliciting votes from the electors sufficient to secure for them the benefits conferred by the Institution. Some of our correspondents seem inclined to blame the authorities for the success of these candidates, and others suggest that a special law should be enacted which will enable the Committee to place those applicants on the establishment; while Bro. Smith, P.G.D., P.D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, in his letter of last week, very pertinently remarks that many of the candidates thus circumstanced are never likely to obtain votes enough to secure their election.

The case stands thus. A petition from an old brother or brother's widow is laid before the Committee. It is found to be in order, and the statements it contains as to age, circumstances, years of membership, &c., are verified in every particular. Thus the Committee, which knows nothing more of the case than is disclosed in the petition, have no alternative but to accept it, and order the petitioner's name to be placed on the list of candidates for the next election. But it has no power to influence votes in favour of any one or more candidates; the Governors and Subscribers being the electors, and having the sole right to decide whom their votes shall be given to. Under Law 37, the Committee have the power of placing on the list of annuitants any candidate who is 80 years of age, and has been unsuccessful at two successive elections, "if, in their opinion, efforts have been made to secure his or her election." With this exception, all candidates before they become annuitants must pass the ordeal of the ballot, and hence it is the votes of the electors—not the authority or influence of the Committee—which ultimately secure their election.

Again, the mere fact that the name of an old brother or brother's widow is entered in the list of candidates implies nothing more than that he or she is eligible to the benefits of the Institution, the facts disclosed in his or her petition having been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee and being in strict accordance with the laws which define the Qualifications of Candidates. It does not imply that the candidate has influence enough to insure his or her election after one or two ballots, or that the case is so worthy of recommendation to the general body of voters that it should be preferred over other cases.

On the contrary, it is within everybody's experience that the degrees of comparison are illustrated in every list of candidates, all of them being worthy and having some influence, while some are more worthy and have greater influence, and others most worthy and possessing the greatest influence of all.

But whatever comments we and others may feel justified in making respecting cases which are certainly to be deplored, it is manifestly not the fault of the Institution that the electors give their votes to the candidates of their choice in preference to others in which they feel no interest, or, as in the case quoted by Bro. Smith, in which those who know most about the circumstances, deliberately abstain from giving it their support. We have again and again expressed our sympathy with those who have remained on the lists for so many years, but, like Bro. Smith, we see no way out of the dilemma unless the funds are greatly increased.

As for the suggestion that the Committee should have power to place on the Funds those who have failed as candidates a certain number of times, we think the electors would be justified in opposing the enactment of a law conferring such a power. The Committee stated in their last annual report, after a most successful festival, that they did not feel justified in recommending the creation of any fresh annuities on either of the Funds. If such a power were conferred, the Committee could only exercise it to the diminution of the vacancies available to be filled by the ballot at successive annual elections, and every one knows that these vacancies are few enough already without being still further diminished. Those who think that every one, whether old or young, who becomes a candidate for one of our Institutions must necessarily be provided for, appear to forget that our three Central Institutions together cost £45,000 a year, of which £35,000 has to be raised by the voluntary contributions of the Craft. After all, it is the Institutions which were founded for the benefit of Freemasonry, not Freemasonry for the benefit of the Institutions. The annual expenditure of these Charities has been about doubled during the last 25 years, and we see no reason for complaint against any one of the three, because, notwithstanding this increase, it is unable to provide for all who need its benefits.

We publish elsewhere a letter from Bro. the Duke of Bedford, in which his Grace appeals most earnestly for additional support for University College—or, as it is now more commonly designated—North London Hospital, the expenditure of which is largely in excess of its income. The Duke very properly points out that, while Bro. Sir J. Blundell Maple, M.P., has most generously undertaken to provide the funds for the erection of a new and enlarged hospital, the severity of the strain upon the resources of the institution will be still greater when the new premises are complete. It must be obvious that if it cannot pay its way now, it will be still less able to do so when it has been enlarged, and, as the neighbourhood in which it is situated is a densely-populated one, we earnestly hope that his Grace's appeal will have the desired effect of augmenting the resources of the hospital.

The brethren will be pleased to hear that the accident which befel Bro. Lord Brassey, P.G.W. England, M.W. Grand Master Victoria, when stepping from his launch to his yacht, the *Sunbeam*, at the Melbourne Regatta on Wednesday, has not been attended by any serious consequences. The gangway leading from the launch to the yacht became unshipped and his Excellency fell into the sea—which at the time was very rough—and was in serious danger of being jammed between the two vessels. However, he was rescued, having received a severe blow on the head while in the water. We congratulate his lordship on his escape from such a peril.

A solemn service was held at All Saints' Church, Aldershot, under the auspices of the Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge, No. 1971, on Thursday, the 27th inst., in memory of the late Bro. Major-Gen. Yeatman-Biggs, R.A., Dist. G. Master and G. Superintendent Bengal, who recently succumbed to an attack of dysentery contracted while in command of one of the columns under Sir W. Lockhart engaged in the war against the Afridis on our North-west Indian frontier. Our deceased brother was a Past Master of No. 1971, and it is appropriate that such a service should have been held under its banner of a brother, as distinguished in Masonry as in arms, who had been one of their members.



## 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.

## ENGLISH FREEMASONRY IN THE COLONIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your "Masonic Notes" of September 11th you state that you do not concur in the opinions expressed by W. Bro. Egan, the D.G.M. for the Eastern Division of South Africa, or of myself, as to the pernicious effects of the recent alterations to the Book of Constitutions.

Sixteen thousand miles is a long way off, and an object viewed at that distance through the wrong end of a telescope becomes microscopic in proportions and conditions.

You evidently have gazed at this subject through W. Bro. Philbrick's glasses, and so like that Worshipful brother cannot be in touch with Masonic matters here any more than is the Grand Lodge itself.

The English Masons of Queensland, as a body, are both loyal and proud of their Constitution, and would undoubtedly have ever remained so if it had not been for the recent changes in the law.

If such haste had not been shown to rush the matter to a conclusion, and those immediately concerned had been afforded an opportunity of expressing an opinion on the subject, W. Bro. Eve, whose efforts on our behalf are gratefully acknowledged by the Fraternity here, would have had a very strong backing, and the results would in all probability have panned out differently.

We feel that our desires and wishes have never been consulted in the matter and that we have been slighted.

Our opponents now industriously circulate the idea, that the Grand Lodge of England wishes to get rid of us, and this idea is very difficult to combat, owing to the facilities recently granted by the Grand Lodge, for what is termed here "cutting the painter."

As the dripping water wears away the stone so surely will the constant misrepresentations and malicious suggestions of those interested in forming a Queensland Grand Lodge, taken in conjunction with the amended rules of the Book of Constitutions, seduce the younger members of the Fraternity here from their allegiance.

As an example of what is going on here; At the refreshment table after the regular meeting of the St. Patrick's Lodge, I.C., a past high functionary of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, in a speech urged the Irish brethren to start the Queensland Constitution by themselves, and so force the hands of their English and Scottish brethren.

At another meeting, a present District Grand Lodge Officer of the Scottish Constitution urged the union of the Irish and Scottish Constitutions as by so doing it would compel the English Masons to chip in. This same Constitution with an extraordinary facility for opening new lodges and admitting all and sundry, boasts that it will shortly obtain a voting power which in conjunction with the Irish vote, would place the English Masonic fraternity in a hopeless minority.

And so on; these cases could be quoted to any extent.

Viewed shortly, we, as English Masons, take particular pride in our Constitution and feel that to be an English Mason carries with it the same proud relative effect as the "Romanus sum" of old, had amongst the neighbouring States.

By granting constitutional means for promoting Masonic schism, and fostering envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness, in our opinion, the Grand Lodge has not only committed a very serious error, but has inflicted a great wrong on the loyal Fraternity in Queensland, as well as elsewhere.

At this end of the world we know that things are no better now in Victoria, New South Wales, New Zealand, &c., than before the recognition of those Grand Lodges. We know that matters Masonic in the Colonies are in a chaotic state, and that if it were possible to retract many, very many of the brethren would do so.

Just such conditions will obtain here if, unfortunately, a Grand Lodge of Queensland is established.

The Grand Lodge of England does not grasp the fact that we are being forced to give up our Masonic birthright, and the current feeling is, that we have neither the sympathy nor backing of our brethren at home, and naturally buck at being compelled to give up that which we all count so dear, or remain outsiders—English Masonic Ishmaelites.—I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

EDWARD H. GIBBON,

D.G. Sen. Deacon

Thorn-street, Kangaroo Point, Queensland,

Queensland,

December 12.

## PERPETUAL AND LIFE PRESENTATIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you permit me to point out two little errors that have crept into your article on the above subject in your issue of Saturday last, the 22nd instant. The insurance policy money (£840) would come to the funds of the Institution every 35 or 40 years, not annually, and the proposed investments were to be made in "Trustee" securities, not Consols, the yield from the latter being insufficient for the purpose.

My main contention is—that it is far better for the Institutions to have a sum—say £840—coming into their coffers at recurring periods by dealing with Life Presentations, and insuring a life—a male aged 21 can be insured for £1 13s. per £100—than to take a larger sum, one for a perpetual presentation, and not insure a life.

Many people are shy of tackling figures; they are half afraid of them; they hold them in awe, but they don't like to own it. In reality figures are very harmless and docile things; one can do almost anything with them. For instance, take the £1365 that the Girls' Quarterly Court was inclined to accept by a majority of one (21 or more brethren being present). It is not quite enough money; another 100 guineas would improve it; divide this sum—take £840 and invest it as the life presentation purchase fee, and take the remaining £525 and invest it as a life insurance premium fund, and the "Heaton" presentation becomes a perpetual presentation so far as the buyers are concerned, and remains but a renewable life presentation so far as the Institution is concerned.

I have been found fault with for making this too much of a pounds, shillings, and pence question, but my opinion is that anybody really charitably disposed should be ready and willing to deal generously with our Institutions, and give more than the sum absolutely necessary to attain the object in view rather than calculate down to the last farthing.—I remain, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

W. RUSSELL.

Gravesend,

January 24th.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION ELECTION, 1898.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The V.W. Bro. Henry Smith says that the reason why candidates appear, year after year, is probably, that they never ought to have been on the list at all, not having been nominated by the Province they belong to, and that he knows of one case who will never receive the Votes of his Province, being deemed unworthy, then, why is he allowed to remain on the list, together with any other that may be deemed unworthy cases? But the above reason cannot apply to all the Widows and Brethren whose cases I am endeavouring to draw attention to. Why not strike off all the unworthy cases, and then reserve some of the Vacancies that arise after the Polling papers are issued for those who have been longest on the list. I feel sure that course would commend itself to a large number of the Subscribers, and would redound to the credit of the Committee. It must be acknowledged that an imperfection exists, and, if possible, it ought to be removed, and I for one do not see the difficulty. But if it is allowed to continue, I do not see the likelihood of the subscriptions being increased.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

WILLIAM C. PARSONS,

P.M. and Sec. 180, P.M. and Sec. 1687.

51, Loughborough Park, Brixton,  
January, 26th.

## NORTH LONDON, OR UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Sir,

At a time when University College Hospital is peculiarly in need of assistance from the generous public, certain events have happened which appear to suggest that it cannot possibly be in difficulties. I desire, therefore, to point out how pressing these difficulties are, and to show why a very urgent appeal is made at the present time for a substantial sum to enable us to carry on the work of the institution.

The hospital is an old one: in fact, according to modern ideas, it may be called antiquated; it is situated in a densely-populated district, doing a vast amount of work amongst the poor, and serving as a field for clinical instruction to an important medical school. For these reasons it had for years been contemplated to rebuild and enlarge it, and accordingly a site, which, including that upon which the hospital now stands, is double the present area, was obtained with money for this special purpose. At this stage, Sir Blundell Maple, M.P., came forward with a munificent offer to defray the cost of the rebuilding, and one wing and the central block of the new edifice are in course of erection, while the work in the old hospital continues as before. The public very naturally on hearing of this large donation, and not discriminating between money given for building purposes and that required for maintenance, diverts its Charity into other channels. But it is obvious that more, and not less, will be required under the altered circumstances.

So bad, indeed, had become the financial position, that last month the Committee were most reluctantly obliged, after selling out the last available Stock, to close some of the beds, and thus greatly diminish the work of the hospital. We have, however, within the last few days received £2581 5s. from the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London. But of this sum, £1400 is given on the understanding that, unless 25 of the 50 beds which were closed be again opened, it will not be allotted to us next year. Again, however the public may be expected to say that we have received another windfall, and have no right to make any further appeal; but it need not be pointed out how fallacious such a conclusion would be.

As a matter of fact, though the strictest economy has been observed, our annual expenditure has been about £19,000, while the income on which we can depend, namely, that from investments—about £3000—and that from annual subscriptions, &c., does not amount altogether to more than £8000, and there is at the moment a considerable outstanding debt. When the new building, which will contain about 290 beds is completed, the expenditure must be considerably greater.

Unfortunately, there has been a very great falling off in legacies, only £722 having been received in 1897, as against an average of £688 during the last 10 years.

The amount of work done by the institution may be gathered from the facts that during 1896 the average daily number of in-patients was 183, and that 3020 patients were admitted to the wards, while no less than 43,681 out-patients and casualty cases were treated at the hospital.

It would require a large sum to place the funds of this great free hospital in anything like a satisfactory condition; but I cannot think that in this wealthy city so important a Charity will be allowed to be hampered in its work for want of the necessary support.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

BEDFORD, President.

London, W.C.,

January.

## Reviews.

"THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR, 1898."—This very useful and welcome annual has been published for so many years, that, taking the antiquity of some Degrees as a guide, it might be said to have been issued from Time Immemorial. At all events, as a matter of fact, it is now in its 28th year, and practically continued a much older publication, so that, either directly or indirectly, it goes back long beyond the memory of most Craftsmen, and as the well-known "Cosmo," the same Proprietor, Publisher, and Printer happily continues, viz., Bro. George Kenning, of *Freemason* fame, and wide-spread celebrity. The official Calendar of the Grand Lodge is the authority for all matters appertaining to all that concerns the welfare of that great organisation, the "Cosmo" falling naturally in as the complement, and so supplies all the needful details as to the Mark Grand Lodge, the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, the Ancient and Accepted Rite, Royal Order of Scotland, the Great Priory, the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, the Rosicrucian Society, and last, as well as least, the Secret Monitor. Besides these bodies, duly and carefully attended to, the Grand Lodges of Scotland, Ireland, the Continental Grand Lodges, and those in America, &c., &c., are treated at considerable length, as also the various Grand Organisations which control the additional Degrees, the Colonies especially being fully described, so that, apart from the Grand Lodge of England, the "Cosmo" may be referred to for information as to all the other Organisations. Copies may be had, post free, for thirteen pence from the Publisher, 19, Great Queen-street, Little Britain, and Aldersgate-street, London; 23, Williamson-street, Liverpool; 47, Bridge-street, Manchester; 9, West Howard-street, Glasgow; or of any Booksellers.

"MASONIC CALENDAR FOR THE CRAFT PROVINCE OF NORTHUMBERLAND AND THE MASONIC DISTRICT," 1898.—This handy compilation, compact, accurate, and exhaustive, of matters Masonic in Northumberland, and also beyond, occupies nearly 300 pages in one form and another (for even the advertisements are often useful), and is published at the small sum of 1s. 6d. per copy, which may be had from the Calendar Committee, Central Masonic Hall, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Although some



hundreds have been printed, but few are left, but it is hoped there are still sufficient to supply brethren interested in the province who are resident in other parts of England, and all Masonic libraries should secure copies, for there are particulars of considerable moment and curiosity to be found in its pages, having a value and importance far beyond Northumberland. It is very early for such a publication. Bro. A. C. Richardson, P.M. 1626, presented the first issue of 1897 to the province, and has now kindly placed the copyright in the hands of the ever-active Trustees of the Newcastle College Library (S.R.I.A.), who, with the Committee, have superintended the present edition, the editor being Bro. F. F. Schnitzer, P.M. 541, who has discharged that duty ably, and assuredly as willingly as efficiently. The editorship is on similar lines to that of 1897, but this year has features of its own, and is decidedly an improvement on its predecessor. There are 30 lodges now, and a petition for another. The numbers of members are supplied under 28 of the lodges, these amounting to a total of 2778, or in other words the average to each lodge is nearly 100, which is probably the largest in England. There is a curious compilation at the end of the Calendar, being an approximate table of numerical position of lodges in the Province of Northumberland "at the next remembering," based on the present roll, so, of course, is subject to further changes. The alterations will really be so slight for the higher numbers, and yet will involve changes nevertheless of one number only as to many lodges, that it is to be hoped it will be a long time before such a contemplated revision takes place. The last was in 1863, and so there is plenty of time during the next century. The details given as to the higher degrees are of a very interesting character. The votes in the Central Masonic Charities do not quite run up to 3000, so that in this respect there is room for improvement as compared with some other provinces. Newcastle is the headquarters for the time of the "Masonic Veterans Association" for Great Britain and Ireland, and also of the "Grand Cross of the Holy Temple of Jerusalem" and other Degrees. All these, and, in fact, every Masonic body is duly attended to, and the Calendar is complete in all respects.

"POEMS AND SKETCHES BY DAVID WILLOX, ('Tam McPhail'), Glasgow: Alex. Malcolm and Co., 34, Ann-street, City, 1898."—Bro. Willox has done well to collect and publish his numerous Masonic Poems and Sketches in one handy, admirably "got up" volume, at a reasonable price, and in readable type. The author has written a brief Preface, and dedicated the work to "the Right Worthy Bro. William James Hughan," in appreciation of his valuable services to the Craft. There is also a Biographical Sketch of Bro. David Willox, appropriately introducing his poetical effusions and prose compositions, by which it appears that he has qualified as, and is a member of the "Scottish Veterans' Masonic Association," having been initiated as far back as 1869. Our esteemed brother was also known as the manager for some time of the defunct "Scottish Freemason." Socially and generally, Bro. Councillor Willox is much respected. The main portion of the handsome volume is both humorous and truly Masonic, some of the Poems being most pathetic, and generally compositions worthy of perusal and preservation. The style may fairly be indicated by a few lines from "Freedom."

"To-day is the time for life's battle,  
To-morrow we ne'er may behold;  
Then live so that pleasure or sorrow  
May still find us valiant and bold."

The verses on "Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty" deserve an honoured position in Consecration services, either as a whole, or selected verses, such as the following:

"Thus will the Temple we seek to upraise  
Be completed when all do their duty,  
And your voices unite in a chorus of praise  
To Wisdom, and to Strength, and to Beauty."

Though some of the pieces appear to appeal to our Scottish brethren more particularly, there is really no difficulty in reading even the most pronounced of these, and the prose, especially, offers no barrier in that respect. One of the best of these is "Tam McPhail learns the Bicycle." "Tam" was quite agreeable to try his best "If ye'll promise that it'll no knock me about, I'll gie ye ma word that I'll be as canna wi't as ever I can." He confessed, however, as he proceeded that he "forgot a' about the pedal in wondering what side he was gaun tae fa' on." After a bit he did better, and then wanting to show off, he "lost control o' the machine on a slight incline, and part o' his unmentionables on a hedge." As he tells us "Tam McPhail" is now a member of a club started at Parkhead, he has doubtless mastered the machine! Not a few of the pieces are irresistibly funny, and though here and there may be found a stray bit which would have been better omitted, such as the one on "Whisky Toddy," the book generally is a welcome addition to our Masonic literature, and cannot fail to be acceptable in many a brother's home. Copies may be had from the author, Bro. D. Willox, 28, 6d. cloth boards, or 3s. 6d. cloth gilt. Address: 48, Burgher-street, Parkhead, Glasgow.

"REMINISCENCES OF A STAMMERER." By B. Beasley, The Roxburghe Press, Limited, 15, Victoria-street, Westminster.—There are few among us who have not at some time or other come in contact with one who has what, for the sake of euphuism, is known as an impediment in his speech. As boys, perhaps, some of us may have been thoughtless and unfeeling enough to mimic him. But whenever we have met such a person we have always been overtaken with a feeling of discomfort. In our impatience, we may have tried to help him in his difficulty by supplying the word he was unable to articulate, or we may have been curt in our replies, when at length he succeeded in saying what he wished, showing that we were not desirous of having speech with him, much less anything to do in the way of business. At all events, however we may have attempted to bear with him, it is on the cards that we may not always have exhibited that kindly and sympathetic feeling which one so afflicted deserves. Instances of this are to be found recorded in the pages of Mr. Beasley's book, in one of which he lost a valuable contract through his stammering, while in another, it was one of his tutors, the son of the head Master of the school at which he was being educated, who heedlessly caused him pain. As regards his experiences, Mr. Beasley, who had the misfortune to be a stammerer for something like 40 years, has compiled a most readable volume, and one which we trust may prove of service to those who are suffering from the same impediment of speech. He tells us that he contracted it when a child of a few years after an attack of measles or some other of the diseases to which children are liable, and though he appears to have shown great strength of mind under his misfortune and a strong determination to conquer it if possible, it was not till many years had passed over his head, that he became capable of speaking articulately, and then the cure came upon him suddenly, as noted in Chapter VII., and not as the result of the special efforts he had been making. Having achieved his purpose he has since devoted a considerable portion of his time to alleviating the distress which others have suffered from the same misfortune. He has had many under his care, both children and adults, and the system he has formulated appears to have been eminently successful. He has, too, delivered lectures on the subject in sundry of our Provincial towns, and wherever he has appeared for this purpose, his remarks would seem to have been characterised by strong common sense. His book, indeed, is well worth reading, not that the subject is a particularly attractive one, but because he has done much to enliven it by recording anecdotes of himself and others who have suffered from the same malady; but, above all, because he has treated it broadly and generously, carefully abstaining from laying down any special system which may be supposed to be applicable to all stammerers. We strongly advise those who may have children who stammer to consult Mr. Beasley's "Experiences of a Stammerer," and if that falls short of what is needed, to invest a shilling in the purchase of his book, "Stammering; its treatment," which may be had on application to Mr. Beasley, Brampton Park, Huntingdon, and which, as it has reached the 17th edition, must have proved of service to a great number of people.

By PERMISSION of the Treasurer and Benchers of the Inner Temple, representations of Beaumont and Fletcher's comedy—"The Coxcomb" (revised)—will be given by the members of the Elizabethan Stage Society in the Inner Temple Hall on Thursday and Friday, February 10th and 11th. The members of the Elizabethan Society gave some representations of "Twelfth Night" in the Middle Temple Hall, in February last, and it may be interesting to note that it is now nearly 300 years ago since the play was recited before Queen Elizabeth in the Middle Temple Hall, the date of that performance being February 2nd, 1601.

## Craft Masonry.

### Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663.

The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, on Tuesday, the 18th instant, when there was a good attendance of members and visitors. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. J. Baldwin, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by the outgoing Master, Bro. H. H. Baker, the ceremony being very efficiently performed. Bro. T. C. Hopkins, P.M., gave the usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows, and addressed them as to their several duties: Bros. H. H. Baker, I.P.M.; J. Hunt, S.W.; F. Rendell, J.W.; F. S. Hancock, P.M., Treas.; T. C. Hopkins, P.M., Sec.; D. Owen, S.D.; Hash, J.D.; J. A. Rendell, P.M., D. of C.; W. R. C. Sudweeks, I.G.; G. T. Smith and M. K. Sloper, Stwds.; and W. G. Pike, Tyler.

After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the annual banquet at the Bear Hotel, which was admirably served by Bro. F. Reynolds, P.M.

### Dobie Lodge, No. 889.

On the 19th instant, there was a grand assembly of the brethren and several visitors at the Kingston Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames. The strength of the lodge was increased by the addition of two new members, who were initiated by Bro. Geo. R. Scott, W.M., in his usual correct style. Bro. W. Sudlow Herrick was passed to the F.C. Degree. This was the night for the election of W.M., and Bro. W. H. Gaze, S.W., was the only one named on the ballot papers. Bro. J. Drewett was re-elected Treasurer in a like unanimous manner, and a Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M. on his retirement from office.

Another candidate was proposed, and after the dispatch of all business, the customary refreshment closed the day.

### Empire Lodge, No. 2108.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 25th inst., on which occasion Bro. F. G. Mellows, the new W.M., appointed as Senior Deacon Bro. Owen Dunn, Dep. Dist. G.M. of Bombay, whose eloquent speech on the influence of Masonry as a religion that may be universally acceptable, irrespective of creed, caste, or sect, at the banquet given by this lodge in June last to Colonial and Indian brethren will be in the memory of all who heard it or have perused it in our columns.

On this occasion the distinguished brother, begging the brethren to accept him simply as a Master Mason desirous to work with the rest of the officers for the good of the Craft and the lodge, mentioned that he had been tempted, on acceptance of the office, to see what was said in holy writ regarding Deacons, and he found that what St. Paul had said on the subject by alteration of the single word "faith" into "Craft" could be applied with peculiar point to Deacons in Masonry. They were to be found in the 1st Epistle to Timothy, chapter iii., verse 8.—"Likewise must the Deacons be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre."

9.—"Holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience." (Craft).

13.—"For they that have used the office of Deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree and much boldness in the faith." (Craft).

Bro. Owen Dunn continued that he had further ventured to verify these apostolic admonitions which he respectfully dedicated to all Deacons.

"St. Paul aforetime wrote to Timothy  
The sort of man he'd have a Deacon be,  
Grave of demeanour, not with tongue too free,  
Nor given to drunkenness nor usury,  
With a pure conscience ever faithfully  
Holding within his breast the mystery.  
Such as have used this office well, said he,  
Shall purchase to themselves a good degree,  
As with the faith, so with the Craft, say we,  
And straight ahead the Eastern chair we see."

## Royal Arch.

### Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192.

The installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Comps. T. E. Biddlecombe, P.Z., P.P.G.O. Durham, M.E.Z.; W. Haynes Dunn, H.; Henry Birdseye, P.Z., as J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; F. D. Rees Copestick, S.E.; William Baker, 2nd Asst. S.; Thomas Cohu, P.Z., D.C. and Stwd.; G. Couchman, Janitor; S. M. Banker, P.Z.; John Taylor, P.Z.; John Kent, John G. Robeson, Geo. K. Durrant, David Ringrose, Walter T. Fisher, Frank Hamlett, and S. M. Bhagat. Visitors: Comps. J. J. Thomas, P.Z., P.G. Std. Br.; Horace Huntley, J. Edinburgh Chapter; Geo. S. Bingley, late 192; H. E. Cooper, 1446; H. A. Badman, 109; W. S. Page, 186; L. Powter, 1185; and Burrett Lane, Mus. Bac., 1745.

The chapter was opened and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was also received and adopted. Comp. Copestick then took the chair of M.E.Z. and exalted Bro. M. S. Bhagat in his usual able and impressive manner, so greatly appreciated by the companions of this chapter, after which he duly installed Comps. W. H. Dunn as M.E.Z., and Frederick Hughes as H. The M.E.Z. then proceeded to invest the officers elected for the ensuing year, viz.: Comps. Copestick, P.Z., S.E.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; William Baker, 1st Asst. Soj.; Thomas Cohu, P.Z., D.C. and Stwd.; the others not being able to be present.

There being no further business the chapter was closed and the meeting adjourned. The companions then dined together under the able presidency of the M.E.Z., Comp. W. Haynes Dunn.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, being interspersed with some capital singing by a glee party consisting of Bro. Edwin Bryant and Messrs. W. and Frank Peskett.

A most enjoyable evening was spent by every one present, and a very cordial reception given to our Indian brother, who had been exalted earlier in the evening.

## Mark Masonry.

### York Lodge.

The regular meeting of the above-named lodge was held on the 19th instant in the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York. Bro. T. S. Brogden, P.G.D., was installed W.M., the installation ceremony being performed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G.M.O. Eng. The following is the list of officers for the ensuing year: Bros. T. S. Brogden, P.G.D., W.M.; W. N. Cheesman, P.G.M.O., I.P.M.; F. W. Halliwell, G. Stwd. Eng., P.G. Sec., S.W.; H. Longford, M.D., P.P.G.R. of Mk., J.W.; James Smith, M.O.; J. W. Dow, S.O.; J. L. Spetch, P.P.G.R. of Mk.; J.O.; the Rev. C. E. Wright, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; J. Blenkin, P.M., P.P.G.W., Treas.; J. T. Chambers, P.A.G. Sec., R. of Mk.; J. P. Gill, Sec.; J. B. Sampson, S.D.; G. J. Robinson, P.G. Stwd., J.D.; J. E. Wilkinson, D.C.; J. F. Watson, P.P.G.O., Org.; D. Young, I.G.; Dr. C. Tweedy and J. H. Buchanan, Stwds.; and P. Pearson, Tyler. A vote of condolence was passed with Lady Terry and family, Sir Joseph Terry having been a member of the lodge for many years.

After the conclusion of the lodge business, the members dined together at Bro. Halliwell's North Eastern Hotel.

## Lodges of Instruction.

### STRONG MAN LODGE, No. 45.

The first meeting of the year of this lodge was held at the Blue Anchor Tavern, Fenchurch-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 5th inst. There was a goodly assemblage of brethren, including the following officers: Bros. P. Sharpe, P.M. 869, Preceptor; W. Briggs, J.W. 45, W.M.; J. Briggs, S.W.; and J. Cuer, W.M. 45, J.W.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Keith as candidate, in a manner highly creditable to all concerned, and the W.M. in particular.

After closing the lodge, pleasure became the order of the evening. Bro. W. Briggs had invited the members to inaugurate the new year "with song, and pipe, and bowl," which is poetic for the fragrant weed from Cuba's isle and nectar from the Highlands.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, the following programme being performed: J. Ashwell, "The King's Minstrel;" Bro. J. J. Berry, "The last muster" and "Out in the Bay;" Bro. J. Briggs, "When I was a boy at school" and "Nancy o' Bristol;" Bro. W. Briggs, "The owls and the mice" and "The cat came back;" Bro. T. J. Burgess, "We take off our hats to the Queen" and "Hello! Hello!;" Bro. J. Cuer, "Gentleman John;" Bro. P. Sharpe, "A warrior bold;" Bro. G. G. Symons, "Gibraltar;" Bro. A. Whitby, "Good company" and "The tar's farewell;" and Bro. T. W. Williams, "When other lips" and "The yeoman's wedding."

During the course of the evening a vote of thanks to the chairman was proposed by Bro. G. G. Seymour, P.M. Personally he had great pleasure in being present; he had witnessed the excellent working, and the music and general harmony of the evening left nothing more to be desired. He thought the idea of Bro. W. Briggs a very happy one, and such meetings would largely tend to knit their friendships more and more closely.

Bro. W. Briggs thanked the brethren for their kindly expressions of feeling towards him. He was only too happy to do anything for his mother lodge or their lodge of instruction, which, as they knew, was believed to be the oldest in the world.

A hearty rendering of "Auld Lang Syne" terminated the proceedings.

### ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 25th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. E. J. Harrison, W.M.; V. J. R. Longman, S.W.; J. C. Denmead, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; J. W. Clarke, P.M., P.P.G.P. Middx., Asst. Preceptor; J. Petch, P.M., P.P. G.S.B. Herts, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Sec.; A. F. Hardymont, S.D.; W. F. Roberts, J.D.; F. H. Johnson, I.G.; A. Oliver, P.M.; J. Birks, C. T. Rayner, C. Nicole, E. Vexley, C. Smith, T. A. Spencer, W. Rapley, and A. E. Hubsch.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. Smith, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Spencer being the candidate. Bro. Harrison resumed the chair. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Vexley being the candidate. Bro. Lougman was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

### SCOTS LODGE, No. 2319.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Monday evening, the 24th instant, when there were present Bros. D. F. Gellion, W.M.; E. J. Gordon, S.W.; W. Cray, J.W.; P. C. Mallory, S.D.; C. Thwaites, J.D.; D. A. Ross, Sec.; C. F. Ward, J. Imray, and J. Bennett.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Imray having answered the questions leading from the Second to the Third Degree—the lodge having been opened in the Third Degree—was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. All Masonic business being ended, lodge was closed.

## Obituary.

### BRO. GEORGE HEATON.

Bro. George Heaton, of Holinbank-terrace, Heckmondwike, died somewhat suddenly on Saturday morning, the 22nd instant. He was 60 years of age, and was formerly in business as a manufacturing chemist and oil extractor. Bro. Heaton, who leaves a widow but no family, was formerly a member of the Board of Health, and for a while took an active interest in the work of the Chamber of Commerce. It was in connection with Freemasonry, however, that he was best known. He joined the Amphibious Lodge, No. 258, Heckmondwike, a quarter of a century ago, and has been a munificent patron of Masonic Charities. A few years ago he contributed 1200 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and quite recently he gave 1300 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He was a P.M. of his lodge, and had also held a prominent position in the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire. Although his death was unexpected, he has not enjoyed good health for some time.

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# AFRAID OF HER SHADOW.

IN saying that she was afraid of her own shadow Miss Sarah Harriett Austin is not using an illustration merely but setting forth a fact. Courage is largely if not wholly a matter of natural constitution or of temporary condition. To be effective courage needs to have a sense of competency and power to back it up. Granted a soldier's willingness to charge, it is, after all, the bullet and bayonet that do the business. In other words the flesh must always be close behind the spirit in this world. I know not but that we may go further and say that genuine pluck and ambition are direct products of the physical state of a person exactly as fruit is the product of a tree.

Anything that weakens or upsets the nerves spoils the subject for a fighter. Plenty of slender women are more courageous than some big men, but then their nerves are all right. And it doesn't do to be going about afraid of your shadow. And when one *does*, it is a sign of strain, shock, or overwork of some kind. There is need for rest and perhaps sound medical treatment. Now Miss Austin, whose name has been already mentioned, is a well-known and respected trained nurse at the Frazier Street Mission at Lambeth, London. Women who make good trained nurses require and usually possess more than ordinary courage. Hence when one of them breaks down and becomes afraid of her shadow there must be a comprehensible reason for it. There was in this case, as Miss Austin's letter shows.

"In April of 1885," she says, "my health began to fail me. I felt low, weak and weary, my usual good spirits deserting me. My skin was sallow and I had a great weight and pain at the right side. I had a bad taste in the mouth and was frequently sick, retching and straining until I spat up blood. I could neither eat nor sleep, and what little food I ate gave me pain at the chest, shoulders and back. I had a feeling of emptiness and gnawing pains at the pit of the stomach. I was constantly spitting up a bitter green fluid. Cold clammy sweats used to break over me, and I had night sweats to such an extent that my linen was damp with perspiration.

"I lost flesh rapidly and was as thin as a shadow, being so weak that I lay on the couch all day long. I shrunk so much that my clothing hung upon me loosely. I became extremely nervous and could not bear the least noise, or anyone to speak

to me. The least thing startled me and I was *afraid of my own shadow*.

"For fourteen months I continued in this half dead, half alive state and was so far reduced that no one thought I should recover. I was under a doctor all the time, who gave me tonic medicines, frequently changing the medicine, but none of them suited my ailment. At last the doctor said that he could do no more for me, and I gave up all hopes of living.

"In June, 1886, the late Mr. Parnell, grocer, Camden Town, recommended my mother to give me Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup. I began taking this medicine and soon my appetite returned, and the food agreed with me. I now began to pick up strength, and all the depression left me. I continued taking the medicine, and in a short time was well as ever I was in my life. Since that time I have kept in good health taking an occasional dose of the medicine when required. It always has the same good effect.

"I feel that Mother Seigel's Syrup has saved my life, and I wish others to know of what has done so much for me. You are at liberty to make what use you like of this statement, and refer anyone to me. (Signed), Sarah Harriett Austin, Frazier Street Mission, Lower Marsh, Lambeth, London, August 6th, 1897."

An eminent medical authority says: "Some people imagine themselves hopelessly ill, and feel that life is too great a burden to bear; when if they but knew that at the bottom of the whole trouble there lies only gout poison, bile acids, or imperfect products of digestion, which being always present in the blood stream, worry and fret their nervous mechanism, they might summon up courage to face the enemy. Certainly more than ninety per cent. of all the cases of nervous depression seem in people under fifty years of age—the nerve tissue not as yet degenerated—admit of this simple explanation. The nerve derangements are due to impurities in the food supply of the system." This is in perfect harmony with Miss Austin's account of her own case. She suffered from acute dyspepsia of which the wasting and the nerve trouble were results. The cause being removed by Mother Seigel's Syrup, her strength returned, and she was no longer afraid of anything. Her story should be interesting and instructive to all nervous sufferers, especially women.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. LORD AND LADY BARNARD have left Raby Castle for the South of France.

WE LEARN, with great regret, that, owing to continued ill-health, Bro. George Everett is compelled to cancel all his Masonic obligations.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES will hold a levee, on her Majesty's behalf, at St. James's Palace, on Monday, the 21st prox.

THE DUKE OF NORFOLK has consented to preside over the annual smoking concert of the Post Office Cricket Club at St. James's Hall on Tuesday, the 8th prox.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES is sending his collections of stuffed fish obtained by him during his visit to India, to the Yachting and Fisheries Exhibition, opening at the Royal Aquarium on the 1st prox.

THE DATE OF the dinner to Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor) by the Hardwicke Society at the Westminster Palace Hotel is now fixed for Monday, the 21st prox., instead of the date previously announced.

THE SPEAKER—Bro. the Right Hon. W. C. Gully—is now in residence at the House of Commons, and everything is being got ready for the opening of Parliament by commission on Tuesday, the 8th prox.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT and Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) and suite visited the Lyceum Theatre on Saturday evening last, and witnessed the performance of "Peter the Great."

THE BELLS of St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, were rung on Saturday last in celebration of the 67th birthday of Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, who was born on January 22nd, 1831. Prince and Princess Christian kept the anniversary at Cumberland Lodge.

BRO. JAMES B. COWAN, Hawick, Prov. G. Treas. of Roxburgh, Peebles, and Selkirk shires, has been appointed Local Secretary for the South of Scotland of the Correspondence Circle of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, in room of the late Bro. W. Fred Vernon, Kelso.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES AND THE CHURCH.—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has intimated to the Bishop of Norwich that he proposes to subscribe £52 10s. per annum for five years to the Norwich Diocesan Branch of the Queen Victoria Clergy Sustentation Fund.

PRINCESS LOUISE (Marchioness of Lorne), who is President of the Royal Drawing Society, was present on Saturday afternoon last, at the Conference Room of the London School Board, at a lecture given by Mr. T. R. Ablett, honorary director of the association, on the necessity of youthful instruction in design.

AT A MEETING of the Parliamentary Committee of the Cardiff Corporation the Mayor stated that the Duke of Connaught had intimated his willingness to visit the town on April 15th to inspect the Church Lads' Brigade. There will be a ball in the evening at the Assembly Rooms of the Town Hall, at which his Royal Highness will be present.

THE QUEEN'S guests at Osborne on Saturday last included Bro. Lieut.-Gen. the Hon. Somerset and Mrs. Gough Calthorpe, and Rear-Admiral Fullerton, A.D.C., who had the honour of dining with her Majesty. The Queen and Royal family, as well as the members of the household, attended Divine service at Osborne on Sunday morning.

AT THE CABINET COUNCIL held on Saturday last at the Foreign Office, among the Ministers present were Bros. the Right Hon. A. Akers-Douglas, Lord Balfour of Burleigh Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart. (Chancellor of the Exchequer), the Duke of Devonshire, Lord George Hamilton, the Right Hon. W. H. Long, and Sir M. White-Ridley.

GRAND DAY of Hilary Term was on Monday night duly celebrated at Gray's Inn, when the Treasurer, Mr. Mattinson, Q.C., and the Benchers entertained at dinner his Excellency the Japanese Minister, Bros. Gully (Speaker of the House of Commons), Sir M. White-Ridley, Bart. (the Home Secretary), and Justice Bruce, and many others. The Japanese Minister was received by the students with great cheering.

THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN (Bro. the Earl of Lathom) is authorised to state that Drawing Rooms will be held at Buckingham Palace, under the usual regulations, on Friday, the 25th prox., and on a date, to be hereafter announced, in the month of March. Names for presentation at these Drawing Rooms may be sent in to the Lord Chamberlain's Office, for submission to her Majesty, on and after Monday, the 31st instant.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, attended by Bro. Capt. Halford, arrived at Sandringham on Saturday evening last, and rejoined the Princess of Wales and Princess Victoria. On Sunday morning their Royal Highnesses and suite attended the annual service at St. Mary Magdalene on behalf of the Gordon Boys' Home, the Duke and Duchess of York being also present, his Royal Highness having returned to York Cottage the previous evening.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY, attended by Miss Maxwell and Bro. Sir Robert Collins, visited Chislehurst on Saturday last, to meet the members of the local committee formed to aid the Deptford Fund, of which her Royal Highness is President. Luncheon was served in Camden House, and at a subsequent meeting, over which the Duchess presided, it was resolved to hold a Summer Fête at Chislehurst next July, when purses and gifts for the Deptford Fund will be presented to the Duchess.

THE LORD LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND terminated his visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry on the 21st instant, and returned to Dublin, where he has been engaged with official business, which prevented his coming to London to attend the cabinet Council. Countess Cadogan, on leaving Mount Stewart, proceeded to Clondeboy, county Down, on a visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, and returned to Mount Stewart on , and the Lord Lieutenant leaves Dublin for Glenstal, Limerick, on a visit to Bro. Sir Charles and Lady Barrington. Their Excellencies are expected to arrive at Dublin Castle to-morrow (Saturday) for the season.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN was represented at the funeral of the late Dean Liddell on Saturday last by Bro. Col. the Hon. Sir Henry Byng. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales sent a beautiful wreath of arums, lilies of the valley, primulas, camellias, chrysanthemums, and bay, with the inscription, "For Auld Lang Syne, from an old Christ Church friend.—Albert Edward." His Royal Highness was represented by Bro. Major-General Sir Stanley Clarke, and the Duchess of Albany by Colonel Waller, R.E. The Vice-Chancellor attended the funeral as the representative of the University of Oxford, and Mr. Walter Palmer, Chairman of the Council, represented the University Extension College of Reading. Amongst others present were the heads of the various houses in the University, the Canons of Christ Church Cathedral, Viscount Curzon, M.P., Bro. Viscount Valentia, Bro. Sir John Mowbray, M.P., Lord Abingdon, Lord Stanmore, Sir Charles Ryan, Mr. H. G. Falbot, M.P., Mr. G. H. Morell, M.P., Dr. Patison, Sir H. Longley, Mr. German Lavie, Bro. Sir Victor Williamson, Professor Dicey, Bodleian Librarian, Canon Blagdon, Dr. Chase, the Rev. Walter Scott, Mr. W. E. Sadler, Mr. Aubrey Harcourt, Mr. A. H. A. Williams, Sir E. Herschell, and Dr. Fairbairn (President of Mansfield).

ON MONDAY NIGHT the galleries of the Royal Institute of Painters in Water-colours were filled with a brilliant assemblage when the Chairman of the London County Council gave a conversation to meet the members of the municipality. Dr. Collins was assisted by his sister, Mrs. More, in receiving the company, and almost all his colleagues of Spring-gardens and its chief officers responded to the invitation. The guests numbered nearly 400, and amongst those who attended were the Bishop of London and Mrs. Creighton, Countess Carrington, Lord Rothschild, Mary Duchess of Sutherland and Sir Albert Rollit, Sir Edwin Galsworthy, Viscount Peel, Sir Hugh Owen, Sir Wolfe Barry, Sir Edward Bradford, Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Green, Earl Russell, Bro. the Earl of Oaslow, Sir John and Lady Hutton, the Hon. L. Holland, Sir Godfrey Lushington, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lawson, the Vice-Chairman and Mrs. Beachcroft, and the Deputy-Chairman, Sir Alexander Binnie. The band of the 2nd Life Guards provided the musical programme, and representative exhibition work from the schools of the Technical Education Board was on view, excellent examples of handicraft in colotype and zinc process printing, bookbinding, enamelling, and glass staining.

BRO. VISCOUNT DUNGARVAN left England, in the Teutonic, on Wednesday, on a tour to America.

THE QUEEN, according to present arrangements, is expected to leave Osborne about the 17th prox. for Windsor Castle.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK has appointed Lady Katherine Grey Coke as Extra Lady-in-Waiting to her Royal Highness.

GUY'S HOSPITAL has received a gift of £20,000 from Mr. Henry Lewis Raphael, to be devoted to the building of the "Henriette Raphael Nurses' Home," in memory of the late Mrs. Raphael.

BRO. THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE will give his usual full-dress Parliamentary dinner on the eve of the opening of Parliament, and the Duchess will afterwards hold a reception at Devonshire House.

BRO. THE DUKE OF FIFE has consented to preside at the 37th anniversary festival to be held at the Hotel Métropole, on June 10th, in aid of the funds of the United Kingdom Railway Officers' and Servants' Association.

THE MORTALITY returns for Bombay show 834 deaths from plague during the past week, and 1726 deaths from all causes, the death rate being 108.7 per 1000 inhabitants. The normal death rate from all causes is 74.8, or 45.37 per 1000.

THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER has received further donations of £500 from Mr. and Mrs. John P. Thomasson, and £100 from Lord Wantage for the Grosvenor House Fund in aid of the destitute Thessalian refugees in Greece.

IN CONSEQUENCE of the serious decrease in the contributions to the funds of the North-West London Hospital during the Jubilee Year, as compared with 1896, the treasurer, Mr. George Herring, has given £5000 as a donation.

AT THE 140th annual general court of governors of the Orphan Working School it was agreed to admit, free of election, two children left orphans through the fever epidemic at Maidstone, and two children left orphans by the Margate surf-boat disaster.

THE COMMITTEE of the Metropolitan Ear, Nose, and Throat Hospital, Grafton-street, W., announce that they have arranged for the annual ball to be held on Tuesday, February 1st, at the Portman Rooms, Baker-street, W. The proceeds will be devoted to the funds of the hospital.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT have arrived at Nice, and taken up their quarters at the Hôtel Regina. A minstrel performance given on Tuesday by men from the United States cruiser San Francisco, for the joint benefit of the Victoria Ward of the Invalids' Home and the American Charity Fund, was a great success. The Grand Duke Michael of Russia and the Countess Torby were present.

THE DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE opened a sale of work at Eastbourne Union Infirmary on Tuesday, in connection with the Brabazon Employment Society. The articles on the stall represented the handicraft of the aged and infirm inmates, who are taught by a committee of ladies. The Duchess, who was accompanied by the Countess of Gosford and Lady Alexandra Acheson, briefly expressed her warm sympathy with the work of the society.

THE ANNUAL DINNER in aid of the North London, or University, Hospital, Gower-street, W.C., will take place at the Hôtel Métropole on Wednesday next, the 1st prox., when Bro. his Grace the Duke of Bedford will occupy the chair. He will be accompanied by the Duchess, and many of the nobility and their ladies will be there, and we hope that this deserving institution in the vast work it is now doing will receive a good and substantial result.

THE JOHN CARPENTER CLUB, which held its winter banquet in the Albion, under the presidency of Mr. Philip E. Clunn, is an association of old City of London School boys, and at these re-unions the honours and distinctions gained by those who have been educated at that famous seminary provide an agreeable and ample theme for the speakers. The head master, Mr. A. T. Pollard, reported that in every department the school has held its own during the past year.

NEWSVENDORS' BENEVOLENT AND PROVIDENT INSTITUTION.—The 59th annual general meeting will be held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, the 15th proximo. The President, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Glenesk, will take the chair at seven o'clock precisely. The annual festival dinner will be held at the Hotel Cecil on Wednesday, 11th May. Mr. Cecil B. Harmsworth will preside, and his brothers, the Messrs. Alfred and Harold Harmsworth, with many other friends of the Institution, have promised to attend the gathering.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—Miss Redgrave, the Head Governess, has again had the satisfaction of presenting to the Committee a highly satisfactory report as the result of the recent examinations of the College of Preceptors. For the Certificate Examination 37 girls were entered and all passed, the large number of 35 "Distinctions" being gained. Thirty younger children were entered for the Junior Examination, and in respect to 29 of these the results were also highly satisfactory. The elder girls' Cambridge Local results are not yet known.

IN CIVIL and military circles alike the announcement of the death of Bro. Major-General Francis John Moberly, R.E., will be received with feelings of deep regret. The deceased officer had been suffering from an attack of influenza, but had so far recovered that he was out of doors on Wednesday. A sudden attack of illness, however, seized him in Piccadilly late in the afternoon, and although he was at once conveyed to St. George's Hospital, death speedily followed. General Moberly had a distinguished military career, chiefly in India. Born in 1825, the son of the late Col. H. Moberly, of the Madras Army, he entered the Royal Engineers in 1844, and retired after a period of 34 years' service.

THE HON. SECRETARY of the Association of Head Masters of Higher Grade and Organised Science Schools calls attention to the fact that the Science and Art Department have recently issued two circulars, in which they demand from schools of science the fulfilment of certain conditions which scarcely any such schools are able to fulfil. In case of non-compliance the Department threaten to withdraw the grants. The association will meet to-morrow (Saturday), at Derby, to consider the threat, which, if carried into effect, will close within six months all those schools of science, without exception, which are carried on by the School Boards, and most of those which are carried on by other governing bodies.

ARRANGEMENTS for the visit to Chatham on Tuesday next of Princess Christian are now complete. Her Royal Highness will travel by the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway, the special train being timed to leave Victoria at 11.40 a.m., and will be accompanied by the Bishop of Rochester and Bro. the Lord Mayor of London, who is the member for the borough, and the Lady Mayoress. The Princess will be received at Chatham Station by the Mayor, the Mayoress, and members of the Town Council, Bro. Dean Hole, Bro. Sir John Gorst, and the Rector of Chatham, an address of welcome being read by the Town Clerk. The foundation-stone of the new Town Hall is to be laid by her Royal Highness, who will afterwards be the guest at luncheon at Government House of Bro. Lieut.-Gen. Sir Charles Warren. Later in the day Princess Christian attends the dedication of the new Victoria Tower, with its clock and peal of eight bells, at the parish church of St. Mary, the sermon being preached by the Bishop. The guards of honour will be furnished by the 2nd Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers and the Chatham Division of Royal Marines, whilst the West Kent (Queen's Own) Yeomanry Cavalry are to provide a mounted escort for the Royal visitor.

THE CIGAR INDUSTRY IN JAMAICA.—Jamaica bids fair to regain her position she many years ago held in the cigar trade, when she enjoyed a very considerable share of English trade; in fact, the demand increasing beyond the power of production, the temptation of importing an inferior tobacco to make good the supply proved irresistible, and, in consequence, the Jamaica brands got into bad odour (in more ways than one), and are now seldom or ever quoted in the lists of an English cigar dealer. In the island, however, the industry is, and has been, steadily on the increase, where practically the whole of the produce is consumed. Naturally a very strong prejudice remains, to overcome which a determined effort is to be made. Messrs. Nathan and Co., of 12, Moor-lane, E.C., have imported a limited number of boxes, carefully selected by experts as most likely to suit the taste of the English smoker. These will be distributed at a nominal cost, the object being to prove practically the merits of the Jamaica grown tobacco, claimed by many to equal the production of Havana. There can be no doubt that any popular revival of our trade in this respect with Jamaica would considerably help the export trade of this country throughout the West Indies.



**MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)**

For the week ending Saturday, February 5th, 1898.

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, JANUARY 31.****CRAFT LODGES.**

79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
1015, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.  
1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

188, Joppa, Guildhall Tavern.  
1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.

**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.  
Frlars, 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.  
Marques 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, FEBRUARY 1.****CRAFT LODGES.**

6, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.  
18, Old Dundee, Cannon-street Hotel.  
101, Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
166, Union, Criterion.  
172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.  
217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.  
265, St. James', Bridge House Hotel.  
1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-square.  
1250, Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, West India Dock-road.  
1261, Golden Rule, Cafe Royal.  
1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern.  
1397, Anerley, Clarence Hotel.  
1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.  
1803, Cornhill, Cafe Monica.  
2128, United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel.  
2150, Tivoli, Frascati Restaurant.  
2190, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.  
2398, Holborn, Holborn Restaurant.  
2409, Hortus, Freemasons' Hall.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

92, Moira, Albion Tavern.  
109, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.

**MARK LODGES.**

315, Henniker, Mark Masons' Hall.  
355, Royal Savoy, Criterion.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.  
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.  
Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8.  
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.  
Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High street, at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
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, Chelsea, 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, and 4th Tues., at 7.30.  
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.  
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.  
Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.  
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.  
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.  
Mount Edgumbe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway, S.E., at 7.30.  
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.  
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood 1av., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.  
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.  
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.  
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.  
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.  
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.  
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.  
Urban, Mark Masons' Hall, at 6.  
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, FEBRUARY 2.****GRAND CHAPTER, at 9.****CRAFT LODGES.**

511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel.  
1298, Royal Standard, Holborn Restaurant.  
1306, St. John, Guildhall Tavern.  
1491, Athenaeum, Criterion.  
1585, Royal Commemoration, Holborn Restaurant

1610, Northern Bar, Cafe Royal.  
1687, Rothesay, Frascati Restaurant.  
2015, Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

55, Constitutional, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
1100, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.  
2345, Duke of Fife, Anderton's Hotel.

**MARK LODGE.**

244, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place.

**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.  
Creaton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Crusaders, The St. John's Gate Tavern, St. John-square, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.  
Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.  
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, S.  
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.  
Levisham, Black Bull, Levisham, 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, 291, 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.  
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.  
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.  
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.  
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.  
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.  
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.  
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-rcad, 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, FEBRUARY 3.****CRAFT LODGES.**

10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.  
45, Strong Man, Guildhall Tavern.  
102, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.  
227, Ionic, Criterion.  
231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.  
338, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.  
1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel.  
1216, Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1351, St. Clement Dances, Holborn Restaurant.  
1301, United Service, Cafe Royal.  
1425, Hyde Park, Frascati Restaurant.  
1072, Mornington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.  
1707, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel.  
1724, Kaisar-i-Hind, Cafe Royal.  
1798, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place.  
1772, Pimlico, Holborn Restaurant.  
1790, Old England, Elmwood Hall, West Croydon.  
2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.  
2291, West Ham Abbey, Town Hall, Stratford.  
2411, Clarence and Avondale, Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone.  
2512, Fulham, Town Hall, Fulham.  
2550, Piccadilly, Cafe Monica.  
2580, Crouch End, Gate House, Highgate.  
2075, Victoria Diamond Jubilee, Castle Hotel, Woodford.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

2, Chapter of St. James, Freemasons' Hall.

**MARK LODGE.**

197, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.

**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, Feltham.  
Great City, Red Cross, Paternoster-square, at 7.  
High Cross, Red Lion, 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.  
Montehore, 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.  
Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.  
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.  
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.  
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4.****CRAFT LODGES.**

60, St. John's, Albion Tavern.  
554, Yarborough, London Tavern.  
800, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.  
1480, Marquess of Ripon, Holborn Restaurant.  
1027, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.  
2233, Old Westminster, Cafe Royal.  
2497, Pickwick, Anderton's Hotel.  
2511, St. John at Hackney, Old Town Hall.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

8, British, Freemasons' Hall.  
250, Prince of Wales, Whitehall Rooms.

**MARK LODGE.**

8, Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern.

**ROSE CROIX.**

44, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-square.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5.****CRAFT LODGES.**

142, St. Thomas, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
1772, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.  
1022, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1028, Gallery, Anderton's Hotel.  
1049, Brixton, Anderton's Hotel.  
2406, Cheerybles, Freemasons' Hall.  
2601, Mendelssohn, Holborn Restaurant.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.  
1304, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.

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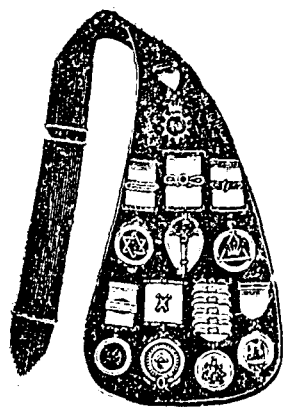
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