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THE APPROACHING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

The voting papers for the Spring Election of candidates into the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys respectively were issued the middle of last week, and we accordingly lose no time in drawing attention to the distribution of the children, and such other matters connected with their candidature as seem desirable. In consequence of Easter falling as it does this year, the elections will be held somewhat later than usual, that for

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taking place at the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers, which is fixed for Saturday, the 16th April, at the hour of 12 noon. For this there are 26 candidates, of whom 10 remain from last October, and 16 have had their cases approved and their names placed on the list during the past six months. London sends up six, and has a part interest in three others, and the Provinces and Districts Abroad are responsible for the remaining 17 girls. The London cases are as follow: No. 4, who was a candidate at both elections in 1897, and, as she has 2561 votes in hand, her friends and supporters should experience no difficulty in securing her election; No. 7 brings forward the 1555 votes, and No. 9 the 1080 votes which were polled for them last October; and Nos. 22, 24, and 25 are applicants for the first time. The three in which London has a part interest with one or more Provinces or Districts are No. 10, whose father's services in Masonry have been distributed over various localities both at home and abroad, and who starts with 808 votes, which she obtained last autumn, and which, as this will be her last time of asking, will require to be very liberally supplemented in order to ensure her success; and No. 16 (Kent and Surrey) and No. 20 (Kent, Malta, London, &c.), who are both new candidates. Of the 17 girls from the Provinces and Abroad, ESSEX is responsible for Nos. 5 and 19, the former of whom has 951 votes in hand, while the latter is a new candidate. The others are distributed as follows: No. 1, who has stood three elections, and has this single remaining chance of winning election, hails from N. and S. WALES (W.D.), and with 2873 already to her credit, there ought to be no difficulty in winning a place for her. No. 2 from S. WALES (W.D.), brings forward 877 from her two previous attempts; and No. 3 (BENGAL), who stands well with 2561 votes in hand for her last remaining chance. No. 6 (VALPARAISO), has 142 votes to the good, and No. 8 (SUFFOLK), 878 votes; but the others are new cases and include No. 11 (N. and E. YORKSHIRE); No. 12 (S. WALES, E.D.); No. 13—a last case—

from DORSETSHIRE AND HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT; No. 14 (KENT); No. 15 (NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM); No. 17 (SHROPSHIRE); No. 18 (DEVONSHIRE); No. 21 (SURREY); No. 23 (LINCOLN AND N. AND E. YORKSHIRE, &c.); and No. 26 from LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND. As regards other particulars we note that in 17 cases the fathers were subscribing members of a lodge or lodges for 10 years and upwards even to 20, 23, and 26 years, while sundry of them had held office in lodge and Prov. G. Lodge, and about one-fourth were supporters of our Institutions. Of the whole 26 candidates 22 are fatherless, two motherless, and two have both parents living. The number of vacancies to be filled is 15.

The election for the

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will take place at the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers which will be held on Friday, the 15th April, at the hour of 12 noon. In this case the number of candidates is 50—reduced to 49 by the withdrawal of a Dorsetshire boy—and the vacancies to be filled 27. Of the former 24 come forward from the election in October last, the other half being new applicants whose names have been placed on the list during the interval that has since elapsed. London is responsible for 17 and has a part interest in five others, the remaining 27 hailing from Provinces or Districts Abroad. The London contingent comprises No. 2, who at four previous attempts obtained 623 votes, which will count towards the result on this occasion; No. 3, who has 977 votes in hand from the same number of applications; No. 7, who brings forward 1842 votes from the two elections of last year; No. 11, who polled 432 votes in the same ballots; and Nos. 19, 24, and 25, who were candidates for the first time in October, and bring forward five, 488, and 1268 votes respectively. Nos. 26, 28, 30, 31, 32, 40, 41, 44, 48, and 50 are new applicants, and will try their luck for the first time at this meeting. The five in which London has a part interest are all new cases, Nos. 27, 37, and 39 hailing from London and Middlesex; No. 34 from London and Surrey; and No. 46 from London and North and East Yorkshire. Of the foregoing 22 applicants, No. 31 (London) and No. 39 (London and Middlesex) have this one and only chance allowed them of winning admission into the School, as in the event of failure they will be over 11 years of age, and their names will be removed from the list in consequence. Of the 27 candidates from the Provinces and Abroad, HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT sends four, of whom Nos. 17 and 18 who competed in October last bring forward 9 and 93 votes respectively, while Nos. 35 and 43 are new cases. ESSEX furnishes three applicants, namely, No. 1, who has only this chance left him, but has 1547 votes in hand and his friends, if they bestir themselves, ought to carry him successfully through; No. 16, who must win this time or fail altogether, has 144 votes to the good; and No. 21 with 6 votes. DEVONSHIRE furnishes two candidates, No. 4, who began his candidature in October, 1896, and has 445 votes to the good, and No. 20, who secured 885 votes last October. Nos. 9 and 23 hail from BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, the former having 103 votes and the latter 1569 votes, and there are 16 others, of whom No. 5 (NORTHANTS AND HUNTS) starts with 478 votes; No. 6 (GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY), with 1316 votes; No. 8 (OXFORDSHIRE), with 1084 votes; No. 10 (WEST LANCASHIRE), with 19 votes; No. 12 (HEREFORDSHIRE), with 4 votes; No. 13 (STAFFORDSHIRE), and a last case, with 13 votes; No. 14

(SOUTH WALES, E.D.), also a last case, with 687 votes; and No. 22 (NORTHUMBERLAND), with 91 votes. Nos. 29 (CORNWALL), 33 (WARWICKSHIRE), 36 (HERTFORDSHIRE), 38 (MIDDLESEX), 42 (LINCOLNSHIRE), 45 (WEST YORKSHIRE), 47 (NORTHUMBERLAND AND SOUTH WALES, E.D.), and 49 (DORSETSHIRE AND KENT), are all of them new cases, without any previous experience of the ballot. Of the whole 49 children there are three that have both parents living and two that have lost them both, while all the others are fatherless. In some 16 cases the fathers are returned as having contributed to our Institutions, while in more than half of them they held office in lodge, and in a few instances in Provincial Grand Lodge also.

It remains for us to impress upon those of our readers who are not committed to the support of any particular child or children the desirability of placing their votes and interest at the service of those candidates who, if they fail at this election, will disappear from the lists altogether. Of these there are four on the Girls' list, namely, Nos. 1, 3, 10, and 13; and on the Boys' list six, namely, Nos. 1, 13, 14, 16, 31, and 39. With these nine children it is a case of being elected now or never, and we do most sincerely hope that the whole of them will be returned among the successful.

FREEMASONRY IN CANADA.

Already during the present year there have been held three principal meetings, the Grand Chapters of Canada (Province of Ontario) and Quebec having met in annual convocation and the Grand Lodge of Quebec in annual communication during the latter part of January. The 40th annual gathering of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada took place at the Masonic Hall, Toronto, on the 26th of that month, under the presidency of Comp. WALSH, M.E. Grand Z., who was supported by Comps. W. G. REID, Grand H.; G. F. SHIPLEY, Grand J.; J. ROSS ROBERTSON, R. B. HUNGERFORD, J. J. MASON, KIVAS TULLY, and J. E. HARDING, Q.C., Past Grand Zs.; THOMAS SARGANT, Grand Scribe E.; E. W. CASE, Grand Prin. Soj.; HUGH MURRAY, Grand Treas.; and a number of Grand and Past Grand Officers, Grand Superintendents, and the representatives of private chapters. The feature of the proceedings was the address of the Grand Z., in which he reviewed the position of Royal Arch Masonry during the past year and recounted what he had done in his official capacity. He congratulated the meeting on having obtained such handsome premises, expressed regret that the Scottish Royal Arch chapters in British Columbia had declined to unite their fortunes with the Grand Chapter, referred in terms of satisfaction to the centenary celebration of Royal Arch Masonry in Kingston in June of last year, and suggested the formation of a Grand Chapter that should embrace all the Grand Chapters now existing in the Dominion. The Grand Principals, with the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer, were re-elected to office and a sum of 1000 dollars was voted to the Hospital for Sick Children. Comps. J. ROSS ROBERTSON and J. J. MASON were appointed a Committee to determine the conditions on which the so-called Grand Chapter of Ontario should surrender and become amalgamated with the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Comp. J. B. TRESIDDER, Grand Z., presided at the 25th annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, which was held in the Masonic Hall, Montreal, on the 25th January. After referring to the part played by the Montreal chapters in the Masonic celebration of the QUEEN'S Diamond Jubilee, the Grand Z. expressed his belief that Royal Arch Masonry in Quebec was in a prosperous condition. He had not been called upon to constitute any new chapters, but the membership of many of those already established had been greatly strengthened, and this he regarded as a favourable sign, a few strong chapters composed of enthusiastic workers being, in his opinion, of greater value than a number of weak ones. He complained of the dilatoriness in making their returns of many of the Scribes E. and Treasurers, who appeared to think they had done their duty if they sent in their particulars the day before, or even on the day itself, appointed for the meeting of Grand Chapter, regardless of the trouble they put the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer to by their

delay. The Grand Principals for the current year are Comps. B. TOOKE, Grand Z.; H. LE ROY FULLER, M.D., Grand H.; and GEORGE O. STANTON, Grand J.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec met in the same building the day following G. Chapter, the presiding officer being Bro. E. T. D. CHAMBERS, M.W.G.M., who, in the course of his address, referred to the leading events which had occurred during the past year. He spoke in warm terms of the loyal manner in which the QUEEN'S Diamond Jubilee had been celebrated, not only in Quebec, but throughout the length and breadth of the British Empire. He expressed his belief that the Craft in his jurisdiction had acquired great strength, and referred at length to the action of the Grand Lodge of Peru in removing the Volume of the Sacred Law from its proper place in the Grand and private lodges of that jurisdiction, citing more especially the course pursued by the Grand Lodge of New York in consequence towards Peruvian Masonry, and recommending that the intercourse previously existing between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Peru should cease and determine. Bro. CHAMBERS also explained the circumstances connected with the establishment of a clandestine lodge in Montreal under a warrant from the Grand Orient of France, and the reasons which had led him to issue an edict of non-intercourse with that irregular body. Before the session terminated, Bros. CHAMBERS and J. H. ISAACSON were re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary respectively.

FREEMASONRY IN IRELAND.

The publication of the "Irish Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the year 1898" offers an opportunity for a few words to be said on the condition of this ably managed Grand Lodge. It is not often that a change occurs in the chief Officers of this Grand Lodge, but lately, owing to the resignation of the R.W. Bro. R.W. Shekleton, Q.C., as D.G.M., and other causes, several alterations have taken place in the List. The R.W. Bro. J. C. Meredith, LL.D., has become the D.G.M.

The numerical roll of Lodges has not been re-arranged for nearly a century, the lapsed numbers being filled in by new lodges, so that although there are but 400 lodges on the Register, the latest number remains at a few over a thousand, viz., 1009, as it was in 1813, and all the Warrants issued since then have been placed in vacant numbers. This is an awkward plan for chronological purposes or as respects seniority, for over one-half of the existing lodges have been chartered since 1813, many being of the last 20 years or so. The Grand Master's Lodge, at the head of the Roll, dates from 1749 (that in England following, 10 years later), No. 1, Cork is credited to A.D. 1731, and No. 2, Dublin, to 1727, two of the oldest lodges in the world, but No. 3, Cork, is of A.D. 1808, and No. 4, Dublin, was started in 1825. Of the first 50 lodges, 43 date from this century, some being so recent as the present decade.

Dublin has 38 lodges, the Provinces in Ireland, 13 in all, have 316, and there are 42 scattered Abroad (seven being in *New Zealand*, and 22 in *Queensland*, under Prov. G. Lodges); two each are located in South Africa, West Indies, and Western Australia; three in Ceylon; and one each in West Africa, South Australia, Gibraltar, and Malta. Some of the Home Provinces are very large, Antrim heading the list with 95 lodges, and Down making a good second, with 64. There are also six lodges in Military Corps, but in this respect the difference is great compared with the many scores early this century.

The Royal Arch chapters number 160, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn being the M.E.K. There is a Deputy K., the 2nd Principal being the H.P., and the 3rd of the trio is named *Chief Scribe*, partaking in part of the Capitular System of the U.S.A., and differing considerably from England and Scotland in the titles of the principal officers. The numbers of the chapters are those of their corresponding lodges, as in England, apparently, but whether absolutely so required I cannot find stated in the Regulations.

The Great Priory of Ireland, having as its Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, G.C.T., has 43 preceptories on its Roll, 12 being in the City of Dublin, the remainder being held in Ireland.

The "Ancient and Accepted Rite" of Ireland is peculiarly circumstanced, and quite different to elsewhere, the 13 Rose Croix chapters being under a separate and distinct Grand Chapter; the Supreme Council, 33, having charge of the Degrees from the 19th to the 33rd, of which the 28th is prominently supported, as well as the 30th to the 33rd inclusive.

Freemasonry in Ireland is, undoubtedly, both popular and rigidly select, especially in the "Higher Degrees."

W. J. HUGHAN

CONSECRATION OF THE LOGGIA ITALIA,

No. 2687.

One of the most interesting, and certainly one of the most successful, Masonic functions recently held was the consecration of the above lodge, at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, on the 17th instant. The lodge has been started to enable Italian brethren to perform the various ceremonies in their native tongue, and also to prove that it is possible for a man to be a good Italian, a

good Mason, and a good Catholic. Bro. E. L. Valeriani, P.G.S.B., is to be congratulated on having at last attained the summit of his Masonic ambition in the formation of the Lodge Italia. Bro. F. Gallizia, P.M., is the first W. Master, and he has translated the ritual of the Three Degrees into Italian.

The Consecrating Officer, Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., was assisted by Bros. J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas., as S.W.; L. Gordon Robbins, P.G.D., as J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and R. Clowes, P.G.S.B., as I.G.

The founders of the new lodge are Bros. E. L. P. Valeriani, P.M. and Sec. 1687, W.M. 2535, P.G. Std. Br.; F. Gallizia, P.M. 1687; G. P. Bertini, P.M. 1559; A. N. Romano, P. Mentasti, G. A. Trongi, V. Guidotti, C. Tito Mattei, Org. 1687; L. Azario, G. Mentasti, A. Cogliati, P.M. 1559; G. Feloj, G. Baghino, G. Guanziroli, C. Fumagalli, Gimo Costa, C. Guffanti, A. Bonoldi, S.D. 1559; C. A. Antonelli, E. Snow, and Antonio Audagna.

The visitors included—

Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B.; E. C. Mulvey, G.P.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; E. St. Clair, P.A.G.D.C.; H. Buc, P.G.S.B.; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D.; W. F. Smithson, P.G.D.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; W. E. Perrett, P.P.G.D.C.; D. J. Llewellyn, P.P.G. Chap.; J. A. Cawthorn, W.M. 1221; J. Harding, P.M. 2487; H. W. Schartau; T. Grummant, P.M. 1559; R. W. Steggle, W.M. 2520; F. Napoli, 1772; C. G. Baker, 1970; T. W. Green, 1178; S. Clarke, 1178; H. Whitney, 861; R. H. Walker, 435; W. C. Parsons, P.M. 180, 1687; A. H. P. Snow, S.D. 2191; E. L. Berry, P.P.G.D. Surrey; T. J. Bolton, I.P.M. 1687; E. Robinson, 1559; W. A. Weeks, 1585; L. Verdier, 590; G. C. Kent, A.G.D.C.; H. J. Harris, P.M. 65; F. Kedge, P.M. 749; J. P. Simpson, I.P.M. 176; W. Adams, P.M. 1687; C. Sims, P.M.; H. Gros, P.M. 1687; G. Berkeley, P.M.; W. G. Fencley, 1687; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

After the opening of the lodge,

The CONSECRATING OFFICER, addressing the brethren, said: We are here this afternoon on an occasion which I may say is of more than usual interest. We are here for the purpose of constituting a new lodge—a lodge which is founded by, and which will consist of, brethren of Italian nationality, a body of men who are good citizens in the land of their adoption, and who, whilst paying due obedience to the laws of the country in which they reside, have not lost sight of the allegiance due to the Sovereign of their native land. I sincerely trust this lodge may accomplish all the objects the founders have in view and advance the interests of the Order, and that it may be the means of strengthening the bonds by which the two nationalities are united.

An oration was delivered by Bro. Rev. R. J. SIMPSON, P.G. Chap., who referred particularly to three great lights—the lights of nature, of conscience, and of revealed truth. In conclusion he said that the name of the lodge gathered round it a cluster of great names, Michael Angelo, Cicero, Dante, and many others. Italy was a land of poetry and art, and they could not forget what great power was held in ancient days by the ancestors of the brethren who composed this lodge. That day they all met together in brotherly love, in the sacred temple—a temple founded on the brotherhood of man and shadowed by the fatherhood of God. Floreat Italia!

The new lodge was then solemnly dedicated with the appropriate formalities.

The Grand Secretary then installed Bro. Francesco Gallizia, P.M., as W.M., and the following officers were invested, the directions to each being given in the Italian language: Bros. C. Guffanti, S.W.; G. Mentasti, J.W.; E. Snow, Sec.; E. L. P. Valeriani, P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; F. Guanziroli, S.D.; G. Costa, J.D.; A. Bonoldi, I.G.; C. A. Antonelli, D.C.; Cavaliere Tito Mattei, Org.; G. A. Trongi and A. Audagna, Stwds.; and W. H. Hobbs, Tyler.

The Consecrating Officers were accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and elected Honorary Members, and presented with a founder's jewel.

Bro. GORDON ROBBINS, P.G.D., speaking in Italian, sincerely thanked the founders for the compliment, and wished the lodge every success.

Propositions were received, and the lodge was closed.

After banquet the usual toasts were given, "The Queen and the Craft" being followed, however, with a somewhat unusual one—"H.M. the King of Italy," which was heartily received.

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The Grand Officers" were next given by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who congratulated the lodge on the grand array of Grand Officers present.

Bro. J. W. WOODALL, P.G. Treas., responded in Italian as follows:

Venerabile Maestro e Fratelli: Permettetemi di ringraziarvi per l'onore che mi avete fatto di rispondere al brindisi che il V.M. ha proposto agli ufficiali della Gran Loggia d'Inghilterra e vi prego di perdonarmi, se non parlo la vostra lingua con facilità perchè sono più di venti anni che non ho visitato l'Italia. "Il bel paese che Appennin parte il mar circonda e l'Alpe." Non so precisamente come devo esprimermi per ringraziarvi in nome degli ufficiali per questo brindisi, ma sono certo che tutta la Fratellanza in Inghilterra ha avuto grande piacere, quando ha udito che la Loggia Italia fu proposta sotto la giurisdizione della Gran Loggia d'Inghilterra e che i Grandi Ufficiali, sono sicuro, s'interessarono per la vostra prosperità. Mi pare che la Massoneria che ha buona reputazione in Inghilterra, Germania, Svezia, e negli Stati Uniti d'America meridionali d'Europa. Speriamo che in tempo questa disgrazia sparirà e che la società Massonica non sarà più accusata come se fosse "del Diavolo." La Framassoneria in questo paese da pensione ai vecchi, educa, mantiene in vitto e vestito i fanciulli. Queste opere non devono essere censurate. Un discepolo disse al Maestro, "Abbiamo veduto uno che cacciava i demoni nel tuo nome, il quale non ci seguiva e perchè non ci seguiva glielo abbiamo vietato; mache disse il Maestro; Non vietatelo." Finalmente speriamo che la loggia Italia oggi varata, come dicono i marinai, avrà buon viaggio e che quando il V.M. alla fine dell'anno, darà in mano la mazzetta, simbolo d'ufficio, al suo successore egli potrà dire che la loggia ha fatto un progresso che sarà stimato soddisfacente dai gran ufficiali della Gran Loggia; e speriamo che l'antico motto sarà realizzato: Pax in terris; hominibus bona voluntas.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Consecrating Officers," remarking that they had seen the ceremony carried out with such perfection, and so impressively, that no words were necessary to recommend the toast.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., in responding, said he should ill requite the kindness and attention with which they all listened to him at no inconsiderable length elsewhere were he to venture to occupy their time for one

moment more than was necessary in responding. If his words were brief, they were sincere, and as the mouthpiece of those Grand Officers, with whom he had the privilege to be associated in the consecration, he tendered their warmest thanks for the compliment paid them in the toast proposed in such extremely kind terms by the W.M. It had given them, one and all, the greatest pleasure to attend and assist in starting that new lodge. They trusted it might have before it a career of the greatest possible prosperity, and that it might strengthen those bonds which united the two great countries of Italy and England.

Bro. E. L. P. VALERIANI, P.G.S.B., said that by command of the W.M., and as the G. Secretary wished it, he had the great privilege of proposing "The Health of the W. Master," than whom there was no better man, no better Italian, and no better Freemason. If any one had the honour of the foundation of this lodge, it was the W.M. Bro. Gallizia was a busy hard-working man in Brighton, but he had found time to translate all the ritual into the Italian language and no professor would find fault with his translation. He took the liberty of telling both English brethren and his own countrymen the purpose of this lodge. The founders were all good Masons and having taking upon themselves a duty would perform it to the best of their ability. It had been a hard battle, but they had been well supported by some of the Grand Officers. The intention of those who started the lodge was to unite the best Italians coming into London into one society as a satisfaction to themselves and as a sort of gratitude to the English brethren. They were always invited to English lodges and received well, handsomely, and generously, and now they would be able to return the compliment. Bro. Goodall had reminded them of the deep division between English and Italian Freemasonry. They loved their country and they loved their religion and they wanted to do their duty to both. The chief of their religion and those whose duty it was to guide their conscience might say they were doing a wrong thing. They would not fight against them, but they intended, by their actions, to convince them they were wrong. Their own countrymen were against them, not because they had done wrong, but because others would not believe they were doing right. No politics or religion would be introduced in the lodge or allowed. Let the chief of their religion send some one to mix with them, and they would initiate, pass, and raise him, and let him enjoy the "Fourth" Degree to his heart's content; and then let him go back to his own country and tell his chief what was being done here. They would be very careful whom they admitted, for Masonry was not a benefit society, and was not made for a poor man. The founders were not ashamed of their religion or their country, and wished to prove it wanted a good man to make a good Mason, and they would also show their gratitude to England by their conduct in the lodge. They would honour the brother in the chair by heartily drinking his health.

Bro. F. GALLIZIA, P.M., W.M., said that when he first had it in his mind to establish that lodge it never occurred to him that he should be placed in that honourable position. All the founders had joined hands, and assisted him, and he would do his level best to do justice to the lodge. He should have been able to do nothing without the help of the founders, and the credit was therefore due to them. They would have to judge him by his work, and would therefore be in expectancy; but he hoped the result would be creditable to himself and the Loggia Italia.

Bro. T. J. BOLTON, I.P.M. 1687, replied for "The Visitors," and mentioned that several of the founders, including the W.M., were members of the Rothesay Lodge. The W.M. when in the chair of the Rothesay Lodge, achieved a harder task than that of translating the ritual into Italian, for he perfected himself in all of the ceremonies in the English language.

Bros. TOWNER and GRUMMANT also replied.

"The Officers" was acknowledged by Bros. C. GUFFANTI, S.W., and G. MENTASTI, J.W.

Bro. J. M. MCLEOD, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., briefly responded for "The Masonic Charities."

The Tyler's toast, given by Bro. HARRIS, Tyler, in Italian, then closed the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Tito Mattei, assisted by Bro. H. Schartau, P.P.G. Org.; Madame Pertoldi, and Bro. Franklin Clive. Bro. Luigi Meo delighted all present by several well-rendered violin solos.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. A. F. GODSON, M.P., P.G.M. WORCESTERSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Masonic Charity Organisation Committee of the Province of Worcestershire was held on Wednesday, the 9th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Kidderminster, under the presidency of Bro. A. F. Godson, Prov. G.M., when after the transaction of the business, the gathering was converted into a special assembly for the purpose of making a presentation to Bro. A. F. Godson, consisting of a three-quarter portrait of himself, done in oils by Mr. Herbert A. Olivier, and an illuminated address, in book form, and with a Gothic style of ornamentation, the latter being the work of a young Kidderminster artist, Mr. E. A. Cotton (son of a member of the local lodge of Masons). The portrait was regarded on all hands as a good likeness of the popular and esteemed member of the borough of Kidderminster, and shows the hon. gentleman wearing his Masonic clothing and decorations. It is encased in a massive gilt frame, on a plate at the bottom of which is the following inscription in artistic lettering:

"Presented to Worshipful Brother A. F. Godson, M.A., M.P., of Westwood Park, Droitwich, in the County of Worcester, P.W., P.G.M. of the province of Worcestershire, and P.G.D. England, by his brother Masons, as a mark of appreciation and respect, and in recognition of the unique position he holds in the Masonic world of Worcestershire as P.G.M., G.S., P.G. (Mark) M., and P.G. Prior.—Dated this 9th day of March, 1898.—Warner Ottley, D.P.G.M.; William Waldron, P.G.II.; Abraham Green, D.P.G. (Mark) M., and P.G. Sub-Prior; Alfred B. Rowe, P.G. Treasurer; and William T. Page, P.G. Secretary."

The beautiful illuminated address, painted in water colours, and adorned with a choice selection of Gothic foliage, contained on the first page the name of Worshipful Brother Godson, and in the left-hand corners of the following pages were the different emblems of the various Degrees in Masonry through which the hon. gentleman had passed. An introductory ode, especially composed for the purpose by Bro. Shuttleworth, of Worcester, prefaced the text of the address, and was bordered by illuminated ornament, in water colours. The terms of the address were as follows: "To the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire, Brother Augustus Frederick Godson, M.A., M.P., P.G.D. (England), of Westwood Park, Droitwich, in the county of Worcester.—We, the

brethren of your province, take this opportunity of recording our hearty appreciation of you and your Masonic working as P.G.M. It is particularly gratifying to note that by the spontaneous wishes of the brethren and to commemorate such working, you have this day been presented by them with your portrait, executed by Mr. Herbert A. Olivier. It is believed that you hold the unique position in the Masonic world of being P.G.M. of the Craft, G.S. of the Royal Arch, P.G.M. of Mark Masons, and P. Prior of this Province of Worcestershire. The 32 years you have been connected with the province have only tended to cement and strengthen our pleasure at your popularity, courtesy, and unflinching kindness.

"Dated this 9th day of March, 1898.

"WARNER OTTLEY, D.P.G.M.
"WILLIAM WALDRON, P.G.H.
"ABRAHAM GREEN, D.P.G.M.M. and P.G. Sub-Prior.
"ALFRED B. ROWE, P.G. Treasurer.
"WILLIAM T. PAGE, P.G. Secretary."

Then followed the names of the 280 subscribers to the presentation fund, and it will be interesting to state that the total cost of the gift to Bro. Godson amounted to £220, the whole of which, it was announced at the meeting, had been cleared off. As the amount of each subscription was limited to one guinea, it will be at once apparent that the response made to the suggestion of the promoters of the presentation portrait was at once spontaneous and hearty.

Included among an unusually large attendance were Bros. Col. Hamer Ottley, D.P.G.M. (in the chair); A. Green, P.G. Sub-Prior and D.P.G. (Mark M.), who occupied the vice-chair; A. F. Godson, M.P. (the guest of the evening); G. W. Grosvenor (Mayor of Kidderminster); W. Waldron, P.G.H.; W. T. Page, P.M., P.G. Sec.; A. B. Rowe, P.G. Treas.; H. Rowe, E. Parry, Sec. of the Kidderminster Lodge; T. Tanfield, J. Attwood, J. Round, E. Lowe, H. Wilcox, G. W. King, T. Vale, J. M. Harlow, W. E. Walker, H. Smith, Reg. Woodward, G. R. Green, B. L. Griffiths, E. Bennett, A. Cooper, M. Cole, F. Burcher, W. T. Martin, A. Cotton, C. B. Shuttleworth, Duncan J. Shedden, C. D. Eaton, A. Cookson, H. Guest, J. E. Jones, B. Hepworth, W. H. Yates, G. Holdsworth, J. Ray, C. Lowe, T. Green, J. Millington, H. F. Williams, A. J. Radford, J. Hill White, C. F. Holder, W. H. Maxey, H. Lowe, E. L. Adlington, C. Dakin, W. H. Kendrick, H. Richardson, C. Mytton, W. H. Moore, W. Edwards, J. Jones, and C. A. Drew.

Bro. Colonel OTTLEY, in opening the proceedings referred to the fact that 30 years had elapsed since Bro. Godson first began to take an interest in the Province of Worcestershire. He was one of the founders of the St. Michael's Lodge at Tenbury, and attained to several offices in Provincial Grand Lodge, independent of being Deputy Grand Master for a period of 13 years, and P.G.M. since the lamented death of Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., M.P. Bro. Godson had always been most assiduous in promulgating the great principles of Masonry, and had assisted in the formation of two lodges in the province and also one Royal Arch chapter. He now held the unique position of P.G.M. in the Craft, P.G.S. of the Royal Arch Masonry, P.G. Mark Master, and Prov. Prior of the Knights Templar, and had ever shown great zeal and deep interest in Masonry. He had also been the means of securing the raising of Worcestershire to the rank of a province in Mark Masonry and Knight Templar; and although his duties in those positions were onerous, yet he had not confined himself only to them, for he was a Patron of the Boys' Masonic Institution, a Life Governor of the Girls' Institution, and a Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution, and the interest which Bro. Godson evinced in those Institutions also extended to Mrs. Godson and her daughter (Mrs. d'Eyncourt), who were also Vice-Patronesses of the several Institutions. The gallant Colonel stated that last year, when the British Empire was commemorating the Diamond Jubilee of the reign of the Queen—to whom Masons really looked as the head of their glorious Order in the person of her son, the Prince of Wales—the brethren thought they should like to commemorate Bro. Godson's admirable services to the cause of Freemasonry in the province, and the idea of the presentation of his portrait was taken up, meeting on all hands with a most spontaneous and hearty reception. However, there was not sufficient time to complete the work in the Jubilee year, but the brethren of the province, one and all, now wished Worshipful Brother Godson and Mrs. Godson every prosperity and happiness, and hoped that he might be spared for many years to rule over them. (Applause.)

Bros. WALDRON and GREEN also made a few remarks in support of those uttered by the Chairman, after which

The Mayor of Kidderminster (Bro. GROSVENOR) spoke to the presentation, remarking what a great pleasure it was to the Masons of Kidderminster that that auspicious gathering should take place under their banner. (Applause.)

Bro. Col. WARNER OTTLEY said it now fell to his lot to ask Bro. Godson to accept, on behalf of the brethren of the province, the book containing a list of the subscribers to the present, and also the three-quarter portrait of himself, painted by Mr. Olivier, together with the heartfelt and best wishes of all the subscribers, who hoped the gift would be pleasing to himself and the members of his family. The brethren of the province also asked Bro. Godson to accept the portrait as the expression of their best wishes for his future happiness and prosperity, and they trusted he would be spared to rule over them as ably in the future as he had done in the past. When made Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Godson left no stone unturned to do the best he could for the province, and to secure respect and esteem for himself, and the brethren now requested his acceptance of this small token of the regard they all entertained for him. (Applause.)

Bro. GODSON, on accepting the gift, was warmly applauded by the brethren present. He said he hardly knew where to begin to thank the subscribers, but when he heard by a side wind of the kind proposal on the part of the brethren, he told those with whom he had an opportunity of speaking that he thought it better for them to keep their money in their own pockets, because he really could not conceive what could justify them in his eyes in paying that exceedingly handsome compliment to him. That day he was looking back as well as he could into his past Masonic career, and although he was not initiated in that province, yet it was in the nearest lodge to his own native place—the Royal Edward Lodge at Leominster. He had to travel 11 miles to lodge there and back, so that he was in much the same position now with respect to the Kidderminster Lodge as he was in those early days, for he had now to travel 10½ miles there and back from Droitwich, which showed that in all things there were strange coincidences. It was permitted to him to take part in Masonry with a former Deputy Grand Master of the Province, Bro. Major Barber, a most worthy man and a splendid Mason in every respect, and he became one of the founders of the St. Michael's Lodge at Tenbury. He had not been able to find out the *data* which would enable him to say whether he was the second or third Master of the lodge, but he joined it and occupied the Junior Warden's chair in the lodge at Worcester, and also the Senior Warden's chair at the Leominster Lodge at the time he became Worshipful Master of the St. Michael's Lodge at Tenbury. He had always had one view—unless a brother was called upon by stress of circumstances to aid a brother in conducting a second chair, it was well that he should step aside and let those who wished for the honour to be conferred upon them to have the opportunity. He therefore retired from one of the two positions he held, and passed through the chair of St. Michael's Lodge. He was honoured some time afterwards in being made Provincial Grand Registrar, and then Grand Senior Warden, and, as had been mentioned, he subsequently became Deputy Grand Master of the Province, under one of the best and worthiest of Masons, the late Provincial Grand Master, Sir

Edmund Lechmere, Bart., with whom he worked in a labour of love for 13 years. He hoped he had always been anxious to bring forward, in the Province of Worcestershire and elsewhere, the necessity of affording abundant relief to those who were in distress, and as Providence had been pleased to grant him the power to do so, he hoped while life was spared him that he should not cease in the course he had pursued for some time, nor cease to be a patron of all Masonic institutions. The beautiful book containing the illuminated address would be to him a great charm, and would go alongside the book that was presented to his good wife by the ladies and working women of Kidderminster some years ago—a book that Mrs. Godson valued greatly; and although they had not accompanied their gift to him with a diamond bracelet—(laughter)—at the same time he should keep the book in his estimation as a most kind and generous gift. As regarded the portrait, if there was any fault to be found with it, he must ask them to put it to the credit of his daughter, because when she saw it she said it was very much like him, but that it was too good looking and far too young—(laughter)—and she must have more "crows' feet" put in somewhere. (Renewed laughter and applause.) The artist objected very strongly, because he thought he had made the portrait as near perfection as he could; but if they looked carefully into the picture they would find that "crows' feet" had been put in—in the right places he hoped. (Laughter.) The artist had appeased his daughter, and had not put in too many. (Laughter.) They had one great pleasure to record for their tontine Charity organisation, having obtained no less than 45 ballots for the Charity; and if anything were wanted to add to the intense pleasure with which that day would be regarded by him, it was the fact that they had the record for the Charities of the province. (Applause.) They hoped this year would be a record one, at any rate for the Charities, and although they could hardly hope to realise what he heard an enthusiastic London Mason say that they intended to get into six figures—£100,000—yet he thought it would be such a record year as the world had never seen. (Applause.) They were pleased to say that it was his action in Masonry, and not his mere verbal utterances that had induced them to do what they had so kindly and generously done, and he only hoped that when the Great Architect should be "pleased" to call him from this sublimity existence to the realms above, he might leave a record for the future such as they had so generously considered was a satisfactory record of his work in Masonry in the past. (Applause.)

The usual cordial votes of thanks to the Committee, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary of the presentation fund, and to the Chairman for presiding brought the proceedings to a close.

CENTENARY FESTIVAL OF THE LODGE OF UNITED STRENGTH, No. 228.

A meeting of this lodge was held, by dispensation at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 19th inst., when there was a large number of brethren present to celebrate the completion of its 100 years' existence. To mark the eventful year, all offices are filled by Past Masters, and Bro. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., who is father of the lodge, has for the third time been placed in the honourable position of W.M. of this, his mother lodge.

The brethren present included Bros. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., W.M.; J. Hillhouse, S.W.; R. Griggs, P.M., J.W.; A. H. Hickman, Treas.; J. Jennings, P.M., Sec.; J. T. Hunt, P.M., S.D.; J. T. Ashby, P.M., J.D.; G. R. Lambert, P.M., D.C.; J. Curtis, Org.; J. Holland, P.M., I.G.; A. C. Woolsey and C. Jeley, Stwds.; F. W. Moss, I.P.M.; G. Booker, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. Sir J. Monckton, P.G.W.; T. Fenn, P.G.W.; R. Grey, P.G.W.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; J. D. Langton, P.A.G.D.C.; C. E. Keyser, P.G.D.; Jas. Stephens, Dep. G.D.C.; P. Nairne, P.G.D.; Major Newington Bridges, P.G.S.B.; W. A. Scurrah, P.G.S.B.; J. Mason, P.G.S.B.; J. Newton, P.G.P.; W. Martin, A.G.P.; H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; Major E. M. Money, P.A.G.D.C.; John Albert Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C.; Dr. George Mickley, P.A.G.D.C.; W. P. Johnson, 1997; F. Parker, 1426; J. G. Stevens, P.M. 554; B. Williams, P.M. 1861; J. J. Harward, 2265; R. Darling, P.M. 1446; H. C. Turner, P.M. 1662; T. A. Stenner, P.M. 1662; G. J. Cook, P.M. 1580; Dr. F. J. Harrison, P.P.G.P.; E. H. Hopkins, H. Hyde, 1227; T. Taylor, P.M. 1677; F. H. Rigby, J.W. 201; E. F. Davey, P.M. 199; D. F. Norrington, J.W. 2686; G. W. Capel, W.M. 2442; A. J. Bailey, P.M. 1040; W. F. Hughes, P.M. 179; Jas. E. Terry, P.M. and Sec. 1964; E. C. Whatley, 957; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

Lodge was opened and the dispensation read.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., in handing the centenary warrant over to the W.M., expressed his pleasure at the privilege of doing so. That lodge, he said, was originally one of the Athol lodges, and met at the Green Dragon, Paradise-road, Chelsea—a hostelry which appears in a picture by a well-known artist of the reception of the news of the Battle of Waterloo. It remained there for about five years, and afterwards tried the quality of taverns in every part of the Metropolis, until it found a home at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, where it now meets. He tendered to the W.M. his hearty congratulations on the auspicious event they were celebrating, and wished the lodge continued prosperity in the future.

The SECRETARY read the centenary warrant.

The W.M. expressed his grateful thanks to the Grand Secretary for his kindness in attending to present the warrant, and to the distinguished brethren present for their attendance.

Lodge was closed, and a banquet followed in the Crown Room, Freemasons' Tavern.

The loyal toasts were afterwards honoured, and Bro. Hillhouse, P.M., proposed "The Grand Officers."

Bro. T. FENN, P.G.W., in reply, hoped the lodge would enjoy its present prosperity for many years. He had been looking down the list of those lodges holding Centenary Warrants and he found that No. 228 was the last in the London lodges holding its meetings under an Athol Warrant, and he trusted this would be an announcement satisfactory to the brethren.

Bro. R. GRIGGS, P.M., J.W., then proposed "The Memory of the Founders," and said that through the kindness of Bro. Sadler, G. Tyler, he had been able to see the records of the lodge for the past 100 years. He found the names of the founders numbering 13 were Bro. W. McCulloch, as W.M., when the lodge started, its number being then 314, amongst the Ancients. The first initiate was Bro. Thomas Jones, a brewer. The meetings were held fortnightly at the Green Dragon, Paradise-road, Chelsea. The two Grand Lodges were united in 1813, forming the present United Grand Lodge of England, and the number of their lodge then became 399. In 1816 United Grand Lodge called upon all lodges to take names, the majority only previously having been known by numbers. This lodge suggested to Grand Lodge certain names, which were disapproved on the ground that other lodges had secured those names. He read in an old minute book of 1816 that at the meeting when this lodge took its name, a resolution was carried that as its emblems had been a rose, shamrock, and thistle, the lodge should be called the Lodge of United Strength. That name was adopted, and had been used ever since. There was not another Masonic lodge with that name, although he thought he had heard that a brother, initiated on the same night as himself,

went to South Africa and started a lodge by the same name. The Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle had always been used by that lodge, and printed on the summonses, and afterwards this Union was further exemplified by an illustration of Esop's fable of "The bundle of sticks." They were proud to think that the word "United" had never been sullied in any of the records. There had been no difference in the lodge, and it had remained "United" for 100 years. In 1833 the No. 399 was altered to 276, and 30 years after it was again moved to 228, its present number. The G. Secretary had referred to the numerous places of meeting the lodge had had since it started. Through the kindness of Bro. Sadler, he traced the fact that during the first seven years the lodge met at two places in Chelsea. For 16 years they met in Soho, and 13 years in Lambeth. In 20 years it met at eight different places, including Covent Garden, Strand, Leicester-square, and Westminster, and then settled down for 14 years in Pimlico. In 1857, it moved to the old St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, and in 1877, went to its present quarters, the Guildhall Tavern. During the first half century it changed its home 14 times, and but twice in the second 50 years. Next as to the personnel of the lodge. Starting near the old Chelsea Hospital, many connected with that hospital became members but whether officers or pensioners he was not able to say. That gave it a military flavour and during the first 20 years there were many non-commissioned officers in it. In 1820, there were a great many members of the legal profession in it. When meeting in Clerkenwell, its proximity to an artistic and literary club, known as the Urban Club, induced many members of that club to join. These gave a general tone to the lodge, and there were still some in the lodge who retained that tone, and amongst them was their Worshipful Master. At a later period there were a large number of Schoolmasters, and about 20 years ago there was a provincial tendency, many coming from Bedfordshire in a strong body. Taking a general view of the lodge, and he had only been a member 30 years, he could say the lodge was a good London mixture. In 1876 the highest development in numbers was reached, the members numbering nearly 100. The old Gate House in Clerkenwell was too small, and for the last three meetings in 1876 they were permitted to hold them in Freemasons' Hall, after which they took up their abode at the Guildhall Tavern. As regarded the original founders, they were obscure and unknown men, not recorded on the roll of fame, but in founding that lodge they built a superstructure perfect in its parts and honourable to the builders. Think of that band of 13 holding their first meeting in that little tavern in Chelsea, and compare it with that meeting and that galaxy of Grand Officers! The lodge had been founded on the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, and in the cause of Charity had performed its share. They must all confess gratitude to those obscure men who had started that good work, and he would conclude by adapting the famous epitaph of Sir Christopher Wren, and ask them if they wanted monuments as memorials to look around.

Bro. Sir J. MONCKTON, P.G.W., proposed "The Health of the W.M." They saw in the chair the father of the lodge, and it was a great pleasure to propose his health on this most interesting occasion. How many chairs Bro. Terry had occupied he would not venture to say, but he was perfectly certain their W.M. never had such pleasure as in occupying the chair of his mother lodge on the celebration of its centenary. To speak of Bro. James Terry in his mother lodge would be to paint the lily. His Masonic enthusiasm, his zeal for the Institution he so well worked for, his indomitable energy on all occasions—in all these things he had no superior and perhaps not many equals.

Bro. JAS. TERRY, P.G.S.B., tendered his sincere thanks for the far too flattering manner in which the toast had been submitted. He could assure them this was one of his crowning days in Freemasonry. Thirty-eight years ago he was initiated in the lodge, and in three years was installed W.M. Ten years after he was again elected to the chair, and when 25 more years had elapsed they had placed him in the chair for the third time. That was the highest testimonial, in his opinion, any lodge could confer upon a brother. The welfare of that lodge had always been dear to his heart, and he had endeavoured to raise it from the position in which he found it. One most remarkable thing was that, although talented men had been initiated in the lodge during the past 100 years, there had not been one brother who, as a member, had ever had the distinction of attaining the rank of a Grand Officer. In the future might that be rectified. He (the W.M.) was a Grand Officer, but not as a member of that lodge did he attain that rank, but in his official position. They had that evening had the advantage of having the Grand Secretary present to hand over the centenary warrant. Bro. Letchworth's time was so much occupied in discharging his Secretarial duties and in other ways that that lodge was extremely honoured at his presence, and, on behalf of the lodge, he tendered the Grand Secretary their sincere thanks. He had much pleasure in giving "The Health of the Grand Secretary," hoping he might long be spared to continue to hold the esteem, respect, and affection of every member of the Craft.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., in response, said that, having been thanked in the lodge, he was not prepared for that additional compliment. He was sensible of the honour, and thanked the Worshipful Master for the kind terms used.

Bro. P. NAIRNE, P.G.D., replied for "The Visitors," and Bro. HICKMAN, P.M., Treas., for "The Past Masters."

Other toasts were given before the interesting proceedings were terminated.

Bro. J. CURTIS, Mus. Bac., Org., was assisted in the musical arrangements by Miss Ethel Winn, Madame Rina Robinson, Mr. John Guppy, Mr. Gerald Walenn, and Bro. W. Augustus Smith.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. James Henry Matthews, President; D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President; and C. A. Cottebrunc, Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs. The Grand Secretary, Bro. E. Letchworth; Bro. Wm. Lake, Assistant Grand Secretary; Bro. W. Dodd; Bro. G. S. Recknell; and the Grand Tyler, Bro. Henry Sadler, the official representatives of Grand Lodge, were also in attendance. The other brethren present were Bros. Henry Garrod, James Boulton, George Graveley, George B. Chapman, J. Mason, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Fisher, Robert Case, S. H. Goldschmidt, Thomas Jones, W. Kipps, E. W. Nightingale, Richard Eve, W. Russell, A.G.D.C.; W. H. Caton, John Ellinger, Thomas J. Ralling, Charles Henry Stone, W. Wills, Jas. Bunker, Hy. A. Tobias, Samuel Brooks, Henry Hyde, John Oldis, Joseph S. Erdman, Ernest H. Trotter, W. Baddeley, James J. Rumbals, William Smith, W.M. 1624, H. Thomson Lyon, R. W. Ker, George V. Wood, John J. White, Arthur Williams, William Thomas, F. Thomas, H. Bannister, J. W. Burgess, F. B. Oldfield, L. R. Styer, James Strong, Edwd. Blinkhorn, T. Ringer Hewett, William Noble, George Langley, Joseph Bate, F. Wortham, W.M. 733; John Lancett, S. J. Cross, F. Kebbell, A. P. Bebrouth, John Coote, F. Jones, J. W. Folkard, R. R. Collick, E. A. W. Lintby, F. P. Langford, T. Weeks, and H. Massey.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations made at last meeting to the Grand Master to the amount of £360. The new list contained the names of 45 petitioners, qualified through lodges in the London district (23), and at Market Drayton, Halifax (Nova Scotia), Sunderland (three), Colchester, Hampton Court, Portsmouth, Bridport, Norwich, York, South Shields, Bombay, Hong Kong (two), Tiverton, New Brompton, Lucknow, Gaithersborough, Rayleigh, Weymouth, and Barbadoes. Out of this number one petition was withdrawn,

two petitions were deferred, and three were dismissed. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £1125. This total was made up of one sum of £75, which Grand Lodge was recommended to confirm, and three sums of £50 referred to the same highest authority. Eight petitions were recommended for the Grand Master's approval for £40 each, 11 for £30 each, and one for £25. Nine petitioners were granted £20 each, four £10 each, and one £5.

THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following additional sums have been received since our report of last week, namely:

Lodge	LONDON.	£	s.	d.
30 Bro. A. E. Remington	...	10	10	0
	(raising his list to £21)			
Committee Dinner Club Girls' School	...	1	1	0
Bro. W. G. Kentish, additional	...			
	(raising his list to £75 1s.)			
Unattached	...	10	10	0
Bro. A. A. Butcher, additional	...			
	(raising his list to £21)			
Unattached	...	10	0	0
Mrs. Trew, additional	...			
	(raising her list to £114 8s.)			
THE PROVINCES.				
GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY.				
Province	Bro. Pengelly	...	26	5
	(raising his list and total for the Province to £78 15s.)			0

Craft Masonry.

Scientific Lodge, No 88.

Meritorious work was done at the monthly meeting, on Monday, the 14th instant, at Cambridge, for not only did the brethren participate in the Three Degrees (as they had also done in February), but their hearts were expanded with benevolence sufficiently to vote the handsome sum of 50 guineas from the lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. This money is to be paid through the Cambridge Masonic Charity Association, and placed on the W.M.'s list. The vote gave rise to an interesting discussion, in the course of which it was mentioned that a similar sum had been voted by the sister lodge in the town (No. 441), and 100 guineas by the Province, so that Cambridgeshire bids fair to be heard of at the Centenary Festival. Bro. George John McKay, J.P., 129, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., who has recently come to reside at Chatteris, Cambs., was elected as a joining member of the lodge, and subsequently attended the work. The next business was the raising of Bro. James Burrow, and here the W.M. handed the gavel to the senior P.M., Bro. B. Chennell, who performed the duty with his well-known ability. Curiously enough, it was 20 years ago that very day that Bro. Chennell first did the Third Degree as W.M., and "the right hand had not forgot its cunning." The W.M., Bro. John H. Moyes, afterwards passed Bro. J. W. Iliffe, and then initiated Mr. George F. Whitmore, doing the work of both Degrees in the smartest possible manner. Anticipations had been held about Bro. Moyes that he would equal his revered father, the late D.P.G.M., and these hopes were more than realised on the above date, brethren with an experience of a quarter of a century, declaring that they had never known the work to have been done better. The charge to the newly-initiated was impressively rendered by Bro. T. Nichols, P.M. The gathering was attended by 52 brethren, and the proceedings throughout were of a most interesting and enjoyable character.

Dobie Lodge, No. 889.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th inst., at Kings-on-on-Thames, and brought together a large number of members and visiting brethren. Business was transacted at the Young Men's Club, the large hall of which was decorated prettily, under the direction of Bro. Wells, J.W., on the walls being a goodly array of illuminated thanks to Stewards at festivals, representing a considerable sum sent up to the three Institutions by the Dobie Lodge and its members. Six bore the name of Bro. Long, who first went up as Steward nearly a quarter of a century back. Bro. Scott, W.M., installed his successor, Bro. W. H. Gaze, in a perfect manner, and did the whole of the work in admirable style, the addresses being remarkably well given. The new Worshipful Master appointed and installed the following officers: Bros. G. R. Scott, I.P.M.; W. J. Wells, S.W.; George Cowen, M.D., J.W.; J. Drewett, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., Treasurer; W. Drewett, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Secretary; J. C. Mortimer, S.D.; C. T. Lewis, J.D.; W. Salt, I.G.; J. R. Abbott, Org.; Thos. Welham, D.C.; C. L. Johnson, Stwd.; and Murrells, Tyler. The funds of the lodge were reported to be in a satisfactory state, and a grant of 10 guineas was made to the lists of the W.M. and of Bro. Long, who are going as Stewards to the centenary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—making 20 guineas in all from the funds. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Scott, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed.

The banquet was held at the Kingston Hotel, and close upon 70 partook of it, Bro. Monday pleasing all with his excellent catering.

A toast list of the usual description was gone through, and no one was bored with long speeches.

When the Charity box was sent round, Bro. W. Drewett, by permission of the W.M. appealed for five guineas to be put on the list of the Prov. G.M., for the Boys' School.

The response was exactly £5, which was made into guineas, thus helping to make the return from the Province of Surrey so much more in amount.

Excellent music was given, arranged by Bro. Wells, S.W., in which department Bros. Mortimer, Wells, and Packham assisted vocally. Bro. Lofts delighted all with a flute solo, and Bro. Typke, P.M. 1671, displayed the wonders of the graphophone. Among the reproductions was a speech made at a social gathering of his own employees, when Bro. Typke's health was proposed. The chorus of "For he's a jolly good fellow," with independent "hurrahs," was most effectively given forth.

Among the visitors was Bro. C. T. Tyler, Prov. G. Sec., who spoke very highly of the working which he had seen in the lodge.

Trinity Lodge, No. 1734.

The annual meeting of this lodge took place at the Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when there was a large attendance and the proceedings were most successful. The principal business was the installation of Bro. W. H. Judd, which ceremony was very ably performed by his own brother, Bro. C. E. Judd, the outgoing W.M. The officers were invested as follows: Bros. Percy E. Beard, Prov. G. Stwd., S.W.; J. P. Harvey, J.W.; Rev. C. M. Rouse, P.P.G. Chap. Suffolk, Chap.; E. C. Sparrow, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; John White, P.M., Sec.; W. Fox, S.D.; J. Findlay, J.D.; A. Webb, I.G.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; Sidney Smith, P.M., Org.; N. S. Lowe and N. F. Lewis, Stwds.; and C. T. Witham, Tyler. As Charity representative Bro. W. V. Willson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., was unanimously re-elected. The report of the Auditors, which showed a substantial balance in hand, was received and adopted.

At the dinner which followed, a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., with many felicitations upon the ability with which he had conducted the ceremonies during the year, culminating in the installation of his successor.

Amongst those already present, in addition to the officers already mentioned, was the Prov. Grand Sec. (Bro. T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C.); Bros. C. W. Austen, W.M. 160; F. D. Grayson, P.M. 1734, P.P.J.G.D.; Jas. Berry, W.M. 1817; W. N. Berridge, P.M. and Sec. 1817, P.P.G.S.B.; C. F. Floyd, P.M. and Sec. 1003, P.P.A.G.P.; F. J. Cumine, P.M. 1000, P.P.G.S.B.; J. J. Cummins, 1910; and others.

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Masonic Notes.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1898.

We are in a position to announce that the terms and conditions on which the Grand Lodge of England is prepared to acknowledge the Grand Lodge of New Zealand as an independent Masonic Authority have been accepted by the latter body, a cable to that effect having, according to the *New Zealand Craftsman*, been transmitted by Bro. W. Barron, M.W.G. Master. We shall take an opportunity of reproducing these terms next week from our contemporary. In the meantime, we may state that they are of the usual character, but include a provision to the effect that the Grand Lodge of New Zealand shall not issue warrants outside the Colony.

The Report and Statement of Account for the year ending the 31st December, 1897, which the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls have issued in connection with the voting papers for next month's election, are in all respects satisfactory. Many of the facts relating to the Cambridge and other

public examinations at which pupils from the School have entered, have already been referred to in these columns, but we have much pleasure in reproducing the statements contained in the said report, namely—(1) that the general health of the children during the year has been excellent; (2) that the sum of £3000 has been expended in the purchase of £2779 6s. 9d. India Three per Cent. Stock, while £4000 has been lodged with the bankers on deposit to meet the anticipated diminution of receipts during the present year; and (3) that the Civil Service Class recently established during 1897 has proved a success, three girls having already passed for appointments under H.M.'s Postmaster-General. The number of girls in charge of the Institution during the year is reported as 267.

As for the Statement of Account, we do not think the most exacting critic will find in it any reasonable subject for complaint. The receipts for the year amounted to £21,346, the chief items being Donations and Subscriptions, including the small annual grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, amounting to £17,573; the special contribution by Grand Lodge of £1167 in respect of the Diamond Jubilee meeting; and interest on investments and deposits to the extent of £2381. The expenditure, composed of the same items as in past years, reached £13,964; the balance remaining to the good being £7381, which, after allowing for depreciation on furniture and buildings, is reduced to £6341. The Assets represent a total value of £201,969, composed of Freehold Land and Premises at St. John's Hill valued at £98,955; invested Capital of the value of £92,765; Furniture, &c., value £6317; Cash on Deposit, at bank, and in hand £4832. The liabilities, exclusive of Capital Account, reach only £818, so that the friends and supporters of the Institution have every reason to be satisfied with the soundness of its present financial position. We are afraid that the hope expressed by the Committee in their Report that it will be unnecessary to devote the £4000 lying on deposit at the bankers towards the current year's expenditure will not be realised. The prospects for the approaching Festival on Wednesday, the 18th May, are by no means encouraging. Indeed, we shall be greatly surprised, and at the same time delighted, if a formidable hole in that £4000 is not made before the year is ended.

The Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys have also issued a Statement of Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1897, together with the Report of the examination of the School by the Cambridge University Syndicate in October, and sundry information having relation to the designs for the new School premises to be erected at Bushey, Herts. The receipts during the year reached £23,206; the donations and subscriptions, with the annual grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, amounting to £19,482; the special contribution from Grand Lodge in respect of the Diamond Jubilee meeting £1167; Life Presentation from Monmouthshire, £525; and interest and dividends on invested capital, £1804. The expenditure, which was of the ordinary character, reached £13,353, the balance to the good on the 31st December last being £5695. The Balance Sheet shows a total of assets amounting to £115,847, of which £8343 is cash in hand and on deposit; £62,852, value of invested capital; £39,400 value of land and premises at Wood Green; and £13,306 value of land at Bushey. During the year £4038 was expended in the purchase of £4000 London County Council 2½ per cent. Stock. Thus the soundness of the financial position of the Institution as disclosed by these particulars leaves nothing to be desired.

As regards the other portions of the report, we have already called attention to most of the particulars relating to the successes achieved by the boys at sundry public examinations and to those of the whole School by the Cambridge University Syndicate in October. But as testifying to the excellence of the work which has been done in the School during the eight years the present system of management has been in force, it is worthy of note that during this period 35 candidates from the School have passed the "Senior"; 187 the "Junior"; and 99 the "Preliminary" Cambridge Local Examinations; and of this total of 321, there have been 58 to whom "Honours," and 23 to whom "Distinctions" were awarded. Under the same system as many as 390 candidates have passed the South Kensington (Science and Art) Examinations in Mathematics, Drawing, &c., &c. Such results as these do not need to be commended—they speak for themselves.

Worcestershire has done well in acknowledging the services rendered to it and to Freemasonry generally by its respected Prov. G. Master, Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., who, in the several offices he has filled in the Province, but more especially as the Deputy of his predecessor in office—the late Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart.—and as Prov. Grand Master, has acquitted himself most honourably and to the manifest advantage of the Craft in Worcestershire. There are not many brethren having so many and such important public duties devolving upon them who could or would have devoted so much time to Freemasonry as Bro. Godson; and the Province has honoured itself in honouring its respected chief. We trust that many years may elapse ere the connection existing between Bro. Godson, as Prov. Grand Master, and his Province shall come to an end.

We have received a letter from Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon Stevens, Past G. Chap., in which he speaks in the highest terms of the excellence of the arrangements made for the comfort and convenience of the party of brethren—to which he acted as Chaplain—which recently made an excursion to Egypt and Jerusalem under the guidance of Bros. Dr. Lunn and Perowne. "There was not," he writes, "a single serious hitch from first to last," while it must have enhanced the pleasure of the party, that they "had smooth seas nearly the whole of the time." Equally fortunate were they in the hearty reception they met with from sundry lodges during the journey, the United Brethren Lodge, No. 1923, Malta, and the Grecia Lodge, No. 1105, Cairo, as well as the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge—No. 293 on the Canadian Register—holding special meetings in honour of the visitors.

Under these circumstances it is not surprising to hear that the hope we recently expressed that the excursion might be repeated is likely to be realised, Bro. Stevens telling us that Bros. Lunn and Perowne contemplate a similar cruise—which will not improbably be arranged so as to include a visit to Athens—in January next. In the meantime a similar excursion will be made in the month of August to the northern Capitals of Europe—St. Petersburg, Copenhagen, Stockholm, and Christiania—and Bro. Stevens has been invited in this case also to undertake the duties of Chaplain. Berths may be taken "in advance without paying any booking deposit until the final deposit falls due." Full particulars to be had of the Secretary, 5, Endsleigh Gardens, Euston, N.W.

We have been requested to announce that two extra meetings of the Grand Master's Lodge of Instruction for Mark Master Masons will be held during the present session, namely, on Friday, the 1st April, and Friday, the 15th April. We are further requested to state that if brethren desirous of instruction in the Degree of Royal Ark Mariners will make known their wish to Bro. John Smith, 4, The Crescent, Bedford, on or before Tuesday, the 12th prox., Bro. W. Vincent will attend at the second of these meetings (on the 15th prox.) and rehearse the ceremony of Elevation at the close of the regular work of the lodge.

We have great pleasure in announcing that there is now in the press, and will be published at an early date, a new work from the pen of Bro. Henry Sadler, G. Tyler and Sub-Librarian of Grand Lodge. Its title will be "Masonic Reprints of Scarce and Curious Pamphlets," and it will include an Introductory Chapter by Bro. Chetwode Crawley, LL.D., D.C.L., Past S.G.D. Ireland, and a mass of Editorial Notes by Bro. Sadler himself. Among the contents will be "A Letter from the Grand Mistress of the Female Freemasons," supposed to have been written by Dean Swift, circa 1727; "A Defence of Freemasonry, as practised in the Regular Lodges, both Foreign and Domestic, with a Collection of Mason's Odes and Songs, most of them entirely new and never before printed;" and A Defence of Lawrence Dermott and the Ancients, with a List of the Officers of the Ancient Grand Lodge from its formation to the Union in 1813. The "Defence of Free-Masonry" is "by an anonymous writer in 1765, reproduced in exact facsimile from probably the only copy in the United Kingdom."

The book will contain some 200 pages demy 8vo, and will be issued to subscribers at 5s., post free 5s. 6d. We may add that subscribers' names, if received before the 31st May, will be printed in the book unless otherwise ordered.

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.

MAJOR LESLIE AND ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Dear Sir and Brother,

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

I admire my friend's courage in dealing with what certainly appears a most unsuitable case for *charity*, for though we call this and the other two Institutions, they are *charitable* in origin and character, neither more nor less. In the instance objected to by Major J. H. Leslie, the Father of the candidate is living, and apparently in *better circumstances now* than ever before, having only one little girl dependent on him, and his income *probably more* than when he was initiated as being in suitable circumstances; the child also being freely housed and educated.

It seems to me a very grave question is opened up by Major Leslie, and one, unless settled as it should be (there is only one way, and that is by the Subscribers having the name removed from the List on April next), will operate against the election of Candidates from Regiments for Initiation, which I should much regret.

If a soldier's circumstances are good enough for him to join the Craft, surely they should be sufficient subsequently. In the present case the Father is as well as, or better off, than when he entered the Fraternity; why, then, should his daughter be elected in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and keep another little girl out *who is deserving*?

I entirely agree with my friend, and trust, for the credit of the Craft, the matter will be put straight.—Yours fraternally,

W. J. HUGHAN.

FRIENDLY LODGE, No. 239.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Last week I drew attention to the Centenary Warrant of this Lodge, and stated that if the reprint of the Warrant published in the "History" of the lodge was correct it was much to be deplored that one of the newest of these documents should contain a most inaccurate recital.

Bro. Lake, Asst. G. Sec., has very courteously forwarded to me a copy of the Centenary Warrant which is very unlike that printed by Bro. Emil N. Leon in the "History of the Friendly Lodge."

From the "History" I quote:

"Whereas by the Records of the Grand Lodge it appears that in the year 1797 a Warrant of Constitution was granted to certain Brethren therein named authorizing and empowering them and their regular successors to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Kingston, Jamaica, and which lodge was then registered in the Books of the Grand Lodge as No. 342."

It was to the latter clause I took exception. The recital in the Copy Warrant sent to me is as follows:

"Whereas by documents in possession of the Grand Lodge it appears that in the year 1797 a Provincial Warrant of Constitution was granted to certain Brethren therein named authorizing and empowering them and their regular successors to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Kingston, Jamaica, and which lodge was then registered in the Books of the Provincial Grand Lodge as No. 8; and that on the 31st January, 1809, this Warrant was superseded by a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of England bearing No. 342."

The italics are mine, and I ask you to be good enough to insert the foregoing with a view of at once removing any misapprehension as to the real contents of the Centenary Warrant. I must leave Bro. Leon to reconcile or explain the matter.—Yours fraternally,

JNO. LANE.

Torquay,
March 22nd.

Reviews.

"MASONIC CALENDAR FOR SHROPSHIRE, 1898-9."—This most useful Directory for the Province of Shropshire is considerably enlarged and improved this year, the Editor, as before, being Bro. Rowland George Venables, P.A.G.D.C., the esteemed Deputy Prov. Grand Master, whose portrait in Masonic clothing forms the appropriate and welcome frontispiece. There is a brief, but very appreciative biography of this worthy brother, signed by "A. G." (probably Bro. A. Graham, the historian of the "Salopian," No. 262, of Shrewsbury). There are 12 lodges in the province, with a total membership of 369, being the largest yet returned, though the average per lodge (rather under 31) is still much lower than usual in the provinces. The two numerical tables are excellent compilations and must have involved considerable labour, as well as the lists of subscribing members under each lodge, and in order of seniority, with years of initiation or joining, and dates of service of each of the Past Masters. All this, in addition to the ordinary information concerning dates of warrants, days and places of meeting, lists of officers, &c., and a complete Register of the Present and Past Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. There are only two *Royal Arch* chapters and one *Mark* lodge, having a total of 39 and 29 members respectively, particulars as to these being as full as for the Craft lodges. The votes for the Masonic Institutions are also very fully attended to, the total being 2219, which is a proof of great zeal and generosity by the province and a number difficult to beat. An interesting article by Bro. H. R. Giles, P.P.S.G.W., on "Freemasonry in 1897;" "Masonic Notes" by Bro. A. S. Townsend, Prov. J.G.W., and a long account of the last Provincial Grand Lodge meeting are most attractive features of this year's issue. Bro. Venables is, indeed, a model editor.

"BELL'S CATHEDRAL SERIES, WITH PLAN AND ILLUSTRATIONS." (London: George Bell and Sons, 1898).—The more one sees of this series, the stronger becomes the conviction that Messrs. Bell and Sons are rapidly supplying a long-felt want of a handy, compact, and accurate miniature Library of the English Cathedrals, beautifully illustrated, and written in a very interesting manner by accepted authorities. They are carefully edited by Messrs. Gleeson White and E. F. Strange, and are uniformly bound and sold at 1s. 6d. each, to already having been published, viz., Canterbury, Salisbury, Chester, Rochester, Oxford, Exeter, Peterborough, Winchester, Norwich, and Lichfield, and Hereford is promised shortly. Others are also in preparation, so that ere long the series will be complete. Eight have been reviewed in the *Freemason*, and just lately Norwich and Peterborough have been received. *Norwich* has been written by Mr. C. H. B. Quennell, and has 40 illustrations, both its Cathedral and its claims as an ancient city being duly considered and faithfully portrayed by the author, who evidently is in love with his subjects, and does justice to both. Peterborough has been described by the Rev. W. D. Sweeting, M.A., who is most competent for that purpose, and a very entertaining volume he has made; undoubtedly one of the best of the series, though all are very good and thoroughly to date, as well as scrupulously exact and abundantly illustrated, the latter being a distinguishing characteristic of all the volumes. We cordially recommend these artistic little books, and feel assured that our readers will only be too pleased to have been informed of their existence if they take our advice and procure the set at once.

"MASONIC CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY, 1898."—The Editor of this carefully-compiled annual is Bro. A. C. Quick, P.M. and Sec. 168. As our zealous brother has considerably added to the contents of this year's issue, it is to be hoped that his services will be valued accordingly. There are six lodges in the province, returning 323 members. The names of all these are given under each lodge in chronological order, and numbered consecutively, the average being 54 to each lodge. Then there is a valuable table of all the lodges warranted in Guernsey, with dates of subsequent alterations in the numbers, from the "Lily Tavern" Lodge, of A.D. 1753, to the "St. Sampson," No. 259S, of A.D. 1895—22 in all—of which six are still on the roll. There are two Royal Arch chapters and a Mark lodge, as well as a conclave of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine. The list of voters in the Central Masonic Charities should show the complete total of each Institution, and the name of any voter should only occur once. It is the first compilation of the kind we have seen for Guernsey, and we sincerely congratulate Bro. Quick on doing his work so well and so promptly.

ENGLISH FREEMASONS IN THE HOLY LAND.

LODGE HELD IN KING SOLOMON'S QUARRIES.

On the 20th January a large party of Freemasons gathered from all parts of the United Kingdom, and travelled from London to Marseilles by special train. At Marseilles they embarked on the *Midnight Sun en route* for the Holy Land. The object of the expedition was to pay tribute at the shrine of King Solomon, whose name must always occupy a prominent place in the Masonic ritual.

Discussions have from time to time arisen in the Masonic journals as to whether King Solomon was or was not a Freemason, and those discussions have disclosed the fact that there is no historical evidence of his ever having seen the inside of a lodge. Why, then, it may be asked, do modern Masons accord him such honourable recognition in their ritual? The answer is easily given. To them King Solomon typifies that great principle of wisdom without which no earthly plan can mature—wisdom, strength, and beauty to conceive, to execute, and adorn. King Solomon has been seized upon as the wisest of mankind, and made to stand sponsor for Freemasonry, and this out of deference to the Oriental conception of wisdom. This conception is altogether foreign to our Occidental and modern habits of thought, and is based for the most part on witty and soul-searching epigrams. As a Mason King Solomon has, therefore, no veritable existence, but as a type of wisdom he embodies one of the greatest principles of human life.

There was a time when every Masonic writer unhesitatingly affirmed that Freemasonry was first organised in the Temple of Solomon, and Freemasonry became so closely connected with the known facts of Temple history that the House of the Lord at Jerusalem has been the foundation-stone of Masonic symbolism. To the Mason, therefore, everything of history, of tradition, of myth, of relic, or of scene touching the Temple erected by Solomon, Israel's greatest king, on Mount Moriah, in the city of Jerusalem, in the year of the world 3000, is of peculiar and fascinating interest.

This statement of the position held by King Solomon in the traditions of Freemasonry will explain the eagerness and interest which the members of the Craft on board the *Midnight Sun* displayed when, under the guidance of the Bros. Ven. Archdeacon Stevens, P.G.C., and the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., they sailed for Jaffa.

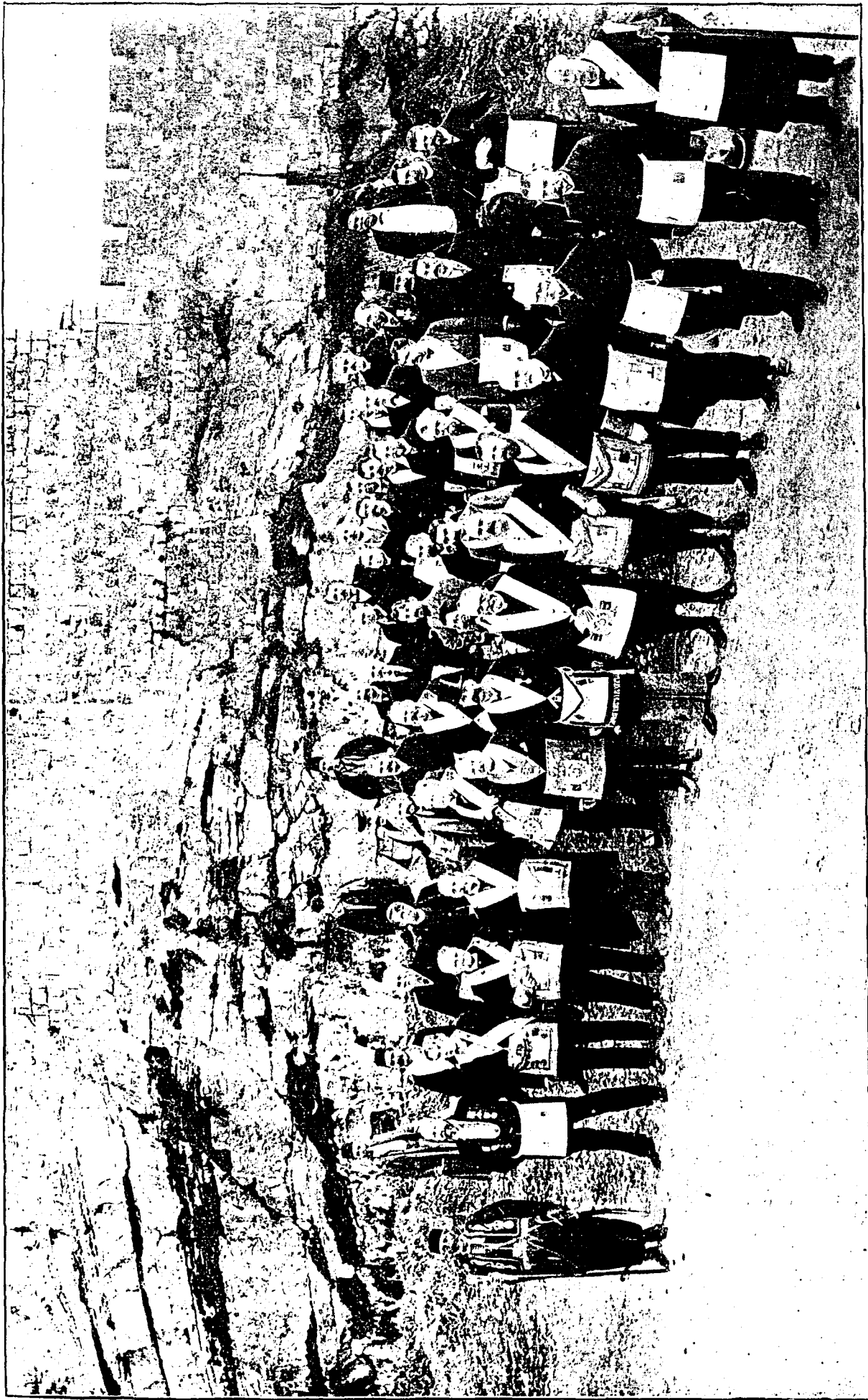
Unfortunately a dispensation for the holding of a lodge by the party in King Solomon's Quarries was not secured, and two gentlemen who came out specially to be initiated into the mysteries of the Craft on that interesting spot had to return disappointed. On the night before we arrived at Palermo, the Masons on board the *Midnight Sun* held a meeting to discuss the situation, when the following resolutions were passed:

1. That the brethren shall assemble in King Solomon's Quarries at Jerusalem on a day and at a time to be fixed by the Committee hereafter nominated, after each member had been vouched for and proved to be a Mason.
2. That the senior brother then present shall be called to the chair.
3. That the principles and tenets of the Masonic Order shall then be discussed, with special reference to the building of King Solomon's Temple.
4. That a resolution shall be proposed tendering to our Most Worshipful Grand Master our most respectful, sincere, and hearty fraternal greetings, and wishing him long life and happiness.
5. That such resolution be forwarded to the M.W.G.M. by telegram.
6. That minutes of the assembly be formulated and signed by each Mason taking part in the cruise.
7. That the minutes in question be afterwards printed, and copy be given to each brother as a memento of this most interesting event in his Masonic career. A Committee to carry those resolutions into effect was then elected, consisting of the following brethren, viz.: Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; the Ven. Archdeacon Stevens, P.G.C.; Col. Newton, S. A. Bell, T. Pickering, R. Robinson, and S. Pegler. Bro. the Rev. Canon Ingram was asked to act as Secretary.

The Worshipful Master and officers of the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, No. 293, Jerusalem, however, came to the rescue of the English brethren, and on Thursday afternoon, February 3rd, held a regular lodge meeting in the Quarries, to which they invited the Masonic visitors. An historic occasion truly—an occasion that must live in the memories of all who took part in the proceedings. Exactly opposite the Grotto of Jeremiah, 100 paces east of the Damascus Gate, and 19 feet below the ground, there is an entrance through the foundation of the city wall to subterranean Jerusalem, or the Quarries of King Solomon.

The lodge assembled on the afternoon of Thursday, February 3rd, in that part of the Royal Quarries which opens out into the road near the Damascus Gate, but which, for strictly Masonic purposes, is again and again guarded against intruders. Sad to relate, the approach to this venerated spot is through the heaps of town rubbish, which are deposited here as the common dumping ground of the modern city. The officers and brethren of the R.S.M. Lodge present were: Bros. William Henry Kayat, W.M.; George Harram, British Pro Consul, S.W.; Demetrius N. Deranian, J.W.; Joshua Lyons, I.P.M.; Khalil Saadeh, Sec.; David Jamal, S.D.; Adolph Datze, J.D.; Constantine N. Yadros, M.C.; Is. Gregory D'Arbela, M.D.; William H. Dunn, A. Howard, Chas. A. Hornstein, I.G.; Edwin S. Wallace, United States Consul; G. Krikoriene, and K. G. Palmer.

The afternoon was beautifully fine, the air warm and invigorating, and the arrival of the Masons at the Quarries was watched with lively interest by



OUTSIDE KING SOLOMON'S QUARRIES.
(From a Photograph by Mr. Chaili G. Raad, Jerusalem).

Greeks and Mohammedans in their picturesque costumes. The name of each brother was called at the entrance to the Quarries—a low doorway cut in the rock—which was guarded by the Tyler, whose costume was very striking.

Bro. R. R. G. Palmer, P.M., of the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, having tendered the following interesting note:

Our Lodge would have a far greater interest for English Masons if it was working under the English Constitution instead of the Grand Lodge of Canada. There is a scheme in hand to get up a Royal Arch Chapter in Jerusalem, and it is not using extravagant language to say that such a Chapter once founded will become a great force in the Masonic world. It would be a great pity if this Chapter were founded under any other but the English Constitution, and it behooves English Craftsmen to seize the opportunity of being the first in the field.

The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees without going through the necessary steps.

Bro. KAYAT, the W.M. of the mother lodge, then read a paper, in the course of which he said:

In your name, Brethren of Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, I address myself to our honoured and welcome visitors here present, and say: Brethren from the West, who have travelled eastward to this ancient centre and cradle of Masonic science and light, accept our hearty felicitations on the most praiseworthy zeal which has brought you hither. In order to assist you in your researches for light during the short stay you must necessarily make with us, I would take the liberty of calling your attention to some of the most interesting points for your study. We are now assembled within the very Quarry where the ancient Craftsmen of King Solomon's days laboured each in his little corner, illuminated only by a little oil lamp, the resting place and soot of which has remained to this day, in order to hew silently and unobserved (for good work is silent and unobtrusive) the great stones for that great edifice, which was one of the wonders of the world, the chief centre of true spiritual and intellectual light, and which, though now in ruins, is one day (I trust not far distant), to be rebuilt by the exertions of the brethren of the Craft. The old Masters have left the Quarries, but you may still see the marks they have left behind them, not only here, but in almost every nook and corner of the sacred city; and there, underground indeed, but none the less intact and well-preserved, you see the ancient gates of the ancient Temple; whilst deep underground, buried from 80 to 110 feet below the present surface, lie the ancient and massive blocks, which silently, without the sound of "metal" being heard, our brethren piled up as an enduring monument of their knowledge and industry.

After the reading of the paper in the Quarries Bro. C. J. MARTYN, Past Grand Chaplain of England and Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk, returned thanks to the W.M. of the King Solomon Mother Lodge for his kindness in inviting the Masons of the various lodges assembled to that intensely interesting gathering. The lodge was unique—standing there, as they did, in the glorious Temple so full of hallowed associations. Having referred to the different nationalities represented, Bro. Martyn promised a hearty welcome in England for any Eastern brother who came across to the British Isles. They would carry away with them to their different lodges pleasant Masonic recollections of their stay in Jerusalem.

Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon STEVENS referred in interesting terms to the labour which had been carried on in those Quarries. He also spoke of the pillars of the Temple which had been hewn there. He was glad to be privileged to witness these scenes, and he hoped to go back a better Christian and also a better Mason.

Bro. CHARLES COWEN said that he considered the spot on which they stood as the greatest Masonic Temple.

Bro. E. S. WALLACE responded on behalf of the members of the R.S.M.L., and subsequently

Bro. Lieut.-Col. R. NEWTON, Acting P.G.M. for Notts, speaking as a Mason of 40 years' standing, said he had considered the voyage a duty, and was sure the visit would create universal interest.

At the close of the lodge the brethren were all photographed outside the Quarries. During the process of photography, groups of the curious stood around, and one of the interested spectators, who spoke a few words of English, said he was a "member of the Greek Orthodox Church," and wanted to know if those "peoples"—pointing at the brethren, who were posing in their bright-coloured regalia—were high priests. The "native" mixed crowd which waited around while away the time occupied by the brethren inside the lodge by fighting fiercely among themselves, stones being freely used to emphasise a protest or an argument.

The photographer having well and truly performed his task, Bro. Chevalier Alexander Howard, of Howard's Hotel, invited the brethren to dinner at his hotel, and a pleasant evening was spent.

In Egypt the brethren visited the lodges at Cairo, and were most cordially received, in one instance £200 being voted and collected for their entertainment.

Craft Masonry.

Honour and Generosity Lodge, No. 165.

A meeting of this ancient and distinguished lodge took place at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on the 22nd ult., when there were present Bros. Frank E. Rosher, W.M.; A. P. Crabb, S.W.; F. Howard Rosher, J.W.; J. Woodhouse, J.D.; J. W. H. Thompson, P.M., Treas.; Richard Eve, P.G.T.; F. T. Baggallay, I.P.M.; Hy. Times, P.M.; R. A. Bush, P.M.; Hy. Beaman, C. J. Andrews, A. Spencer Ellam, H. W. Clarkson, L. I. N. Norman, B. B. Van Prag, C. H. Simmons, W. M. Thompson, J. W. Ellis, and R. H. Goddard, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. J. A. Harrison, P.M. 2488; Alfred Love, P.M. 1791; F. Franklin, 1319; Hy. Parker, O. B. Cuvilje, 1; Reginald Groome, 1929; W. T. Clifford, 765; H. Valentine de Satgi; H. S. Simmons, 2488; H. Ellis, S.W. 142; J. H. Ford, 2032; W. Woolley, 20; F. H. Callingham, 1769; R. Ganthony, D. H. Lawrance (New South Wales), and R. T. West, 1744.

After the usual formalities, the W.M., Bro. Frank E. Rosher, passed Bros. H. W. Clarkson and L. I. N. Norman to the Second Degree, and initiated Mr. J. W. Ellis, and afterwards gave the ancient charge. The working of the W.M. was of the very best.

Other business followed, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a superb banquet.

The Worshipful Master gave with commendable brevity the customary loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. R. Eve, P.G. Treas., replied for "The Grand Officers."

Bro. R. A. Bush, P.M., gave "The W.M., Bro. Frank E. Rosher," and said it was beyond doubt the most important toast of the evening. It would take him too long to enumerate all his good qualities, and the lodge was to be congratulated on having such an excellent W.M. He was youthful and had plenty of energy, and he embellished the chair; he did his work thoroughly, and what they had had that evening was given in a splendid manner; he had brought in some good initiates, and he always gave them a grand musical entertainment.

In response, Bro. Frank E. Rosher, W.M., said he hardly knew how to thank them for the kind way they had received the toast. He had done his best to carry out the duties of his office, and if his small efforts met with their appreciation, that was his reward.

The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters," and said they had an exceptionally good muster of Past Masters, and in coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Bush, who had acted as I.P.M., in the absence of Bro. Baggallay, who could not stop for the banquet, he observed that the way Bro. Bush had proposed the toast of "The W.M.," showed what an excellent Master he was when in the chair.

Bro. R. A. Bush, P.M., responded. He said that acting as I.P.M. that night made him feel young again, but as a P.M., it reminded him that 25 years ago he and the W.M. were school boys together, and on behalf of all the Past Masters he thanked them sincerely for the way they had received the toast.

Bro. J. W. H. Thompson, P.M., at the request of the W.M., submitted the toast of "The Initiates." He stated that they had the pleasure of listening to the ancient charge which was given by the W.M. in a way second to none. The members trusted they were all thorough Masons and they received the initiate, Bro. Ellis, with the right hand of friendship, and they all hoped one day to see him installed in the chair of that his mother lodge.

Bro. J. W. Ellis, who was accorded a hearty reception, responded. He said that he was not able to lay claim to grey hairs not being a Past Master. He was honoured to have been elected and he hoped to be a good member and to live up to the principles of their grand Order and he was proud to have been admitted into Masonry through such an excellent lodge as theirs appeared to be.

In giving "The Visitors" the Worshipful Master said that many had been invited, but they had received letters regretting their inability to attend from Bros. Fred. West, P.G.D.; H. J. Coburn, H. C. Richards, M.P., L. Burgh, Sir Simon Stuart, Godfrey Sykes, Hulbert, and S. Webb. Those present were a good representative body, they were honoured with their company and he hoped to see them there again on many future occasions. He trusted they had enjoyed themselves, which would induce them to come again, and he joined with the toast the name of Bro. O. B. Cuvilje.

Bro. Cuvilje, in responding, stated that he would like to have uttered a few words to acknowledge the toast but the music had taken them away. He had been a Mason for a number of years but he could not recollect ever spending a pleasanter evening. He was not a stranger to many there and he knew the W.M. outside Masonry and he was delighted to see him in the chair which he so ably filled. He would be glad to see him and any of the members at his lodge to return their hospitality.

Bro. D. H. Lawrance said he was a Mason from the other end of the world, and he was pleased to see a member there that evening whom he had met in Australia, where they prided themselves on their musical entertainments; but he was much surprised and gratified with the grand entertainment they had provided, and he thanked them all heartily for the way the visitors had been received.

"The Officers" was next given by the W.M. in appropriate terms, coupling with the toast the name of the S.W., Bro. A. P. Crabb, who responded in brief, but happy, terms.

The Tyler's toast brought to an end a very enjoyable and successful evening.

The intervals between the toasts were enlivened by some excellent songs from Miss Nellie Groome, daughter of Bro. Reginald Groome—her first appearance in Masonic circles—who had a most enthusiastic reception, and her charming singing gained her a well-deserved encore; Bros. Reginald Groome, Robert Ganthony, Franklin Clive, Parker, and H. W. Clarkson also contributed to the harmony of the meeting.

Lorne Lodge, No. 1347.

A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Sutton, on Saturday, the 12th inst., when the W.M., Bro. T. S. Cookes, occupied the chair, and was supported by the following: Bros. H. Griffiths, S.W.; J. H. Asman, J.W.; Rev. H. W. Turner, M.A., P.M., Treas.; C. A. Hardwick, P.M., Sec.; H. W. Lofts, S.D.; E. D. Frost, P.M., D.C.; G. W. Dixon, P.M., A.D.C.; T. R. Porter, I.G.; W. Howard Smith, D. Napper, and T. E. Leigh, Stewards; Hugh Taylor, I.P.M.; A. Stribling, P.M.; T. A. Hill, P.M.; R. J. Ward, P.M.; E. J. Lowther, P.M.; A. S. Stubington, F. N. Smyth, W. Sabine, A. Van Weede, W. J. Goatcher, W. Van Oppen, W. J. Whitfield, G. Bower, J. F. Van Oppen, C. Price, J. H. Hayes, J. J. S. Forrester, R. R. Ward, R. G. Goatcher, C. E. Stribling, E. M. Gibson, jun., A. J. Parker, R. R. Banks, G. R. Forster, A. Clark, T. L. Rowse, J. G. Spencer, F. G. Whitfield, W. J. Jones, and N. B. Payne, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. D. Langton, P.M., P.D.G.D.C.; T. Smith, P.M. 30; E. Ansted, P.M. 69; W. R. Bennett, 2580; E. Bridger, 1369; C. L. Johnson, 889; T. Roe, P.M. 1641; J. C. Buckwell, P.M. 1797; G. H. Levett, 311; G. J. Giron, 1572; R. W. Ker, W.M. 194; W. W. Walmisley, 90; W. Dennis, W.M. 2473; and A. R. Jackson, late 1347.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for four brethren as joining members, viz., Bro. J. F. Van Oppen, P.M. 12 and 1553, P.D.G. Sec., P.D.G.M. Argentine Republic; J. A. Formoy, 28; W. H. Jones, late 2318; and W. Sabine, 2264, who were all unanimously elected. Six brethren presented themselves to be raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The ceremony was gone through three times, Bro. A. Stribling taking two—Bros. A. Van Weede and W. Van Oppen—the next two—Bros. W. J. Goatcher and W. J. Whitfield—being raised by the I.P.M., Bro. Hugh Taylor, and the W.M. performed the ceremony for Bros. A. J. Palker and A. S. Stubington. The ritual was ably carried out by all, the musical service adding considerably to the solemnity of the proceedings.

The brethren adjourned to the banqueting-hall, where an excellent dinner had been provided by the Hall Company, to which about 60 sat down, and an enjoyable evening was spent, under the genial chairmanship of the W.M.

The musical programme was again a special enjoyment to the members and visitors, and it would be hard to find more musical talent in any London or provincial lodge. The arrangements were under the direction of Bro. T. A. Hill, P.P.G. Org., who was ably assisted by Bros. Ward, P.M.; Asman, Forrester, Bower, Forster, Gibson, jun., and others.

Shirley Woolmer Lodge, No. 2530.

A meeting was held at St. John's Hall, Sidcup, on Tuesday, the 15th inst. Bro. R. H. Hale, S.W., was unanimously elected to the office of W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Hale, in returning thanks, said he was sensible of the honour they had done him, and he should endeavour during his year of office, to the best of his ability, to give satisfaction to the lodge, and exert himself for the good of Freemasonry in that neighbourhood. Bro. E. Blanks, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer. On the motion of Bro. Sandercock, P.M., it was resolved to present Bro. A. Sharp, W.M., with a Past Master's jewel for his able services during the past year.

After business was over a banquet was held, at which the usual Masonic toasts were given, with songs by Messrs. Montague Borwell, W. Leet, R. Ashton, and T. B. Sandercock.

The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.

The last meeting of this lodge for the present season was held at Cannon-street Hotel, on Saturday, the 12th inst., when Bro. G. Mackenzie Fraser, W.M., presided, supported by the following: Bros. J. H. Guyton, S.W.; Rhys Thomas, J.W.; R. Fendick, P.M., Treas.; J. K. Gwyn, P.M., Sec.; Jas. Byton, S.D.; F. G. Joy, J.D.; W. Parton, I.G.; Alf. F. Randall, D.C.; S. W. Newcomb, Org.; Thos. Halliwell, Stwd.; R. Potter, P.M., Tyler; G. W. Blackie, P.M.; Frank E. Bailey, I.P.M.; Robert Greening, P.M.; John Seax, P.M.; Gale, Greenwood, Gissing, Nazer, Hill-Hartland, Simpson, Featherstone, Maynard, Hooper, and Edwards. Visitors: Bros. R. C. Jones, 2492; J. Hallows, 1982; E. C. Jenkins, 1446; G. R. Wood, 2489; J. C. Yates, P.M. 1360; P. Salvage, 1706; and W. Lloyd, P.M. 145.

The minutes of the meeting of the 12th ult. having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. H. Guyton, S.W., P.M. 807, was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year. Bro. R. Fendick, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. R. Potter, P.M., Tyler. Bros. F. E. Bailey, I.P.M., R. Brookman, P.M., and J. K. Gwyn, P.M., Sec., were re-appointed Almoners; and Bros. Greenwood, Nazer, and Edwards were elected on the Audit Committee. The report of the Committee appointed to consider the best way of celebrating the 25th anniversary of the consecration of the lodge, recommending that it should be celebrated by a river trip and banquet, to both of

which ladies should be invited, was unanimously adopted. A Past Master's jewel was voted with acclamation to the W.M. on the termination of his year of office. The lodge was then closed.

The brethren afterwards dined, under the presidency of Bro. G. M. Fraser, W.M., and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Bros. S. W. Newcombe, Org., Randall, and Halliwell, and Bros. Wood and Lloyd (visiting brethren) contributed some excellent songs and music, and their efforts were greatly appreciated by the brethren.

Duke of Fife Lodge, No. 2345.

The above lodge held their annual festival on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the Alexandra Hotel, and scored an unqualified success. The ninth Master was duly installed with full honours, the large Installing Board testifying to the popularity, kindness of heart, and goodfellowship of Bro. T. Morris. There was absolute harmony, earnest, sympathetic work, as well as quiet calmness in the whole event, everyone knowing that that lodge, which has been so successful in the past, was again to be placed under the most skilled management. Among those present were Bros. J. Mitchell, W.M.; C. Woods, I.P.M.; T. Morris, S.W., Moster elect; A. Robertson, J.W.; R. Steele, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Folkard, P.M., Sec.; G. F. Winny, S.D.; H. Mitchell, J.D.; W. W. Westley, P.M., D.C.; Fitch, Machin, and Taylor, Stwds.; Patrick, Tyler; Kidman, Baker, H. L. Mitchell, Kench, J. Wyer, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; Beckwith, Merrett, Stracey, F. W. Sinclair, Brinkman, Gregory, Goldacker, C. Hearsay, C. Harrould, S. Cochrane, P.M., P.G. Treas.; E. Beaven, P.M.; and J. Langdon, P.M. Visitors: Bros. E. Walker, P.M. 72; Turner, 902; Holmyard, 2417; S. Rashleigh, P.M. 902; S. Lucas, P.M., J.D. 2305; H. Bond, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; Page, P.M. 1613; A. Caink, P.M. 1056; C. Gompertz, P.M. 869; G. Reed, P.M. 13; W. Bishop, S.W. 975; H. J. Mitchell, D.C. 1056; J. D. Small, 1161; E. Watts, 2319; A. Butt, S.D. 7534; W. H. Smith, 1374; T. Nye, 1693; F. Blake, J.W. 2183; H. Edwards, 186; J. Bartlett, 2030; and J. Shuttle, 1329.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, when Bro. T. Morris was presented by Bro. Woods for the benefit of installation, and Bro. John Mitchell proceeded, in a masterly manner, with the ceremony. After the installation, Bro. Morris invested the following officers: Bros. J. Mitchell, I.P.M.; A. Robertson, S.W.; G. F. Winney, J.W.; R. Steele, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Folkard, P.M., Sec.; W. W. Westley, P.M., D.C.; H. Mitchell, S.D.; C. J. Fitch, J.D.; A. Machin, P.M., I.G.; G. Taylor, A.D.C.; C. Woods, P.M., F. J. Beckwith, and F. W. Sinclair, Stwds.; and C. Patrick, P.M., Tyler. The Installing Master then delivered the addresses in a most touching and earnest manner. Bro. H. L. Mitchell moved the adoption of the report of the Audit Committee, Bro. S. Cochrane, P.G.T., seconded, and it was unanimously accepted. On the motion of Bro. C. Woods, P.M., Stwd., seconded by Bro. Westley, P.M., D.C., it was unanimously resolved to place to guineas on the list of Bro. Harvey, P.M., who is a Steward for the Boys' Festival. Bro. Langdon, P.M., gave a notice of motion.

All Masonic business being ended and the lodge closed, the brethren enjoyed a capital dinner, under the presidency of the new Master. Having done justice to the good things provided by the host, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted by Bro. Morris, and were well received.

Bro. S. Cochrane, P.G.T., made a most felicitous reply for "The Grand Officers," pointing out the good work done by the Board of General Purposes as well as the Grand Officers.

Bro. J. Mitchell, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," than whom no better Mason nor better man could be found; he would do honour to the lodge that had given him his high office. Courteous, able, genial, and generous, he would always live in their memories as "one of the best."

Bro. T. Morris, W.M., suitably responded. He had learnt something already of the dignity and responsibility of his office. He expected, with their generous support, a capital year of office.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Installing Master," and in the name of the lodge presented him with a Past Master's jewel. Their eighth Master had been a complete success, his memory would ever live in their hearts.

Bro. John Mitchell, I.P.M., responded.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Visitors," many of whom were old friends, all of whom were welcome, and each highly esteemed among his brethren and fellows.

Bro. Geo. Reed, P.M. 13, was delighted to be present. All had been so well done that he was sure his Grace the Duke of Fife must be delighted to have his name associated with such an exemplary lodge. As the Duke himself was a capital fellow and thorough Mason, so those who worked under his name were equally a credit and success.

Bro. Lucas was among friends he had known so long that he hardly felt like a visitor, but he congratulated them on their good fellowship.

Bro. Bond, P.P.G.D.C. Kent, wished them a most successful year, and hoped to see more of what the Master "could" do.

Bro. S. Rashleigh, P.M. 902, as "the father in Freemasonry" of the W.M., was most pleased to see him in his honourable post. He knew him as a man of business as well as a Mason, and equally respected him. The lodge could be certain that whatever he undertook would be well done.

The toasts of "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast were duly received.

The harmony of the evening was greatly increased by the efforts of the following brethren: Bros. Winney, J.W.; A. Caink, P.M.; J. Bartlett, W. Stracey, A. Machin, P.M.; Nye, and Edwards.

London County Council Lodge, No. 2603.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, on the 16th inst., when members and visitors to the number of about 120 assembled to welcome the incoming, and speed the retiring, W.M. It is worthy of notice that the combined ages of the Installing Master, Bro. Sir George D. Harris, and the new W.M., Bro. Nathan Robinson, reach the substantial figures of 140. The members present included Bros. Sir Geo. D. Harris, P.G.D.; Nathan Robinson, P.M., S.W.; G. S. Elliott, P.M., J.W.; E. White, P.M., Sec.; N. P. Harris, P.M., P.P.G.W., S.D.; T. H. W. Idris, I.G.; W. H. G. Payne, P.G. Stwd.; W. Haydon, Lieut.-Colonel Clifford Probyn, and others. Visitors: Bros. R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; Sir J. Dimsdale, P.G. Treas.; C. Belton, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B.; Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.W.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; W. A. Scurrah, P.G.S.B.; Major-General Hay, P.P.G.D.; Gordon Robbins, P.P.G.D.; Ralph Gooding, P.G.D.; R. Smerdon, W.M. 2168; W. Lawrence, P.M. 2168; C. W. Pridmore, P.P.G.S.B.; W. J. Ferguson, W.M. 177; A. H. Larcome, P.M. 3; H. J. Hazel, P.M. 1693; J. W. Dixon, P.M. 27; A. Bond, P.P.G.C.; Sydney V. Klein, W.M. 2076; M. Chapman, P.M. 619; Horace Huntley, W.M. 1439; H. J. Saunders, P.M. 917; R. Deane Sweeting, I.P.M. 10; C. Daunt, P.M.; J. Arnold, W.M. 55; C. Quicke, P.M. 153; F. Sheffield, P.M. 2029; C. J. Knightley, P.M. 1744; J. H. Dimsdale, W.M. 2581; E. Stiles, P.M. 704; C. Dodd, W.M. 1194; R. D. Cummings, P.M.; J. F. D. Towers, P.P.G.D.; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and many others.

After the opening of the lodge, the minutes were confirmed and apologies for non-attendance announced from Bros. Lord Onslow, I.P.M.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; and others. Bro. Sir Geo. D. Harris, W.M., then installed Bro. Nathan Robinson as W.M., and the following officers were appointed: Bros. G. S. Elliott, S.W.; H. P. Harris, J.W.; R. M. Beachcroft, P.M., Treas. (elected); E. White, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Bull, S.D.; T. H. W. Idris, J.D.; W. H. C. Payne, I.G.; W. Haydon, S.W.; and E. W. Edgley, Tyler.

Lodge was closed, and a banquet was afterwards enjoyed under the genial presidency of the W.M.

The usual toasts were subsequently honoured.

Hygeia Lodge, No. 2664.

A large number of members of the Craft who are officially connected with sanitary science assembled at the Masonic Hall of the Holborn Restaurant, on Saturday, the 16th inst., under the genial presidency of Bro. C. W. Raymond, W.M. There was a very long agenda to be got through and it was successfully performed by about 6 p.m., when, by the desire of the lodge, the chair was assumed by Bro. Henry Lovegrove, P.G.S.B., who proceeded to instal Bro. W. Boyce, P.M., into the chair of K.S. The officers were invested as follows: Bros. C. W. Raymond, Treas. and I.P.M.; W. H.

Watson, S.W.; T. F. Strutt, J.W.; E. Tidman, Sec.; J. M. Jones, S.D.; W. E. Groom, J.D.; W. W. West, I.G.; W. C. Lacey, Org.; Hugh Alexander, D.C.; Young and Metcalf, Stwds.; and C. Williams, Tyler.

After the completion of the business, a banquet was held in the Gordon Room, when the usual toasts were honoured and an excellent programme of music was given by Bro. Best Folkes, T. F. Noakes, H. Greene, Roland Henry, and others.

The audit report was very satisfactory and the lodge bids fair to exceed the sanguine anticipations of its founders.

Royal Arch.

Era Chapter, No. 1423.

A meeting of this chapter was held in the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 12th inst., when there were in attendance, among others, Comps. A. Wells, M.E.Z.; R. Poore, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., as H.; B. Grant, J.; Major T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., S.E.; J. Masters, S.N.; E. H. Thiellay, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; F. Foulger, 1st Asst. Soj.; F. W. Robinson, I.P.Z.; G. L. Wingate, P.Z., P.P.G.R.; H. Higgins, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; C. H. Kohler, P.P.G.S.B.; and W. Fisher, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Scribe E. read the resignation of Comp. W. H. Lee, P.Z., P.P.G.S.E., which was received with regret, and he was unanimously elected an honorary member. Apologies for non-attendance were from Comps. G. S. Daunt, H.; W. H. Matthews, P.Z., P.P.G.R.; Capt. Haine, O. Harborg, and others. The chapter was then closed.

Refreshment of a most satisfactory and agreeable character followed the light labour of the chapter.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were duly honoured.

St. Dunstan's Chapter, No. 1589.

The last meeting for the season of this civic chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 10th instant. Among those present were Comps. H. W. Clemow, P.Z., M.E.Z.; W. Farrington, H.; J. R. Phillips, J.; Major T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., S.E.; J. Longhurst, S.N.; R. Evens, I.P.Z.; F. Farrington, P.Z.; W. E. Farrington, P.Z.; T. Farthing, P.Z.; H. W. Nuding, P.Z.; and H. J. Lardner, P.Z. 1623, P.P.G. Std. Br. (hon. member).

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the election of Principals and officers for the year ensuing took place, with the following results: Comps. W. Farrington, M.E.Z.; J. R. Phillips, H.; J. Longhurst, J.; Major Walls, P.Z., S.E.; J. W. Gaze, P.Z., Treas.; and J. Gilbert, Janitor. A gold bar, suitably inscribed, was voted to Comp. Clemow, M.E.Z., in recognition of his second year's tenure of office. Comp. J. W. Gaze, P.Z., Treas., sent an apology for non-attendance.

The chapter was then closed. A banquet followed.

West Smithfield Chapter, No. 1623.

The installation meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. After the chapter was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Comp. H. Forss—the oldest P.Z. of the chapter—proceeded to install Comp. A. D. T. Hamilton, P.Z., but as he had already served as 1st Principal, Comp. H. Forss placed him in the chair with a few appropriate words of congratulation. It then transpired that both the companions who should have been installed in the chairs of H. and J. were unable to attend, owing to severe illness, so the remainder of Comp. Forss's work had to be postponed. The M.E.Z. then very impressively invested the other officers as follows: Comps. R. W. Goddard, Treas.; R. F. Brickdale, P.P.G.P.S. Herts, S.E.; R. S. Cobden, P.S.; J. Davidson, 1st A.S.; T. Reeves, 2nd A.S.; and Charles Shepperd, Janitor.

The ladies' banquet and *soirée dansante* had been arranged to follow the meeting, and the companions repaired to the reception room where the visitors were announced by Comp. S. Ellis, I.P.Z., and welcomed by the M.E.Z., Comp. A. D. T. Hamilton, and Mrs. Hamilton.

After the banquet, the usual loyal toasts were enthusiastically received, and in reply to "The Grand Officers," Comp. Hickson, Grand Officer, and Comp. C. J. R. Tjouw, P.A.G.P., responded; both expressing their pleasure at being the honoured guests at so pleasant a meeting, and their gratification at the large number of ladies that were present.

The toast of "M.E.Z." was proposed by the I.P.Z., and Comp. Hamilton, in a few chosen words, expressed his gratification at being again placed in the honourable and enviable position of the First Principal of so flourishing a chapter, and regretted very much the illness that prevented the other Principals from attending, after which he performed the very pleasing task of presenting the I.P.Z. with the P.Z. jewel that had been voted by the companions.

Comp. S. Ellis very heartily thanked the M.E.Z. and companions for the honour they had done him in presenting him with so valuable a jewel.

"The Ladies'" toast was ably proposed by Comp. C. Patrick, P.Z., the response being given by Comp. R. B. Whiteman.

The next toast, that of "The Visitors" was proposed by the S.E., who expressed the gratification of the companions of the chapter at the presence of so many distinguished visitors, which was very heartily received by the companions, and responded to by Comps. C. J. R. Tjouw, P.A.G.P., Hickson, and J. Gale.

After the toast of "The Officers" the brethren adjourned to the ball room, the musical arrangements of which were ably carried out by Comp. R. H. Goddard, P.Z., Treas. The brethren adopted that of alternate dance and song, quartette, recitation, &c., which gave great satisfaction, as those who were unable to disport themselves in Terpsichorean pleasures were interested in the musical treat afforded by the Savoy Quintette.

Mr. F. Noakes presided at the pianoforte and contributed several beautiful solos on the instrument, besides accompanying many of the singers.

Amongst the numerous visitors were noticed Comp. C. J. R. Tjouw, P.A.G.P.; Comp. and Mrs. Hickson; Comp. and Mrs. Arthur Baxter; Comp. and Mrs. J. Gale; Comp. and Mrs. F. W. Downes; Comp. and Mrs. E. G. Cooper and Miss Cooper; Comps. J. Harward and W. Kite; Comp. and Mrs. P. S. Cobden and Miss Cobden; Comp. and Mrs. S. Ellis; Comp. J. J. Wright; Comp. and Mrs. Vincent; Comp. E. A. Ball and the Misses Ball; Comp. A. V. Marshall; Comp. and Mrs. J. Whiteman; Comp. R. B. Whiteman, Comp. and Mrs. W. McGavin Reid; Comps. G. Hall, J. S. Gregory, and A. G. Lacy; Bro. and Mrs. J. P. Readshaw; Bro. and Mrs. S. E. Blandford and friend; Mr. J. J. Harward; Mr. and Mrs. J. Coleman; Comp. and Mrs. F. W. Stephens; Mr. E. Oxer, Mr. Sidney Stone, Mrs. Dawson, and the Misses Martin, Cole, Ball, and others.

Saye and Sele Chapter, No. 1973.

The installation meeting of the above chapter took place on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Belvedere. The retiring M.E.Z., Comp. Greig, ably installed his successor, and Comp. Bateman, P.Z. and Scribe E., performed the office for Comp. W. H. Burney, the J. elect. Comp. Wood, P.Z. and H. elect, was unfortunately absent through the present fashionable complaint. The Scribe E. was re-invested for the 14th year, the P.S. was Comp. J. D. Brooks, and 1st Asst. Soj., Comp. Corbett. The P.Z.'s jewel of the chapter was presented to the retiring M.E.Z., and the W.M. of the Craft lodge of same name was proposed as a candidate for exaltation at the next meeting.

THE SUSSEX MASONIC CLUB, which is prosperous in its new premises, No. 25, Queen's-road, has just been increased by the erection of a new building to be used as a billiard-room, and which will be a great convenience to its members. The brethren of the club will be pleased to receive a visit from any Mason who may be in Brighton, and non-resident are at present received as members at a very small annual subscription, and there are bedrooms available for their use.

Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.

Plantagenet Conclave, No. 2.

An assembly of this conclave was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday, the 9th inst. Present: Sir Knights J. H. Baxter, M.P.S.; W. Briggs, M.A., LL.M., G.P., V.; W. J. Armitage, M.A., J.G.; Capt. E. M. Money, P.G.P., Treas.; R. H. Adie, M.A., as Prefect; J. G. Marsh, P.S.; and J. Culverwell, I.P.S. Visitors: Sir Knights H. J. Lardner, P.G.C.; H. P. Hay, P.S. 15; and G. Gregory, 15.

The conclave having been opened, the minutes of the last assembly were read and confirmed. Sir Knight Lardner took the chair, and in a most impressive manner enthroned Sir Knight Wm. Briggs as M.P.S. for the ensuing year, and consecrated Sir Knight W. J. Armitage as Viceroy. A ballot was taken for four candidates, who were unanimously elected, and the three present were then solemnly installed as knights of the Order, the ceremony being ably worked by the newly-enthroned Sovereign, assisted by Sir Knight Marsh as High Prelate. The lecture of the Degree was given by Sir Knight Armitage. The following were then invested as officers: Sir Knights R. H. Adie, S.G., C. E. W. Boughton-Leigh, J.G.; J. G. Marsh, P.S., H.P.; E. M. Money, P.S., Treasurer and Recorder; J. Briggs, Prefect; W. G. Mills, Herald; and T. C. Edmonds, Sentinel. A P.S. jewel was presented to Sir Knight Baxter, I.P.S. The resignation of Sir Knight Lieut.-Col. E. Molyneux was received with regret. On the motion of Sir Knight Money, seconded by the M.P.S., Sir Knight H. J. Lardner was unanimously elected an honorary member. The Auditors' report was received and adopted, the accounts showing a balance of £4 11s. 6d. to the credit of the conclave, with practically no arrears and no liabilities. The sum of two guineas was voted to the Boys' School Centenary Festival, to be placed on the list of the M.P.S., and the conclave was closed.

The banquet was served in the Prince's Saloon, and the customary toasts were given and received with enthusiasm.

Sir Knights Baxter, Marsh, and J. Briggs and Bros. Burgess and Ashwell assisted with songs.

A most pleasant evening was spent, all being delighted with the increasing efficiency and activity of this ancient conclave.

Lodges and Chapter of Instruction.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. E. Hammond, W.M.; H. Raphael, S.W.; J. L. Goldstein, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; H. E. Mullins, Sec.; F. Zeppenfeld, S.D.; C. Ornstein, J.D.; W. Cumberland, I.G.; W. Proctor, Tyler; G. Hill, P.M.; T. W. Smale, P.M.; W. M. Sutton, H. Pinnell, H. Parker, T. Bowden, W. Fisher, and S. Woolfers.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Woolfers answered questions leading from Second to Third Degree and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Parker being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. G. Hill, P.M. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. At the second rising, Bro. Raphael, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 22nd instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. J. Birks, W.M.; C. T. Rayner, S.W.; W. F. Roberts, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D., and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; C. Isler, S.D.; W. Rapley, I.G.; A. F. Hardymont, V. J. R. Longman, H. R. Bower, R. P. Upton, P.M.; F. H. Johnson, J. W. Clarke, P.M., P.P.G.P. Middx., Asst. Preceptor; and C. C. Renaud.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Renaud being the candidate. The chair was vacated in favour of Bro. Rapley who rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Bower being the candidate. Next Tuesday being "Officers' night," Bro. Rayner was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 18th instant. Present: Comps. S. J. Derham, M.E.Z.; Wm. Dawson, H.; J. H. Cureton, J.; Thos. Grumman, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, P.Z., Scribe E.; H. Hardman, Scribe N.; H. Cornford, P.S.; Snelling, Cass, Plant, Frampton, Loader, and Lundie.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Lundie personating the candidate. Comp. Wm. Dawson, H., was elected M.E.Z. for Friday, the 1st proximo. The chapter is placed at the disposal of the M.E.Z. (Comp. Isaac Dunn) of the Rose Chapter, No. 1622, (to-day) Friday. The annual supper will take place at the Ship Restaurant, Charing Cross, S.W., on Saturday, the 30th proximo, at 7 p.m. Comp. W. R. Barr, M.E.Z., 1275, will preside. The chapter was closed.

The Craft Abroad.

Friendly Lodge, No. 239.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS.

The above lodge held a memorable meeting at the Sussex Hall, Kingston, Jamaica, on Monday evening, the 14th February last, the occasion being the celebration of the lodge's centenary and also the installation of the W.M. and the appointment of his officers for the ensuing year. Naturally a great deal of interest was evinced in the ceremonies and in honour of the occasion a large number of the Masonic fraternity met at the Masonic Hall. Amongst those present were Bros. Dr. C. B. Mosse, Deputy Dist. G.M.; R. S. Houghton, acting Deputy D.G.M.; S. C. Burke, Prov. G.M. for Scotland; Dr. Ogilvie, acting Deputy P.G.M.; E. N. Leon, J. E. Lyons, C. A. Solomon, J. G. Brandon, F. C. Henriques, W. Duff, Dr. Robinson, C. S. Sanguinetti, E. H. Sanguinetti, H. Henderson-Davis, Dr. J. Gibb, Dr. R. C. Gibb, M. Delgado, D. J. Motta, James Kennedy, C. H. Scherlock, Rev. G. E. Linton, Rev. W. Graham, Rev. J. George, P. Cunah, Capt. Mendes, Stephen, W. de B. Hodge, J. Brandon, Ellis Wolfe, E. Bolivar Wolfe, Capt. Hill, W. Hylton, and a host of brethren associated with the sister lodges in Jamaica.

The ceremony of installing Bro. J. Lockwood Wingate, W.M. elect, was magnificently carried through by Bro. C. A. Solomon, and when the appointment and investiture of the officers had been completed and the usual formula finished, the centenary celebrations were commenced. A special programme had been prepared by the Centenary Committee—which consisted of Bros. E. N. Leon (Chairman), J. E. Lyons, C. A. Solomon, Joshua de Cordova, Isaac S. Brandon, F. C. Henriques, and J. Lockwood Wingate—and the details of the programme fully realised the impression of stately ceremonial which was conveyed by the perusal of it. A short history of the lodge had been prepared by Bro. E. N. Leon, in which an account of the inauguration of the Friendly Lodge in 1797 was furnished, and a very interesting peep given into the manners and customs of that early date. Everything combined to make the affair a

success, and nothing was wanting to add to the stateliness of the occasion. Centenary jewels were presented to Bros. E. N. Leon, J. E. Lyons, C. A. Solomon, and I. S. Brandon. The programme was carried out in about three hours and the night was well advanced before the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall.

The following are the new officers of the Friendly Lodge, namely: Bros. J. Lockwood Wingate, W.M.; F. C. Henriques, I.P.M.; E. A. Samuels, S.W.; C. Victor Abrahams, J.W.; Isaac S. Brandon, Treas.; L. Foster Davis, Sec.; R. H. A. Joseph, S.D.; E. W. Levy, J.D.; L. L. Samuels, I.G.; and N. Morais, Tyler.

In the banqueting hall, where an unusually rich and sumptuous supper was prepared, the W.M., Bro. Wingate, occupied the chair, supported on his right by Bro. Dr. Mosse, and on his left by Bro. S. C. Burke, while the croupiers at the various tables were the principal officers. Nearly 500 guests sat down to the supper.

The W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was patriotically and enthusiastically quaffed.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the United Grand Lodge of England," and next "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which were received with honours.

The W.M. then offered the toast of "The R.W. the Dist. Grand Master, the Dep. W. Dist. Grand Master, and the District Grand Lodge of Jamaica." That was a toast, said Bro. Wingate, which was always received with honours in Jamaica. They could not but experience a feeling of regret that the District Grand Master, by circumstances over which he had no control, was obliged to leave the Colony before that centenary celebration could be held. But their expressions of regret on that account were in a very large measure, if not entirely, mitigated by the fact that they had representing him that evening their worthy brother, Dr. Mosse, who, they might say, was a brother in every respect, and whose appointment to the office of Deputy District Grand Master they had viewed with pleasure and satisfaction. Bro. Dr. Mosse was a worthy successor of one who had long and earnestly laboured in behalf of Freemasonry in Jamaica—he referred to Bro. Houghton. (Applause.)

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. M. Mosse, in responding, said they had occasion at this time to remember the District Grand Master for two reasons, and he thought especially on an occasion like this they remembered some of his last words when he had recommended care of the widows and orphans, and prompted them to do their utmost to further Masonic benevolence in this colony. (Cheers.) He personally regretted that the District Grand Master was not present in order that justice might be done to the toast, but the duty had fallen upon him. He had been but a short time associated with the District Grand Lodge, but from what he had seen he was perfectly satisfied that the members were in no way inferior to those who had gone before, and that it was their utmost endeavour and their earnest wish to uphold all that was wise and noble and true in Masonry. (Cheers.) After referring to the brilliance of the ceremonials, he proceeded to remark that such an occasion should not be allowed to pass without some practical emblem being displayed, some evidence of their sincerity being put on record. And the words of the District Grand Master with respect to benevolence occurred to him. There were fully some 500 or 600 Masons in Jamaica—a visitor—"Say 1000"—and if each were to contribute but a small amount, say 1s. per month, towards Masonic benevolence, he was sure none would feel it, and it would help to uphold a benevolent institution, and it would be a grand step in the direction indicated by the District Grand Master. This would commemorate the celebration of this centenary. (Cheers.) He thanked them for the complimentary terms in which the toast had been proposed.

Bro. R. H. Houghton, acting D.D.G.M., also responded to the toast, and called attention to the invaluable work rendered to the Friendly Lodge by Bro. Altamont de Cordova, who, he said, should not be forgotten on the occasion of the centenary.

The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of "The R.W. District Grand Master, the R.W. Deputy District Grand Master, and the District Grand Lodge of Scotland." This was a toast that was particularly incumbent upon them as English Masons to honour for the Scotchmen present were that evening their guests. He spoke of the excellent work done to Masonry by the District Grand Master and his officers.

The company pledged the toast in a bumper.

Bro. S. C. Burke, D.G.M., remarked that he did not know how to express his gratitude for the sentiments which had been expressed towards the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and also the honour they had done to him as its head in this island. He remarked that the good feeling that existed between Masons was exemplified in their W.M., who himself, while presiding over the Friendly Lodge, yet held offices, not only in other English lodges, but also in the Scotch lodges of Jamaica, and who, by his assiduity to the work, proved that he was one who would yet be heard of and recognised in the ranks of Freemasons of the world. (Cheers.) With respect to the idea promulgated by Bro. Dr. Mosse, he considered the scheme a grand one, for by contributing to the Masonic Benevolent Fund they would be demonstrating to the world at large that they were doing good, that they were working out the principles of Freemasonry. He adjured them to support and stimulate the Benevolent Institutions already maintained in Jamaica, and concluding, thanked the brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which they had drunk the toast of the District Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Bro. Dr. Ogilvie also responded, giving some reminiscences, and speaking of the value of the suggestion with respect to the Benevolent Fund.

Bro. D. I. Motta gave the toast, "The Worshipful Master and the Prosperity of the Lodge," referring to Bro. Wingate's enthusiasm for Masonry and the manner in which he had already evidenced his interest.

Bro. Wingate suitably responded, thanking the company for their expressions of good feeling.

The Worshipful Master said they had one amongst them that evening whom they should not pass over on an occasion like this, one who had been a Mason for 60 years, and that was Bro. Ellis Wolfe. (Applause.) He called upon the brethren to drink "The Health of Bro. Wolfe" in a bumper.

Bro. Wolfe briefly replied.

The Worshipful Master proposed the toast of "The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Henriques." Bro. Wingate spoke in glowing terms of the results of Bro. Henriques' term of office.

Bro. Henriques, in his breezy happy style, thanked the brethren for the compliment. Bro. E. A. Samuels offered "The Health of the Sister Lodges," to which Bro. Hylton responded.

Bro. C. V. Abrahams gave "The Visitors," which Bros. Dr. Jas. Gibb and Dr. R. C. Gibb acknowledged.

Bro. Mennel, in an eloquent speech, which was repeatedly cheered, proposed the toast, "The Prosperity of Freemasonry in Jamaica."

The brethren drank the toast with patriotic enthusiasm.

Bro. E. N. Leon replied.

The toast of the Tyler was given and then the brethren separated.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. THE DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH has promised to preside at the "Brighton Dames" Annual Primrose League Demonstration on April 23th.

BRO. THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF ARRAN, who were among the guests of Earl and Countess Cadogan at Dublin Castle last week, have returned to their residence in Hertford-street.

THE DUCHESS OF MONTROSE will visit Cheltenham College on Friday, the 1st prox., and unveil a statue of the Queen, which has been presented to the College Chapel by old Cheltonians.

WE ARE GLAD to state that her Highness the Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein has now quite recovered from a slight attack of measles, from which she has been suffering at Cumberland Lodge.

FIELD-MARSHAL the Duke of Cambridge will preside at the annual general meeting of the Royal School for Daughters of Officers of the Army, to be held at the United Service Institute, on Saturday, the 16th prox., at 3 p.m.

THE EARL OF ROSEBERY has sent £10 towards the fund for placing a memorial window in Cloughton parish church in memory of the late Bro. Sir Frank Lockwood. There is already in the church a beautiful window erected by Sir Frank in memory of his father and mother.

THE ANNUAL meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire will be held on Tuesday, May 31st, at Tewkesbury. The proceedings will include a special service in the Abbey, a building with the restoration of which Provincial Grand Lodge generously associated itself a few years ago.

THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF DUDLEY entertained at dinner on Saturday, at 7, Carlton Gardens, Count de Soveral, the Duchess of Manchester, Earl and Countess Cadogan, Bro. Earl and Countess Carrington, Lord Farquhar, the Right Hon. George Curzon, Mr. and Hon. Mrs. Farquharson, Mrs. H. Williams, and Mr. C. de Murrieta.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS the Infanta Eulalie, sister of the late King of Spain, arrived in London on Monday afternoon. She was met at Victoria Station by Count Rascon, the Spanish Ambassador; Count de Casa Valencia, ex-Ambassador; the Countess Valencia and her daughters, the Embassy staff, the Spanish Consul-General, and a number of Spanish residents in London.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF FIFE have consented to open a bazaar in aid of the Society for Providing Homes for Waifs and Strays, at the Empress Rooms, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, on the 4th May. The Duke of Fife, K.T. (President), has given £100 as a donation to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond-street, to start the fund for the purchase of the adjoining Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth at a cost of £30,000.

A COMMITTEE has been formed, with Bro. the Earl of Derby as Chairman and Sir Arthur B. Forwood as Vice-Chairman, to promote a memorial to the late Countess of Lathom. It is proposed to found a perpetual endowment for the maintenance of a nurse, who shall work primarily in the districts of Lathom and Skelmersdale, and shall be lodged and maintained in the Nurses' Home attached to the Cottage Hospital at Ormskirk, in which Lady Lathom took so active an interest.

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THE QUEEN went out on Monday morning, attended by the Countess of Antrim. Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cumberland, with their daughter, Princess Marie Louise, and her Royal Highness Princess Mary of Hanover, attended by Baroness Meltzins, Baroness Kimber, and Baron During, visited her Majesty, and remained to luncheon. The Queen drove in the afternoon, accompanied by their Royal Highnesses Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein and Princess Henry of Battenberg. Their Imperial Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Oldenburg and Princess William of Baden dined with her Majesty and the Royal family on Sunday evening. His Excellency Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Edmund Monson, her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris, has arrived at Cimiez, and paid a visit to the Excelsior Hotel Regina.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS the Princess Eulalia, Infanta of Spain, honoured Bro. Lord and Lady Pirbright by her company at dinner on Tuesday evening at their residence in Grosvenor-place. There were also present the Brazilian Minister, Lady Conyers, Lady Blythswood, Bro. Lord Connemara, Sir Francis and Lady Jeune and Miss Stanley, Bro. the Hon. Schomburgk McDonnell, the Hon. Mary and Hon. Leila Hill Trevor, Admiral Sir Edmund Commerell, Mr. W. W. Astor, Mr. and Mrs. Walter, M. Johannes Wolff, Mr. and Mrs. Van Raalte, Captain Peel and Mr. Faudel-Phillips. Lady Pirbright afterwards held a small reception, at which M. Johannes Wolff played several pieces on the violin, to the evident enjoyment of the assembled guests.

THE ANNUAL dinner of the London Chamber of Commerce was held on Monday evening at the Hotel Cecil. Sir Albert Rollit, M.P., presided, and among the company were the Earl of Selborne (Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies), Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, the Belgian Minister, the Portuguese Minister, the Siamese Minister, the Servian Minister, Count Lewonhaupt (Minister for Sweden and Norway), Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., the Chinese Minister, Mr. C. T. Ritchie, M.P. (President of the Board of Trade), Bro. Sir James Ferguson, Mr. Leonard Courtney, M.P., Mr. Asquith, M.P., Bro. Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P., Sir Clements Markham, Lieut.-Gen. Sir Andrew Clarke, Sir Courtenay Boyle, Sir E. H. Carbutt, Major-General Sir Francis Scott, Sir G. Baden-Powell, M.P., Mr. Kimber, M.P., Bro. Lieut.-General Laurie, M.P., Captain Sir Alfred Jephson, the Hon. R. R. Dobell (Canada), and Mr. H. Willans (Chairman of the Council).

THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS of the Queen's Commemoration Fund on behalf of the Queen's Jubilee Institute for Nurses show that the total subscriptions amounted to £49,360 13s. 5d., England and Wales contributing £30,557 10s., the Children's Tribute, per Mr. J. S. Wood, "Gentlewoman," £516 8s. 10d., and Scotland sending £9286 14s. 7d.; the gross receipts amounting to £41,545 11s. 5d. Grants were made as follows: St. Katharine's (Queen's Institute), £4200; Scottish Branch (Queen's Institute), £300; Essex County Cottage Nursing Association, £500; County of Carnarvon return of 70 per cent., as agreed, £1120; County of Merioneth, return of 70 per cent., as agreed, £131 10s. 1d.; Manchester and Salford Nursing Association, return of 75 per cent. of children's tribute collected in Manchester, as agreed, £33 4s. 6d. There is a balance at bank of £33,000 on deposit account. In a report published it is explained that this balance-sheet does not include several items, notably the amount collected in Ireland (£19,738) and £67,493 from the provincial branches.

BRO. FREDERICK J. HORNIMAN, M.P., is about to present absolutely to the public his extensive collection of artistic and natural objects, together with a suitable building in which they can be permanently housed, and some 15 acres of land to be converted into a park and recreation ground. The new building will consist of two lofty galleries, each 110 feet long, and of a lecture hall capable of seating 300 people. Its elevation, which will be of a dignified character, will be carried out entirely in stone, and its importance will be further emphasised by a clock tower over 100 feet in height. The two galleries referred to will be divided into courts, in which will be housed the various departments, one being devoted to pre-historic objects, another to Japanese, another to Indian, another to Egyptian, and so forth. Special space will be devoted to zoological and entomological collections, the latter of which is exceptionally large and interesting. The site purchased by Bro. Horniman for the building and its surrounding park are within a few minutes' walk of Lordship-lane and Forest Hill Stations, and in the centre of a rapidly-populating suburban neighbourhood. Of the villas at present constituting the property the largest, named Surrey Mount, which from its very lofty elevation, commands an extensive view, will be left standing, and will be fitted up as a free library and free club house, separate rooms being devoted to meetings and other purposes of the various scientific clubs in the neighbourhood.

THE QUEEN has forwarded her annual subscription of £50 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, of which her Majesty is the Patron.

BRO. LORD HERSCHELL has returned to Pau, where he joins Lady Herschell for a month's holiday. Deal Castle is during their absence to be thoroughly overhauled.

BRO. THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE has left town on a visit to Bro. Lord Stanley, M.P., at Knowsley, in the absence of Bro. the Earl and Countess of Derby, who are in Egypt.

THE DUKE OF ALBANY, attended by his tutor, will leave Charing Cross to-morrow morning, to spend the Easter holidays at the Villa Nevada, Cannes, where the Duchess of Albany has been staying for some weeks.

BRO. THE EARL OF EUSTON, Pro G.M., on behalf of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, will install Bro. the Earl of Halsbury as Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, vice Bro. Sir Charles Graves-Sawle, resigned, at Truro, on the 13th prox.

THE NEXT PERFORMANCE of the Elizabethan Stage Society will take place at St. George's Hall, on Tuesday evening, the 5th prox., when Middleton and Rowley's romantic comedy, "The Spanish Gipsy," will be revived after the manner of the 16th century. The music will be under the direction of Mr. Arnold Dolmetsch.

THE 29TH ANNUAL concert in aid of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage, of which Institution her Majesty the Queen is Patron, was given by the police of the A, B, and C, Divisions at St. James's Hall, on Wednesday evening. Every portion of the room was thronged, and so a substantial addition to the funds of a very deserving Charity may be counted upon when the figures shall have been adjusted.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES is expected to leave Cannes at the end of next week, and will stay for a few days in Paris, at the Hotel Bristol, on his way home. His Royal Highness is due at Sandringham on Thursday, the 7th prox., and on Easter Monday he, together with his guests, will attend the West Norfolk Hunt Club Steeple-chases at East Winch, near Lynn. The Prince goes to Newmarket on Wednesday, the 13th prox., returning to Sandringham after the races on Friday, the 15th, and he will arrive at Marlborough House for the season on Monday, the 18th.

COL. THE HON. JOHN HAY, United States Ambassador to the Court of St. James's, reached Victoria Station at five o'clock on Tuesday evening last on his return from Egypt. The Ambassador, who appeared to be in excellent health, was met by Mr. White, who has acted as Chargé d'Affaires during his absence, Mr. Carter, Secretary at the United States Embassy, and the various members of the Embassy staff. His Excellency was accompanied only by his private secretary, Mrs. Hay and Miss Hay, who were with him during his tour, having remained behind in Paris where they intend to stay for a few days.

THE MARQUIS AND MARCHIONESS OF LANSDOWNE gave a dinner party at Lansdowne House on Wednesday. The guests included the Duchess of Montrose, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Erne and Lady Evelyn Crichton, the Earl and Countess of Minto, Count Hermann Hatzfeldt, Viscount and Viscountess Coke, Viscount Brackley, Lord and Lady Harris, Lord Charles Fitzmaurice, the Right Hon. Sir William and Lady Harcourt, Bro. General Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., Mr. and Lady Horatio Erskine, Bro. Col. and Mrs. Lockwood, Mr. J. Murray Scott, Mr. and Mrs. John Cater, Mrs. W. B. Gladstone, and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Barnes.

THE RIGHT HON. THE SPEAKER (Bro. W. C. Gully) gave his fifth Parliamentary dinner on Wednesday evening to the following, amongst others, namely: Colonel the Hon. Frederic Morgan, Bro. the Hon. Evelyn Hubbard, Bro. the Hon. Vicary Gibbs, the Hon. John Gordon, Bro. Sir Frederick Milner, Bro. Sir Barrington Simons, Bro. Sir John Llewellyn, Sir Charles Cameron, Sir James Pender, Sir Edwin Durning Lawrence, Sir Henry Horwath, Bro. Sir Henry Bemrose, Sir Charles Cayzer, Sir George Fardell, Mr. Cameron Corbett, Mr. Fison, Bro. General Goldsworthy, Mr. Brodie Hoare, Bro. Horniman, Mr. Richardson, Colonel Sandys, Mr. Courtenay Warner, Mr. Wayman, Admiral Field, the Rev. Canon Wilberforce (Chaplain), and Mr. Edward Gully (Secretary).

THE LORD MAYOR, Bro. Alderman Col. Davies, M.P., has addressed a letter to the Chairman of the London County Council (Mr. McKinnon Wood) stating that on the occasion of the fire in Cripplegate he made an appeal for the relief of the workpeople who lost tools, clothes, and other articles. Though confined to the citizens, it was so bountifully responded to that not only were all the claims of the sufferers amply met, but a considerable balance remained. He now asked the consent of the London County Council, as the controlling body of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, to his devoting £7950 of that balance to the Widows and Orphans' Benefit Fund established in connection with the Brigade. Mr. McKinnon Wood, in reply, while thanking his lordship for the kind thought which prompted this proposal, explained that the Fund was a private one managed by a committee of officers of the Brigade with the aid of four trustees, two of whom were the chairman and the clerk of the Council for the time being; but that the Council, as such, did not concern itself in the management. He would have much pleasure in receiving the generous donation and in making the Fire Brigade acquainted with his lordship's communication.

THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER (Bro. Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P.), and Lady Lucy Hicks-Beach entertained at dinner on Wednesday evening, in Downing-street, the Earl and Countess of Portsmouth, Viscount Cross and the Hon. Margaret Cross, Viscount Fitz-Harris, Lord and Lady Tweedmouth, Bro. Lord and Lady Wange, Bro. the Right Hon. Gerald and Lady Betty Balfour, the Hon. Robert James, Bro. Ridley, the Hon. Lady Northcote, Mr. J. and the Hon. Mrs. Ryder, Sir F. Mowatt, and Mr. Whitmore, M.P. Lady Lucy Hicks-Beach afterwards held a reception. There were present, the Russian Ambassador, the Italian Ambassador, the United States Ambassador, the Turkish Ambassador, and Madame Costaki Anthopoulos, the Swedish Minister and Countess Lewenhaupt, the Belgian Minister, Mr. Henry White, the Duchess of Montrose and Lady Helen Graham, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Dartrey, Earl Stanhope and Lady Katherine Stanhope, Evelyn Countess Bathurst and Lady Evelyn Bathurst, the Countess of Leitrim and Lady Winifred Clements, Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Ebrington, Bro. Viscount Doneraile, Viscountess Emlin, Bro. Lord and Lady Pirbright, Bro. Lord Norton, Lord and Lady Morris and Hon. Miss Morris, Lord and Lady Medway, Bro. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord and Lady Harris, Lord Wimborne and Hon. Rosamond Guest, Lord Henry Vane Tempest, the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, M.P., and Mrs. Chamberlain, the Right Hon. Sir W. Harcourt, M.P., and Lady Harcourt, the Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P., and Lady Esther Smith, the Hon. John Gordon, M.P., and a large number of other members of Parliament.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, April 2nd, 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, MARCH 28.**CRAFT LODGES.**

4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
26, Castle of Harmony, Savoy Hotel.
28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
185, Unity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
222, St. Andrew's, Albion Tavern.
706, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich.
902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel.
905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.
1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel.
1632, Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1744, Royal Savoy, Criterion.
1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1828, Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel.
1910, Shadwell Clerke, Mark Masons' Hall.
2396, Bishopsgate, Great Eastern Hotel.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

155, Lullingstone, Bridge House Hotel.

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.
Duke of Cornwall, Whittington Arms, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, E.C., at 6.45.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.
Perseverance, Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 8.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
Scots, Holborn Restaurant, Holborn, at 7.30.
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, Pantou-street, Haymarket, S.W., at 3.
Zealand, "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, MARCH 29.

(No Meetings.)

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Copper, 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.
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, Fungalli's Restaurant, 12, Wilton-road, Victoria Stn. Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Mount Edgumbe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway, S.E., at 7.30.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8
Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.
Yarborough, Mitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, Eastcheap Restaurant, Eastcheap, at 6.30
Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30.**CRAFT LODGES.**

822, Victoria Villas, Cafe Royal.
508, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar.
1708, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

435, Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1471, Islington, Great Eastern Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Belgrave, The Woolpack, Moorgate-street, at 7.
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
Creton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, The St. John's Gate Tavern, St. John-square, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.
Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.
Fidelity, 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.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8
New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, 17, London Wall at 7.
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
Royal Savoy, Prince of Wales Hotel, Hampstead-road, at 8
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. at 7.30.

Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham, at 8.

Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Clapton Chapter, Amhurst Club, Rectory-road, N., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 8.
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, at 7.30.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31.

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

CRAFT LODGES.

22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern.
1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel.
2102, Highbury, Cock Tavern.
2204, Chough, Cannon-street.

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.
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.45
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, APRIL 1.**CRAFT LODGES.**

90, St. John's, Albion Tavern.
554, Yarborough, London Tavern.
890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.
1489, Marquess of Ripon, Holborn Restaurant.
1027, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.
2488, Eccentric, Cafe Royal.
2511, St. John at Hackney, Old Town Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

250, Prince of Wales, Whitehall Rooms.
2488, Eccentric, 33, Golden-square.

MARK LODGES.

8, Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern.
454, Tuscan, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, Mullen's Hotel, Ironmonger-lane, E.C., at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N.
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill.
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
Hugh Owen, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, at 7.30
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmonger's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
Lewisham, White Hart, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 91, Church-st., Stoke Newington, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8

SATURDAY, APRIL 2.**CRAFT LODGES.**

1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1040, Brixton, Anderton's Hotel
2001, Mendelssohn, Holborn Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell News-road, at 7.30
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
Duke of Connaught, The Lord Napier, West Side, Lion Ion Fields, at 8.

Ebury, The Rockingham, Newington Causeway, at 8.
Eccleston, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Perry Hill, Catford, at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Star, New Cross House, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.

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