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THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA AND COLOURED MASONRY.

The Philadelphia *Keystone* contains a very full and particular account of the proceedings of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the 27th December last (St. John the Evangelist's Day). From this it appears that our Pennsylvanian brethren have been very carefully considering the question which has recently arisen concerning the status of the coloured Grand Lodges which exist in certain districts in the United States. The resolution recently adopted by the Grand Lodge of Washington in favour of accepting as legitimate Masonic bodies the different African or coloured Grand Lodges existing in the States, has had the effect of bringing the question home to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, owing to the fact of there being such a coloured Grand Lodge established on their borders, which, for valid reasons, it has always looked upon as clandestine. Hence the whole question was referred to the Committee on Correspondence, and it is impossible to read the report of that Committee, which was presented to the Grand Lodge at its meeting on the 27th ult., and unanimously adopted, without recognising it as a most important pronouncement.

After a few preliminary remarks of a general character, the Committee points out that the question at issue "is not whether coloured men or negroes can be made Freemasons, but whether the so-called African Grand Lodge and Lodges warranted by them are legitimate and entitled to recognition." If they are, then the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is wrong in the declaration it makes in its Ahiman Rezon, or Book of Constitutions, to the effect that it (the Grand Lodge) "is the *only* true and legitimate source of Masonic authority. It is supreme and sovereign." If the contention of the Grand Lodge of Washington that "the African Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is a legitimate Masonic Grand Lodge" be true, then the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania "is not the *only* true and legitimate source of Masonic authority," and consequently "it is not supreme and sovereign."

The Committee goes on to point out the desirability of remembering "that there are legitimate lodges composed of coloured persons, and lodges composed of white and coloured persons lawfully warranted by legitimate Grand Lodges." Such lodges already exist in Massachusetts, New Jersey, England,

and it may be in other States and foreign countries, and no G. Lodge would have the right to object to another G. Lodge warranting lodges for coloured persons or initiating them in lodges already warranted. Hence there is no objection to these African lodges on the ground that they are composed of coloured persons; the legitimate ground of objection to them is that they are set up in the State over which the recognised G. Lodge has already claimed to exercise, and has exercised, supreme and sovereign authority.

The report further observed "that a Grand Lodge which recognises and fraternises with a clandestine lodge or its members, thereby makes itself clandestine." When, therefore, "a Grand Lodge with which we are in fraternal relations recognises another body in our jurisdiction which we consider clandestine," as the Grand Lodge of Washington has just done, "it gives us just cause for complaint and justifies us in taking such measures as will protect our supremacy and sovereignty." On these grounds the Committee recommended that "fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington be suspended until that Grand Lodge shall have withdrawn its recognition of the clandestine lodges in this jurisdiction."

NORTHUMBRIAN MASONRY*.

Having, in our article of last week, given, in general terms, some idea of the character of the contents of the earlier chapters of Bro. STRACHAN'S work, we enter, in the fifth chapter, upon the period when Grand Lodges were established in England; and, with a view to making his narrative as clear as possible, the author gives a few particulars of the three governing bodies which claimed "to have authority to permit the holding of private lodges and the making of Freemasons;" these three bodies being, it is almost needless to say, the Grand Lodge in London of 1717, which was afterwards designated the Grand Lodge of the "Moderns;" the Grand Lodge of all England in York, which, after a chequered career, passed out of existence in the closing years of last century; and the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, subsequently known also as the "Atholl" Grand Lodge, which was started in 1751 under the government of a Grand Committee, and two years later was presided over by a Grand Master, with the usual complement of Grand Officers. Then follows such information as he has had the good fortune to unearth respecting the lodges existing in Northumberland during the earlier half of the 18th century. These lodges, which held under no superior authority, "met together and practised their rites and ceremonies, none having the power to prevent them." But, "gradually they found it advisable to obtain a warrant from one or other of the Grand Lodges; and there is strong ground for believing that very many lodges had an independent existence for years before they obtained a warrant." The information obtained respecting these early lodges is most interesting, and, seeing that Bro. STRACHAN is indebted for it to local notes and newspapers, there can be no question as to its trustworthiness. It is to be regretted that so many of these bodies have long since disappeared from the roll of our Grand Lodge. Sundry of them appear to have had but a brief existence, but there is ample

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evidence to show that Northumberland was, even in those distant days, a centre of great Masonic activity, and if all the lodges did not last for long, their existence, however brief it may have been, cannot have been without its influence on the general wellbeing and subsequent development of the Craft.

Chapter VI. treats of the period from 1765 to 1800, and contains evidence from the "Delaval Papers"—discovered some years ago and to which Bro. STRACHAN has had the privilege of access—which, we are told, "speaks unmistakably of not only the possible, but the actual, existence of lodges for many years before their life comes within the historian's ken by authenticated record in the shape of warrant or minutes." This evidence in one case is in the form of "a letter or petition dated the 14th of November, 1765, addressed by the brethren of Ford, in Northumberland, to Sir JOHN HUSSEY DELAVAL, Bart. (who was then staying at Doddington, near Lincoln). In this letter, which is the composition of a very illiterate person, the Freemasons of Ford express themselves as being "very Desirous of a Charter from the Grand Lodge of England by a proper Recommendation which we shall have from the above Lodge"—the Lodge of St. George, Berwick—"in order that we may be properly constituted. Wee the Members that now are wou'd take it as a particular favour off your Honor to permit us to make an offer of the Dedication of the Lodge at Ford to your Honor if agreeable or to whom you think proper it being of an old standing though without either Charter or Constitution till this offer now made our number being upwards of 40 and in order of Raising more of our bretheren your ansr. as soon as Convenient wou'd extremely agreeable wee having a form of a petition to send to the Grand Lodge with the Assignment of our Bretheren of the St. Georges. Given at a meeting of the Bretheren at Ford, Nov^{br} 14 day 1765. Francis Collingwood." There can, we think, be little doubt as to the justice of Bro. STRACHAN'S conjecture that "this Lodge at Ford," which is described as already "being of an old standing" in 1765, must have had an independent existence for some years previously to have attained to such dimensions, and we agree with him as to the probability of its having been composed of "working Masons engaged in building and repairing operations on fortresses, churches, or mansions in the immediate neighbourhood, as was the olden custom; and as the 'speculative' interest spread, the brethren of Berwick and other places induced the Ford members to apply for recognition by a central authority." In support of this contention, Bro. STRACHAN quotes certain facts which cannot but have their due weight with the reader. But be this as it may, the prayer of the petitioners was acceded to by Sir JOHN DELAVAL, with the result that a warrant was granted by the Earl of KELLY, Grand Master of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, on the 24th January, 1766, for the constitution of these brethren as the "Sr John Hussey Delaval's Lodge," ranking as No. 140 on the Grand Lodge Register, and the lodge thus constituted continued in more or less active working until December, 1827, when it was erased from the list together with its sponsor, the St. George's Lodge, of Berwick.

The chapter includes much else that is interesting, not only in respect of lodges that were in existence or were constituted during this period, but also frequent references to local persons and events, not the least curious of these being the announcement quoted from the *Newcastle Chronicle* of January 6th, 1770, as to the readiness of a Mrs. BELL, the landlady of the "Crown Inn, Newgate," to communicate "the secrets of Freemasonry"—which she had learned in the usual manner by concealing herself in a room adjacent to that in which the lodge was meeting, and making holes through the wall—to the members of her own sex. There is also a poem quoted from the *Weekly Magazine or Edinburgh Amusement* for 1773, which gives a description of "the PROCESSION at constituting ST. DAVID'S LODGE in Berwick-upon-Tweed, April 29, 1773," and last, but not least, a genealogical sketch of the "WHITE-RIDLEY," the head of which is the present respected Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland, one of whose ancestors (MATTHEW WHITE, son and successor of the MATTHEW WHITE of Blagdon, who died 1750), was created a baronet by GEORGE II. in 1756, with remainder, in default of heirs male, to the heirs male of his sister, the wife of MATTHEW RIDLEY, of

Heaton, who was appointed the first Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland in 1734; whose eldest son, MATTHEW WHITE RIDLEY, succeeded to the baronetcy on the death, in 1763, of his maternal uncle, Sir MATTHEW WHITE, the first baronet; and whose grandson—who succeeded as third baronet in 1813—was in 1824 appointed Grand Master of the Province.

What further remarks we are desirous of making must be reserved for another article.

CONSECRATION OF THE NIL SINE LABORE LODGE, No. 2736.

On the 21st May last, Bro. Lieut. Col. G. J. Parkyn wrote to the Editor of the "A.S.C. Journal" pointing out the desirability of establishing a lodge for the Army Service Corps, and the idea meeting with cordial support, meetings were held to arrange the preliminaries. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Parkyn was particularly fortunate in enlisting the sympathies of Bro. Lieut. G. McFarlane, who rendered yeoman service in the arduous work of Secretary. Bro. McFarlane had had previous experience in this capacity, having successfully launched the Clarence Lodge, No. 2386, at Chester, being presented with a founder's jewel on the second night of meeting, and was subsequently the recipient of a handsome illuminated address on leaving the locality. The Nil Sine Labore Lodge starts with 68 founders, and will be further reinforced with 45 joining members and four initiates, the members hailing from all parts of the world, India excepted.

The consecration ceremony, at which about 200 brethren were present, proved a very interesting and successful function, and was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, on the 13th inst. The Consecrating Officer, Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Secretary, was assisted by Bros. Col. Sir Terence O'Brien, K.C.M.G., P.G.D., as S.W.; Col. Davis, A.D.C., P.D.G.D.C., as J.W.; the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, M.A., P.G. Chap., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D. of C.; and Major R. H. Murdoch, R.A., as I.G.

Lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and the opening hymn having been sung, the CONSECRATING OFFICER addressed the brethren. It would be unnecessary, he said, for him to occupy their time with many words of his own. They had met together for the purpose of performing a very interesting ceremony—one which could not fail to appeal to the sympathies of all who had at heart the interests of their Order. The lodge they were about to constitute would be known hereafter as the Nil Sine Labore Lodge. This motto was of a truly Masonic character, and was one which was borne by that very distinguished branch of her Majesty's service the members of which, he believed, to a very great extent, were the founders of this lodge. He felt sure he was only expressing the feelings of all present when he gave utterance to the hope that this lodge might be the means of accomplishing all those special objects the founders had in view, and unite more closely those already associated together as members of a distinguished corps.

The founders having signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant, the Chaplain gave an excellent oration, and the new lodge was consecrated with the customary solemn ceremonial.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. G. J. PARKYN, P.P.G.S.B. Cornwall, was installed as the first W. Master, and invested the following officers: Bros. Lieut. J. Grapes, W.M. 1331, I.P.M.; Col. J. A. Boyd, C.B., P.M., S.W.; Lieut.-Col. F. T. Clayton, J.W.; Rev. J. Blackburne, Chap.; First-class Staff-Sergt.-Maj. J. W. Bradshaw, Treas.; Lieut. G. McFarlane, Sec.; Lieut. W. Lyons, S.D.; Lieut. T. J. Kearns, J.D.; First-Class Staff-Sergt.-Maj. C. W. Bamford, I.G.; Staff-Sergt.-Maj. P. R. Sparke, P.M., D. of C.; Lieut. L. S. Roberts, Staff-Sergt.-Maj. A. Barron, Staff-Gr.-Master-Sergt. G. White, and Company-Gr.-Master-Sergt. E. J. Brook, Stwds.; and E. W. Lanchbury, Tyler.

Letters of regret for non-attendance were announced from Bros. Earl Amherst, Pro G.M.; Viscount Wolsley, Sir Albert Woods, Vice-Admiral Rawson, Sheriff Col. Probyn, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants; and many other distinguished brethren. Forty-five brethren were proposed as joining members, and four candidates were proposed for initiation. The W. Master was appointed Steward to represent the lodge at the R.M. Benevolent Institution Festival, and 10 guineas was voted to his list.

The honorary membership of the lodge was conferred upon the Consecrating Officers, a compliment for which the G. Secretary returned thanks, and a Bye-Law Committee having been formed, the lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet was served in the Victoria Hall, during which the string band of the Corps, under Bro. Staff-Sergt. Geo. Bryce, played a capital selection of music. The musical portions of the ceremony, and the items after banquet were well rendered by Bros. J. Kift, H. Schartau, Frank Tebbutt, Wm. Fell, and Geo. Stubbs.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," were heartily honoured as the first toasts.

"The Grand Officers" was next given by the W.M., who said he had had a great deal to do with the Grand Officers in connection with this lodge, but he had met with the greatest courtesy and kindness from the Chief Staff Officer, the Grand Secretary, and his assistant, Bro. Lake.

Bro. Lieut.-Gen. J. W. LAURIE, M.P., P.G.M. Nova Scotia, in response, asked to be excused for touching upon personal matters and said he had been 48 years a soldier and 45 years a Mason. He had found there was no diversity between Freemasonry and the profession of arms. In a military lodge in Central India they met with bitter hostility from the late Colonel, but four years after he was told that the men in the lodge were the best non-commissioned officers the Colonel had. This lodge would help to prove to those who had the control of Masonry what service lodges could do, for corps lodges were not institutions to be put aside and discarded. In other parts they had garrison lodges. He had been associated with members of their corps in No. 398, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and they had been for years past the life of the lodge. The members of the Nil Sine Labore

would prove to the Grand Secretary that in consecrating this lodge he had done one of the best things he could do for Freemasonry. Speaking for the Grand Officers he could say they would try to serve the great body of the Craft.

The W.M. proposed "The Consecrating Officers," and said that although he had been a Master Mason for 35 years, this was the first time he had seen the consecration ceremony. He was sure they would all join with him in thinking how well that ceremony was performed. The worthy representative of the Grand Master—the Grand Secretary—was accustomed to the ceremony and was perpetually consecrating lodges, and the way in which he rendered the ritual could not fail to impress them. He thanked the Grand Secretary and the other Grand Officers, without whom the Masonic world would be at a loss to get on. He hoped all present would join in heartily drinking the toast, and he coupled with it the name of Bro. Letchworth.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., said he would rise at once to respond to the toast the W.M. had so kindly proposed, and in terms, as brief as they were sincere, tender the warmest thanks of the Consecrating Officers for the compliment paid them. Of all the duties the Grand Officers were called upon to perform there was none which afforded them greater pleasure than that of starting into existence a new lodge, and that pleasure was greatly increased when they were sure, as they were that night, that the lodge which they had been privileged to assist in consecrating was one destined to occupy a high position in the lodges of that great Metropolis. He knew that some time ago there was a prejudice against class lodges, but he was perfectly satisfied that a lodge composed of those already associated elsewhere had a greater prospect of success than any other lodge. For this reason—the members knew one another, knew the candidates who were proposed from time to time for initiation or joining, and, therefore, could keep their lodge united. On behalf of the Consecrating Officers he tendered their warmest thanks for the compliment paid them in the toast. The very great privilege had been accorded him of proposing to them what was really the toast of the evening. He asked them to join in drinking "The Health of the W.M.," whom he had had the privilege of installing into the chair of their lodge that night. In addressing those present who were members of the Army Service Corps, it was needless for him to refer to the merits of the W.M. Bro. Col. Parkyn was not a Mason of yesterday, for he believed it was 35 years since he saw the light of Masonry. The W.M. had during his service in various parts of the world joined many lodges, having been initiated in South Africa, then proceeding to Ceylon, where he joined a lodge, afterwards joining others in China, and on his return to England, the Provincial Grand Master marked his approbation of his eminent services by appointing him to Grand office in that province. He (the Grand Secretary) congratulated the lodge on having as their first W.M. one so able to rule them in that, the first, and certainly the most important, year of their existence. He asked them to join in drinking with all cordiality to "The W. Master."

Bro. Lieut.-Col. G. J. PARKYN, W.M., in reply, said he was extremely grateful to the G. Secretary and the brethren. He was not given to speechifying, and could only say that he was asked to take office as W.M. for the first year, which was an honour he was delighted to accept. Nearly three years ago Col. Boyd, in the Horse Guards, asked him why he did not start a corps lodge, but he replied that he was then living in Cornwall. He found, however, he was too much out of the world, and had now come back near London, and one of the first things he started was this Corps Lodge. As long as he had anything to do with the lodge he should take an interest in furthering its advancement, and would give any member the best assistance he could. He had belonged to service lodges, and had never seen the slightest influence attempted to be used, and did not consider any good Mason would attempt to do such a thing. From what he knew of the old corps he did not believe there was any man who would attempt such a thing. He wished to point out that class lodges were excellent things. Masonry had wonderfully advanced in the last 15 or 20 years, and in some parts had advanced in a way that they old Masons did not like. The care that should be exercised in admitting candidates into the lodge was not exercised in the way it should be. The consequence was that later on there was a difficulty in appointing officers. They expected to be promoted by seniority, but unless a brother qualified for it seniority counted as nothing. He would take this opportunity of thanking the worthy Secretary. The lodge was fortunate in having the services of Bro. McFarlane, and they trusted he would go on and continue in that office, and that before long he would be seen wearing the Master's collar.

For "The Visitors," Bros. Adml. St. Clair, Dep. Master of the Navy Lodge, P.P.G.W.; Major Murdoch, W.M. Ubique Lodge; and G. G. Bulmoure (Secretary of a lodge in Cornwall, of which Col. Parkyn is the present W.M.), replied.

Bro. Sir TERENCE O'BRIEN, P.G.D., submitted "The Officers," and in reply Bro. Lieut. MCFARLANE, Sec., said the officers included some of the best men in the corps, and were second to none for their interest in the Craft. It gave him great pleasure to be the Secretary of a successful lodge under such a W.M. The W.M. was an autocrat, and whatever he told the Secretary to do would be done. He would do all that lay in his power to assist the lodge which had been formed under such successful auspices.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The following Grand Officers and brethren, who were guests of the lodge, were present:

Bros. Lieut.-Gen. J. Wimburn-Laurie, M.P., P.G.M. S. Wales, P.G.M. Nova Scotia; T. Fenn, P.G.W.; R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; Capt. G. Hearn, G.S.B.; R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; Lieut.-Col. W. F. Moore, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; Rear-Admiral W. H. C. St. Clair, Dep. W.M. 2612; Sir J. McGrigor, Bart., 1591; Rev. J. Blackbourne, 1971; A. Simmonds, Stwd. 1536; W. Thatcher, 1604; Rathbone, 1331; C. H. Lewis, J.W. 1604, P.M. 2444, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; Lieut. J. Learmont, Sec. 1789; F. Walker, 1331; H. Schartau, 1549; F. Tebbutt, 2098; W. Fell, 1706; G. Stubbs, 77; Finch, S.W. 1331; H. Gardiner, W.M. 1604; Alf. Hill, W.M. 1536; Lieut. Townley, Geo. H. Atkinson, P.M. 1331, P.G.S.B. Hants; and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

THE EARL OF HOPETOUN (Lord Chamberlain) has gone to Beeston Castle, Cheshire, for a few days' hunting.

ON MONDAY NIGHT the Queen gave a party at Osborne, about 60 guests, residing in Cowes and the neighbourhood, being invited. A concert was given in the Ducal Room, at which her Majesty and the members of the Royal Family staying at the palace were present. Miss Clara Butt sang, and the programme also included selections by the Royal band, conducted by Bro. Sir Walter Parratt. The guests were afterwards presented to her Majesty in the drawing room.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Friday, the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Richard Eve, P.G.T., Patron of the Institution, and Chairman of the Board of Management, presiding. There were also present Bros. George Everett, P.G.T.; J. Strachan, Q.C., G. Reg.; George Corble, J. J. Thomas, H. A. Tobias, R. Manuel, J. W. Morrell, J. Stephens, P. Dep. G.D.C.; W. Ratcliffe, P.M., Sec. 211; H. Massey, C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., Treasurer of the Institution; A. C. Spaul, P.A.G.D.C.; W. F. Lamonby, P.G.W. Victoria; W. H. Pocklington, S. J. Attenborough, P.A.G.D.C., Patron, and Hon. Solicitor; A. J. Thomas, Patron; R. Clowes, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Willing, jun., R. D. Cummings, W. Russell, P.A.G.D.C.; H. Pritchard, H. Manfield, Patron; F. W. Bowater, W. C. Parsons, T. A. Bullock, P.G.S.B.; F. A. Powell, Major J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D.; J. Glass, W. A. Scurrah, P.G. Std. Br.; E. Margrett, H. Kemp, C. Pulman, and J. M. McLeod, Secretary.

The minutes of the October Quarterly Court having been read,

The CHAIRMAN said that before he put the question that they be confirmed he might inform the brethren that he had received, as Chairman of the Board of Management, five or six letters from brethren and lodges protesting against the grant to Bro. McLeod. Of the lodges, the Finsbury Park and the St. Michael's were two. The letters had been laid before the Board of Management, and he had written to the writers of the letters to express the Board's regret that their correspondents did not fall in with the views of the Board as to the grant; he also trusted that the Institution would not lose the interest of these brethren in it because those brethren differed on this point. Some communications had been sent to the Secretary which he (Bro. Eve) had not had an opportunity of replying to. One of the dissentient lodges wished its letter of protest to be read to the meeting, to which he replied, certainly; he should be sorry to keep that protest from the Court as a desire had been expressed that it should be read; and he would call upon the Secretary to read it, in order that the brethren present might know what the lodge wished.

After a short discussion as to whether the minutes should first be confirmed, and a motion of Bro. Strachan's to that effect having been withdrawn, Bro. RATCLIFFE, P.M., Sec. 211, read the letter of protest, and added that since that had been written it was acknowledged by Bro. McLeod, who sent certain papers with his letter showing that the 1000 guineas would come out of the Stewards' fees; but he (Bro. Ratcliffe) still contended that they were out of the funds of the Institution, and submitted that it was for the benefit of the Institution that there should be wholesome criticism.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD reported to the meeting the resolution come to by the Board of Stewards with respect to the honorarium, by which they recorded their entire approval of the recommendation of the Board of Management to grant substantial and well-earned recognition of the services of the Secretary and his staff. Bro. McLeod also read a letter from the Finsbury Park Lodge, stating that it was now satisfied with the way he was to receive the grant for his extra services.

Bro. STANLEY J. ATTENBOROUGH moved the confirmation of the minutes. He had listened with attention to Bro. Ratcliffe's remarks. He had known Bro. Ratcliffe many years, and a kinder hearted man did not exist. Bro. Ratcliffe had performed a disagreeable duty, but he was under a mistake when he said the money came out of the funds of the Institution. The matter was duly reported upon to the Board of Management, and that Board was of the opinion that they were better judges of what should be voted to Bro. McLeod than St. Michael's Lodge. The Board were 30 or 32 business men who knew all the facts, and they considered the matter very carefully. They need not quarrel over the statement made by Bro. Ratcliffe in his letter; it was a perfectly proper protest to make, but it was made under a misapprehension of facts. He hoped this matter would now go through without any further heat or temper.

Bro. Attenborough's motion having been seconded, the minutes were confirmed.

After the transaction of other business, on the motion of Bro. ATTENBOROUGH seconded by Bro. W. A. SCURRAH, the following resolution was adopted: "That in order to recognise the efforts made to elect Albert Edward Johnson, an unsuccessful (last chance) case at the October Election in the Centenary year of this Institution, an allowance of £20 per annum be made to him towards his Education and Maintenance, provided he be Educated at a School to be approved by the Board of Management, and be subject to the Rules applicable to Boys maintained and educated out of the Institution, and that such allowance commence from the date upon which he would, if elected, have been admitted into the School."

It was resolved on the recommendation of the Council of December 30th, 1898, "That 23 boys be elected from an approved list of 37 candidates at the election on 14th April, 1899."

Bro. RICHARD EVE next made the following statement in reference to the progress in the development of the Bushey site. They had had a number of plans before them that afternoon. They were not much further advanced than they were at the last Quarterly Court. They found the possible expense might run to a much higher figure than was at first anticipated. They had gone over the matter with the assistance of their adviser, Bro. Rowland Plumb. They specially provided that a sum of money should not be exceeded. They had the quantities taken out and all details gone into, and they found the amount formerly specified would be exceeded; and as that was so, the Board of Management felt they owed a duty to the Craft, and before going further they would consider the matter as fully as they could. He could give no further information than that the matter was under consideration. The Board considered themselves bound, as far as possible, to keep within the limits. They had the money; but that was no reason they should spend what had been so liberally subscribed. They felt that the sum originally named was a very substantial sum for the building, and they would be very sorry to go beyond it unless they saw a good reason for it. He must ask the Court to let the matter stand till the next Quarterly Court. He never liked going beyond a limit. Every one of the subscribers had an interest in the case.

Bro. McLEOD next gave a statement of the income of the Institution for the year 1898.

Bro. EVE announced that the services of the Treasurer, Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., had been secured as Chairman for the next Festival, Wednesday, June 28th.

Bro. KEYSER said he had taken a similar position for the Benevolent Institution in 1892, the year after that Institution celebrated its Jubilee. He did not interfere with the other Institutions. He should do his best.

Bro. RICHARD EVE next presented handsome illuminated addresses, framed and glazed, to Bros. Attenborough, A. C. Spaul, and McLeod. With respect to Bro. Attenborough, he said he knew well the splendid services he rendered the Institution on the occasion of its Centenary Festival, and it gave him a great deal of pleasure to be the hand to present the address. Bro. Attenborough's services deserved a great deal more; he was young, and was able and likely to do still more for the Institution in the future. They hoped it would not lose his services,

Bro. ATTENBOROUGH, in acknowledging the gift, said he worked hard at the Centenary Festival, but that was nothing to his work of this afternoon to stand before the brethren, blushing. It was with great pleasure he had done what he did. He was always happy to assist his old friend Bro. McLeod. There was no chance of another Centenary of the Institution in his time, or he would be very happy to work for it.

Bro. A. C. SPAULL said it was extremely gratifying to him to receive the testimonial. The result of the Festival would be a history in Masonry and a landmark. He had acted to the utmost of his ability. They were officially helped by the Secretary and his subordinates. He accepted the testimonial as a mark of the esteem of the Board of Management.

Bro. EVE, in presenting Bro. McLeod with the address, said Bro. McLeod had given all his time, night and day, for the Festival; he had not spared himself or his health. When a man had a matter at heart it was his anxiety and his very life to see it brought to a thoroughly successful issue. It had been so with Bro. McLeod, and the brethren had expressed their views with regard to him. They trusted he would take an early opportunity of having a good holiday, for they believed his health had been trifled with.

Bro. McLEOD said he was something like Bro. Attenborough, the present was a more arduous task for him than any work he had gone through during the last 12 months, to receive from the Chairman's hands this address. It placed him in a very awkward position. To-day, he really did not know what to say; he was affected very much. He thanked them all for their kindness. He was glad his services had been acknowledged as they had been that day. Some brethren thought he was very well paid by his salary for what he did. However, he would endeavour to make up for it by working harder in the future. (Cheers.)

A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding closed the proceedings.

"OLD MASONIANS."

The "Old Masonians" Athletic Clubs held their third annual Bohemian concert on Wednesday evening, the 11th instant, in the Pillar Hall, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. Bro. Edward Letchworth, G. Secretary, presided, supported by Bros. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; James Speller, Harry Tipper, R. Harold Williams, and R. S. Chandler; whilst the room was well filled with Old Boys and their friends.

A capital programme was arranged by Messrs. R. H. McLeod and W. Barber (Hon. Secretaries), when the following artistes appeared: Miss Lillie Petrie (soprano) delighted everyone with her sweet singing of "Beloved, it is morn," and "Spring is here," for which she gained encores; also Miss Bijou Sault was heard to advantage in "Queen of the Roses," and "The Green Isle of Erin." Bro. Harry Tipper's rendering of the "Dear Homeland" on the bells was a very pleasing turn, and called for a well-deserved encore. Bro. Patrick O'Doherty (an "Old Masonian" favourite) sang the "Deathless Army" and "Bjorn the Viking," whilst Mr. Martin Cave (tenor) sang "Beloved again" and "My Sweetheart when a Boy," the latter song receiving an encore. The humorous section of the programme was in the hands of a trio of popular favourites—Bro. Harry Hall, with "I'm the Plumber" and "Two Sweethearts"; Bro. Harry Hawkes, with "Fairy Tales" and "It pleased the Children so"; and Bro. George Schneider, with "A modern Coon Song," "The Ladies' Penny Paper," and "My friend Nicholas," all meeting with an enthusiastic reception.

Mr. Ernest C. Cherry gave one of the most enjoyable turns of the evening—his clever impersonations of popular characters from the works of the late Charles Dickens. Mr. Frank Grant, F.R.C.O. (accompanist at the Alexandra Palace concerts), presided at the piano.

Before the company separated Bro. R. S. CHANDLER (Treasurer of the O.M. Association) thanked Bro. Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., for coming and presiding over them on this occasion, for he knew full well the kindly interest Bro. Letchworth had with all associations of the Old Boys.

The CHAIRMAN replying, said it was a source of great pleasure for him to come amongst the Old Masonians, and wished the athletic clubs every possible success.

After a hearty vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretaries for the very able manner in which they had carried out such an enjoyable evening, the company separated.

During the evening Bro. Letchworth had pleasure in presenting the prizes to Messrs. M. B. Lumsden and H. J. Lillywhite for batting and bowling during the past season.

The two Secretaries are to be congratulated on the success of the whole evening. These re-unions of the past scholars of our School are having an excellent result in keeping together the boys after leaving Wood-green and building up a body of Old Masonians that in future years may be of no small service in helping to maintain the grand Institution in which they spent their early years. On the 10th prox. a concert will be given by the Old Boys at Anderton's Hotel in aid of their Benevolent Fund, when the chair will be occupied by their President, Bro. John Strachan, Q.C., Grand Registrar.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Henry Matthews, President of the Board, occupied the President's chair, and the Senior Vice-President, Bro. D. D. Mercer, and the Junior Vice-President, Bro. Henry Garrod, were in their respective positions. Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; W. Lake, Asst. G.S.; W. Dodd, G. S. Recknell, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler, represented the Grand Secretary's department, and there were also present:

Bros. E. W. Nightingale, W. Fisher, J. Boulton, George Graveley, F. W. Hancock, Maj. T. C. Walls, C. J. Tjou, W. Kipps, C. Pulman, Walter Martin, S. H. Goldschmidt, W. H. Caton, John Ellinger, W. Wills, Charles Henry Stone, Henry Neville, James Strong, Henry A. Tobias, A. W. Duret, C. Clark, J. W. Burgess, John Oldis, Samuel Wright, H. Massey, J. Carey, William Pitt, George Millson, J. V. Vesey Fitzgerald, R. W. Ker, Frank Hitchens, G. W. Capel, W. Arnold, W. Athol Bray, A. McQueen, Henry Cutler, John J. Murphy, and W. S. Whitaker.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master that grants be made to six petitioners whose cases were before the meeting of December, 1898, to the extent of £200. The new list contained 23 cases, which were qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Stockton, Trinidad, Ripley, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Ryde, Isle of Wight, High Barnet, Sunderland, Mandalay, Hedden Bridge, Gravesend, Ilminster, and Walton-on-the-Naze. Of these, three were dismissed, one was deferred and one withdrawn. The remainder were voted £460. One was recommended to Grand Lodge for £75; two were recommended to the Grand Master for £40 each; and five for £30 each. Six petitioners were granted £20 each; three £10 each; and one received £5.

Craft Masonry.

Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130.

The festival of St. John was celebrated by the brethren of the above lodge at the Masonic Hall, Albert-place, Southampton, on the 12th instant, when Bro. R. R. Linthorne, P.M. 324, was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The Masters and Past Masters present included Bros. Harris, W.M. 76; Capt. Berry, W.M. 359; F. Fairweather, W.M. 394; S. Cooksey, W.M. 1112; R. W. Rider, W.M. 1461; G. Ward, W.M. 1883; Drysdall, W.M. 1780; C. J. Sharp, W.M., J. Cole, C. W. A. Jellicoe, G. J. Tilling, R. W. Lees, J. F. Osborne, Bernard Harfield, R. Broughton-Smith, C. T. Penny, and A. J. Leach, 130; J. Griffiths, 359; H. Lashmore and F. A. Dunsford, 394.

The installation ceremony was ably conducted by the retiring W.M., Bro. C. J. Sharp. The following officers were appointed: Bros. C. J. Sharp, I.P.M. and Org.; T. A. Cleveland, S.W.; A. J. V. Bagshaw, J.W.; G. J. Tilling, P.M., P.J.G.D. Eng., Treas.; J. Cole, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Sec.; J. Brierley, S.D.; A. A. Burnett, J.D.; R. Broughton Smith, P.M., D. of C.; J. E. Dawe, I.G.; C. A. Emanuel and E. Alston, Stwds.; and W. Vane, Tyler. Votes of thanks to the retiring W.M. for his services during the past year and on that day as Installing Master were accorded on the proposition of the W.M., and it was further ordered that a Past Master's jewel be presented him from the lodge funds. Bro. Sharp suitably acknowledged these compliments. Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

The installation banquet was served by Bro. Biggs, under the supervision of the D. of C., Bro. Broughton Smith. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and the usual round of loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through.

Domatic Lodge, No. 177

The annual installation meeting of this old lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel on the 13th inst., Bro. W. J. Ferguson, P.M., W.M., presiding. There were also present Bros. W. Hanes, S.W. and W.M. elect; George Everett, P.M., P.G.T., Treas.; J. S. Smith, S.D.; P. J. Wallis, J.D.; R. B. Hopkins, Org.; F. J. Newell, I.G.; T. C. Edmonds, P.M., Tyler; T. W. Morris, I.P.M.; Henry Price, P.M.; Thomas H. Hobbs, P.M.; A. Skinner, P.M.; Edward White, P.M.; A. Piper, P.M.; J. E. Walford, P.M.; and R. Pierpont, P.M. There were also numerous lay members of the lodge present. The list of visitors included the names of Bros. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; Frank Tadman, W.M. 2030; William Hill, 2030; Henry Hollier, W.M. 2192; T. B. Roberts, W.M. 55; A. B. Butt, J.W. 753; H. Sclayer, W.M. 820; John Smith, W.M. 1425; James Edge, S.W. 1638; R. W. Pembroke, 1155; P. Walshe Dunn, 901; W. Beckett, 1602; G. Sage, 1602; J. J. Dixon, P.M. 1415; T. Burdell, P.M. 1889; J. Davis, 865; J. B. Galloway, P.M. 1598; H. Ansell, P.M. 1305; H. Hill, P.M. 1305; B. Robirson, 15; G. Marchbank, 902; W. Sumner, 1585; W. T. Staden, 311; E. J. Clarke, 1681; W. G. Wilkinson, P.M. 1288; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928. The W.M. raised Bro. Davis, of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 865, to the Third Degree, and afterwards installed Bro. W. Hanes as W.M. Bro. Ferguson was invested as I.P.M., and the following brethren were invested as the W.M.'s officers for the year: Bros. J. Anley, jun., S.W.; T. S. Smith, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., P.G.T., Treas.; Harry Nelson Price, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; P. S. Wallis, S.D.; F. G. Newell, J.D.; J. M. Butler, I.G.; R. B. Hopkins, Org.; J. Blades, D.C.; R. J. M. Manlove, A.D.C.; J. W. Sydney, and F. W. Archer, Stwds.; and T. C. Edmonds, P.M., Tyler. The new W.M., after the ceremony of installation had been completed, initiated Mr. Alexander John McGow into Freemasonry, and before the lodge was closed Bro. George Everett, Treas., proposed, for the 20th year in succession, the gift of 25 guineas to one of the three Masonic Institutions, choosing this year the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, for the festival of which, on February 22, the W.M. was going to stand as Steward. The motion was seconded by Bro. Ferguson, I.P.M., and carried unanimously.

After some other business had been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

At the close of the banquet, the customary toasts were proposed, and a musical entertainment was given between the speeches by Bros. T. S. Smith, G. Johnson, F. J. Newell, R. B. Hopkins, J. W. Sydney, Bowyer, and Frank Archer.

Bro. Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas., responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said, in reference to the Earl of Lathom, that there was no more popular brother in the whole of the Craft; but only those who had occasion to be brought in contact with him knew what a very genial soul he was, and how thoroughly he had Freemasonry at heart. All the Craft regretted his loss. Earl Amherst, who had been appointed in his place, as Provincial Grand Master for Kent, was much beloved in his province, and very popular throughout the Craft; his appointment was received with general satisfaction. The vacancy caused by his lordship's promotion was filled by the Earl of Warwick, who was much beloved in his Province of Essex. No doubt Freemasonry was the greatest Brotherhood the world had ever known, and while it had such men at its head there need be no fear about its going on and prospering.

Bro. W. J. Ferguson, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that, from what they had seen of Bro. Hanes, they believed they would have in him in his office an exceedingly popular and well-read exponent of the ceremonies of Freemasonry. The able way in which he invested his officers and initiated the candidate was sufficient evidence that the old traditions of the Domatic Lodge had not fallen away. Bro. Hanes was a good Mason; he supported the Institutions; he knew the ritual, and was acquainted with everything in Masonry; and he would take care to carry out his Master-ship on all those lines.

Bro. Hanes, W.M., in reply, said he certainly felt himself in a very proud position; it was a position that any brother might be proud of; it was a position he never thought he should have held. Sixteen years ago that very night he was raised in this lodge. As the brethren had been pleased to place him in the honourable position of W.M. he should use his best endeavours to merit the confidence they had reposed in him, and keep up the prestige of the old Domatic Lodge.

Bro. Hanes, W.M., next proposed "The Masonic Charities," and said it was the duty of every Freemason to render these Institutions all the assistance that lay in his power. Last year the Boys' School beat the record in the amount it obtained at its Centenary Festival. The other Masonic Charities suffered in consequence. This year he was going up as Steward to represent the old Domatic Lodge at the Festival to celebrate the 57th anniversary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for the Aged. The lodge, with its usual liberality, had voted 25 guineas, and he would add a like sum. (Applause.) Several other brethren had promised to contribute to his list. (Cheers.)

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., acknowledged the toast, and said the enthusiasm with which it had been received showed that very few words were required from him to recommend the toast to the members of the Domatic Lodge, because they had heard from their Treasurer that for the last 25 years 25 guineas a year had been subscribed out of the lodge funds to one of the three Masonic Charities in turn. That was a record. They had heard from the W.M. that he would supplement that vote by a similar sum. When they could get a lodge and one member of it to start a list with 50 guineas, what could he ask but that the members should support their Master. The W.M. of last year stood for the Boys' School, as it was that Institution's turn, and £144,000 was realised. During that time the Girls and the Old People were being entirely placed on one side. It was a popular thing to support the Boys, and there were very few crumbs from the rich man's table to fall to the other Institutions, and with respect to the Benevolent Institution although it could pay the annuities in March and June, "the cupboard was bare" when the September annuity was due, and an advance from the bankers had to be got, a thing which had never occurred for 57 years. He hoped it would never occur again, but unless they had a great success next year it must occur. They could not put on new candidates. There were 120 candidates for next election, 50 males, and 70 widows, and only 12 vacancies in each class, so that 102 must go away unsuccessful. In this year, 1899, never mind what they had done before, let the brethren enlarge their subscriptions. Large as had been their subscriptions to the Boys' School, put that aside, that was a page of past history; turn over a new leaf, and commence to make their subscriptions on behalf of the Old People. But don't forget the Girls. Boys and Girls must be educated. Many rich people would adopt a boy or girl, but with the old people it was exactly the reverse, no one adopted old people, who, as they advanced in life, were less and less able to take care of themselves. Bro. Terry then made a strong appeal for the Institution which he represented.

The initiate and several visitors having responded to their respective toasts, Bro. Ferguson, I.P.M., replied to the toast of "The Installing Master and Past Masters," and said the Past Masters were always ready to put anything right if there was any hitch in the work of the lodge; they were very anxious for the welfare of the lodge, and to forward the lodge's best interests. All the Past Masters of the Domestic Lodge were so acting. He had had very great pleasure in installing the W.M. that evening, because he knew that under Bro. Hanes's rule the lodge would be carried on with satisfaction to the brethren and credit to the W.M.

Bro. Hobbs, P.M., also replied.

Bro. George Everett, P.M., Treas., replying to his share of the toast "The Treasurer and the Secretary," said he should content himself in observing that he thanked the brethren very much indeed. He hoped the W.M. would have a happy and prosperous year. He was sure the lodge would go on and prosper as it had for many years.

Bro. Price, P.M., Sec., acknowledged the toast on behalf of himself, remarking that although the duties of Secretary of such a lodge were very arduous, he was happy to take the office on for the sake of the old Domestic Lodge.

Bro. Hanes, W.M., announced that Bro. Price, P.M., Sec., had been round the table with the list for the old people, and had received promises for nearly £90. He hoped some brethren would yet make it up to £100.

Bro. Terry said he had just been up to the Old Masonians, who were holding a meeting upstairs, and although they had sent up £246 to the Girls' School in 1898, had made up £90 for the Old People this year.

The remaining toasts were afterwards given.

Harmony Lodge, No. 372.

The annual meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Budleigh Salterton, on the 11th inst., when Bro. W. T. Pidsley was installed as W.M. by Bro. G. F. Blight. The W.M. invested as his officers: Bros. S. Waring, I.P.M.; T. Andrews, S.W.; G. Merrick, J.W.; J. C. Palmer, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Chap.; F. G. Cowd, P.M., Treas.; W. W. Sellek, Sec.; W. Williams, S.D.; H. Atkins, J.D.; J. Marks, I.G.; A. R. Seabright, D. of C.; E. C. Liley, Asst. D. of C.; T. H. Griffin, Org.; W. G. Bolt and W. Holman, Stwds.; and G. B. Marker, Tyler. The Board of Installed Masters comprised Bros. S. Waring, J. C. Palmer, W. Pidsley, J. Sargent, F. G. Cowd, C. Leyman, W. Please, G. Bennett, J. Margrie, H. Passmore, G. F. Blight, A. W. Pidsley, J. Littlejohn, W. Britton, H. C. Perriam, G. Couche, J. W. Trump, T. H. Griffin, J. Foster, and F. Hayne.

Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 732.

The annual installation meeting of the brethren of the above lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 12th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. Bennett, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd., and there was a large attendance of members of the lodge and of brethren of other lodges in the province. The chief business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. H. G. Burghope as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. Bennett. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Bennett, Prov. G. Stwd., I.P.M.; H. Manwaring, S.W.; John S. Lee, J.W.; W. Botting, P.M., P.P.G. S.W., Treas.; J. Colbourne, Sec.; C. H. West, P.M. 2187, P.P.G.S.B., S.D.; C. M. Perkins, J.D.; F. J. Bevis, P.M., D. of C.; F. Clements, Org.; G. Biddle, I.G.; C. Nye, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., and J. H. Smith, P.M., Stwds. Bro. J. M. Reed, P.M., was re-elected Charity Steward. On behalf of the brethren of the lodge, the W.M. presented Bro. W. Bennett, P.M., with a Past Master's gold jewel, in appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year.

On the termination of the lodge business, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet, supplied by Messrs. Booth and Son, of East-street. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. H. G. Burghope, presided, and was supported by the Past Masters and several officers of the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge.

The customary loyal toasts were duly honoured.

The W.M. submitted "The Queen and the Craft" and "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales."

The W.M. then gave "The Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," to which Bro. Alfred King, Mus. Doc., G. Org., responded.

Bro. F. J. Bevis proposed "The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught; the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. F. Marriott, O.C., Past Grand Deacon; and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

Bros. B. Burfield, M. Williams, and the Prov. G. Secretary replied.

In submitting the toast of the evening—"The W.M."—the I.P.M., Bro. W. Bennett, Prov. G. Stwd., congratulated Bro. H. G. Burghope upon his high position in the lodge, and the brethren of the lodge upon having such a worthy W.M. He said they all knew Bro. Burghope as an excellent Mason, and were all well acquainted with the thoroughly admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of the offices with which he had already been entrusted. (Applause.) Two years ago Bro. Burghope was fully equal to the work of W.M., and he regarded him as one who was able and willing to carry out the duties of his high office. (Applause.) He heartily wished him happiness and prosperity during the year he occupied the chair, and assured him he could confidently rely upon the assistance of the Past Masters of the lodge. He was convinced their W.M. was one who would faithfully and zealously promote the high principles of Freemasonry.

The W.M., on rising to respond, was received with enthusiastic and prolonged applause. Looking back upon his comparatively short career—eight years—as a Freemason, he said it was difficult for him to realise the great responsibilities of the high office which had been conferred upon him, and he naturally felt some trepidation in endeavouring to follow in the footsteps of the excellent Worshipful Masters who had hitherto been honoured with the confidence of the brethren of the lodge. He had, however put his hand to the plough, and did not intend to look back. (Applause.) He was strong in resolve to do his best for Freemasonry in general, and to promote the interests of the Royal Brunswick Lodge. He was convinced he would receive the support and advice of the Past Masters, and the hearty good feeling of every member of the lodge. With health and strength granted him, he would do his utmost to emulate the examples of the eminent Worshipful Masters who had preceded him, and to hand down the traditions of the lodge to his successor as pure and unsullied as he had received them. (Applause.)

Bro. Horton Ledger, P.M., gave "The W.Ms. of Lodges in the Province," to which Bros. Noble Edwards, Cecil Somers Clarke, and Ernest Cox responded.

"The Visitors," proposed by the W.M., received replies from Bros. P. Alliston and Sharman.

The W.M. also submitted "The Past Masters and Officers, Present and Past, of the Lodge," which Bros. W. Bennett, I.P.M.; H. Manwaring, S.W.; J. Colbourne, Sec.; and J. H. Smith, P.M., Stwd. acknowledged.

The Tyler's toast completed the proceedings.

During the evening a pleasing programme of music was sustained, under the direction of Bro. F. Clements (organist of the lodge), by Miss Maud Bond, Miss Alice Holman, Miss Maud Poole, Bros. O. Tristram, F. Clements, and W. F. Booth (vocalists), and Mr. Stanley Crook (violinist). Bro. E. A. Wallis also contributed the flute obligato to one of Miss Maud Bond's songs, and the duties of accompanist were in the able hands of Bro. W. N. Roe, P.P.G.O.

Shirley Lodge, No. 1112.

The brethren of the above lodge met in considerable numbers at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton, on the 11th inst., on the occasion of the installation into the chair of the lodge of Bro. Septimus Cooksey, the J.W. of the past year. The visitors included Bros. Le Feuvre, P.G.D. Eng.; Capt. Giles, R.N., Prov. G. Sec.; C. J. Sharp, W.M. 130; Capt. Berry, W.M. 359; F. Fairweather, W.M. 394; R. Way Rider, W.M. 1461; Drysdall, W.M. 1780; and H. Lashmore, P.M. 394, P.P.S.G.D.; and these constituted the Board of Installed Masters in connection with Bros. Swayne, W.M., W. F. Mayoss, G. Greenslade, W. Pearce, Bernard Harfield, P.P.J.G.W., R. C. W. Dixon, P.P.S.G.D., and Fletcher, all of the lodge.

The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. R. C. W. Dixon, and the new W.M. invested the following as officers for the year: Bros. S. S. Swayne, I.P.M.; C. H. Simpson, S.W.; A. E. Hodson, J.W.; G. Greenslade, P.M., Treas.; R. C. W. Dixon, P.M., S.D. 784, P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; G. Guy Wilkinson, B.A., J.D.; Rev. J. H. D. Creighton, 611, Chap.; W. Pearce, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Dyer, I.G.; J. H. Hayes Marshall and W. G. Greenslade, Stewards; and W. Vane, Tyler. The after proceedings included votes of thanks to the I.P.M. for his services to the lodge during the past year and the installing Master.

The installation banquet was served in excellent style by Bro. Biggs. The W.M. presided, and in the speeches made by the visiting brethren and others, many hearty good wishes were tendered him for a happy and successful year of office. Bro. E. T. Cooksey, an elder brother of the W.M., and a Prov. Grand Officer of Sussex, sent a telegram regretting that he was unable to attend through indisposition.

Bloomsbury Rifles Lodge, No. 2362.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the headquarters, Chenies-street, W.C., on Wednesday, the 11th inst. Present: Bros. Quarter-Master-Sergt. John L. Miller, W.M.; Sergt. Geo. Walter Barter, S.W., W.M. elect; C. E. Gilbert, J.W.; Surg. Lt.-Col. H. R. Myers, P.M., Treas.; Geo. J. Crow, Sec.; G. C. Chandler, S.D.; A. M. Marshall, J.D.; Chas. E. Cowtan, Org.; G. Stevenson, I.G.; Geo. Groome, Stwd.; J. W. Mogford, I.P.M.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; W. O. Weisford, P.M.; Geo. Grimes, P.M.; Harry Sellis, P.M.; Capt. Claud Scott, P.M.; Lieut. Matthew H. Hale, P.M.; Geo. D. Mogford, P.M.; T. Ingram, Tyler; J. W. Harris, G. H. Bodley, C. W. Patten, R. Laurie, E. E. Milner, A. MacGregor, J. S. Wilson, J. Greenfield, L. T. Healy, W. E. Pryor, Maj. W. J. Hardcastle, second in command; H. Fowler, H. J. Hagon, H. Milner, F. J. Baker, Geo. James, Geo. John Gibbs, and Harry Gray. Visitors: Bros. W. May Fielding, 1949; T. Hall, 1295; W. J. Hellyer, P.M. 2099; R. J. Rogers, P.M. 733; C. E. Lilly, J.W. 733; T. King, W.M. 215; Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; W. Woodburns, S.W. 215; W. Woodhouse, S.W. 497; E. G. Butcher, 733; G. Weaver, S.W. 733; T. Barrow, 1425; J. B. Harpham, J.D. 753; John Handley, 475; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543; A. A. Carter, 1601; H. Wardle, 2264; M. J. Bradley, P.M. 958; Joseph Hume, J.W. 2321; W. Collins, P.M. 497; R. Ballinger, S.D. 1687; W. D. Meffan, 1559; A. White, 1331; Geo. Andrews, 2021; J. Z. Greenfield, S.D. 2455; and H. J. Thomas, P.M. 753.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. elect, Bro. Geo. Walter Barter, S.W., was presented by the I.P.M., Bro. T. W. Mogford, to the installing Master, the W.M., who performed the installation ceremony in an efficient and impressive manner. The W.M. elect was installed, and then proceeded to invest Bro. J. L. Miller as I.P.M. The installed Masters present saluted the W.M., and the board was then closed. The brethren were re-admitted, and saluted the W.M. in the Three Degrees, under the able guidance of the D. of C., Bro. Geo. Grimes, P.M. The investiture of officers then took place as follows: Bros. C. E. Gilbert, S.W.; Geo. Jackson Crow, J.W.; Surgeon Lieut.-Col. H. R. Myers, P.M., Treas.; J. L. Miller, I.P.M., Sec.; Geo. C. Chandler, S.D.; Albert M. Marshall, J.D.; Geo. Stevenson, I.G.; Geo. E. Grimes, P.M., D. of C.; Chas. E. Cowtan, Org.; F. V. Bradford and J. S. Wilson, Stwds.; and T. Ingram, P.M., Tyler. The charge to his officers was given by the W.M. in an admirable manner. The installing Master gave the three addresses with an impressive dignity, which won universal approbation. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. G. F. Gibbs and Geo. E. James, and on it proving favourable in each case, the candidates were initiated by the W.M. The correspondence was read by the acting Secretary, after which the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the Drill Hall, where a well-provided banquet was laid out.

The usual toasts were given.

"The Queen and the Craft" was followed by "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales."

"The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl Amherst; the R.W. Deputy G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been proposed,

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.G. Std. Br., replied on behalf of the Grand Officers. He alluded to the late Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and to the great loss the Craft had sustained by his death. He traced the early career of the lodge—now only eight years old—and said it had been very prosperous. He alluded to the character of the W.M., his quiet energy, and said he felt assuredly good fortune would attend the lodge whilst under his wise rule.

The I.P.M., in glowing terms, gave "The Health of the W.M."

The W.M. responded. He related his first impressions of Freemasonry, how they had widened and strengthened up to the present eventful period. He heartily thanked the brethren for the warm reception they had accorded him, and assured the lodge he would amply fulfil the duties of his high office.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The Initiates, Bros. G. F. Gibbs and G. E. James," and, speaking of his personal knowledge of them, he said he felt sure that they would be better men since they had become Masons, and he trusted they would live up to their new Masonic life.

The initiates replied.

Bro. Gibbs, in a humorous speech, spoke of his future aspirations.

Bro. James said he was a man of few words and he had little to say, which he proved by the paucity of his remarks.

"The Installing Master and Past Masters," the W.M. coupled with this toast the I.P.M., and Past Masters Scott, Grimes, Hale, G. D. Mogford, and T. W. Mogford. He took the opportunity of presenting to the I.P.M. the Past Master's jewel voted to him by the lodge for his valuable services during the past year, saying it was a great gratification to bestow so well-merited a reward.

I.P.M. thanked the lodge for their handsome gift which he would ever gratefully prize.

The Past Masters also spoke.

Bro. Capt. Claud Scott (father of the lodge) spoke of his initiate and pupil, the present W.M.

Bro. Lieut. M. H. Hale alluded to members who had previously retired meeting again in Masonry and were extremely pleased to rejoin their former comrades.

Bro. Grimes, as one of the founders, pointed out how the original seven members had developed into a flourishing lodge.

Bros. G. D. and T. W. Mogford also responded; the latter stating the fact that during the eight years' existence of the lodge, £400 had been given to Masonic Charities.

"The Visitors" was next proposed, the W.M. extending to them a hearty welcome. He said that Bro. Quarter-Master White had risen from the ranks, that he was well known for his valiant deeds at Omdurman, Surgeon-Major Shannon, of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, also Hillyer, P.M.

Bros. White and Shannon replied.

Bro. Hillyer said his only connection with the military was the fact that he was once a "child in arms."

In proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said the lodge valued their services, he also hoped that the other officers would loyally support him.

Bro. Miller replied on behalf of the Treasurer and Secretary, and the S.W. for "The Officers."

The Tyler's toast concluded the evening.

Rahere Lodge, No. 2546.

An ordinary meeting was held at Frascati's Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., on the 10th instant. Bro. Burns, W.M., occupied the chair. Messrs. F. H. Lewis, W. W. Kennedy, and T. Hood were initiated, and Bro. J. A. Rigge was elected a joining member. Bro. Dr. Roberts was passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Coventon, Griffiths, and Gay were raised to the Third Degree. A sum of 20 guineas was voted in aid of the Royal Medical Benevolent College, Epsom, and one guinea was given to the Home for the Dying.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren and their guests afterwards dined together.

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Masonic Notes.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1899.

The Quarterly Courts of the Governors and Subscribers of our two Scholastic Institutions were held on Thursday and Friday of last week, but about the only business of importance that was transacted was the approval of the lists of candidates, and the declaration of the vacancies to be filled at the April elections. At the Girls' School Court on Thursday a list of 36 candidates was approved and the number of vacancies was

fixed at 16. At the Boys' School Court, on Friday, the 13th instant, the list of candidates was settled at 37 and the number of vacancies at 23. The elections at which these vacancies will be filled up, will take place, in the case of the Girls' School, on Thursday, the 13th, and in that of the Boys' School on Friday, the 14th April next. It should be added that at the Boys' School Court the question of the Secretary's honorarium was finally disposed of by the confirmation of the minutes of the Quarterly Court held on the 14th October, 1898, when the honorarium was voted almost unanimously.

The other business at the Boys' School Court included the presentation of illuminated addresses to Bros. Stanley J. Attenborough, A. C. Spaul, and J. M. McLeod (the Secretary), in recognition of the valuable services they severally rendered to the Institution in connection with its Centenary Festival. Bro. Eve also gave such particulars as were possible in respect of the progress that was being made in preparing for the erection of the new premises at Bushey.

We are glad to hear that further, if not very rapid progress is being made in organising the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. There are already about 270 or 280 ladies and brethren who have volunteered their services, and we are not without hope that the Board will ultimately be of about the same strength as that of 1897, when H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Past G.M., Prov. G. Master of Sussex, was graciously pleased to preside as Chairman.

We regret that in our Note on the annual meeting of the Earl of Clarendon Lodge, No. 1984, Watford, which was held on Monday, the 9th instant, we should have placed Bro. the Rev. O. C. Cockrem, D.D., Past Prov. Grand Chaplain, in the chair at the supper which followed the proceedings in lodge, instead of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P. We understood that the latter was suffering from severe hoarseness, and we are glad to know that it was not severe enough to prevent him occupying his accustomed place on such an occasion.

The greatest sympathy will be felt with Bro. the Earl of Lathom and the other members of his family in the further bereavement which has overtaken them by the death of the Lady Edith Wilbraham, the youngest daughter of the late Earl of Lathom, Pro G. Master, and sister of the present earl. This makes the third death that has occurred in the family within the last 14 months, the first being that of the Countess of Lathom towards the close of 1897, and the second that of the late Earl on the 19th November last. The deceased lady was in her 30th year, having been born in 1869.

We understand that Bro. R. F. Gould has now so far neared the completion of his interesting work, "Military Lodges," which gives an account of lodges in regiments and ships of war, together with biographies of military and naval brethren, and anecdotes showing the influence of Masonry in warfare, that copies will be issued to subscribers by the publishers (Messrs. Gale and Polden, 2, Amen-corner, Paternoster-row, E.C.) during the current quarter.

Bro. W. F. Lamonby's letter, which we had the pleasure of publishing last week, removes the doubts we had at the time we penned our Note of the 7th instant, as to the position he has been appointed to fill in behalf of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand. It appears that the "Colonial candidates," to promote whose interests he has been delegated to act as proxy for the District Grand Lodge, are candidates from Australasia for our Charitable Institutions. Our idea was entirely different, and, as it turns out, an erroneous one.

We refer in our first article to the resolution adopted in respect of the Grand Lodge of Washington and its recognition of the coloured Grand Lodges by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at its annual communication on the 27th ult. But though this was undoubtedly the most important of the subjects that were dealt with at the meeting, there are other matters to which it is well worth our while to draw attention. Thus, Bro. William J. Kelly, before vacating the chair of Grand Master, delivered the customary address, from which we gather that during the two years of that brother's presidency over Grand Lodge, the Craft has greatly prospered.

During the past year the number of subscribing members of lodges increased from 52,043 on the 27th December, 1897, to about 53,100 on the corresponding date in 1898. Again, on the 27th December, 1896, the G. Lodge debt stood at 411,800 dollars, whereas on the day of his retirement from office it was 258,150 dollars, the decrease during the two years being no less than 153,650 dollars. Four new lodges were constituted in 1898. Nine corner-stones of public or other buildings were laid either by Bro. Kelly in person or by District Deputy Grand Masters acting by dispensation from him, the most important of the nine being the corner-stone of the new capitol at Harrisburg, which Bro. Kelly himself laid on the 10th August, the gavel used on the occasion being the same that was used in laying the first stone of the Masonic Hall in Philadelphia and by General George Washington, when he laid the first stone of the capitol at Washington, D.C., on the 18th September, 1793.

Bro. Kelly also renewed his recommendation that appropriations to the Grand Lodge Charity Fund amounting to at least 5000 dollars should be made annually until a total of 100,000 dollars had been reached, and announced that the Stephen Taylor bequest had become effective, and thus another fund for the alleviation of distress had been established. He also strongly recommended the Home to the generous support of the lodges and brethren throughout the State, and expressed the hope that as the years rolled on it might become increasingly useful. On the whole, the picture he drew of Masonry in Pennsylvania at the present time was most encouraging, and we congratulate the brethren in that State on the condition of prosperity to which their Craft has attained.

The *Voice of Masonry* for November last contains the announcement of the death, on the 5th October, of Bro. John B. Frizzell, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, the eldest son of Brother John Frizzell, whom he had assisted in his Masonic duties, and to whom he was elected successor in the office of G. Secretary.

According to the same authority we learn that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky has subscribed 10,000 dollars to the Masons' Home and Infirmary in that State, payable at the rate of 1000 dollars per annum and that the Grand Chapter has followed suit by subscribing 1000 dollars to the same institution, payable at the rate of 200 dollars per annum. These contributions raise the total of the Fund to upwards of 51,000 dollars.

It appears to us that the number of American Grand Chapters, whose proceedings are reviewed in the November number of the *Voice* is greater than usual, but whether this be so or not, we notice with pleasure that the particulars furnished in each case are of a satisfactory character. Thus, the Grand Chapter of Ohio, which held its 82nd annual convocation in September last, has 149 chapters with an aggregate membership of over 15,000, or more by nearly 500 than in the previous year. The Grand Chapter of Connecticut, which celebrated its centenary in May of last year, has 39 chapters and 5741 members, the latter showing an increase for the year of 220. The Grand Chapter of Indian Territory, though it has only been nine years in existence, already musters 24 chapters and 781 members, the increase for the year in the latter being 40. The Grand Chapter of Maine has 55 chapters and 6205 members, the latter showing an increase of 181. The Grand Chapter of Illinois with 182 chapters has a muster-roll of 16,768, or slightly more than at the corresponding date in 1897. Such returns as these speak well for the estimation in which the Royal Arch is held in the United States.

Almost the same may be said of the Order of Royal and Select Masters. The G. Council of Illinois numbers 60 chapters and 2795 members, the increase for the year being small. The G. Council of New York has 28 chapters and 4066 members—the increase during the year being one. In Indiana there are 49 chapters and 2658 members, and the Washington G. Council, which held its third annual meeting in June last, has six councils and 225 members. Here, though the increases are necessarily on a smaller scale, the reports are invariably favourable.

THE EARL AND COUNTESS HOWE, accompanied by Viscount Curzon, M.P., and Lady Georgiana Curzon, have left town for Gopsal Hall, Leicestershire.

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.

MASONIC IMPOSTORS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Having read in your issue of the 14th inst., the letter of the Prov. G. Sec. East Lancashire, under the above heading, and knowing that such impostures, as he refers to, are by no means unfrequent, I seek the medium of your journal to inform my brother Masons generally, and Bro. Letchworth especially, that they can easily safeguard themselves against such attempts at robbing the lodges by appealing to their fraternal feelings.

I have devised a system which is impossible to fail in detecting all would-be-frauds, be they ever so ingenious, and should like to be favoured with a communication from Bro. Letchworth. In the event of his willingness to hear more of my proposals with the view of laying them before the proper authorities, a line in your valuable columns from him would greatly oblige,

A. S. L.

A JUBILEE MASTER'S JEWEL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I quite agree with the idea for a "Diamond Jubilee Master's Jewel," as suggested by W. Bro. Purton.—Yours fraternally,

W.M. in 1897,
No. 120.

Reviews.

"SOME AUTOGRAPHS, MANUSCRIPTS, BOOKS—A SUN DIAL AND AN OLD PRINTING PRESS."—This is the heading to a most artistic and interesting Catalogue, published by Messrs. J. and M. L. Tregaskis, 232, High Holborn, W.C. Copies of this issue may be had, *post free*, by application, so long as the limited edition lasts. There is also a *large paper* edition, of value, but the text is the same as the ordinary Catalogue, the pages of which are brimful of old, curious, and valuable Books and MSS.—some remarkable as to their bindings, and all artistic souvenirs of the past—the prices affixed being generally reasonable for such rarities. There are two items on Freemasonry, No. 335 being "a Magnificent Collection of Masonic Portraits, Summonses, Coloured Engravings, Badges," &c., of the last and present centuries. The whole "get up" of the Catalogue is most creditable to all concerned; the contents are much beyond the usual, and copies will increase in value ere long.

"MASONIC CALENDAR, MARK GRAND LODGE, 1899."—This very useful, compact, and carefully Edited Annual is now in its 14th year, and was never better arranged or in a more handy form than the present issue. The Editor is the indefatigable Mark Grand Secretary, Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, who has all such matters at "his fingers' ends." The particulars are varied, and cover all that could be reasonably expected, and even more, concerning Mark Masonry, from the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1856 down to 1898 inclusive. The valuable Charities are also duly described and detailed. There are now six Male and 8 Female Annuitants in that Branch, and eight Boys and three Girls in the Educational Division, the whole receipts for which, be it remembered, go direct to these objects, save the necessary expenses for Printing, &c. The Annual is most useful respecting the complete Roll of Grand Officers during the last 40 odd years, besides much other information, which make it indispensable for all Mark Master Masons.

ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

A numerously attended meeting of Bro. Alfred H. Bevan's Executive Committee was held to-day at Mark Masons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, F.S.A., when reports were presented of the support received in the provinces and in the metropolis, which gave the Committee the most cheering assurances of the wide-spread interest taken in the cause of the candidate, who, it will be remembered, is a member of the firm of Barclay, Perkins and Co., the eminent brewers.

Craft Masonry.

Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73.

The installation meeting was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on the 17th inst. There were present Bros. Francis E. Wrigley, W.M.; Morris Hart, I.P.M.; Frank Jennings, S.W.; W.M. elect; G. Free, P.M., Sec.; D. Fairmaner, S.D.; A. Booth, J.D.; A. J. Jeffery, I.G.; G. H. W. Grace, P.M., D.C.; D. Rose, P.M., Stwd.; A. G. Young, Tyler; C. Rayden, P.M.; H. Moore, P.M.; D. Rose, P.M.; J. W. Mash, P.M.; A. S. Wilks, P.M.; Wm. Klengenstein, P.M.; F. G. Spencer, P.M.; G. Muller, J.P.; T. Baker, J. H. Mills, H. L. Hart, G. C. Bidgood, George Hook, R. Kemp, R. Dennis, B. B. Joy, G. J. Griffiths, S. W. Frye, and Fredk. Russell. Visitors: Bros. J. Heppel, 1970, P.P.G.D.C.; Fredk. Sargent, 481; F. Dougall, 1708; Professor F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; Oscar Rose, P.M. 1597; J. M. Wimple, P.M. 1901; F. Page, P.M. 2102; J. Hands, 188; T. W. Fullelove, S.W. 1910; B. Faul, 1625; Thos. Totts, 1446; Thos. Till, 2579; Etherington Smith, 2482; Horace Reynolds, 2482; Chas. Strong, 2482; Thos. Powell, J.W. 2482; H. J. Lamtley, J.W. 60; W. J. H. Smith, Stwd. 2096; and R. G. Minton, W.M. 1708.

The lodge being opened by the W.M., the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The bye-laws having been read by the Secretary, a ballot was taken for Mr. Arthur Seymour Jennings, and it proved favourable. The W.M. announced the death of the wife of Bro. Dr. John Dixon, P.M., and it was resolved that a letter of condolence on behalf of the lodge should be sent to Bro. Dixon by the Secretary. The W.M. elect, Bro. Frank Jennings, S.W., was presented by Bro. Morris Hart, I.P.M., to the Installing Master, Bro. W. Klengenstein, P.M. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the W.M. elect was duly obligated as W.M. The W.M. invested Bro. F. E. Wrigley as I.P.M., and the other officers were invested as follows: Bros. D. Fairmaner, S.W.; A. Booth, J.W.; Dr. J. Dixon, P.M., Treas.; G. Free, P.M., Sec.; A. J. Jeffery, S.D.; G. H. W. Grace, P.M., I.G.; G. H. W. Grace, P.M., D.C.; David Rose, P.M., Steward; V. Edsall, Org.; and A. E. Young, Tyler (for the 20th time). The Installing Master gave the three addresses. Mr. A. S. Jennings was initiated by his brother, the W.M. A vote of thanks was tendered to the Installing Master, and the W.M. presented a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M.; Bro. Francis E. Wrigley, voted

to him by the lodge for the efficient discharge of his duties in the chair. The I.P.M. returned thanks.

After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a well served repast was prepared.

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

"The Queen and the Craft" was followed by "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales;" "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl Amherst; The R.W. Dep. G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The toast of "The W.M." was briefly and gracefully given by the I.P.M.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for their warm reception of the toast and said he intended to have a ladies' night.

"The I.P.M." was given by the W.M.

The I.P.M. replied.

In proposing "The Health of the Initiate," the W.M. spoke of his relationship to him and of his personal knowledge of his brother in an amusing facetious manner.

The initiate replied in a few words, but nevertheless to the point.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, to which Bros. Winton, Brown, Heppel, Wimple, and Page replied.

The W.M. then gave "The Past Masters," Bros. Klengenstein, Wilks, and Morris Hart, responding.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" having been toasted, "The Officers of the Lodge" was given, the S.W. and I.G. replying.

The Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable evening.

During the evening some capital songs, &c., were rendered by the Lyric Vocal Quartette (Bros. Powell, Strong, Smith, and Reynolds), Fred Stephens, A. S. Wilks, Griffs, Dutch Daly gave some amusing anecdotes, and a selection from Beethoven on the concertina.

Bedford Lodge, No. 157.

The installation meeting of this old lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Friday, the 13th inst. The incoming Master being a highly popular brother brought together no less than 18 Installed Masters besides other brethren to assist at this highly interesting ceremony. Among the visitors present were the following: Bros. L. F. Lodge, W.M. 2020; W. Wright, P.M. 1897; S. Meech, P.M. 2163, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Hiram Long, 79; W. Barry, W.M. 1507; J. Westerby, P.M. 1613; W. Stewart, 898; A. Wood, I.P.M. 1185; P. C. Walker, P.M. 2006; A. Warren, 1507; T. H. Maple, W.M. 1076; Chas. Reeve, 1816; W. Liddall, P.M. 1719; F. H. Harris, S.W. 1316; J. Ruddock, 1949; C. Botterill, 1348; J. B. Munday, 2398; A. G. Remuison, 1305; W. Marsden, Org. 971; H. W. Kemp, Org. 827; A. Farrant, 27; W. J. Collvill, 1125; W. J. Bennison, 173; W. J. Flack, 2006; Ambrose Jones, 2061; and G. J. Smith, 1719.

The lodge was fairly full at the opening, and the W.M., Bro. R. C. Cork, proceeded at once with the business on the agenda. Bros. Parker and Webster were passed to the Second Degree, and the ballot being unanimous in favour of Mr. J. W. Parker, he was initiated by the W.M. The W.M. read a letter from Bro. J. T. Briggs, P.M., Treasurer, resigning his position, on account of failing health. This was received with deep expressions of regret and sympathy. The lodge then proceeded to elect a fresh Treasurer; the votes on being counted being in favour of Bro. H. W. Dyne, P.M., who thanked the brethren, and promised to do his best for the interests of the lodge. Bro. Main, P.M., Sec., thought this a fitting opportunity to draw the attention of the brethren to the very valuable services which Bro. J. T. Briggs had rendered the lodge; first, he was the oldest member but one, having been initiated in it in 1870, was W.M. in 1874, and elected Treasurer in 1880, and he had continued in that position ever since; and he (the Secretary) was fully assured that, putting for a moment aside his illness, their dear old father, who was senior P.M., must have been painfully grieved to be unable to come and carry out his duties as he had previously—not having missed a meeting until last year during the whole of his service. The Secretary considered it a matter of high importance that an occasion like this should not be allowed to pass without some recognition of Bro. Briggs' devotion to the best interests of the lodge during all those long years, and proposed that the sum of 10 guineas be taken from the lodge funds to purchase an acceptable present to their late Treasurer. This was very ably seconded by Bro. C. J. Turner, P.M., who in a few well chosen words expressed his sorrow at the cause of absence of his old friend, and most cordially endorsed the sentiments expressed by the Secretary. The W.M., Bro. J. R. Hill, later on desired to add his testimony to the worth of Bro. J. T. Briggs, and having put the proposition to the lodge, it was carried by acclamation. The installation followed of the incoming W.M., Bro. Joseph R. Hill; Bro. H. W. Dyne, as D.C., duly presented him, and the Master having addressed the lodge, proceeded with the ceremony, which he carried out in a satisfactory manner, giving the addresses in a highly creditable way. The newly-installed Master then invested and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. Smith, S.W.; E. Cockerell, J.W.; H. W. Dyne, P.M., Treas.; J. C. Main, P.M., Sec.; S. Owers, S.D.; C. A. Dyne, J.D.; W. Jaques, I.G.; V. Larner, Stwd.; D. Weston, D.C.; and E. Mallett, Tyler.

The business of the lodge being ended, the members adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a substantial banquet was served.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards given, and received with their accustomed applause, the toasts being interspersed with music.

The visitors all desired to return thanks for the two great treats they had had—one inside and the other outside.

Bro. C. J. Turner, in response to the toast of "The Past Masters," mentioned that he had been a Mason 40 years, and a member of the lodge 20 years, and he desired to testify his appreciation of the revivification of the lodge, which was in a great measure due to the energy of the present Secretary, assisted by others, whose hearts were with the lodge.

The meeting broke up late, the majority regretting that more time was not permitted at the social board.

Brotherly Love Lodge, No. 329.

The annual Festival of St. John, in connection with the above lodge, was held at the Masonic Hall, Yeovil, on the 11th inst., when Bro. E. Q. Louch, P.M. 2038, was installed W.M. There was a large attendance of members, and several visiting brethren were present from Langport, Sherborne, and distant lodges. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. F. W. Gaylard, W.M., assisted by Bro. C. J. Hook, P.M. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. F. W. Gaylard, I.P.M.; J. H. Bull, S.W.; J. J. Brook, J.W.; H. F. Raymond, Chap.; L. Goodman, Treas.; T. Neal, Sec.; E. Wilson, S.D.; G. R. Allen, J.D.; C. J. Hook, D.C.; J. A. Milborne, P.M., Org.; H. W. Marillier, I.G.; F. Box, J. N. Johnson, N. Buchanan, Percy J. Kingston, Stwds.; and J. Edwards, Tyler. Before the lodge was dismissed the newly-elected W.M., on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented Bro. Gaylard, P.M., with a handsome Masonic jewel in recognition of the ability and zeal he displayed during the two successive years he held the office of W.M.

A banquet was afterwards held at the Choughs Hotel, to which about 40 members sat down. The catering of Bro. Box was of the usual first-class order.

Gosport Lodge, No. 903.

There was a large gathering of brethren at the India Arms Hotel, Gosport, on the 10th instant, to witness the installation for the ensuing year of Bro. S. M. Burch as W.M. of the above lodge. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. H. S. Duke, the retiring W.M., who was accorded a hearty vote of thanks and presented with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the able manner in which he had conducted his duties during the past year. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. S. Duke, I.P.M.; A. H. Dove, S.W.; E. P. Dash, J.W.; W. A. Rowe, P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; W. J. Jago, P.M., Sec.; E. H. Huxford, S.D.; J. Bond, J.D.; Sidney Smith, P.M., D.C.; James Maling, P.M., Org.; J. P. Gray, I.G.; P. Tostevin and Jesse F. Lee, Stewards; and G. Slimm, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren partook of a banquet, at which the usual toasts were given.

Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Edgar Goble, P.G.S.B. England, D.P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; W. Hawkesley, W.M. 257, P.P.G.C.; H. G. Giles, P.G.S.; G. G. Lancaster, P.A.G.S.; H. W. Smith-Parsons, P.P.G.D.; 1. Batchelor, P.P. G. Org.; H. Jago, S.W. 2074; H. Hawkins, W. G. Miller, and the W.Ms. and representatives of nearly all the neighbouring lodges.

Zetland Lodge, No. 561.

The jubilee of the above lodge was celebrated at the Masonic Hall, Guisborough, on the 12th instant. Bro. W. Richardson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., was installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. W. H. Cowper, P.P.G.W. The newly-elected W.M. invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. H. Handysides, P.M., I.P.M.; T. J. Woodcock, P.M., Dep. I.P.M.; T. Varty, P.M., S.W.; W. T. Harrison, P.M., J.W.; T. Scott, P.M., Treas.; R. Clarkson, P.M., Sec.; R. D. Clayton, P.M., S.D.; W. Bramley, P.M., J.D.; the Rev. T. T. Lee-Jones, Chap.; W. T. Newcombe, P.M., D. of C.; W. P. Robinson, P.M., Org.; W. Wilks, P.M., I.G.; F. Wright, P.M., and J. Garbutt, P.M., Stwds.; and T. Byers, Tyler.

At the conclusion the annual banquet took place at the Buck Hotel.

Tyne Lodge, No. 991.

The annual meeting for the installation ceremony of this lodge was held on the 12th instant, at 4.30 p.m., in the Masonic Hall Buildings, at Wallsend-on-Tyne, when Bro. Geo. Henry Cameron, S.W., was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Osterfield Jackson, W.M., the installing Master, in a very able and impressive manner. There was a large gathering of the brethren of the lodge, and also several visitors from various lodges in the neighbourhood of Tyneside. The following officers were appointed: Bros. Osterfield Jackson, P.M., I.P.M.; J. Reid, S.W.; A. Christopher Messer, J.W.; Geo. A. Allan, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Northumberland, Treas.; Geo. Turnbull, P.M., P.P.G. Org., Sec.; Duncan Buchanan, Asst. Sec.; Martin W. Graham, S.D.; William Hindmarch, J.D.; Geo. Blair, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; Wm. Lyall, Org.; Joseph Atkinson, I.G.; Jas. Macdonald and Joshua A. Brown, Stwds.; and W. Meggatt, Tyler.

Bro. Wm. Cawthorn, in the name of the officers and brethren of the lodge, then presented the retiring Master, Bro. Osterfield Jackson, with a very handsome gold Past Master's jewel, with the lodge design (Father Tyne's head), beautifully moulded in gold. Bro. Jackson was much affected at this kindness, and responded in a suitable manner. The design is a true representation of the old "Roman God" of Father Tyne, adorned with the typical emblems of this district, viz., some salmon and nets, a cresset of live coal, and the coal miner's implements of labour round the head. It was universally acknowledged that the installation ceremony had been given by Bro. Jackson in a very superior manner.

After the lodge ceremony was over, the brethren retired for the annual festival to Bro. Dunwoodie's Station Hotel, Wallsend, where a most pleasant evening was spent in the usual manner amongst Freemasons.

The jewel was manufactured by Bros. George Kenning and Son, London.

Carew Lodge, No. 1136.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Torpoint, on the 11th inst. Bro. A. W. Gribbell, W.M., presided, and was ably supported by Bros. H. J. Palmer, I.P.M.; S. Clements, S.W.; W. A. Ward, J.W.; I. Pearce, P.P.G. Purst., Chap.; G. M. Davis, P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; T. B. Tresise, P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; S. A. Truscott, S.D.; H. W. Hayden, J.D.; F. Granger, I.G.; L. W. Hosking, D.C.; E. Gent, A.D.C.; R. Kent, Org.; I. Dawe, S. T. Marsland, S. Furse, and E. W. Kneebone, Stwds.; and P. H. Lewis, Tyler.

The visiting brethren were Bros. W. V. Harris, 230, P.G. Supt. of Works Devonshire; E. Page, W.M. 2655; J. J. Leonard, 1212; W. Nancarrow, 1071, P.G. Std. Br.; A. J. Williams, I.P.M. 230; J. Angwin, W.M. 230; F. A. Rawling, 1071 and 1164, P.P.A.G. Sec.; W. W. Harvey, W.M. 1071; E. T. Clements, I.P.M. 156; J. Hoyten, Treas. 223, P.P.G.S.B. Devonshire; J. White, 1164, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Easton, 1164; W. E. Turner, 407; F. H. Williams, J.W. 1071; W. Truscott, J.D. 2655; C. Smale, S.W. 2655; P. E. Wright, I.G. 954; W. Sandercock, 420; W. J. Harris, S.W. 893; and W. H. Brealey, S.D. 893.

Bro. G. M. Davis, Treas., congratulated the brethren on the financial state of the lodge, which he hoped would be far better at the end of the year. Bro. Tresise made an earnest appeal to the brethren for increased support in aid of the Orphan Funds.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet, when the loyal and Masonic toasts were received with much enthusiasm.

The toasts were interspersed with songs, sung by Bros. P. J. Wright, A. D. T. Chubb, Rawling, Sobey, Turner, D. Granger, and Angwin, and Bro. J. Hoyten gave a recitation. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Islington Lodge, No. 1471.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, Bro. E. J. Harrison, W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. C. Isler, S.W.; C. Horst, J.W.; S. Napper, P.M., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; F. W. White, J.D.; G. E. Walker, I.G.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, D.C.; T. E. Newman, Stwd.; E. J. Bury, Org.; A. Cox, P.M.; J. A. Blount, P.M.; R. Loomes, P.M.; H. B. Harding, P.M.; A. Henning, W. F. Roberts, E. A. Wagstaff, T. Burrell, J. Johnson, W. Taylor, J. H. Thurman, W. E. Peckover, C. Weber, F. Simmonds, W. Goring, E. H. Vexley, L. Danielsson, W. Pannell, D. C. Attwater, J. R. White, W. J. Barnes, F. H. Palmer, and G. Fullbrook.

Visitors: Bros. H. M. Dove, I.P.M. 1984; J. Gardiner, 1068; W. W. West, S.D. 1062; and R. Philip Upton, P.M. 1328.

After the confirmation of the minutes the first business was to ballot for Mr. Fred Hastings Palmer, a candidate for initiation; this resulting in his favour, he was duly initiated. The next business was the election of a W.M. for the ensuing year, and that honour was unanimously conferred on Bro. C. Isler, S.W. Bro. S. Napper, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Couchman, Tyler. The appointment of an Audit Committee having been made, a Past Master's jewel, of the usual design and value, was unanimously voted to the W.M., as a token of regard and appreciation of his services during the past year. A contribution was made from the lodge fund to assist a distressed brother, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then sat down to a banquet, which was followed by the usual toasts and a programme of music, arranged by Bro. Newman, musical director, which was very much appreciated by the brethren, Bros. Attwater, Roberts, Isler, Goring, Upton, and others rendering their assistance, Bros. E. J. Bury and Henning accompanying.

Hampden Lodge, No. 2427.

A meeting of this well-known lodge was held at Hampden House, St. Pancras, on Tuesday, the 10th inst. There were present Bros. Thos. Moss, B.A., W.M.; T. J. Mercer, I.P.M.; Edgar Gerson, S.W.; H. P. Hewson, J.W.; A. C. Webb, Sec.; C. A. Underwood, S.D.; W. E. Catesby, J.D.; J. Seaman, I.G.; J. R. Elliot, D. of C.; W. G. Smith and H. Williams, Organists; R. D. Cummings, W.M. 1833-4, P.M., P.Z., father of the lodge, Stwd.; Hy. Thomas, Tyler; Allen, Adamson, W. A. Bowman, Richd. Wheatley, P. J. Haselgrove, W. P. Von Knoblauch, J. Barnes Stone, R. J. Grimwood, Wm. Edwd. Kent, Fred Percy Perren, Fred. Hammond Clark, Jas. Farran Catesby, Francis Oliver Underwood, Thos. Carmichael, Robt. Cecil Hawkes, Joseph Rogers Quilter, Geo. Edwd. Williams, Wm. Newby Pennington, Vincent Chester Newman, Wm. J. Smith, Edwin Styles, P.M., P.Z.; R. O. Hall, Geo. Alfred Whitten, Ernest Bensley Styles, Dr. Robert Fredk. Hill, Fredk. Watson, Geo. Schneider, and Wm. Henry Wood. Visitors: Bros. F. H. Webb, W.M. 51; A. J. Becker, 2675; J. Nash, W.M. 2168; W. Briggs, 1615; Prof. F. H. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; H. G. Davies, 1083; Thos. Hodgson, 2310; A. Chandler, 1305; J. Northcott, P.M. 2190; W. F. Hillier, P.M. 1366; C. W. Cooper, 1227; Richd. Eve, P.G.T.; H. Kivett, 538; and C. Townley, J.W. 2190.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. J. Smith was raised in an impressive manner by the W.M., after which Bros. Whitten, Styles, Dr. H. F. Hill, and F. Watson were passed by the I.P.M., Bro. Mercer. The ballot was taken for Messrs. H. Wood and G. Schneider, and proved favourable in each case. Bro. R. D. Cummings proposed—"That the sum of 10

guineas be voted for the Treasurer's list at the approaching Festival of the R.M.B.I." Bro. Mercer seconded, and it was carried unanimously. Messrs. Wood and Schneider were initiated by the W.M., and candidates having been proposed, the lodge was then closed.

Supper was provided in the dining saloon.

The first toast proposed was a little varied from the usual form, it was given "Our Empress Queen and the Craft."

"The M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" followed.

"The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl Amherst; the R.W. Dep. G.M., the Earl of Warwick, the Present and Past Grand Officers." This toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas. The W.M. spoke of the valuable services rendered by our excellent brother to the Masonic Charities, especially to the Boys' School at the Centenary, of which upwards of £140,000 was collected.

Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., responded in a glowing extempore oration. We regret our limited space will not enable us to give it *in extenso*; we can only give a brief summary. Bro. Eve spoke of the great honour he considered it to be elected to his high office by the suffrages of the brethren, that it far exceeded the honour of being invested by the hands of the M.W.G.M.; that it was indeed a different matter to select officers from so many deserving brethren. The aim of Grand Lodge was to have representatives of all the leading professions, arts, and sciences; thus in Grand Lodge were found the leading men in the Church, the Bar, the united services, medicine, literature, music, and the drama in all its branches. That Masonry, indeed, was cosmopolitan. He spoke of the difficulty experienced by English Masons in obtaining admission to lodges in the United States of America, the severe examination they have to undergo, and relating his personal experiences during a late visit. How universal Masonry was in its character need not be said; it was a well-established fact. The Craft comprises all sorts and creeds of every country in the world. To all are extended the right hand of fellowship who acknowledge T.G.A.O.T.U., under whatever form and spirit he may be worshipped, our great exponent and upholder of English Masonry being our M.W.G.M. We had hoped that in another part of our columns we might have been permitted to reproduce this most beautiful exordium on "Freemasonry," but with the usual modesty of true merit our worthy brother declined to our and, we are sure, the regrets of our numerous readers.

The I.P.M. gave "The Health of the W.M.," and spoke eloquently of his Masonic merit.

The W.M. responded in felicitous terms. He spoke of the various phases of his Masonic life, of the effectual aid he received from his officers, and of their loyalty to him. He said that efficiency was owing to their regular attendance at the lodge of instruction, which he considered to be the "crèche" of the mother lodge.

"The Initiates" was given by the W.M.

Bros. Wood and Schneider briefly replied.

At this juncture the Secretary of the Boys' School put in an appearance, and received a hearty welcome.

"The Masonic Charities" was given by the W.M. He said the Treasurer of the lodge was going up for the Benevolent Institution, and relied on the kind support of the brethren.

Bro. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., replied on behalf of the Charities. He said that, whilst duty compelled him to urge the claims of the Boys' School, he would especially claim their sympathy for the Benevolent Institution.

"The Visitors" came next.

Bros. Nash and Townley replied.

The Officers" was proposed by the W.M. He spoke of the I.P.M., and, as an acknowledgment of his valuable services, he presented to him, in the name of the lodge, a Past Master's collar and jewel.

At this late hour of the evening the I.P.M. responded briefly, but effectively, thanking the brethren for their kindness.

The Tyler's toast brought the festive meeting to a close.

It was a most enjoyable, intellectual evening; the work in the lodge by the W.M. and his officers was excellent, and the hearty welcome accorded to the visitors and the varied entertainment provided was universally appreciated.

Royal Arch.

St. Botolph's Chapter, No. 272.

The installation festival of this chapter took place at Boston, on the 10th instant. Comp. W. G. B. Dickinson was installed M.E.Z., and the other officers invested were Comps. C. Lucas, H.; W. Fletcher, J.; Fred Blanchard, S.E.; W. Newton, S.N.; T. Kitwood, P.S.; W. Kitwood, 1st A.S.; E. A. Bonnor, 2nd A.S.; T. Slater, P.Z., Treas.; G. H. Gregory, P.Z., Org.; and T. Ward, Janitor.

A banquet took place at the Peacock and Royal Hotel in the evening.

Royal Lebanon Chapter, No. 493.

The annual installation meeting took place on the 10th instant, at the Bell Hotel, Gloucester, when there were present Comps. A. V. Hatton, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; H. S. Crump, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., D.C.; W. C. Ferris, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; B. London, E. Lea, P.P.A.G.S., I.P.Z.; C. G. Clarke, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; R. F. Pomeroy, Treas.; T. Robins, P.G.S.B., J.; S. Millard, P.P.G. Std. Br., M.E.Z.; H. J. Gadd, S.N.; W. Hobbs, S.E.; S. J. Brendon, A.S.; H. Weale, C. Jones, P.G.D.C., H.; W. Edwards, P.S.; H. J. R. Braine, N. Philpott, G. A. Baker, A. Vick, E. Cox and F. Hole, Stwds.; W. Sparks, C. B. Barnes, J. Newth, G. Embrey, C. W. Poole, A. Hardman, J. Crofts, G. Kent, W. J. Lifton, W. Dancy, and H. A. Dancy. Visitors: Comps. G. W. Henley, M.E.Z. 839; E. G. Woodward, W. J. Vaughan, Concord, Kimberley, South Africa; and G. Pike, P.Z. 839, P.P.G.S.N.

The installing Principals were Comps. W. C. Ferris, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; Millard, and Robins. The officers invested were Comps. S. Millard, M.E.Z.; E. Lea, I.P.Z.; T. Robins, H.; Conway Jones, J.; W. Hobbs, S.E.; H. J. Gadd, S.N.; R. F. Pomeroy, Treas.; W. Edwards, P.S.; S. J. Brendon, 1st A.S.; H. R. J. Braine, 2nd A.S.; H. S. Crump, P.Z., D.C.; G. H. Goold, Org.; F. Hole and E. Cox, Stwds.; and B. Doyle, Janitor.

One of the most interesting parts of the ceremony was the presentation to the I.P.Z., Comp. E. Lea, of an illuminated address as a slight return for the arduous and attentive manner in which he had conducted the chapter during the two years he had ruled as First Principal. The presentation was made by the M.E.Z., ably supported by Comps. Clarke and Hatton. All spoke of the great financial and numerical success attained during 1898. Comp. Lea, who was visibly affected, suitably thanked the subscribers for their token of esteem.

The address was as follows: "Royal Lebanon Chapter, No. 493. To E. Comp. E. Lea, P.Z., P.P., Asst. G. Soj.: We, the undersigned, desire to express to you our grateful thanks and appreciation of your services to this Chapter during the two years (1897-8) that you filled the chair of First Principal. In January, 1897, the Chapter numbered 29, but under your generous and active guidance it has more than doubled its membership, being now 63 strong. We ask you to accept this as a slight acknowledgment of the estimation in which you are held by every member of the Chapter, and we pray you may long be spared to guide, assist, and counsel us.—Yours faithfully and fraternally" (here followed the signatures of the officers and members of the chapter). The address was the work of Comp. W. J. Lifton.

King Edwin Chapter, No. 660.

The annual installation meeting of the above chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Malton, on the 10th instant, when Comp. J. W. Marshall, P.Z., P.P.G.O., was installed as M.E.Z. for the ensuing year; Comp. J. Buckle, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., as H.; and Comp. R. G. Lucas, P.Z., P.P.G.Reg., as J. The M.E.Z. afterwards appointed the following officers: Comps. John Hudson, P.P.G.H., I.P.Z.; S. Ridge, P.P.A.G.D.C., S.E.; T. M. Goldie, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., S.N.; W. J. Marshall, P.Z., P.P.G.O., P.S.; D. Tingley, 1st A.S.; J. T. R. Miller, 2nd A.S.; W. Hornsey, D.C.; and W. Stockdale, Janitor.

St. Dunstan's Chapter, No. 1589.

A meeting of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on the 12th inst. Among those present were Comps. W. Farrington, M.E.Z.; J. Roper Phillips, H.; J. Longhurst, J.; Major T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C., Scribe E.; F. Farrington, P.Z.; W. W. Nuding, P.Z.; and G. Harrison, as Janitor.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. H. W. Clemow, P.Z.; T. Woodbridge, C.C., P.Z.; J. W. Gaze, C.C., P.Z., Treas.; and others. The chapter was then closed.

Refreshment followed labour.

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

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was given. The proposer stated that the First Principal had mastered the ritual of the Degree, and it was to be regretted that he had as yet no opportunity to display his knowledge. For some unexplained reason the Royal Arch Degree did not appear to be a popular one. There were scores of chapters languishing for support. In No. 1589, there were several important offices vacant, and so far as the speaker was able to judge there was no immediate prospect of their being filled. The chapter was a very happy one, and was worthy of every support.

The M.E.Z., in his reply, endorsed the remarks of the previous speaker. He hoped to have a candidate at the next meeting.

The M.E.Z. then gave "The H. and J.," to which toast Comps. J. R. Phillips and J. Longhurst, responded.

"The Healths of the Past Principals," coupled with the names of Comps. F. Farrington, W. E. Farrington, and W. H. Nuding terminated the proceedings.

Mark Masonry.

Hengist Lodge, No. 125.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Bournemouth, on the 11th inst. Bro. Chris. Pearce was installed W.M. by Bro. E. Worth, assisted by Bro. J. J. Brazier, who gave the addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren. The officers appointed and invested were as follows: Bros. W. J. M. Dowden, I.P.M.; C. Pearce, W.M.; F. A. K. Hounsell, S.W.; Thos. Cox, J.W.; H. J. Atkins, Chap.; D. Sydenham, Treas.; H. W. Vye, Sec.; H. W. G. Knight, M.O.; J. E. Marsden, S.O.; H. W. Francis, J.O.; J. A. Nethercoate, D.C.; J. B. Atkinson, Reg. Mar.; H. T. Pottle, S.D.; F. J. Evans-Vaughan, J.D.; E. Jones, I.G.; W. W. Miller, Org.; and W. J. Holloway, Tyler. There was a good attendance of members and visitors from Wimborne, Ringwood, and elsewhere. At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment.

Instruction.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. C. Isier, W.M.; A. F. Hardymont, S.W.; S. Cload, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; F. H. Johnson, S.D.; J. Ewings, J.D.; E. H. Yexley, I.G.; A. Oliver, P.M.; C. Bone, F. H. Palmer, R. Loomes, P.M.; and G. Fullbrook.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Ewings being the candidate. He also answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The investiture of officers was rehearsed, and addresses given. Bro. F. H. Palmer was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Hardymont was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

Knights Templar.

Mount Calvary Preceptory (D.)

The installation meeting of this old preceptory was held at the Inns of Court Hotel on the 13th inst. Among those in attendance were Sir Knights Basil Stewart, E.P.; J. R. Carter, Constable, E.P. elect; Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, P.E.P., P.G.S.B., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.E.P., P.G.C. of G., Reg.; C. Horst, Marshal; F. F. Bonrey, W. Fisher, H. Lindus, Capt. G. Carpenter, H. Hills, J.P., P.E.P., Prelate; H. J. Lardner, P.E.P.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.P.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, P.E.P.; and Frater Rawles.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Comp. Capt. Bertram, P.Z. 509, was duly installed as a member of the Order by the E.P. Sir Knight J. R. Carter, E.P. elect, having been presented, was installed as E.P. by Sir Knight H. J. Lardner, P.E.P. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A Past Preceptor's jewel was presented to Sir Knight Basil Stewart. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights R. L. Loveland, J.P., O.C.; G. Graveley, P.E.P.; T. Word, P.E.P.; W. Maple, P.E.P.; C. Slater, P.E.P.; E. Roberts, Org.; and H. Schartau, Asst. Org. The officers appointed and invested were Sir Knights C. Horst, Constable; F. F. Bonney, Col. Stohwasser, P.E.P., Almoner; Major Walls, P.E.P., Reg.; R. Ubsdell, Marshal; Haysom, C. of the G.; Fisher, Herald; Capt. Carpenter, 1st Std. Br.; Capt. Bertram, 2nd Std. Br.; and Frater Rawles, G.

A vote of thanks having been passed to the Installing Officer, the preceptory was closed.

A banquet followed, and the manner of its serving reflected great credit upon the management. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts received full justice.

The I.P.E.P. proposed the toast of "The E.P." in appropriate and fluent terms.

The E.P., in his reply, expressed a hope that there would be plenty of work to do during the coming year.

"The Health of the Installing Preceptor" followed, to which toast E. Sir Knight H. J. Lardner briefly replied.

The pledge of "The Installed" came next, and in his reply Sir Knight Capt. Bertram expressed himself as being greatly gratified with his admission into the Order.

The toast of "The Past Preceptors" followed. In proposing this toast the E.P. particularly alluded to the excellent manner in which Sir Knight B. Stewart had discharged his work during the year, and which was worthy of all praise.

The I.P.E.P. having acknowledged the compliment in a few modest remarks, the toasts of

"The Almoner and Registrar" and "The Officers" terminated the proceedings.

During the evening Sir Knight F. W. Driver read his recently published poem, "A Woman's Heroism," Sir Knight R. C. Fillingham gave some interesting and amusing details of a visit to Japan, and Sir Knight H. J. Lardner and H. Hills also contributed to the entertainment. The proceedings throughout were most enjoyable.

Obituary.

BRO. MAJOR F. Y. CASSIDY.

We regret to have to record the death of Bro. Major Frederick Young Cassidy, which took place at his residence, Valetta, Hendon, on the 2nd inst. Major Cassidy, who received a commission in the 31st Foot (of which regiment his father was at one time in command) in 1852, served with that corps in the Crimea from May 22nd, 1855, including the siege of Sebastopol and the attack on the Redan on September 8th (medal with clasp and Turkish medal). He also took an active part in the operations against the Taepings under Brigadier General Stoneley, in the neighbourhood of Shanghai, in 1862. Major Cassidy was initiated into Freemasonry in the Lodge of Friendship—then No. 345, now No. 278—Gibraltar, in 1857, and in the following year became a founder and the first Senior Deacon of the Meridian Lodge—then No. 1045, now No. 743—which was established in the 31st Foot. He was elected to the chair of this lodge in 1861, the regiment being then at Tien-Tsin, where it formed a part of the army of occupation, which was stationed at that city and the Taku Forts, at the termination of the North China Campaign, under Sir Hope Grant, in 1860. Major Cassidy, who was in his 67th year, will be deeply missed by his friends and acquaintances, as well as by the ever lessening circle of his former comrades in the "Young Buffs," and more especially by the few of them now remaining who shared with him the privilege of founding the Meridian Lodge, present No. 743, in 1858.

The Craft Abroad.

Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1729.

Thursday, the 24th November, being the first regular meeting of the above lodge, which meets at Pietermaritzburg, Natal, since the death of its noble patron, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Bro. Stranach, foundation Master of the lodge, moved, and it was seconded by Bro. Edmonds, and unanimously resolved—"That this lodge deeply sympathises with the family of the late Lord Lathom in the heavy loss it has sustained by the death of the noble Earl." In proposing the resolution, Bro. Stranach said: As the brethren and yourself are aware, Worshipful Sir, only a few months have elapsed since it was our melancholy duty to forward the condolences of this lodge to the late distinguished nobleman on account of the sad accident which resulted in the death of the Countess, and now a similar sad duty again devolves upon us by reason of the further blow the family has sustained in the loss of its illustrious head. All who had the pleasure of the acquaintance of the late Earl can bear testimony to his singular integrity and uprightness of character, while his distinguished ability gained for him a foremost place not only in our honoured Craft, but also as an officer of the Queen's Household. With what conspicuous dignity and zeal he filled these exalted positions it will be the work of the biographer to chronicle. I desire merely to add my humble testimony by saying that in the death of Lord Lathom the Craft has sustained a loss which it is difficult for us yet to estimate. I had hoped to have associated with me this evening as seconder my old and esteemed friend, Bro. P. R. Murphy, who, like myself, is a foundation member of this lodge. Bro. Murphy is, however, indisposed, and he desires me to say that it is a great disappointment to him that he cannot be with us. It is also a disappointment to me, as Bro. Murphy and myself were brought more in contact with his lordship during the formation of this lodge than any other of the brethren, and can therefore bear testimony from actual experience to his courtesy and affability. This was manifested not only in his unhesitatingly placing his illustrious name and arms at the disposal of our lodge, but in personally introducing us on separate occasions at meetings of the Grand Lodge of England, in which he so worthily filled the position of Grand Warden, and subsequently of Pro Grand Master. I repeat, the Craft will most deeply feel the loss of the noble Earl, who, however, has left behind him for our example the untarnished record of a good man and a good Mason. A resolution was subsequently passed forwarding a copy of the above to the present Earl, with a request that he would graciously consent to become the patron of the lodge in succession to his late noble father.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, January 28, 1899.

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 23.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
- 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Savoy Hotel.
- 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
- 144, St. Luke's, Holborn Restaurant.
- 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 222, St. Andrew's, The Albion.
- 706, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich.
- 902, Burgoyne, Anderson's Hotel.
- 905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel.
- 1632, Stuart, Frascati Restaurant.
- 1744, Royal Savoy, Criterion.
- 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel.
- 1910, Shadwell Clerke, Mark Masons' Hall.
- 2396, Bishopsgate, Great Eastern Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 12, Prudence, Albion Tavern.
- 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1694, Imperial, Holborn Restaurant.

MARK LODGE.

- 4, Prince of Wales, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8
- Commemoration, Star and Garter, Arbour-square, Commercial road, E., at 8.
- Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
- Dalhousie, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
- Duke of Cornwall, Whittington Arms, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7.
- Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
- Euphrates, Ye Olde Greyhound, Balaam-st., Plaistow, E., at 7.30
- 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, Panton-street, Haymarket, S.W., at 3.
- Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
- Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
- Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
- North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
- 46, Old Union, Cafe Royal.
- 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
- 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
- 205, Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 255, Harmony, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
- 259, Prince of Wales's, Hotel Metropole.
- 1155, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel.
- 1348, Ebury, Criterion.
- 1441, Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 2168, Empire, Criterion.
- 2696, Arcadian, Hotel Cecil.
- 2705, Playgoers, Tivoli Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 21, Cyrus, Blanchard's Restaurant.
- 890, Hornsey, Anderson's Hotel.
- 1275, Star, Guildhall Tavern.
- 1395, Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel.

MARK LODGE.

- 435, Highbury, Cock Tavern.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
- Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
- Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8
- Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
- Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High street, at 8.
- Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
- Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 8.
- Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.
- Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
- Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
- Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
- Euphrates, Ye Olde Greyhound, Balaam-street, Plaistow, E., at 7.30.
- Excelsior Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Faith, Fumagalli Restaurant, Wilton-rd., Victoria Station, at 8
- 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 Edgcombe, 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 JANUARY 25.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
- 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
- 212, Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant.
- 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel.
- 822, Victoria Rifles, Cafe Royal.
- 898, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar.
- 1017, Montefiore, Trocadero Restaurant.
- 1026, Victoria, Guildhall Tavern.
- 1360, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales' Hotel, Wimbledon.
- 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderson's Hotel.
- 1718, Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel.
- 1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1818, Clapham, Criterion.
- 2332, Boro' of Greenwich, Masonic Rooms, Greenwich.
- 2395, Avondale, Clarence Rooms, Brixton.
- 2416, Iiram, Freemasons' Hall.
- 2455, St. Martin's, New Town Hall, Charing Cross.
- 2650, Christ's Hospital, Christ's Hospital.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
- 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 704, Camden, Anderson's Hotel.
- 753, Prince Frederick William, Frascati Restaurant.
- 1269, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1471, Islington, Great Eastern Hotel.
- 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.

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.
- Creator, 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, Criterion, Piccadilly, 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, The Whittington, 5 & 7 Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7.
- Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
- Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
- Royal Savoy, Earl Russell, 2 Pancras-road, King's Cross, at 8.
- Royal Savoy, Prince of Wales, 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, Ease 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.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26.

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

CRAFT LODGES.

- 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern.
- 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
- 65, Prosperity, Holborn Restaurant.
- 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
- 69, Shakespear, Albion Tavern.
- 507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel.
- 766, William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green.
- 891, Royal Oak, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
- 1421, Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford.
- 1523, St. Mary Magdalen, Cafe Royal.
- 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderson's Hotel.
- 1601, Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Calford Bridge.
- 1608, Kilburn, Blanchard's Restaurant.
- 1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1810, Victoria Park, London Tavern.
- 1974, St. Mary Abbott's, Bailey's Hotel, Kensington.
- 2192, Highbury, Cock Tavern.
- 2264, Chough, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 2319, Scots, Holborn Restaurant.
- 2432, Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Court Hotel.
- 2621, Military, Mark Masons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
- 177, Domestic, Anderson's Hotel.
- 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
- 538, Vine, Holborn Restaurant.

MARK LODGE.

- 363, Ruspini, Mark Masons' Hall.

ROSE CROIX.

- 97, Rose and Lily, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8
- Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
- Caxton, Carr's, 265, Strand W.C., at 7.
- Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
- Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.
- Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
- Great City, Red Cross, Paternoster-square, at 7.
- High Cross, Red Lion, High-road, Tottenham, at 8
- Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
- Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8
- Ivy, Half Moon & French Horn Hotel, East Hill, Wandsworth, 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, W., 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, JANUARY 27.

Council Boys' School at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 60, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall.
- 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
- 509, Fitz-Roy, Headquarters Honourable Artillery Company, City-road.
- 1591, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.
- 2000, Earl of Mornington, Cafe Royal.
- 2312, London Irish Rifles, Hotel Cecil.
- 2648, Narcians, Trocadero Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Holborn Restaurant.
- 2621, Military, Trocadero Restaurant.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

- 26, Faith and Fidelity, Mark Masons' Hall.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 1679, Henry Muggerridge, Anderson's Hotel.
- 1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.
- 2647, Alcey, Crown and Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Walthamstow.
- 1662, Philbrick, Masonic Hall, Halthamstow.

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THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—The inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution had a special treat provided for them through the kindness of Bro. Dr. Wayte, the Honorary Surgeon to the Asylum, the treat taking the form of a concert, the several items of which were admirably rendered, and received the hearty applause of the audience. Part I. included a trio for violin, cello, and piano by Messrs. Kitcat and Scott and Mrs. Wayte; a violin solo by Mr. Kitcat and a cello solo by Mr. Gilderoy Scott, together with songs by Mr. Houlder, Mr. Slack, Mrs. Russell, and Mrs. Scott. Part II. also included cello and violin solos by Messrs. Scott and Kitcat respectively, and songs by Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Scott, and Mr. Slack. With such a programme arranged for their entertainment, it cannot be doubted that the "Old People" in residence at Croydon most thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

AT THE forthcoming general meeting of the Guildhall Cricket Club an emblazoned address will be presented to Bro. Sir John B. Monckton (the Town Clerk) in recognition of his services for several years as president.

CAPT. PRINCE FRANCIS OF TECK, Royal Dragoons, who has lately returned from service with the Egyptian army, has been appointed Aide-de-Camp to Major-General Sir Henry Rundle, commanding the South-Eastern District.

THE COUNTESS OF WARWICK presided on Monday night at a lecture in Leamington Town Hall, in connection with the Municipal Technical School, and, in responding to the vote of thanks, made an interesting speech on secondary education.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK have promised to open the new wing which has been added to the Royal Portsmouth and Gosport Hospital in commemoration of her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. The ceremony is fixed to take place at the end of next month. The Duke of Connaught laid the foundation-stone of the wing in 1897.

AT THE MEETING of the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 10th inst., Bro. G. H. Walker, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, also Bro. G. Coleman, P.M., Treasurer, and Bro. R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler. We heartily wish the W.M. elect a successful year of office, and the lodge prosperity.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES'S HOSPITAL FUND FOR LONDON.—Among the latest contributions to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London are the following.—Annual subscriptions: Earl of Dartmouth, £105; Lord Wantage, V.C., £100; Mr. F. C. Stoop, £100; Sir Squire Bancroft, £50. Donation: "A Friend," £200.

PRESENT FROM THE EMPRESS FREDERIC.—Before leaving for Italy on Saturday last the Empress Frederic presented to Chief-Inspector Sweeney, of Scotland-yard, who had been in attendance on her Majesty during her visit to this country, a magnificent gold watch and chain, upon which was engraved the Imperial coat of arms and monogram.

THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN is authorised to state that Drawing Rooms will be held at Buckingham Palace, under the usual regulations, on Friday, February 24th, and on Friday, March 3rd, next. Names for presentation at these Drawing Rooms may be sent in to the Lord Chamberlain's Office, for submission to her Majesty, on and after Wednesday, February 1st.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.—It has been arranged that on February 1st the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Lord Saltoun, will visit the Province of Forfarshire. His lordship, who will be accompanied by several of the Grand Officers, will be received by the Prov. Grand Lodge in Dundee, and will afterwards be entertained at luncheon by Bro. James Berry, the Prov. Grand Master, and the office bearers of the Prov. Grand Lodge.

THERE is a small choice private collection of pictures and curios to be seen at Mrs. E. K. Johnson's, 12, Ladbroke-grove, Bayswater. It comprises original works of Sir Frederick Leighton, Sir E. Poynter, Sir J. Linton, G. F. Watts, and Frank Dicksee, also pictures from the water-colour exhibitions, original sketches published in *Punch* by C. Keene. These are for sale. Mrs. Johnson is at home every day between 12 and 6 p.m., and will be happy to receive callers. To lovers of art this collection will well repay a visit.

NORWICH MUSICAL FESTIVAL.—On Saturday, the 14th inst., Bro. Lord Suffield presided at a meeting of the general committee of the Norwich Musical Festival. The report presented on the occasion stated that the Festival for 1899 had been fixed for October 3, 4, 5, and 6, and that Signor Randegger, who has acted as conductor on six previous occasions, had again accepted that position. The total receipts at the last Festival were £5191 17s. 3d., and the surplus, after paying expenses, was £453 12s. 7d.

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—The Geological Society of London will this year award its medals and funds as follows: The Wollaston Medal to Prof. Charles Lapworth; the Murchison Medal to Mr. B. N. Peach; and a second Murchison Medal to Mr. John Horne; the Lyell Medal to Lieut.-General C. A. MacMahon; the Bigsby Medal to Professor T. W. Edgeworth David; the Wollaston Fund to Professor J. B. Harrison; the Murchison Fund to Mr. James Bennie; the Lyell Fund is divided between Mr. F. Chapman and Mr. John Ward.

THE MARQUIS AND MARCHIONESS OF LONDONDERRY have been entertaining the following guests at Mount Stewart, County Down. Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn and Lady Alexandra Hamilton, the Marquis and Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava and Lady Hermione Blackwood, the Earl of Ava, Bro. the Earl of Shrewsbury, Viscount Ingestre and Lady Viola Talbot, the Earl of Shaftesbury, Viscount Crichton, Bro. Lord and Lady Clonbrock and the Hon. E. Dillon, Lord and Lady Langford, Mr. R. C. Yeoman, Mr. Michael Hugh Hicks-Beach, and Mr. Maitland Kersey.

THE REMAINS of Lady Edith Wilbraham, youngest daughter of the late Bro. Earl of Lathom, Lord Chamberlain, were laid to rest in the family vault at Lathom Park, on Monday. The chief mourners included her brother, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Bro. the Hon. Reginald Wilbraham, Lady Maud and Lady Bertha Wilbraham, the Hon. Rose Wilbraham, Bro. the Earl of Derby, Bro. Lord and Lady Loch, Lord Balcarres, Captain and Mrs. Blundell, Mr. and Lady Evelyn Mason, and Miss Parker. Among the wreaths sent were tributes from the Countess of Leitrim, Countess Lytton, Lady Henry Bentinck, Countess of Crawford, and Bro. the Earl and Countess of Derby.

AMONGST THOSE PRESENT at St. James's Roman Catholic Church, Spanish-place, Manchester-square, on Monday afternoon, to witness the marriage of the Hon. Edward Alexander Stonor, formerly of the Oxfordshire Yeomanry Cavalry, and now Clerk in the House of Lords, brother of the late Lord Camoys, and Mrs. Ambrose Ralli, daughter of the late Mr. Richard Ralli, of Paris, and widow of Mr. Ambrose Ralli, formerly of 24, Gloucester-square, Hyde Park, were Viscount Peel, Captain and Mrs. Peel, Bro. Rochfort and the Hon. Mrs. Maguire, the Hon. Ella Peel, Marquis and Marquise d'Hautpoul, the Hon. Mrs. Algernon Grosvenor, Miss Sechiari, Captain Pereira (Grenadier Guards), the Hon. Helen Henniker, &c., &c., &c.

MR. LEWIS CARROLL left behind him a legacy which will keep his memory green in the hearts of English children, in "Alice in Wonderland," and Mr. Horace Sedger has given us a picture of it which appeals to young and old alike, and is, at once, the prettiest pantomime in London. The "dream play," as the Opera Comique version is termed, is divided into two parts, the first dealing with "Wonderland," and the second with its sequel, "Through the Looking-glass," in a succession of pictures, every one of which is a lesson in the harmonious blending of colours. Miss Rose Hersee, who comes of an old theatrical family, gives a remarkable delineation of Alice. It is the characteristic of the English girl, with just the suspicion of priggishness, which makes Alice's character so delightful, played with a freedom and naïveté which promise great things for Miss Hersee in the future. Mrs. Arthur Eliot, as the Queen of Hearts in "Wonderland," and the White Queen in the Chess scenes, meets again the ideal of the book, and, indeed, this is a characteristic of the whole of the play. It is Lewis Carroll's book that we see, and not a distorted adaptation. Miss Odell, Miss Alice Barth, Miss Beaden, Miss Blanche Doyle, Master Harold De Becker, Mr. Bert Sinden, Mr. W. R. Staveley, and a strong company each support their parts well, while Mr. Eliot, as the Hatter, introduces many a scene of true Carrollian humour. The Opera Comique is certain to continue one of the principal attractions in town for the youngsters, and equally so for the "grown-up's." Mr. Walter Slaughter has provided some charming music, and the performance goes with a swing from beginning to end.

BRO. THE DUKE OF ATHOLL has left town for Blair Castle, Blair Atholl, Perthshire.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF SUTHERLAND are entertaining a large house party at Trentham Hall. The festivities during the week will include a ball.

BRO. THE MARQUIS AND MARCHIONESS OF BREADALBANE are entertaining a small party at Taymouth Castle, Perthshire, for the opening of salmon angling in Loch Tay.

M. YGLESIAS, President of Costa Rica, visited the Tower of London on Saturday, and the curiosities of that ancient and famous building greatly interested him. He was accompanied by Mr. Robert Synge, of the Foreign Office.

"**THE THREE MUSKETEERS**" at the Garrick Theatre reached its 100th performance on the 18th inst. In addition to the usual Wednesday and Saturday matinees, there will be a special one on Thursday, the 26th inst.

PRINCESS LOUISE, accompanied by the Marquis of Lorne, M.P., with Lieut.-Col. Collins, C.B., in attendance, distributed, at Mercers' Hall, Cheapside, the prizes gained by the successful students of the Royal Female School of Art, Queen-square.

BRO. LIEUTENANT-COLONEL THE EARL OF AIRLIE and the officers of the 12th Prince of Wales's Royal Lancers, are to erect a tablet in St. George's Church, Stanhope Lines, Aldershot, in memory of the late Lieutenant R. S. Grenfell, who was killed at the battle of Khartoum.

SATURDAY LAST was the seventh anniversary of the death of the lamented Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and T.R.H. Prince and Princess of Wales sent a beautiful cross made of arum lilies, hyacinths, other white blooms, and foliage, to the Albert Chapel, at Windsor Castle, where the deceased Prince is interred.

AT THE CELEBRATION of the silver wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Saxe-Coburg at Gotha, on Monday next, the Queen will be represented by the Earl of Clarendon, Lord-in-Waiting, while Commander the Hon. Seymour Fortescue, Esquerry, will attend on behalf of T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales.

BRONDESBURY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 269S.—It has been decided to hold a supper, confined to Masons only, in connection with this lodge of instruction, at the Earl Derby Hotel, 155, High-road, Kilburn, on Monday, the 13th prox., at 7 p.m., under the presidency of Bro. A. F. Hardymont, S.W. 269S, &c., &c.

PENNY POSTAGE IN THE ROYAL NAVY.—Some doubt having been expressed as to the application of the new colonial rate of postage to H.M. ships serving on foreign stations, a letter addressed to the Postmaster-General has elicited the following reply: "Letters sent from this country to H.M. ships in any part of the world are now prepayable at the rate of 1d. per ½ oz."

THE COUNTESS OF ARRAN presided on Tuesday at a crowded meeting of the London General Committee of the Irish Industries Association, held at Bro. Lord Arthur Hill's house, in Eaton-place, and among others present were the Marchioness of Headfort, the Marchioness of Hamilton, the Countess of Lucan, Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Castlerosse, Bro. Lord and Lady Arthur Hill, Lady Maghera, the Hon. Mrs. Swinton, the Hon. Mrs. Maude, and many others.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, attended by Bro. Major-General Sir Stanley Clarke, drove to Buckingham Palace on Saturday morning last, and accompanied the Empress Frederic to Victoria Station, where he took leave of her Majesty on her departure for Italy. His Royal Highness was present afterwards at a meeting of a Standing Committee (Natural History) of the Trustees of the British Museum. In the evening the Prince, attended by Bro. Major-General Stanley Clarke and Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, arrived at Sandringham, and joined the Princess of Wales and Princess Victoria.

WORK AMONG BRITISH SAILORS IN ARGENTINA.—Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Dimsdale, the Treasurer, and Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair, one of the Vice-Presidents, are amongst the signatories of an appeal that is being made on behalf of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society for special help to carry on mission work amongst sailors in South America. The President of the Argentine Republic and many of the leading Government officials, together with British Consuls and others, have given help and encouragement to the mission in the efforts it is putting forth to check the extraordinary immorality which prevails in the large foreign ports.

ON SUNDAY MORNING LAST the remains of the late Lady Edith Wilbraham were removed from 35, Gloucester-place, Portman-square, to Euston Station, *en route* to Lathom House, Ormskirk, Lancashire, where the interment took place on Monday, at noon. Among those who travelled in the same train were Ladies Maud and Bertha Wilbraham, the Hon. Reginald Wilbraham, Bro. the Earl of Derby, and Mr. and Lady Evelyn Mason. Among those who sent wreaths were Bro. the Earl and Countess of Dartrey, Viscount and Viscountess Cranborne, the Countess of Sifton, the Dowager Countess of Normanton, Lady Florence Cecil, Bro. Lord and Lady Amphil, Viscountess Hood, and others. In addition to the sympathetic message of condolence received from the Queen, the Empress Frederic, and T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales sent similar letters by special messengers.

ON SATURDAY MORNING last the Queen went out, accompanied by their Royal Highnesses Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess Henry of Battenberg, and her Highness Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein. Her Majesty conferred the honour of knighthood upon certain gentlemen, who were severally introduced to her Majesty's presence by Bro. Col. Lord Edward Pelham-Clinton (Master of the Household), and among whom was Bro. Justice Thomas Townsend Bucknill, Q.C. Her Royal Highness Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein was present with the Queen. Her Majesty drove out in the afternoon, accompanied by her Royal Highness Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein. Bro. the Very Rev. H. D. M. Spence, D.D., Dean of Gloucester, arrived at Osborne, and had the honour of dining with the Queen and the Royal Family.

A MASONIC FESTIVAL SERVICE, under the auspices of the Clissold Lodge, No. 2661, Bro. Alfred H. Cooper, W.M., will be held in the Kingsland Congregational Church, High-street, Kingsland, N.E., on Sunday evening, the 29th instant, at 7 p.m., in aid of the building fund. A special dispensation has been granted by the M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, for the brethren to wear Masonic Craft clothing and jewels. The sermon will be preached by Bro. the Rev. William Whitley, P.G.D., P.P.G. Chap. Devon; and Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., has kindly consented to act as Director of Ceremonies. It will be a rare occasion in the history of Masonry that the brethren have attended a Nonconformist place of worship. Bro. Arthur Briscoe, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Surrey, will preside at the organ and undertake the musical arrangements. The order of service will include solos by Madame Emily Davies and Bro. Herbert Grover, who will sing "Let the Bright Seraphim" (Handel), and "Be thou faithful unto Death" (Mendelssohn) respectively. Bro. Warwick Williams will conduct a full orchestra; and Handel's "Concerto in B flat" will be performed.

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